

# **OXFORD MOTOR CLUB**



Oxford Motor Club member Richard Crozier
Co-driving with Linzi Henderson on the 2016 Scottish Rally

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### **EDITORIAL**

Yet another month, another magazine, yet another plea to members for write-ups, adverts, stories.

We do honestly know that there are many of you out there competing, officiating on events, building up competition cars, and undertaking a myriad selection of 'Daring Do' activities, but where are those informative words that you want to share with other OMC members.

I can understand folk like Richard Crozier, who is here, there and everywhere, competing successfully on up to 3 events per weekend, and just needs the rest of his time to recover before his next exploits. He might find it difficult to tell night from day, let alone write entertaining witty reports on his adventures. As for the rest of you, please put pen to paper or fingers to keyboard and tell us about your motoring endeavours.

We are all very interested in anything you do, whether it is on our own events, other local, national, or for that matter International events. Pretty much everything to do with cars and Motorsports is of interest, so PLEASE take time to quickly knock together an email, (with pictures, wherever), and send it to me at <a href="magazine@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk">magazine@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk</a>



# **EVER DRIVEN THROUGH SOMEONE'S FRONT DOOR?**

Last year I got asked to deliver a car to the Royal Automobile Club on Pall Mall in Central London.

Delivering a car into the middle of London sounded like it could get a bit tricky but then I found out it has to be there for 5AM! This meant leaving work just after 3AM with the van and trailer containing the iconic Talbot Sunbeam Lotus that Henri Toivonen used to win the 1980 RAC Rally. The car was asked to be on display for a week while Jean Todt was staying in the RAC accommodation.



So when I arrived at the front of the club on Pall Mall, I saw some people in HI-Vis and asked them if I needed to go to the service entrance..... I got a reply saying, no you're in the right place....we are just taking the front doors out so we can move the cars! This involved removing the rotating door and the two side doors; this is something that happens every Monday. Once the doors were removed, the workers assembled a set of ramps to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and the current exhibit, a Le Mans Porsche GT1 was very carefully driven out of the front of the building.

Now it was my turn, I got the sunbeam fired up and off the trailer, waking up a few locals in the process. Quite apprehensively I drove the car up the ramps and onto the 1<sup>st</sup> floor landing, did a 3 point turn and I was done...leaving a slightly smoky sign that someone had just been driving through a 5 start hotel!

I've done some random things in my life of motorsport, but this is the first time I've intentionally driven through someone's front door!

Chris Hambly

# **2016 CARFAX STAGES RALLY**

# An update and a plea for help.



The Carfax Rally is the premiere event for Oxford Motor Club and takes place on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> August at Throckmorton Airfield near Pershore which is about 45 miles from Oxford.

This year, in addition to being rounds of the ASWMC, ACSMC and CMSG stage rally championships we are pleased to host a round of the Historic Rally Car Register and their Mintex 'Old Stager' Championship 2016 incorporating the MINI SPORT Mini Cup. Previous rounds of this championship have brought a good entry of wonderful historic rally cars.

In an unprecedented time the rally filled the 75 places in a day over two weeks and, at the time of writing, we have 5 reserves with an expectation this will rise over the next weeks.

Of the 75, we have 16 historic rally competitors with 3 more on the reserve list with cars including many Mini Coopers and a Ferrari Michelotto 308. In the open classes we have a wide variety of cars including 18 Ford Escorts.

For those interested the full entry list is on the Club web site.

Whilst the organising positions have been allocated to experienced members of the Club there is an obvious need for as many club members to get involved to make the event a success. If you haven't already volunteered to be official, marshal, radio operator or helper then please read on.

For those not as experienced, there are many small tasks that are not difficult but do take up time and the assistance of club members is essential.

Starting on the Wednesday before the event we hold the 'Lick and Stick'. A name inherited from years gone by where everything was posted but is now a tradition even though everything is sent electronically. This is where we collate all the paperwork for officials, marshals and competitors and go through the final arrangements – particularly with Sector Marshals, marshals and those who are making time to help out on the Set Up day.



The Set Up day is the difficult one as we do this on a Friday which for many people is a working day. Most of the organisers who are working and not retired like me, take a day's holiday or work their shifts or flexi time to suit our timetable so you can see we really appreciate anyone who is prepared to spend the time to come along to Throckmorton to lay out the stages and set up the venue. Again, we work to a plan and if you have no experience you will be part of a group covering a specific task.

Laying out hundreds of cones, dozens of tyres and yards of tape plus arrows and stage signs needs a small army of volunteers. If you can help, even if just for a few hours, <u>PLEASE</u> let me know. We will be on site setting up between 10:00 and 16:00.

