

# OXFORD MOTOR CLUB



Malcolm Dunderdale & Anita Wickins in their lovely Renault 8 Gordini

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## EDITORIAL

Firstly, I must apologise for the lateness of this magazine, I've had a lot on and also been hoping for a few more articles to come in. Please keep your content coming, no need to wait for a reminder.

I've been very busy at work as we had 9 cars at the Goodwood Festival of speed which certainly was hard work. This year I was running cars on the hillclimb rather than the rally stage which made a nice change. Two of the cars were the 2000 RAC Rally winning Subaru WRC of Richard Burns and the 1986 Monte Carlo winning Lancia Delta S4 of Henri Toivonen. We were lucky to have Alistair McRae and Oliver Solberg drive our cars during the event, Oliver is certainly a star of the future. There are so many amazing cars at this event that it is hard to pick favourites. It was good to see the Michael Schumacher tribute and also Jackie Stewart driving his old Matra Grand Prix car. What stood out the most to me was the impressive speed of the VW IDR electric car which won the shootout. Also the work done by the Nascar crews after one car crashed heavily on the Saturday afternoon, it was all hands on deck, even removing parts of the body to beat back to shape, before welding it back on. I was impressed to see the car back out and running up the hill early on Sunday morning.

We also had cars at Chateau Impney Hillclimb, this was my first visit to the event, but I thoroughly enjoyed it. There was a very relaxed atmosphere and a wide range of vintage and classic cars. The aero engine cars were a highlight and were a complete contrast to the modern WRC cars we were running. I'm not sure the crowd were expecting donuts in front of the main house!

The club nights at the Jolly Boatman are starting to pick up, it's good to see some new faces and hopefully we'll see more of you at the next one. We have a 12 Car planned for October as well as the Autosolo and Targa Rallies. We'll need a good team of marshals at all of these events, further details are in the magazine.

The final picture I've put up is of the original Dealer Team Vauxhall van we have just finished restoring to go alongside the EX-Works Jimmy McRae Chevette HSR. The pair together look so cool don't they!

I'm off to the Three Shires Stages soon, as well as the Goodwood Revival and Rallyday, so should have something to write about them. That's if I survive taking 21 cars from work to Rallyday! Hopefully I'll see some of you there!

Chris Hambly

Photos taken by myself and BGMSport





## **YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!**

For the 2019 Club Year we are, as always looking for extra help from the club members, we need new faces on the committee and also helping on the events the club organises.

The current committee and organising teams are struggling with the workload at present. Without new support the club is not going to keep up putting on the excellent events that we do.

We have exciting plans for new events for 2019, so keep an eye out for opportunities to get involved.

Any contribution is welcome no matter how small. No experience in required to join the committee and if you wish to know more please get in contact with any of the current committee members. You do not have to be on the committee to help out, all you need is enthusiasm!

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# THE AKEMAN JOGULARITY

A few weeks ago I found myself with a rare free weekend so I offered my assistance with marshalling on the Akeman Jogularity. This is a daytime navigational event with regularity sections and special tests. It was a well attended event from both competitors and marshals. I did two of the regularity time controls before heading back to the start venue to do a passage control on the special test held there. Here are a few pictures taken at the test. Thankfully the second running of the test had much better weather now the rain had gone! It was a good day out and there were lots of happy faces at the end. Hopefully we'll have further reports and results in the next edition of the magazine.

Chris Hambly



# NEXT OXFORD MC EVENTS

## October Extravaganza

Following on from the success of the July Grass Autotest and BBQ and then the Akeman Jogularity in August organised by Brian Cammack we have, in the space of just two weeks during October, three events for your enjoyment.

1. The first one on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> is the Boanerges AutoSolo and Production Car Autotest** at Finmere airfield. You will have already received the Regulations and entry form but they are also on the Club web site if you missed them and at the time of writing this we have over half the entry after just two days.

The Bocardo Autosolo in April had a large entry of over 60, figures not seen since the days we used to run at Silverstone. It looks like this is about to be repeated so we should have another very good event.

We have recruited quite a few new members this year who may not know much about Autosolos. There is a wealth of information and some in car video clips on the club web site. I'll run through the basics but for those new members who took part on the grass Autotest last month the event is just the same type of tests, with the same level of enjoyment and excitement but running on tarmac.

