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Club Meal



Boxing Day at Lymm



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Next Meeting

14th April



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Chairman's Chatter



Hi All

Firstly, I must apologise for missing the first two NWCC events, namely the Post Christmas Lunch and the St Helens Transport Museum meet. Anne and I had accepted an invitation in January to a 'Brunch' so we were disappointed not to be able to attend. I saw some pictures on Facebook and you all looked to be having a good time.

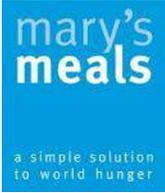
My No-show on March 1st was due to a problem with the Stag. Anne says it is sulking because I've been spending so much time working on the Austin! The battery was flat and on charging it up an electrical fault was evident. The indicator repeaters on the dashboard were both glowing, even with the flasher unit disconnected! Up to now I haven't fathomed what the problem is, so I think I'll have to send it to Nigel at the workshop. Then again our Facebook page showed what a good turnout NWCC had at the museum. Ians' pictures showed the cars off very well. I bet Fuzz Townsend would have liked to have been there with all those buses!

The Austin, although in very good order, needs a lot of small jobs doing and I have been working my way through a list. Headlights were completed last month and now the flashing indicators are working too. The radiator hoses were cracking so I have fitted a slightly shortened Zephyr 6 top hose that I got from Huddersfield Auto jumble and a convoluted bottom hose off 'tinterweb! The heater hoses have also been renewed. A new set of bonny HT leads in red and yellow and a repainted radiator tank are making the engine bay look a bit more like. The gasket at the carb/inlet manifold joint was weeping so that was removed, cleaned, resealed and refitted. The roof aerial has been tightened so it doesn't swivel round any more and the sun visors tightened so they don't drop down in front of your face!

Other jobs to do include repairing the rear window blind, (the return spring is broken) and get some new wiper arms and blades. The heater I mentioned earlier seems to have a rotating switch on the dashboard that refuses to rotate, I think it will have some sort of rheostat that speeds up and slows down the heater fan so investigation is needed. I will need a new wheel brace as the beautifully chromed job that came with the car is very slack on some nuts and won't grip other nuts at all. Rear view mirrors are also on my shopping list as are new suspension rubbers. Still a lot to do then before I venture out onto the road. Hope its not too long!

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

There are three ways to get something done: do it yourself, hire someone else to do it or forbid your children to do it.



"My diagnosis on your car? Jack up the radiator cap and drive a new car underneath it."

Why Pantehnicon?

IN 1830, the Seth-Smith brothers, builders from Wiltshire, constructed a substantial building on Motcomb Street in the Belgravia area of London with a Greek-style Doric column facade. It was to be a great bazaar, displaying and selling the goods of skilled craftsmen: carpenters, potters, painters, sculptors, silversmiths and blacksmiths.

To match their ambition they called it Pantehnicon, made up of two classical Greek words: *pan*, all, and *tekhnikon*, artistic — hence 'a place for all the arts'.

It was not a success and was eventually used for furniture storage. Horsedrawn wagons took beds, divans and sofas to and from the Pantehnicon, and like modern removal vans, the company's name was painted on the side.

The furniture storage business did well until February 1874 when the Pantehnicon burned to the ground.

But it had been around for long enough for the vast removal wagons to become known as pantehnicon vans, later shortened to simply pantehnicon. Nothing is left of the Pantehnicon today but the facade and a nearby pub of the same name. However, it still survives as the name for a large removal van.



Some things are just not right!

Events

Mar 22nd - J. Woods, Chester

April 26th - Drive-It-Day

May 4th - Culcheth

May 30/31st - Tatton Park

June 13th - Hale Carnival

June 14th - Blakemere

June 14th - Eaton Hall

June 27/28th Kelsall Steam

June 28th - Lymm Transport Day

July 4/5th - Aviation Show

July 19/20th – Speke Hall

July 26th - Frodsham

Aug 1st - Newton Town show

Aug 22/23rd - Tatton Park

Aug 30th - Ormskirk

Sept 6th - St.Roccas Show

Sept 12/13th - East Lincs Railway

Sept 13th - Walton Hall

Sept 27/28th - Widnes

Club Meal



Photos by Eileen Smith.