Saturday, the day of the event, can be a little more relaxing even though we start at 06:00. All the preparation is done and the officials take centre stage so you can get to see some of the action. The venue is designated non-spectator so this is the only chance to see any action.

However, come 17:30 everything has to be cleared from the airfield, reloaded onto trailers and brought back to the Club garages at Long Hanborough where it is unloaded and stashed away until next year.

With as many members help as possible we can get this done and be away back to Oxford by 20:00 with a chance of being home at a reasonable hour and, of course, with a Saturday rally, Sunday is free!

Whilst we have several experienced officials from within the Club organising the Carfax we should be looking to the future.

As in most clubs we tend to rely on the same members continuing to take on the responsibilities of being on Committees and running events, not thinking that one day we may need someone new, and then finding we do not have the required skills within the Club.

It is essential that more members become involved with events and Club life in general and the easiest way to find out if a particular role is to your liking is to volunteer. Talk to us, shadow us whilst we do our jobs, ask how you can help – just get involved. That's how we all started.

John Blackwell - Competition Secretary

# **FUTURE CLUB EVENTS**

Over the next few months we have a number of events, both in-club and out-of-club, for your enjoyment.

All information is correct at the time of writing but things can change so double check with the organisers.

### **JULY**

Wednesday 6th is the Club Night at the Jolly Boatman, Thrupp. Do come along.

On **Friday 15**<sup>th</sup> the second of the HERO 1000 mile events we are involved with visits our area. This the 1000 mile Trial which recreates the original drive between Edinburgh and London taking place over 5 days.

Signing on is a 7:45 and we should be finished mid to late morning.

At the moment we will be helping to cover the tests at Bicester Heritage but there is a possibility we may be moved to Claydon House. The timing on that test is after Bicester but not be a great deal. Please give me a call or email if you are able help. Being a weekday I'm hoping enough people will be off work and I will have more details of times and location soon.

Contact johnblackwell14@btinternet.com or 07857 403451

Then on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> we have the annual Oxford Motor Club Grass Autotest, PCA and Club BBQ.

David Smith is organising the annual Grass Autotest at Matthew Green's farm at Pusey nr Faringdon whilst Shirley and John Blackwell will be running the free club BBQ. This is the social highlights of the year where the sun always shines and you get a chance to meet old and new members and, if not competing, just sit and chat and enjoy the barbeque.

Regulations are out but if you missed them they can be found on the Club web site and more details of this entertaining day will be circulated in the next weeks.

### **AUGUST**

Getting July out of the way and into August we are into a very busy couple of weeks as we get the **Oxford Motor Club Carfax Stages Rally** under way.

The event has been in the planning for several months but now the practical part of the event will need as many members as possible to make it a success. If you haven't already volunteered then no doubt you will get more emails asking for your help as we near the event. Please don't leave it to the last minute to offer your help.

On **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** we have the 'Lick and Stick' meeting where all the paperwork for marshals, officials and competitors is compiled and final arrangements are made, many hands make this task a lot easier.

**Friday 5**<sup>th</sup> is the Set Up day and with this being a Friday we rely on members being free during the week.

Last year we had 25 people helping set up the stages and I anticipate we will need at least as many this year.

On the day itself, **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>**, the event gets under way and again, we will need many members as possible to help run and clear down so we can get the stage furniture back to Oxford and the get home at a reasonable hour.

Later that month on the **21**<sup>st</sup> **August** round 9 of the CMSG Autosolo championship takes place. Organised by Bath MC and running at Keeble Airfield full details are on their web site. Contact for the event is Cathy Dyer, phone 01225 867475, Email-cathydyer@btinternet.com

# **SEPTEMBER**

Moving into September and we start with a completely new experience for your enjoyment – a scenic drive.

On **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 'Drive to the Claydons'** is being organised by Simon Marks and is for Classic cars, more of which will be available later.

Starting with breakfast at the Cotswold Wildlife Park the drive takes the scenic lanes through the Cotswolds on its way back to the finish at the 'Cars in the Claydons' festival of motoring in Buckinghamshire where you will be able to visit the show. This is a another new venture which hosts a vast but interesting selection of vintage, historic, classic and modern vehicles and racing cars.

As well as 'competitors' we will need a small number of marshals and organisers to help the event succeed.

Contact for this event at the moment is Simon Marks on A340SCA@aol.com

The Blackthorn Classic Car Show takes place on **Sunday September 4**<sup>th</sup>. Another local event with interesting vehicles to keep us all entertained.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> is the Club Night at the Jolly Boatman, Thrupp and will centre on the Carfax Debrief.

