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Many thanks – avoids the hassle!

Chairman's Chat – October 2014

Hi folks,

Well it's coming up to the end of year, and **awards night** time. This years is on the **18th OCTOBER at the HIMALAYAN SPICE** formerly the Butchers in Corn Street, **19:30 for 20:00hrs.**

3 course meal + papadum's and pickles and a free shot at £19.95 a head. Western food available upon advanced request.

If you have trophies please return them to Brian ASAP, if you have won one this year come along and get it and have a good night too.

The **AGM** will follow in November and we are always on the lookout for new members for the club and the committee. This is **on the 13th of NOVEMBER at the SOCIAL CLUB.** Come along and have your say..

We are still looking for venues, if you know of any or any contacts we have been asked if we can run more autocrosses so we are looking into it, a venue is the biggest issue. Can you help, ask everybody – the more we ask the greater the chance of a **YES.**

Steve

For those of you who know Peter Davidson
we are very sorry to say that he is in hospital, & is very poorly.
Our thoughts and best wishes are with him and his family
and we hope he makes a great recovery, very soon.

Competition Secretary's Report

Hello all.

To Start with, **18 October at Himalayan Spice** is the Awards night. Please if you would like to come names to me or anyone else on the Committee. My Number, 07595977514/ 01993 252126 or Facebook one of us....Look forward to seeing you there.

Well what a lovely weekend we had for the Autocross, seemed it put the spark back into Autocross again, after what I have heard lately!!! Well done to all who competed, well done Jamie Davidson, for a 2nd in class, and well done to Mark Tredwell for FTD and winning his home event, after all his troubles so far this year.

I think that's the first Autocross for many years where the weather had been dry all weekend, well apart from the Autotest we put on, we had 4 entries. I think the weather put people off.... We nearly had 5 entries, as John Clayton was in the field trying to fix his car to have a blast, shame you didn't get it sorted John.

The Results of the Autotest are as follows.

Jimmy Millagan	FTD
James Hall	1st in Class
Rob Hall	2nd.
Mark Bradley	came 3rd

Sorry cannot find the times, lost the result sheet sorry. But what I remember, Jimmy stormed ahead by about 8-9 seconds. With about 2-3 seconds from James, 2nd to Mark 3rd, but it was Jimmy who came away with it as others either had a little whoopsy or had a cone. Consistent Jimmy, well done. Anyway keep an eye out for future events, will keep you up to date as much as possible. And look forward to seeing you all soon.

Also Committee meeting at West Witney Sport and Social on the 16th, so any trophies need coming back, can you please get them to Brian Pegram or any other committee member please or pop them along on the 16th.

For those of you who didn't know Peter Davidson is in a very poorly condition in Hospital, we are very much all wishing him a speedy recovery.

See you all Soon, All the best

Dan

Autocross 2014

I think the most worrying thing about this article is the fact I have a number of them stored on my computer, same title, just a different date. Having said that, I was asked to stand in as treasurer for a year by Mick Warman and the marvellous Martin Madge – see Jimmy's Facebook post for explanation of this term, and I clock up 10 years in the job at the next AGM! Anyway, I digress.

This years' autocross all seemed to happen at the very last minute. This has two explanations – the main jobs get rebooked every year ready for the next year, and Simon has been doing a different role at work, not helped also by the fire strike cover. The regs went out two weeks before the event and the response seemed to be swift and positive. Unlike the norm, we didn't have the usual debate on the Tuesday before about whether we run or not - we already had our minimum viable entry filled!

Our usual problems were food on site and marshals – nothing changes there. We had already booked the guy from last year, but at the last minute he had surgery on his shoulder and couldn't do it. His wife thought they could cope with the Saturday, which worked out well, as Jimmy managed to find someone who could do Sunday. Except then, the Saturday guy pulled out altogether, as he was forbidden to do it by his surgeon. Great – it was Tuesday, and the event starts Friday! Emergency cover arranged, not ideal, but at least it wasn't a quick trip to the motorway services, as had happened a few years back. Needless to say, we had little idea about marshal cover until the day, as usual, beyond knowing that a few of our regulars couldn't come.

It was worrying but everything seemed to fall into place. Since we had less guaranteed help, and we had cut every corner we could to keep costs down and thereby ensure we could run with the barest number of entries, it all seemed less stressful from where I was sitting. Simon might disagree, but I doubt it, as, for the first time in years, neither he nor Mark were actually competing. It was a comparatively cheap year organisation-wise as we didn't need to replace anything too major - eg stakes, hammers, staplers, signs, marquee.... Since Claire had stepped up to clerk of the course, we didn't feel it was fair to expect her to organise a quiz for the Saturday night after the fish and chip van left, so Jimmy covered that. Much that Claire's quizzes tax the brain, it seems people want someone else to organise so they can claim Claire onto their team. Reckon Claire could make herself a few bob there, by hiring herself out to the highest bidder! We have also had other

entertainment for the evening in the past, like discos, clay pigeon shooting and so on. This year Jimmy came up with table football, involving people, not little plastic men. I gather it was good fun, with victory to Wales! I missed that as I had the offer of a real bed in a warm house for the weekend. In view of the comments about how cold it was, I am very glad I did – I don't do cold! Thanks again Lynne!

I am sure that there will be articles about the actual event elsewhere, I rarely see much of the event, as I spend my time buried under paperwork. Again, this went far too well this year. I even managed to balance the incomings and outgoings at the first attempt this year, and that has never happened before! I still have bills to come in, but it looks like this year has been profitable for the club, so it means the list of replacement gear Simon and I have already discussed can be bought gradually over the next year, and reduce the last minute panic we usually have. We have been asked to consider a second event next year, as our event is well thought of, well organised and enjoyed by all. Not bad for what is a small club and an even smaller band of organisers!

