



# PRESTON & DISTRICT MG ENTHUSIASTS CLUB.

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# Newsletter



Why I missed the Xmas do.

A very happy new year, and welcome to the Newsletter new layout. I hope you like it. At the AGM, I was voted in as Newsletter editor, this was because Bill Bradshaw was taking over from Kevin Doran as secretary. I have also relieved Tony Sharples of the tedium of being webmaster, so a new website is now on line - check it out at [www.prestonmg.co.uk](http://www.prestonmg.co.uk)

*Mike.....Ed.*

## CHAIRMANS CHAT FEBRUARY 2011

Just four weeks to go and this horrid winter will be gone - but not forgotten. Some Records of the last couple months for reflection:-

1.The coldest December since records began.

2.Only ONE MG turned up for the Cold Turkey Run.

3.The Soap Opera culling season over the festive period concluded with an outright win for our favourite Coronation Street – bully for them! Results Board

‘Coronation Street’ 4

‘Emmerdale’ 2

‘Eastenders’ 1

‘The Archers’ 1

(These results are current at the time of publication – but could develop)

4.During the severe cold snap from mid December our 3000 odd windmills contributed absolutely “zilch” to the National Grid.

### Annual General Meeting January 2011

First of all thank you for your support on the evening. I think most of our planning for 2011 was agreed and as soon as possible an updated and more detailed calendar will be issued covering our Club events for the year.

The Committee is in place with minimal change and I would like to thank personally Bill Bradshaw, Mick Bamber, Alan Fowler, Kevin Doran, Gordon Mallett and Mike Newton for their service in the past and looking to the future together with your help we will ensure that the Preston & District MG Enthusiasts Club is one to be proud of.

Our main changes involve Bill Bradshaw whose publishing skills (no doubt pre dating the Caxton Press) have provided enjoyment to us all in the production of the monthly Newsletter. Bill will now take over the position of Club Secretary and Mike Newton makes a very welcome return to Committee duties taking over the Newsletter production.

Under the heading-

“What a difference a day makes especially when a curry is on the table”

The AGM evening suffered a quiet moment when because of other personal involvements we were informed that the Lancashire Lanes Run Committee would be depleted by the loss of Roy and Sue Clapham and Alan and Marianne Grindley who have given excellent service in the past. From where I was sitting the looks on Julie and Rosie’s face spoke volumes.

At 10:00am on the following morning I received a telephone call from Julie - a cheery one – in fact one of the best calls I have had this year so far – informing me that a new Lanes Committee had, in the main been established before the close of the evening.

Now – that’s what I call enthusiasm!



Even better than this chap – Remember him?

The new Lanes Run Committee will comprise:-

Julie and Graham Lockwood,  
Rosie and Kevin Doran,  
Ian Thompson,  
Andy and Carole Schultz.

I have a feeling that there was some minimal bribery involved with the selection, consisting of all meetings being held around a curry pot! So with this news “HOT” off the press we wish them well with their efforts throughout the summer until their presentation in September.

Julie will no doubt keep us up to date on the progress of “Curry House 6”

Even more assistance would be appreciated during the year so if you are available in any way please contact Julie; her e-mail is [julie.lockwood@stcolumba.co.uk](mailto:julie.lockwood@stcolumba.co.uk) or any Committee Member and joins the “pot.”

#### -THINGS TO COME- (An award event)

The Club Annual Bowling Event 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011, held at  
Lakeside Superbowl  
50 Greenbank Street  
Preston  
PR1 7PH

Kevin is making the necessary arrangements and will no doubt include in this issue starting times etc. (*See Secretaries Scralls....Ed*)

Here's a mini tulip route for those who are approaching from the M6 Northbound:-

- 1 0.0 Leave M6 Northbound Junct 31Take slip Road Left
- 2 0.1 end of Slip Road bear Left onto A59 Brockholes Brow
- 3 1.0 At R/A turn Right 2<sup>nd</sup> exit Blackpool Road Hesketh Arms
- 4 3.1 At T/ signals Straight Ahead crossing Garstang Road A6
- 5 3.4 Cont. on Blackpool Road Turn Left onto Brook Street
- 6 3.6 Turn right onto Oxheys Street- you are almost there.
- 7 3.7 Arrive Lakeside Superbowl

Sat Nav Postcode PR1 7PH

AND FINALLY.....



When is it time to stop driving? ----- Just look at the dog's face!!!!

Bill W.

