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FRONT COVER

1978 Andrew Wareing's Williams FW06, 3.0l Cosworth DFV - ex-Alan Jones at the St. Rocco's Hospice Lingley Mere NWCC Show, September 2015

REAR COVER

Crosville National Express Eastern Coach Works-bodied Bristol VR at St. Helens Transport Museum open day, March 2015

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Hi All. A Happy New Year.

We finished NWCC's calendar with the Annual Boxing Day meet at Lymm.

The weather was against us, well everybody actually. The rain had continued but we were much more fortunate than others in the North West.

It can only be four years or so that the frost was so severe on the Jolly Thresher's car park that we could hardly stand up!

This year we met at the Barn Owl Pub on the side of the Bridgewater Canal and had a delightful meal.

We were given our own room which was warm and offered fabulous views. I'm sure it was enjoyed by all.

Anne and I went to Lymm in the Volvo as the Austin is awaiting its re-chromed bumpers and the Stag has an electrical Gremlin resulting in a flat battery.

I am, at this moment without a battery charger because the last two chargers I had both returned broken, after I had lent them out! Needless to say that when the Amazon man delivers my new one, it won't be leaving home.

After testing the battery it turned out to be as dead as a parrot nailed to a perch so I've purchased a new one. Now when the Rover engineers swapped the 2000 engine for a V8 in the P6 they put the battery in the boot.

The Triumph lads were obviously asleep on the night shift and boxed the battery in with the steering pump reservoir. This of course has to be removed first, so a battery change can be an hour's job!

Job now done, but now the steering rack is making a noise! Ho Hum.

I am in the enviable position of being the Chairman of a Club where members are offering to help. So here's a thing.

This year both Joe (Newsletter Editor) and Teresa (Advertising and Promotion) will be looking for reviews of events that NWCC attend.

If anyone would like to put a few words together after a show or run let me know. I don't expect one person to review every event but a couple of volunteers could cover some whilst committee

members will cover others.

The reason I ask is because our newsletter always needs input, and Teresa will need some reviews to send to classic car publications as part of her role in the Club.

As you will know, NWCC celebrates its 21st Birthday this year, and I think that this milestone should not pass without being marked in some way. All ideas would be welcomed, so please speak up or whisper in my ear.

As we go into a New Year you will notice that the Event Calendar is already filing up. If you know of an event/show that you think should be amongst them please tell Kenny, Paul Birchall or Paul Wright.

NWCC are moving forwards. Interest in the Club is up, events are up and membership is up. I hope that for its twenty-first year, 2016 will be North West Casual Classics finest so far.



Cheers,

Nigel.

Martin's Fund (Alder Hey Hospital)

Phil and Deb Scott

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped to raise funds for "**Martin's 21st Fund**". Both myself and Deb are overwhelmed by the support from Northwest Casual Classic members.

The motivation behind this fund-raising was due to Alder Hey requiring substantial funds to purchase equipment for the new hospital. This coincided with what would have been our Martin's 21st birthday, shortly before Christmas.

Having raised £3,500 when we lost Martin to meningitis in 1994, for the purchase of equipment - as he was treated at Alder Hey, we felt it would be fitting to mark Martin's 21st by raising further funds for further equipment.

With this in mind, I set up a "**just giving**" page and set a target of £400. We were very pleased when NWCC members offered to assist with a Raffle. We never expected to reach our target so quickly and, in fact, due to the help of NWCC, we have exceeded this considerably. To date, we have raised a total of £620.30 with over £300 coming from NWCC members.

Words can't explain the feeling of losing a child, however, the following, from the film "**An American Tail**", and the support of family and



friends, have been comforts over the years.

"Somewhere out there, beneath the pale moonlight, someone's thinking of you and loving you tonight"

So a big **THANK YOU** to the best car club, and friends, for your support. I am sure this amount will help make a difference to sick children.

Thank-you

Mary's Meals, Thank you for your donation

Sue Thomas

Hi Folks

Just wanted to let you know that the little Christmas Puddings and Robins made £60.

So with that and monies raised from raffles and other bits and pieces I've sent £200 to Mary's Meals.

As mentioned below the government is doubling donations, so with your help, that's £400.

Well Done NWCC, **luv Sue x**



For more information about this charity to raise living standards of children in Third World countries,

see Sue Thomas

or visit:

www.marysmeals.org

Wonderful news! From now until 28 December, 2015, if you are a UK resident, money collected from your donation will be doubled by the UK Government, allowing us to reach twice as many children with a daily meal in school.

You can help support Mary's Meals even more by spreading the word on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), or by starting your own fund-raising project.

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Yours Sincerely,

Magnus M^{rc}Farlane-Barrow

EVENTS

Day	End Date	Event	Location	Rating
Sun	24 January	Club Meal	Griffin Inn, Bold Heath	
Sun	21 February	Brazilymm,	Lymm Hotel, Lymm	
Sat/Sun	19/20 March	Seagrave event,	Kings Gardens, Southport	
Sun	17 April	Spring car event,	Museum of Road Transport, Tolver St., St Helens	
Sun	24 April	Drive It Day		
Sat/Sun	4/5 June	Tatton Park Classic Car Show		
Sat	11 June	Hale Carnival	Hale Village, near John Lennon airport	5*
Sat/Sun	25/26 June	Kelsall Steam Rally		5*
Sun	26 June	Lymm Transport Festival		5*
Sunday	03 July	Lydiate classic car and bike show	Lydiate community centre, Maghull	
Sat/Sun	9/10 July	Cheshire Steam Fair,	Daresbury nr Warrington.	
Sat/Sun	16/17 July	Speke Hall Classic Car Show	nr Liverpool John Lennon airport	5*
Sat/Sun	16/17 July	Manchester Aviation & Transport Show	Manchester Airport Aviation Park	
Sat/Sun	20/21 August	Tatton Park Classic Car Show		
Sun	4 September	St. Rocco's Classic Show,	United Utilities, Lingley Mere, Warrington	5*



Well, the start of another year of events is almost upon us, so perhaps it's time to remind you of the range and variety of attractions you might be going to with your classic.

Above, and by far the 'coolest' event of the year by far(!) at the Saint Helens Public Transport Museum.

Just as a reminder of the spectrum of attractions you might find, at the multitude of shows NWCC members now might attend

throughout the year, the later pages of this mag have a variety of recollections.

If you didn't see any of these, then this year is your chance!

Images from: (alphabetically);

Bury Transport Festival, Culcheth Carnival, Daresury Steam, Frodsham Rotary, High Legh Garden Centre, Kelsall Steam, and Newton-le-Willows Town Show and Gatherings.

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