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**Fale
Carnival**



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Chairman's Chatter

As we set off into our last couple of months of car shows, I hope you all had a great summer break, if you took one. I have just come back from a cracking holiday at Lake Como in Italy.



August was a strange month for car shows, with the Woodvale one being cancelled, leaving only the Tatton Park one as a main show.

The turn-out for Tatton was excellent with our stand being blessed with a great variety of good quality vehicles on both days. On the Saturday the club received a plaque for “Highly Commended” which demonstrated how good the stand was. It was also great to hear that our Zodiac friends received an even better award on the Sunday. Well done to Big Jim, Stevie M and all the Zodiac owners

We did, of course, hold the Barry Molineux Trophy award, with the public picking the winning car by voting using our slips. The Saturday certainly had the better response as the weather was really good. It was somewhat affected on the Sunday by the rain.

The quality of vehicles on the stand made it likely that the E type Jag, the Morris Cowley, the Austin 7 or the NSU RO80 would more than likely run away with it. Imagine my surprise then when Nigel announced that I was the winner. I was gob-smacked, as I know my car generally creates significant interest, but it is not usually in the running for picking up a prize. Anyway a big thank you to everyone for promoting the trophy and to the public for taking the time to vote whilst on our stand. Nigel did also pick the winning voting slip and some lucky punter will be receiving some Vouchers.

September has some good shows coming up. Cholmondely, I guess, had good weather, as I could not make it due to water pump problems which I was fixing that day, but we have the Bury Transport Show on the 9th, the Pickering Arms on the 16th, the Retro Revival at Haydock on the 22nd, Arley Hall on the 23rd, and let’s not forget Widnes Victoria Park on the 29th/30th.

Russ

Bits 'n Pieces

THE NEW TOUCH KINDLE

Not being at all in touch with modern technology, I was happy to receive the above for my birthday but it wasn't until more the computer savvy wife put on a DVD of Morris Minor Repair Manual and a repair manual for my Honda, that I could see the point of the exercise.

The TOUCH Kindle allows you to put Adobe books onto the Kindle (by drag and drop method). The great part is then you can enlarge the diagrams (this is the pinch bit) even better than you can see them on a computer.

You can sit there, listening to your favourite tunes and studying diagrams. Overall a great use for technology.

As the manuals only cost me a couple of quid off Ebay I am well pleased. If I want I can also print off pictures from the computer.

Yes the day has dawned when even I can say, that a computer thingy is better than a book with paper diagrams.

Jim White

Wedding Cars

As a follow on for the Wedding Hire concerns for classic cars. If the legislation goes through, a vehicle owner would need a private hire operator's licence and each driver would have to be individually licenced. Total cost for an owner with one vehicle could be around £664 per year. If an owner were to pay for additional drivers, that would mean an additional £330.

You can register your objections by email to the Law Commission at tph@lawcommission.gsi.gov.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.

Modified Classics

The European Commission is proposing to outlaw the use of any modifications and non-original components to historic vehicles by introducing the following legislation;

Periodic roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailers and repealing Directive 2009/40/EC"

Many elements of this legislation make good sense, however the legislation in its current format would immediately render thousands of historic vehicles illegal because of 'common sense enhancements'. Surely this would jeopardize jobs in this valuable industry and the multi million pound supply chain, and in many cases actually rendering safety enhancements illegal as they were not fitted by vehicles designers, possibly causing fatalities.

At this stage it is just a proposal which will have to be approved by every member country. However, the FBHVC and the UK All Party Parliamentary Historic Vehicle Group are in close discussions about the repercussions of this.

If you would like to oppose this legislation go to:-

<https://submissions.epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/37784> and make your voice heard.

Club Events

Sept 16th - Pickering Arms

Sept 22nd - Retro Revival

Sept 23rd - Arley Hall

Sept 29 - 30th - Widnes

Oct Hale

Dec 26th - Lymm

Hale Carnival



We were quite apprehensive about attending the Hale Carnival, but not because of anything to do with the event.

The problem, as has been so often just lately, was the weather. Many shows were being cancelled because of water-logged



fields and I wanted to make sure the Hale field was firm enough to be towing the trailer across.

Having decided to use the Volvo instead of the Hummer, because of a gearbox issue, we set off in pouring rain but, after passing Widnes, it stopped and stayed off for the rest of the

day. I needn't have worried about the field because it turned out to be well drained and firm.

After parking we all set to and put up a gazebo and the sail flags and then had a look around. The classics were on one field with the main carnival on another. The weather was having an effect, though, because the event was very slow to fill up.

Ian and Steve organised the classic car side and had

around fifty vehicles booked in but, unfortunately, only half that

number turned up. It was a similar scene on the carnival side with a large empty space in the centre. However, there was still plenty to do with a fairground, live music and dancing, clay shooting, radio controlled cars and more.

This is an event well worth attending next year in, hopefully, better weather. There are trophies for the classics in various classes, so why not go next time and see if you can be one of the winners. Congratulations to Paul Ganniccliffe for an award this year with his Morris Minor Tourer.



TACLA TAID ANGLESEY TRANSPORT MUSEUM

by Jim and Joan White



On the trail once again for scones and tea, I allowed hubby to take me to Tacla Taid Transport

Museum on Anglesey. (Newborough LL61 6TN.)

The cafe – the most important part – is run by the daughter of the owner and the actual scones scored 4 out of 5 as opposed to the 5 out of 5 for the museum in the Lake District (see previous report) this is because

they did not have plain scones and I hate dried fruit. There is a great outside area for the kids to play in while you're having your coffee or tea.



This is a privately owned museum and quite frankly we thought that as such the museum would

not be up to much – but it was raining – hey.

Against our expectations the standards of the museum were extremely high. They have agricultural machinery/transport, motorbikes, workshop displays, model car displays and of course – cars. They are in the process of extending their museum to

include large engines from boats for example and larger examples of agricultural machines and transport. The only downside was we remembered some of the cars as being new when we were kids.



There is a video presentation given by the owner of the museum. It's well worth a watch. The whole show – dvd and museum, can keep motorheads entertained for a couple of hours. All in all well worth a visit whether it's raining or sunny weather if you are in that part of the country. It's



easily reachable from the Llandudno, Rhyl, Caernarvon,

Bangor area. The museum scored



high on our museum scone rating (as opposed to show pie ratings).

FERRY SHOW



Backside

