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Karting – A Final – 1<sup>st</sup> David Cross, 2<sup>nd</sup> Daniel Adderley, 3<sup>rd</sup> Robert Milligan  
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Many thanks – avoids the hassle!

## Chairman's Chat –March 2013

Hello all

I hope everything is well, I am in Ireland at the moment, sat in a bar in Galway with a pint of the black stuff.

Preparations are going well for the 50th celebrations; the auto test at the West Oxon Steam fair is confirmed for the 21st of July, we may look again at doing a production car autotest for young drivers on the day before, 14 years is the age at which kids can start, let me know if anyone is interested.

I have been asked if we can provide any marshals for the Devises MC rally on Salisbury Plain on the 20/21st of April, if you fancy it let me know.

Sorry it is so short this month but the Guinness is calling.

Just to remind you what is planned for this great year for Witney Motor Club:

- There will be an open day on the 7<sup>th</sup> July with a free BBQ along with live action, displays from rally cars, autocross cars and have a go auto test in the club car, plus more.
- Mickolew walkabout treasure hunt will take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July on a Thursday evening.
- 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> July An Inter-club autotest, hopefully between Witney MC, Oxon MC and Thame MC at the West Oxon Country show in Ducklington
- And the big event, a 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Summer Ball on the Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> with live music at a venue in Witney.

We are in discussions about a new venue and will release details as and when.

If anyone has any more ideas feel free to get in touch, we want to make this a year to remember.

Regards

**Steve**

## Competition Secretary's Report

Hi all,

Nothing to report this month, apart from the first round of the Karting Championship on Wednesday 27th February. It was a good night and Jimmy will have a report later in the Magazine for you. I have not been Karting for a couple of years now so I was a bit rusty but I managed to qualify 3rd and finish 2nd overall so was well pleased with that. Well done to Robert Milligan for holding me off for the Majority of the 30 min race... but when I tried to squeeze past I left space for David Cross to come through and get past us both and go on to win the Race. Well done David....(Now just got to carry on with getting my rally car back together for some real fun lol.... but I'm thinking Round 2 of the Karting Championship at Daytona should be fun, looking forward to that also)

Also we are looking at running an autotest later in the month or April time.

And lots more later on in the year with the Autocross. Preparations are well underway, we will be looking for Marshals so keep the August Bank Holiday weekend free, as this year is the 50th year that the Motor Club has been running so it won't be one to miss.... lots of ideas coming in for the Weekend so will be good fun for all!!

Look forward to seeing you all soon.

**Dan**

## Social Report – March 2013

Hi everyone

March already. doesn't time fly. Well in February we only had one social event, that was The Cupid's Trophy, hotly contested between 60 of us, or was that "6"! After us all playing each other it ended with Simon & Brian winning the coveted trophy again, well done.

On to April and 10 pin bowling at Brize Norton will be held on the **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 6.30 for 7.00pm start**. It's all good fun if not a bit competitive, and food will be available from the snack bar. So, please, names & addresses to me phone text or email, as I have to give a

list to security at Brize a week before, and don't forget you must have ID, i.e. passport or driver's licence. Please arrive early as signing in does take time, and if a flight is going out it can get quite busy. They like us to go down in convoy, so book in early with me to avoid disappointment.

On to June, we are looking to have a pub day out, somewhere with a big garden so we can play rounders or something like it. Any suggestions, for games or venue, let me know please.

As I said last month let me know if there is anything you would like to do, your club your chase.

See you all about

***Roger***



**Karting – B Final – 1<sup>st</sup> Ian Bishop, 2<sup>nd</sup> Daniel Humphrey, 3<sup>rd</sup> Peter Milligan**  
(Photo courtesy of Jimmy Milligan)

Very sorry, I have been unable to send you this picture, my machine had “indigestion”, or some such! Hey ho, such are “machines”!

**Karting – C Final - 1<sup>st</sup> Russell Milligan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Garbas**  
(Photo courtesy of Jimmy Milligan)

## **Jimmy’s “Rant” – No. 21**

Occasionally I suffer from a painful back as well as other multiple injuries that a lifetime of farming has bestowed upon me, not that I ever complain. One weekend my back was particularly bad so seeing a sign at our local Sports Therapist “Walk in Appointments Today” I thought that’s got to be worth doing, so I drive in, drag myself from the car, straighten up, shuffle round to the office door and find it’s closed for the weekend, so shuffle back to the car, get back in and go home.

