



March 2010

# The Oakleaf

## Sevenoaks & District Motor Club



### Editorial Ramblings

Another busy month for us, having just finished my 7th event in 6 weeks with another good result. February saw myself out navigating for Matt on the Goodwood Stages, followed by the B19 Valentines Car Trial, the 7oaks Scatter run by the Meads, a Chelmsford 12 Car and a Chelmsford Gymkhana during February. Some good results mean I'm pleased to have finished the events and picked up a few awards along the way! Thanks to all those who have organised, helped, marshalled and navved for me etc on the events I've done during the month.

March looks like being a quieter month with one "motorsport free" weekend for us, however there's still plenty on for those looking to compete or marshal—Phil Fawcett is running the 7oaks 12 Car on 12th March followed by the 7oaks Car Trial just over a week later at Stoneacre, more details on those are overleaf. There is also the Bowling Night in Maidstone arranged by the Meads on the 17th March—we've booked our tickets so hope to see you there.

If anybody is reading this and has not yet renewed their membership, please get in touch with Andy Elcomb asap as this will be the last issue of Acorn / Oakleaf you receive if you don't renew. Andy can be contacted on 01622 884856 or andyelcomb@yahoo.com.

Hope to see you on an event or at a social night soon.

**Suze Endean**

### CCC (Chin's Chairman Chat)

Well the season's under way and Andy Elcomb and I have been out playing 12-cars. We started with the Eastbourne & Ram Sunday 12-car and finished with a clean sheet and equal first and then the B18MC round of the Rod Wray series and managed to clean that too with another clean sheet, great fun and Andy sure knows what to do.

The 2020 is almost on us as I write this and we have a full entry list which is very encouraging. We've also agreed a small 2020 series for this year with Central Sussex MC running in May, Eastbourne in August and Bexley LCC in September, so if you want to get a little deeper than the 12-cars come and join us. We've also had a good response to our request for marshals, I think, so it should all go well - watch this space. Our next 12-car is the 12<sup>th</sup> March run by Phil Fawcett so that should be good fun too.

We're almost into the Speed season too with our first event right at the beginning of April. I wonder how the rule changes will affect the entries etc, I hope it's still a very popular sport. I must get round to ordering some new overalls and gloves, fortunately my helmet is still OK.

Crystal Palace is eating a lot of several member's spare time; I think Colin Billings must be spending many hours each day on it, but it's really coming together now. We still need a lot of work and yet more sponsorship but I'll give better detail in a separate report.

The awards dinner dance was a great success with more in attendance than last year, although I'd like to see more of you there next year, especially the trophy winners. Karen Webber did a grand job of organising and the food was better than ever with complimentary comments from all sorts of people, so thanks to Hadlow Manor and its staff. The music was very good, if too loud for my taste, but it did drag several onto the floor for spectacular gyrations - especially those from young Mr. Balderson.

That's it for this month so I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible out in the lanes or at our social nights.

**Chin**

### Crystal Palace - A Progress Report

As you are aware from previous notes the event is on. We've received the track report from the MSA and it didn't scare us too badly, all requirements

are doable and the park has been really helpful. Where we need to remove some of the street furniture they're very happy for us to remove permanently some of the items, reposition others and make demountable the rest so that makes complying with the track requirements much easier, the park staff are really good to work with.

The team has been sorting out the major work i.e. tarmac and Armco mounting with the proposed contractors. Quotes for the various requirements for a public event are being sorted and generally the event is moving forward. There is still a lot to do both before the event and on the days themselves. We'll need 50-60 marshals to make it work well so look on the website [www.motorsportatthepalace.co.uk](http://www.motorsportatthepalace.co.uk) and volunteer.

We also need more in the way of financial support to cover all the refinements which will make the event really something to be proud of and with its own momentum for the future. Please, all of you, think of anyone we can approach and let us know. It'll be a great spectacle with crowds of enthusiasts and South Londoners enjoying the days out so we're not asking for charity that some sponsorship is. This is one aspect where the burden shouldn't have to fall on the usual few, you've people or companies out there that you know so please ask them, this is very important. For those who want to enter, the regs should be on the website by the time you read this but please remember that the event is certain to be oversubscribed so get yours in quickly.

The display area is filling rapidly with cars from Astons to Zephyrs and this will also be a great draw for car enthusiasts who aren't usually associated with club motor sport, so you can see what a great event it's going to be. My thanks to all who've contributed to this project - come and join us.

**Chin**

### TRK

Hi all, I've taken back the mantle of Trophy Record Keeper again and would really like to make 2010 a record year for the number of events that 7Oaks members have entered.

However, I will need YOUR help here as I don't always see results from (or even know about) some events. So, how about really making an effort and letting us know what you are doing as you go through the year? I'd much prefer to receive results on the drip rather than at the end of the year as often you'll have forgotten some details and if you leave it too late you might miss being included altogether. No problem posting the info either - my address is at the front of the paper Acorn.

