



# OXFORD MOTOR CLUB



*Steve Newman with Wife Jackie*

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## EDITORIAL

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Happy New Year to you all.

Many of you may already have heard the sad news that club member and former magazine editor Steve Newman passed away just before Christmas after a short illness. A heartfelt eulogy for Steve has been written for this month's magazine by his good friend Pete Collins. I'd personally only known Steve for about a year. Despite not being a member of the club for very long he threw himself into the club's activities, joining the committee as magazine editor, organising events, and competing. Steve recognised the difficulties club motorsport faces and was keen to encourage newcomers and young competitors into the sport. He was also still a keen competitor himself and had an almost encyclopedic knowledge of the local area which I'm sure came in very handy on 12 cars. The club and motorsport in general are the poorer for his passing.

Details of Steve's funeral are included in this month's magazine.

Since Steve stood down from the committee, Chris Hamby and myself have covered as magazine editors for these last two editions. Hopefully someone will step forward at the AGM to take on the role permanently. The AGM is being held on **February 1<sup>st</sup> at the Jolly Boatman** and includes the awards presentation. Details of the AGM and the available committee posts are included below. Please take a read through the information and see if you could offer your help in any way.

Even though we have a bumper edition of the magazine this month, we typically struggle to find enough content. If you have anything you think would be of interest to club members, please send it to [magazine@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk](mailto:magazine@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk). The article doesn't have to be about competing or be the size of war and peace. It could be a short review of a company you recommend, show you've attended, book you've read or even a review of your new tyres. Anything is welcome.

Hopefully see you at the AGM.

**Simon Phillips**

## Steve Newman - Eulogy

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I can't remember exactly when I met Steve Newman but it was while I was working at Plessey Research, Caswell, just outside Towcester around 1975 – we were both quite young then. I know that I'd joined Blackbird Auto Club (shhh!) in about 1973 and, I guess, during our youthful conversations he also thought it would be good to join up as well. Steve had always been into motorsport; living in Greens Norton near to Silverstone, it's not surprising that he got the bug quite early on and his knowledge of all things roundy roundy was immense.

We both started our rallying life as navigators so it was very unusual to find us in the same vehicle together but the photo below shows one such occasion when we paired up for a local 12 car: Steve's actually navigating, if you zoom in you'll see that it's LHD.



It was during those early rallying days that he met and married Jill. There followed the tiny patter of footsteps of Hayley and Kiri. As with many relationships, these days, there was a parting of ways and Steve later married Jackie, who already had two daughters (Michelle and Kerry) from a previous marriage. A move to America for a few years followed, while working for Stack, and Aaron appeared on the scene in 1993 to complete the Newman family.

Steve was a devoted family man with motorsport always playing second fiddle so there was a period of a few decades where neither he nor I participated – we did what most people do – just talked about how great we had been and how we could easily beat all those out there today.

It was May 2014 when Steve asked me if I would like to marshal with him on the OMC Bullnose Rally which was coming up at the end of the month and during that day's event he told me that he had recently been passing blood; I remember sitting on a bench in Buckingham town centre eating fish

and chips when he told me. Steve had not been in the best of health for a while and had previously had stents fitted so this came as a double blow to him. He was diagnosed with bladder cancer a few weeks later and so, to fulfil his and my bucket list item, and on the grounds that: "If we don't do it now, we might never do it." in July he bought a Proton Satria GTi for us to do some local 12 car rallies. Strangely, over some conversations, he decided that he would navigate and me drive – never really understood that but there you go. A little later in the year, inspired by the Bullnose Endurance Rally, I bought a Peugeot 106 Rallye with the idea of us competing in the championship the following year – well, most of us know what happened then – they decided not to run the Endurance Road Rally Championship any more. So the Satria was our car of choice for local 12 car events and the Peugeot was to be used for the more, physically demanding events, having already been rally prepared by the previous owner.

Late 2014 saw both Steve and myself joining OMC. In the last two years we have done various 12 car rallies both with OMC, Dolphin and CMSG, the Grass Autotest at Pusey. We also competed on: The Devils Tour, The Mercian (x2), The Morning Mist and the Exmoor Targa. We (he) also organised one of the OMC 12 cars earlier last year.



Steve joined the OMC committee this last year as Magazine Editor, a job he did very professionally – although, as with all magazine editors, struggled with lack of material from other members, myself included. He stood down as magazine editor a couple of months ago for, as he described it, personal reasons; he never gave me any other explanation.

The last rally we did was the CMSG rally on November 18<sup>th</sup> just 6 weeks ago. Steve struggled with the sight in one eye and we both had dreadful coughs. A couple of weeks later, still suffering with the bad cough, Steve went to the doctor. He was immediately sent for a chest x-ray and three days later he was sent to the JR where he was diagnosed with malignant tumours in his lung, bones and liver and



also behind his eye. The irony of this is that 2 weeks before, he'd been given the all-clear from his bladder cancer.

Steve was my best friend for over 40 years. I was an Usher at his first wedding, Godfather to his younger daughter, and Best Man at his second wedding. I've been lucky enough to attend and share many of his family's events over the years. I will miss you Steve.

If there's something that we can learn from this (men) it's to go IMMEDIATELY to the doctor if you think there's a problem and live life for today as you don't know what's going to happen tomorrow.

RIP Steve Newman.

**Pete Collins**

## Steve Newman - Funeral Announcement

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Steve passed away on Friday 23rd December. For any family and friends who would like to attend his funeral, there will be a humanist service to celebrate Steve's life on **Friday 20th January, at 12pm** at:

Towcestrians Sports club Greens Norton Road Towcester Northants NN12 8AW  
OS Map 152 681497

Followed by Steve's burial at:  
St. James the Great church High Street Paulerspury Northants NN12 7NA  
OS Map 152 716456

After Steve's burial the family would like to invite you back to Towcestrians sports club to join them for light refreshments.

Steve wouldn't want this to be a totally black occasion so we thought it would be nice if people could wear something yellow in support of Sobell House Hospice.

We would like to request family flowers only but there will be the opportunity to make a donation to Sobell House Hospice who cared for Steve at the end of his life.

