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Casual Classics

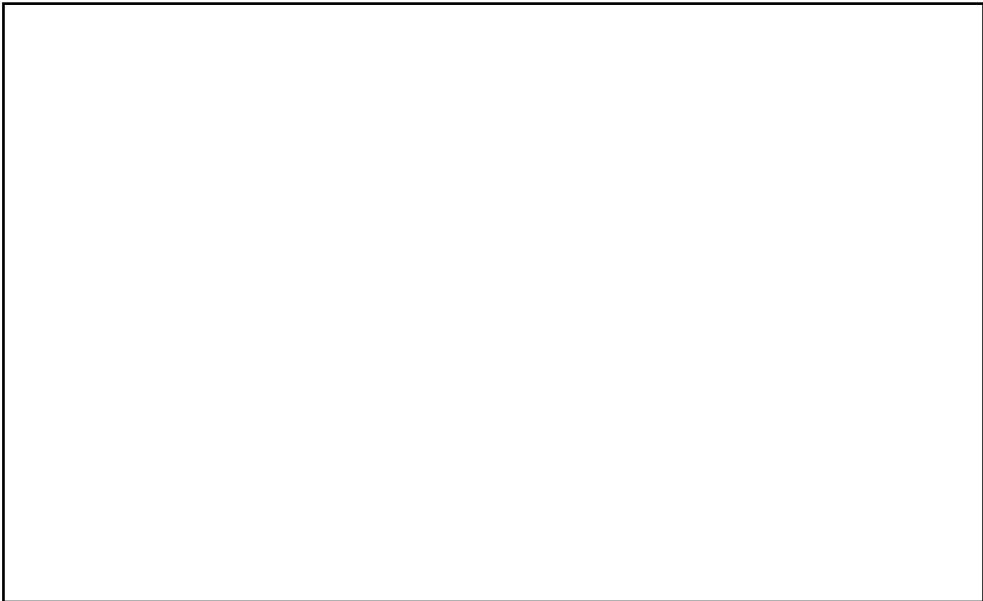
BACKFIRE

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CLUB DISCOUNTS

Next Meeting
8th April



Car Parts, equipment and consumables. www.cesuk.com
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Orford Green, Warrington

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Chairman's Chatter



Hi All,

've been busy assembling the SS over the last few weeks. The replacement grille (surround) has enabled me to fit the bonnets and at last she looks like a car once more! With more bits on the car the boxes are looking decidedly empty and the Jag is getting too heavy to push!! I wonder if it is the weight or it's me just getting weaker. Delving into these boxes reveals parts I have made in the past and forgotten about and bits I haven't seen for literally years. The back bumper has gone back on and has been reunited with it's SS badge for the first time in 4 decades.

The result of all this work is that I will have to fire her up soon so moving her will not result in me getting a hernia! Running the engine is not new, I used to drive the chassis round a local field, thats before Peel put a fence around it. So in the next week or two I will awaken my Princess from her slumbers and I might just film it and put it on Facebook, if I can workout how to do it!



With the welding finished on the Stag, she is bearing the scars of intrusive surgery. A swift visit to the paintshop will put paid to the post-opertive trauma. I dropped the Stag off at the workshop on Friday to be picked up by 'Simmy' in Monday. Simmy is a great painter but not very reliable, apparently it's going to be Wednesday now.

Over these last few days the weather seems to be changing and thoughts of getting our cars out must be on everyone's mind. I know I'm anxious to get the Stag out on the road again. I looked back to the March 2010 BACKFIRE and noted John Greatbanks remarks "About time the weather picked up, at least we didn't have it as bad as the Midlands and the South West". No change there then.

Steve Tanser has organised the Drive-it-Day Run on 27th April. It's the opening event of our year so put your name down if you're free.

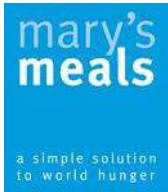
Cheers Nigel

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



Old age is golden, or so I've heard it said,
But sometimes I wonder, as I crawl into bed,
With my ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup,
My glasses on the table until I get up.
As sleep dims my vision, I say to myself:
Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?
The reason I know my youth is all spent?
Is my get-up-and-go has got up and went!
But, in spite of it all, I'm able to grin
And think of the places my getup has been!

Belisha Beacons

In 1934, 7,343 were killed on British roads, at a time when there were only 2.5 million cars in the entire country. When the 1934 Road Traffic Act had become law, new Transport Minister Leslie Hore-Belisha almost became a statistic himself. To demonstrate his 'foot passenger crossings' – a set of white lines painted on the road and a signpost marked with a 'C' (for 'crossing') – he staged a press photocall on Camden High Street, when a sports car shot past without stopping and nearly flattened him. It was enough to persuade him to beef up the crossing, with studs placed across the road and flashing orange globes on black-and-white striped poles at either side. The press swiftly christened them 'Belisha beacons', and the name stuck.

First Porche

The very first Porche has been located and added to the factory museum in Stuttgart, which opened five years ago.

The Egger-Lohner electric C2 Phaeton, or P1 for short, was built in 1898, by Ferdinand Porche,

Club Events

April 27th – Drive It Day

May 5th – Culcheth Carnival

May 31st/June 1st – Tatton Park

June 7th – Hale Carnival

June 8th – Mark Gorry Dream Day

June 29th – Lymm Transport Day

July 19th/20th – Speak Hall

August 16th/17th – Tatton Park

August 24th – Ormskirk Motorfest

October 26th – Haydock Retro

December 26th – Lymm Steam ?

DVLA reveals the top 10 excuses for not buying a tax disc

According to information released by the DVLA, these motorists caught for not having a tax disc last year used a variety of excuses, most of which are comical, they included:

Number 10.

My reminder on my phone didn't work so it's not my fault

Number 9.

My dog ate the reminder.

Number 8.

I've been out of the country for four months and I forgot where I parked my car.

Number 7.

I had man flu and couldn't go to the Post Office

Number 6.

I'd forgotten the motorbike was in my garage – it was hidden behind the BBQ so it's not my fault

Number 5.

I took too much Viagra and couldn't leave the house

Number 4.

I fell out of a tree picking plums and broke both my arms

Number 3.

My mate said that if the cost of the tax is more than what the car is worth you haven't got to pay it – it's not, so I didn't.

Number 2.

I was on my way to the Post Office to tax the car and called into the betting shop - there was a horse running at Doncaster called 'Don't Do It' so I bet on that with my car tax money instead – it lost.

Number 1.

My accountant told me I'm due a tax rebate so I didn't think I needed to pay again this year.

From Motoring.co.uk

Haydock Revival



The second year of the revival was increased in size over the first event, although fewer vehicle owners came to take advantage.

Last year, the stalls, music, bar and cafe were all on the ground floor of the exhibition centre, but this year the event had expanded onto the first floor. Many more stalls and more entertainment kept everyone's attention throughout the day.



Unfortunately, although there was a good variety of classic vehicles on display, the numbers, inexplicably, were definitely down on the previous year. Still, there was British & European classics, American, muscle cars, hot rods, trucks and customs. Something for everyone's taste.



Well worth another visit this year.



Childe of Hale



Another successful charity event at the Childe of Hale in Hale vil-

lage. As last year, a full car park with plenty of variety of vehicles to ogle at.



Raffle tickets were on sale all day with a lot of prizes donated for the draw at the

end of the day.



The event became famous too as David Simister from Classic Car

Weekly attended and did a write up in the paper.

Its a great location. The pub has good food and ale and a warm welcome. Be there this year and contribute to a good cause.



Backside

