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2017 Rallyday - Chris Hambly and Neal Cuss

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Committee Member

Michael Stanley

EDITORIAL

Firstly I'd like to apologise for the delay in the production of the magazine. Unfortunately the club doesn't currently have a magazine editor so I've been trying my best to keep the publication going.. We are looking for someone to take over the role full time for 2018 so please get in touch if you want to know more about the role.

It is nice to be able to produce a magazine with a mixture of content from different club members and covering a mix of disciplines. Please keep on writing articles whether long or shore and send them in to magazine@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk

As always I've been really busy, highlights a have been competing on my first stage event as a driver in a couple of years, being involved in the London to Brighton Veteran car run, Goodwood Revival. At work things have got very busy with several Rally cars to prepare for the Race Retro show in February.

Chris Hambly

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

For the 2018 Club Year we are desperate 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.

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!

Our aim is to put on events that the members wish to do and evolve the club to attract more members. We want to make the members more active within the club by giving you what you want! Please let us know what you want from the club and what we can do for you.

We are planning to hold an informal event planning/organising evening with the idea of helping prospective organisers to find out what they would need to do and show how the current members can help with advice etc.

Chris Hambly

2018 Club Committee

Another year on, the AGM is fast approaching and I'm trying to find a new way of saying the same old stuff.

During 2017 the Committee had consisted of just seven members which, at times, has been a struggle.

Committee members have taken on several roles which have taken their toll on time and lifestyle.

We have been very fortunate that several members have taken on the organising and running of events, namely *Simon Marks* for the Cars to the Claydons, *David Smith* for the two Autosolo's and the Autotest and garage management, *Tony Mytton, Brian Cammack and Haydn Marks* for the 12 Car Rally & Jogularity Rally, and *Colin Minchin* for helping with equipment transport and all the other members that are always willing to help on whatever is needed.

As a club we are extremely grateful and appreciative of their considerable time and effort on your behalf.

At the next AGM we will have a new Chairman, *Chris Hambly* has decided to stand down after three years in post and as the start of our 'retirement' I want to relinquish my Competition Secretary role and look for someone else to train as the Club Child Safeguarding Officer which is an MSA Licenced position.

With several others considering their future commitment, unless we get some new blood, that will only increase the workload across even less people.

Shirley and I have also decided that after 17 years of continuous service we are both intending to stand down from the Committee at the 2019 AGM [assuming we are voted back in this February] which will mean our posts [which include 2 senior roles] becoming vacant.

So, where do we go from here? Onward and upward hopefully to buck the trend that is affecting so many other clubs.

As is my usual format I'll list the posts and post holders.

The whole of the Committee stand down at the AGM but are eligible for re-election but all posts could be filled by someone new. Now there's a thought.

Please don't feel you are pushing anyone out by applying, new idea's, new ways of thinking and fresh enthusiasm are the way Oxford Motor Club is going to prosper for another 114 years.

If you do not feel confidant to take on one of the names posts yet we have five ordinary member positions where you can take part and learn the roles for possible future involvement.

If you feel that you could spare a few hours a month taking on one of the roles then please let me know. The more of us there are then the easier it will be. We have

Committee meetings every six weeks at the Jolly Boatman with event meetings, if necessary, taking place as and when.

With the demise of the Carfax Rally [until we find a new venue] the number of preplanned club events is at minimum, just two Solo's, hopefully a Scenic Tour, an Autotest and four 12 Car Rallies plus a few ad-hoc events throughout the year. Events usually have their own organising team.

Post Current Holder
Chairman Chris Hambly
Vice Chairman Simon Phillips
Secretary John Blackwell
Treasurer Shirley Blackwell
Chief Marshal Harvey Warner
Child Safeguarding Officer John Blackwell
Competition Secretary John Blackwell

Magazine Editor Vacant

Media Officer Simon Phillips
Membership Secretary Charlie Walker

Social Vacant

Webmaster Simon Phillips
Committee Members Michael Stanley

plus 4 vacancies

Points Collator [non-com post]John Blackwell

There is a full explanation of each Committee role on the web site on the 'Get Involved' page.

