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## FINAL AUTOTEST

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## CHAIRMANS CHAT

Or rather his thoughts, written by me!!

Summer, what Summer? As I stand here in soaking wet trousers in the Pit at Brands Hatch, I was asked for my CC!!! Ok so I was late doing it again. (ED I was going to leave it out) It has been fairly quiet lately, with the Summer Autotest Series ending. No F1, just loads to do in the garden.

As we approach Autumn rapidly there will be a lot of interesting stuff going on, starting with the Sprint at North Weald on Sunday, there is quite a large entry, obviously looking forward to the new layout. Lets hope the weather is kind again. Other events are the 12 car's, Scatters, the Weald Trial, Car Trial, Autosolo and Veteran run, so pencil them in your diary. Chris will be looking for marshals, so please let him know early on.

The Trial in March is now a National Round, so should be some new faces, and different courses, looks exciting.

Lots of people cannot read maps these days, due to the birth of the Sat Nav, so to help you Chin will be doing his Navigation lessons, Rally School at the Bell in Kemsing. So please support him, and you will learn a lot.

Now the BIG one, Crystal Palace will be on Sat and Sun 26th and 27th May 2012, it is not a Bank Holiday this year, so this means that we will be setting up on the FRIDAY 25th, please can you book the day off work early so that you will be able to help. Lets make this the biggest and best event so far. We cannot do it with out the support of you the members.

Where has this year gone, we are only 4 months away from Christmas, and the week later I will be heading off on the London to Cape Town Rally. I guess I had better get organised, Sue has already started packing my bag with a shed load of underwear!! (ED 30 pairs of pants and socks) . I promise I will do a write up on it for next month, talking of write ups, please could I ask you to let Sue have lots of copy for next month, she said it has been hard work, producing this. Did any of you take The Acorn with you on holiday and get any shots?

Anyway when you read this, August will have gone, along with the Summer! North Weald will be over and hopefully there will be lots of good feedback on the new course.

So till next month, Happy Motoring, have fun and don't forget to put pen to paper!

ANDY ELCOMB  
CHAIRMAN

## **OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH THEM**

This morning on both news channels I witnessed the burnt-out shell of Reeves of Croydon, a giant budget furniture store in West Croydon. What has this to do with SDMC? Well when I was competing in the 60s one of the men to beat was Maurice Reeves; he had a Cooper S which I couldn't afford. Later his son Trevor Reeves was also a competitor. Today they were both interviewed about the loss of the business which had been in the family for five generations, Maurice now being well into his seventies. It just brought the whole ghastly episode much nearer home.

### **Harvey Crush - Chairman 1968 - 71**

## **WANTED**

## **WEB MANAGER**

**A vacancy has arisen for someone who would like to take over the role of updating the Web Site.**

**This needs to be done on a regular basis, to keep it up to date.**

**So if you have the know how, and fancy helping your Club please contact Andy Elcomb.**

**[andyelcomb@yahoo.com](mailto:andyelcomb@yahoo.com)**

**He will be able to give you more details**

## **MARSHALS NEEDED**

### WE NEED HELP AT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS

25-Sep	Auto Solo	North Weald	Essex
23-Oct	Weald Trial	various points	Kent
06-Nov	Car Trial	Stoneacre	Kent
06-Nov	Veteran Run	Brighton	Sussex

All these events need a few people to help out and the more there are then the easier it becomes.

These are the latest events that qualify for marshalling points to the speed league so make sure don't miss out on an award

If you are able to help out then please let me know.

e-mail [chris.scudder@virgin.net](mailto:chris.scudder@virgin.net) or by

phone 07711 078552 and leave a message

look forward to seeing you at these events

**Chris Scudder.**

## **LADIES AWARDS**

It has reared its head again, we have been having discussions about offering a ladies award at our events. We are divided on our views. Some think it will encourage more ladies to compete, others think it a bit degrading. However we decided to get a vote on it from the membership.

There is of course a problem, you can only win 1 award at an event, so if a lady wins a class award, the award would go to the 2nd placed lady, which would be wrong.

Please take the time to send me your views, and a Yes or No vote.

You can Email me on [suesiw7oaksacorn@gmail.com](mailto:suesiw7oaksacorn@gmail.com)

# **S&DMC SOCIAL EVENT CALENDAR**

(Contact Rosemary or Nigel Mead, Tel.No.: 01892 832420

e-mail : [mead.rosemary@virginmedia.com](mailto:mead.rosemary@virginmedia.com)).

