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**Please** – when writing to Brian Pegram with a membership (whether it be new or renewal), please **make the cheque payable to *Witney Motor Club*, & not to Brian.**  
Many thanks – removes the hassle!

# Chairman's Chat

The big event coming up for the club this month is the Rally Show at Cornbury Park. This will be a good event for the club with a lot of us involved in the running of the stage. As well as showing the capabilities of the Club it has also presented the opportunity to forge links with Oxford and Thame Motor clubs, as I have contacted them and asked them to help and be part of this big local event. Hopefully this will be the start of a good relationship between the clubs and bode well for events in the future.

Back to the Rally Show, many of our members are involved already, I am chief Marshal, Simon is the safety officer, Martin Madge is going to do the pace notes, although he got a bit nervous when I told him the WRC drivers would be using them. Mick Warman along with Rod Mckenna are the event stewards.

Sue, Craig, Derrick and Will are all helping along with many others doing general marshalling. There are still posts available if you want to come along, there won't be many opportunities to see the WRC fiestas and Minis in action this year and none so close, you may even see Jimmy as he is considering entering in his 206 just to show these youngsters how it's done.

Contact me if you want to help out, there are admin duties and marshaling duty posts yet to fill.

Well done to Mark Bradley on getting first in class in the first round of the Autocross championship, good luck for the next round on the beach and to all others who are going.

Once the rally show is out of the way I will be getting my car ready for the Abingdon carnival Sprint, I have regs for the sprint, and Autosolo which is on the Saturday, and I dare say that there will be a few of the members doing the rally on the Sunday too so those regs will be available too.

So it will be a good weekend to come and support the club members who are competing and get involved in club motorsport.

***Steve Boyle***

Club web sites, for interest:

[www.witneymotorclub.co.uk](http://www.witneymotorclub.co.uk)

[www.witney motorshow.co.uk](http://www.witney motorshow.co.uk)

[www.witneyautocross.co.uk](http://www.witneyautocross.co.uk)

[www.witneykarting.co.uk](http://www.witneykarting.co.uk)

## *Social Report*

Ok so nobody feels like a picnic, well May looks rather busy so maybe later in the year then.

Coming up – it not all social but we do hope you will come and help at the rally show weekend at Cornbury. Names to Steve please asap.

- 22<sup>nd</sup> May      First treasure Hunt of 2011, organised by the Davidson family, details should be in this mag. (Of course they are! Pam)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June      Micollew Walkabout, Steve arranging. Details to follow.
- 31<sup>st</sup> July      Treasure Hunt round two. The Bradley family arranging. Details to follow.

## *Derrick*

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YOU WILL NOW RECEIVE YOUR MAGAZINE BY  
EMAIL –LET PAM KNOW IF YOU STILL  
REQUIRE A HARD COPY.**

## **Competition Secretary's report**

Hello all.

I'm afraid I have little to report this month. Unfortunately we have had no autotest as there was an issue in securing a venue. We are working hard to try and find venues where we can build relationships with the owners and secure the sites for long term. If anyone can help us find such locations, we would be forever happy.

Apart from this, we have some exciting new ideas coming for the season ahead.

Many thanks

*Craig*

## **The Rally Show**

The list for marshals is up and running for the Rally Show – the show is Saturday and Sunday 14th and 15th of May.

<http://www.therallyshow.org>

Ideally we would like you to do both days which will give continuity, we are planning to rotate crews around the stage including start and finish, giving everybody experience at all posts.

The plan is to break the weekend down into two shifts, so you will only do half a day each day.

A few of you have already told me that you want to come but can you please let me know again please.

Camping is available and numbers are needed. Please send me the following info if you want to marshal.

Full Name, Club, Sat, Sun or both, camping Y/N

As well as marshals the organisers require administrators to help with the daily running of the show this will be in the office helping the organisers.