Or you can donate at Kiri's just giving page for Steve go to the Just giving site and search for:-

[Kiri Newman](#)

United Kingdom

In memory of Steve **Newman**

The care that Steve received was fantastic and it would have been his wish to support this charity. Many thanks [Hayley Causebrook](#) and [Kiri Emily Sophie Newman](#)

## 2017 Membership reminder

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Its that time of year again. If you have not already done so please complete the membership application/renewal form available from <http://www.oxfordmotorclub.co.uk/membership/> and send along with the appropriate fee. You can also scan/email the completed form and pay by bank transfer. All details are on the renewal form.

Membership fee's are unchanged with single membership at £15 plus £2.50 per additional family member. Please get your forms in ASAP to take advantage of the 2017 competition year.

## What's on

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### January

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>**. The first of the **OMC / Dolphin 12 car rallies**. The first round is organised by Dolphin MC and your contact is Barry Young, Wheats Farm Cottage, Nightingale Lane. Mortimer. RG73PT. Tel 0118 933 2925. Email: [yngbarry@gmail.com](mailto:yngbarry@gmail.com)

The regulations and entry form will be circulated asap – probably before you get this magazine.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>**. The first **BTRDA Autosolo** of the year and for you hardened competitors it's a trip north to Knutsford MC.

### February

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>**. The most important meeting of the year for the club, the **AGM and Awards presentation**. Full details of this are in the magazine.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>**. An opportunity to attend a Rally Marshals training day. Contact Clive Grounds for details – phone 01223 232861.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>** is round 2 of the **OMC/Dolphin 12 car rally**. At the time of writing we do not have an organiser for this event and if no one volunteers then I'm afraid the event will be cancelled.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>** is Round 1 of the **CMSG Autosolo** championship. Organised by Devises MC and run at Kemble Airfield.

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup>** Round 1 of the **CMSG Roadsport 12 car Rallies**. Running on maps 150/162/163 [Worcester, Gloucester and Cheltenham] and your contact will be Dave Cooper. Regs and entry form on the CMSG web site.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>** Another opportunity to attend a **Rally Marshal Training Day**. Organised by John Jones of the BRMC. The venue will be at Telford.

John's contact email is [secretary@brmc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@brmc.org.uk) and Details and booking form this and all training days are available at <http://www.volunteersinmotorsport.co.uk>.



## March

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>** is the **Social evening** at the Jolly Boatman. Despite moving to a more welcoming venue at the Jolly Boatman, attendances at the social evenings have been very disappointing of late and it would be wonderful to see more members making the effort to come along to a meeting. We did have the Forum for the Future of OMC at the social evenings but as no one turns up that has tended to drift.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>** sees round 3 of the **OMC/Dolphin 12 Car rallies**. Dolphin's turn to host and details will be available nearer the event.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>** is Round 2 of the **CMSG Autosolo** championship. Organised by Bristol MC and run at Chepstow Racecourse. Regs and entry form from CMSG.

**Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup>** is Round 3 of the **CMSG Autosolo** championship. Organised by Ross MC and running at Mitcheldean in the Forest of Dean. Regs and entry form on the CMSG web site.

On the same day **Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup>** is the **AGBO Stages Rally**, a single venue event held at Weston Park near Telford and organised by Owen MC. Regulations are available from their web site Marshals registration is now on line at <http://www.owenmotoringclub.co.uk/agbo-marshals>.

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup>** is Round 2 of the **CMSG Roadsport 12 car Rallies**. Running on maps 151/163 [Cheltenham] and your contact will be Matt Langford. Regs and entry form on the CMSG web site.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>** we have another opportunity to attend a BRMC **Rally Marshal Training Day**. **Contact details are as the February day.**

## Hogmanay Run

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The first Hogmanay Run took place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December. With the route being largely that of September's "Cars to the Claydons" event, it was put on to give Oxford Motor Club members and friends the chance for a run out in a car between Christmas and the New Year. Taking in Cotswold roads from Burford, via Great Barrington, Little Rissington, Kingham, Wychwood Forest, Leafied and Charlbury, then turning East through Kiddington, Middle Barton, Caulcott, Ardley, Fritwell, Stoke Lyne, Poundon, Twyford, Edgcott and Grendon Underwood, it is a nice easy driving 70 miles.

Start venues had to be identified. As we had decided to have a "no nonsense" and low cost run, the catering van that sits in the large layby outside Burford Golf Club was approached. The owner there was happy at the idea of a good number of cars arriving to buy drinks and sandwiches - so that was easy. At the other end of the route, the Akeman Inn on the A41 was visited and, whilst the venue looked good, the manageress could not understand that we wanted an informal arrangement where people could choose to buy their own refreshments and drinks. She said that we would have to book a table for our 40 people and have a buffet for between £20 and £40 a head. This "kind offer" was declined but, after most of an afternoon spent driving round the villages around Claydon House, the

Akeman Inn was definitely the best option so it was decided that we would finish there anyway and leave officials / participants to book / order what they wanted.

Preparations from then were largely straightforward with Keith Norman and Bridget Lewis only having to make small changes to the ends of the roadbook to allow for different starts and finishes, notification of the route to the local Route Liaison Officer and the Police, creation of paperwork and signage / rally plates and, with entries coming in, we were good to go. A final route check just before Christmas threw up no problems on the roads and the lack of leaves in the hedges over the winter season made for even better views across the Cotswolds and Buckinghamshire and more could be seen of some very lovely properties along the way. With the weather forecast predicting a sunny week, the Final Instructions were prepared and sent out and a break was taken for turkey and mince pies!

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> saw multiple accidents on the A40 between Witney and Minster Lovell – very sadly resulting in a fatality and some serious injuries. This seemed to be as a result of freezing fog – the fog not lifting until the middle of the day. The weather forecast for Thursday was still bright so a pre-dawn start was made the following morning and the first half of the route driven (in reverse) to reach the start. Reassuringly, there was little mist or fog but the road surfaces on the unclassified roads were largely untreated so there was a lot of white frost about. As this was a couple of hours before the due start time and as the sun was out at Burford, it was decided that the Hogmanay Run could go ahead.



