



## **Newsletter No. 25**

Amazingly another year has passed and we are back to finding a winner of this year's Lanchester Trust's Car Restoration Award. The more applications we receive the better but please note that the Trustees need the restoration detail and pictures to be on CD or DVD from now on and, as usual, the closing date is end of March. The chosen winner of the best restoration will receive a £50 cash prize but, more importantly, a commemorative plaque to show on the dashboard or in the Trophy cabinet. The Trustees look forward to hearing from Lanchester restorers from the last few years.

Thinking of prizes, how great is the prize of a 3-year, fully-funded, University PhD which will be offered to 'high-flying' students nationally and internationally? This Lanchester Trust Aeronautical Engineering Scholarship will be research-based to study the merits of Frederick Lanchester's designs of flying machines from the 1890s. Do you know of a well-qualified young or mature student?

Another Trust project for the last few years has been to join with Coventry University to raise funding to provide for: (1) digitisation of Lanchester documents and pictures so they can be enjoyed by all via the internet (2) employment of Outreach Officers to spread the word of Lanchester and promote engineering in particular (3) the creation of a Lanchester Interactive Discovery Room (4) ... so much more. The Lanchester project team have already been awarded money from Heritage Lotteries Fund to enlist professional consultants to assist us. Within a few months we should know whether our final bid has been successful and, if so, it should be an exciting period ahead. If we fail, it won't be through lack of hard work, so keep your fingers crossed!

Finally, the Trustees welcome another Member into the ranks, Tony Fardoe, a lecturer at Loughborough University and also the proud owner of a 1935 Lanchester 10 saloon. Tony commented that, "As a lifelong engineer I would be more than pleased to become a member of the Trust and make a donation. I hope we can carry on encouraging young engineers to develop and be inspired, and if they become half as good as the Lanchester brothers then the Trust will have succeeded". What an excellent way to finish this Newsletter.

From Trustees, Chris, Eric and Malcolm.