The Rally Show also requires a PA (Personnel Assistant) for the week leading up to the show, this will involve manning phones and taking enquiries, co-ordinating arrivals etc. This would be a good chance to get in to event management for anyone interested.

Courtesy drivers needed, to collect VIPS from airports hotels etc, using cars supplied by Renault UK

If you or anyone else is interested in the above positions let me know.

*Steve*

***STOP PRESS***

**TREASURE HUNT**

We are organising a treasure hunt for Sunday, May 22nd.

The start is at the Hopcrofts Holt Hotel car park at 2pm

(The hotel is situated on the old Banbury to Oxford Road near Steeple Aston)

All are welcome. If you need to know anything please give us a call on 01295 816812

***Peter & Wendy***

**Sugworthy Autocross 17<sup>th</sup> April 2011  
Event Report**

Well on the lead up to the event, things all got a bit hectic, fortunately Dad had taken the week off prior to the event.

The car was fired up on the Tuesday and given its first run on the Thursday. Due to Dad's experience in building competition cars, the car had no evident problems and was loaded on the trailer nearly ready to go on Friday. Just the tracking and a couple of tyre changes on Saturday morning we were ready and departed Witney about 3pm in the afternoon.

We arrived at Sugworthy about 7.30 pm, got the tents up, car unloaded and ready for morning. We had a walk of the track, it was evident the track was fairly narrow and the damp long grass was going to be very slippery first thing.

There were only two juniors at the event; Nick Angrave and myself. At the drivers' briefing we were asked to stay behind by the Clerk of the Course, where he expressed his desire for us two to run together all day.

We went out to practice, Nick got off the line quick and I fluffed my first gear change, Nick was into the 1<sup>st</sup> corner first, and there he stayed. I pressed on and was right behind him for the whole of the 3 laps, I wasn't too keen to attempt an overtake as the cars were sliding a lot, track was pretty narrow and it was only practice.

First run I arrived at the start and the two start positions were totally different, one was wet grass and the other mud, I landed up on the wet grass side, I knew this would be a challenge to beat Nick from the start! Therefore the start was the same as the practice, Nick got away first. I was right behind him by the time we got to the first bend, it was difficult to pass but I did manage to get next to him few times, soon Nick hit several penalty markers so I followed him for the rest of the run in the end, as I knew he would get a penalty. Ultimately Nick got a 20 second penalty for hitting 4 penalty markers and we finished with a second between us, this meant I was leading the class by 19 Seconds.

Second run I got the right line from the start and got straight into the lead, I was gradually pulling away over the first 3½ laps then the red flags came out. I looked back and saw that Nick had rolled trying to catch up. I got a rerun ok and lined up against Tom Moore in a 205 1.6 GTI, (one of the juniors from last year) but I was on the slippery side! He pulled away quicker but I was soon catching him up, he went wide ¾ of the round the 1<sup>st</sup> lap, I managed to get up the inside, passed him, and gradually pulled away. The time for this run was 4 minutes but I think I lost a good few seconds behind Tom.

Final run Nick's car was not badly damaged and he was up for it. We started the last run, I fluffed the start and Nick got out in front. On the second lap, I managed a good exit speed from one corner and I passed Nick on the inside into the next bend. On the last lap I also managed to catch up and pass the car that started half a lap behind me. I finished fine but the time keeper had messed up and Nick or myself didn't get a time. We did both get offered re-runs, we spoke to Nick and we both agreed not to go out for a re-run. I was thankful for this because I may make an error and throw away the class win.

My thanks to Chris Hayter Transport and Spires Tyres.

**Mark**

## **Jimmy's Rant of the Month (No. 6)**

I am surprised (slightly) that these topics keep on coming still, it's cheaper than paying for therapy.

What has bothered me this month is people getting into MY SPACE, not the Facebook alternative but that bit of road in front of my car.

You know what it's like – you're driving along at a steady speed, possibly maximising on the National Speed Limit with a comfortable distance to the car in front allowing a relaxing drive without having to use the brakes for any speed adjustment when suddenly from the right someone comes into that gap.