Please contact The Bell if you will be purchasing food,  
Tel.No.01732 761550.

## **WEDNESDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER**

### **EVENING TALK**

To be given by Tom Gaymor, the London and South East Regional  
Development Officer for Go Motorsport.

Start time 8pm.

Light refreshment provided..

At The Bell, Kemsing

## **WEDNESDAY 19TH OCTOBER**

### **FILM NIGHT**

Start time 8pm.

At The Bell, Kemsing.

## **WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER**

### **SPEED LEAGUE FORUM**

At The Bell, Kemsing.

## **WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER**

### **SEASONAL NOGGIN AND NATTER**

With Hot Punch and Mince Pies.

At The Bell, Kemsing.

# Go Motorsport Evening

at

The Bell Kemsing

on

21<sup>st</sup> September 2011

at

8.00pm

A chance to learn more about the MSA Academy and the Go Motorsport programme from Greg Symes, MSA Academy Coordinator and South East Regional Development Officer for Go Motorsport, Tom Gaymor

Tom is a motorsport consultant, former race driver and Eurosport motor racing commentator and will no doubt digress into some of the interesting and amusing stories from his work in this area .

Light refreshments will be provided.

Please support what promises to be an informative and interesting evening .



## Autotest Final

Well....summer has officially ended.....well that was the assumption when the club ran it's final autotest on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August. This was the last in the club's 2011 Autotest Championship which has been well supported again this year. It just makes you realise that the winter is now fast approaching.....oh goody!

Usual autotest organising Secretary Stacey Thompson, shot off to a well earned short holiday, so Chin and myself volunteered to look after proceedings. I took my easy-up awning as rain was forecast, and fortunately this held off until 3.00pm.

So with the formalities of signing on sorted (Chin and I basically muddled through like true professionals.....) the event got underway with six tests in the morning and another six in the afternoon. Each test was attempted twice, with your best time to count.

Class 'A' had our resident autotest king Daren Hall dominating in his aged but trusty Vauxhall Nova, with fellow Nova mounted Chris Penfold in hot pursuit . Adam and Sophie Snow were double driving their 1275 Mini with Adam only slightly ahead of his co-driver at lunch. Class 'B' had myself and Dave Cook in Micra's with Paul Wickes in a Peugeot and our Acorn Editor Sue Jessop and Club Chairman Andy Elcomb sharing Sue's Seat Ibiza. Andy had installed a 'fly-off' handbrake to her car which resembled a touring car quick-shift gearstick! Our class also had Kevin Lower in his tow-car Volvo as all his other cars had either blown up, been rolled or otherwise out of action, so this was all he had left! Class 'C' had Craig and Suzanne McGurk in their Histoirc rally Marina up against John Ede's Beetle. John was doing his very first event. Toby Cook in Dave Cook's Micra was the only Junior entered.

The class battles raged all day with Dave Cook closing in on Daren for FTD. But the field is getting very rutted these days and caused quite a bit of dust for our intrepid marshals, resulting in drivers backing off a little in the afternoon. Not so to Dave Cook, Chris Penfold, Daren, Kevin and Andy in particular, who appeared to be completely oblivious and charged round at break neck pace. Poor John Ede's Beetle engine was sucking in the dust into the engine and causing it to misfire and stall, so at lunchtime he decided to call it a day and retire. Let's hope he'll be back soon. After the lunch-break, the drama's continued for Paul Wickes with yet another tyre off the rim and the Elcomb/Jessop Seat suffering loads of gearbox selection faults.

When all the combined scores were added up Daren took the overall win, but not by very much as Dave Cook beat him on times in the afternoon. Dave winning his class from Kevin (who drove brilliantly) with myself third. Andy had an excellent come back in the afternoon, but his morning scores proved too heavy a penalty, and I think he was just pleased to finish and be able to drive home! Likewise Paul Wickes had a good afternoon once the tyres were staying on the rims! Chris Penfold took class 'A' from an improved Adam and Sophie Snow and Craig McGurk won his class. Toby Cook drove well all day and is clearly a star for the future. Overall then, although only a relatively small entry, we all enjoyed ourselves and I for one was able to go home and watch the touring cars on the telly at 4.00pm! Full results should be on the web-site soon, but the event award winners were:

FTD		Daren Hall Nova	315.0
Class A		1 <sup>st</sup> Chris Penfold	177.5
Class B		1 <sup>st</sup> Dave Cook	316.7
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Kevin Lower Volvo	344.3
Class C		1 <sup>st</sup> Craig McGurk	405.4
Class J	1 <sup>st</sup>	Toby Cook	325.7