PLEASE, if you are interested, speak to one of us [preferably the post holder if a named post interests you] to see what is involved and in the case of Club Secretary and Club Treasurer, which are much more involved, a period of shadowing during the previous year would certainly be an advantage.

I'll be sending out the AGM notice and Committee proposal forms very early in the New Year ready for the AGM on February 7th.

John Blackwell - Club Secretary

Club Championship

As we approach the end of the year can I ask you all to send in your points claim for the year.

Just to remind you we have qualifying criteria of organising, competing, marshalling or supporting a club event to win an award so, unless you have already done so, there is just one more club event to run which is Chris's 12 car rally on December 8th.

Awards will be given out at the AGM on February 7th.

The latest spreadsheet – January to October – is on the web site along with the claim form.

John Blackwell - Points Collator

2018 Club Events

12 Car Rallies are the events causing concern at the moment with the lack of organisers coming through.

We seem to have members taking part but over the last years we are cancelling more than we are running.

Fortunately for the competitors Dolphin and Blackbird also run regular events fairly locally but it would be good for the club if we could encourage new organisers to come through.

We have a number of members who are experienced in 12 car navigation who may be happy to pair up and pass on their knowledge and I have put links to several articles about navigation on our web site on the 12 Car Rally page.

Following several members requests, I contacted Blackbird MC and have agreed to work with them with our 12 Car dates so as the year progresses dates may change slightly.

All the 2018 dates and contacts for other 12 Car rallies in our area can be found on www.12carcapers.co.uk so for those of you that want more there are not too many weekends throughout the winter months when an event is not too far away.

Our 2018 dates are Friday, 16th February, Friday, 13th April, Friday, 12th October and Friday, 14th December.

The new event for the Club for many years is the **Monte Carlo Rallye Historique on Thursday 1**st **February.**

The event will see competitors with cars manufactured between 1955 and 1980 travelling from Glasgow to Monte-Carlo.



Simon Marks, Harvey Warner and Chris Hambly at the Press day.

The Lotus Cortina courtesy of Ian Gwynne. Photograph courtesy of Harvey Warner.

The control we have been asked to run will be located in the centre of Banbury, following in the footsteps of previous OMC members who manned a checkpoint in Banbury in the 1960's for the Monte Carlo Rally as crews made their way South. We will need several members who are free mid-week to man the control which will involve recording the arrival of the cars, parking them up and them sending them on their way at their prescribed time, the first car is due to be away at 13.30 on its way to the Channel Tunnel.

At the moment I understand there will only be about 30 participants so the day will not be too arduous.

As well as manning the control we have an invitation for members and their friends to bring their own historic cars along to be displayed to the public.

If any of you are interested, in either manning the control, bringing a car along or just helping out, please let me know as soon as possible please.

Finally, for this magazine, on **Sunday, April 22**nd we have the first of the two Autosolo's we run – the **Bocardo Autosolo & PCA**.

Currently we have the use of Finmere Airfield but with the land sold we seem to be working on an event by event basis but fingers crossed we get the use for a while vet.

Full details will be circulated nearer the event.

I'll update the web site club calendar and circulate details of any future events as the happen.

John Blackwell - Competition Secretary.

RALLYDAY

I must admit that when I first got asked to go to the Rallyday event held at Castle Combe race circuit, I was initially not looking forward to it, based on the previous visits.

However I was looking forward to the event after being asked to drive the ex Colin McRae Subaru Legacy GpA Rally car in the McRae demonstration. This was initially planned to be one slow lap in convoy behind a pace car. Once the run got underway, the first lap was nice and steady, but then the pace increased and by the last lap of the 5 we did, I think the pace was enough to properly show off the cars. In this section there were about 15 of Colin's old cars, his 6R4, Focus's, Impreza's and Sierra's were some of the highlights. Also in the run were lots of the McRae Impreza special Edition road cars which was also a special sight.



Away from the fun I was having, there was lots else to see and do. There was track action all day with my favourites being Elfyn Evans in the Fiesta WRC. There were lots of owners clubs and specialist group displays, with so many different cars there was something for everyone. It was also nice to see the Davrian/Darrian Marque being well represented for their 50th anniversary celebrations.

