



FROM YOUR EDITOR

Many thanks to Jim Harris, Nigel Atkins and George and Sheila for some copy this month. We're now needing stamps - does anyone have a source or do we have to pay real money? Brian and myself have donated some paper but more inks will always be welcome. --- Helen

I NEVER WIN ANYTHING!



Nice cup, nicer cheque! Drinks on Jim next time we meet.....

Being just a little bored during the winter season, we were invited to attend a show with No 364 - yes I know it's hard to believe he's still got it - but we took the Mini to Minifair 2006 and guess what? We won first prize - a big Trophy and an even bigger cheque!

Move over "Shiny Bill" there's a new sheriff in town!

Yorkshire Paddi.

CAR JACKING SCAM

This is allegedly happening in London and may spread to other areas, according to

Alliance Cornhill Insurance and it seems to require fairly dim car drivers - but I suppose there are plenty of those about! You walk across the car park, unlock your car, get inside, lock the doors (I must admit I don't)

and start the engine. When you select reverse and go to back out of your space, you notice a piece of paper stuck to your rear window. (How did you walk past the car and not notice it??) So, you stop the car, unlock the doors and get out to remove the paper - leaving the engine running. (Not a smart move!)

When you reach the back of your car, the car jackers appear out of nowhere and jump into your car and drive off - probably running you over in the process.

The moral of this seems to be - follow the recommended safety rules and reverse into any parking space for a quick get away and don't get out to remove any bits of paper. If you are an advanced driver, you'll have given your car the once over as you approach and if it does have suspicious bits of paper on it, then look



Fiona and Shaun the Sheep promise a warm welcome on the Highland Fling Tour later this year. (Photo - Cairngorms late Oct 2002)

around for lurking NEDs and get in quick - locking the doors after you!

TRIPS ABROAD

July 7-9th - Classic Le Mans III: Contact Andy Mitchell at 01527 592282

Sept. 10-20th - Pyrenees Tour 2006: Tour the Pyrenees, then to Angouleme for Circuit des Ramparts and then back through the Loire Valley - cost £735 per person. Contact Ray Guiver at 01805 603454.

PRESENTATION

Kate and Tony Willock are going to present a cheque (from the NEC Dream Rides) to the Menphys Nursery in Hinckley at their spring fair on 7th May - early pm start. They would like a good turn out of Bears, so if you are interested in giving support, please e-mail Willock@keme.co.uk or phone 01455 274018.



WHAT'S NEXT..

March 5th - Polar Bears Lunch and Raffle at Auchen Castle Hotel. **Important meeting to get our Dream Rides organised.** Contact Tony at 0131 445 2908.

September 17th - Selkirk Show. We need to start collecting bears to sell.



October 6-9th - Polar Bears Highland Fling Tour. Starting Nethy Bridge and finishing at Aviemore Ski Centre - see enclosed flyer for more details.

DREAM RIDES

Sunday **June 4th** at Thirlestane Castle - the Polars are hoping to do Dream Rides at the BVAC car show here and it seems that the venue is suitable. So, assuming we get the go ahead from the committee, it looks like we're on. If anyone has a suitable car they'd be willing to drive at this event, then please contact Tony. If you are driving or

helping, you are welcome to take part in the BVAC Saturday run (about 80 - 100 miles) so you can make a weekend of it - just let Tony or Helen know so you can be entered for the run.

July 16th: Kimbolton County Fayre and Charity Classic - Contact Mike Norton at 07774 167105 or visit the website for more details.

CELEBRATIONS

George Dodds and Sheila Shorrick are to be married - congratulations to both! Pat Nortcliffe, Kathy Catchpole and Ann Selby are all Birthday Girls this month.

LETTER

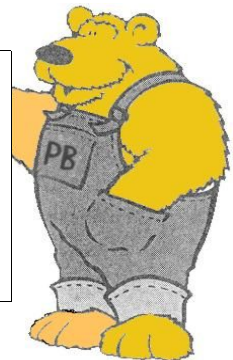
Dear Tony,
It is with great delight that I write this letter to the Sporting Bears of Edinburgh following safe receipt of an extremely generous cheque for £1,000 -presented to Mo Grant. We really are overwhelmed at the generosity the Sporting Bears have shown through the years and delighted that you and your area have chosen to support React's work once again.

The Sporting Bears enthusiasm towards our work and commitment to terminally ill children is greatly valued. This latest contribution will be put to best use in improving the quality of life for more seriously ill children who need our care. Once again, thank you for all your support. With best wishes and yours sincerely,
Vicky Andreas, Director of Client Services, React.

PETROLPRICES.COM

This website has been advertised on radio and TV and Nigel has joined and wants to pass on the word. Lots of motorists have written in and told the organisers how much they are saving - apparently between £50 and £2000 a year. The average saving is about £120 as the higher ones are people doing thousands of miles a week.

However, this is only the beginning. For the site to work it needs to grow and they need your help with that because having paid for the data they don't have much money to promote it. If you're interested, then get onto the web (www.petrolprices.com) and see what's what.



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