Our event is a round of the ASWMC, BTRDA & CMSG Autosolo championships so we attract some very competitive drivers and as we come towards the end of the competition year there are valuable points to be won but there is still plenty of space for the ordinary club member to take part for a relatively low entry fee.

Although the name Autosolo implies a solo drive the regulations have recently been relaxed and we now allow passengers to help with the navigation!

There are age, size and passenger restrictions which are all explained in the event regulations but drivers can be as young as 14. The cars have to be driven to the venue so obviously they have to be road legal. You do not need to do any modifications or buy any special equipment although tyres may be the part to be wary of. You will see competitors buying a set of cheaper tyres and wheels to use on the competition and then putting the road tyres back on but for a first event this shouldn't be a problem.

Running alongside the Autosolo we have a Production Car Autotest. We run this event as an entry level event for the younger competitors however, there are not too many youngsters coming through the system..

As far as the competition goes there is no difference, everyone drives the same tests, but for a PCA the cars can be transported to the venue so as long as the car is deemed safe to compete by the event scrutineers you do not need an MoT or Road

Tax.

If you do not fancy the family car being used then take a trip to the local dealers and buy a cheap runaround and a trailer.

Again, the younger family members can take part if they can get Mum or Dad to relinquish the driving seat. Drivers can be 14 and the passenger as young as 12 although there are conditions regarding experienced adult crew who ride with them.

In both events the same car can be driven twice so you can both enjoy the day. All in all an ideal way to get the family involved in motorsport.

If you do want to compete then we always need help with the timekeeping and helping the event run smoothly so please give me a call.

2. Our second event is the **October Outing 12 Car Navigational Rally on Friday October 11<sup>th</sup>**.

This event is being organised by Simon Lytton, his first for this club and I understand it will be using lanes to the North of the County. With only 12 competitors allowed in total for the three categories, expert, novice and beginner it would be good to see the event fill.

There is plenty of information about 12 Car Rallies on the web site and as with every event marshals will be needed to man the time controls and I'm sure Simon will appreciate any offers of help.

Regulations and an entry form will be available soon and circulated to members.

3. The third event running just a week later is a new venture for the Club - our first foray into the world of Targa Road Rallying. Since the demise of the Carfax Rally we have struggled to find a "big" event for members enjoyment and Targa Rallies are really taking off.

On **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>** we have the **RPS Bullnose Targa Rally** again being held at Finmere airfield.

Many of you will be familiar with this type of competition in its various formats. Some events use public roads, forest tracks, fields or a mixture of all but ours will be wholly in the confines of the airfield and all run on sealed surfaces.

Our format will be similarish to an autosolo but without the guiding cones and with extra navigational controls and the event running to road rally timing.

David Smith has designed some testing courses for the crews using as much of the venue as we can.

We will need plenty of members to help out on the day as marshal / observers so expect Harvey Warner to be contacting you all at regular intervals to recruit as many as he can.



Regulations and an entry form will be available very soon – around the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August with entries opening a few days later. These will be circulated to members and more details will be on the web site as the event progresses.

We have set an entry level of 50 and we hope and expect the event to fill quickly despite running just a couple of weeks after the Solo so if you want to enter don't delay.

Keep your eyes on the web site.

**John Blackwell**

## **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

At the mid-point of the year the standings in the Club championship points tables are:

### **Competitive Section**

#### **OMC / Dolphin 12 Car Series – after 4 rounds of 8.**

Expert Driver	Simon Phillips
Expert Navigator	Brian Cammack
Novice Driver	Toni Dwornik
Novice Navigator	Kieron Brown
Beginner Driver	Malcolm Dunnerdale
Beginner Navigator	Anita Wickins

#### **Open Road Rally [including Targa rallies]**

Expert Driver	Matt Endean
Expert Navigator	Suze Endean
Novice Driver	Lewis Ayriss / Kieran Belcher
Novice Navigator	Charlie Walker