## Report By Chris Judge.



# **RALLY REPORT**

Things seem to be very quiet on the rallying front these days but here are the points to 10th August:

## **STAGE DRIVERS**

Nigel Mummery 37

Iain Gibson 28

Matt Endean 25

Vince Wheeler 5

## **STAGE CO-DRIVERS**

Russ Burton 54

Andy Gibson 28

Suze Endean 25

Glyn Williams 5

## **ROAD DRIVERS**

Matt Endean 47

Suze Endean 30

Graham Child 26

## **ROAD NAVIGATORS**

Andy Elcomb 26

So, as can be seen, there are very few names on the lists - surely there must have been some more 7Oaks doing some sort of rallying - how about you Mr Ablitt? Can you let me know what you have been up to please? Anyone else? Doesn't matter if your results are good or bad - just send them in please!

Iain Gibson

[rallyep3@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rallyep3@hotmail.co.uk)

## **ONE LINERS**

Remember the tea kettle, though up to its neck in hot water, it continues to sing.

Bare feet magnetize sharp metal objects so they always point upward from the floor.

# CRYSTAL PALACE SPRINT

26TH/27TH MAY 2012

The organisation has started, this year it is not a Bank Holiday Weekend, so the event will be on the Saturday and the Sunday.

Setting up will be on the Friday, so if you need to book a day off work to help, please book early to make sure you can be there.

The club needs YOU

Photos courtesy of Bob Bradbury



## SUMMER AUTOTEST

That was my first ever full autotest (apart from one outing to Headcorn a couple of years ago in the 924) and I enjoyed it – even the bits I finished with only 3 tyres! Is that normal? It obviously has nothing to do with speed as DH and all the other faster people seemed to be ok.

Anyway, thanks to you and Chris and all the marshals for putting it on and giving me an enjoyable day out.

Regards,

**Paul Wickes**



## ONE LINERS

My Granddad broke his leg, standing on the door mat., we must explain the Helter Skelter.

Granddad said in the ‘Good Old Days’ we could leave our doors open all the time, that is why his Sub sank.

Granddad died last week, 3 weeks ago he had a bad chest infection, his loving wife rubbed lard all over him, it has been downhill ever since.

## EDITORIAL RAMBLINGS

It is amazing how quickly publication days come around, so this is it for this month. This issue is a lot smaller, but I guess that is because most of you have been away on holiday, I assume you took your copy of Acorn and have got some good pictures for us all.

Hope you are looking forward to the next events, it is good to have a change, and it will be good to get some fresh reports! Hopefully you will inundate me with copy for the October Mag. (am I mad?)

I am doing the sprint on Sunday at North Weald, my first and in the MX5 of Andy's . Excited and nervous , it is on the new course.

Thank you to everyone that has submitted something for this edition. Thank you to Colin , Bob and Jason for the photos.

See you all soon.

Sue

## **A HUGE THANK YOU, TO ALL THAT HAVE ORGANISED , OR MARSHALLED .**

Just a few here, without you we could not play.



# WEALD NEWS

## **The current main contacts for each Club are:**

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**These lists below include all Weald events for which no Competition Licence is required. Anybody wishing to go out and play should get in touch with the contacts as noted below.**