**Cherry and John Brain**

Our entrants started to arrive from a variety of places and in a variety of cars. Furthest travelled, in the oldest car, were Chris & Jayne Phillips from Talgarth in Powys in their 1967 Austin Healey Sprite. Phil & Kay Jones and John & Cherry Brain came in convoy from the Forest of Dean in a 1999 Alfa Romeo GTV and 1973 Lancia Fulvia respectively. All 15 cars were lined up in the layby and the Drivers Briefing, including words of caution on the weather conditions and specific places where ice had been encountered was given - and attentively received.

Car 1 was the (newly acquired) BMW 318i Compact of Haydn Marks and Helen Tutt and was also carrying the very few signs that needed to be erected along the route. They set off at 9.50am, ten minutes ahead of the rest of the field to allow them time to stop and carry out their sign erection duties.

John and Shirley Blackwell flagged away the rest of the runners at one minute intervals. Harvey Warner and David Smith went off to Ascott-under-Wychwood and Caulcott respectively to take pictures and man the mid-route Passage Check. I travelled to Caulcott (just south of Upper Heyford airfield), joining David in some beautiful winter sunshine, to see how the early crews had found the route.

Haydn and Helen reported that, whilst the predicted areas were still slippery, all was passable without any real worries. This was confirmed by the next two cars, the BMW 330D of Chris Taversham & Lawrence Hodge and the Subaru Impreza of Jono Hobbs and Irene Gordon – who had obviously found enough ice free road to stretch their modern cars' legs and get to the front of the field. Trevor Hancock, who's 13 year old son, James, was making his navigating debut in a Citroen C1 (that is destined to become a Junior rally car for James) was rather more wide-eyed as he told me that there were some rather slippery places!

I made my way over to the finish to meet folk as they arrived at the Akeman Inn. By now, it was a beautiful day and could not have been better to be out cruising the lanes! I settled down at a table in the Akeman Inn just by the door to collect the route cards from the finishers. Everyone made it safely to the finish and hot / cold drinks were taken before people either sat down to eat or drifted away to enjoy the rest of the Christmas break.

The road book was highly praised – thanks to Keith and Bridget for the hard work. Cherry Brain, in particular, was very taken with Bridget's history notes and asked if she could have a road book with more history and no tulips! Her husband, John, did not seem convinced of the worth of this plan. Michael & Laura Stanley did the tour in a Peugeot 205 rally car and Laura admitted to not having called some tulips in time as she was reading out all the history notes! This couple actually had to stop to buy Laura some gloves as the rally car has no heater. She really was ready for a hot cup of tea at the end. Diane & Dick Hall (Kia Pro Ceed 3) particularly liked the route having largely steered clear of really tight lanes so that reasonable progress could be easily maintained and views taken in without having to be constantly creeping round narrow blind corners. Neil Culshaw & Dominic Hodge arrived safely in Neil's Lotus Elise – despite his being rather concerned at the potential for icy conditions at the start. As someone who has a couple of mid-engined cars, I can appreciate this concern as the natural reaction to a surprise, namely jumping on the brakes, is pretty well guaranteed to make matters worse as the lightly loaded front wheels are very easy to lock up! Another novice navigator,



Lizzie Austen, guided her father, Richard, round in his Audi RS4 and the finishers were complete when John & Kerry Clayton (plus very young baby) arrived in their Mitsubishi Delicia L400.



### **John and Kerry Clayton**

The Akeman Inn was a very good finish venue. It has a large car park, is very pleasantly fitted out and the food was good. Some of us had pre-booked but most were able to arrive and ask for a table. I'm sure we'll be back there again.

I cropped and resized Harvey's and my photos and e-mailed them to all the participants. I had many replies thanking Oxford Motor Club for putting on the event – and asking when there will be a chance to do a similar event again. In particular, they thanked everyone who had stood out to help and make them feel so welcome on the day.

As a footnote, the following day (Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December) saw fog linger almost all day. I went out in the middle of the day to recover the "Bumps" sign from Wychwood forest and the sun had (almost) broken through at Leafield. At Farmoor, the fog was relentless all day. Undoubtedly, we had picked the best day of three.

**Hogmanay Run Entry list**

<b>No</b>	<b>Driver</b>	<b>Passenger</b>	<b>Car</b>	<b>Year</b>
1	Haydn Marks	Helen Tutt	BMW 318i Compact	2001
2	Chris Phillips	Jayne Phillips	Austin Healey Sprite	1967
3	Cherry Brain	John Brain	Lancia Fulvia 1.3S	1973
4	Phil Jones	Kay Jones	Alfa Romeo GTV	1999
5	Andres Mowlam	Tony Mowlam	Honda Civic	1991
6	Elaine Gardner	Graham Gardner	Skoda Yeti	2010
7	Trevor Hancock	James Hancock	Citroen C1	2007
8	John Clayton	Kerry Clayton	Mitsubishi Delicia L400	1995
10	Jono Hobbs	Irene Gordon	Subaru Impreza	2006
11	Chris Taversham	Lawrence Hodge	BMW 330D	2006
12	Neil Culshaw	Dominic Hodge	Lotus Elise	2005
13	Michael Stanley	Laura Stanley	Peugeot 205	
14	Diane Hall	Dick Hall	Kia Pro Ceed 3	2009
15	Matt Stephens	Michelle Ryder	SAAB 96 V4	1977
16	Richard Austen	Lizzie Austen	Audi RS4	2007

**Simon Marks**

## Off-Roading – Salisbury Plain

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Despite never really having an interest in off-roading, I've recently found the idea quite appealing (perhaps its an age thing..). With that in mind I recently bought a Landrover Discovery 2. Despite the known reliability and rust issues, the Disco 2 is a good family/tow car and cheaper to maintain than the newer more complex models. It's also pretty good off road and so much cheaper than an equivalent Defender.

Keen to try the Disco off-road I trawled the off-roading magazines and found that there a lots of companies that run guided trips, varying from multi-day extreme events in the depths of Wales to one day trips on easier terrain. After speaking with Tom Parkes at 4x4 adventure tours, he suggested his Salisbury Plain one day tour would be suitable for a standard 4x4 with low range gearbox. At only £60 for the day it seemed the ideal 'first step'.