There were also many trade stands offering parts, services and memorabilia. Having been to the event several times before, I felt that it was much improved this year and would recommend it as a good day out. It was also good to see several OMC members there on the day



Membership Renewal

For all current members the time has come to renew your annual membership for 2018

As a member of the club you will receive several magazines during the year, each filled with information on club events and the successes (or otherwise) of our members.

You are also welcome to join us at our club nights. These are held at 8.00pm on the first Wednesday of each month (*except January*) at <u>The Jolly Boatman Public</u> House, Thrupp, Oxon OX51JU.

Activities include video nights, table top rallies, navigational exercises, quizzes and Natter and Noggins. It's also a great way to meet fellow club members, many of whom are seasoned competitors and Marshals.

The club has also negotiated discounts for club members with a number of motoring related companies. Please contact the membership secretary for more details.

You will be eligible to compete on our club events and earn points towards our club championship awards. We also have good ties with other local motor clubs and as we are members of several MSA Associations you will be able to compete on events in other regions.

For those who prefer not to compete but still wish to contribute to the club and motor sport there are opportunities for marshalling and timekeeping.

2018 membership fees: **Single Membership:** £15

Family members: Each additional family member will be charged at £2.50 per person. They must be 12 or over and live at the same address as the main applicant.

If you would like to join Oxford Motor Club please download and complete the <u>Membership Application Form</u> and send with a cheque for the appropriate fee, payable to **Oxford Motor Club** and return to:

Membership Secretary.

26 Birchwood,

Carterton,

OXON,

OX18 3JT

Email: membership@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk

JERSEY RALLY

As many of you know, the Jersey Rally is my home event and I try and compete there as often as possible. However my last attempt in 2011 ended up with a very damaged car after a granite gate post jumped out at me.

I decided it was time to return and from the start the plan was to go and finish and enjoy it rather than attempt to be on the pace after not being driving regularly for a while.

I put the entry in and after a bit of enquiring, I had an offer from Paul Brown to navigate for me. I was slightly worried that Paul would be disappointed in the 205 as he's normally in Competitive cars such as top spec Escorts and WRC's. I also had OMC member Nick Deighton as service crew which was invaluable help as well and Neil and Gareth James who were also helping out.

As a warm up for the event, I did a charity day at Bruntingthorpe. It was an excellent chance for some time in the car but it also showed up a minor issue with the gearbox. Knowing this could get worse, but having little time to rebuild my own boxes. I had an offer from another OMC member Dave Wood to borrow the gearbox from his car! Once that was fitted after arriving in Jersey and a few other jobs done, I was happy the car was as good as it needed to be.

We spent 3 days reccying the stages, on this event there is unlimited daytime recce until Thursday, this is a real help to get the complex roads sorted in the notes.

Scruiteneering is held at the Rally HQ on the Thursday evening and this was a painless affair other than an unwelcome downpour while in the queue. Friday morning we were back at the HQ making the final checks to the car, choosing our tyres to start and enjoying the social side of the event. We also had a very informative Briefing including some useful safety reminders from the MSA Training Official.



The event kicks off Friday lunchtime and the first leg of 8 stages was a nice steady run with me and Paul getting a good felling but I was very rusty still and being quite cautious on the vet and slippy stages. We were very glad we didn't add to the numerous retirements on this 1st leg!

After a long service we headed into the night stages, this is where the real challenge starts! I was looking forward to this but unfortunately the Trinity stage was not out best of the event. On the first run we hit a bank on a very slippy section, but didn't do much damage, unlike the car that was 2nd at the time which didn't come off so lightly. The run through this stage was much better with only an overshoot after the tyres overheated. 3rd time through we left the start and on the 2nd corner we slid on the mud left from someone else's accident and ended up on top of a bank and the remains of a wall. Much to our surprise, we managed to get ourselves off and continued the stage steadily for the next mile or so before pushing again after realising the car wasn't too badly damaged. The Trinity stage was run concurrently with the St Clements stage. The first two runs through this went really well and felt we had a better pace on the last run, but unfortunately this came to an end after being flagged down to a halt due to a rolled car wedged between the banks. This is a downside of the nature of the narrow and twisty Jersey roads.



