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Taken to celebrate when WMC was 25.

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Many thanks – avoids the hassle!

Chairman's Chat – 2013

Hello all. The next few months will be getting very busy: We have the **Motor Show** coming up on the **4th of July**. We want a big stand there this years as it is 50 years of Witney Motor club, if you have a car please bring it along. The show will also kick off our 50th celebrations.

There is a poster further in the mag about the 50th birthday party on the 13th - please come along and pass the word out to all old members. It will be great to catch up with faces form the past and present.

Simon is working hard on the Autocross which is on the bank holiday. This is a great weekend camping BBQ and Motorsport – what more do you need. As usual we need all the help we can get for this, as many volunteers as possible, marshals especially. There are jobs for all, this is your chance to be involved in motor sport.

Steve

Competition Secretary's Report

Short and sweet as late getting it in the magazine, and have lots more to talk about next month as we have lots going on in July. Also keep an eye on website and Facebook for future events.

We had another round of the Karting Championship and we all had a fab time, more on that later in mag!!

Good Luck to Jimmy and Neil who are both out competing this weekend at Abingdon Car-nival Rally on Sunday 9th, anyone want to pop down to Dalton barracks where the event is held look on the Abingdon Car-nival website for more details. I shall be there at some

point but working all weekend so have to squeeze it in. Shame my escort not finished otherwise would of been out competing.....

Anyway see you all soon

Dan

Social Report – May 2013

Hiya, here we are, June, and half-way through the year – where has it gone?

Well, in May there was the first Treasure hunt of this year and, as I said I would cancel if there were two or less, well four said they would do it, and only two turned up on the day. One was our Chairman and his lovely, very pregnant wife, Helen, and their daughter, Lauren, the other was our comp sec, my son – Daniel, Jess, Leo & Kiya. Well, all was going well until I got a call from Steve. Apparently I'd made a mistake, forgot to say turn left after The Woodman in North Leigh. All went well and we ended up at the Windrush Pub for a nice roast dinner.

And the winner was Dan & co with 49 out of 50 points, and Steve & Co were a close second.

The 2nd round is on 23rd June, so put it in your diary. It will be organized by Derrick. Please support him as a lot of work goes in to organising these events.

Well, that's about it for now, except that I am moving on to pastures new – I've sold my house and am moving up to Telford, near my daughter, as I can't afford to buy anything here so, depending on solicitors, I'll be gone in 6 to 8 weeks. I shall be here for the 50th anniversary party on 13 July, but, after that, you can catch me on Facebook or my email.

Thank you for all your support over the last 28 years.

See you all soon.

Roger



Witney Motor Club 50th Birthday party

13th July 8pm Langdale Hall



Buffet & live Music



Come along and celebrate 50 years of
Witney Motor Club



Tickets £10 contact Steve 07949 762820

NOTICE: Could you all please bring
your annual trophies to this event, for display.
It would be appreciated.

Just another days rallying, Part 4

Corinium Stages Down Ampney 04/05/2013 - Car 43

After the previous Down Ampney, I decided to change both of the rear half shafts, due to noise and a possible weak point in the driver's side half shaft. After a little research, and pricing up, I decided to go with a make called 3J who are sold through Burton Power, these were a separate two piece half shaft and flange set up with a tapered shaft. A little in-house machining at VauxShop Ltd to fit inside the discs and the new shafts went straight in.

Now to repair the front of the car after the previous slide into the well placed pile of rocks, a bit of fibre glassing, filling and spraying and the front spoiler looked better than when it was new (cheers Mark).

So the car's ready, on the trailer all polished, the van packed and a start out time of 5.45am so we could get a good pitch for service.

At the event we went straight through scrutineering and sign on, pitched up and ready to go, when we found out the alternator was not charging the battery. We fitted my spare, but this was not doing the job either and after a quick walk around the service area with no luck it was a phone call to Andrea (the Mrs) to pick one up from Witney and bring it over. We put the battery on charge from the VauxShop van and completed the final set up whilst awaiting our start.

Stage one was a little green/greasy and wet. Stage two was better, even though it was still raining it was drying up on the stage and we had moved up to 30th overall.

Stage three and with new alternator fitted she was pumping out the volts and we were flying. After the merge I caught up with an escort and we had a proper fight. We were nose to tail and both going for it, I knew the split was coming up in a few corners and he was on his second lap and I was on my first so at the split we would part. I decided to back off otherwise it would have been messy!

Our second lap before the last chicane and double 90's to the finish the car cut out, we pulled to the side, no starter motor but the petrol pump was working. I checked the battery, alternator, plug leads, wiggle this wiggle that, nope nothing. Cars are passing us like anything, a Marshall comes over and I am on the phone to Mark, we are going to push it in over the finish line. I confirm with the Marshall that we can start the next stage if we push it over the finish line? They radio in telling them what we intend to do, asking for the course car to follow us in.