You are faced with a dilemma, brake and waste speed and therefore fuel or do nothing and hope no one is going to brake suddenly in front.

Often the reason the driver has pulled in so abruptly is that having been the big brave warrior on the outside lane doing 90 mph plus, they have seen a Police car (or Highways Agency it doesn't seem to matter to them) they have transformed into a little law abiding mouse and hope the Old Bill think they have been in that lane all the time. I don't think the Police are that unaware with all their hi-tech equipment.

My reaction is often just to pull out into the outside lane and get past them. As long as I am not going over 80 on the speedo it shouldn't be a problem and it's certainly safer than causing a concertina braking effect on following traffic.

**Next Month:** People in badly fitting cars.

*Jimmy*

Hi All – been asked to promote the following:

### **Volunteers for Marshals Wiscombe Park Hillclimb on Saturday 7 May 2011**

The 500 OA thank all those members, family and friends who helped at Wiscombe Park last year with marshalling duties, which make the meeting a success.

We need again for 2011 volunteers for MARSHALS for the Wiscombe Park hillclimb taking place on Saturday 7 May. All volunteers do not necessarily need to be an experienced marshal but of course some experienced marshals will certainly be needed to ensure that this key event can proceed safely and properly.

The Club hillclimb CANNOT TAKE PLACE without a full complement of officials and marshals on the day, and therefore the 500 OA needs club members to volunteer to fill these posts to ensure the event can take place and is run efficiently and successfully.

Please let Paul Harris know well in advance of the meeting that you are prepared to make the commitment to be a marshal or assist with marshalling duties at Wiscombe Park on 7 May. It will help if you can complete and return this form to me indicating any preference for the duty or hill location together with any past experience of marshalling you may have.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Any previous experience \_\_\_\_\_

Any preferred duty/location \_\_\_\_\_

This form can be completed and returned to me at the address below, or you can telephone me to volunteer on 01743 718028, or Email me at: [pauleasowes@btinternet.com](mailto:pauleasowes@btinternet.com).

Paul Harris  
Lynwood, Longnor, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 7PP

Please contact me to volunteer as soon as possible and by April 2011 at the latest.

*Simon*

## **To the Marshals, Radio Crews, and other helpers at the 2010 QSR**

We are delighted that Nicky Grist is our new sponsor for 2011. Nicky is also helping the organising team with some exciting new initiatives for 2011 and beyond. Classic, smooth WRGB gravel stages on the Epynt Ranges with service after every stage.

New Rally HQ based at the Royal Welsh Showground in Builth Wells, although the event will now start and finish on Epynt. 44 stage miles with only 30 road miles. This makes the event unique in the BTRDA Series in that the road miles are less than the stage miles!!

The event last year was voted the BEST BTRDA EVENT 2010 and a big part of that was down to the quality of the marshals who came and helped us to run it. This year we hope to make the event even better and I am again looking for a large number of marshals and radio crews to come out and help with the event. If you are able to help again, please let me know as soon as possible. It helps massively with the planning to have a rough idea how many people are coming out to help us and what their experience and skills are, even if you are coming as part of a particular Stage Commander's team.

Thanking you in advance

Chris

**Christopher Fieldhouse**

**Chief Marshal**

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Tel: 01295 680279 / 07925 280281

<http://nickygristquintonstages.quinton-mc.org.uk>

## **All**

The Severn Valley National Rally this year takes place on Saturday 4th June 2011 and is based in Builth Wells. Like many other clubs that are putting on events there is a need to recruit marshals to assist with the running of stages and I'm sure you get emails from all clubs asking for this.

The Severn Valley this year is a round of the following championships.