When we got to the final service of the night, Paul was in quite some discomfort after our earlier off, so we were unsure is we'd even be doing Day 2!

Thankfully, Paul felt just about fit enough to get back into the car on Day 2 and once we started the first leg of the day we both felt a good improvement on pace and confidence in the notes, we pushed on harder and were happy with how these 8 stages went.

After the lunch break, we were competing on the final 8 stages which were near where I grew up. These went really well and I was now starting to feel that I was near

the pace of previous events. Paul was giving me useful encouragement and having to up his pace with the notes as a result. We were pleased to be mixing stage times with Evos Darrians and high spec Escorts.

So after 2 full days of rallying we finished 33rd o/a and 4th in class. Other than having to break out the tank tape and cable ties to fix our cosmetic damage, we gave Nick no extra work and the car was mechanically perfect as expected. The last minute gearbox change was also well worth the effort.

For anyone that hasn't been, the Jersey Rally is one of the most Intense events, with 32 stages over 2 days, running midday to 11pm on Friday and 7am to 5pm on the Sunday. However it is also one of the most social events and there is a great atmosphere between competitors and service crews will always help each other where possible. The after rally dinner and Awards presentation, which includes the edited rally video highlights, is another highlight of the event.

I certainly will not be leaving it another 6 years before going back.....who wants to make an OMC team up for 2018?



RPS VISIT



RPS Tour

In a change from our usual club nights, for November, Simon Ayris, owner of Rally Preparation Services (RPS) in Witney kindly offered to host an evening for club members. RPS specialise in preparing cars for long distance endurance rallies such as the Paris to Peking and the Himalayan Challenge.

These events require cars to be largely self-sufficient with spares and equipment carried on-board. Popular vehicles in such events are big American cars from the 1940's and 1950's such as Cadillac's, Ford's, and Chevrolet's. Something you don't typically see many of on a British event. There were also some more familiar cars like Lotus Cortina's and a lovely safari spec Peugeot 504.

As you'd expect, endurance rally cars are built to survive arduous conditions for thousands of miles so go through a comprehensive build/upgrade process. It was interesting to see how this was approached, with speed taking second place to durability.

As well as preparing the cars, RPS also support competitors on events with cars and mechanics jetting off to far flung corners for weeks on end. Must be a tough life!!

The evening was well supported with around 20 people attending, including a few from Witney Motor Club.

We were made to feel very welcome with Simon and his mechanics on hand to discuss the cars and answer our questions. The relaxed format gave us plenty of time to amble around the workshop, fuelled by tea and biscuits as we went. Everyone seemed to really enjoy it.

With the usual club nights being poorly supported of late, we're hoping to arrange similar evenings to this on a more regular basis next year. If you have any suggestions for future evenings, please get in touch.

Finally, thanks to Simon Marks for initially contacting Simon Ayris to arrange this event.





Shirley Blackwell Oxford Motor Club 14 Matlock Close RUGBY Warwickshire CV21 1LB

27 November 2017

Dear Shirley,

Thank you very much to everyone at Oxford Motor Club for the generous donation of £50.00.

This really is appreciated and we can assure you that every penny will go directly towards helping SeeSaw provide bereaved children in Oxfordshire with the support that they need at a very difficult time in their lives and help them to face the future with hope.

The Childhood Bereavement Network has recently published statistics on the number of bereaved children in every local authority and it is estimated that every year in Oxfordshire around 350 dependent children are bereaved of a parent. It is also estimated that there are currently 2,250 school age children, between the ages of 5 and 16 years, who have been bereaved of a parent or sibling. SeeSaw provides support to these children and young people whenever they need it, free of charge. We find that for some children support may be needed many years after their loved or he has died but it is thanks to people like you that SeeSaw will continue this valuable work.

Your donation will enable us to buy a therapeutic activity book for 5 bereaved children, so as you can see every donation is invaluable.

