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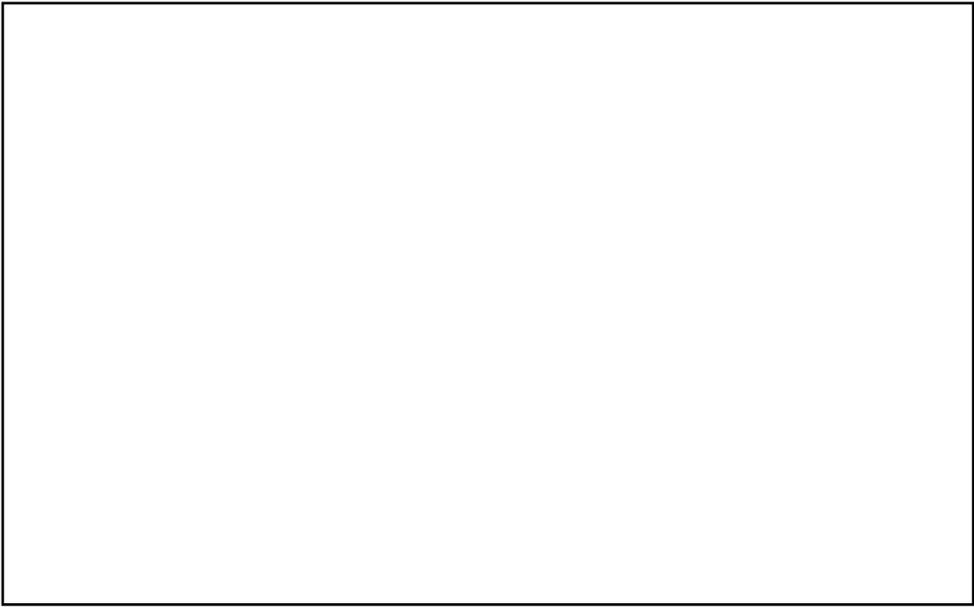


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# Chairman's Chatter

Hi All

On Saturday after the last NWCC meeting I, and Nigel, (thats not Workshop Nigel but another one!) set off for the Practical Classics Restoration Show at the NEC.

We arrived by train, I like to get off at the NEC station then it's not too far to walk. This show differs from the Autumn one as A, it is smaller with only using two halls and B, it is mainly about restoration. I did see a couple of stalls that had nothing to do with restoration, selling watches I think. I say get rid of these at the outset or the show will be swamped with Barbeque and Quilt peddlers!

The Tall Man from Yorkshire ( Steve Marran) was there, thankfully without Mr Teddy, also Paul Burdon said hi.



Celeb-spotting was easy as the motor mouths of the classic world popped up on various platforms to give us their opinions on a plethora of subjects. Edd China was kept busy between the stage, his own stand, the Ter-raclean outlet and something called Evans Waterless Coolant! Quentin Wilson had plenty to say to anyone who'd listen, Mike Brewer kept the crowd entertained wherever he went. Chris Barrie ( Rimmer from Red Dwarf) is very knowlegable on engineering and was worth lending your ear to. I didn't see Kenny's hero, Fuzz Townsend but I believe he was there too.

The fact that it was so compact really made the difference because all the stalls had something of interest to the classic car nut. Classic car parts were abound both at the autojumble and the companies who had made modern replacement bits to keep us on the road. Various firms had brought classics that were up and running and for sale, for those who just want to drive and not tinker.

The Rover P6 Club had a most interesting stand with a lot of their cars having had various panels removed for the show. My love of oddball cars was rewarded with the presence of a car that never was. The P6 Club have got their hands on what would have been the P7! A Rover 2000 with a 6 cylinder engine of 3000cc. In effect a 2000 engine with another two cylinders on the back. The front had been lengthened as had the bonnet and wings. The Club intends to restore the whole thing and I wish them well with it.

Other stands included a selection of home restos one of which was a Morris 1000 restored to look like a Barn Find!!!!!! Silverstone had one of their auctions on the go with some cars 'On the Button' but most of which were projects in one way or another. Big suprise for me was a 1970, 3 door Range Rover, to be fair it did need a total restoration, it was battle-weary but I still thought it would go for strong money. £300 was bid and it sold for £800! There is one for sale on Ebay for £42000! Even with some expensive work there's a butty in that one.