Because of disappointing ticket sales, the plans for an anniversary celebration had to be cancelled, so Eileen and Alan reverted to the regular club meal.

They had to find somewhere at short notice and found The Griffin at Bold Heath where we could have the whole upper floor to ourselves.

We had a great meal in really nice surroundings, even though there was a hole in the roof letting in the rain, and Eileen finished of the afternoon with a raffle.

This raised enough to compensate for the deposit paid for the room for the anniversary. As you can see, Karen was happy with her prize.



Boxing Day at Lymm



The saga continues.



us in for lunch.

On the day we arrived to find an unblocked car park and parked alongside earlier arrivals.



After last year's disappointing day where we were blocked from entering the car park of The Jolly Thresher, this year Nigel phoned the Thresher well in advance to ask if we will be accepted. Having been assured that we would be, he booked

Throughout the morning others arrived and parked, including

the traction engines who parked at the front of the pub. There was no

sign of the pub opening early for coffee, as in previous years' but we stuck it out in the cold.

At a couple of minutes to twelve Nigel, with other members, went to the front door to ask if we could come in now as some would like to use the toilets. He was

told that, not only would no one be allowed in early, the doors would not be opened until all the engines

had left. With that, we all left and drove down to Ye Old No. 3. Unfortunately, Ye Old No. 3 had only a temporary management running the pub and weren't expecting the numbers. Only

an extremely limited menu was available and, as the staff were run off their feet, some of us

didn't get our order and had to ask for our money back.

As I am writing this, Ye Old No. 3 is closed and has a 'To Let' sign on the wall. With no longer being welcome at The Jolly

Thresher, I feel this is the end of an era, unless alternatives are found.



Touring Assembly

From the new regulations.

This gives us an opportunity see the definition of a social run. Fits what we do down to a 'T'.

Touring Assembly. An activity organised with the primary object of assembling tourists at a point determined beforehand.

In a Touring Assembly;

- (a) a prescribed route may have to be followed.
- (b) pre-arranged points may be provided for in the event's itinerary,
- (c) no limits of speed may be laid down,
- (d) no requirement to visit prearranged points, other than a requirement to report at a final point not later than a specified time, are permitted
- (e) no awards of any description, other than those in relation to activities arranged at the finishing point may be made or given.

Where any or all of the above points become a mandatory part of the itinerary the Event will be subject to the requirements of Route Authorisation (Motor Vehicles (Competitions and Trials) Regulations).

The Regulations for the event must be clearly endorsed 'Touring Assembly', and before publication the consent in writing of the MSA and its approval of the regulations for the Touring Assembly have first been obtained, by issue of a Certificate of Exemption, and where the route runs through the territory of an ASN other than the MSA, that R.1.3 of these Regulations has been complied with.

The programme of a Touring Assembly may include additional events (other than speed) provided that they are held only at the place of final assembly.

No prize money may be allocated in respect of Touring Assemblies.

Social Run. A non-competitive run for likeminded participants where there is no other purpose than the camaraderie of motoring in company to a predetermined point and which is not within the jurisdiction of the MSA.

Reason: For some time now there has been a difficulty for clubs organising informal social runs, say to a country pub for lunch. Such activities could be seen as Touring Assemblies where the run is advertised or organised by the club's official publications, be they printed media or web based forums or other social media, such media inferring that the run is organised by the club.

This has caused a considerable resentment among a number of the marquee clubs which largely exist on these informal activities and where the suggestion of applying for permissions and paying a fee for the privilege of joining some chums for a run to the pub is seen as a bit stiff. A second issue, long outstanding is the need to clarify that in certain formats a Touring Assembly becomes in the eyes of the law a competition and thus subject to Route Authorisation.

The revised definition addresses that by way of clarification.

Thanks to Chris Lee

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