#### **Stage Rally**

Driver	Matthew Baddeley
Co-Driver	Matthew Baddeley

<b>AutoSolo</b>	Haydn Marks
<b>Other Speed Events</b>	Alan Wakeman
<b>Davis Cup – combined speed events</b>	Alan Wakeman
<b>Wilfred Matthews Cup – expert Road Rally navigator</b>	Suze Endean
<b>Wootons Challenge Cup – best navigator [other Club events]</b>	Helen Tutt

#### **Motivation Cup – best in club competitive events**

<b>Third Place</b>	Haydn Marks
<b>Second Place</b>	Suze Endean
<b>First Place</b>	Matt Endean

#### **Non-Competitive Section**

<b>Jubilee Cup – Marshal of the Year</b>	David Smith
<b>Newcomer of the Year</b>	Toni Dwornik
<b>Best Lady</b>	Suze Endean
<b>Best Under 21</b>	Ethan Phillips

#### **Macclesfield Cup – best in club non-competitive events**

<b>Third Place</b>	Simon Phillips
<b>Second Place</b>	John Blackwell
<b>First Place</b>	David Smith

All the above members have scored points AND met the qualifying criteria of marshalling at, organising a, competing on or supporting a Club event or activity.

There are members who have scored more points but have yet to meet the criteria BUT with half of the year to go there is still time and with plenty of opportunities and events available things can and will change by December.

We have recruited quite a few new members during the year who may be wondering what this is all about.

The full explanation of what to claim and how to claim it is on the web site along with a claim form.

Simply put – as you can see from the above list you can score points for any in-club activity or event and for any out of Club motorsport event. As this is a Club Championship you get more points for a club event claim than for an out of Club claim.

The aim of this is to encourage you members to get involved with YOUR club. Non-competitive activities include coming along to [or organising] a social activity such as the navigational training [sorry – not just a pint and chat night] or writing an article or sending in a picture for the magazine.

I am easily able to record any Club event or activity attendance but I know many of you compete on events throughout the country and, although I try to record as many events as I can find, I seldom receive any claim forms.

So, the moral is to send in your claims and score points and as Brucie used to say

### **POINTS MAKE PRIZES**

**John Blackwell – Points Collator.**

## **SPEEDMACHINE**

Oxford Motor Club was again asked to run the Autosolo demonstration at Speedmachine, on behalf of Motorsport UK.

The event is held at Silverstone and the main event is the World Rallycross with other supporting motorsport events and a music concert.

With the experience gained from last year, the organising team put on an even better event. The decision was made to suggest donations for the Thames Valley Air Ambulance and we were very pleased to raise over £1300 for them.

There were lots of positive responses from the public, including a few that had taken up competition after taking part in last year's event. There was also one person that bought a car for autosolos on the Saturday night! We even had BTCC driver Colin Turkington and his family get involved.

I'd like to thank all the OMC members and other drivers and marshals who put in a lot of hard work to make the event a success.

Chris Hambly

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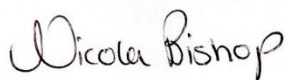
Dear Shirley

I'm writing to let you know that Thames Valley Air Ambulance has received your kind donation of £1,321.03 raised at the Silverstone weekend by the Oxford Motor Club. This is an amazing amount of money, which could keep one of our emergency response vehicles on the road for 3 and a half weeks, bringing the expertise, equipment and medication of the hospital to where it is needed most, so thank you so much.

Thanks to people like you we have been able to make huge developments in Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine. Our teams have at their fingertips the latest life support kit such as a compact chest compressor which allows us to continue treatment at the same time as keeping the heart pumping. We carry blood on board for on scene transfusions and a hospital level blood analyser which can give vital information in seconds. We have hand held ultrasound machines, able to show internal injuries at the roadside. In the last few years TVAA have extended the service by introducing 2 cars as well as a brand-new helicopter, fully equipped for night operations.

With your help, we are proud to be an organisation that is committed to constant development and enhancement and above all else, we are committed to patient care.

Kind regards



Nicola Bishop  
Community Fundraising Officer

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## LETS GO RALLYING

For many years my partner Anita and I were involved in European and British GT racing, latterly as a car owner, but we became a little disillusioned with the travel to wonderful circuits such as Monza, Spa, Paul Ricard etc...fake news of course. Truth be told some motor racing teams are not quite as honourable as we would have liked and broken agreements became more common so we decided to sell up and quit.