### Secretary's Scrawls

You'll see from the AGM minutes that there's been a cabinet reshuffle on the committee, resulting in my recapturing the envious position of club secretary from Kevin, who has been reduced to the ranks of general committee at his own request, after doing sterling work over the last two or three years. Welcome to Mike Newton who returns to committee as newsletter editor, and thanks to Ray Cohen who has retired from committee duties. With three of us at 70 or over, it's a pity we haven't had volunteers for duty from the younger element in the club, but it's a relief that all except myself still have all their marbles.

The AGM was held on Burns Night (did anyone else notice?). This was a big occasion when our family lived north of the border, and we had our usual haggis, tatties, and neeps prior to the meeting, albeit a vegetarian version because Janet doesn't like eating the contents of a sheep's stomach. The Selkirk grace precedes the meal - 'Some hae meat and canna eat, and some wad eat that want it, but we hae meat and we can eat, and so the Lord be thankit'. We don't say grace in our house (my mother told me not to speak with my mouth full), but I'm reminded of a trade dinner some years ago when the Bishop of Blackburn was the speaker. He regaled us with graces from around the world, the only one I remember is the shortest - 'heavenly Pa, ta'.

Leading contender for the car name of the year award is Gordon Mallett, who has a Singer Gazelle that he calls Pearl (Pearl's a singer, get it?). If you've read this, you'll be doing your Elkie Brooks impersonation for the rest of the day. Anybody want to challenge?

Club night this month is at the Lakeside Superbowl, Greenbank Street, Preston, when you can challenge current titleholder David Reeves for the bowling trophy. Unfortunately I can't take part because of my titanium knee and as an ex county cricketer (Peeblesshire!), can only bowl over-arm, and they don't like you doing this at the bowling alley. You can arrive any time from 8 pm, bowling will start about 9.

For sale (sadly) in March - Buttercup, our 1978 1500 Midget, totally rebuilt 2001 on new heritage bodyshell, no rust, 60k miles, 12 months MOT, Inca yellow, sale due to difficulty in getting in and out because of advancing years (mine, not the car's) £3250 ono.

Bill B.

# **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting** **Preston & District MG Enthusiasts Club**

**Held 25th January 2011 at the Welcome Tavern, Hennel Lane.**

**Committee members present;** Bill Ryding, Kevin Doran, Bill Bradshaw, Alan Fowler, Gordon Mallett, Ray Cohen, Mick Bamber.

The meeting commenced with opening remarks by the chairman.

**A presentation of trophies and awards from the previous year took place, as follows:-**

Bowling - David Reeves

Quiz night - '5 ish'

Treasure Hunt - Bob & Carole Moore

Auto test - Andrew Wood

SYCO - Roy & Sue Clapham

Sam Bennet - Andy & Carole Shultz .

**Minutes of previous AGM read and agreed that they were a true & accurate record.**

*These were proposed and seconded by Graham Lockwood and Tony Sharples respectively.*

**A Financial report was received from Treasurer.**

Club has a balance of £2886.03. It was agreed that the accounts were a true and accurate record.

*This was proposed and seconded by Mike Newton and Bill Bradshaw respectively.*

**Election of committee members.**

Bill Ryding agreed to continue in his role as Chairman. Alan Fowler agreed to continue in his role as vice Chairman/events. Kevin Doran stepped down as Secretary and Bill Bradshaw (existing committee member) agreed to take on this role. Mick Bamber agreed to continue in his role as Treasurer. Mike Newton agreed to take on the role of newsletter editor thereby taking over from Bill Bradshaw. Kevin Doran agreed to continue as a general committee member. Ray Cohen stepped down as general committee member.

A new committee was duly elected as follows:-

**Election of officers**

Chairman – Bill Ryding

Vice Chairman/Events - Alan Fowler

Secretary – Bill Bradshaw

**Treasurer - Mick Bamber**

**Election of General Committee**

Kevin Doran

Gordon Mallett - Membership

Mike Newton - Newsletter Editor

*These were proposed and seconded by Tony Sharples and Michael Hart respectively.*

**A proposed calendar of events for the coming year was discussed and agreed including the continuation of the annual dinner.**

The Lancashire Lanes Run (to take place on Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 2011) committee was confirmed as follows:-

Chairman – Julie Lockwood

Graham Lockwood

Rosie and Kevin Doran

Ian Thompson

Andy and Carole Shultz

It was confirmed that our chosen charity for this year would once again be St Catherine's Hospice.

It was proposed and agreed that membership fees should remain at £15.00 P/A for family membership, renewable in October.

Prices for the NTBHW in June were confirmed as £235.00 (basic) per person inclusive 3 nights D/B with a £50.00 deposit payable to Mick Bamber by mid February.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:15pm.

