



# BACKFIRE

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## Chairman's Word

Hi everybody.

Well, here we go again.

I went to Manchester with Jim Jordan to see the new indoor show from the same organisers as Tatton park, and I have to say I was quietly impressed. The cars were set out with plenty of room for each vehicle, and this meant that all the cars could be viewed properly by members of the public. While talking to a lot of old, (and new) friends who were displaying, it became clear to me that we, as a club are very well thought of, and if we attend and show as per last year, then I know we will have a brilliant year.

Unfortunately, there were no stalls selling smelling salts. This was a definite requirement just seconds after Jim discovered that a cup of tea cost a massive £2.50. (Poor guy felt a little weak, but soon recovered) The advertised "Autojumble" turned out to be mainly craft and other stalls such as sweets, and jewellery, but there was some good car stuff as well so not a total loss.

Is your car ready??? Do you need a hand to complete it??? Don't forget that we have a good record of giving people a "hand" to prepare or repair their cars, ready for the season or individual shows. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ASK.

Once again, when we start showing, will all concerned please assist with setting up, as this means we can all enjoy ourselves a bit sooner, and again with de-construction so we can all get home a bit sooner also. Please don't leave it all to the usual people 'cos it really does upset them when they find themselves doing most of the work time after time.

If you have any ideas for the forthcoming year, please come and see any member of the committee to let us know. It will be most useful.

P.S. Quiz prizes required. A small number of people supply all the prizes and we could do with some more. P.P.S. I need to thank Sue Jordan for my coffee & bacon butties.xx.

Thank you....Steve M



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Next Meeting 10th May

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## BITS & 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/](http://www.kosikare.co.uk/).

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The next time you're on YouTube here's some films for you to try.

Chinese Crash Tests

World's Scariest Roads

World's Scariest Runways

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The MoT regime was introduced 50 years ago in the UK well before most of the EU states. From the outset the UK test regime acknowledged the variations of specification and performance of older vehicles and has continued this approach on vehicles built subsequent to 1960, many of which are now the classic cars of today.

Thank you to all the members who bought books or donated to Mary's Meals.

I managed to raise £120.00 which will feed at least 16 children for a whole YEAR!!!

As well as selling books I am asking for donations to fill backpacks for the children –pencils, exercise books, T shirts etc., and indeed the backpacks as well.

We aren't at this meeting as we are in Iceland, but will see you in May.

Sue Thomas

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Millers Oils have introduced a new range of additives for classic cars to run on modern fuels.

EPS - offers protection against increased levels of ethanol in fuel.

VSPe - offers ethanol protection plus a lead replacement additive.

VSPe Power Plus - adds an octane booster to the above.

For more info call 01484 713201 or visit [www.millersoils.co.uk](http://www.millersoils.co.uk).

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## Subject:

### What is the main ingredient of WD-40 ?

Before you read to the end, does anybody know what the main ingredient of WD-40 is? Don't lie and don't cheat. WD-40. Who knew; I had a neighbour who bought a new pickup. I got up very early one Sunday morning and saw that someone had spray painted red all around the sides of this beige truck (for some unknown reason). I went over, woke him up, and told him the bad news.

He was very upset and was trying to figure out what to do.... probably nothing until Monday morning, since nothing was open. Another neighbour came out and told him to get his WD-40 and clean it off. It removed the unwanted paint beautifully and did not harm his paint job that was on the truck.

I'm impressed! WD-40 who knew? Water Displacement #40'. The product began from a search for a rust preventative solvent and de-greaser to protect missile parts. WD-40 was created in 1953 by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company. Its name comes from the project that was to find a water displacement' compound.. They were successful with the fortieth formulation, thus WD-40. The Convair Company bought it in bulk to protect their atlas missile parts. Ken East (one of the original founders) says there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you... When you read the 'shower door' part, try it. It's the first thing that has ever cleaned that spotty shower door. If yours is plastic, it works just as well as glass. It's a miracle! Then try it on your stove top ... Viola! It's now shinier than it's ever been. You'll be amazed.

### WD-40 uses:

1. Protects silver from tarnishing.
2. Removes road tar and grime from cars.
3. Cleans and lubricates guitar strings.
4. Gives floors that just waxed' sheen without making them slippery.
5. Keeps flies off cows.
6. Restores and cleans chalkboards.
7. Removes lipstick stains.
8. Loosens stubborn zippers.
9. Untangles jewellery chains.
10. Removes stains from stainless steel sinks.
11. Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill.
12. Keeps ceramic/terra cotta garden pots from oxidizing.
13. Removes tomato stains from clothing.
14. Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots.
15. Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors.
16. Keeps scissors working smoothly.
17. Lubricates noisy door hinges on vehicles and doors in homes.
18. It removes black scuff marks from the kitchen floor! Use WD-40 for those nasty tar and scuff marks on flooring. It doesn't seem to harm the finish and you won't have to scrub nearly as hard to get them off. Just remember to open some windows if you have a lot of marks.
19. Bug guts will eat away the finish on your car if not removed quickly! Use WD-40!
20. Gives a children's playground gym slide a shine for a super fast slide.
21. Lubricates gear shift and mower deck lever for ease of handling on riding mowers...
22. Rids kids rocking chairs and swings of squeaky noises.
23. Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open..
24. Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close.
25. Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, as well as vinyl bumpers.

