



# PRESTON & DISTRICT MG ENTHUSIASTS CLUB.

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# Newsletter



St George's Day Run.

The Club outing, organised by Bob and Carole, also incorporating the celebration of St George's Day, proved a great success. Further reports are later in this edition. The photo above shows a few of the cars enjoying early summer sun, or was it this years' summer? Hopefully more sunshine to come, but in any case good runs and enjoyment, whatever the weather.

*Mike....Ed.*

## CHIRMANS CHAT MAY 2011

Spot the deliberate mistake! Nobody mentioned it or are you just being too polite and saying nothing?

### **ST. GEORGES DAY RUN / TREASURE HUNT** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2011

15 MGs on parade, all suitably decorated to fit the occasion, at least that's how it turned out when everyone found somewhere to "stick their flags" What a wonderful Sunday, starting at Shackletons' Garden Centre Chatburn, blessed with super weather, and above all enjoying the organised skills of Bob and Carol who put together a thoroughly superb route into North Yorkshires' beautiful Malham and concluding in Skipton where we Treasure Hunted on foot on our way around town followed by lunch at Body's Bistro.



A very big THANK YOU to Bob and Carol

The Treasure Hunt winners were (of course) Alan and Dot Fowler who will have the undoubted pleasure of etc., they received a chocolate surprise as a token of their expertise kindly donated by Carol and will be presented with the official "plaque" at our Awards Event in December.

### **CLUB NIGHT GUEST SPEAKER.** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2011

Once again our "almost resident" Guest Speaker Malcolm Tranter provided us with an entertaining evening with his discourse "Port Sunlight to Rivington" and the involvement of the Leverhulme family in the area local to us all. Maybe in future on our regular driving routes through the Rivington area we will reflect on the information he gave to us and see the locality in a new light rather than boding a high rev. gear change to avoid an unwanted entry into the Anglezarke Reservoir !

The one thing that firmly stuck in my mind was, what happened to that woman Malcolm told us about, Edith Rigby, who torched the bungalow?

Well. Have I got news for you:-

In 1907 she formed the Preston branch of the Women's Social and Political Union. In that same year she marched on the Houses of Parliament with the Pankhurst sisters and fifty odd other women resulting in her arrest and a one month prison sentence.

And yet more.

She had seven subsequent prison sentences for:-

- Planting a bomb at the Liverpool Corn Exchange.
- Pouring acid on a local Golf Course.
- Committing an act of arson at Blackburn Rovers Football Club.
- Burning down Lord Leverhulme's Rivington bungalow.

I can only guess that she had no housework to do!

**CHOLMONDELY CASTLE.** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2011

A good turnout for this our annual visit to Cheshire and the beautiful grounds of Cholmondely Castle.



But WHAT IS THIS?

And, how many people (standing in close contact) can you get under a 3m x3m gazebo in driving rain with the flank sheltered by umbrellas like Roman soldiers used their shields in the defence strategy? Fear not the answers soon became apparent.

Answer 1 The yellow wire obviously supplies a temporary earth and fortunately someone was available to fix this on the M6 hard shoulder (southbound) otherwise Mr and Mrs Schultz would not have been able to attend. Congratulations to the repair man for his ingenious diagnosis and effective repair!

Answer 2 You cannot get enough people (standing in close contact) under a 3m x 3m gazebo whatever the weather. Therefore after close inspection of an adjacent palatial accommodation at Cholmondely your Committee have decided on the purchase of a new igloo for future events. This, being suitable for all weather conditions and although requiring a little more time "putting up" will provide adequate cover for future events. As I see it you could even get a quality car (say a TA) inside together with lots of members all sat facing it! Shrine like!

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Whatever the weather it was a good day and a good run for the start of the driving season.

## **THE NTBHWE 24, 25, 26 27<sup>th</sup>. JUNE 2011**

Very soon, for those attending you will be receiving an invoice for final payment for the weekend.

Planning is well advanced at this stage and this week I am grateful to Lillian and Mick B who will both assist in two separate visits to Goathland for route checking etc.

### **THINGS TO COME**

#### **May Club Run and lunch. Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Starting at The Plough (Gerry's') Euxton. By the time you read this you will have attended or otherwise.

#### **May Club Night Run. Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>**

Meeting at the Swallow Hotel Salmesbury (ex Five Barred Gate), sat navers, use PR5 OUL . Take M6 junct 31 then east on A59 direction Blackburn for 1 mile on LEFT, first off at 6:30 pm, last off at 7:00pm. We conclude at The Welcome Inn where you can come along if you cannot make the early start. We are still awaiting lighter evenings for later start times.

#### **The Northern National. Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August**

Although there are several other events during the summer months PLEASE try and keep available the Northern National date Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2011. We are making every effort to re gain our previously held "best display" award for this event. Arrangements are already under way to join together for lunch on the day (in our new igloo) with a "Jacobs Join" i.e. everyone brings some food along – puts it on the central table and we all dig in.

Mike Newton is collating what people are bringing so that we don't end up with full table of puddings or whatever.

