



BACKFIRE

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Editor's Word

With John on holiday around the other side of the world I thought I'd put pen to paper (or rather keyboard to screen) in his absence. As we go into spring, we are now looking forward to our first event of the year at Sandbach for Drive it Day on the twentieth of this month. Although I will still be off work on sick leave, I'm hoping I will still be able to attend.

This year marks a number of anniversaries with motoring connections. First, the car which mobilised a nation and brought the benefits of mass production to the motor industry, the Ford Model T is 100 years old. Unveiled at the 1948 Earls Court Show, the Morris Minor is 60 years old. Slightly younger at 50 years is the "Frogeye" Austin-Healey Sprite and Jaguar XJ6 at 40 years old.

In motor racing, it's also fifty years since the inaugural season of, what is now, the British Touring Car Championship. In those days there were four classes, and the highest points scorer of whichever class being the outright winner. Tommy Sopwith and Jack Sears tied that year and held a "shootout" in identical Riley 1.5s, Sears winning by 1.6 seconds.



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TV – Free to a good home, well it doesn't have to be that good a home. We have a 22inch Tele (traditional tube type, not flat screen) surplus to requirements, if any one in the club would like it, please get in touch.
Mike & Karen Bennett

Next Meeting May 13th
Deadline for inclusion in next issue May 6th

DISCLAIMER

Any views or opinions expressed in the NWCC newsletter do not necessarily represent those of the club, its officers or committee members. No responsibility can be accepted for inaccurate or misleading information within this newsletter, but every effort will be made to verify, wherever practical, beforehand.

Please note: The third party liability insurance which the club has taken out only covers members when attending events which have been booked through the club. For other events attended individually, please make sure you are covered by your own insurance.

BITS & PIECES

Before last month's budget, concerns were voiced by some members as to how the new taxation classes would affect their classic cars, particularly the ones with larger engines.

Well, after studying the DVLA web site, to set minds at rest, I've reproduced, on pages six and seven, the tables and bandings in the coming years. As you will see, the new bandings refer to vehicles first registered **on or after 1st March 2001**. Even though they don't apply to historic and later classic cars, I've reproduced them as it may have an effect on your daily driver.

There are other bandings and discounts for alternative fuels, but space restrictions meant there is only room to show petrol engine ratings. For more information go to www.direct.gov.uk/en/Motoring/index.htm.

Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly and applying the wrong remedies.

Groucho Marx

Is there one for "them" and one rule for "us"? To help you decide, you only have to look at cabinet minister's cars. The Parliamentary fleet includes three armour plated Jaguar XJ Sovereigns, seven Jaguar XJ 2.7 litre diesels, five Rover 75s with 2.5 litre petrol engines and seven Toyota Prius petrol-electric hybrids. They are all funded by tax payers, by the way.

And just to rub salt into the wounds, while we are all being told to cut our Co2 emissions, the government car fleet has actually increased its emissions by 1.5% since 2006-7.

CELLULOSE IS STILL LEGAL

by Russ Hadfield

Practical Classics have been talking to the British Coatings Federation (BCF). They said that cellulose paints are continuing to be made for use on historic vehicles, and that the situation is unlikely to change.

Unfortunately, this doesn't appear to be reaching the restoration fraternity, and conflicting feedback is being given by paint factors.

This confusion has now been with us since the introduction of controls for VOC's (Volatile Organic Compounds). As it stands DEFRA is consulting with FBHVC and the BCF to see whether car restorers will need a license to buy cellulose materials, or whether to stay as we are and it be licence free. A decision is now awaited from DEFRA.

Paint manufacturers such as HMG and Jawel have indicated that the market for cellulose is strong, but it is only available for industrial or classic car applications.

Therefore, as far as we are concerned, cellulose paints can be bought, but you may have to prove it is for a classic car application.

Source:

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You may notice on the first page the blog site address, which I used for putting Backfire online, is still there, even though Mike is now putting Backfire on the website. I've deleted all the pages from the site, but I have another plan. When putting the newsletter together and reporting on shows, I often have more photos than I can include, particularly if any members send me some of theirs. Any extras never see the light of day. Well, now they can all be seen on this site.

CLUB WEB SITE

As you will know from Backfire, North West Casual Classics have a web site. Web sites are all about communication and our web site is no exception. As well as advertising our wonderful club to other classic enthusiasts, it is also for our use. It will of course never be a substitute for club nights or Backfire, but it does have a role to play.

Thanks are due to Jimmy McPartland for starting the site and establishing its structure; Mike is now looking after it and would welcome any suggestions for improvements. The address for your browser is www.northwestcasualclassics.com - let's take a quick look around.

What's On – this contains a list of all the events that the club will be attending.

Fiddlers Ferry Car Show – shows details of our own event in July, you can also download an entry form here

Backfire – new this year, this is an archive of back issues of Backfire, each month's edition will be uploaded after the club night.

Past Events – this is a record of our outings and this is where you can help, we need photos and some words for each event. Jimmy started this off and Ruth Chadwick has been a great help in adding the more recent events.

