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Many thanks – removes the hassle!

# Chairman's Chat

Hello, for those of you that don't get the emails and are not one of the 78 members of the Motor club facebook, this month sees the Annual awards dinner. The invitation is in this magazine.

There are many awards to hand out this year and the Bell in Long Hanborough is a great venue so, come along and have a good night.

Coming up is Oxford MC's rally at Benson. I am organising a trip over there to marshal - we have a few up for it - let me know if you want to come along. Jimmy is planning an entry so we can cheer him on too.

Also the club's Charity endurance karting competition is coming up. Jimmy has nearly a full entry with lots of companies entering a team. We hope to raise over £1000 for Sobell house. It's on at Formula Fast on the 24<sup>th</sup> if you want to come along and support us.

On a different note - a few weeks ago there was a car show at Northleigh and I was asked by Oxbox TV to do the presenting for the recording of the event. It has just been released but you can check out my first ever attempt at TV presenting at <http://oxbox.tv/>

There is an Interview with Mark Bradley British junior Autocross Champion on the show, and hopefully if enough people like it I might get asked to do some more.

*Steve*

Club web sites, for interest:

[www.witnymotorclub.co.uk](http://www.witnymotorclub.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*

COMING UP we have:

Karting, Aylesbury and Banbury		See web site for details
Awards Dinner	12 <sup>th</sup> November	The Bell at Long Hanborough 7.30 for 8.00pm
AGM	17 <sup>th</sup> November	A short committee meeting first. Please come and have your say.
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Charity Kart racing	(team event) at Formula Fast, Banbury. See Jimmy's page or log on to Witney Motor Club/karting.
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Natter and Noggin'	TBC

I shall look forward to seeing you.

*Derrick*



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## *Competition Secretary's report*

Hello all. I dont really have much to write now. We have finished a very competitive year with a lot of events and great support. We have held 6 autotests, one 12 car road rally, the motor show, the Autocross and 5 rounds of karting.

I hope these events have shown the club in a great light and it's been great to welcome new members and old back.

I would like to thank the whole of the committee for their hard work and for running the club so well.

I look forward to meeting more members at the charity karting event, later this month and the awards evening. I would also like to see a few people coming to the AGM to help shape the next year of our club.

Many thanks to one and all.

Regards

*Craig*

## **Jimmy's Rant of the Month – No. 11**

This month I would like to talk about the body language of the vehicles we drive. An example of what I mean happened to me many years ago while on holiday on the South Coast, I had to turn back at a roundabout on a dual carriageway but as I moved round to take the carriageway back in the other direction I was suddenly swamped by motorcyclists on both sides of the car, some of them making signs to show that 2 wheels are better than 4.

Although I did nothing wrong in regards to the Highway Code I may have misled the other traffic by coming into the roundabout a bit quick and it looked like I was going straight on but then turned in across the flow from the other carriageway which caught out my two wheeled "friends". Luckily no contact was made but it was quite close. I find it scary on the really big roundabouts when cars come round the outside travelling fast with no indicators on and look as if they are going to peel off before my junction then they carry on round.

Another very serious situation is where a car turning right from a main road is badly positioned, this is I am sure responsible for many very serious accidents. The usual scenario is on an A road where an impatient driver decides to overtake all or part of a line of traffic, as he gets near the front of the line suddenly he sees the badly positioned car at the front hidden by the other cars that is starting to turn right and a collision is inevitable.

If the driver at the front had positioned themselves right in the centre of the carriageway against the white line with indicators and brake lights on, then it should have been obvious and visible to all the drivers behind what they were planning to do. You might say the quick driver is at fault by overtaking before a junction, well that is correct but people do it and it's better to drive defensively than to be "dead" right.

Next month The smug people on the advert who have just sold their car to [webuyanycar.com](http://webuyanycar.com) and haven't realised they have no way of getting to work!

