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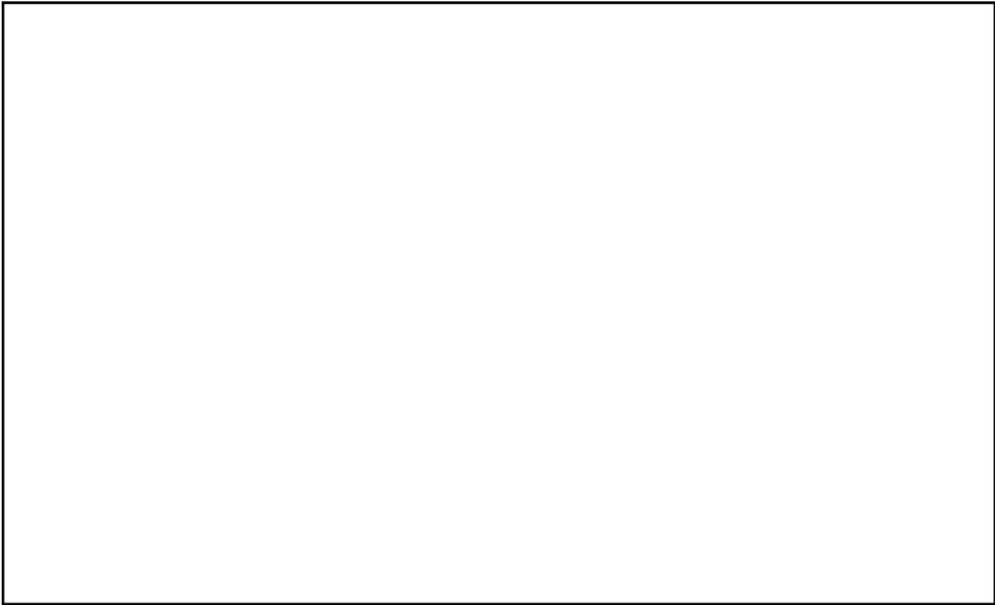
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High Leigh Garden Centre



Leigh Arms Steam





Next Meeting
10th Feb

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Chairman's Chatter



Hi All.

Happy New Year to you all. We start this year with a very full committee and I thank them all for volunteering! I know that we are all champing at the bit to get started. The year is off to a flying start as the first event was on the first of January at the Briars Hall Hotel at Lanthom, Ormskirk. From all accounts it was a good 'do'. Some refreshment was available from 10am onwards. So if you'r not hung over give it a try next year. I have to hold my hands up, we didn't get in until 3am, consequently, we didn't make it. My loss it seems. The Marran recommends it should be a proper club event next year.

Briars Hall was in stark contrast to the Jolly Thresher on Boxing Day. I booked a table for 22 lunches to sit down at 12 noon. At 2 minutes to twelve yours truly could be seen at the front door of the Grumpy Thresher TRYING TO GET IN!!!! They wouldn't let us in until 12!! We went somewhere else. I have written to the Managing Director of Hydes Brewery and up to now have received an acknowledgement of my complaint, so we'll see what happens. It has to be said that the whole event was not as well attended as last year so maybe it's time for a change.

Those of you with an eye on the ball will know that I have recently bought an 1948 Austin 16. Not that I'm getting rid of the Stag but I needed something to replace the SS. Although it's in very good order I need to use it as and when I want to, so some modifications will be required. With the lighting not being up to muster, I need to improve the headlights and sort some flashing indicators. This needs to be done sympathetically, so to that end I will be visiting the Huddersfield Auto jumble next Sunday. I need some 'pork pie' lights, (no comment) for the back and for the front a sidelight conversion so as they will flash orange as well as being a white parking light. The head lights need conversion to halogen as well which is a bit more tricky as the fittings are 8" and 7" are standard size. Something will turn up. The wipers are something to be desired, they don't really wipe the window, more try to waft the rain away! New arms and blades are on the shopping list. I took the Austin for a short run at Christmas and realised that the wing mirrors are more ornamental than useful! They vibrate a little and it's obvious that a pair of door mirrors are on the cards as well.

The club trailer is almost finished with it's new lockable tops. They just need painting now so they are back in my workshop. When that's done it can go back to Steves' I hope you enjoy our Carole Nash night and take your opportunity to ask Fuzz some questions.