# Club Events 2011

Ferry to Ferry - 17/04/2011

Culcheth Festival - 02/05/2011

Cholmondely - 08/05/2011

Tatton Park - 04-05/06/2011

Road Run - 19/06/2011

Warrington T.C. - 9/07/2011

Fiddlers Ferry - 10/07/2011

Boddelwydden - 24/07/2011

Audlem - 31/07/2011

Woodvale - 6-7/08/2011

Tatton Park - 20-21/08/2011

Ormskirk Festival - 28 /08/2011

Cholmondely - 04/09/2011

Widnes - Late September

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26. Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles.

27. Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans

28. Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons, and bicycles for easy handling.

29. Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly.

30. Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools.

31. Removes splattered grease on stove.

32. Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging.

33. Lubricates prosthetic limbs.

34. Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell).

35. Removes all traces of duct tape.

36. Folks even spray it on their arms, hands, and knees to relieve arthritis pain.

37. Florida's favourite use is: cleans and removes love bugs from grills and bumpers.

38. The favourite use in the state of New York, WD-40 protects the Statue of Liberty from the elements.

39. WD-40 attracts fish. Spray a little on live bait or lures and you will be catching

the big one in no time. Also, it's a lot cheaper than the chemical attractants that are made for just that purpose. Keep in mind though, using some chemical laced baits or lures for fishing are not always allowed.

40. Use it for fire ant bites. It takes the sting away immediately and stops the itch.

41. WD-40 is great for removing crayon from walls. Spray on the mark and wipe with a clean rag.

42. Also, if you've discovered that your teenage daughter has washed and dried a tube of lipstick with a load of laundry, saturate the lipstick spots with WD-40 and re-wash. Presto! The lipstick is gone!

43. If you sprayed WD-40 on the distributor cap, it would displace the moisture and allow the car to start.

P.S. The basic ingredient is FISH OIL.

**Thanks to Chris Lee**

**Please Note: If you try any of the above it is at your own risk.**

**The following have all appeared  
in church magazines so let us  
thank God for church  
newsletter publishers**

Next weekend's Fasting & Prayer Conference in Whitby includes all meals.

Sunday morning sermon: 'Jesus Walks on the Water'

Sunday evening sermon: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community.

Smile at someone who is hard to love.

Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation .

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members

and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

The school drama group will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church hall on Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

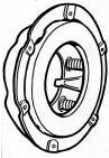
Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours!'

**Thanks to Maurice Howard**

# Tracing Clutch Troubles

## Part 2



### check mountings

Mechanically operated linkages don't leak, but they can wear, which has the same effect. Most rod-type linkages have simple joints where any free play is self-evident. If the linkage seems in good shape, check a little further and look at the engine mountings—we once came across a Morris Minor where the engine and gearbox mounting rubbers were so floppy that each time the driver pressed the clutch pedal, the engine and gearbox moved—and cancelled out some of the pedal movement.

Some cars, such as Ford Escorts and Volkswagens, have clutches operated by cables. The cables can stretch in time, and normally some adjustment is provided at the gearbox end to allow for this.. Eventually, however, you will run out of adjustment and further cable stretching will result in difficult gear engagement—the remedy is a new cable.

Internal causes of difficult gear changes could be a worn-out release bearing, or the clutch disc binding on the splines of the gearbox first motion shaft. The former is cured by renewing the release bearing. A binding clutch disc can be caused either by damaged splines on the gearbox first motion shaft, or by damage to the splined hub on the disc. There are also the possibilities of an accumulation of rust or dirt on the splines or a warped pressure plate. Whichever one it is, the engine and gearbox normally have to be split to investigate.

Judder as the clutch is engaged can have a variety of causes. The easiest one to check is soft engine mountings. As the clutch takes up, the torque reaction of a softly mounted engine will cause it to twist and the overall effect is of a juddering clutch. If the mountings are in good

condition, the other possibilities involve examining the clutch assembly closely, which normally means separating the engine and gearbox.

We have already covered the symptoms of oil on the linings. Another possible cause of judder is a warped clutch disc which can be the result of allowing the gearbox to hang from the clutch assembly during fitting. In some cases, you can check for a warped plate by resting it on a sheet of plate glass.

It is possible—but unlikely—that the flywheel may be distorted. This can be checked *in situ* using a straight-edge, at the same time looking for marks of uneven contact.

Clutches are normally silent in operation, but occasionally they develop what sound like expensive noises. The most common is a high-pitched howl or squeal which begins when the pedal is pressed, and continues as long as the pedal is held down. This is simply the noise of a dry carbon release bearing and is quite harmless, if a little hard on the ears. These bearings are intended to run dry, but can be given a smear of grease if you are desperate for peace and quiet.

A rumbling noise accompanied by a trace of vibration when the pedal is pressed is an indication that a ball-bearing type release bearing is nearing the end of its life. There's generally no need to change it immediately, but it should be fixed in the next 2,000 miles or so.

### don't worry

Some Fords, notably Escorts and Cortinas, occasionally emit a loud howl as the drive is taken up—it's only the release bearing again and nothing to worry about.

On the other hand, a rattle or tinkling noise which only goes away when the pedal is pressed or when the engine is turning at high speed, *is* worth worrying about. It is usually the sign of a broken spring on the pressure plate or disc centre and it ought to be investigated as soon as possible.

Lastly, you may have a car that emits a clonk when the drive is taken up. This is rarely anything to do with the clutch at all—it's most likely due to wear or backlash in the drive line. A small amount of free play here is quite allowable.



# Backside