**The Severn Valley National Historic Stages Rally** which is a round of the:-

- **The Dunlop / WONAGO MSA British Historic Rally Championship,** incorporating:-
- **The Water End Properties HRCR Gravel Cup**
- **The Brian Dennis Motorsport Welsh Historic Rally Championship.**

**The Severn Valley Historic Stages Challenge** which is a round of the:-

- **HRCR Historic Stage Rally Challenge 2011,** incorporating:-
- **The Mini Cup, Supported by Astran Cargo Services Ltd.**

**The Severn Valley Rally** which is a round of the:-

- **Hankook MSA Welsh National Rally Championship,** incorporating:-
- **1300 Micra Challenge**
- **SJR Two Wheel Drive Challenge**
- **The Southern Car Club Super Rally Challenge**

If members of the club fancy a day out in Wales and are able to assist with either radios, junction or infill marshals we would be grateful if they could get in touch with either myself or Eurig Evans at [eurigevans@aol.com](mailto:eurigevans@aol.com) or Dyfan Davies at [dyfan@ddavies0.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:dyfan@ddavies0.orangehome.co.uk) with their name and what their preference would be.

We thank you in anticipation.

Eurig Evans / Dyfan Davies  
Chief Marshals

*Jane Evans*  
*Secretary of the Meeting Severn Valley National Rally*  
*Secretary of the Meeting Wales Rally GB National Rally*  
*Tel: 01559 371774*  
*Mobile: 07773794914*

## RESULT OF MY PROBING

NAME:	<b>Simon Bradley</b>
POSITION IN CLUB:	Webmaster & Championship Points co-ordinator ex-Chairman, ex-Comp Sec, ex-membership sec.

OCCUPATION: Fire Officer, Husband, maintenance engineer, car builder for son, car cleaner, car servicer, gardener, dog walker, cat feeder ...

DREAM OCCUPATION: No job, lottery winner, do what I want to do, I can keep myself occupied!

DREAM ROAD CAR: McClaren F1, Mitsi or Scooby or A35

DREAM COMPETITION CAR: F1, Mitsi or Scooby or maybe a DS3

FAVOURITE MOTORSPORT DRIVER: Simon Bradley, Seb & Michael

‘OTHER’ HOBBY (APART FROM MOTORSPORT): Sex, sailing, scuba (all the SSS’s), Orienteering, oh, and going on holiday!

WHAT SUBJECT MIGHT YOU BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING? Done learning, don’t do no more – just enjoy!

WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE ABOUT YOURSELF? Like to be 30 yrs younger, however, still have all the attributes!

WHAT IMPROVEMENT WOULD YOU MAKE TO THE MAGAZINE? More pictures.

What an “all round” guy!

*Pam*

## “Skittles Night”

Friday, 15 April, West Witney, skittles, food – let Derrick know as soon as possible, so I did! “Just you, me and Brian for sure” he said, “but a few others said they’d come. I’ll pick you up about 7.45pm.”

To cut a long story short, Brian, Derrick & I had a great evening, although we didn’t win the meat raffle (yes, I’m vegetarian, but my family isn’t!), not did we bowl a single ball – why? You can’t play skittles with 3, one of whom (me) can’t play anyway!

Where were you??? You might’ve won the meat raffle if you’d come!

*Sue*

## **Rallying – the ups and downs.**

I have been lucky enough to be asked by Dan Adderly to support his rallying with some technical support at events. It was on a lovely morning that we left Witney for Down Ampney for the 'Get it Sideways Rally'. Dan was seeded 8<sup>th</sup> overall. The Escort was running amazingly well and after a few stages Dan was running first in class and 4<sup>th</sup> overall showing up car such as Subarus. On the 7<sup>th</sup> stage of the day the Escort decided to start playing up again, getting stuck in 4<sup>th</sup> gear for the most of the stage. On stage 8, the right lower engine mount snapped and we created a great running repair with a ratchet strap and the upper strut brace. The car ran well on the 9<sup>th</sup> stage but on the final stage, around 400 yards from the end of the stage an oil line ruptured and the engine died. Dan coasted across the finish line to secure a 2<sup>nd</sup> in class and 6<sup>th</sup> overall. After some post-rally analysis I have since found that Dan actually finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall and 1<sup>st</sup> in class due to some dubious adding up but he will not officially be allowed this result.