Cheers Nigel

Bits 'n Pieces



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

How to Handle Stress

Picture yourself near a stream. Birds are softly chirping in the crisp, cool mountain air. Nothing can bother you here. No one knows this secret place. You are in total seclusion from that place called "the world." The soothing sound of a gentle waterfall fills the air with a cascade of serenity. The water is clear. You can easily make out the face of the person whose head you're holding under the water. There now.....feeling better?

Anniversary Social Night

The Anniversary Social Night planned for January 31st has unfortunately had to be cancelled due to lack of ticket sales.

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High Leigh Garden Centre



This was a first for some of us, being in the car park of the garden centre. Half of the car park was taken over by the displays there still seemed to be plenty of room for customers. However, the division of spaces for the classics looked to be a bit restrictive. With cones and tape marking each individual parking bays,



the room left to manoeuvre into position was quite



tight. We arrived in the Humber unannounced, as it was a last minute decision to attend, and when we said we were from NWCC we were shown where the other members were. No

problem with not booking in, just find a space. There was quite a range of cars on show for such a compact area.



Pre-war cars through to more modern MGs and Corvette; little Riley Elf and Minis to Eddy's Cadillac made for a good mix. Inside, there was the garden centre itself to look around (though keep control of the wallet) and the café served a very nice lunch. An enjoyable day out which was just a bit different and one to return to



Events

Mar 1st - St Helens Museum

April 26th - Drive-It-Day

May 30th /June 1st -Tatton Park

June 13th - Hale Carnival

June 14th - Blakemere

June 27 /29th - Kelsall steam rally

June 28th - Lymm Transport Day

July 4th - Hale/Annual Show

July 19/20th – Speke Hall

Aug 1st - Newton Town Show

Aug 22/23rd - Tatton Park

Leigh Arms Steam



A couple of articles mentioned in Practical Classics and outlined by Russ Hadfield.

1) Shine a Light

Some of our members may have seen the article in the Dec 2014 Practical Classics relating to the use of LEDs on cars. Typically, being a regulatory issue it was as clear as mud (not PC's fault I might add) and goes as follows:-

UK rules state for vehicles after April 1 1986 (and no it's not an April Fool !!!!) it is illegal to use LEDs unless they were originally fitted to that vehicle (hence modern vehicles are ok). However, to make things more complicated (and why shouldn't the Government do such a thing !!), there are several other cut off dates relating to specific items ie:-

For front side lights it is Jan 1st 1972

For Rear Side lights it is Jan 1st 1974

For Brake Lamps it is Feb 1st 1974

Note LEDs should NOT BE USED FOR REAR FOG LAMPS at all

So my Lancia, being Sept 1972, I could only fit LEDs for the rear Side and Brake lamps but not for front side lights. Bloody Hell that means Kenny can fit LEDs all round.

2) Chrome Plating

There were rumours that Chrome Plating chemicals had been banned under the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation & restriction of Chemicals (REACH) regulations. There was an article in Practical Classics (Feb 2015) that this ban did not affect the decorative chrome plating industry.

The reason for this is that Chromium compounds essentially have two reactive states

subsequently giving different toxicities for them. Chromium (III) compounds (or Trivalent Chromium compounds) tend to be Harmful under current labelling guidelines and these are the types used in decorative chroming processes. The toxic Chromium compound are Chromium (VI) (or Hexavalent Chromium compounds), the majority of which are carcinogenic (ie can cause cancer). I guess this was the misconception that the rumours were based on. However, me being a chemist, (no please don't ask for anti-biotics !! – wrong type of chemist!!) I thought further into this. If I remember correctly items are Nickel plated before the final chromium plating process. Using my 33 years Industrial experience, and more recently my School Lab Tech experience, most Nickel compounds are now classed as being carcinogenic, the degree of which varies with each compound. At school, following my advice, we have risk assessed out the use of Nickel Sulphate because of its toxicity. The same compound was used by API where I worked previously to make Nickel shims for use in the making of holograms. It therefore seems most likely then that this could be the substance used in part of the chrome plating process.

To conclude then, whilst the Chromium compounds used for Chromium plating, may not be carcinogenic (ie cancer causing), the toxicity that goes with the Nickel part of the process could well cause handling problems, and if it does, may well lead to cost implications and a possible reduction in companies wanting to continue working with such materials.

This is only my thinking on this subject and I am not a specialist in this area

Russ

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