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Many thanks – removes the hassle!

Chairman's Chat

Hope you all had a good time at the presentation evening

Thank you for all those that turned up at the AGM. I would like to thank Rob and Dave for their help on the committee and to thank Mike for being Comp sec.

I will also take this opportunity to welcome 3 new members to the committee: Russell Milligan, Will Trinder and Craig Abbott. Will is going to help Jimmy with the karting and Craig is taking over as comp sec.

The Motor Club has a Facebook page and also a new website, www.witneykarting.co.uk . Check it out for all things karting.

Things to look forward to include the Natter and Noggin on the 16th December and the Autotest at BMH on the second, we already have a few entries. So it should be a good, competitive event.

The club, well Jimmy anyway, organised a Charity karting event on the 26th November – it was a great success. Read all about elsewhere in this mag. I would like to thank Jimmy for all his hard work on the event.

There is some good news for the club, I don't know if anyone has noticed that the Rally Show at Chatsworth has moved to Cornbury House, I have been in touch with the organiser and Witney is one of two clubs who will run the special stage at the event on May 14-15th - http://www.therallyshow.org/
More details at the above link, there is a site meeting on the 18th of December and I will know more then.

Steve Boyle

Club web sites, for interest:

www.witneymotorclub.co.uk
www.witney motorshow.co.uk
www.witneyautocross.co.uk
www.witneykarting.co.uk

Social Report

The charity Karting event on Friday 26th went well with lots of money raised for Sobell House – more about this from Jimmy and Steve no doubt.

What are we up to just now:

December 16th **Christmas Social**, West Witney Club

January 2nd **Morning After Autotest** – yep I know, but you all have the day off on Monday so it should make sense that you can all have a long Christmas and an autotest – all gain no pain.

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January - Brewery Tour Good for you all!
Ladies may have a pamper night, so please don't feel left out.

Brean Stages Lads weekend marshalling.

February 10th **Cupids Trophy**

New Forest Rally, marshals required, call Steve for info.

A very **Merry CHRISTMAS** and a very **Happy New Year** to you all from your committee

Derrick

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Witney Motor Club Charity Karting

Witney Motor Club organised a Charity karting event on Friday, 26th November. The event, which took place at Formula Fast in Banbury, raised £1000 for Sobell house. 10 teams of 4 entered the 2hr endurance race, all drivers having a really good time.

The Oxfordshire radio station Jack Fm helped to promote the event and entered a team too. Jack FM's promotion and a lot hard work from the motor club saw 3 teams from British Motor Heritage in Witney joined by a team from Evolution Reptiles, S R Childs, Farol's John Deere dealers and two independent teams ALS and Larman's, along with a Motor club team.

The action was fast and furious and the racing close with Witney MC winning the overall event and S.R. Childs winning the Charity competition. Witney Motor Club hope to do more charity events in the future and if you want to have fun and help raise money for a good cause check out their website. There are photos of the event there too.

Kevin Game of Sobell house was very pleased with the efforts and hopes to drive himself next time.

Steve Boyle

Gran Turismo

As articles go I am sure this will be of little interest to all of our readers, but there is a request for them so here goes. It was with much anticipation I purchased a Playstation 3 in September of 2008. The promise of the latest edition of Gran Turismo was promised as a launch title and had been delayed by several months. I write this now on the 24th of November 2010, the day the game has been finally released.

I will write this based on the idea that you know little about the whole Gran Turismo genre. In 1992, Kazunori Yamauchi set out with a group of seven to develop the original Gran Turismo, which took a whole five years to complete. The idea of the game was to create a simulation as close to real world physics and graphics as can be.

In 1998 the first Gran Turismo was released for the original Playstation and has sold 10.8 million copies worldwide. The game featured 11 tracks and 178 licensed cars.

In 1999, Gran Turismo 2 was launched for the Playstation and was an updated version of the original game. It featured 650 cars, 27 tracks and had slightly tweaked graphics. This marked the limit of capability for the Playstation development.

In 2001, Sony released the Playstation 2 and Gran Turismo 3 was a launch title. The game featured over 200 cars and 34 tracks including real world locations. The game was hugely successful selling over 14.8 million copies. 2005 saw the release of Gran Turismo 4, another development from its fore runner. Graphics were enhanced and again the number of tracks and real world tracks increased. 11.2 million copies have been sold worldwide and it has been one of the most successful game franchises in history.

In 2009, a version of Gran Turismo 5 was launched for download from the Playstation Network. It was a single track with a single car and the aim was to post the fastest lap time. What came from this was called the Gran Turismo Academy. The top 20 gamers were invited to take part in a competition where the winner was awarded with a race seat with the GT Academy team at the Nurburgring 24 hours in a Nissan 350Z GT3. This as repeated in 2010 but the winner got the chance to race in the International GT4 championship and the Nurburgring 24 Hours.