So on a bright but icy December morning my wife Nicola and I headed down to the meeting point at Redhorn Gate on the edge of Salisbury Plain. There were about 12 vehicles there plus 2 leaders vehicles. Most were highly modded Disco's and Defenders but there were also some standard looking defenders plus a couple of Suzuki's and Nissans. Worryingly, even the standard vehicles had A/T tyres.

After a very brief drivers briefing we were each provided with radios and split into 2 groups of 6, based upon vehicle ability. The plain wasn't in use by the military that day so there were no restrictions on where we could go. After a couple of miles driving along a rough tarmac/gravel road we came to our first water obstacle, although ice obstacle would be a better description. Thick sheet ice covered the water. Fortunately I was running at the back so the ice was broken up before I arrived. It also allowed me to watch where the shallower sections were. I really didn't want to suck water into the engine and blow it up. Fortunately we got through without issue. There then followed some deeper sections. Fortunately there were easier routes through which I could take. Our leader was aware of the issues I had with a standard vehicle and would tell me which way to go to avoid damaging the car or getting stuck.

At the opposite end of the scale from us were 2 guys in a heavily modified defender who wanted to try all the most difficult sections. And if they got through, they would turn around and try again, as if they wanted to get stuck. Needless to say this usually ended with them needing to be recovered by the leaders winch. At least it gave the rest of us time to take a break, and chat as we watched the defender slowly emerge, water draining from the footwells.



**That towing eye is around here somewhere..**



At mid-morning break, we stopped outside the German village. It was locked up but could see enough of the main street to recognise it as the location of a Top gear episode where Jeremy Clarkson was being shot at by snipers while driving a Porsche Boxster.



### **German Village**

It was then on to more trails. Salisbury Plain covers a huge area and we often dropped out of the ranges, along the roads for a couple of miles then back into it again. You can never quite forget where you are though as there are numerous tank crossing signs on these surrounding roads. As well as the water crossings there was also lots of other varied terrain to traverse. From muddy, rutted sections where the diffs were dragging along the ground, to rough gravel roads where you could move a little quicker. There were also a few steep sections. We only got stuck twice when we got the wheels stuck across a rutted track, but a combination of power and full lock soon got us free.

For our lunch halt we were treated to a view of Stonehenge. It was then back into the vehicles for another 3 hours, finally finishing at 4pm. After saying goodbye to our fellow group members we headed home. Fortunately we found a garage with jetwash shortly after leaving the ranges and spend 20 minutes getting the worst of the mud off (although its still dropping mud everywhere over a month later). Once back on the road, the Disco returned to being our family car. It really is amazing how versatile a vehicle it is.





### **Discoverys old and new**

Other than cracking the lower part of the front bumper, the disco didn't miss a beat all day. Despite taking the easier route to avoid the really deep water on some sections, it managed to keep up with the more modified vehicles with ease., only being beaten once on a steep uphill section where the tyres could do no more.

My wife and I really enjoyed the day and the time flew by. In many ways it's similar to rallying, just a lot slower and more laid back. You are constantly making decisions about your line, reading the terrain and looking for where the most grip can be found.. Its an enjoyable challenge.

It was definitely worth paying the relatively small sum to go on a guided trip rather than go it alone, especially first time out. It takes the hassle out of planning a route, and if i did get stuck or have a problem there were plenty of people/vehicles on hand to help you out. The people in our group were also very friendly and willing to offer advice.

Despite wanting to keep the Disco as standard as possible so it can still be a road car, some mods will be essential before venturing off road again. The first purchase is A/T tyres (already done), followed by Diff guards, steering guard, and a stronger front bumper. It feels like I'm building a rally car all over again. Oh well, its only money...

**Simon Phillips**

## 2017 Annual General Meeting

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At the end of the magazine you will find the official notice for the AGM on February 1st. This year we will be moving to a new venue – the Jolly Boatman – location details are in the notice.

This will be a more comfortable place and we have also arranged a buffet for your enjoyment.

After the official business of club reports we will be electing your Committee for the next year. If you have looked at the Committee list on the web site and in the magazines you will have seen that we are but just a very few willing volunteers doing our best to cover all the tasks.

At this time I usually review all the committee positions and say what is involved in each but I think by now most of you know what they are so I'll just highlight the positions with the current holder and repeat my plea for more volunteers to join us.

As you can see, my name crops up several times and I'd only be too happy to pass on some of these tasks.

The Club constitution says that all Committee members stand down at the AGM but may be elected again. Please don't assume you will be pushing someone out by applying for a named position but if you do not yet feel confident to take on a section role we have five non-executive positions available for members to get involved and learn the ropes.

I can give you as much information as you need if you are interested in joining us.

Chairman	Chris Hambly
Vice Chairman	John Blackwell
Secretary	John Blackwell
Treasurer	Shirley Blackwell

*Where ever possible, these positions should be filled by members that have sat on the current Committee for at least 12 months.*

Chief Marshal	Colin Minchin **This position will become VACANT at the AGM
Child Safeguarding Officer	John Blackwell
Competition Secretary	John Blackwell
Magazine Editor	VACANT
Membership Secretary	Charlie Walker
Media Officer	VACANT
Social Secretary	VACANT
Web Master	Simon Phillips
Non-Executive	Harvey Warner
	VACANT
	VACANT
	VACANT
	VACANT

*Where ever possible, these positions should be filled by persons that have been a member for at least 12 months.*

We also have the option to co-opt members at the meeting if any of the positions remain vacant.

**\*\*Our Chief Marshal, Colin Minchin, will be standing down from the Committee at the AGM after 3 years service and, on behalf of the Club I thank him for his contribution.**

Moving on from the election of your Committee we will have any proposals to the meeting. As these can affect any part of the Club we ask that these be officially proposed and seconded and submitted in due time using the form in the AGM notice.

It is preferable that the proposer is present at the meeting to explain the proposal and the reasoning for it but providing they are correctly submitted they can be discussed in your absence if you cannot make the meeting.