## SCATTERS

27 October 2011 MMKMC – contact Tom Soloman as above

## 12 CAR REGULARITY RUNS

28 August 2011 Blackpalfrey – contact Andy Gibson as above

16 October 2011

ERMC – contact Tim Smith as above

4 September 2011

16 October 2011

## AUTOTESTS

4 September 2011 MMKMC – contact Tom Soloman as above

## CAR TRIALS

25 September 2011 ERMC contact Tim Smith as above

23 October 2011 B19 contact John Sharp as above

6 November 2011 Sevenoaks Chin 01732 823132 [chin@btinternet.com](mailto:chin@btinternet.com)

20 November 2011 MMKMC Bruce Jenkins – [bajenkins@btinternet.com](mailto:bajenkins@btinternet.com)

## 12CARS

14 October 2011 B18 Dave Clark [da\\_jr.clark@btinternet.com](mailto:da_jr.clark@btinternet.com)

11 November 2011 Sevenoaks Chin 01732 823132 - [chin@btinternet.com](mailto:chin@btinternet.com)

9 December 2011 CDMC Peter Turner [apt.design@btinternet.com](mailto:apt.design@btinternet.com)

6 and 27 November 2011 ERMC – contact Tim Smith as above

11 December 2011

16 September 2011 Chelmsford – contact Matt Endean as above

28 October 2011

25 November 2011

The Weald Winter 12 car series is nearly upon us  
Please give as much publicity as you can to the first round to be run by B18 on 14 October.  
More details available later  
One point to note is that CDMC have a new Competition Secretary as Mike Shotter has resigned  
The new recipient is  
Terry Douce  
163 Foxon Lane  
Caterham  
Surrey CR3 5SN  
01883 343450 home phone  
[info@carolineracing.co.uk](mailto:info@carolineracing.co.uk) email  
Yours Roger Sawyers

## **Weald Trial on 23rd October:**

Hi All

In addition to that lot don't forget the Weald Trial on 23rd October:

Multi venue Multi discipline (Classic Trial/Autotest/Car Trial with breakfast and lunch included and supper if you want. Great route - easy tests - easy hills - a fun day out!

Regs will be on the SDMC website <http://www.sevenoaksmotorclub.com/> very soon or email me for a set.

Chin

## **Please welcome**

Please welcome our latest new members, Martin Ockenden and Andy Lovett.  
Martin came and played at the autosolo and had a great time and Andy came to us via a Crystal Palace connection.

Also welcome Andrew Outterside & Lin Huby from Penshurst and their son Tom & daughter Kate who found us through the internet.

You have ticked all the interest boxes including helping so hopefully we'll see you everywhere!

## CAPTION COMPETITION REPLY



"No No No Andy is a one women man", and incidentally the girl at the back is wearing a fantastic hat .

David Balderson

## CAPTION COMPETITION



Please let me have your thoughts on this by the 20th September

# Historic Sporting Trial Association



## WHAT DID

**Stirling Moss, Graham Hill, Colin Chapman  
Tony Marsh and Gordon Jackson  
all have in common?**

# SPORTING TRIALS

The Historic Sporting Trial Association has been formed to provide suitable events for sporting trial cars built between 1952 and 1974.

Do you have, or know somebody with, an old Cannon, Alexis, Dellow or other trials special built to the old RAC NTF or 750 Motor Club rules. Our aim is to run a class for cars from the 1952 to 1970 era that are still in period specification and running period engines such as the 1172 Ford sidevalve and BMC A series.

We propose to have a separate class for cars built between 1971 and 1974 running on 15" wheels.

We are looking to hear from anybody that would have an interest in these events. At this stage, even if you do not have a car or if your car is not ready please contact:-

### **Martyn Halliday**

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Tel: 01403 250967 or 07739 464170 • Email: [martyn\\_halliday@msn.com](mailto:martyn_halliday@msn.com)

### **Ian Wright**

Tel: 01732 529511 • Email: [ian@thewrightevent.co.uk](mailto:ian@thewrightevent.co.uk)

**To learn more about sporting trials  
please visit the [sportingtrials.com](http://sportingtrials.com) website**

# TRK Report

Hi folks. I hope you've all had a pleasant summer holiday and are getting back into the swing of motor sport.

I'm still in the process of rebuilding the Corsa engine. Modern engines are so well made with complex baffled sumps etc. but the downside is the nightmare tangle of pipework and wiring, in this case mostly hidden beneath the inlet manifold and injection kit so putting it back together is not the easiest job (note to self – photograph each stage of the dismantling!) It didn't help that I was unwell just after taking it apart so there was an extra two weeks in which to forget what came from where.

Anyway, back to the job in hand. Our Sunday Autotest Final was the only event we've run since my last report but I've had a few other

04-May-11	MMKMC Evening A/test 1
04-May-11	MMKMC Evening a/test 4/may
05-May-11	SDMC Evening a/test 1
08-May-11	HCAAC Debden
11-May-11	MMKMC Evening a/test 11/may
17-May-11	TWMC Evening a/test
19-May-11	SDMS Evening A/test 19 May
21-May-11	Wiscombe Saturday
21-May-11	Nightwatchman 2020
22-May-11	Wiscombe Sunday
25-May-11	MMKMC Evening a/test 25/may
29-May-11	Crystal Palace Sunday
30-May-11	Crystal Palace Monday
02-Jun-11	SDMC evening a/test 2 june
08-Jun-11	MMKMC Evening a/test 8/june
11-Jun-11	Abingdon Sprint
16-Jun-11	SDMC Evening a/test 16/6
25-Jun-11	Dick Mayo Castle Combe
14-Jul-11	SDMC evening a/test 14 jul
16-Jul-11	Llandow Sprint
17-Jul-11	Llys y Fran
19-Jul-11	TWMC centenary autotest
20-Jul-11	MMKMC evening Atest 20 jul
24-Jul-11	SDMC Solo 24 Jul
07-Aug-11	SDMC Autotest Summer Final
17-Aug-11	MMKMC Eve Atest

Please check this list and let me have any results from events you've done which aren't here.

