



North West  
Casual Classics

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**Happy Birthday  
Kenny**

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## Next Meeting

## 9th July

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# Chairman's Chatter



The Volvo is back from the paint shop and it looks fantastic. A small problem with the driver's door, (it won't lock electronically) means a return to Road and Race. I've replaced the 'R' badge on the back with a new one and refitted the AA badge on the front. A cheap buy at the Llandudno Show was a chrome badge fitted with a kit car logo, the removal of which enabled me to replace it with the NWCC sticky roundel (available £1 see me) and that too was secured to the grille. On my first run out, to Tatton on the Friday before the show, I managed to scrape the front near side wheel BUGGER!!!

On May 24th I piloted the Stag up to the 15th Annual Chipping Steam Fair. For those of you who think driving north isn't that weird Chipping is a good show. Probably only 60-70 classics but it's not all about cars. A miniature railway plies its trade up and down the field or you can have a go at dry stone walling. A club that gets its kick restoring + running aircraft engines wheel out a Merlin engine, famous for powering the Lancaster Bombers and Spitfires during the WW2. The roar of this Rolls Royce V12 is deafening. Other attractions include steam engines, steam rollers and farming equipment powered by steam. As well as tractors, helicopter rides, a craft tent, fair-ground, classic bulldozers, Army exhibits including the odd Tank! This show is something different, but you do have to book and it's free, so look it up next year.

Early Tatton. What a great show. NWCC fielded a fabulous array of exhibits, unfortunately on a stand that wasn't up to the job. Ian had asked for a stand for 28+ cars but ours was not up to muster. On Saturday I checked the boot of Big Jims Zodiac to see if we could put Ron's' A35 in there, but it was full of boxes of Zephyr parts, (Don't say Steve is showing his car!) To be fair we weren't the only Club to suffer this indignity, Kenny observed a club stand where they were greasing the sides of the cars just to slide more on!!! Bacon butties were cooked on the stand, but without the help and direction of Jilly the tomato sauce was missing and so was the middle of the table we put the barbeques on!! Thankfully on Sunday Jilly was in attendance and normal service was resumed. There seemed to me to be more cars than ever this year and more stalls too.

It was a great show enjoyed by all at NWCC. I've not laughed so much for ages, its so good that everybody mucks in putting up and dismantling our stand. NWCC is a GREAT CLUB and I'm proud to be part of it. Thanks to you all.

Next month on Club Night the John 'Wayne' Greatbanks Trophy will be awarded. Bring your classic to the July meet. This is the time when we judge our own cars. So polish 'em up and move 'em out.

**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/).

## For Hire

Towing dolly truck. £30 per day + £15 refundable deposit or collection/delivery at £1 per mile. £5 donation to club funds for each booking.

Ring Brian 01928 820631 or mobile 07765050374.



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)

## DON'T FORGET!

Next month is our own 'John Greatbanks' cup night. As Nigel says in his 'Chairman's Chatter', bring your classic along to the evening meeting and have it judged as the car the most members would like to take it home.

Good Luck.

## New Ford Parts Centre

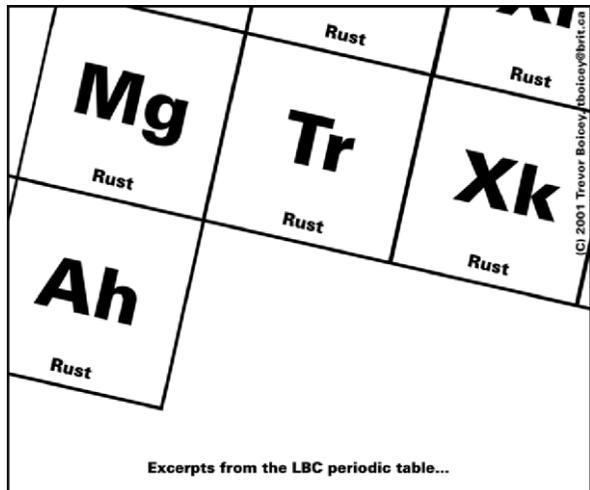
Ford Motor Company has pulled the plug on the well known Ford spares web site.

FMC lodged a claim against the parts supplier who has been forced to hand over the domain name.

Ford claimed that the web site had unfairly included in its name and used the marque's 'fame, history and reputation' to boost its own business.