The next part of the meeting will be the 'Any Other Business' where members can raise points of concern, interest or information that may be relevant to the meeting and Club in general. Again there is a form in the AGM notice for your use and should you not be able to make the meeting these can be submitted and discussed in your absence.

Compared to other Clubs we achieve a relatively high percentage of members attending our AGM's and I look forward to this continuing on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Following the AGM will be the Awards Presentation for the Club Points Championship.

**John Blackwell – Club Secretary**

# MSA Marshal Training & Personal Record Cards for Registered Marshals

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If you are a MSA Registered Marshal you might be aware that the MSA, in conjunction with the Marshals Working Group (MWG), recently requested sight of selected individuals Personal Record Cards (PRCs) in an effort to assess their use across all disciplines.

The vast majority of PRCs were satisfactorily completed; however this exercise has highlighted a number of issues regarding the maintenance of grades which we would like to address as follows:

## **1. Maintenance of Grade Requirements**

All marshals, irrespective of their grade, are required to meet the maintenance of grade requirements for their discipline. These can be found on the MSA web site at <https://www.msauk.org/Marshals/Training>, from myself or Club Chief Marshal. This applies both to upgrading and maintaining an existing grade.

As Rally /Cross Country marshalling is the most controversial I've put the link to this latest progress chart below

<https://www.msauk.org/assets/2016rallyandcrosscountrymarshalsgradingscheme.pdf>

## **2. Versions of PRCs**

It was brought to our attention that some marshals are not in possession of the latest version of their disciplines PRCs. To address this, all training days in 2017 will have the latest version of the PRCs available for distribution. If you are unable to attend a training day in 2017 please contact Charlotte Moore ([charlotte.moore@msauk.org](mailto:charlotte.moore@msauk.org)) at the MSA and a PRC will be sent out to you.

## **3. Completion of the PRCs**

Guidance notes on the completion of the PRCs will be issued by the MSA in early December 2016 in readiness for the 2017 training season. This will include advice on who can sign PRCs, what is required to achieve a signature and the route to upgrading.

## **4. Mitigating Circumstances**

The MSA fully understands that there may be times when individuals are unable to meet the maintenance of grade requirements. Such occurrences should be made known to the MSA at the earliest opportunity so that an amicable solution can be sought.

The MSA and the MWG will undertake the checking of PRCs on an annual basis - those individuals requested to supply copies of their PRCs will be given adequate time to meet any identified return date. In the interests of safety and on-going personal development, such checks are necessary to

ensure that all marshals are keeping up to date with their attendance and training requirements and we appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

### **5. 2017 Training Days**

There are four Rally marshal training days, three of which are BRMC training days within a reasonable distance of Oxford arranged so far for 2107 and all include the following :

- New Marshals,
- In-Stage Marshals,
- Radio Marshals,
- Timing Marshals and
- New & aspiring Stage Commanders sessions.

All details and a booking facility can be found on the 'Volunteers in Motorsport web site at <http://www.volunteersinmotorsport.co.uk/>.

The contact for the BRMC days is John Jones whose email is [secretary@brmc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@brmc.org.uk) and his mobile number is 07766 723066.

The contact for the Cambridge day is Clive Grounds – phone 01223 232861

The training venues are

**4<sup>th</sup> February CAMBRIDGE; 26<sup>th</sup> February TELFORD; 26<sup>th</sup> March DERBY; 23<sup>rd</sup> April OXFORD**

Unfortunately, the Oxford day again clashes with the first OMC Autosolo of the year.

### **MSA Marshals Licences**

It is worth reminding everyone that from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 everyone that wants to marshal solo on an event will have to be in possession of a MSA Registered Marshals Licence.

Before your 2017 licence will be issued or if you want to apply for a MSA Registered Marshals Licence you will have to complete the:

### **Online Rally Marshals' Training and Accreditation**

For rally marshals, there is a new online training and accreditation scheme to ensure that everyone has a common understanding of their roles and responsibilities, the management of spectators and how to handle an incident. This should take less than an hour to complete.

To undertake the online training go to <https://members.msauk.org> and either login if you are an existing MSA member, or register if you are new. Once logged in follow the links for 'Online Training'.



## **Finally – some good news!!**

The MSA has launched a new welcome pack that will be sent to all marshals registering for 2017 regardless of their chosen discipline.

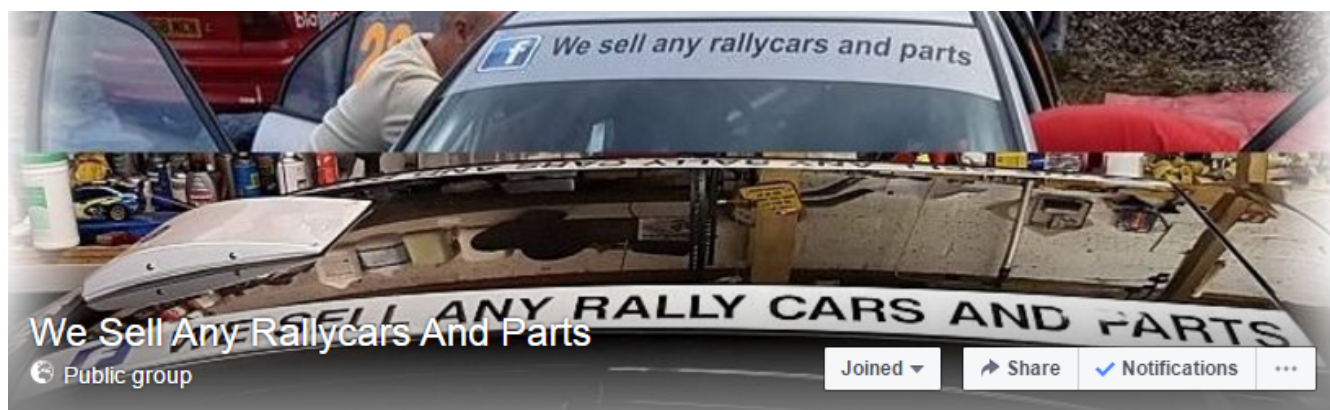
The initiative stems from the RallyFuture project but a decision was made early on to extend it across all types of motorsport.