So, with the Escort decidedly broken, Dan secured the use of a rather lovely MG from his 'Father-in-law'. We arrived back at Down Ampney for the Corinium Stages. Dan was seeded 9<sup>th</sup> but expected in the Escort. He ran well for the first few stages running an impressive 3<sup>rd</sup> in class behind a Super 1400 Corsa and a heavily modified Nova. Unfortunately on the 6<sup>th</sup> stage of the day the car came to a halt with a broken diff.

I have had an interesting introduction into stage rallying with Dan and I would like to thank him for that. From what I have seen and heard (mostly from other drivers and teams) we have a budding talent in the club. Dan could get better results if his equipment could support his talent. I would love to see if we as a club could help find some well deserved sponsorship for him so he can drive to his full potential.

So in the future, please come and support Dan as you can. Let's try and push to make him successful because he seems to always taste that bitter pill of bad luck.

*Craig*



Weston-super-Mare - Stage Rally now 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
Stockport 061 - Road Rally now 20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> May 2011.

It was reported that MSA are still working on improving their site regarding dates etc..

**6. a) AUTOTEST CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT**

Bob Budd reported that nothing had happened yet as the first event was Hagley's and registrations would be taken there. Any club wishing to have an event included in the 2012 Championship should contact Bob as soon as possible.

The 2011 Inter-Association event - organised by the Association of Northern Car Clubs.

**b) ROAD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT**

It was reported that twelve contenders had registered so far – South Hams event was the first scheduled event of the 2011 Championship. Telford AC's Moonbeam already has a full entry. Fifteen events comprise this years' Championship.

Inter Association event - 26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> November based in South Yorkshire.

**c) "HEART OF ENGLAND" CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT**

No report, but quite a bit of money has been banked.

Contact details, for the Championship, are via e-mail: [atidley@aol.com](mailto:atidley@aol.com) or 07850 308 914

The Inter-Association event, hosted by EMAMC – the Premier Rally 20/11/10, organised by Dukeries MC, didn't take place.

**d) CAR TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Steve reported that the first event was not until May. He has added a further three events for this year and three contenders have already registered.**

**Inter-Association Trial - organised by Ross & District - the Wye Valley Trial - for the ASWCC**

Inter-Association Sporting Trial - T. B. N.

**MORE SUPPORT IS REQUIRED FOR INTER-ASSOCIATION EVENTS, OF ALL KINDS.**

**8. PRESS / PR OFFICER'S REPORT:**

**All AWMMC Championship Secretaries** should keep Andrew fully informed of their Championship positions, whenever possible. **Andrew's e-mail address:** [andrew@webbenefit.co.uk](mailto:andrew@webbenefit.co.uk)

*ANYONE INTERESTED IN TAKING ON THE DUTIES OF PRESS OFFICER SHOULD CONTACT JOHN ARNOLD OR DAVE COOPER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.*

**9. TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT:**

Ian reported little activity at present but a grant had been received for £468 to support the training for Time Control and Timing instruction, primarily for rallying. The AWMMC Treasurer confirmed that support would be given towards costs.

Anyone club requiring training should contact Ian Jarrett ([jarretti@btinternet.com](mailto:jarretti@btinternet.com)).

**10. REGIONAL MEETING:**

**Richard Egger was invited to explain the aims of 'Go Motorsport'**

Ten Regional Development Officers have been appointed by MSA with the idea to provide a contact with schools & colleges to introduce the various forms of motor sport available and the connections with Science, Technology, Engineering and Design work as a career. These services are provided free of charge to schools etc.. Help is also given to clubs in the form of PR support for promotions in their region. Clubs into 'grass-root' motor sport should contact Richard through the MSA's Go Motorsport site.