Date	Name
16-Jan-11	ERMC Rod Wray 12-car
23-Jan-11	Midlands AC Trial
27-Jan-11	MMKMC Jan Scatter
30-Jan-11	ERMC Feb 12-car
30-Jan-11	Chelmsford Brands Stages
11-Feb-11	B18MC 12-car Feb
12-Feb-11	Southdown Stages
17-Feb-11	Scatter 17/2
19-Feb-11	Britvic Revival
25-Feb-11	CMC 12-car
26-Feb-11	Kent 2020
08-Mar-11	March Hare Trial
08-Mar-11	March Hare Nat B Trial
11-Mar-11	Bexley 12-car
13-Mar-11	B19MC North Weald
20-Mar-11	ERMC Triangles 12-car
20-Mar-11	BARC Mallory Sprint
20-Mar-11	Mallory Sprint
20-Mar-11	Motex Gymkhana CMC
20-Mar-11	Bas Elkington Trial
24-Mar-11	MMKMC March Scatter
25-Mar-11	Derek Stone CMC 12-car
25-Mar-11	CMC Derek Stone 12-car
31-Mar-11	March Scatter
02-Apr-11	Great Bustard Endurance
03-Apr-11	North Weald Sprint April
10-Apr-11	Dimanche Sprint
10-Apr-11	MMKMC Brian Lewis Trial
16-Apr-11	CAMC Car Trial
16-Apr-11	BARC SW Gurston
17-Apr-11	Dennis Wells Car Trial
24-Apr-11	Loton Park
30-Apr-11	Myotis Rally

Member	Points
Kevin Lower	490
David Balderson	414
Andy Webber	390
Daren Hall	360
Chris Penfold	325
Darren Clayden	305
Glyn Williams	286
Darren Tyre	282
Jason Andrews	260
Jim Giddings	242
Jon Miles	228
James Kelly	225
Jeffery Wiltshire	225
Chris Fulke-Greville	214
Colin Robbins	211
Adrian Miles	200
Andy Elcomb	200
Paul Wickes	191
John Aitkenhead	184
Graham Pryme	177

The biggest change over the last month has been the Tyrrell-Flemming Speed Trophy table with a certain Mr. Webber in dominant form – can

Member	Points	he be
Andy Webber	1368	
Andy Gay	487	
Jason Andrews	338	
Chris Fulke-Greville	234	
David Balderson	191	
Kevin Lower	176	
Jeffery Wiltshire	172	
Martyn Ellis	130	
Bob Gibson	130	
Ritchie Gatt	130	
Russell Giddings	130	
Darren Tyre	108	
Jim Giddings	106	
James Smith	104	
Ross Martin	98	
Michael Druce-Smith	95	
Nigel Mummery	87	
Chris Judge	87	
Stephen Stringer	81	
Howard Lester	65	
Mike Knapman	52	
Clive Letherby	43	
Graham Pryme	43	
Jim Bryant	43	
Jeffrey Bryant	35	
Derek Lane	33	
David Loveys	26	
Tracey Niel	16	
Robert Nicholls	10	

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James Smith	122
Nick Powter	113
Chin Chinnery	105
Sue Jessop	98
Andrew Gibson	96
Iain Gibson	96
Ann Cook	81
Robert Sharpe	80
Graham Child	65
Judy Cooke	63
Richard "Archie" Pelling	40
Dennis Belcher	34
Sam Williams	31
Ross Belcher	30
Stephen Stringer	30
Ted Holloway	30
Chris Scudder	27
Matthew Helm	20
Adam Snow	20
John Loftus	16
Colin Billings	15
Steve Howard	10
Michelle Humphries	10
Philip Fawcett	10
David Balderson	10
Rosie Snow	10

That's all for now but keep those results coming in. It'll soon be rally season as the nights draw in and I must admit that I'm looking forward to it.