We can't quite decide where the idea to start regularity rallying came from, it was probably watching Noel Edmonds, Martin Kemp et al on Celebrity 5 Go Rallying, but the seed was sown and late last year we decided that this was our next big thing. We went to spectate and marshal at a few HERO and HRCR events to try and figure what was going on and then dove in at the deep end, buying a succession of mostly unsuitable cars. The rules state the 'newest' car could be manufactured before Jan 1st 1986 which meant that some eligible cars would have disc brakes, power steering, air conditioning so why bother with drum brakes and heavy steering? The first car to arrive was a 1985 Saab 900 Turbo, perfect. Lots of power, all the creature comforts but...it was too nice, immaculate in fact (32,000 original miles, original paint etc) and we couldn't bring ourselves to throw this amazing car down rutted tracks, farmers fields and into hedges to get past oncoming tractors. It now sits under a cover in the dry and warm awaiting the occasional outing to keep it in good running order.

Next on the list was a Mercedes 190 'Cosworth' (they redesigned the cylinder heads for Mercedes), which was, as we soon discovered, an absolute basket case or more commonly known as a money pit. We persevered with the car, got it rally ready and started entering some regularity rallies.

We didn't have a clue! Speed tables, hidden controls, ones and zeros? But oh was it fun. Our second ever event was The Three Legs of Man and it was a blast with unbelievable roads, stunning scenery, challenging maps and sympathetic competitors, and we didn't come last.

Now after 6 months or so we are slowly getting the hang of things, we've had a bunch of zeros, been first in class and were even lying 2nd overall for a day and a half until we made our usual errors and slipped down to where we belong.

We've been criticised for entering such difficult events but as everyone knows you learn by your mistakes, and that is so true, we have learnt so much from our mistakes, our many mistakes, and each time we come out stronger and better. Bear in mind we are up against people who have been doing this 20 or 30 years. Above all it has been so much fun, so enjoyable, and so nice to spend time together. In the true spirit of classic rallying we have now bought Renault 8 Gordinis from the 1960's (three of them so far) plus a Dauphine which are being readied for upcoming events. Just this week we put in our entry for the Historic Monte Carlo Rally (they take your money and then you wait 3 months to see if 'the committee has recommended your entry into the event') and so an R8 is being rally prepared for that event.

The Mercedes has now been re-shelled, re-sprayed and has a new engine ready for installation all in preparation for the Rally of the Tests in November, yet more of those unsuitable events for novices.

In the meantime we will be marshalling on some HRCR events because it is important to give back a little and it does no harm to take our turn to stand in the cold and rain because without marshals the events couldn't happen.

We'll let you know how the next 6 months go...

Malcolm Dunderdale & Anita Wickins





## FOR THE LOVE OF MAPS

I would as soon study a map as read a book or flick through a newspaper. I recall charting Otmoor and its seven 'towns' when, as a young lad, staying at my grandparents' home in Beckley. What a surprise when I eventually obtained a Bartholomew's Map of the county and realised how inaccurate I had been with my pencil (or was it a Biro?).

It seemed fitting that in my first job I was part of the Cartographic Department at Pergamon Press, Robert Maxwell's publishing company on Headington Hill (now Oxford Brookes University – *what isn't?*). Before the duplicitous tycoon put an end to map-making we produced any number of atlases, including *The Pergamon World Atlas* – the definite work of its time (I still have copy).

Around the mid-Sixties, my uncle Denis (Mortimer) and I organised family treasure hunts, and having a fair knowledge of the highways and byways of Oxfordshire, we were able to lead the various parties a merry dance up-and- down dale, always taking them through gated roads and flowing fords.

A little later Denis and I joined the Oxford Motor Club and were able to put our earlier experiences to good use on the club's excellent – and well-subscribed – Navex events. This inevitably led to 12-cars and road rallies.





