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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

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

Happy New Year,,, hope you have all had a good festive season, now for all those new year resolutions!!!!

One resolution the committee has made is to increase the membership this year from 42 at the end of last year to 65, a challenge and to achieve this we need your help. We are looking at planning several different events this year from a Charity Karting event to a road-rally/ drive out. We will need your support to make these events successful. We also need to promote the club more so if you have any ideas contact a member of the committee.

As you may be aware, the magazine is going all hi-tech and will only be available electronically,,(hard copy will be available by special request) this will allow us to make the mag available to a lot more people, (we are looking at a badge/ car sticker for members only)

The committee will be discussing whether or not to run the Autocross on the same scale as last year, ie two days and a round of the National Autocross Championship. Running such an event is very time consuming and very labour intense. We are doing a full costing of last year's event. Even with 60 entries we hardly made any money. If you have any opinions, please let us know before the next meeting, better still come along and tell us.

I'd like to thank Derrick, Brian and Sue for their organisation and running of the Autotest on the 27th, it's a pity only 4 entrants turned up though! We all had a good time and well done Russell for winning in the JACK FM Peugeot...

Steve Boyle

Social Report

Hello all, welcome to 2010.

We do hope you had a good Christmas and New Year but now it is time to get back to reality, what's in store, read on.

Friday 15th January- Wychwood Brewery evening – don't panic. (TBC)
Names to myself or Steve please.

Thursday 11th February – no NOT darts, a **WII challenge**
West Witney Club, as usual 8pm.

Thursday 11th March (hopefully) – Bowling at Kasam Stadium, Oxford.
Names to me please.

All for now

Derrick

**ANOTHER NAG – DON'T FORGET, IF YOU WANT TO RECEIVE
YOUR MAGAZINE BY E-MAIL, PLEASE TELL PAM.**

Longcross

It all starts with a very wet, rainy drive down to Staines. Just off the M25 towards Virginia Water, through Sunningdale, to Longcross. Put up the pit garage so we are in the dry. Normal scrutineering and paperwork done and time for a bacon butty and a cup of tea.

Soon, it's time for count-down and we are off. Stage 1 is OK but sets the scene for the day - very wet and slippery. Stage 2 we were 18 seconds quicker, and the car was running well. Stage 3 OK, just some slight changes. Stage 4, 20 minutes delay as we wait for the rain, sorry monsoon, to ease!! Then lunch. Stage 5 went the other way and it has stopped raining for a bit. We were flying. Stage 6 - we hit some standing water on a 90° left, aquaplaned and had a spin. At the end of the stage we were still 6 seconds quicker than 5, so nothing lost! Stage 7 went well, getting a bit dark now. Then they cancel stage 8. Small delay, because they want to run 9 & 10 in the dark. First time for Dan in the dark. All went well and a good finish.

We were 9th overall and 3rd in class. AND no damage to the car, great.

Well done Dan, a great drive. Looking forward to the next one (Brean) at the end of January and the start of the new season.

Roger

MORNING AFTER AUTOTESTS - 27 DECEMBER 2009

Sunday morning, cooked breakfast (yummee) time to go and open the gates. On arrival the gate is open and Mr Savage is inside working on his MG Midget, so far so good.

Into the car park to check it out, oops, it looks a bit wet at the far end, better check. Walking on it proved that getting off would be easier if I just slid, yes you guessed, sheet ice covered in water. Dave had just arrived and agreed that it was toooooo icy. Leaving Dave in charged I make a quick exit to obtain sand (in my garage) and collect Sue in the process.

With the ice sorted, Russell arrives with the cones, thanks Jimmy, now we might just get started.

Only four competitors, oh well, let's go then. Steve lines up and Brian lets him go, WRONG TEST we say, what! He did not have his directions in the car! His subsequent 24.52 was going to prove costly, see results.

After each test the lead changed with just a tenth or two between the first three, poor Dan in his rally car was handicapped with the reversing, but the last test was just his cup of tea, out through two cones, 180 round two more and then back for a 720 round four, a long power drift all the way round gave him the fastest in round 8.

A close contest all day was finally sorted, Russell's round 7 was the one that gave him the edge over Steve and Dave who went down fighting.

Well done all and thanks to Sue for the results and Brian for all the timing.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

Derrick

RESULTS OF THE MORNING AFTER AUTOTESTS - 27.12.09									
	Individual tests								Final results
Russell	22.42	20.04	23.8	22.43	26.44	26.04	23.15	18.94	183.26
Steve	24.52	19.89	23.75	23.18	25.15	26.35	28.31	19.22	190.37
Dave	22.63	19.81	24.02	24.78	27.42	26.45	25.98	19.92	191.01
Dan	23.65	21.34	23.84	23.02	26.83	27.83	28.15	18.42	193.08



CARBON FOOTPRINT

With today's world worried about the production of CO² the club has been offered the use of some land to plant some trees. Thanks Jimmy.

We know that planting some trees won't offset all the CO² produced by our motor sport but it will help. Especially in an argument. It shows we are aware and are at least trying something.

I have spoken to Northleigh Garden centre and they have offered a 25% discount on any trees purchased.

The trees that we want to plant are native to this area such as Silver Birch, Rowan, Hawthorn and Copper Beech.

The costs are around £9.95 to £25.00 these are for fairly well established trees, of which we need some, so we do not have to wait years to see the outcome of our efforts.

We already have some trees donated and also some money pledged.

There are several ways to get involved:

1. Sponsor a tree
2. Provide a tree
3. Persuade you company/club/organisation to get involved (all good publicity.
4. Help dig holes and plant trees.

If you can donate Trees, Money or time to help with this project would be gratefully accepted.

We hope to make a start sometime in January, probably a Sunday afternoon (some food and refreshments will be provided).

As well as giving us ammunition in an argument on the environment, this event will give us some good publicity as the papers, radio and TV will be told of our efforts.

If you would like to know more contact me. I am getting a lot of my information from here <http://www.trees-online.co.uk/>

But if you an expert please give me your advice..

Steve Boyle

Magazine Editor's 'Bit'

Hi, hope you are all well and happy, I'm glad to say that we are both fine.

I'm very sorry, we forgot completely to wish you a Happy Christmas - do hope yours was OK. We had a lovely time. We are well blessed.

So, let us wish you a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR - let's hope it's good for all of us.

The reason I've put a picture of Jimmy on the front is it was his 60th birthday recently and some of us helped him to celebrate. It was a wonderful evening, with a live band and all. Oh, and here's the cake:



I thought it was very appropriate. Very many thanks Jimmy, we enjoyed ourselves.

There's nothing to show you at the moment (trophy-wise) but soon you should have a date for the Cupid's Trophy - we will just have to wait & see??

Pam

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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		
Your details			
Your full name (pse state if new)			
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POSTCODE			
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.

***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 |
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