Hi All

In addition to that lot don't forget the Weald Trial on 23rd October:

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Daren Hall	452
Matt Endean	373
Kevin Lower	286
Andy Elcomb	258
Suze Endean	239
Chris Judge	226
Barney Lower	205
Russell Burton	195
Toby Cook	193
Brian Sharpe	192
Kevin Ablitt	181
Nigel Mummery	180
Zach Lower	172
Clive Cooke	146
Tim Loftus	137
Paul Wickes	137
Dave Cook	130
Glyn Williams	123

# HISTORIC SPORTING TRIALS

Great progress is being made with considerable interest being shown in the concept of providing historic sporting trials. Our main aim, at this stage, is to spread the word. We hope to achieve this with various articles in club magazines and, at some time in the future, a "Press Day" for the mainstream public magazines such as Autosport, Motorsport News, Classic Car etc

One of my co-founders, Mark Milne, has said we need to be on Facebook. This is uncharted waters for me but we now have a closed Facebook site. To access the site all you have to do is firstly become a Facebook member and then from there type in the words 'Historic Sporting Trials Association' and it will give you the relevant search result. All you have to do then is ask to join the group. The idea is that we can post period pictures for members of the group to see, etc.

Please spread the word. An electronic copy of our leaflet is attached, which can be forwarded on to anybody interested.

We intend to have a Cannon in the paddock at the HSCC Brands Hatch meeting in September. I have just found an interesting article, with cut away drawing of the Cannon, in a 1961 issue of the Motor - (Editors comment, if you want to see this, I can email you a copy, it will not reproduce well enough to include in magazine)

Best wishes

Martyn Halliday

## The RAF ODIHAM Chinook Sprint and Solo

The exciting new Chinook Sprint will be held for the first time on Saturday, Sept 3rd, organised by FDMC and Sutton and Cheam MC, in conjunction with Odiham Car club.

For full details of the Sprint, and to enter, the [Chinook Sprint Entry Page](#) has the Regs, a Course Map, the Entry Form, and a PayPal button for paying the entry fee

Held in conjunction with the Sprint, the Chinook Solo will be an "entry level" Solo event, to encourage new and novice Solo drivers to come along and enjoy this fun and low cost form of motorsport.

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### **The 11/Sept September Solo**

Held at Bordon, this will be the fourth and final round of our 2011 [Solo Challenge](#)

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# From Fast Talk... Colin Robbins...

(crviva @ Aug. 08 2011,22:05)

## QUOTE

It appears I was the only SDMC member at this event, unfortunately I was not a good representative of the club as I managed to rip the clutch apart off the line on the first practice run and was only able to limp to the finish on this run before retiring for the day. Will try not to be too enthusiastic on the loud pedal next time.

Ok Colin, so the results may not have made great reading, but the disaster story certainly does and definitely qualifies for inclusion in the annual Bent ConRod Trophy considerations!

Better luck next time!



## **EMAIL RECEIVED**

Splendid magazine

Just 2 points

I am about to circulate a Weald News and would appreciate it if you included it somewhere please in the next issue

Also you do not seem to have a calendar of upcoming events each month even if they are just 7Oaks ones

How about it ?

**Yours Roger Sawyers**

## **ONE LINER'S**

I was registering on an internet site the other day and it asked me for a password, it had to be 8 characters, so I used Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs!!

The shinbone is a device for finding furniture in a dark room

## 2011 Season so far from Abingdon, Toyota MR2 Class A2.

### ABINGDON

Abingdon as usual was a great event for all the competitors. I arrived early and got all the scrutineering over with and settled in for a good day's motorsport. The class was large with the cars of the class being the Renault Clio 200 Cup cars.

The Toyota MR2 managed to be quicker than them in the morning but a double spin at the last left hander put me way down in class. In the afternoon I had to make up time, so I drove hard to be the quickest in the class, beating the Clio Cup cars, but the time margin due to the mornings spin was just too big to take class honours overall.

### GOODWOOD July 25th.

Another great event where the weather played havoc during the morning, very slippery conditions that cause chaos in many classes.

The class had David Balderson in his MG and the Clio Cup car of Steve Mc Master and again my MR2 found beating the Clio's hard. I was trailing Steve most of the day, with each run breaking the class record every run.

On the last run I was sure the Clio was going to kick my ass so I drove 11 tenths, pulling over 105mph through Madgwick, where the MR lacked down the straights it went well through the corners. I didn't dare look at the times but when I saw Steve looking totally dejected. I was shocked to see I had posted a 105.39 second lap in a bog standard MR2 and the Clio had done a 106.04.

