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Chairman's Chatter

Hi All

Tinkering Time is all but at an end and the first of our events is on the blocks. National Drive-it Day is on the 27th of April and I hope many of you will be piloting your rides in a Northernly direction to Steve's pre-arranged destination. Anne and I will be away on a weeks hol so we won't be able to join you. On the 4th of May is NWCC visit to Blakemere, last year this was a cracking little event. The breakfast was a triumph and the company was as good as ever! Sunday 5th of May is the Culcheth Carnival (Bank Holiday Monday). Then again, a good little event where we will join our friends from the Ford Sidevalve Club. I will be there, back from our weekend at The Llandudno Transport Festival, if the tickets arrive!



The Stag is back from the paint shop. I was warned that the painter would mess me about and he didn't disappoint. He picked the car up 7 days after he said he would and took 2 weeks to do a 3 day job but it looks half decent so Ho-Hum. Since I got it back I've given it a good clean up inside and out and put the hard top on for the first few events, hopefully I'll be in it tonight.

Colin has been working hard organising our Annual Show, as many of you will know by now the application is available on't t'interweb through our Web page and on our Facebook page. (It's all clever stuff). My son Simon has designed the poster/flyers for the event and if you can distribute any ask Colin for a few.

Kenny is busying himself on the Speke Hall Event so put your name down for these if you can. We are lucky to have a great events team, make sure you take advantage of these Guys, they are here for you. We are the envy of other clubs because of this team.

I would like to upgrade the pictures of your cars on our Webpage and to that end Sue and Eric will be on hand at some events to upgrade your photos, so please ask them.

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



Thursday April 3rd. marks 80 years since Percy Shaw of Halifax, West Yorkshire, invented the cat's eye road safety device.

Rolling Exemption

The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC) is naturally pleased to hear the announcement in the Budget that henceforward there will be a rolling exemption from liability to pay Vehicle Excise Duty (VED) in respect of vehicles over 40 years old.

FBHVC is particularly pleased that in its announcement of this change yesterday (19th March 2014) the Government has specifically recognized the position of the FBHVC and pointed to research undertaken by the FBHVC and the Historic Vehicle Research Institute.

FBHVC notes however the gradually evolving European Union definition of vehicles of historic interest as being 30 year old vehicles.

FBHVC also notes that the procedure introduced by DVLA to implement the announcement in the 2013 Budget of extension of exemption pre-1974 vehicles on 1st April of this year has the effect that any qualifying vehicle for which VED has already paid in respect of any month or months after 1st April this year, financial benefit from the exemption will be obtainable only from 1st May 2014.

FBHVC is questioning this administrative approach, which does not appear to reflect the 2013 Budget announcement, and will be asking if this administrative anomaly is intended by DVLA to be rolled forward along with the rolling exemption.

From FBHVC web site

Club Events

April 27th. - Drive it Day

May 4th - Blakemere

May 5th - Culcheth Carnival

May 31st/June 1st - Tatton Park

June 7th - Hale Carnival

June 8th - Mark Gorry Dream Day

June 29th - Lymm Festival

July 19/20th - Speke Hall

Aug 16/17th - Tatton Park

Aug 24th - Ormskirk Motorfest

As this walk is my idea, and I am supported by 17 other marshals, I would like it to be a fundraising success...

Instead of the usual appeal for your support, I would respectfully ask that you sponsor me for this walk instead of on "Starlight" night. I am still doing the marshals duties on the night, but I cannot hope to be supported for both events..(We all have budgets, and I don't want to appear to be greedy)

We are also asking for donations to be made online, via a secure site that is handling all our fundraising efforts at the hospice. Although we can still accept donations via the "Old fashioned" method, and I have a sponsorship form ready for that..

St. Rocco's Hospice

Hello everyone, it's that time of year again.

In previous years, the wonderful members of NWCC have sponsored myself and Jim Jordan to stay awake all night to act as marshals on the "Starlight" walk for St Rocco's hospice.

This year, in addition to marshal duties, I am taking part in a 15 miles sponsored walk on the Wirral in May.

If you all follow the link to this site, you will have the chance to leave a message of support, and will receive an e-mail to confirm your donation.

www.everydayhero.co.uk/starlight_marshals_

Thank you in anticipation.

Steve Marran.

P.S. Ask me how much it costs to run the hospice at the level that we do, and you may understand why we are so determined in our efforts.

Lymm Steam Day



The day very nearly became a non-event this time around and it's not 100% certain that it will go ahead this year.



When we arrived at the Jolly Thresher the car park entrance had been blocked by parked cars, so we set of down the road to the other pubs to see if vehicles were gathering elsewhere. There were none at the Wheat-sheaf and the only thing at Ye Old No3 was the trailer of Fred Dibnah's engine and the landlord's Cadillac, so we turned around and went



back to the Jolly Thresher.

By the time we had got back, some NWCC members were parked in the bus layby opposite with everyone wondering what to do. From time to time, others would turn up then drive away and some would try to park. The chaos really started when the traction engines turned up and couldn't get off the road. By this time we had decided it would be smarter to go to one of



the other pubs, so we went straight down to Ye Old No3 and others, including the engines went to the Wheat-sheaf. The landlord of Ye Old No3 was only too happy to open early for coffee and we were able to reserve some tables for lunch. Eventually everyone made their way down to Ye Old No3, so the day finished off ok. Of course, the first time a staff member of Classic Car Weekly turns up to do a feature is the day when chaos ensues.



We found out later that the Jolly Thresher had a large number of bookings for that day so the new landlord wouldn't let any others block his car park. I just wonder how many of those bookings were by people going to see the classics and traction engines. Whether he will allow us onto the car park in future, I don't know.



Another potential problem is that, in the new year, the landlord of Ye Old No3 left and the pub was closed for a while. It is open again now, with a new landlord, so hopefully he will be ok with the event. Unfortunately, this event is a 'just turn up' type of event and there is no organiser to liaise with the pubs and those attending in their vehicles.



Tax Disc Changes

The tax disc to show motorists have paid vehicle excise duty is to be replaced with an electronic system, Chancellor George Osborne has announced in his Autumn Statement today (5 December 2013). The disc was introduced in 1921 but officials say it is no longer needed with the DVLA and police now relying on an electronic register.

The new system will allow people to pay the charge by monthly direct debit albeit at a premium to paying in one lump sum.

The Treasury said it showed government was moving "into the modern age".

David Whale, Chairman of the Federation of British Historic Vehicle clubs, the organisation that lobbies on behalf of historic vehicle enthusiasts, welcomed the move. "DVLA have once again shown themselves to be an efficient and progressive organisation." He said " Their computer systems coupled with the increased use of number plate recognition systems have rendered the tax disc a costly and unnecessary irrelevance."

It would also make "dealing with government more hassle free", a Government spokesman added. At present, motorists are able to choose whether they pay VED in twelve or six month instalments. The latter option costs 10% extra each year, but this will be cut to 5%. The new option of paying by monthly direct debit will also cost 5% more than paying for a full year in one go.

The changes will come into effect in October 2014.

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Motor Sport on Public Roads

After many years of lobbying by the governing bodies of both two and four wheeled motor sports, the RAC Motorsports Association (MSA) and the Auto Cycle Union (ACU), the UK Government has published a consultation document as a precursor to potential legislation to enable local authorities to temporarily close public roads for the purposes of properly regulated motor sport events.

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