Many thanks indeed for your support.

With best wishes,

Jane.

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LONDON TO BRIGHTON

I was asked to help out one of our customers from BGM Sport with his ambitious plan to run 4 veteran cars on the unique London to Brighton car run. The event started the year the red flag act was abolished, and has run almost every year since then.

Our preparations started with arriving at the customers workshop and making final preparations for the cars. This included unusual tasks like fitting new candles and topping up the paraffin lamps. The cars all had a quick run and the chance for the new drivers and mechanics to get used to the very different operation of these cars! Once this was done, everyone involves had an enjoyable social evening in the workshop surrounded by the cars.



At 5.30 am we started to get the cars out and running, not always the easiest start with the use of starting handles. We then lit the lights and the drivers and passengers wrapped up well ahead of the short trip to the start at Hyde Park. 3 out of the 4 cars made it easily, with the other needing repeated bump starts to make it to the park, however a quick solution was found and everyone took their places amongst the 100's of cars, motorbikes and cycles.



Once the ceremonial tearing of the red flag, the cars make their way through central London, out towards a lunch stop (run by Harrods!) in Crawley, before heading to the finish on Brighton Promenade. I was tasked with driving the support vehicle, know as tenders on this event. I set off after the last of out cars departed and was trying my

best to keep up. Most members of the public go out of their way to prioritise the old cars, stopping to let them past and waving the cars trhough junstions. I didn't have this advantage so had to fight my way through the traffic. As I was starting to get out of central London, I came across my first Breakdown, the 1902 George Richard had stopped, the valve spring had snapped. This would normally be terminal on a modern car, but on this old car, the valve train is external, so we managed to make a repair using a spring taken from pliers in my toolbox! The other cars seemed to be going well so I stuck with the GR as best I could, after a stop to make more adjustments we got it going better and it continued to the finish.

While stuck in heavy traffic, the veteran cars used an inventive route to keep going, but there were quite a few struggling at this point. While I was stuck in the traffiv I helped a few crews including the 1895 car driven by an 18yo from Luxembourg who had a flat battery and a steam car that needed a major leak sorting.



The event needs a wide range of skills and consumables to keep these cars going. I was glad to see all four cars making it to the finish, the oldes being an 1897 Daimler with tiller steering. The highlight of the evnt for me, was how friendly everyone was, and the huge amounts of enthuiastic spectators cheering everyone on. The RAC also have around 20 of their patrol vans floating on the route and will help anyone that's in trouble, it was nice to see lots of the cars get going again.

Having never beinginvolved in the evnt before, I was surprised how enjoyable it was. I would recommend going to watch it if you fancy something different and a slower pace to the usual motorsport we are used to.



2018 Seminar Series for Club and Event Officials

The MSA would like to invite you to attend the 2018 Seminar Series for Club and Event Officials. These roles, typically Club Stewards, Secretaries of the Meeting, Unlicensed Clerks, Chief Marshals, Safety Officers and Safeguarding Officers are welcome to apply. There is no requirement for those that act solely as a licensed Official to attend the 2018 seminar series.

This invitation is for all MSA registered Clubs and Recognised Groups from all disciplines.

Clubs may nominate up to **FIVE** individuals to represent them at the seminar. Newcomers are especially welcome as these seminars provide an opportunity to gain and share relevant knowledge and information with other clubs from their region.

The day will be mainly workshop based, specifically aimed at exchanging views and information to support the running of successful events and championships ensuring you Clubs future. Each seminar will provide the opportunity work with Go Motorsport through the Regional Development Officer.

Running in parallel with the seminars this year will be the Safeguarding Training Workshop. Safeguarding Officers are invited to attend the morning's session as well as the Safeguarding Workshop in afternoon should they wish. This will be very useful if anyone is thinking of taking on the role of Club Child Safeguarding Officer when I step down..

A mileage allowance will be payable at volunteer rate of 38p per mile for a maximum of a 100 miles each way. As always, car sharing is encouraged and if two or more people are sharing a car the maximum mileage allowance is extended to a total of 200 miles each way, including the extra mileage incurred in collecting any fellow attendees as passengers. Expenses claim forms will be available on the day for submission to the MSA after the training.