### DEBDEN July 10th.

The day before Debden I broke the cambelt on the MR2, I replaced the belt and the water pump just in time. The whole day was a disaster as the car remained flat up to 5,000 rpm, where upon reaching 5,000 rpm the power would surge in up to 7,000. I had a fault which cost me seconds a run, no power + no win and I came third, just.

Holiday time in Bulgaria was great until I cut myself on a broken bottle hiding in the grass at the hotels poolside. I was left for 2 days with no medical care, my hand and arm swelled up and eventually the hotel called a Doctor in who then ordered the Hotel to get me to Bourgas Hospital.

I was operated on within 2 hours and remained on intravenous antibiotic drips for 3 days. I had severe blood poisoning and remained rather poorly.

I got back to the UK and was admitted to St Peters Hospital and I am awaiting an operation to a cut tendon as well.

So in absolute pain I attended the Hethel Sprint, where my injury was as bad as the cars performance.

### HETHEL.

I had the engine timed with lots of new electrics, so I thought all would be OK, no chance. Again the car was slow on all the straights, just no real power up to 5,000 rpm. I drove like a lunatic through the corners which managed to ease me into 3rd in class.

Where my other class cars where pulling 110mph down the straights, I was doing 90 flat out. I drove most of the day with just my right hand. and changed gear with my left wrist.

I got home and the next day took it to Austec Rolling Road in Crawley. They found the problem, the timing was out by 1 tooth on the crank. We got it fixed and put it onto the rolling road, hey presto, good power results with compressions at 200lbs.

This weekend is a trip up to Curborough, where I am hoping the cars may be back to form, and I will have plenty of strapping to my injured left hand and loads of pain killers.

## CURBOROUGH Aug 13th.

145 miles and I arrived at Curborough at 5am, had an hours sleep in the car then set up ready for scrutineering. There was not a huge entry for this meeting, but some of the cars where worth seeing put through their paces.

In my class A2 was the MGF of David Balderson, Rob Choules in his Saxo VTS, Jim Bryant with a Mazda MX5 shod with list 1b tyres ??? and Jason Andrews with the Honda S2000. I tried everything to depose the Honda S2000 from the front slot, getting to within under half a second. But with a badly slipping clutch, Jasons Honda S2000 was about 8mph quicker down the straight than my standard MR2.

Still I was pleased to get second place, and gave the commentator something to talk about me having to drive with only my right hand on the steering wheel and my damaged left hand velcroed to the gear lever to change gears.

I got back that night and had to take my wife Mary out for our wedding anniversary, 33 years of happy bliss for allowing me to compete most weekends.

Hospital pictures attached, not for the squeamish.

Regards

**Chris Fulke-Greville.**



# Mixed fortunes for Rainham crews but Sue's debut is a hit

RAINHAM crews had a week-end of mixed fortune, but most of it was good as they collected a first overall, a second overall, two second in-class awards and provided a tremendous debut from a variety of events.

The sensational debut came from Sue Jessop, who, driving on her first ever rally, came a marvellous 12th on the 173 Single Venue Stages at Manston on Sunday.

Egged on by a somewhat ashen-faced Colin Skinner (the car's owner and co-driver) Sue impressed everyone present with her attitude and aggression.

She might have had a largish argument with a metal pole on the penultimate stage, but pressed on regardless to record some extremely impressive times — often only eight or 10 seconds slower than Mike Hands, who was second overall.

This lady will be a force to be reckoned with next year.

Hands and Mike Dawson had a day-long battle with Malcolm Cooper and Max Lefevre for the lead and the latter pair in the end emerged winners by a mere four seconds after 30 miles of stages.

The battle was hard fought on the road, but was so friendly in between that when Cooper's car broke a half-shaft on the finish line, Hands immediately helped him repair it so that his rival could beat him.

A truly sportsmanlike gesture.

Other Rainham finishers here were Colin Chishall and Mike

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## Motor sport

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Bradley, who claimed a creditable 14th overall in their Escort 1600.

The mixed fortunes continued on the Powerush Rally, even though the ever-consistent crew of Derek Arnold and Rainham chairman Ernie Clark took the Team Barclays/Camden Motors Escort to another well deserved victory.

It was Ernie's second successive triumph and could yet lead to another South East Championship.

Other local crews, though, weren't so fortunate. Mike Biss and Jacqui Clark failed to start after Mike rolled the car on the day of the event, while Paul Buckingham and Martin Kiernan arrived at the start with their Mini in a very sick condition.

