



## **SCARCE Newsletter No 17 April 2013**

### **Identify the Vehicle**

**At the recent monthly meeting Dave Moore sent us this picture of a vehicle down the road from him in Canada.**



Answers at the bottom of the Newsletter

# 28<sup>th</sup> April 2013 Anderton Boat Lift

## Please let me know if you are going to attend.

On Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> the club will mark its delayed drive it day event with a visit to the Anderston Boat Lift.

Meeting at 9-45 am we aim to leave at 10 am.

**The Anderton Boat Lift is an incredible edifice, perched on the banks of the River Weaver like some giant three-storey-high iron spider.**



Anderton Boat Lift, River Weaver

It was built by Edwin Clark in 1875 to lift cargo boats the 50 feet from the River Weaver to the Trent & Mersey Canal.

Like all great things, the concept is simple: two huge water tanks, each with watertight sealable doors carry boats up and down. The original counter-balanced system was replaced in 1908 by electric operation, but the lift now works hydraulically again.

No description can adequately convey the sheer scale of this engineering feat. The lift worked until 1983 when serious deterioration of the structure was discovered. Some £7m was raised to fund the restoration, which was completed in 2002.

The completion of the restoration was followed by the opening of an Operations Centre in 2003. This offers interactive displays, educational facilities, a gift shop and a coffee shop.

# Bank Holiday Monday - 6th May 2013

Gawsworth Classic.

Please see the Entry booking Form @

<http://www.gawsworthhall.com/carshow.html>

Once you have booked please let me know if you are looking to attend.

The show opens at 9.30am with a static display and autojumble within the walled Elizabethan pleasure gardens of Gawsworth Hall. Entry is open to veteran, vintage and classic cars, motorcycles, and military vehicles.\* Gawsworth Hall, an ancient manor house wrapped in romance, intrigue and great charm, has been attracting car enthusiasts for many years. The first recorded event was held in the grounds by the Manchester Automobile Club in 1902. Since its revival in 1998, the May Bank Holiday Rally has grown to become the season opening event in the region's motoring calendar, attracting a wide range of interesting and historic vehicles whilst providing a unique garden party atmosphere.

The Orchard Tea Room will be open all day for drinks and light refreshments. Alternatively, entrants are encouraged to bring their own picnics to enjoy in the grounds. The house opens at midday. On a tour of Gawsworth Hall's historic rooms you will see fine paintings, furniture, sculpture and William Morris stained glass. The Hall was home to Mary Fitton, the Dark Lady of Shakespeare's sonnets, and later subject of one of the most famous duels in English history.

## **Forward Notice:**

June 1<sup>st</sup> Harewood House Hillclimb

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Tatton Classic and Club Picnic

**Identification of Vehicle 1930 Chevrolet** (congratulation's to those members who at the meeting had identified the Chevrolet badge and approximate year.

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