An independent expert concluded that incorporating the word 'Ford' could cause confusion to visitors who may think that the site is connected to Ford itself.

The business owner, Nick Horridge, the founder's son, insisted that he takes no business away from Ford as they specialise in obsolete parts for models no longer in production.



Excerpts from the LBC periodic table...

# Club Events

June 23rd - Lymm Festival

June 29th - Warrington Market

June 30th - Ferry Show

July 20/21st - Speke Hall

Aug 3rd - Newton-le-Willows

Aug 17th/18th - Tatton Park

Sept 1st - Cholmondeley Castle

## Culcheth

What a great day out at Culcheth this year. This, I think, was the first warm, sunny day of the year.



There probably weren't as many vehicles as I've seen previously, but there was more variety with cars, bikes and tractors attending. The field was filled with the usual charity stalls selling books, bric-a-brac and toys. Tombola also featured and a small fair and football tests kept the younger visitors interested.



The highlight of the came in the afternoon when Kenny Jackson won the car of the show with his lovely Morris Cowley. Well deserved.



# KEEP LEFT

Who do you think started all this nonsense about driving on the right-hand side of the road? It was the French. Napoleon, to be precise. Up to the time he decided to take over Europe, everyone had been galloping and driving their coaches on the left-hand side of the road for centuries, quite happily. Then Napoleon had one of those cunning Gallic notions.

He said to himself: "Everyone keeps to the left. Therefore, if I make my armies march on the right, my enemies will think I'm going when I'm actually coming". Obviously, he couldn't have his progress hindered by peasants, carts, cows and other impedimenta of the age. So he issued an edict: "In future, everyone must keep to the right".

His armies triumphed and, eventually, this keep-to-the-right rule spread—and stuck.

Actually the Romans, another warlike lot, had the keep-to-the-right rule as well. This was basically a matter of swordsmanship. Supposing they were jumped by a marauding party of Britons (with white lines down the middle of their woad?). If the attack came from the right, the legionnaires could have their swords out and be among the enemy before you could say, "J. Caesar". If it came from the left, the width of half the road gave them valuable seconds to draw and turn to face their assailants. The, Roman rule went out, however, when the horse came in.

Knights, bearing lances in their right hands, had to keep to the left if they were going to run through an oncoming opponent with maximum success. On peaceful occasions, keeping to the left showed an approaching horseman that your sword hand was empty.

Coaches, naturally enough, kept to the left as well, and the driver's seat like those of our cars today, was built on the right—so that his whip wouldn't get tangled up in the overhanging trees.

We aren't, of course, by any means the only country that has stuck to the traditional left-of-the-road rule. Indonesia, Japan, Nepal, Thailand, Malta, Hong Kong, India and Kenya—they, and over forty more, drive on the left like us.



## Arley Hall

Well, what can I say about this second Arley, which has taken over from the first Cholmondeley Castle. The weather was horrible, but of course we can't blame that on the organisers. What we can blame on them is the virtual non-existence of autojumble stalls. Exhibitors numbers were also well down on the first show last year but, of course, this could be down to the weather.

We arrived to find that the club stands this year were to be on the opposite side of the site to last year so, picking our spot, commenced to erect the display. I think we had about an hour of dry weather before the rain started. And it rained and rained and rained.

The autojumble consisted of about three stalls, one of which was for bikes. This can't be down to the weather as they would have to pay their fee in advance. Two food trailers were also in attendance. One was called 'Chicken & Chips' but, according to the menu, they didn't have any chicken!!! The other was charging £3.50 for a bacon butty. No chance.

Last year, as exhibitors, we could have free entry to the grounds and gardens. In the grounds there is a café and gift shop which we

could use. Not so this year. They wanted £3.50 to enter the grounds so then you could then spend more money in the gift shop and café. An added attraction was a plant sale in the grounds. Oh, but that was an extra £2 to get into that before buying any plants.



About three o'clock we decided it was time to pack up and get ready to leave. As we had just finished loading the trailer I just

happened to say that wouldn't it be funny if we now won best club display. No sooner was the words out of my mouth than, over the p.a. came the announcement that NWCC had won 'Best Club Display'. Of course I was then 'volunteered' to collect the award. I've not run that far for years!



I can't see this show lasting very much longer. Cholmondeley used to be a good show for the jumble as well as the number of exhibits, but this is a shadow of its former self.



# Backside

