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Brian and Elaine Fox on their wedding day
Sadly, he died recently
He was one of the founder members of WMC

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www.witneyautocross.co.uk
www.witneykarting.co.uk

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please **make the cheque payable to *Witney Motor Club*, & not to Brian.**

Many thanks – avoids the hassle!

Chairman's Chat – October 2013

Hello,

Sorry for the late magazine this month it was my fault, I have been finalising a date and venue for the awards do. This took longer than anticipated.

I can now tell you all it will be the **9th of November** at **Burwell Hall** in **Witney** consisting of **Buffet** and **Disco**, the cost will be **£10** a head.

We also want to **celebrate 50 years** of **Witney Motor Club** so please come along even if you have no awards to collect.

I have been very busy recently with a new venture – I have set up my own company doing Training and Consultancy in the Active safety world of ADAS (Advanced Driver Assistance Systems). These are features on new modern cars such as Forward Collision Warning systems and Lane Departure Warning. As from next year, all cars which wish to attain a EuroNCAP 5 star rating must have AEB (Auto Emergency Brake), this type of work has been a major part of my current job and my new venture will allow me to devote more time to it. My first contract is with Thatcham Research of alarm fame, I will be helping develop future EuroNCAP testing.

There has not been much going on in the club this year but I and the committee are hoping for a much more proactive 2014. The winter months will be spent looking for venues – help in this matter would be very much appreciated. If you can think of any way let us know the contact details, we want to look at venues grass and tarmac for Autotesting and more Autocross venues.

Coming up, Neil Fayers is competing in the Regency stages on the 12th of October at Bath showground, it could be a great day out watching some great Rallying and I am sure Neil would love the support.

Thame MC's annual event at the Rockingham Stages 7th/8th Dec Rockingham Speedway Northants is coming up. If anybody fancies marshalling we can get a group together let me know and I will organise it

Once again sorry for the delay and don't forget to let us know if you are coming to the Do on the 9th.

Steve

Competition Secretary's Report

Well nothing to report this month.

Up and coming we have the next round of the Karting Championship and hopefully another Autotest, if enough people want to give it a go.

So very short and sweet this month but if there is anything you want me to put on please get in touch.

See you all soon

Dan

Forthcoming Association / Motor Club promotion event

The ACSMC has decide to take a stand at the forthcoming Green Power Finals at Goodwood Motor Circuit on Sunday 13th October. Our aim is to promote the ACSMC, its member Clubs, the MSA's Go-Motorsport scheme and motor sport in general. The event will be attended by competitors from Schools throughout the country along with their teachers and parents, giving us a wide ranging audience to talk to and to try to interest them in motor sport.

If any of your Clubs would like to join us on the day to promote your own Club please let me know so that we can make space for you. We aim to have three or four "interesting" cars on the stand, in the hope that they will attract interest from those present. We will have Go-Motorsport leaflets and stickers to give away on the day, but if you want to bring your own, along with display materials please feel free.

Green Power are also asking us to see if any of you would like to turn up on the day to help marshal around the circuit and paddock. So if you are able to, please let me know and I will pass on your details.

If you want to know more about the day please read the information below.

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Greenpower Electric Car Racing Challenge

The Greenpower challenge to design, build and race a single-seater electric car is proven to inspire young people towards engineering and related subjects, as well as delivering many other benefits. Over 450 schools, colleges and other groups are currently involved, and we would love for more teams to get involved.

On Sunday 13 October 2013 the nationwide Greenpower electric car racing challenge for young people climaxes with the Greenpower National Finals, held at Goodwood Motor Circuit, West Sussex. The day is a great free day out (Entry Free, car parking £5) for the family and we would love for members of Clubs within the Association of Central Southern Motor Clubs to simply come and watch the fantastic race.

The main race of the day is for 11- 16 year olds, who compete in a 4-hour endurance race, using the power of just three sets of car batteries. Speedy pit stops are essential, to enable each of the minimum of 5 drivers in the team to take over for their stint on the track.

Find out more about how to get involved - we are running a presentation / question and answer session at the Greenpower National Finals at Goodwood Motor Circuit, West Sussex, at 2pm on Sunday 13 October 2013. Teachers and students who have been involved in the project for some time will share their experience and knowledge. The day will also offer a chance to observe over 100 of the best Greenpower teams in action. And you'll find they are happy to pass on tips and advice (when they are not actually out on the track or in the pits!).

As well as the 90-minute Formula 24+ race (16-25 yrs) and the 4-hour Formula 24 race (11-16 yrs), there will be stands featuring engineering further education and careers exhibitors.

