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## *Roger's Ramblings*

Hi all - flaming June is here, let's hope it lasts.

What I've been doing lately is a Royal Yacht Association sailing course last month, which was great except for the boom taking a dislike to my head and putting me in the water. I was OK but I think the boom has a head-shaped dent in it!

On 23 Dan & I did Down Ampney. I was navigating this time, lovely sunny day, he was ceded 33. We set off at a great pace. By Stage 3 we were 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. On Stage 4, the clutch cable snapped 50 yards in, so stuck in 4<sup>th</sup> gear. We lost 17 seconds on the stage, which put us down to 9 or 10, but, new cable installed, and we nibbled away at the time - 8, 6, 5, and by Stage 10, we were joint 3<sup>rd</sup> and going well, till a small spin lost us 5 seconds and, as a result, we had to settle for 4<sup>th</sup> overall, by 3 seconds. It was still a good result, 4<sup>th</sup> overall and 2<sup>nd</sup> in class. Well done Dan.

I'm off to Le Mans on 5<sup>th</sup>, so, see you all soon.

T T F N

*Roger*

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!

## ***Social Report***

As I struggle with my new computer (have they got it in for me or what?), all I have for you this month are the following dates. Now, please, take note and contact me if you want more information, etc:

**18 June**    **Rounders on the Leys**, to be held at 8.00pm  
Sounds fun, so let's make it so.

**19 July**    **Treasure Hunt**, being organised by yours truly.  
Suggest you bring a picnic.  
Start at Woodford Way Car Park, 1.30pm for 2.00pm

I look forward very much to seeing you all at these events

***Derrick***

## **A Plea from your Treasurer**

As you may have noticed, not many events have actually run so far this year - two autotests only, if my memory serves me correctly. Mike has had a rally ready to run for months, Derrick has had social events ready to go and, at the time of writing, the first treasure hunt was due to happen.

BUT, with the exception of Jimmy's karting events, most events have been cancelled through lack of interest, and those that have run will barely break even.

The club isn't out to make money, its whole aim is to run a variety of events that club members can enjoy, and in which everyone feels they can participate.

So, what are we doing wrong???

I know, believe me, money is tight, so should we try to run less events, well-publicised in advance, so that we can save our pennies for them? Or do you want something else instead???

I realise that, human nature being what it is, we all expect someone else to come up with the ideas but that someone else is you and I. Thinking caps on please!

Meantime, I am still awaiting the chance to get Dave Lumsdale lost on his first 12-car. As you are probably aware, I normally get our Comp. Sec., Mike, lost but, as he's the organiser, I thought you might construe it as cheating if I did the event with him! Dave, silly man, said he'd like to do an event and would I co-drive!

It's been cancelled twice though lack of interest. Twice I've managed to arrange not working on the Saturday morning afterwards. So, come on, when shall we run it? Suggestions please to Mike for a date, and then I can attempt to get

Dave round safely, without getting hopelessly lost, and having to suffer Mike's sniggers when I have to ring him and tell him I'm lost! I don't want to put Dave off for life, but, as things stand, he'll never get to find out!

*Sue*

**Don't forget the Motorshow is coming up 2nd July**

Put it in your diaries and start polishing those cars.  
Pass the word around please.

**Steve**

It has been a busy few weeks of motorsport for the Davidson family. And it all began with the –

**GET IT SIDEWAYS STAGES RALLY**, Down Ampney, April 18<sup>th</sup>

This was our first trip to Down Amney and you could describe it as a family affair. Jamie was competing in our MG ZR at No 36 with his sister Amelia navigating in her first stage rally at the age of 16. Jessica, our older daughter, was reading the notes for Dan Adderley at No 18 in their Escort G3.

There had been a lot of rain in the build up to the event and we had taken the MG on M&S tyres with our tarmac tyres in the boot to put on when we arrived. As it turned out we left the knobbles on because it was so wet and muddy. Dan

was having a job keeping the Escort in a straight line, but everyone was enjoying the event.

There were four different stages, each run twice and on stage four (I think) Jamie managed to slide into a slag heap and do quite a bit of panel damage on the driver's side. It also bent the rear beam slightly so that upset the handling for the rest of the event. Anyway they were still having fun and Amelia settled in well, even managing to read the 'map' on each stage. A steady drive in a fairly standard car eventually netted 32nd overall from a full entry of 60 starters which we were really pleased with.

Dan, meanwhile, had been pushing harder as conditions dried during the afternoon and was slowly creeping up the order. He was hoping to get into the top ten, but when the results were officially published he and Jess were amazed to find they had finished 6th overall and third in class - an excellent result.

## **SANDOCROSS**, Weston Super Mare, May 10<sup>th</sup>

We always enjoy the annual sandocross on the beach at Weston and there were several Witney members taking part, including regulars Jimmy and Russell Milligan and two guys from the Leamington area double driving a Subaru Impreza.

Jamie was in his Impreza. It was first time out for the car and he had spent all winter trying to make it as light as possible. Unfortunately he was running on road tyres, but that didn't seem to cause too many problems. His first heat was against two other Subarus and a Rover and he put in a storming time to win the heat. He again won his second heat although a puncture on the final lap slowed him down and unfortunately his third run was a fail due to a timing fault. He was given the option of doing another run, but there was no way he was going to improve on his first run of the day so we decided to sit it out and conserve the car which had run brilliantly. In the final results he was fifth fastest of the day, beaten only by Roger Brunt and the three 'buggies'. Now looking forward to the Witney autocross in August! Congratulations, by the way, to Russell who comprehensively won Class A2 in his 205. And it was nice to see Robert Hall enjoying the day's racing.

## PRODUCTION CAR TRIAL, May 17<sup>th</sup>

Just a week later Jamie borrowed my Peugeot 106 and did the PCT at Burton Dassett Hills, north of Banbury. This is a great venue, but can be very slippery when it's wet and Sunday was very showery. Nevertheless he and Laura had a lot of fun on a series of eight hills.

This weekend (May 23rd) we're again off to Down Ampney to watch Dan and Roger taking part in the EMCOS stages rally.

***Peter Davidson***

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

Hi everyone, hope all's well with you. I hope you are feeling a little shell shocked by Sue's article. All I can say is "Well done Sue", I do hope you are successful in stirring us all up! - we could do with a kick up the rear end! Sue, I've got my thinking cap on - oh boy is it hurting at the moment, no ideas yet but we will keep hoping.

Do you know, I don't have a trophy picture for you this month, for the first time since I started working on the magazine. It feels really strange but it seems to reinforce what Sue has said - so take note, and extricate those fingers, pronto!! I can only suggest that you ring Mike to see what's going on.

***Pam***

# WITNEY MOTOR CLUB

## Membership Application Form

When complete, please return this form with the correct remittance to:

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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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<b>Date</b>			
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<b>Stage rallying</b>	<b>Yes / No</b>
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<b>Autocross</b>	<b>Yes / No</b>
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<b>Karting</b>	<b>Yes / No</b>