



## Northern Section News



A spectacular line-up of five Tractions showed up for the Mawdesley Show on May 29th, and in spite of a slightly damp start, the day was successful and brightened up nicely in the afternoon.



*TOC Line up at Mawdesley, picture courtesy of the Champion Newspaper Group*

The following weekend was the Heskin Steam Fair, , again a slightly overcast start but then bright and hot sunshine for the rest of the day, and this time four Tractions were in attendance.

June 25th was the pilot Sunday morning meet at Hoghton Tower, billed to start from 10 am onwards, and as I awoke that morning, I was disappointed to see steady rain coming down. However, best foot forwards, and when the rain eased back at about 11.00am, I set off. There was quite a decent turnout of classics including a trio of nice VW Campers, a Jag XK and any number of Healeys and MG's, and which continued to grow right up until about 1.00pm as the drizzle ceased and then the clouds began to roll back. Two Tractions also were here, my own and the Longdens. Hopefully a good turnout in spite of the grey start will encourage the Tower organisers to repeat the experience.

The Traction wheezed somewhat up the main drive which is exceptionally steep and long (but fortunately dead straight) but the display area at the top was short cropped grass, and very firm in spite of the rain. The descent of the steep drive in second is a good test of your gearbox's ability not to jump out of gear.... we passed.



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*A small selection of the cars at Hoghton Tower morning 'Coffee and Classics' meet, June 25th..*

Of course the Corner House breakfast meets continue throughout the summer and autumn, at Wrightington on the first Sunday of each month, again a worthwhile venue with lots to see and coffee and bacon butties on tap.

Another forthcoming event that has come to light, is Classics at the Mill, at St Catherines Hospice, Lostock Hall, just south of Preston, on July 9th. It is another morning event, 10am -2pm next to the Mill, which is a restaurant in the grounds of the Hospice. It is organised by local Wolseley enthusiasts, but all kinds of cars are invited, admission is free, and proceeds from catering all go to the charity which runs the hospice. The Mill is an excellent restaurant, it sits on its own in a very smart building in the Park, is usually open to the public at large, and is much recommended for lunch, afternoon teas etc. The display area is all hardstanding, so no weather issues. If you think that you might like to go along, please contact David Ashburner, Telephone No: 07500759607, Email Address: [david@treefire.com](mailto:david@treefire.com)

On the home front, after my last debacle with the SU, I gave up and fitted a Facet inside the boot in the rear spare wheel well. It is only audible on initial startup, being on a rubber mounting, and once the car is running, is not audible at all. So far, so good.

Next on the list is a cracked front bumper support, which I will need to take off and weld. I also have made a concealed auxiliary power outlet which hides in the back of the glove box and which just needs wiring up now.

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