So if they are too lazy to keep their sign up to date they aren’t getting my business, and it got me thinking about other misleading signs:

- A sign written on cardboard near Weston-super-mare read “Slow Horse Races” is that meant to slow the traffic or is it an event like a slow bike race where the aim is to go as slow as possible before you fall off?
- Another one most of us have seen is “this sign is not in use” how do we know which one to believe?
- One sign that makes me feel sympathy for the subject is “Failed Road” I am sure it tried to be a road and tried to give travelers an unimpeded passage on their journey, but it failed, it’s very sad.
- “Possible delays until Spring 2014” – I find signs like that very worrying, I can’t stay here that long, I want to be home for Xmas!
- Why should red cars give way to black cars on narrow bridges?
- “Slow Pedestrians Crossing” can’t they go any faster?

It is all very confusing isn’t it.

***Jimmy***

You are invited to:

**An Evening with Erik Carlsson and Stuart Turner**  
Organised by the **Oxford Motor Club**  
It is being held on **3 April 2013**  
At **The Oxfordshire Inn, Bletchingdon, OX5 3DX**  
**8.00 for an 8.30pm start**

In fact, we are all invited

## **1<sup>st</sup> round 2013 Karting Championship at Formula-fast, Banbury 27 February 2013**

22 Drivers turned up to what will be our last visit to this circuit as Formula-fast are relocating at the end of March.

A Grand Prix format was chosen with all drivers having a qualifying session to determine which race and grid position they should be in. The most experienced group had a bit of a disadvantage by having their qualifying session first and suffering low tyre and track temperature but most of the quick people were fast enough for the A final. I managed to qualify just ahead of Russell, so he was on pole for the C final while I started last in the B final.

Russell had a lights to flag victory and reeled off the laps with metronomic efficiency. (I like that phrase too!) Behind him Richard Garbas was 2<sup>nd</sup> and Lee Panozzo 3<sup>rd</sup> with most of the others behind being less experienced karters.

In the B final not only was I starting last, but they put me in a position where I couldn't see the starting lights and just started when everyone else was moving. I managed to make up 1 place at the 1<sup>st</sup> bend and a 2<sup>nd</sup> at the next but that was as much as I could get. Mike Harrison was an ever present shadow for the whole race and occasional robust defence was required to maintain my position. Ian Bishop won from Daniel Humphrey and Peter Milligan.

The A final was always going to be an exciting with race favourites Michael and David Cross starting in the middle of the grid. My nephew Robert was on pole and for the first laps a close group of 4 tussled behind him. Andrew Slatter was 2<sup>nd</sup> for a bit then a little mistake or perhaps a little nudge and suddenly he was back in 5<sup>th</sup>. After about half the race David Cross made a very clever and slick move to get into the lead that he extended to 17 seconds by the end of the race. On the last lap Michael C. couldn't take being behind Dan Adderley any more and tried a lunge by the hairpin which didn't work and he got embedded in the tyres letting Robert get 3<sup>rd</sup> and Andrew 4<sup>th</sup>.

Les Kemmett spent the entire race trying to find a way round Steve Wright but Steve is too experienced to make a mistake and held onto 6<sup>th</sup> at the end.

A very good start to the season with very good racing and no Red Flag incidents all evening and good friendly banter between the racers. Also nice to be able to welcome some new faces too.

It was good to have a catch up with Graham Whiting who came along to spectate and good to see him looking so well.

Next event probably at Daytona, Milton Keynes in April.

***Jimmy***

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

I am sorry if this is a little late this month, I was awaiting results of the Karting round, which you will find reported elsewhere in this magazine. Many thanks to Jimmy for his contributions, what would we do without him.

It's now officially Spring - but it doesn't seem much like it, far too cold.

It seems exciting, what is planned to celebrate 50 years of WMC - but, to those of us in it at the beginning, it just doesn't seem possible that it has survived for all those years. So, go on, enjoy yourselves, I know that Brian and I will.

Good luck in your efforts and I look forward to seeing you around.

***Pam***

# 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		
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		
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	TOTAL		
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<b>Date</b>			
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