Members Cars – this is the second area for you to participate, let us know about your car (or cars – have you noticed how many classic enthusiasts aren't satisfied with one?). We will create a page for you with your photos and descriptions. As a matter of security, we blank out the number plate to stop the car being traced to your address.

Links – there are some useful links here to other web sites.

Club Room – as well as letting people know where we meet for club nights, this page is where you will find any club notices as well as a link to the Classic and Vintage Car Forum

Updates – any time the web site is changed, a line will be added to this page so that you can find changes quickly, each line is a link to the page that contains the change.

Contact – finally, this page has a map showing the location of the Penketh Sports and Social club and the email address for contacting the club.

Please take a look around and join in by contributing.

(Photos and text can either be emailed to

info@northwestcasualclassics.com or handed to Mike at club nights)

CLUB EVENTS 2008

19 th & 20 th April Drive it Day	2 nd Aug Hebden Bridge
26 th & 27 th April Martin Mere	3 rd Aug Woodvale
18 th May Spring Road Run	16 th & 17 th Aug Tatton Park
31 st May & 1 st June Tatton Park	23 rd -25 th Aug Oulton Park
28 th June Penketh Carnival	31 st Aug Rotary – Sutton Fields
8 th July Barry Molineaux night	7 th Sept Cholmondley Castle
13 th July Fiddler's Ferry	13 th & 14 th Sept. Wirral F. of T.
24 th July Eve Whipping Stocks	27 th & 28 th Sept. Widnes
27 th July Audlem F. of T.	

CLUB DISCOUNTS



Orford Green, Warrington

ANDREW PAGE

Lilford Street, Warrington. Ask for Simon

Alpha1Autos

U2 Priestly Street, Warrington. Discount card required

Please remember to take your club membership card with you in order to claim your discount

The cost of vehicle tax for cars

Calculate the cost of vehicle tax for your vehicle using the tables below. The tables contain the rates of vehicle tax for the different tax classes, together with tax class (TC) codes to distinguish them.

The rates shown apply to tax discs taken out from 13 March 2008.

Cars registered before 1 March 2001 (based on engine size)

Private/light goods (TC11)

Engine size (cc)	12 months rate	6 months rate
Not over 1549	£120.00	£66.00
Over 1549	£185.00	£101.75

Cars registered on or after 1 March 2001 (based on fuel type and CO2 emissions)

The rates shown only apply to cars that have been type approved in category M1 and registered on the basis of CO2 emissions measured in grams per kilometre (g/km) driven. These details are shown on the Registration Certificate.

Petrol car (TC48) and diesel car (TC49)

Band	CO2 emission (g/km)	12 months rate	6 months rate
A	Up to 100	Not applicable	Not applicable
B	101-120	£35.00	Not applicable
C	121-150	£120.00	£66.00
D	151-165	£145.00	£79.75
E	166-185	£170.00	£93.50
F	Over 185	£210.00	£115.50
G	Over 225 – for cars registered on or after 23/03/06	£400.00	£220.00

Budget 2008 - motoring taxes

Car tax rates and bandings

The structure of vehicle tax (vehicle excise duty) will be reformed from 2009, to reward drivers of more fuel efficient cars and encourage them to consider the environmental performance when buying a new car.

More tax bands

New, smaller bands will be introduced from 1 April 2009 (**for cars registered after 1 March 2001**), so that a small change in carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions has a bigger effect on the cost of vehicle tax. These changes include:

Alternative fuel cars will receive a discount of £20 (bands A to I) or £15 (bands J to M) in 2009-10, and £10 (all bands) in 2010-11.

First year rates

There will also be a new rate for the first year of owning a new car from 1 April 2010, with higher rates for the most polluting cars.

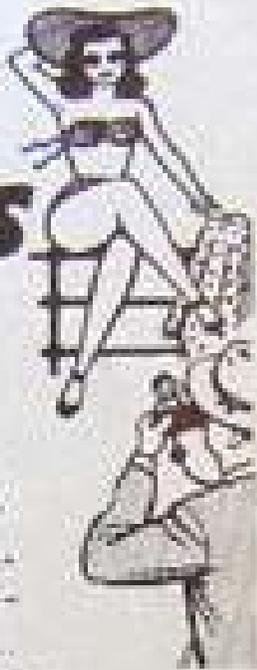
Vehicle excise duty bands and rates from 2009

Band	CO ₂ (g/km)	2009-10 standard rate	2010-11 first year rate	2010-11 standard rate
A	Up to 100	£0	£0	£0
B	101-110	£20	£0	£20
C	111-120	£30	£0	£35
D	121-130	£90	£0	£95
E	131-140	£110	£115	£115
F	141-150	£120	£120	£125
G	151-160	£150	£155	£155
H	161-170	£175	£250	£180
I	171-180	£205	£300	£210
J	181-200	£260	£425	£270
K	201-225	£300	£550	£310
L	226-255	£415	£750	£430
M	Over 255	£440	£950	£455

CLASSIC ADS

Screen favourites

For close-up or long-range vision in the wettest of weather, choose Wingard windscreen equipment for perfectly clear reasons. The Spoon-type Wiper Arm and the patent "Wingard" Wiper Blade are a favourite combination on many a fast-moving windscreen.



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