John Arnold reported that the meeting was held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2011.

1. Club Development Fund including Rescue & Recovery - Clubs and Organisations are still able to submit their claims.
  2. DVD's & Route Notes: Rallies Committee are discussing the matter.
  3. MSA are launching a new on-line magazine - contact Tim @ media
  4. Closed Roads - some support has been gained from the Government
  5. Rally Review is continuing throughout 2011.
  6. Rallies Committee Minutes - next meeting 28/4/11 includes a discussion on the life of seats and seatbelts.
11. TREASURY REPORT:  
The Treasurer detailed the current Bank balance.
12. YEAR BOOK 2011  
Bob Budd had brought along a supply of Year Books and requested all clubs attending this meeting to take their hard copies with them.
13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:
1. The meeting felt that the title 'Press/PR' was somewhat outdated and perhaps should be re-named 'Marketing/Recruitment Officer'
  2. Club membership card should have the wording as per H 25.1.3 (Page 134)
  3. Spill kits: It was suggested that as one unit has been sent to all clubs by MSA, that further spill kits could be issued to all special stage start crews, by event organisers.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS CLOSED.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2011

AT BROMSGROVE GOLF and CONFERENCE CENTRE,  
STRATFORD ROAD, BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE. B60 1LD

## ***Magazine Editor's 'Bit'***

I have learnt that Rob Tyrrell (treasurer of Kidderminster Motor Car Club) has died following a short illness. I was very sorry to learn of this and send WMC's best wishes to his family.

On a happier note (for the female readers only, of course) wasn't Kate's dress magnificent - I just don't think it could have been improved upon. What a lovely wedding it was.

I can't think of anything else to say this month, except that I have enjoyed reading most of the articles this month - they all seem to want WMC members to participate in their events - WMC has certainly acquired a 'name' for the quality of its marshals!

What's coming up - the first one is the Treasure Hunt (a round towards this wonderful trophy), the second one is the D'Arcy Miall Autotest trophy (should be on 5 June):



*Pam*

# WITNEY MOTOR CLUB

## Membership Application Form

When complete, please return this form with the correct remittance to: **Brian Pegram**  
**152 Brize Norton Road, Minster Lovell, Witney, OX29 0SH**

To apply for a FULL membership, a FULL driving licence must be held. Make out cheques to WMC.

Family membership covers Husband & Wife (one of whom need not hold a full driving licence) plus children who do not hold a driving licence.

Membership type	Cost	Qty	Total
ADVANCED FAMILY MEMBERSHIP*	£23.00		
ADVANCED SINGLE MEMBERSHIP*	£20.00		
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	£15.00		
FULL SINGLE MEMBERSHIP	£12.00		
SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP	£ 5.00		
WMC Windscreen sticker	£ 4.00		
WMC car sticker	£ 2.00		
WMC sweat shirt	£15.00		
WMC tee shirt	£10.00		
	TOTAL		
<b>Your details</b>			
<b>Your full name (please state if new)</b>			
<b>Address</b>			
<b>POSTCODE</b>			
<b>Occupation</b>			
<b>Tel no: Home</b>			
<b>Work</b>			
<b>Mobile</b>			
<b>Email address</b>			
<b>Date</b>			
<b>Signature</b>			
<b>Are you a new member?</b>			

Your details will be held on a database to enable distribution of club information only. Please tick whichever aspects of the club you are interested in.

**\*THIS OPTION IS FOR NEW MEMBERS ONLY - INCLUDES FREE ENTRY TO A TREASURE HUNT, AUTOTEST & 12-CAR RALLY.**

<b>Stage rallying</b>	<b>Yes / No</b>
<b>Autotests</b>	<b>Yes / No</b>
<b>Autocross</b>	<b>Yes / No</b>
<b>12-car rallies</b>	<b>Yes / No</b>
<b>Treasure Hunts</b>	<b>Yes / No</b>
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