The pack comprises a tabard, flask, torch, hand warmer, pens, first-on-scene information and a thank you card.

Rob Jones, MSA Chief Executive said *“We all need to do more to recognise the time and effort that marshals give up for the sport we all love. They are the power behind UK motorsport and this new welcome pack is a token of our appreciation”*.

**John Blackwell – Secretary / Competition Secretary**

## **USEFUL FACEBOOK GROUPS**



Love it or loathe it, Facebook is now part of most of our lives. However, rather than just seeing what your old school friend had for lunch today, facebook groups can actually be quite useful. Groups allow people with common interests to communicate more easily. In recent years the number of these groups has grown massively and the good news is, whatever interest you have, there's bound to be a group for it, and that includes cars and motorsport.

Here are a few car/motorsport related groups I follow:

- We sell any Rallycars and Parts.
- Rally Log in and natter
- Peugeot 205 Cars and parts for sale in the UK
- Race cars and race spares only for sale/wanted (UK)
- Midlands rally cars and rally car parts for sale or wanted.
- Rally co driver and navigator resource
- MG ZR Rally Spares and General Spares

All of these groups are free to use. Just search for them within facebook. Some are closed and require you to request access, but that is a formality. The popularity of these groups is such that they have begun to replace traditional classified advertising and forums. If you've found some useful groups which may be of interest, please let us know at [magazine@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk](mailto:magazine@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk)

**Simon Phillips**

## **Recommended – Keypit – Oxford Based Auto Locksmith**

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Some of you will be aware that I had a drama with my Renault Clio V6 just before Christmas when the tip of the key broke off in the ignition barrel. It turns out that this is not a particularly uncommon occurrence with the type of Valeo key that is also used for Citroens, Peugeots and less specialised Renaults. It has a little slot near the tip of the key which offers a weak line and an obvious potential point of failure. My first thought was to try the Clio V6 specialist just the other side of Swindon but, as the breakage occurred just before Christmas, nothing was going to be possible until the New Year and this is actually something that Scott had never had to deal with before. I also looked on the internet and various key extraction sets and advice are available – but I was wary about practicing “in anger” on the Clio.

At the Hogmanay Run, I spoke about this to Trevor Hancock, one of the participants. Trevor's business is the Wantage MOT Centre and he said that I should contact Keypit who are based in Marston, Oxford, and have an auto locksmith who has always been able to sort any problem that he has had. I contacted them a couple of minutes before 5pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December and, after a couple of e-mails, an appointment was made for Neil Harris to come to Farmoor the next afternoon. He duly arrived in a well-equipped Transit van/mobile workshop.

The end of the key was quickly removed (Neil had experience and a confidence about him that I certainly would have lacked) and a new blade for the key was then cut using my spare key as a guide. Once fitted to the electronic fob, this was satisfactorily tested (both ways up – something that is, apparently worth trying with symmetrical keys) and the job was done. Neil was really professional but is also a car enthusiast so was good company while he worked.

The rescue was not expensive in my view so, based on my experience (and that of the Wantage MOT Centre), Keypit are to be highly recommended. They also work on all other types of lock including domestic and commercial.

### **KeyPit Security Products**

13 Salford Road

Old Marston

Oxford

Oxon

OX3 0RX

Tel: 01865 242898

E-mail: [neil@locksoxford.co.uk](mailto:neil@locksoxford.co.uk)

**Simon Marks**

## Club Championship Points

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As we come to the end of the year I'm putting the finishing touches to the Championship Points spreadsheet.

I've recorded all the **In Club** activities that I've been made aware of but the deadline for **Out Of Club** claims for the second half of the year is **JANUARY 14<sup>th</sup>**, any claims after this date will not be counted.

After the 14<sup>th</sup> I will notify the winners by email and put the list of winners on the Web Site. The Awards Presentation will follow the AGM on the 1<sup>st</sup> February.

The involvement of members for this fun part of Club Activities has been disappointing to the point where the Committee are wondering if it is worthwhile continuing.

I'm going to raise the question at the AGM but if you have any views prior to the meeting please let me know.

**John Blackwell – Points Collator**

## Karen Kearns

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The club would like to offer our best wishes to Karen Kearns as she takes up a new role in Dublin on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Karen is a long time club member and former Chief Marshal who has given many an hour in service of the club. Karen has renewed her membership for this year but I suspect it's unlikely we'll see her out on many events (clearly this magazine alone justifies the membership.....). Hopefully we'll see her out on events in the future.

Good luck Karen!

**Simon Phillips**

## RB Motorsport - Members offer

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Former club member Rob Brook has his own business supplying Hans and accessories to club competitors. For clubs he has been involved with he is offering special prices in January.

He is also sorting out seats for some members – the more that get ordered, the cheaper they will become. If you are needing anything, please drop him a line.



### Club Competitor Special – January 2017

#### Hans Devices

Hans Sport 2	£205 (2 for £400)
Hans Sport 3	£240 (2 for £460)

#### Turn-1 Harnesses (FIA Homologated, Not Valid after 2021)

6-Point Blue	£85
6-Point Red /Black	£90
6-Point FHR (Any colour)	£95

#### TRS Harnesses (FIA Homologated, Not Valid after 2022)

Magnum 6-Point (Any colour)	£125
Magnum 6-Point FHR (Any colour)	£140

All Prices include taxes. Postage is £4 on Hans and £7 on Harnesses (Per Order).

For more information, please contact Rob at [Rob@RB-Motorsport.co.uk](mailto:Rob@RB-Motorsport.co.uk) or by phone on 07598 294750. Please quote **Oxford Motor Club** to get these prices.

# Oxford Motor Club Committee Minutes

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Held at the Jolly Boatman Pub, Thrupp, Oxford on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Meeting opened at 19.40



## Present:

John Blackwell **JB** Shirley Blackwell **SB** Chris Hambly **CH**  
Colin Minchin **CM** Simon Phillips **SP** Charlie Walker **CW** Harvey Warner **HW**

## Guest:

Michael Stanley

## Minutes of Last Meeting:

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the last meeting

Proposed **CM** Seconded **HW** Vote: **Unanimous**

## Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising not covered by the Agenda.

