



North West  
Casual Classics

# BACKFIRE

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Orford Green, Warrington

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# Chairman's Chatter



Welcome everybody to North West Casual Classics. This being my first 'Chatter', I would like to say again a very sincere "Thank You to my predecessor Russ who has for some years hung onto the controls of the vehicle that is NWCC. Also, I would like to welcome the members of the new committee.

Recycled committee members are Rob: Treasurer/Membership. Steve: Backfire. Mike: Webmaster. Sue + Barry: Ferry Show organisers and me (Nigel) Chairman. Kenny is to be the new Chairman of Vice and Ian the all important Events Manager.

Having a great team is an important part of running a successful Club and puts us apart from "some folks meeting in a pub". Being a part of something is vital for lots of reasons and for some its a Golf Club or maybe a volunteer clearing a canal somewhere or just supporting your favourite football club. Its nice to get along with your fellow members to share common interests as well as a laugh and a joke.

Our membership last year was the highest its ever been. This is an important detail as this means we have a large and varied number of vehicles to display and make sure our stands attract lots of interest. I would urge you all to beat a path to Rob's door to secure your membership of what is undoubtedly the North Wests leading Multi-Make Classic Car Club.

This year I would like us all to use our classics and visit shows old and new, share our club with others, help each other and raise some charity money along the way.

I wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

Nigel

# Bits 'n Pieces

For club polo/sweat shirts contact Kosi Kare and ask for Mel. Tell her your a member of NWCC and choose which design you want. Standard club colours are blue or white but you can have the club logo on any colour, eg: to match your car. Contact Kosi Kare on 01942 323868.

For other products you can shop online at [www.kosikare.co.uk/](http://www.kosikare.co.uk/).

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## For Hire

Towing dolly truck. £30 per day + £15 refundable deposit or collection/delivery at £1 per mile. £5 donation to club funds for each booking.

Ring Brian 01928 820631 or mobile 07765050374.

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## Top five auction prices of 2012

1. 1936 Mercedes-Benz 540K Special Roadster - £7,532,800
2. 1960 Ferrari 250GT California Spider LWB - £7,216,000
3. 1968 Ford GT40 - £7,040,000
4. 1962 Ferrari 250GT California Spider SWB - £5,491,200
5. 1955 Ferrari 410S - £5,280,000



## Witch Way?

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**You know you're past it when.....**

\*The creaking in your house is coming from your knees.

\*There is nothing left to learn the hard way.

\*Your TV is as loud as it can get and you still can't hear it.

\*You no longer reach for the moon. In fact, you have difficulty reaching your toes.

\*You find yourself beginning to like accordion music.

\*You realise time's a great healer, but a lousy beautician.

\*Your little black book only contains names ending in G.P.

\*Your broad mind and narrow waist begin to change places.

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# Club Events

Jan 19th - Club Meal

Apr 21st - Drive it Day

June 1st - Mark Gorry dream day

Early July - Ferry Show

20th - 21st July - Speke Hall

## Haydock Retro Revival



A first for this year, this new event promised so much and, mostly, lived up to it.

I first learned of this from posts on Facebook made enquiries. The entry fee was to be for the public; for those displaying a classic vehicle the entry was free.



Parking/display was on the hard surface car park, so no mud and wet feet. We could wander in and out at will, with an ink stamp on the back of the hand for identification. How retro!

When we arrived they were still in the process of setting up inside, but the cafe was open so bacon butt ies and coffee

was the first order of the day. By the time the public started arriving there were retro clothing, music and cake stalls. Entertainment was provided by rock & roll disco and dance bands, with a dance floor so anyone could get up and enjoy anything from the charleston to jiving.

Although the event went on into the night, most classic owners were leaving by late afternoon.

There was a good mix of classics on display; cars, bikes, trucks, American of all and a few military. Quite a few I had not seen before which always makes it more interesting. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day and I think this is a show well worth another visit this year.



