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Many thanks – removes the hassle!

Chairman's Chat

Hello, the 45th running of the Witney Motor Show has been and gone and if you missed it then you missed a great night. Thank you to all who helped on the night, it was very much appreciated.

There was a great turn-out, there was some beautiful cars to see, everyone had a great time and we had some great feedback from exhibitors and spectators alike.

Selfy from Jack FM was there, he Judged the best in show car - there were three categories, and the Trophies were sponsored by Carrington cars so a big thanks to them.

We raised over £200 for Against Breast Cancer which is OK but it should be more. We must try harder, it always said that on my school reports.

If you don't know Helen and I are expecting our first child this month baby Boyle or Spot as it's known is due on the 19th so if you don't hear much from me I may be busy.

Not sure if I will be at the Autocross but it's all coming on well with Simon in charge. We will need as much help as possible this year so please come out and help. There are many jobs that need doing and any time you can spare will be appreciated.

Steve

Club web sites, for interest:

www.witneymotorclub.co.uk

www.witney motorshow.co.uk

www.witneyautocross.co.uk

www.witneykarting.co.uk

Social Report

Well the MOTOR SHOW is done and dusted for yet another year and once again it was a success, well done to all.

COMING UP we have:

- 31st July Treasure Hunt, round two. The Bradley family arranging.
2 pm, West Witney Club car park for the start, see you all
there.
- 29th August Kernahan Garages Autotest. Manor Farm Bucknell, Craig
organising.
- 3/4th Sept Autocross in Jimmy's field, all the help we can muster please.

Derrick

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Competition Secretary's report

Hello all. I hope your summers are going well and you are enjoying it. Firstly I would like to congratulate Dan and Jess on the birth of their daughter, Kiya Sophie. I look forward to meeting her soon and Jess, please make sure Dan stays at home and no more Autotesting this year.... give someone else a chance to win. Lol.

On that note, on with business.

We have just finished the 4th round of the Club Autotest Championship (See article for details), which puts us 2/3 of the way through. It has been a fun and competitive championship and I personally have enjoyed it. Along with the Autotest, the club held a Gymkhana style event on the Saturday to promote youth membership. We had a few interested parties and we hope in the future to build on this and in the coming months hold another event aimed at 14-17 year olds to give them a chance to drive and try out some handling skills.

Coming up, or maybe just gone, depending when this goes out, we have the Treasure Hunt on the 31st of July. On the 29th August, Bank Holiday Monday, we have the 5th round of the Autotest championship to be held at Manor Farm, Bucknell. All are welcome to come and we still have the club car available for people to use and gain instruction.

In early September we have the WMC Autocross. Please come along to watch or take part. This, along with the Motor Show, is the 'feather in our cap' event. Simon will be asking for help over the next few weeks and after helping last year, it's an awesome way to see grass roots motorsport close at hand... So please come and support this club.

Many thanks for your time

Craig

Jimmy's Rant of the Month – No. 8

Thanks to Craig for filling in last month and airing a view that lots of us share about F1 drivers being disciplined unnecessarily when trying that almost possible manoeuvre that could make them a hero but doesn't quite work. (That is too many big words, already my brain is struggling!)

One journey down the M5 last month gave me the subject for this month.

I had just moved into the outside lane when suddenly in my mirror a SAAB convertible appeared from I know not where, any way I carried on and completed the passing move and went back into the middle lane. The aforementioned car overtook me then dived back into the inside lane.

I followed him for a few miles and his behaviour didn't vary, it was swerve across all 3 lanes overtake in the outside lane then swerve back to the inside.

Now you might say that is what the Highway Code tells us to do, that is to use the outside lanes for overtaking then return to the inside but my view is that to do it like this holier than thou character is very dangerous.

- Point 1 being that drivers in the outside lane are unable to see in the mirrors any fast moving vehicles in the inside lane and cannot plan to be out of the outside lane for them to get by.
- Point 2 although driving like this is good when the road is quiet when it is busy it is very distracting to other drivers and I don't see the need to use any more than 2 lanes.
- Point 3 is if everyone adopted driving like this it would be absolute mayhem and more accidents would result.
- Point 4 another downside is that sooner or later you get blocked in then have to brake hard which adds to the stress factor.

In conclusion I feel that these drivers wish to show the rest of us that they are holier than thou and will get to heaven but it might be a bit sooner than they expect!

Next Month: People who don't remove their removable tow bar when they are not using it.

Jimmy

Autotest Report, Round 4, Ducklington

It was a lovely sunny Sunday when we turned up at Ducklington for Round 4 of the Club Autotest Championship..... I wish! It had rained over night and was overcast. But we had a massive turn out of 10 drivers and later in the day an addition of 2 more to try their hands at it. As the event was in front of a public audience Steve decided that a show was needed. During the briefing we were given the test maps for the day and the afternoon tests were simple but running in a side by side fashion to give excitement.

We started the day with a nice and gentle test which instantly showed that Dan Adderley was going to be strong. He was close on a second quicker than 2nd place and resumed his dominance at autotesting.