The following **Friday 9**<sup>th</sup> the 12 car season resumes with the Dolphin 'Golden Leaves' 12 Car. Ian Harrison – Dolphin MC will be the contact.

**Sunday 18**<sup>th</sup> sees round 10 of the CMSG Autosolo championship hosted by Ross Motor Club. Contact details are not available at the time of writing but will be available on their web site.

**Saturday 24**<sup>th</sup> sees us back at Throckmorton Airfield for the HERO Challenge. A one day event which needs OMC's help to run one of the tests as timekeepers or observers. Colin Minchin the club Chief marshal will be the contact if you want to volunteer.

The following day **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>** is the Patriot Stages Rally organised jointly by Forresters and SWAC motor clubs at the military training ground at Caerwent nr Chepstow. Forresters provide a great deal of help and assistance on the Carfax Rally and it would be appreciated if OMC could reciprocate this help.

On **Friday 30**<sup>th</sup> the next round of the CMSG Roadsport 12 Car resumes. Running on Map 163/164 and organised by Kevin Belcher and Paul Hardy. Details will be available nearer the event.

### **OCTOBER**

The first event in October **on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>** is the OMC Boanerges Autosolo and PCA. We are back at Finmere again and are round 11 of the CMSG championship. There will be an article in the magazine nearer the time but put the date in your diary.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> is the Club Night at the Jolly Boatman, Thrupp.

To finish off a busy club week, on **Friday**, **7**<sup>th</sup> **October** is the next OMC 12 car rally organised by Tony Mytton. Please note that this date may be subject to change as we try to avoid date clashes with nearby local clubs from whom competitors may wish to enter both events.

Finally, on the **28**<sup>th</sup> **October** is round 5 of the CMSG Roadsport 12 car championship. On maps 175/185 the event will be organised by Glynn Hayworth of Basingstoke MC.

# **PROSPECTIVE OXFORD AIRPORT TOUR (No date yet)**

Charlie Walker is working away behind the scenes to finalise the details for this upcoming event.

Plan will be a take a look around as much of the site that the powers that be will allow.

Then we will be going for a play in one of the simulators on

site (krypton factor style!). The schedule would be a couple of hours in an afternoon on a

weekend probably, as that's when things are quiet at the airport generally.

Looks like we have plenty of interest for the visit and in due time Charlie will advise us of who will be able to attend based on the access

provided to him. Any further questions please contact Charlie via email at membership@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk



# **WELCOME TO THE CLUB**

We have 2 new members joining us within the last month. So we welcome

Alastair Woodhead

and

• Oliver Schoenenberger

We hope to see you at our upcoming events, and look forward to sharing tales from you motoring interests and activities.



### OXFORD MOTOR CLUB 2016 'EVENT CALENDAR'

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Wednesday 6th **Oxford MC Club Evening** Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

HERO 1000m Trial

Sunday 24th Oxford MC Grass Autotest & BBQ

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Oxford MC Carfax Rally Jolly Boatman, Thrupp 164/48015480154

Pusey (TBC) OMC

Set Up Day 1 **Simon Marks** 

#### **August**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>

**Oxford MC Club Evening** Oxford MC Carfax Rally **Oxford MC Carfax Stages** 

CMSG R9 Autosolo

(Carfax Briefing/Lick and Stick)

**Simon Marks** Set Up Day 2

**Throckmorton** 

Kemble Bath MC

#### September

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

Saturday 3rd Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Friday 30<sup>th</sup>

Oxford Scenic Tour

Oxford MC Club Evening Dolphin Golden Leaves 12 Car

CMSG R10 Autosolo

HERO Challenge – Throckmorton Patriot Stages Rally, Caerwent CMSG Roadsport 12 Car #4

[Carfax Debrief]

Map 163/164

**Dolphin MC** TBA Ross MC

> Colin Minchin Forresters MC **Kevin Belcher**

Paul Hardy Oxford/Dolphin

Simon Marks

Simon Marks

#### October

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Oxford MC Boanerges Autosolo** 

(CMSG R11)

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

Oxford MC 12 Car

CMSG Roadsport 12 car # 5

**Oxford MC Club Evening** 

[Finmere]

