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Chairman's Chatter

Hi All,

With 2013 well behind us it is full steam ahead to our new season. I wish you all a very happy New Year and I look forward to another successful twelve months for NWCC. Today will be our first meeting in our new home at The Penketh and Sankey Conservative Club and I hope it meets with your approval. Our thanks go to 'Webmaster Mike' for doing the rounds at very short notice to find somewhere suitable.



I'm extremely pleased that we have a complete committee this time from the off. For those of you who weren't at the AGM, please take a look at the panel on the previous page.

It is essential we have a proper committee in place if NWCC is to be taken seriously, and we have. Well done!

Those of us who attended the Boxing Day Meet in Lymm were a little surprised with the Jolly Thresher's landlord who saw fit to bar all Classic Cars and Steam Engines from his car park. He didn't want our trade as he had diners booked in. I telephoned the Area Manager of Hydes and told him we spent between £300-£400 last year but now we would go elsewhere. I think he was disappointed to say the least! We went of to the Old Number 3 and were well looked after, the Landlord there was pleased to take our money. The bad news is that the Old Number 3 is to close shortly. I think the word on the block is that some other pubs in the locality will be included for next Boxing Day.

It's spanning time and now that I have a replacement radiator shroud for the SS I have decided to assemble what I have and sell it on. Since the original grille was stolen my heart's not in it. So I'll get it together and running and let someone else have a go. The Stag needs more TLC before the season starts. An inspection hole I made in the sill has revealed, RUST! It looks like a concourse Lancia in there. Work to be done.

We had just shy of 90 Members last year. That is fantastic! I wonder how many cars are flying our flag? Maybe I'll count them up this year. Information for events is coming in already, so secure you membership of North West Casual Classics.

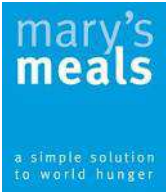
Cheers Nigel.

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/.

For more information of this charity to raise living standards of children in third world countries see Sue Thomas or go to www.marysmeals.org



Thanks to all who entered the Suprise Marys Meal Christmas Parcel Raffle. You managed to raise the amazing amount of **£92.00** so WELL DONE NWCC. I hope the winners enjoyed their prizes.
Luv Sue xx

Perils of growing old

The other day I walked into the toilet and thought, 'Why have I come in here?' Two late, I remembered.

Number Plates

I've been told that Parry's paints, Loushers Lane, Warrington do black / silver ally car plates and they have a few days turn around.

AGM

The 2013 AGM followed the usual format from previous years. Chris Lee performed the act of dissolving the past committee in order for the voting for the new committee to go into 2014.

Before that, however, the committee members made their end of year reports. After Rob Smith had made his membership and accounts report, Steve Marran voted to accept the accounts with Joe Gowland seconding. Nigel France, Kenny Jackson, Rob Smith and myself were happy to carry on in our respective roles and the members voted their agreement. The new appointments are in events organising, with Ian Trimble stepping down and Paul Birchall coming back into the fold helped by Paul Wright and Kenny Jackson. Sue and Barry Thomas have stepped down from the Ferry Show organising with Colin Dowling picking up the baton, helped by Joe Gowland as he did with Sue and Barry.

The position of social secretary is post which has been vacant for the last few years but Eileen and Alan Smith have stepped into the breach.

Welcome aboard to all new committee members.

Club Events

Jan 18th - Club Meal

DVLA

The Post Office makes three deliveries to DVLA per day, and a typically there are 140,000 items of mail each day. With that quantity of mail, the last thing you want is a backlog, so the aim is to clear 140,000 items of mail every day. To assist the internal handling, DVLA use around 70 different postcodes, with each one relating to a different type of mail. Mail is moved around not in sacks, but in open top boxes containing typically around 100 C5 (A4 folded) envelopes.

After passing through an X-ray scanner, it is passed to the appropriate receiving section, based upon the postcode. If the postcode indicates SA99 1BA the envelope should contain a V5C where the details have been amended. A postcode of SA99 1BE, our area of interest, would be the postcode for an age-related application. A claim for an original registration number, a V765 claim, should be SA99 1ZZ.

With the postcodes that have a high volume of mail, e.g. SA99 1BA, an amended V5C, the envelope is automatically sliced open, and the staff member confirms it is actually a V5C. These are put into batches, given a batch and serial number and scanned. The data entry staff see the scanned image and check that the changed information is valid and no independent verification of information is required. The changes are added to the database, and the amended V5C posted out. Once all the

documents in the batch have been processed the original paper copies are destroyed.

There will be some V5Cs where the details are not valid, or additional independent verification is required. For example, one V5C that we saw had the new keeper details as being Del Trotter, Nelson Mandela Heights, Peckham! This would be flagged against the vehicle, so if spotted by an ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) camera the vehicle would be stopped by the police. As a parallel operation, contact would be made with the previous registered keeper in an effort to establish the correct details of the new keeper.

Another example where further information is required would be where the engine size has been changed, so DVLA would want independent verification of the new capacity of the engine to determine emission classification. This would not apply to historic vehicles, because the taxation class is independent of engine size and emissions.

As said above a claim for an original number, the V765 scheme, should use the SA99 1ZZ postcode. This postcode is treated differently, in that the complete unopened envelope is sent to the V765 claims section. They open the envelope, and the processing starts there.

Now that the DVLA local offices are closed, it is now even more important that the correct postcode is used on all correspondence with DVLA.

From FBHVC Newsletter

Tatton Park



but the weekend held a nice surprise or two.



walk onto the stand to look at the cars and chat. However, by Sunday we had to have a rethink on the parking arrangement to make sure we got everyone parked, which we did in the end.

The second Tatton of the year returned to the crowded stand we had a couple of years ago,;

On Saturday we had a bit of spare space so that people could



started chatting and taking photographs. He then wanted a group photo



which featured in the paper.

The second surprise came on Sunday



when we held the voting among the public visitors to the stand for the Barry Molineaux

cup. The winner turned out to be a certain Humber Super Snipe. Many thanks must go to Anne and Nigel for providing the bacon butties over the weekend, along with Jill's herby onions, No tables were harmed in the making of these butties.

The surprise on Saturday was that David Siminster of Classic Car Weekly came onto the stand and

around one of the cars. My Humber was chosen and we gathered for the photo

when we held the voting among the public visitors to the stand for the Barry Molineaux

HALEBANK

A new event for last year was proposed by Ian Trimble. This would be a charity event in aid of the Macmillan nurses. The proprietor of a horse riding school and stables in Halebank



was organising a family fun day to raise money for the nurses as a thank you for the help they gave to his wife, who, sadly, died of cancer earlier in the year.



We were invited to take some cars along to display to attract the public and we had about a dozen attend.



The organisers really timed it perfectly as far as the weather was concerned. It must have been one of the hottest days of the year. Many stalls were placed around the field with all sorts of goodies to eat plus



you could try your luck on the different tombola stalls. There was also displays of music, dancing and martial arts in the central arena. Throughout the day, children could have pony rides and you could walk over to the stables and see the horses.

In all, over £7200 was raised for Macmillan.

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