Back in the day: *'It didn't show this...'*

Through a flood on the OMC/WMC Boanerges Rally

Poring over a 1" O.S. 164, how many hours did I spend trying to find a 'goer' – a white that would challenge all those brilliant navigators (and drivers, of course) the club could boast of. A lot of sneaky routes are no longer viable, including the Waterperry white (enter on a yellow at 62450770). I remember taking my son Paul (when he was young and impressionable) for a ride down that one. He loved it, although I was a little nervous when my Escort started wheel-spinning in the mud by Drunkard's Corner (go on, say it!). There's another devious white near Cuddesdon. Denis got stuck halfway along during a Navex I'd organised and had to be pulled out by tractor (the car not my uncle).

Another bit of fun was trying to find roads and junctions that were 'not as map'. On my old patch is the small triangle at Cutt Mill on the B480 between Chalgrove and Watlington. Older maps showed (appropriately) a narrow path slicing through the grassy isosceles. It disappeared many moons ago.

So maps were my 'in' to motorsport, and I'm sure quite a few of you out there will know the feeling. Sat Navs? *Please...*

**Richard Sumner**

**Cornwall Correspondent**



# Oxford Motor Club 2019 Calendar

Date	Event	Club	Location
<b>September</b>			
<b>Tuesday 3rd</b>	<b>Club evening</b>	<b>Oxford MC</b>	<b>Jolly Boatman</b>
Saturday 7th	Three Shires Closed Roads Stage Rally	Cheltenham MC	Based at Eastnor Castle, Ledbury
Saturday 7th / Sunday 8th	Retro Truck Show	British Motor Museum	Gaydon
Sunday 8th	Gaby Mohr Car Trial	WSSCC	
Sunday 8th	CMSG Autosolo Round 9	Ross MC	Mitchledean
Sunday 15th	CMSG Autosolo Round 10	Bristol MC	Westonzoyland
Friday 20th	Autumn Leaves 12 Car Rally	Dolphin MC	
Sunday 22nd	Devises Targa Rally	Devises MC	
Friday 27th	CMSG Roadsport 12 Car Rally Round 4	CMSGCC	
Friday 27th	Harlequin 12 Car Rally	Farnborough & DMC	

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Sunday 29th	Patriot Stages Rally	Forresters MC	Caerwent
<b>October</b>			
<b>Tuesday 1st</b>	<b>Club evening</b>	<b>Oxford MC</b>	<b>Jolly Boatman</b>
<b>Sunday 6th</b>	<b>Boanerges Autosolo &amp; Production Car Autotest CMSG Round 11</b>	<b>Oxford MC</b>	<b>Finnmere Airfield</b>
Sunday 6th	Sunday Scramble		Bicester Heritage
<b>Friday 11th</b>	<b>October Outing 12 Car Rally</b>	<b>Oxford MC</b>	
Sunday 13th	CMSG Autosolo Round 12	60 & Worcs CC	Cheltenham Racecourse
<b>Sunday 20th</b>	<b>Bullnose Targa Rally</b>	<b>Oxford MC</b>	<b>Finnmere Airfield</b>
Friday 25th	CMSG Roadsport 12 Car Rally Round 5		Oxford
Saturday 26th	Exmoor Targa Rally	Tavern MC	
<b>November</b>			
TBA	Stage Rally	Herford MC	Builth Wells Showground
<b>Tuesday 5th</b>	<b>Club evening</b>	<b>Oxford MC</b>	<b>Jolly Boatman</b>

Date	Event	Club	Location
Friday 8th	Gunpowder Plot 12 Car Rally	Dolphin MC	
Saturday 9th	Bustard Targa Rally	Salisbury & Shaftsbury MC	
Saturday 9th	Autumn Car Trial	Stroud	
Friday 22nd	CMSG Roadsport 12 Car Rally Round 6		
Friday 29th	Gwyn Jones Memorial 12 Car Rally	Farnborough & DMC	
<b>December</b>			
<b>Tuesday 3rd</b>	<b>Club evening</b>	<b>Oxford MC</b>	<b>Jolly Boatman</b>
Friday 6th	CMSG Roadsport 12 Car Rally Round 7	CMSGCC	
<b>Friday 13th</b>	<b>Last Chance 12 Car Rally</b>	<b>Oxford MC</b>	

**\*Oxford events in bold**

**\*[P] Provisional Date**

Information is correct at time of printing. Dates may be subject to change so please check with organisers

If any member has information on an event that may be of interest to the club please let the Competition Secretary know so it can be added to this list.