The Sale of the Day had to be the Facel Vega. Guided at £25000 - £35000 this car was complete but part dismantled. Interior was out so was the glass, the V8 engine was ex-manifolds/heads and was rusty to boot. The price just went up and up, two 'phone bidders wanted it very badly and was eventually sold for £67000. All in all it was a great show so don't miss it next year.

Keep your eyes peeled for NWCC events. Four weeks to Tatton, five weeks to our Annual Show at this rate it'll soon be Christmas!

**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/](http://www.kosikare.co.uk/).

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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](http://www.marysmeals.org)



Thanks to all members who bought raffle tickets & Easter chicks at the April meeting.

You amazing folk raised £77.00 for the raffle & £20 for the chicks.

This added to funds raised elsewhere meant I was able to send a brilliant total of £250.

Thank you Luv Sue xx

## Dear Chairman and Vice-Chairman of NW Casual Classics.

My name is Mark, I'm from Quest Auto Body Ltd.

We're a family run and owned classic car focused bodyshop based just off the M6 in Orrell Wigan.

I thought it appropriate to introduce ourselves to you, if we can assist you, or your members with any of our services/advice or even if you're just curious please don't hesitate to contact us or pop in (we've always got some interesting projects on!)

Kind regards,  
Mark Cutajar

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Sign at a car dealership: The best way to get back on your feet? Miss a car payment.

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When I die, I want to go peacefully like my Grandfather did, in his sleep -- not screaming, like the passengers on his bus.

# Club Events

May 31st/June 1st - Tatton Park

June 7th - Hale Carnival

June 8th - Mark Gorry Dream Day

June 28th - Warrington Town Ctr

June 29th - Lymm Festival

July 19/20th - Speke Hall

July 27th - Frodsham Rotary

July 27th - Audlem

Aug 16/17th - Tatton Park

Aug 24th - Ormskirk Motorfest

Sept 27/28th - Widnes

Oct 26th - Haydock Revival

Dec 26th - Lymm Steam ?

A host of British classics will appear on-screen later this year in a new ITV drama about Cilla Black's rise to stardom.

Filming has begun in Liverpool for the new three-part series Cilla. Terry Moroney, whose 1963 Morris Mini Minor and 1958 Morris Minor pick-up are among the classics being used in the filming, told CCfS: "A friend got a call from someone saying they were looking for pre-1963 classics, which I've got a few of. It's nice to see classics being used in this way. I'm looking forward to seeing my cars in the finished series, even if it's just a few fleeting glimpses of car roofs!"

Other classics set to appear in the series are a Ford Consul and Jaguar MkX used by Beatles manager, Brian Epstein.

The series is due to be screened on ITV1 later this year.

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# Drive It Day



As we had really out-grown the car parking space at our regular Drive It Day destination of

the Eastham Ferry Hotel, not to mention the booking problem, we decided this year to have a change. A number of routes and destinations were considered, but the final decision was to travel to Guy's Thatched Hamlet at Bilsborrow near Pres-



ton. We started from our monthly meeting location, the conservative club, at approximately 9.30am and the route took us

north-west through Prescot, Kirkby and Melling and around Ormskirk and Burscough.



A half way halt for coffee/breakfast was planned at the café in Fet-

tlers Wharf Marina. When we had first planned the route the café was closed for refurbishment. A notice claimed they would be open in early April, but when we checked in mid-April they were still

closed. We were going on holiday before the event and planned to ring on our return. However, I was ill on returning and



forgot about the call. When we arrived the café was still closed which meant transferring to another

café at the other side of the marina.

We were then split up into three car parks and the amount of customers at this café



meant it took around half-an-hour to get served because of the queue. No fault of the staff, though,

as they worked hard to get everyone served.

Off again on the second part to take us around Preston and into the countryside once more to arrive at the destination about fifteen minutes after the time we had booked. However, there was no problem and we settled down into a lovely area of the Ol' Nell's Tavern, overlooking



the canal, for an excellent lunch.

# Why there are more women than men !



**Thanks to Joe Gowland**

# Backside