PLEASE support this.

### **AND FINALLY**

I do like Mike's idea of the "anagramatical" childhood photos of Club Members and regarding last month's issue I cannot resolve "Indoor Ears". I have searched club membership lists but still I am unable to locate a "Dora Senior".

Can anyone help – what model of MG does she drive?

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## YOU THOUGHT YOU GOT AWAY WITH IT!

Re. windmills

I thought it appropriate that you should be updated on the latest “land of nod” news regarding our government’s ambition to completely flood the countryside and our coastal waters with thousands of more very expensive yet worthless windmills.

A government body known as (tongue in cheek) The Influential Committee on Climate change are responsible for use in public office of the previously frowned upon “N” word.

Lord Turner – chairman of the committee and David Kennedy the committees’ chief executive together with their members are now advising the government to “scale down” its’ loony ambition to erect thousands more offshore windmills and concentrate on lots more cheaper onshore windmills and other green energy efforts including “NUCLEAR”

Now that’s a turn up for the book! With luck by 2030 we will be able to switch the lights back on and charge up the golf buggies masquerading as “cars” capable of covering only 100miles with a 6 hour duration re charge.

BILL R.

### Secretary’s Scrawls.

As Janet’s dad used to quote “his birthday in May was a terrible day, as cold as December and windy as March”. This just about summed up the situation on the cold turkey re-run, but to make matters worse, it was also raining all the way round. Consequently we only had 4 ½ cars on the run itself (the half being Ray and Linda’s Mazda, (in the middle of the first pic) used as their MG is at Andy’s being resprayed). Nevertheless we enjoyed Alan and Dot’s run, followed by a pleasant lunch at the Plough in good company.



Our day at Cholmondeley Castle was very successful, with 12 cars on display. We had a rain shower early on, useful in finding out how many people can be squeezed into a 3 x 3 metre gazebo, whilst those who couldn’t get in sheltered in their cars. It did clear though, and we did enjoy some sunshine strolling around the show and in the castle gardens.

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Around 3 o'clock some heavy raincloud was building up, and the gazebo erection crew hurriedly dismantled it, their excuse being they didn't want it to get wet! What about us? Everybody in our party left the showground shortly after that, and we had a rain free journey home up the M6.

The sad news is that Buttercup (our 1978 Midget) has gone , following no response from ads in the Classic Car Weekly and Enjoying MG (and on our website), I put it on eBay with a realistic 'buy it now' price, and it went within 15 minutes of the auction opening, must be some sort of a record. The new owner was attracted by the recent bodyshell replacement, and jumped in immediately. He came up by train on the following Saturday, gave us the cash and drove it back the 200 miles to Stevenage, Hertfordshire. We later heard that he got home safely without any problem, much of his journey with the hood down, and is very pleased with his purchase, and so he should be.

The club night evening run on the 24<sup>th</sup> will start from the Swallow Hotel from 6.30 pm, (see the calendar). The visit to Myerscough College open day on the 5<sup>th</sup> June is recommended, as they have many displays of interest to our members. We do have an early start (9 am at Burlington's at Broughton) due to our having to be in the College by 10. Janet and I will be on a beach in Greece though, topping up on vitamin D.

I have obtained 10 passes for the Leighton Hall classic car and motorcycle show on 10<sup>th</sup> July, and have 9 reservations so far. If you want the last one, please let me know. I can possibly get some more if we're oversubscribed. Fingers crossed that June will be 'busting out all over' with some sunshine.

Bill B

### This month's Anagram -

**"Ball Wash Bird".**



An easy one for Mr Ryding!....Ed

## The Northern National and Jacob's Join

As an illiterate Scouser, when it was first mentioned, I thought they said Jacob's Joint. My immediate response to Bill Bradshaw was, "You bring the Jacobs, and I'll bring a joint!" It was then I was advised that this was a well known term used extensively in Lancashire, described it as "the eating equivalent of a bottle party", in which each participant brings along as much food as he or she is likely to want to eat, but puts it into a common stock for the communal meal.

Explanation over, it was decided that as part of our effort to reclaim our title of "Best Club Stand", at the MGO Northern National, we would have a "Jacobs Join" at Pately Bridge. It was decided that we need to coordinate what was brought, so that we didn't end up with 10 bottles of beer, and 1 bag of crisps. Even worse 10 bags of crisps and 1 bottle of beer, and I volunteered.

So there it is, so far we have the following:

- Platter of Egg-mayo with spice
- Tomato salad
- Sausages and cheese on sticks with pickles
- Chicken drummers
- Quiche (2 flavours)
- Pork pies, and crusty bread and butter
- Trifle
- Chorley cakes
- Fruit desert
- Cheesecake.

I was to bring a pan of Scouse but we are making a weekend of it in Yorkshire, and will be already there. This means making it on Friday and trying to keep it fresh for Sunday. No more Salmonella this year. We will therefore be taking the Pork pies, and crusty bread and butter.