**David Smith** 

Jolly Boatman, Thrupp 164/480154

**Tony Mytton** 

Map175/185 Glynn Hayward

Basingstoke

#### November

Friday 28<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

Oxford MC Club Evening **HERO RAC Rally of the Tests** 

Dolphin Gun Powder Plot 12 car

Wyedean Rally

CMSG Roadsport 12 Car #6

Jolly Boatman, Thrupp 164/480154 Throckmorton

Colin Minchin

**Dolphin MC** Forest of Dean MC

**Haydn Marks** 

**Brian Cammack** 

Oxford

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> CMSG R12 Autosolo

Throckmorton

Map 175

60 & Worcs MC

Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Regency Stages Rally	Bath Showground	Weston-S-Mare MC
December			
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Sat/Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup>	Oxford MC Club Evening Rockingham Stages Rally	Jolly Boatman, Thru	upp 164/480154 Middlesex / Thame MC
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	CMSG Roadsport 12 Car #7	Map 162	Zenya Heap Richard Austen Oxford
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Oxford MC 12 Car		<b>Chris Hambly</b>
2017			

#### **February**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting / Awards Presentation OMC

# **EVENT INVITATIONS & REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE**



Farnborough District Motor Club would like to invite Oxford Motor Club members to compete in their Summer Solo at Buller Barracks, Aldershot on **3rd July** – Buller offers us a good surface all courses will be open, clear and easy to follow.

Peter Manning 01442 874256

Regs not currently available on FDMC website http://www.farnboroughdmc.org.uk

# SUMMER AUTOTEST, PCA AND CLUB SPONSORED BBQ

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July Oxford Motor Club, headed by David Smith, will once again be organising our annual Grass Autotest, PCA and Club sponsored BBQ, held, with the kind permission of OMC member Matthew Green, on his farmland at Pusey Lodge, Farringdon near Witney.

The autotest will follow the format of recent years with one large course



which is altered four times throughout the day to form the tests. The event is open to all members, and other adjacent motor clubs, in whatever car you wish to use and this event is driven solo.

In this event the minimum age for the driver is 16 but they are limited to a car which must be classed as a 'touring car' with a conventional engine size not exceeding 1400cc.



Running alongside the main Autotest we are organising a Production Car Autotest [PCA] which varies from the Autotest as it is for drivers and navigators / passengers.

While emphasising PCA being for younger members it's open to all ages in whatever car you choose.

We are looking to encourage younger drivers aged between 14 and 16 who are navigated by someone who holds a full driving licence and there is also the opportunity for even younger family members to be involved. Providing the driver holds a full driving licence then the passenger / navigator can be as young as 12, all of which is an ideal opportunity to get the kids involved in motorsport in a safe way.

There are certain qualifying criteria regarding younger competitors. The adult, either driver or passenger, must hold a full driving licence, have some experience in Autotests / Autosolos and the car must be classed as a 'touring car' with an conventional engine size not exceeding 1400cc. but again, it's an ideal opportunity to let the youngsters get a taste for motorsport.

Want to know more before you commit then please give David or myself a call, my details are at the front of the magazine and David's can be contacted on 01993 708418 or david.smith1903@btinternet.com.

Don't want to compete then why not just come along for a chat to meet other club members both old and new and enjoy the free barbeque which has had very good reviews for some years now but as I cook it then I would say that wouldn't I.

I'll be able to count the entries but I would ask that if you intend coming along just to watch then you let me know how many will be in your group so I can buy enough food to go round. This will avoid the embarrassment of rationing or running out and PLEASE let me know beforehand if there are any vegetarian requirements.

Get the event Regs and entry form from the Club web site. **John Blackwell – Competition Secretary**.



# YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOUR INPUT!

The club has decided to set up an informal working group to focus on the future development of Oxford MC.



We would like new ideas on how to bring in new members, Suggestions for new events and venues and also improve the popularity of the traditional monthly club nights. In fact we would just like any input to evolve the club

If you have anything at all to say or wish to get involved with the working group and help put the ideas into practice. The same goes for everything and anything the club does.

Email:

chairman@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk

### **CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS**

Even though enthusiasm for the Club Championship Points seems to be waning there are still enough members interested to make gathering information worthwhile. It would be nice to have a few more people involved.

There have been some changes made to the way the club championship points are calculated to try and even out the way points are accumulated.

Presently all points are added together to calculate the Clubmen of the Year but it has become evident that this can give a disproportionate total and some non-competitive members do not get a look in.

To even this out the competitive element has been separated from the non-competitive and the two sections will be treated independently.

The full rules for the championship is on the web site but the changes will make no difference to the way points are claimed but it will hopefully encourage more members to participate.