Most of you have access to email now so it doesn't take long to drop me a line to say what you have done over the week - it doesn't matter if you had a nightmare event and didn't finish, we would still like to know what happened. Just let me know what event you have done and ideally include a set of results too please. Don't worry if maybe you've entered under another club because 7Oaks isn't invited either - just send me the info and I'll see what I can make of them.

In particular, I'd like to know about anyone who is racing these days and who is doing any sort of event off the mainland. In the past we've only heard of someone's antics too late to note them, so go on make it a late New Year resolution to send me a regular update. (That means the likes of you, Mr Actman!).

Thank you to those that already do send your results in, but out of some 200 members, I can't believe there's only about 10% actually competing! This isn't just about the actual competitors either, I'd also like to know if you help out at other clubs' events - we include the Brighton Veteran Run and helping at the Sunseeker Rally in our tables and if there is somewhere else that is receiving a significant 7Oaks input then we may be able to include that too.

Hoping to hear from LOTS of you soon!

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## COMPETITION CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISING CLUB / CONTACT	LOCATION	Status	Open To/ Champ Round
12th March	12 Car	SDMC: Contact Phil Fawcett, Tel: 07840 523439	Start at The Bell, Kemsing	CS	
14th March	Sprint	Borough 19: Contact Christine Sharp, Tel: 01206 728272	North Weald	Nat B	
18th March	Scatter	MMKMC: Contact scatterorganisers@mmkmc.co.uk	TBA	CS	
19th March	12 Car	CMC: Contact Tony Michael, Tel: 01245 467715, arm@chelmsfordmc.co.uk	Starts near Sudbury	CS	
21st March	Car Trial	SDMC: Contact Clive Cooke, Tel: 01732 353814 clive.v.cooke@virgin.net	Stoneacre Farm, nr Otham, 188/800536	CS / Nat B	ASEMC
28th March	Car Trial	MMKMC: Contact pteventsec@mmkmc.co.uk	Stoneacre Farm, nr Otham, 188/800536	CS	
1st April	Scatter	SDMC: Contact Chin, Tel: 01732 823 132 chin@btinternet.com	Start TBA	CS	
4th April	Sprint	SDMC: Contact Keith Crocker, Tel: 01732 860099	North Weald	Nat B	7oaks SL

For further information contact :-

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Speed League contact : David Balderson, 01689 601661 email: [balderson@ntlworld.com](mailto:balderson@ntlworld.com)

### FOR SALE

Rover 600 1998. New clutch, cambelt, exhaust and fully serviced. Tow bar. High mileage but still mechanically perfect. Offers. Tel: Chris Judge 07765 663258 or email judge-ce66@aol.com

Copy date for the April issue will be **18th March**. Anything submitted after this date will not be included. You can email copy to suze\_endean@yahoo.co.uk. I will also accept copy on CD roms, memory sticks etc or by post [typed or handwritten].

### S&DMC SOCIAL EVENT CALENDAR

(Contact Rosemary or Nigel Mead, Tel.No.: 01892 832420 e-mail : mead.rosemary@virginmedia.com).

WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2010  
Usual Noggin & Natter at The Bell, Kemsing.  
Also:  
**TEN PIN BOWLING**  
Now at AMF Bowling, Maidstone.



Directions: go to [www.amfbowling.co.uk](http://www.amfbowling.co.uk) & enter Maidstone as the Bowling Centre.

Cost: £16-95 per person for 2 games, 2 drinks & a platter buffet.  
Start 8:15pm.

**12 Places booked so £5-00 deposit per person please to Rosemary or Nigel ASAP!!**  
Absolute final numbers required by Wed.10<sup>th</sup> March.

WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2010  
**S&DMC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**  
At The Bell, Kemsing, at 8:30pm.

WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
**QUIZ NIGHT**  
At The Bell, Kemsing. Start time 8:30pm  
(Please contact Rosemary or Nigel if you will be purchasing food).

### Wanted—Navigator for London-Cape Town Rally

I am looking for a navigator to join me in taking part in a great adventure to Cape Town starting New Year's day 2011 and finishing at the end of January. I am looking for someone who is easygoing, has a good mechanical knowledge and has elementary navigation experience and satellite navigation experience, although the latter is not essential. The candidate will need to be able to pay for their own subsistence and their flight back to the UK but will not be expected to pay towards vehicle preparation or entry fees. This is a wonderful opportunity to be in one of the most competitive vehicles in the event. Please apply in writing to Andrew Actman, 95 Hayes Lane, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 6RN or to [andrew.actman@oaeyewear.com](mailto:andrew.actman@oaeyewear.com) giving relevant details and experience. For further information please see [www.londoncapetownrally.com](http://www.londoncapetownrally.com)