*Jimmy*



# *Witney Motor Club*

## *Karting Challenge*



24<sup>th</sup> November 2011, Formula Fast Karting,

### **Help us raise £1000 for Sobell House Hospice.**

We are inviting local companies, clubs and friends to enter teams of 4 drivers to take part in a two hour endurance race at Formula Fast Karting in Banbury at 6:30pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

Sobell House in Oxford cares for terminally ill patients and their families and has a wonderful reputation for helping patients cope with their illness by finding new interests to make their time there as good as possible.

The winning team will be awarded a trophy they can proudly display in the office or at home showing not only that they are good racers but they have helped a worthwhile cause..

No gimmicks will be employed to make you pay more.

We are asking you to pay £250 for 1 team of 4 drivers minimum age 16 years. An excellent buffet supper will be available during the evening.



Formula Fast is Oxfordshire's newest indoor karting venue with great viewing facilities for spectators and has a fleet of top spec. SodiKarts. It is situated in Wildemere Rd, Industrial Estate near to Jct 11 of the M40 OX16 3JU

Look for Witney Motor Club karting at Formula Fast on [www.oxbox.tv](http://www.oxbox.tv) to see what it will be like.

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*Jimmy*

# Karting at Whilton Mill – 27 October 2011

## Final round of WMC Championship

It was a dark and stormy night ..... Well it was dark and wet anyway but I have always wanted to write a story that started with that line!

With impeccable timing, after one of the driest years on record, our 2<sup>nd</sup> outdoor karting race of the year was as wet as our first one at Daytona MK at the beginning of the year.

It is quite tricky when you know you have a limit on the number of karts available and lots of people want to come. With my years of experience I had a feeling that 1 or 2 might drop out so I wasn't too worried to have 21 on my list but they all turned up!

I would like to thank my friend George Page for stepping aside and being prepared to be a reserve driver.

Under a steady drizzle, the bunch went out for 10 minutes of practice and qualifying while trying not to spin in the treacherous conditions. With quite a short session the drivers had a maximum of only 8 laps to learn the track, and put together a consistent lap.

Out in front was 17 year old Tim who has a bit of racing previous followed by Dave Cross and Dan Adderley. The race started from a standing start and considering the wet conditions and the big grid of 20 karts it was a fairly clean 1<sup>st</sup> lap, with Tim ahead.

On lap 2 however, with Dan now in 2<sup>nd</sup> going into the left hander before the pit entrance, Dave C just touched the back of Dan's kart and put him into a spin.

This earned Dave a black flag and a trip into the pits, unfortunately for Dan in his haste to get going again and off the wet grass he got out of his kart to push it and got a black flag for his effort.

So two of the favourites were now at the back and a long way behind from which they just managed to finish 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The usual quality drivers made it up to the front behind Tim, who was driving very smoothly and unhurried like a young Jenson. Michael C, Will, Steve Wright, Craig and Ian Bishop topped that group.

Although there were many spins and some very wet drivers, everyone went home with big grins on their faces. It was amusing that, after the last race in a sport where the driver's weight influences the ultimate speed, a certain family from Blackthorn had to rush into MacDonalds on the way home.

Thanks to everyone who has taken part this year, I have enjoyed it.