The seminars are likely to run between 10.00am and 4pm, however full details will be given closer to the event date. Final joining instructions will indicate lunch arrangements.

Day	Date	<u>Location</u>
Saturday	20th January 2018 South West;	Exeter area
Sunday	21st January 2018 South Wales;	Newport area
Saturday	27th January 2018 North;	Northallerton area
Saturday	10th February 2018 South East;	Gatwick area
Sunday	18th February 2018	Northern Ireland
Saturday	17th March 2018 North West;	Haydock area
Sunday	18th March 2018 Midlands/East;	East Mids Airport area
Saturday Saturday Sunday Saturday	27th January 2018 North; 10th February 2018 South East; 18th February 2018 17th March 2018 North West;	Northallerton area Gatwick area Northern Ireland Haydock area

I shall be attending so there are opportunities for another **FOUR** members. If you are interested in attending please let me know and I will complete out the booking form.

I will need your:

Name, Address, Post Code, Telephone, Email, Licence

No,

Your main discipline [i.e rally], Main event role [i.e. Safety Officer]; Which

seminar, Day Content**

** all day seminar, Seminar AM / Safeguarding PM, Safeguarding only PM

John Blackwell - Club Secretary

Oxford Motor Club 2018 Calendar

Date	Event	Club	Location	Contact Details
JANUARY				
Friday 12th	12 Car Rally	Blackbird		
Friday 26th	12 Car Rally	Dolphin		
Friday 26th	12 Car Rally	Blackbird		
FEBRUARY				
Thursday	Monte	Oxford	Banbury	John
1st	Carlo Historique			Blackwell
1st Wednesday 7th		Oxford	Jolly Boatman, Thrupp	Blackwell John Blackwell
Wednesday	Historique	Oxford Oxford	Boatman,	John
Wednesday 7th	Historique AGM 12 Car		Boatman,	John
Wednesday 7th Friday 16th	Historique AGM 12 Car Rally 12 Car	Oxford	Boatman,	John

Date	Event	Club	Location	Contact Details
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MARCH				
Friday 2nd	12 Car Rally	Blackbird		
Saturday 3rd	Targa Rally	Bath		Festival Targa Rally
Wednesday 7th	Club evening	Oxford	Jolly Boatman, Thrupp	
Sunday 18th	Autosolo CMSG R2	Ross		
Friday 23rd	Roadsport 12 Car - R2	CMSG		
Friday 23rd	12 Car Rally	Blackbird		
Sunday 25th	Tour of Caerwent Rally	Forresters	Caerwent	
APRIL				
Wednesday 4th	Club evening	Oxford	Jolly Boatman, Thrupp	
Friday 6th	12 Car Rally	Dolphin		
Saturday 7th	Get it Sideways Rally	Cheltenham	Down Ampney	
Sunday 8th	Autosolo CMSG R3	Bath		
Friday 20th	12 Car Rally	Oxford		
Sunday 22nd	Autosolo CMSG R4	Oxford	Finmere Airfield	John Blackwell

Date	Event	Club	Location	Contact Details
Friday 27th	Roadsport 12 Car - R3	CMSG		
Saturday 28th	Wells Masonry Rally	Cirencester	Down Ampney	
MAY				
Wednesday 2nd	Club evening	Oxford	Jolly Boatman, Thrupp	
Sunday 6th	Autosolo CMSG R5	60 & Worcs		
Saturday 26th	Autosolo CMSG R6	Bristol		
Saturday 26th	Red Dragon IT Rally	EMCOS	Down Ampney	
JUNE				
Wednesday 6th	Club evening	Oxford	Jolly Boatman, Thrupp	
Saturday 9th	Autosolo CMSG R7	Dolphin	Abingdon CAR- nival	
Sunday 10th	CAR-nival Rally	Team Tempest	Abingdon CAR- nival	
Sunday 24th	Mid Summer Caerwent	Forresters	Caerwent	
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*Oxford events in bold

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.

more details available on www.oxfordmotorclub.com