Finally, thanks to all who helped in any way, but especially to those who helped set up and take down on the weekend itself. Main thanks must go, as ever, to Simon. Without the work he puts in, the event would not be what it is.

Sue

P.S. Did anyone else know Claire's nickname used to be Miss Whiplash? Those who attended may have seen the car with this name, seems there are some things we do not know about our C of the C!

MGCC Autumn Car Trial - Burton Dassett Country Park

Last year I went to see Graham Whiting and his daughter Lauren compete in this event. Graham's time was running out as he was diagnosed with terminal cancer and to do this event with Lauren was one of his target things to do. It occurred to me that it would be a good way to remember Graham if some of us competed for a Trophy in his name.

It looked quite a challenging event and I have found out over the years that it's good to get outside the comfort zone occasionally. MGCC Midland Centre were pleased to invite Witney members and the entry of 39 was one of the largest they'd had for several years.

I persuaded Russell to let me share his road going 205gti, Graham and Martin Moore shared a Citroen C2 with Rozanna (Moore) partnering Martin, Julian Burch did a solo effort in his Aunts 1400cc 205.

The entry list included Imps, Beetles, various MG sports cars and specials. After a short and not very clear briefing we headed to section 1, this was across a slope then a right turn up a steep hill which bore the scars of previous years and proved impossible to get up all day with the exception of 1 car 1 time.

As the day went on we moved around the hill, some of the climbs allowed us to go higher as the traffic removed slippery grass and therefore we got fewer penalties and a greater feeling of achievement. Going up was a lot easier than coming down as the front wheels were often sliding and not steering but apart from some scratches on the roof from a thorny tree we were ok.

Everyone cleared one section so they decided to time it, in case a tie breaker was needed, that was something else, like doing an autotest on a mogul field, but I was 3 seconds quicker than Russell which was probably more to do with who owned the car.

One of the climbs was impossible for a front wheel drive car to get up, so we just minimised the penalties we incurred and kept the car drivable. Some of the rear drive cars launched themselves into the trees in attempts to get up, but the amazing Hillman Imps succeeded.

In the end I was delighted I won our class, overall I finished 20th although there were a few non-finishers. The C2 suffered from being too low at the front and had bits of bumper and radiator missing by about 3rd bout.

All in all a fun day and it was lovely that Graham's wife Sharon and daughter Lauren and her partner Ian came along to see us at the end.

Jimmy (sorry about your noisy car Russ, can I borrow it next year?)

News / Requests from other motor clubs:

Oxford Motor Club – Changes to officials

Hello all,

Following our recent AGM, we have some important name changes for your association's members.

The new contact names are

Chairman	David Smith	01993 708418	chairman@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk
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Oxford Motor Club

17th October 2014 – Navigational Rally Being organised by Tony Mytton . Please contact Tony on email tonymandcarolm@gmail.com;

(end of news / requests from other clubs)

Jimmy's Rant No. 31

Something that has been angering people in this village recently has been an increase in speeding vehicles.

Bicester is expanding for who knows why, but within 20 years it will be as big as Banbury is now. For the next 20 years expect it to be a work in progress, with roads being dug up, roads closed, new roads laid down then dug up, traffic lights appearing anywhere and everywhere at any time, so it is impossible to know how long any short journey will take.

The first stage of the Eco town involved rebuilding the roundabout at the A4095 and B4100 (Banbury road) junction and involved 4 way traffic lights. Result - huge increase in traffic through the village due to commuters trying to get to, and back from work, whilst avoiding long delays on the normal route.

One thing I have noticed over the years is that whenever a commuter has to take a detour they then feel no responsibility for obeying road safety measures. For example, speed limits and other vehicles on single track roads. The latter is correct, because they have adequate asphalt underneath them they don't seem to recognize the needs of oncoming vehicles.

The response of the villagers was to place their own cars like chicanes at several points in the village to try and slow the traffic and make it a less attractive option. Some people were a bit extreme though and barely left enough room for anything bigger than a Micra to get through and risked getting into trouble for restricting the highway.

My plea to anyone making a detour through a "rat run" is to show respect to the residents by driving slowly and carefully through built up areas. If you show that you are trying not to run over their dogs and children they will accept your right to easy passage.

Jimmy

Magazine Editor's 'Bit'

This is proving to be a full magazine - it's wonderful that our folk can organise such a wonderful event as the Autocross. They'll definitely have to hire themselves out in future!

Busy times ahead - I shall look forward to seeing you at the **Awards Dinner**. It will be an interesting evening I think. It is being held at **The Himalayan Spice** (previously the Butchers, Corn Street) on 18 October, 7.30 for 8.00pm. **3 course meal + papadam's and pickles and a free shot at £19.95** a head. Western food available upon advanced request. Sounds great. This will mean, of course, that Brian needs your annual trophies to be returned just as soon as possible, please. You can drop them in at home or bring them to the committee meeting before hand, or you can give them to any committee member.

Then, it is to be the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**, on **13 November** at the **Witney Social Club**, 8.00pm.

I shall look forward to seeing you all, in your drives, of course, at these two events!

Pam

PLEASE NOTE:

If members do not pay their subs before the awards night, they will not receive their trophies. Also, it prevents an important revenue stream entering the club.

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		
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FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	£15.00		
FULL SINGLE MEMBERSHIP	£12.00		
SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP	£ 5.00		
WMC Windscreen sticker	£ 4.00		
WMC car sticker	£ 2.00		
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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.**

Stage rallying	Yes / No
Autotests	Yes / No
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