The co-driver (Lizzy) and I are pushing and now it was full sun, up to near the last chicane and we have to wait for the last car to come through as we were going to block the stage if we entered. Last car through and off we went again pushing half way between here and the double 90 we had a little help, anyway we got to the finish line and pushed it over.

We got the car in service and after an inspection we found the main live to the starter had snapped at the crimp lug, also the rev limiter had packed in. New crimp lug fitted and taking the rev limiter out of the system we were back in action.

Now with our stage max for the previous stage we were starting this next stage at the back of the field. The stage was a good one and with the rev limiter out I had to keep an eye on the rev range but I do think she enjoyed the little freedom, being able to give me that little bit more!

The next stages were hot and dry and all three of us enjoyed it out there, we finished 39th overall and after the day's events and dramas I am happy with that.

Thanks to the Team, especially Mark and Jon from VauxShop Ltd, who really came into their own.

Just another days rallying pt 5

Red Dragon Stages, Down Ampney 25/05/13 – Car 33

After the last event, with the electrical issues we encountered, it was a job of rewiring in the engine bay, a new rev limiter, new alternator, beef up the bracket holding the alternator in place, as this has broken a couple of times before, repair the back box as the baffles had come loose again and also the addition of a paddle clutch.

All was going well until the Thursday before the Saturday event! When, on removing the back box, Mark noticed a split between the floor and one of the watts linkage brackets. A lucky find really as this could have been disastrous as I could not go rallying like that. So it was fuel tank out and get cleaning up underneath ready for a plate to get welded in place to strengthen and repair.

After another late night for Mark, the next day was to get the tank back in and fit the exhaust, load up ready for the next day.

The Red Dragon event was well organised, service was alongside the course, so the pit crews could see us drive past. On some stages there were two splits, two merges, and a speed trap on a straight.

The car drove really well all day, the first stage I chose the wrong compound tyre which was too soft. Stage two we adjusted the ride height and tyre pressures. But stage three, after the purchase of a new pair of medium compounds for the back, we were bang on. I think it was stage four that we moved the rear tyres to the front going even harder on the back.

The event went smoothly, I lost a rear arch to a chicane on the exit of it, I was seeded 33rd and we got a finish of 17th overall and 3rd in class, (not bad for a Pinto!).

The next event is Abingdon Car-nival on 9th June, Dalton Barracks. £3 entry fee for spectators.

Neil

WMC Karting – Round 3 – Daytona, Milton Keynes – 21 May

31 drivers took part in this D40 Open Race, 21 of whom came via Witney Motor Club. The race started on a dry track with dark clouds threatening rain at any moment, but luckily apart from a few spots it stayed away.

Like the previous race I was running in close proximity to Roger, initially behind him and he in turn was behind Harrison Hoyles who was proving difficult to pass because he was so quick on the straights but eventually I managed to get past both but that was that for gaining places.

Well done Steve Wright for finishing 2nd overall and 1st of our group, Dave Cross was next with Dan Adderley ahead of Michael Cross.

The scoring for the Championship will be worked out as before with 40 points for a win, 38 for second then 1 less point for each place behind and 2 bonus points for fastest lap.

If it is an Open Race only the drivers known to us are included in the calculations. In a meeting with more than one final, points as usual for A Final. B final winner gets the same points as 5th in A, C. Final gets the same as 5th in B. Final and so on.

Fastest lap bonus can come from any final but only 1 bonus per meeting.

Leading drivers after 3 rounds;

David Cross	116
Dan Adderley	113
Michael Cross	112
Steve Wright	111
Ian Bishop	101
Jimmy Milligan	94

More details next month

Jimmy

Magazine Editor's 'Bit'

I just can't believe that the club is 50 years old this year, it seems incredible that we have survived this long, and we are still active, which is great. There's so much going on to celebrate and you have a wonderful committee who are organising it all so, let's dive in and enjoy it. I can only reiterate what is said on the poster earlier in this magazine, if you have an annual trophy, can you please bring it along (or get it to a committee member if you are not able to attend that evening) - we intend to display them, and other things motoring, on 13 July, at the grand, celebration dance, to a band! Wonderful. We will make sure that you get your trophy back, of course.

We are all very sorry that Roger is moving on , we will all miss him and his cheerful banter. Hope to see you around Roger and many thanks for all you have done for the club.

I am looking forward to seeing you all around.

Pam

WITNEY MOTOR CLUB

Membership Application Form

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

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ADVANCED FAMILY MEMBERSHIP*	£23.00		
ADVANCED SINGLE MEMBERSHIP*	£20.00		
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	£15.00		
FULL SINGLE MEMBERSHIP	£12.00		
SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP	£ 5.00		
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Occupation			
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Work			
Mobile			
Email address			
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.

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