*Jimmy*

# Results of Karting on 27 October are as follows:-



*Carroll*

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Positions on Lap: 8

No	Team Name	Lap	Time	Gap	Split	Fastest	On Lap
1st 5	Tim M	8	10:31.188			1:09.556	5
2nd 1	David C	8	10:49.584	0:00.889	0:00.889	1:10.445	8
3rd 17	Dan A	7	10:48.514	1L-1s	0:00.893	1:11.438	7
4th 20	Pete M	7	11:04.185	1L-2s	0:00.147	1:11.585	4
5th 6	Michael C	7	11:17.404	1L-2s	0:00.300	1:11.885	4
6th 3	Will T	8	10:47.091	0:02.407	0:00.078	1:11.963	6
7th 5	Robert M	7	10:33.691	1L-2s	0:00.135	1:12.098	4
8th 2	Craig A	8	11:19.848	0:02.880	0:00.138	1:12.236	7
9th 12	Steve W	7	10:18.139	0:03.502	0:00.822	1:13.059	7
10th 9	Hamish G	7	11:02.320	1L-3s	0:00.416	1:13.473	7
11th 13	Ian B	7	10:39.019	1L-4s	0:00.907	1:14.380	5
12th 7	Lee P	6	10:14.894	1L-5s	0:00.937	1:15.317	6
13th 18	Andrew S	6	10:21.374	1L-7s	0:01.856	1:17.173	5
14th 15	Chris H	6	10:12.000	1L-7s	0:00.085	1:17.268	6
15th 19	Daniel H	6	10:13.863	2L-8s	1L-0s	1:17.708	4
16th 14	Roger A	5	11:29.461	2L-8s	0:00.277	1:17.985	5
17th 4	John H	7	10:31.617	1L-10s	0:02.140	1:20.125	7
18th 10	Sarah M	5	11:19.227	2L-11s	1L-1s	1:21.454	5
19th 16	Grant E	5	10:55.252	3L-12s	0:00.792	1:22.248	5
20th 11	David W	8	10:48.092	2L-15s	0:02.446	1:24.692	5

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Positions on Lap: 34

No	Team Name	Lap	Time	Gap	Split	Fastest	On Lap
1st 8	Tim M	34	39:52.781			1:06.095	12
2nd 6	Michael C	34	40:45.587	0:52.965	0:52.965	1:07.462	25
3rd 3	Will T	33	40:01.033	1L-8s	0:27.588	1:08.669	17
4th 12	Steve W	33	40:32.328	1L-39s	0:31.542	1:09.713	13
5th 2	Craig A	33	40:55.801	1L-63s	0:23.465	1:08.627	27
6th 13	Ian B	32	40:20.631	2L-28s	0:33.997	1:09.402	26
7th 5	Robert M	32	40:21.091	2L-28s	0:00.205	1:08.094	25
8th 18	Andrew S	32	40:21.492	2L-28s	0:00.420	1:08.692	29
9th 17	Dan A	32	40:39.738	2L-47s	0:18.428	1:07.170	18
10th 1	David C	32	40:40.159	2L-47s	0:00.284	1:08.300	26
11th 20	Pete M	32	40:45.987	2L-33s	0:05.750	1:09.157	25
12th 15	Chris H	31	39:40.163	2L-57s	0:08.508	1:11.981	26
13th 14	Roger A	31	40:23.695	3L-31s	0:43.828	1:09.544	30
14th 7	Lee P	30	40:03.436	3L-10s	0:50.018	1:09.545	20
15th 9	Hamish G	30	40:14.252	4L-21s	0:10.866	1:08.851	24
16th 19	Daniel H	29	40:27.501	5L-34s	1L-13s	1:11.516	14
17th 11	David W	28	39:55.585	6L-2s	0:55.891	1:16.393	27
18th 10	Sarah M	28	40:01.013	6L-8s	0:05.356	1:14.151	27
19th 16	Grant E	28	40:54.399	6L-61s	0:53.775	1:12.690	15
20th 4	John H	26	40:19.669	8L-27s	1L-41s	1:12.944	28

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*Jimmy*

# WMC Karting Championship 2011

## Round 4 – Rogue Racing – 28 October 2011 - Aylesbury

A warm welcome from Aidan and Mark greeted us on Wednesday evening - 12 drivers turned up for our usual 2 race per driver event. The rookie on this occasion being Andrew who was a bit apprehensive at the start but going out with the first group soon settled his nerves.

I was drawn at random to be in the group with him, Megan, Michael C, Will and Ian. In qualifying I had a well sorted Kart but only managed 4<sup>th</sup> on the grid behind Ian and Michael C with Will on pole.

In the ensuing race I had a pretty boring race as kart 9 was much slower than 10 that I had previously and I couldn't stay with Ian. Michael finished 1<sup>st</sup> with Will 2<sup>nd</sup> and Ian 3<sup>rd</sup> debutant Andrew 5<sup>th</sup> in front of Megan.