### News of Don Dixon.

Kevin received the following news from Don's partner Elizabeth, last week.

'Don has been held in Chorley Hospital for the past 3 weeks suffering from a succession of mini strokes. Earlier today he had a pace maker fitted - obviously he's being kept in, he is presently being monitored on the stroke unit.'

Elizabeth explained that he isn't up to visitors at the moment, but she will keep us updated on his progress.

I have had notes from all committee members asking I mention this and take this opportunity to advise the members. I'm sure you will all join the committee in sending our best wishes to Don for a speedy recovery.....Ed

### News from Darren Jones:

I'm organising a run to the Nurburgring over the weekend of 7th - 11th April if any Preston members would like to go along, Kevin Doran said there may be some interest and to let you all know when I'm arranging the next one?

Autopia is re-commencing our 'How difficult can it be?' evenings on 2nd March, first session is 'how to pre-MOT test your car' and will be presented by Ian Carter from the Motor Vehicle faculty of Blackburn College, the sessions are free and places are limited to ten so attendees need to book in advance

See website; <http://www.autopiaservicecentres.co.uk> and forum <http://forum.autopiaservicecentres.co.uk>

We have had a letter from the Potteries and South Cheshire Mg Club inviting advertising their annual run. It will be held on Sunday 4th September, and the entry fee is £16 as the club will not be entering en masse, then if you would like to join them, go to their website at [www.mgpotsches.org.uk](http://www.mgpotsches.org.uk) and download an entry form.....Ed.

# Editorial.

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Hi, so this is my first attempt at being editor. I hope you like the new layout and design. Bill was happy that after about eight years it needed refreshing. I would like to thank Bill for his editorials, and his work in keeping the Newsletter going for so long. Thanks are also due to his daughter Rachel, for her help to Bill in formatting the Newsletter for him to print.

As those of you who were at the AGM will know, I have also renewed my interest in the website. Tony took over from me about four to five years ago, after my initial web some eight years past. Once again updating and keeping it fresh is a difficult job whilst working full time, and doing all the other husbandly things he takes on. Added to that, Karen's MGA really does need finishing, even if it is to be in a really girly colour! , so many thanks go to him for his great job with the website.

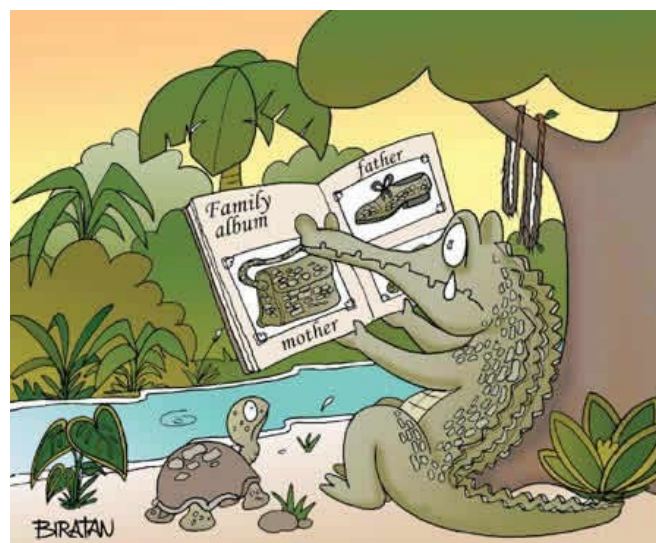
At this time of year we are all getting our cars out and servicing them ready for the coming events. I realise that you are all busy, but to keep the newsletter fresh I/we need articles. If you have anything to say, send it in. It can be about anything, that you find interesting, so share it with others by publishing it in the Newsletter. All that is needed is to email it to me by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, address on the back page, for publication before the next meeting. Often members wish to voice an opinion, but are loath to do so in the open forum of our meetings, so I would like to start an open forum in the Newsletter, where ideas and comments can be voiced anonymously, or not, whichever the case may be. This will be as big or as small as the

comments sent to me, and will not be changed in any way. If it is a success, I could move it to the website, what do you think? Let me know.

Finally may I request once again, those of you who take a monochrome, printed copy of the Newsletter, please think about taking the all colour email version, if you have email that is. Postage and stationary prices are rocketing, and this all comes from club funds.

\*NEW ITEM \*

This month's cartoon.



**Please Note.**-Jokes are for your entertainment only, and are what I find humorous. They do not necessarily represent mine or the opinions of any other member, or the club's point of view.....Ed.



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