There was no oil pressure, so they were destined not to get away, either.

In Ireland, meanwhile, the ASEMC Autotest team didn't quite repeat last year's tremendous results, but nonetheless had a very enjoyable time as they finished a creditable seventh overall.

Steve Stringer and Mike Jordan (Lotus 7 and Escort Mexico) picked up excellent second overall awards, while Bill Cook (Sunbeam Lotus) wound up in the top half of his class.

Steve Redsell, though, was out of luck as his Mini was hampered by severe gear-box troubles.



## Club races and rallies

A HANDICAP race exclusively for Sevenoaks and District MC members in a wide variety of cars was one of the unusual features at the October 3 Lydden race meeting.

Scratch man Jim McDougal was unable to start after finishing third in an earlier race, and it was left to Chris Judge in his Mini 1000 to make up three laps on the older machinery starting in front of him. Despite a tremendous effort, he was unable to finish higher than fourth.

Overall winner was the elderly Ford Zephyr of Chislehurst-based Chris Dennis, whose car, like second-place man Pete Hanaway's Morris Minor, is prepared to class as saloon car regulations.

Eric Hall took his rare and immaculate Healey Silverstone into third place.

This Sunday Sevenoaks have their own race meeting at Brands Hatch, with races for Formula Ford, Mini 7, Mini 1000, saloon and formulae fibre cars.

SEVENOAKS and District MC emerged the quiz champs again after the third of a series of brain-busting tussles with Bexley Light Car Club.

As happened at the previous meeting, the Bexley

team of Brian Parker, Martin Kiff and Eddi Parham were no match for the Sevenoaks team of Eric Hall, Steve Pettinson and Geoff Turner.

Quiz-master Keith Edwards produced a well-balanced series of 70 questions for the match at the Kentagon, Brands Hatch on October 27. Final score was Sevenoaks 40, Bexley 29.

BEXLEY Light Car Club's Barry Strong took his Escort to a fine second overall place in the Maidstone and Mid-Kent MC's Mid-Kent States Rally on October 24 a useful boost to his ASEMCA stages championship aspirations.

AWARDS won on the Weekend Rally were presented at Brands Hatch on October 19 by Bristol Street Motors sales director Mr Barry Mantz and his wife Karin. The company sponsored the event which was promoted by Bexley Light Car Club.

Introducing the club's guests, chairman Howard Downes thanked Bristol Street Motors for their generosity to the club over many years.

Awards were also presented to winners of the

autotest run on September 28.

Award winners were: Weekend Rally — outright, R. Nimmo/T. Watson; masters, 1 W. Utting/J. Perky, 2 P. Gregory/G. Presswell, 3 R. Goodwin/T. Stapleton; experts, 2 R. Gravestock/J. Vallence; clubmen, 1 G. Robinson/M. Smith; novices, 1 P. Jackson/C. Farr, 2 N. Howard/R. Woolley, 3 L. Bain/H. Hardie. Mixed crew, K. Haselden/L. Jenner. Cible award and best Talbot, R. Nimmo/T. Watson. Best Ford over 1300cc, W. Utting/J. Perky. Last finisher, D. Patching/M. Able.

Autotest: Fastest time of day, S. Edmonds. Test 21, P. Hubble. Class awards, K. Lavalin, S. Jessop, G. Austin, T. Adams, B. Parker, C. Bates, S. Williams. Best lady, S. Jessop.

COMPETITORS in the Lombard RAC Rally, starting from York on November 21, will face 1,800 miles and 70 special forestry stages in the gruelling five-day event.

The route goes farther into Scotland and Wales than previously — hence the extra day. The stages on the Sunday will be over private land and in the grounds of stately homes in the Midlands.

## WHO DO YOU THINK THIS IS?

Would you rally with him??

This was me at Lydden Circuit 1988 in my brand new Peugeot 309 GTi at a Toyo Super Road Saloon Race. I got the car back over on its wheels and did the next race.



This was taken in 1980 at the Kent Rally.

I had just driven off a small cliff of 85ft at Waldham Quarry, Bluebell Hill in my Grp 4 Escort 1840cc.

I sustained a broken collar bone, a broken sternum, several broken ribs and left hand.

The engine and gearbox came through the bulkhead when I hit the bottom Dave Holloway was my navigator and he wrong routed me up the second causeway to the top plateau slimy horrible white chalk at 70mph instead of 25mph.



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## **FINAL AUTOTEST**

**Summer is over**