## Correspondence:

MSA News & Assn Minutes – circulated via email.

MSA have circulated information regarding the 2017 licencing of marshals. **JB** has written article for the next magazine.

**JB**

2017 marshals training days added to the club calendar.

## Regional Associations:

CMSG & ACSMC minutes circulated via email.

AWMMC meeting was on 8<sup>th</sup> November – **JB** & **SB** did not make the meeting.

No other Association reports.

## Treasurers Report:

The treasurer stated the club accounts were all good and requested that any claims be submitted by 21<sup>st</sup> December to allow the books to be finalised for the end of the year.

Lockton's Insurance renewal paid.

## Section Reports

### Championship Points:

Only two club events to be recorded before the end of the year.

Except for two or three regulars there is still little interest from membership in claiming points.

Agreed to investigate giving award winners gift vouchers instead of trophies.

### Competition Secretary:

#### Carfax Rally:

Drift school prizes still not claimed. **JB** to investigate.

**JB**

### Hogmanay Run Scenic Tour:

Hogmanay Run will take place on December 29<sup>th</sup>. Entries close 14<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
14 entries to date.

### Autotest:

Witney MC seemed reluctant to take part in a grass autotest series.

**Matthew Green** is only willing to allow the summer autotest and BBQ on his airstrip as the surface renovation takes too long to repair. He will look to see if any other land is available for our use.

**12 Car Rally:**

December 12 car will be run by **CH** and be based around Brackley on the 16<sup>th</sup>. 7 competitors to date.

**CH** & **SP** may be interested in organising the April 12 car Rally.

Organiser needed for February 12 car, **JB** to contact membership soon.

**JB**

**Magazine:**

**CH** produced the November magazine and thanked everyone for the contributions.

**SP** agreed to produce the next issue.

**SP**

**Media:**

**OMC** has 443 followers on Facebook and 449 on Twitter.

**Membership:**

Following the Autosolo we now have 83 Full and 47 Family members , +5 and -4 on this time last year.

2017 renewal notice sent out in November, reminder to go in next magazine.

**CW**

**Social:**

Still poor attendance at the monthly Club nights, November turn-out was 3 members.

Agreed that a reminder must be emailed to the membership to encourage a better attendance.

**JB**

**Web Site:**

**SP** is continuing to enhance the web site pages to make them more informative and user friendly.

**Working Focus Group:**

No one turned up at the November meeting but several members sent apologies. **SP** will circulate updates as and when they are available.

**SM** is investigating another speaker for a social evening.

**CH** has spoken to Bill Gwynn about use of the Rally School.

**Any Other Business:**

**AGM** notice to go in next magazine, must be with the membership 21 days prior to the meeting

**JB**

The Jolly Boatman will be the venue for the AGM. We will use the restaurant area and they will provide a buffet. Costs are comparable to using Kidlington Club.

The meeting closed at 21.30.

Next meetings: **January 17.** 2017 AGM February 1.

These minutes accepted on.

Signed by



## Recent Event Results

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### Brackley Bash 12 Car Rally, December 16th

Firstly, thanks to everyone for making the event a success. Especially the marshals that traveled in the poor conditions and stood out in the cold.....Thank you all very much as the event could not happen without you all.

Secondly, thanks to all of the competing crews for taking part and behaving themselves. I couldn't do much about the poor weather but everyone seemed to just get on with it and accepted the extra challenge of 5m visibility! Most of the fails were caused by being OTL at the last control, otherwise it would have been a close event.

The Results!

- 1, Matt Endean, Suze Endean 30 Marks N
- 2, Phil Garratt, Keiron Brown 35 Marks N
- 3, Michael Stanley, Laura Stanley 48 Marks B
- 4, Ian Harrison, Bob Muttram 1 Fail 20 Marks E
- 5, Ding Boston, Andy Doyle 1 Fail 34 Marks N
- 6, Matt Stephens, Toby Duffield 1 Fail 35 Marks B
- 7, Dave Constable-Berry, Andy Parsons 1 Fail 60 Marks N
- 8, Alan Smith, Dick Hall, 1 Fail 80 Marks N
- 9, Derek Looker, Paul Hardy 2 Fails 53 Marks E
- 10, Tony Mytton, Steve Partridge Retired

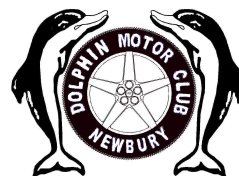
Chris Hambly

## Upcoming Event Regulations

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### Frostbite 12 Car Rally. Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January

The first round of the joint Oxford/Dolphin Motor Club 12 car series is Dolphin's Frostbite rally on January 27th. Barry Young is this year's organiser and he is looking to put on a good challenging event. If the weather lives up to its name, the Frostbite Rally should be a test for both drivers and navigators. Whether your interest is in competing or Marshalling please contact Barry as soon as you can.



Tel 0118 933 2925

Email: [yngbarry@gmail.com](mailto:yngbarry@gmail.com)

Regs and entry form can be found on the 12 Car page of <http://www.oxfordmotorclub.co.uk>

# Oxford Motor Club 2017 Calendar

Information is correct at time of printing.

Dates may be subject to change so please check with organisers.

