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Chairman's Chatter



Hi All

Back in Blighty once more, following the France official tour of Corfu and it's offshore conurbations. Anne and I really like the Greek Islands and their easy going look at life. On their islands cars are used and abandoned when they refuse to proceed! Back gardens, caves and the side of mountain roads become the final resting places for what we would call classics. I put a couple of photos on our Facebook page of a Prefect like Trimmies and a Mk 2 Transit sitting below an Opel. Other cars included a Fiat 500L (1965ish) and an MGB GT. My greatest sighting was however, something a bit newer. When we were on the coach on a sightseeing tour we approached a deserted MG ROVER dealership, the front forecourt was partly covered with old cars, which had not been moved for years. But as the coach swept past I spied inside 4 unregistered cars. The windows were filthy but a Rover Streetwise was nearest the window! What will happen to these cars now I do not know?

Next year will be North West Casual Classics' 20th birthday. The actual date is a debatable point so I thought we might as well make a year of it. However, if we require a 'date' then could I suggest the day of our Annual Show at Hale July 4th. Maybe dressing the NWCC stand with streamers is the way to go, I am interested to hear your views.

On Sunday 2nd November The NWCC Late Drive-it Day got off to a good start with some glorious weather. There was a great turn out starting off from our Clubroom. The route distributed by Steve T was soon converted into paper aeroplanes, following the closure of his selected roads. The fact that everyone actually turned up at our first stop (Lady Heys) is little more than a miracle! After a bacon sandwich or in some cases the Full English we perused the items available at the stalls and shops before setting out once more. Paper aeroplanes were flattened out to read what Steve had in mind for us. We came upon the backend of a 10K road run (Those of you who were there will know what I mean by Backend) which held us up for a while. We finally reached The Bunbury Arms where an appreciated meal was consumed. The best car of the day was Phil Hammond's delightful Morris 1000. Well done, Phil. Thanks both to Eileen and to Steve for their input of this truly successful day.

Cheers Nigel.

Bits 'n Pieces



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

Thanks to Joe Gowland for this month's Backside picture.

The price of crude oil has been falling steadily in recent months and has, in fact, fallen by 25% since June and is now around \$82 a barrel. In the same time a litre of petrol has fallen by 5%.

As Kenny mentioned at the last meeting, if your car tax has not yet run out don't remove the tax disc until it has. You can only remove the disc completely if it has expired.

The upcoming drink-drive campaign, has really illustrated the change in the profile of the driving public. The government has released some vintage campaign adverts spanning the decades and, when you look at those black and

white images, and hear the message, one thing leaps out.

The main messages are 'Don't ask a man to drink and drive' and 'If he's been drinking, don't let him drive'.

Women drivers now account for almost half of the motorists on the road today.

Classic Car MOT Test

Because of ambiguity in the EU Directive, and subsequently, the DfT interpretation.

Not least of these is the unification of rules across the EU regarding modification of classics cars. For instance, in Germany all cars have to remain as they left the factory, or use aftermarket parts approved by the testing body.

Then there is the possibility of owners cutting corners because their car is exempt from the test. Recently a post-war Lanchester was reported to have travelled to a show on its original tyres.

The DfT can choose how closely it adheres to the the EU Directive.

The debate is far from over.

Don't forget.

Next month is the AGM.

Vote for the 2015 committee.

Events

Dec 26th - Lymm Steam ?

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Jan 1st - Briars Hall

Jan 13th - Special Club Night

Jan 31st - Anniversary Social Night

April 26th - Drive-It-Day

June 13th - Hale Carnival

June 28th - Lymm Transport Day



'Apparently, everyone who has bought a car this year could fit inside one of these'

While waiting in Doncaster , to catch speeding drivers, a Police Officer sees a car pattering along at 22 MPH. Says he to himself: "This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over. Approaching the car, he notices that there are five old ladies, two in the front seats and three in the back...wide eyed and white as ghosts.

The driver, obviously confused, says to him "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?"

"Ma'am," the officer replies, "you weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers."

"Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly...Twenty-two miles an hour!"the old woman says a bit proudly.

The Police officer, trying to contain a chuckle explains to her that A22 is the road number, not the speed limit.

A bit embarrassed, the woman grins and thanks the officer for pointing out her error.

"But before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask...Is everyone in this car OK? These women seem awfully shaken, and they haven't made a sound this whole time," the officer asks.

"Oh, they'll be all right in a minute officer. We've just come off the A120."

Thanks to Chris Lee

Summer Road Run



As a one off this year we had a return to the summer road run of old.

Because of a late entry, we missed the cut off date for getting into the second Tatton Park show so had to come up with an alternative. A road run was suggested so we



set about planning a route. The Leigh Arms at Acton Bridge was agreed on for a destination, which made planning a route easier

as we used to pass the pub on our Ferry to Ferry runs in the past. A little tweaking was done to



make it slightly different and a half-way stop decided on at the Anderton Boat Lift.

With about ten cars assembled at the club car park on a drizzly Sunday morning. We set off on time for the first half of the run. Leaving Warrington, we went out



to Daresbury then over to Stretton to pick up the North-wich road to take us, via Comberbach, to the boat lift where we were joined by others who couldn't make it to the start.



After photos we went in for coffee and bacon butties and to find details of a trip through the lift. Eileen went to talk to the management and got us a bulk discount for a lift tour.



The tour goes one way and takes about half-an-hour, with an interesting history commentary throughout. A bonus was a display of miniature steam traction engines as we walked back to the car park.

On to the second half of the run, we passed through Hartford, Weaverham and Acton Bridge village to arrive at the Leigh Arms for an excellent lunch.



I think everyone agreed it was a great day out and a nice change from the static show. After all, this is what the cars were made for.



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