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Hello everyone. We are back again and in business. Those of you who were lucky enough to get away I hope you enjoyed your break and all the others I hope you managed to slow down a bit! Mind you the weather has not been very kind. Typical school holiday weather. Very damp and windy.

The debate goes on, to TOLL or not to TOLL. Do we want our roads to be subject to tolls? Will it make our journeys any easier? It is said that the M.6 Toll Road is not making any money and finding a great loss. To me it all boils down to the attitude of people. Drivers sit and fume in a traffic jam rather than spend a few pounds to cut a corner. Mind you there are always two sides to any argument. It can be said that we all already pay large sums of money to the Treasury just to use a motor vehicle on a road so why should we pay more? It has been suggested that the Vehicle Excise Duty be scrapped and the money collected via road Tolls. This could work, but a lot would depend on the level of the toll and the usage. Obviously no hard and fast scheme has as yet been suggested so we do not know which roads it would apply to and how you would pay, especially to avoid congestion. Some of the biggest hold ups on the M.25 are caused by the toll on the bridge/tunnel. As an aside it was said originally that once the bridge had been paid for the toll would finish. Ha. Ha.. It apparently has been paid for several years ago but the toll is still

there! If you have driven in France it is very noticeable when on their toll roads (motorways) they are usually fairly quiet until you reach the free section, by pass of a town. Suddenly you are in lanes full of traffic. Unless you have a blanket charge, like the London Congestion Charge, will the motorists start using the back streets as rat runs to avoid the tolls on the main roads. As I said, 'Arguments for and against'. I personally have used the M6 Toll and found it worth while in time and temper! A little bit expensive but overall a large saving in time and mileage to the North and Wales. Your thoughts on the matter would be appreciated.

MOTORING GRAFFITI

- 'Fjords are the best Swedish cars' - 'An 'L' driver is a Rhodes scholar' -
- 'People who drink before they drive are putting the quart before the hearse'
- 'Used cars are not all they are jacked up to be' - 'It takes a lot of bread to own a Rolls'
- 'A girl should hang onto her youth-but not while he is driving' - 'They don't make cars like they auto'
- 'Save petrol. Make roads shorter' - 'Hertz Van Rental was a Dutch painter'

What's On

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED
7.30PM AT THE PAVILION, OAKFIELD ROAD, CRINGLEFORD**

**ALL MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE MEETINGS ARE HELD
ON THE 4TH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.
THIS IS NOT ALWAYS THE LAST WEDNESDAY**

MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER - Wednesday, 22nd September 2010

Arrangements are being made for a speaker for this evening. This speaker I know will be very interesting, informative and I suspect sometimes comical with his stories. Final confirmation has to be made as to the identity, but I can assure you that the person lined up for this meeting will make your visit very worthwhile. Please make a note in your diaries and come along and be agreeably entertained..

OCTOBER - Wednesday, 27th October 2010

To be confirmed

NOVEMBER - Wednesday, 24th November 2010

Speaker has to be confirmed, but this is our usual pre-Christmas social evening where Seasonal eats and a gigantic raffle takes place. Definitely one to be noted to attend.

Gala Day

I mentioned in the last Newsletter that we would not be attending this years event on 5th September. Wrong again. After the letter was published full details came through from the Organisers and a stall was allocated to us. Obviously as this letter is being printed the date has not been reached, but your Committee has rallied around and will man it on the day. I will arrange for a full report in next month's letter. If the Gala is as good as previously, those of you that managed to get there I hope enjoyed your day.

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