The plan is to have tables and chairs, (don't forget yours), to celebrate similarly to our 25 anniversary event at Capesthorpe Hall. Please support the club at this run and meet, and advise me when you decide what you want to take. The bunting will be out, so hopefully will the sun, see you there.

Mike N.

## Wanted Roof Box

If you have an unwanted roof box taking up garage space I am looking for one to fit to my boat trailer to store the sails/etc. in. I would prefer a long thin one but anything considered! Roof bars not required.

Contact Jeff Reid

Email [jreidmg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jreidmg@hotmail.co.uk)

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*I have now added a 'For Sale' page to the website. If any member has items for sale, please contact me in the usual way. Please keep descriptions honest for the buyers, don't forget to add contact details for the sale. No commercial adds can be taken.*

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## This month's cartoon.



## Chumley Images.

### Time to have a sandwich?



Visitors huddle in the rain.



Keeping a Bright Outlook.



Just a few pics. taken at Chumley....Ed

## *Lancashire Lanes 2011 Run*

*Sunday 18th September 2011*



*Please send SAE for entry forms to:  
G&J Lockwood Ltd  
41 Skull House Lane  
Appley Bridge  
Wigan  
WN6 9DR*



*Tel. 01257 254724 (9.00am till 3.00pm)*

*WWW.prestonmg.co.uk*

The run will be approximately 75 miles, starting and finishing at:

'The Mill Hotel,'

Moor Road,

Croston.

Lancashire.

PR26 9HP.

Entry Fee is £22.50 per car (driver and passenger) which includes: tea/coffee at the start, tulip style route book, rally plate, and buffet at the finish.

(For additional passengers, please add £8.00 per person, to cover refreshments). Children under 10 are free.

Please make cheques payable to: - **Preston & District MGEC**, and send to the above address, together with your entry form.

## Preston & District MG Enthusiasts Club Calendar 20011

Date	Day	Event	Time	Start	Note
31-May	Tuesday	Club Night - Evening run	18:30	Swallow Hotel on A59	Used to be called Five bar Gate
05-Jun	Sunday	Myersclough College	09.00	Burlington's Broughton A6	
24-Jun	Friday	North York Moors weekend	10.00	Shackleton's Garden Centre Chatburn	1 double room available
28-Jun	Tuesday	Club Night - SYCO	20.00	Welcome Tavern	
10-Jul	Sunday	Leighton Hall	09.30	Burlington's Broughton A6	advise if club pass required
26-Jul	Tuesday	Club Night - Auto Test	19.30	Schultz Estate	
07-Aug	Sunday	Northern National	tba	tba	also Saturday 6 Aug Jacob's join on Sunday
28-Aug	Sunday	Dales Run (N Yorks MGCC)	10.00	Bay Horse, Skipton	individual entry form
30-Aug	Tuesday	Club Night -	20.00	Welcome Tavern	
18-Sep	Sunday	Lancashire Lanes run	From 10:00	The Mill Hotel, Croston .PR26 9HP	£22.50 per car
27-Sep	Tuesday	Club Night -	20.00	Welcome Tavern	
25-Oct	Tuesday	Club Night - Quiz night	20.00	Welcome Tavern	
05-Nov	Saturday	Bonfire night	20.00	Schultz Estate	
29-Nov	Tuesday	Club Night - Guest Speaker	20.00	Welcome Tavern	
03-Dec	Saturday	Annual Dinner	19.30	Ley Inn	62 persons maximum
26-Dec	Monday	Cold Turkey run	tba	tba	

# Editorial.

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"Indoor Ears" was, as I'm sure you all guessed, Rosie Doran,. You will have read however one distinguished member, who shall remain nameless, but drives 2 MG's, one of which is a green 'BGT', (enough clues), who didn't recognise her. Maybe he needs new specs! Many thanks Rosie for joining the fun by sending in your photo, so where are those from the rest of you?

Apologies for the web update that didn't happen. A misunderstanding on my part is the reason. I understood the software was free, but it seems there was a time limit on it. I'm trying to swing a free version as I write this.

Once again Jo and I missed a club Run, this time organised by Alan and Dot. This was a re-run of the 'Cold Turkey', renamed the 'Salmonella', the new Granddaughter was staying with us that week, and so doing the granddaddy bit took precedence. Do you know how exhausting that can be? I need a holiday, or go back to work, to get a rest. Still 'she's worth it', obviously going to advertise for L'oreal, when she grows up! However we enjoyed the guest speaker on club night, and also joined the others at Chumley, (I'm not going to start to try to spell Cholmondely, so Chumley it is). We arrived in bright sunshine, but had a couple of downpours during the day. The day was made all the better for the scintillating commentary over the Tannoy! This must not be missed for bright, interesting, and informative reports, on what's happening all day long! I took a couple of pics, and you will have seen them earlier in this edition.

Keep your articles coming, the mag is empty without them. Next month look out for "Technical Tips and Tricks". I'm hoping to persuade our Club Technical Guru to write an article or two!!

**Mike....Ed**