There was only 1 surprise in the other groups' 1st race, that of the speed of Mike Harrison who should have been a bit rusty after a long layoff from karting. David was 1<sup>st</sup> from Craig, Mike H, John, Daz in kart 9 and Tom.

I started the B. Final from pole and after a few laps I became aware of someone closing on me. It was Daz in the good kart 10 I was in kart 4 which was also very good, but a nudge from Daz at the bottom of the slope going into the right hander got him past me but in the following left he touched the wall on the outside and I piled into him. I managed to extricate myself first but I would have felt guilty if I had gone 50 metres down the track, so I waited until he was free and he got ahead of me again. What followed was the best bit of my evening as I followed him for many laps, gaining a bit losing a bit, all the while planning the move to get past. Eventually getting good speed up the hill I got alongside on the straight and boxed him in behind a back-marker at the following bend. Going round the final right hander by the start/finish I was behind 2 other back-markers, by using a different curve a gap appeared and I was through and luckily Daz didn't make it past them. Job done, but praise to Daz for a good competitive and clean race, apart from 1 bump!

The A Final was destined to be a very hard fought battle with Mike C on pole from his son Dave, and Will in third, the inevitable happened as Will made the great start that you can make from 3<sup>rd</sup> and prevent the person who started 2<sup>nd</sup> from filing in behind 1st. As no one gave way the resulting collision blocked the track and allowed Mike C a big gap before the red lights came on.

There are lots of theories how this happened but the reality is this, and I have been there and I have been rubbed along the tyres by all the karts such that I have gone from 2<sup>nd</sup> to last, that the momentum of the karts on the inside of that right hander force them to the outside as the ones on the outside are steering out from the wall to avoid losing all their speed against the tyre wall and a coming together is inevitable.

In other words a racing incident.

The nature of the track is such that physical contact is very easy whether intentional or not.

We have a reputation with Rogue Racing for competitive and fair racing with everyone aware of the importance of finishing to get championship points that they resist punishing us with time in the sin bin for any wrong-doing.

Rogue Racing do not use blue flags to aid the overtaking of lapped karts and to me it allows a satisfying aspect of racing, that of using experience and cunning to overtake better than the other guy.

Michael C. finished first with fastest lap, Dave 2<sup>nd</sup> and Will 3<sup>rd</sup> and Ian 4<sup>th</sup>.

I think our championship is the better for visiting different tracks and I feel Aylesbury deserves to be part of the annual tour.

*Jimmy*

## **Witney Motor Club Awards Night 2011**

**12 November 19:30  
The Bell, Long Hanborough**

**Witney Motor Club invites you to the annual awards night 2011  
3 course meal and trophy presentation**

### Starters

Fresh Vegetable Soup with Ciabatta, or Breaded Brie with Cranberry Sauce  
or Duck & Port Pate with Toast

### Mains

Pork Loin in Madeira Sauce  
Chicken Breast filled with Spinach & Mozzarella with Tomato Concasse  
Salmon Fillet with Dill Buerre Blanc  
Vegetable Wellington  
(All above served with seasonal vegetables)

### Desserts

Fresh Strawberry Pavlova, Chocolate Fudge Cake, Mixed Ice-creams  
£22 per person - RSVP Steve or Helen by Nov 5th

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

It's nothing to do with getting older, is it? Only, the month that has passed since I was last in contact with you has absolutely FLOWN!! Anyway, I do hope you are all well. I am very pleased to say that we are well, especially since I have had my ears syringed - what a joy, to be able to hear again! I made the nurse laugh at least.

I hope you enjoy reading this magazine - mostly supplied by Jimmy Milligan, it seems! Bless him - what an enthusiast! And, of course, with our own Chairman on TV - what an event, I shall have to watch that.

***Pam***

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SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP	£ 5.00		
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WMC car sticker	£ 2.00		
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