Teachers, group leaders, parents, and students all welcome.

For more information about Greenpower please visit www.greenpower.co.uk or about the Finals day at Goodwood visit www.greenpowerfinals.com

Can't join us on 13 October, but still interested in finding out more?
Please get in touch on 01798 861 815 or email mail@greenpowerfinals.com

Karting – round 4

The next **Karting** will be on **Thursday 24th October, 7pm arrival time at Formulafast Bletchley MK**. The cost is **£40** for a **30 minute race**. This is our first visit to the new venue and reports are that it is bigger and faster than the old circuit in Banbury.

Please contact me if you would like to come.

Jimmy 07810885072.

Jimmy's rant – No.25

First of all I have to report one of the most enjoyable drives on public roads I have had for years. In early August I made a last minute decision to go and visit my sister on her significant birthday. As she lives in Ayrshire a trip up the M6 was required. I left Bicester at 3.30 on the Thursday afternoon, the run was ok as far as the end of the M6 Toll Road.

The next bit was pretty bad with a succession of traffic queues every few miles until I decided to have a break around 7pm when I was near Lancaster. Half an hour later with 180 miles under my belt I set off again and amazingly the traffic had thinned out and although the north end of the M6 tempts you to

unleash the horses, caution is advised because the Cumbrian Police are often a lot more vigilant than their Southern colleagues. Driving over Shap Summit and through the mountains makes for a much more interesting motorway drive.

Leaving the M6 at Gretna allows me to re-acquaint myself with Dumfriesshire and the A75 and then the best bit, the A76 from Dumfries to Kirkconnel where I was going to stay with my brother. As dusk fell I remembered to watch out for the Doonhamers (residents of Dumfries) playing their favourite game of last to put the headlights on is the winner! With that in mind I managed to overtake any cars I caught up with fairly quickly and safely.

The A76 rises and falls and snakes alongside the River Nith but years of driving with Minis, Mexicos, a Fiesta and then Saabs it means I have memorised all the safe bits where an overtake is possible.

Knowing the road means that a quick pace can be maintained with a minimum of brake use by anticipating the bends ahead and not having a passenger with me, I didn't have to worry about scaring them! Amazing 50 odd miles of A road, I only dropped average speed from 63 mph to 62 mph.

My sister had a nice birthday and it was good to catch up with the rest of the family.

Now the ranty bit, I was near the end of the dual carriageway on the A420 a few weeks ago and I saw the blue flashing lights coming up behind so assuming it wasn't my number that was up for speeding, I pulled over on a slip road to let it past. It was an Ambulance Car with all the blues on but no siren, I was surprised when it made pathetically slow progress past the fairly slow and fairly uncooperative cars ahead, and by the time it turned off at Faringdon it was only about 100 yards ahead of me. Why did I have to be partially blinded by the flashing lights if it wasn't on an emergency call and if it was, that was pathetic!

Perhaps an article in this week's Oxford Times sheds light on it. A volunteer Paramedic was dismissed for driving his marked Ambulance Landrover at 33mph in a 20 mph zone to reach a man who had collapsed. Have you heard anything so ridiculous, I don't know about you but I expect the Police and Ambulances and Fire Engines to exceed speed limits and go through red lights to get to incidents where lives are at risk. I don't expect them to drive dangerously but I expect them to be trained to drive quickly and safely.

Talking about Landrovers I'm afraid I am old school and call Range Rover's, Discovery's and Freelanders by those names and I don't call them Landrovers! Landrovers are Land/rovers and Defenders and are rough, tough, noisy and uncomfortable. OK?

Jimmy

Magazine Editor's 'Bit'

I'm sorry that we didn't manage to get our act together and put the celebration dance on, as intended but now, we are doing just that. So, get your dancing shoes ready, and your posh frocks, all ready to dance the night away. It should be fun. Date - 9 November, place - Burwell Hall, cost - £10 each. Steve has told us in his article, just thought I would remind you!

Are you still checking your lights, I hope so.

Brian and I went to Brian Fox's funeral - it was exceedingly well attended - a good representation of Witney Motor Club. Boy, he was a clever bloke - it was a privilege to know him, and much fun.

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		
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Your details			
Your full name (please state if new)			
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Date			
Signature			
Are you a new member?			

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.**

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| Stage rallying | Yes / No |
| Autotests | Yes / No |
| Autocross | Yes / No |
| 12-car rallies | Yes / No |
| Treasure Hunts | Yes / No |
| Social | Yes / No |
| Karting | Yes / No |

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