Today marks the release of the 5th incarnation of the brand and holds some pretty impressive figures. There are over 1000 licensed cars available and 71 tracks to choose from. The game supports on line gaming for up to 16 players, the latest 3D viewing technology and High Definition graphics. Most of the worlds car manufacturers have given their permission to be featured in the game and pre-order numbers of this game have been amongst the highest for any released.

It's with baited breath I write this sitting in work, waiting for the clock to chime 5 so I can get home and play the game I have been waiting literally 4 years for.

If there is any interest in this article, I will give an update on my thoughts and feelings in the next issue, if I can be dragged away from it long enough.

Craig

Will Trinder 1st and Dave Cross 2nd – well done both
(I think this was at the Charity Races on 26 Nov)

Karting Championship Rd 4 – Daytona, MK – 17 October 2010

For this round, eight of us took part in an Open race at the outdoor track at Milton Keynes. It is always a bit of a worry that the other guys will be much quicker than us and looking around the briefing room there were some who looked like they might be. But come qualifying we had 3 out of the top 4 places.

On my first practice lap I was a bit suspicious that something was wrong with my

engines as I didn't have as much speed as the others, so I went into the pits at the end of that lap. Sure enough one engine wasn't running, it is almost impossible to detect apart from lack of speed as there is a lot of vibration on twin engined karts and later there was a lot of vibration on my kart at full speed my body was vibrating but not as badly as it was at the Motorhead gig I went to with my son David for his Stag do!

Michael Cross was leading comfortably until about halfway until he had a major breakdown which left him stranded in the middle of the track.

Lots of good racing and a win for Dave Cross with Will Trinder in 3rd Steve Wright 5th Ian Bishop 9th Craig Abbott 11th Michael Cross recovered to 13th me in 14th and John Henman in 18th.

Jimmy Milligan

Good Luck and Best Wishes to
David Milligan and Claire Stewart when
they marry on Saturday December 4th.

Karting Championship Rd 5 – Formula Fast, Banbury 4 November 2010

14 drivers turned up for the final round and I decided that the Drivers Choice event would suit us best. This a series of short races where you start from a different position on the grid each race and you get points for your finishing position, ie 10 pts for 1st and 1pt for 10th.

We were divided into 2 groups at random but unfortunately more of the top Championship contenders were in 1 group so anyone else in that group had little chance and Will Trinder had it a bit easier in the other group which was a little bit of an oversight by me.

The winner on the night was Will with Michael 2nd and Dave 3rd. That result gave Michael the Championship with his son Dave 2nd and Will 3rd Steve Wright 4th . So in conclusion we had some very competitive races in 2010 and have drivers competing who can hold their own against any we come across.

Thanks to everyone who competed in all the races in 2010 or just 1 – you all made it worthwhile organising.

Looking forward to 2011, hoping to do better and get more drivers now Will Trinder is assisting me.

Jimmy Milligan

Jimmy's Rant of the Month

Welcome to a new feature in the magazine where I moan about the motoring related subject that has annoyed me most this month.

No 1

Cars parked on the wrong side of the road with their headlights on.

Why oh why when a driver parks on the opposite side of the road, to wait for their kids to get in or get out or while a passenger goes to buy fags or milk or whatever they leave their headlights on dipped beam.

Do they really not know where the beam of light is going! Straight into the eyes of the drivers coming towards them. It would be less dangerous to have them on full beam because the light would be straight ahead.
Why not go down to sidelights then we could see if we are running over their kids, their dog or their grandmother. And I, like others who get migraine, wouldn't get a headache. It makes me want to punch their lights out except I'm not a violent person and I wouldn't want glass in my hand!

Next Month People who ignore chips in their windscreen.

Jimmy Milligan

Apologies to anyone who tried to ring me! Normal service has now been resumed!

Jimmy Milligan
(Wow Jimmy – who rattled your cage!!)

Magazine Editor's 'Bit'

I hope you are all OK, and looking forward to Christmas!! Like so many others, I just can't believe it's with us SO SOON – it feels like, maybe, we are in March, not rushing on to Christmas 2010! Hey ho, such is life, we must be busy, or something!

Brian and I did enjoy the presentation dinner, it was lovely. The company was excellent and so was the meal. Thanks very much to Helen for sorting it all out. (At least Brian and I remembered to pay this time!)

Also, we enjoyed the AGM – it might seem odd to you but it was good. We have some new blood on the committee and I feel things are going to "happen" – great! I did appreciate the comments received about the

magazine – many thanks people. Feedback is good, especially if it's constructive! I may have said this before, but anything you have a story on or a gripe to make, *please* let me have it and I will print it for you. Also, if you have a picture to interest us – well, let us have that too. Many thanks to those who have contributed this month – I reckon we'd better call it "Jimmy's Mag" this month!!

What can you win, well, let me look into my crystal ball – ah, I see it is the Morning After Autotest cup, which looks like the following and is well worth winning (just in case you missed it last month!):

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