## **EU BACKS OFF ON PROPOSED CHANGES REGARDING CLASSIC CARS.**

"If everybody looked the same," a Groove Armada song once said, "we'd get tired of looking at each other." That's obviously a philosophy the EU disagreed with - as it tried to ban any cars modified from their original specifications.

Now though, the proposals have been canned after roads minister Stephen Hammond reportedly talked Brussels representatives down from the deal.

While some owners decide to change cars from the original manufacturer specification - by adding body kits, new alloy wheels and so on - those with classic cars don't have much choice in the matter.

Own a car made in 1960, for example, and it's very unlikely that the manufacturer will still be producing parts. Classic car owners often have to use non-original parts - simply out of necessity - and so would face being banned from the road if the EU had their way.

The EU had previously justified the rules because 'vehicles of historic interest are supposed to conserve heritage of the époque they have been built', but it was feared that the ruling would make not only drivers', but MOT testers' lives hell.

In addition to surveying whether a vehicle was roadworthy, they'd be forced to check whether any parts were different from the original specification - a task that could be extremely difficult.

In addition, it was suggested that caravans and trailers would require MOTs too - costing motorists yet more money.

"This is a victory for common sense," said Hammond. "The original proposals would have hit British businesses and motorists with massive additional costs for no good reason.

"The concessions we have secured will ensure that cost burdens are kept as low as possible, enabling the UK to maintain its proven testing regime and high road safety standards while

providing some additional safety benefits across the EU.

"I will strongly lobby the European Parliament to ensure these changes are delivered in the final directive." AGM

**Thanks to Chris Lee**

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## **AGM**

Once more, its that time of year. The AGM. The time when we make new plans for the coming year and elect the new committee.

After general reports from the committee members Chris Lee took up his usual role of dissolving the old committee so that a new one could be elected. We then had a short break so that volunteers for the new committee could form an orderly queue.

With the break over the proposing of members began. Two previous members of the committee were standing down leaving the positions vacant. Russ Hadfield as Chairman, the position being taken by Nigel France and Events Co-ordinator was taken on by Ian Trimble from Paul Birchall. Nigel's old position of Vice Chairman was filled by Kenny Jackson.

The rest of the committee members were happy to carry on in their positions.

I'd like to welcome the new members to the committee and hope everyone will give them their full support in the coming year. I'd also like to thank Chris for his time and contribution to the meeting.

Finally, thanks to Joe Gowland for his enormous quiz. Based on TV and film theme tunes, it must have taken ages to put together.

# Childe of Hale

In 2011 we had been invited to The Wellington pub, in Hale village, who wanted to establish an ongoing classic show.



However, the management changed and the incoming licensee had no interest in this. Ian Trimble had a look around and came up with the Childe of Hale pub just up the road.



Along with Steve Marran, this was being organised as a fairly low key show with a charity theme for prostate cancer research. Low key that is until BBC Radio Merseyside heard of it and interviewed Ian on air the day before.



I believe we were just going to have the far corner of the car park but we soon expanded from there. When Jill and I arrived, on a cold misty morning, there was only Jim 'the trike' in the car park, but it wasn't long before others started arriving. Before long we had a gazebo and flags erected and had got permission to move some seating to make



more parking space. We gradually outgrew the original area as more cars arrived including a

Trotter Reliant van and a display of radio controlled cars from WRCCC.

At around lunch time the sun burned through the mist and we had virtually taken



over the car park, the scooter guys arrived with dozens of machines. There was even cars parked out on

the road.

Ian and Steve had organised some trophies for out standing vehicles and these went to two excellent cars; the Mercedes SL and Ford



Pilot above.

At the end of the day £433 had been collected via a raffle and direct donations into collection buckets mainly taken around by Pat Longstaffe, Laura Trimble and 'Matty'.



A great day; I'm looking forward to a repeat this year.

# Backside

