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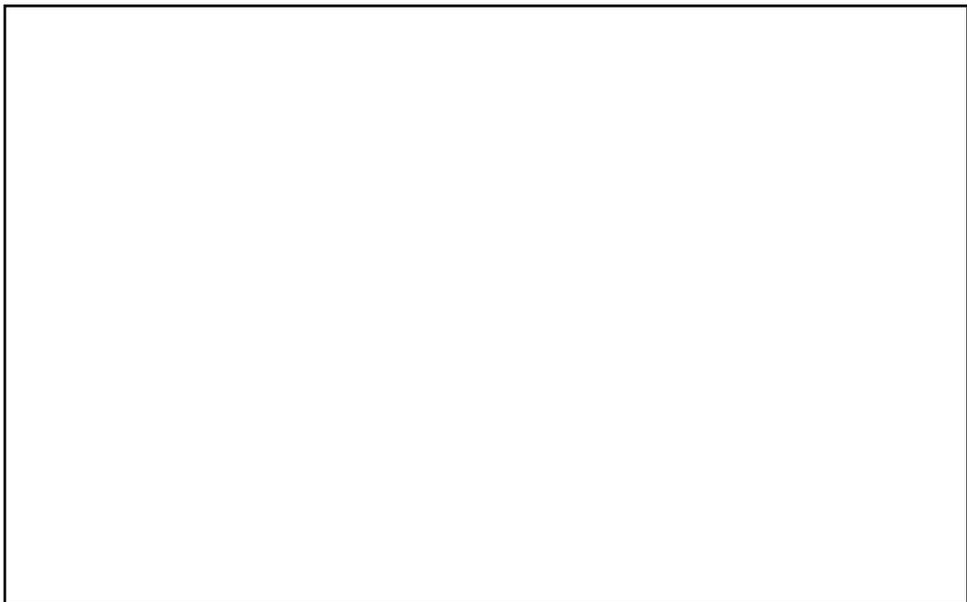
February 2014

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Chairman's Chatter

Hi All,

January's meeting in our new 'home' got off to a cold start so I hope the heating is fixed for the February get-together. Later on in the evening Phil (Stott) gave us a bit of a shock when his shoulder came adrift and an ambulance had to be sent for. Eileen and Alan (Social Sec.) sent him a good wish card on behalf of the Club and I hope he is feeling better now.



The rust on the Stag was far worse than I thought! I employed Chris Dickinson a mobile welder and fabricator, (07714 653477) from Wigan. He soon had some rather disturbing holes to contend with but repaired them to a very good standard. Next will be a visit to the paintshop. Of course, when you start these jobs other things become evident, like the carpet underlay that turned out to be upholsterers foam, so I've just got some proper stuff from Segals in Salford. The fabric roof has been for repairs to Auto Trim in Denton (0161-336-5952) so it will fit at last. Electrical issues include main beam and windscreen washers not working and a leak from the heater (sob). Still lots to do.

While Chris was doing his stuff on the Stag I turned my attention to the SS. As I said in last month's Chatter, it is my plan to assemble the car as much as poss. and sell it on. It's been with me since I was 21 and I have had loads of fun with it pulling it apart, making things for it, finding those elusive bits and meeting lots of people (some weird, some not so). In fact, it's because of the SS I found NWCC so I have a lot to thank it for. Anyway, the re-assembly is under way but it's slow work, Six hours to fit the nearside front wing!! (No I won't give up my day job)! The offside front and rear went on in 3 hours, so just the rear L/h/s to do then it's the radiator and my replacement shroud to fit next. I need to have it running as its to heavy to push now!

Anne and I have booked in for a few events already. The season will soon be upon us, so I hope we will be ready.

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



Aintree Circuit Club have won the National Motorsport Week 2013 Club Prize...

Their win was based on the promotion of grass roots motorsport, particularly in Ormskirk, with their market day display and the new "Taster" AutoSOLO event run on Park Pool Car Park on the 7th July, during National Motorsport Week. The Club will be presented with their prize at the Business Excellence Awards at Autosport International in January.

The name of the Tory MP behind the Commons debate, last month, on dangerous driving is Chris Skidmore.

Last year the Government announced a consultation on raising the motorway speed limit to 80mph, to bring it in line with France and Italy. The Department of Transport has quietly dropped the plans and is considering cutting the limit to 60mph. So why the U-turn? The Tory MP John Redwood has the answer. "Some officials say that without these speed limit reductions the UK could be in violation of air quality directives from the EU".

If you are into Classics or simply love Minis here is a chance to but a thoroughly original unmolested example.

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Club Events

April 27th. - Drive it Day

Private Cars Cannot Be Sold With Road Tax From October 2014

Cars To Have Vehicle Excise Duty Removed Prior To Sale



Motorists that sell cars privately will not be entitled to offer the “unexpired tax” incentive from October 2014, the Automobile Association has revealed. Sellers will have to claim vehicle excise duty refunds for any remaining months from the Driver Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA). Buyers will then have to pay road tax online, at post offices or via telephone before taking to the road. Why? Because the paper tax disc that has graced windcreens for nearly a century will soon be consigned to history. This is part of the government's plan to cut red tape and minimise expenditure. Motorists will no longer be able to glance at windcreens to confirm the tax has been paid. This could encourage unscrupulous sellers to claim that their vehicles have (say) eleven months tax remaining when they only have two. Extra tax, of course, can be worth hundreds of pounds on relatively modern vehicles that have high carbon emissions. So, to elimi-

nate the risk of misrepresentation private buyers will know that – whatever the vehicles and whatever the prices - sellers will have to remove any tax value.

Automobile Association Emphasises Motorists' Concerns

The Automobile Association has claimed that motorists suspect that the tax disc's demise will cause problems. A poll of more than seventeen thousand revealed that seventy percent are “worried” they might drive cars that have been recently purchased by friends/relatives not knowing they are untaxed. Furthermore, another of the company's polls revealed that forty-seven percent claim that not having a disc will make them “more likely” to forget to renew. But overall its eradication is sensible. Why? Because it is simply a receipt that can be checked by the police to ensure vehicles are legal. That was fine in the past. Now, however, enforcement comes via a computerised database that automatically spits out fines to non-compliers. There is also a camera based system that scans number plates as vehicles pass and identifies tax dodgers - so relying on police officers to scan windcreens while on patrol in an outdated concept. Furthermore, motorists should not be concerned about forgetting to renew. They will, after all, still receive reminders through the post and - for the first time – be able to pay any vehicle excise duty by direct debit. Options will be annually, six monthly, or monthly.

**By Stephen Turvil at
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A new show for us last year held in Walton Gardens held such promise and, even though the weather wasn't kind to us, didn't disappoint.

We finally arranged the cars after some discussion with marshals about the right position and got the flags out, then had a walk around to see what was going on.

A large arena was roped off in the centre of the field which meant displays of some kind, but the first stop was for a bacon butty at, for once, a reasonable price.

Displays throughout the day included dog obedience and mountain bike stunts. How they managed to do these acrobatics while it was constantly raining, I don't know.



At mid-day all exhibitors were treated to a free buffet in the hall.



Ongoing, throughout the day, there were many stalls to look around and a marquee with local made food, preserves and sweets; including a very large pie stall.



Also in the grounds is a small zoo. The kids would love it.

Definitely one to return to this year. If the weather is kind this would be a cracker.



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