The second test came about quickly and both Jimmy and Mark were quick to go out, setting very fast times. Then, as Mark pulled in the heavens opened and the rest of us were left to test in very slippy conditions. We completed the morning runs and by lunch time Dan was well established in the overall lead. Running an uncommon last was Will as he was having issues with modifications made to our car by myself. We removed them as we all were finding it difficult.

The side by side test brought many an interested eye to come watch what we were doing and a few enquirers. I can't comment for all the drivers, but I personally found it fun to be able to test side by side to pick up hints and tips. The afternoon went well and by the end of the day we finished as follows:

1st overall Dan, 2nd and 1st in Expert class Simon, 3rd and 2nd in Expert Class Ben Williams (Well done as Ben was testing a broken Metro that gave out before the last test runs!), 4th Overall and 1st in Novice Class was Craig, 5th overall and 3rd in Expert class was Steve, 6th overall and 4th in Expert Class was Will (An excellent recovery drive), 7th overall and 2nd in Novice Class was Mark, 8th overall and 5th in Expert Class was Herby, 9th Overall and 3rd in Novice Class was Gethin and 10th overall and 6th in Expert Class was Jimmy.

A great time was had by all and the next Autotest round will be on the 29th Aug at Jimmys Farm. I will be posting details closer to the date.

Please come along and enjoy a great day out.

Craig

Another profile for your interest:

NAME: Jimmy Milligan
POSITION IN CLUB: Vice Chairman and karting co-ordinator
OCCUPATION: Farmer
DREAM OCCUPATION: Being John Button (keeping son's beautiful girlfriend company while drinking a nice Pinot Grigio watching the GP from the McLaren pit). No seriously being a Rock Star.
DREAM ROAD CAR: Not bothered probably a SAAB something
DREAM COMPETITION CAR: Lotus Sunbeam rally car
FAVOURITE MOTORSPORT DRIVER:
Jenson Button for his personality in racing and Petter Solberg in Rally and Dani Pedrosa in MotoGP
'OTHER' HOBBY (APART FROM MOTORSPORT): Listening to Rock music on Radio, Skiing, cycling and walking in Mountains with best girl by my side and dog.
WHAT SUBJECT MIGHT YOU BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING? Playing guitar.
WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE ABOUT YOURSELF? Be more competitive.
WHAT IMPROVEMENT WOULD YOU MAKE TO THE MAGAZINE? More people writing!

Pam

Witney Motor Show - 2011

New for this year was the Best Car of the Show Competition for 3 classes

Best Original Winner 1960 Bristol

Best Modified Winner 1954 Ford F100 Pickup

Best Competition Winner Jason Kews Vauxhall Hot Rod.

Judged By Jack FM's Selfie (Andrew Self)

For the first ever Best Car Competition we were lucky that Selfie agreed to come and be the judge. It was a pleasure for me to accompany him on what turned out to be a very difficult job as there were so many worthy cars displayed.

Selfie took the responsibility very seriously and we tried to find out as much about the cars as possible and apply some rules to the suitability of the cars in each class.

In the *Original* class we were looking for a car that was as near as possible to the way it left the factory regarding colour, engine seats etc and at least 20 years old. It could be a restoration or untouched from new.

In the *Modified* it could be a modern or old car but more value was attached if the owner having done the work himself.

The *Competition* car could have come from any discipline but the judge was looking for a racer that was competitive in its class with a high standard of finish.

The breakdown of the PA system meant we couldn't make everyone aware of the competition and I offer apologies to any car owner we may have overlooked but it is quite a mammoth task and time constraints meant we couldn't speak to everyone.

The reaction of the Award Winners made it all worthwhile and I think they were delighted that their efforts were recognised.

Thanks again to Selfie for giving up his time for us and for being a very fair judge as I am happy he chose very deserving winners and thanks to Carringtons for donating the Trophies.

See it on oxbox.tv

Jimmy

Magazine Editor's 'Bit'

Seem to be just a little busy at the moment, but I can spare a little while to put this together, can't I??? Just now, my lists have got lists (our son is getting married next Saturday - what a wonderful time). Never mind all that, I can only wish Helen all the very best, it's almost time. We are all

looking forward to meeting up with Baby Boyle! Also, welcome to Kiya Sophie, Jess and Dan's new arrival - oh, it is exciting.

Speaking of the weather (?), summer seems to have arrived, even the nights are hot - it doesn't seem that long ago that I was wrapping up as my feet became cold during the evening - maybe I shouldn't have admitted to that! Let's hope that we all enjoy this heatwave, however long it lasts.

Welcome to our new members and a very old member, who wants a new category for Zimmer Racing - is that with or without brakes?? With the Gethin of old, it would have been without for sure! Welcome back after 40 years Gethin Jones. Also welcome to our new members: Herby Hare, Henry Webster and Nigel Webster.

Once again I have left the WMC membership application form out (space) so, if you want one, please phone us at home and we will supply one.

Coming up we have the following trophies for you to compete for:



Pam