Oxford Motor Club Events in **RED** – regular updates are available at [www.oxfordmotorclub.co.uk](http://www.oxfordmotorclub.co.uk)

## January

<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Oxford MC Club Evening</b>	<b>Jolly Boatman, Thrupp</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	12 Car Rally – Dolphin MC	Barry Young
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Autosolo – Knutsford	BTRDA

## February

<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Annual General Meeting / Awards Presentation</b>	<b>Jolly Boatman, Thrupp</b>
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Rally Marshals Training Day	Cambridge
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12 Car Rally – Oxford MC</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	CMSG Autosolo Round 1 – Devises CC	Kemble
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	CMSG Roadsport 12 Car Rally Rd 1 – map 150/162/163	Dave Cooper
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	BRMC Rally Marshals Training Day	Telford

## March

<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Oxford MC Club Evening</b>	<b>Jolly Boatman, Thrupp</b>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	12 Car Rally – Dolphin MC	Ian Harrison
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	CMSG Autosolo Round 2 – Bristol MC	Chepstow Race Course
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	CMSG Autosolo Spring RosSolo Round 3	Mitcheldean
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	AGBO Stages Rally – Owen MC	Weston Park
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	CMSG Roadsport 12 Car Rally Round 2 – map 151/163	Matt Langford
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	BRMC Rally Marshals Training Day	Derby

## April

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Get it Sideways Stage Rally – Cheltenham MC	Down Ampney
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tour of Caerwent – Forresters MC	Caerwent
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Oxford MC Club Evening</b>	<b>Jolly Boatman, Thrupp</b>
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	CMSG Autosolo Round 4 – Bath MC	Kemble
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12 Car Rally – Oxford MC</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>CMSG Bocardo AutoSolo Round 5 – Oxford</b>	<b>Finnmere</b>
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	BRMC Rally Marshals Training Day	Oxford Brooks Uni
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	CMSG Roadsport 12 Car Rally Round 3 – map 174	Ian Harrison
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Wells Masonary Stages Rally – Cirencester MC	Down Ampney

**May****Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>****Oxford MC Club Evening****Jolly Boatman,  
Thrupp**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>

Autosolo – Farnborough MC

BTRDA

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

Autosolo – Ilkley MC

BTRDA

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

CMSG Autosolo Round 6 – 60 &amp; Worcs

Throckmorton

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>

Red Dragon IT Stage Rally – EMCOS

Down Ampney

**June****Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>****Oxford MC Club Evening****Jolly Boatman,  
Thrupp**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>

CMSG CARNival Autosolo Round 7 – Dolphin

Abingdon

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>

CARNival Stage Rally – Team Tempest

Abingdon

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>

Midsummer Caerwent Stage Rally – Forresters MC

Caerwent

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>

Flying Fortress Stages Rally – Dukeries MC

Grafton Underwood

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>

Autosolo – CSMA/Boundless NW

BTRDA

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>

Autosolo – Loughborough MC

BTRDA

**July****Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>****Oxford MC Club Evening****Jolly Boatman,  
Thrupp**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>

CMSG Autosolo Round 8 – Bristol MC

Chepstow Race  
Course**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>****Twisted Arms Grass Autotest and Club Barbeque****David Smith / John  
Blackwell****August****Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>****Oxford MC Club Evening – Carfax Briefing****Jolly Boatman,  
Thrupp****Friday 4<sup>th</sup>****Carfax Rally Set Up – Simon Marks OMC****Throckmorton****Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>****Carfax Stages Rally– Simon Marks OMC****Throckmorton**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>

CMSG Autosolo Round 8 – Bath MC

Kemble

**September****Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>****Cars to the Claydons Scenic Tour****Simon Marks****Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>****Oxford MC Club Evening – Carfax Debrief****Jolly Boatman,  
Thrupp**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

12 Car Rally – Dolphin MC

Ian Harrison

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>

CMSG Autosolo Autumn RosSolo Round 9 – Ross MC

Mitcheldean

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>

Patriot Stages Rally – Forresters MC

Caerwent

Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

CMSG Roadsport 12 Car Rally Round 4 – map 163/164

Kevin Belcher / Paul  
Hardy

## October

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>CMSSG Boanerges AutoSolo Round 10– Oxford MC</b> <b>Oxford MC Club Evening</b>	<b>Finmere</b> <b>Jolly Boatman,</b> <b>Thrupp</b> <b>TBA</b>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b> Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>12 Car Rally – Oxford MC</b> CMSSG Autosolo Round 11- 60 & Worcs CMSSG Roadsport 12 Car Rally Round 5 – map 174/185	Throckmorton Glynn Hayward

## November

<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Oxford MC Club Evening</b>	<b>Jolly Boatman,</b> <b>Thrupp</b>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	12 Car Rally – Dolphin MC CMSSG Roadsport 12 Car Rally Round 6 – map 175	Ian Harrison Brian Cammack/ Haydn Marks

## December

<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Oxford MC Club Evening</b>	<b>Jolly Boatman,</b> <b>Thrupp</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b> Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>12 Car Rally – Oxford MC</b> CMSSG Roadsport 12 Car Rally Round 7 – map 162/163	<b>Chris Hambly</b> Richard Austen/ Zenya Heap

## Notice of the 2017 Annual General Meeting

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### Notice of the 2017 Annual General Meeting

To be held on **Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017**. Starting at **19.30** at the  
Jolly Boatman, 216 Banbury Road, Thrupp, Kidlington, Oxon. OX5 1JU

OS Map reference 164/480154 : Sat Nav N 51' 50'17 - W 1' 18'17

#### Committee Positions:

##### Officers:

Officer positions are drawn from existing Committee members whom should have 12 months continuous time in post:

**Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer,**

##### Executive:

Executive Committee is drawn from the current membership, applicants must have been a member for the previous 12 months:

**Chief Marshal, Child Protection Officer, Competition Secretary,**  
**Magazine Editor, Media Officer, Membership Secretary,**  
**Social Secretary, Web Master**

#### Plus 5 non-executive members without portfolio.

- If no eligible members apply for Committee posts then the positions can be filled from the **current** membership provided they have been a member for the previous 12 months
- Members may be co-opted at the meeting to fill any vacancies
- Only members who have paid their 2017 subscriptions will be allowed to vote at the AGM

## Committee Positions

At the 2017 AGM I wish to propose: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

for the position of \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to being nominated and if elected agree to serve on the OMC Committee:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

## AGM Proposals

At the 2017 AGM I wish to propose:

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Proposed: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

## AGM Any Other Business

At the 2017 AGM I wish to raise the following item to be discussed in my absence:

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Proposed: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

**Any nominations or proposals MUST be returned in writing to the Secretary no later than**

**18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at**

**14 Matlock Close, Rugby, Warks. CV21 1LB**

A signed and scanned copy of this form emailed to [secretary@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk) is acceptable