The full spreadsheet is on the web site but, half way through the year the current standings are:

12 Car Driver Expert Ian Hazleton12 Car Navigator Expert Bob Muttram

12 Car Driver Novice Bruce Blyth / Phil Garrett
12 Car Navigator Novice Dominic Blyth / Kieron Brown

Road Rally Driver Expert Kevin Belcher
Road Rally Navigator Expert Richard Crozier
Road Rally Driver Novice Kieran Belcher

Road Rally Navigator Novice

Stage Rally Driver

Stage Rally Co-Driver

Speed

Best Competitive All Rounder

Mark Cooper

Michael Hughes

Haydn Marks

1st Haydn Marks

2<sup>nd</sup> Alan Wakeman 3<sup>rd</sup> Bob Muttram

Marshalling Simon Marks
Best Non-competitive All Rounder 1<sup>st</sup> John Blackwell

2<sup>nd</sup> David Smith 3<sup>rd</sup> Harvey Warner

Best Lady Helen Tutt
Newcomer of the Year Helen Tutt
Under 21 Kieran Belcher

### MY SIDE OF THE STAGES

As a few of you know, I don't get out and do too much marshalling or spectating on events. I certainly haven't been competing enough myself recently (watch this space though)

However I've been having a very hectic year doing what I'm hopefully best as, service crew! So while you don't see me too much on the stages themselves, I'm usually keeping busy in the service area.



It's something I enjoy doing and have made a career out of, including a few years in the WRC. This season has been busier than most and below is a list of some of the events I've attended so far this



Stuart Gilks win his class in the MSV Championship despite a few engine issues and a sizable crash in the last round, be still finished to get the win.

year and may more to come, including the BRC Round, the Nicky Grist stages this weekend coming.

Some of the events I'm looking after my own car, some for people from Jersey and have also been doing the excellent MSV Circuit rally championship.

Highlights of the season so far have been helping



It was also great to see Trevor Gilks running in the top 30 in the wet at Brands Hatch in a pretty standard Peugeot 205 Gti...not bad for a 78 year old! The Mira D'Isis stages was a busy one with 4

cars to look after, including club members Nick Deighton in his Golf GTI, showing excellent



improvement compared to his rallying debut on the event last year and Dave Wood and Richard Crozier getting the Best Improvement for a Peugeot award and most importantly Dave's 1st Trophy!

The events I can remember doing so far in 2016!

Jack Frost stages Croft, Brands Hatch winter stages, North west Stages Blackpool, South Downs Stages Goodwood, Race Retro Stoneleigh, Bovington Stages, Lee Holand

Memorial Stages Anglesey, Alan Healey Memorial stages Cadwell Park, Horiba D'Isis stages Mira,

MSVR Bolton Midnight Snetterton, TSH Stages Cornwall, Mid-Summer stages Caerwent, Goodwood Festival of speed, Enville Stages Anglesey

Chris Hambly

# **COTSWOLD MOTOR SPORT GROUP**

#### 2016 Championship Rounds Highlighted

Day	Date	Organisers	Event	Event Name	Location
Sun	03-Jul	Basingstoke	Grass Autotest	Paster Blaster	
Sun	10-Jul	Stroud	Car Trial	BBQ & Ladies Trial	
Thurs	14-Jul	Ross	Autotest		
Fri	15-Jul	Cheltenham	Autotest	Summer Series	
Sun	17-Jul	Basingstoke	Touring Assembly		
Sun	17-Jul	Bath	Touring Assembly	Aquae Sulis Tour	
Thurs	21-Jul	Cirencester	Summer Series		Winstone
Sat	23-Jul	Ross	Historic Road Rally	Ross Traders	
Sat	23-Jul	Bristol	Sprint	Dick Mayo Sprint	Castle Combe
Sun	24-Jul	Bristol	Family Sports Car Day		Castle Combe
Tue	26-Jul	CMSG	Monthly Meeting	DATES MEETING	Cheltenham MC
Sat	06-Aug	Oxford	Rally	Carfax Stages Rally	Throckmorton
Sun	07-Aug	Devizes	Touring Assembly	Valleys & Villages Tour	
Sun	14-Aug	Stroud	Car Trial	Clifford Hooper Trial	
Sun	21-Aug	Bath	AutoSolo		Kemble
Tue	30-Aug	CMSG	Monthly Meeting		Cheltenham MC

Wake sure that you support your local and neighbouring motor clubs Wake sure that you support your local and neighbouring motor clubs

# YOUR NEXT RIVETTING EVENT REPORT GOES HERE

# We do so want to hear about what you are doing.

- Stage Rallies
- Road Rallies
- Autosolos, Autotests,
- Classic Run
- Marshalling duties



They are all of interest to our members.

# NEXT NEWSLETTER AUGUST 1st



So PLEASE DO start typing now