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If you need assistance contact Nick Townsend, the new webmaster, via webmaster@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk.

Editors Ramble

Once again, I'm a little late in getting this out. When I say a little, I mean a month. I had planned to get this out in February but things have got in the way. I did however get to the OMC Autotest, which was great, if a little tight for the Alfaru. At one point it even pulled the tyre from the rim! The new front LSD does work well in the open fast corners, but didn't do me any favours on the super tight stuff. I even had to reverse to make it round one of the chicanes and ended early.

GT4

The cost of getting married is very high. I am discovering this at the moment and could probably buy a car and do a year or two of stages for the equivalent cost. However as Olympian Michal Johnson put it "Pressure is nothing more than the shadow of great opportunity" and I saw an opportunity to rebuild a classic car just for the wedding. The car in question is a Toyota Celica GT4, and it will, for a comparably small increase to the wedding budget, give us a stylish method of transport between church and reception.

There are some problems. By "classic" I mean "rally", so naturally a roll cage is needed. Also, the current car is black and vivid memories of the WRC Deutschland service park reminded me that the original cars were white. But the rollcage will be a hindrance to a lady in a long dress (as will a 6-point harness) so it will end up with removable door bars and modified harnesses. Luckily there is no shortage of parts, as I can now use all the perfectly good, but out of date components from my Alfa due to MSA rule changes.



The current state of build is this: The car is stripped down and awaiting its cage and paint. The immobiliser has been removed (this took some time) and the engine has been overhauled. When the cage is in and the sun-roof is removed it will be ready for painting. The dash will be flocked and an interior fitted. At the moment this will all cost me about

a thousand pounds, but I have my eye on some appropriate wheels and a new steering wheel. Should look rather good – and will be available for hire, because I doubt I will ever rally it!

Trailers

Since we started rallying we've used five different trailers. In the early days we rented a lovely Indespension tilt bed but at £50 a weekend we decided that in the long run we would be better off owning our own. The first trailer was a tiny home built one that we bought off a friend for £150. I ran it on road tyres with the same size as the Alfa (Colway intermediates) so we had emergency spares as we needed them. The Alfa only just fitted on so we thought we'd buy a bigger one.

Out in a field behind Jon's work was an enormous trailer rotting away. We sold the old trailer for £450 (it's amazing what a lick of paint will do) on ebay and towed home the new monster for £50. This one was enormous. It had wheels from a Sherpa and scaffold planks for a bed. Steve and I then set too with a welder in order to enlarge it further and strengthen the frame. We also built ramps and fitted lights and mudguards.

This kept us going (with the old blue Transit van) until we came to change the tranny. Because the ramps lived in the van in a special compartment, we sold the two together to a mad Scot, who seemed quite happy in the end.



We then needed a new trailer and the search went out for a cheap frame that had potential. Jon again found this, a rotten home build that needed a lot of TLC. New steel, hitch, tyres, bed, wiring, brakes and paint cost us about £700 but at last we had the right trailer for the car. The ramps tucked away neatly and the wheels under design made it easy to drive behind our new van – the Iveco. But when I tried putting the Celica GT4 on it, it just wasn't quite large enough.

Back to ebay, and we sold number three for a profit and bought an Indespension beaver tail with a 3.5T gross weight. It ticks all the boxes, strong, safe, wheels under and a nice shallow gradient – just

needs a lick of paint and tyres that can legally carry the weight.



So, what have I learnt about trailers?

1. Brakes are critical. Easy to ignore, but a good buffer / brake combo is much safer to drive.
2. Reversing pins left in disable brakes. This is quite exciting as we once found out! Auto reverse brakes are better.

3. Don't overlook ramps. We got very bored of messing about with these.

4. Wheels under trailers are much easier to drive around tight corners. But, they have a high Centre of Gravity and can be a pain to load. You end up with long ramps or beavertails.

5. Trailers cost loads! Finding a good one for under a thousand is tricky. But hiring one for 5 events a year over a few years is more expensive. They do hold their values well, so my advice is buy one after your first season.

So there it is. Send in articles or I'll find something else to talk about in my garage – be warned, I now have a tyre changer...

Dave Barbara

Bristol Motor Club Autosolo



Bristol Motor Club held the first autosolo of the CMSG and BTRDA championships at Castle Combe on Saturday the 18th February 2012. It was well supported by OMC members, with Myself, James Marks, Matt Endean and Suze Endean competing in the up to 1400cc class, Charlie Walker competing in the up to 2000cc

class and Kevin Belcher competing in the over 2000cc class.



It was fair to say the conditions were “very moist” with persistent heavy rainfall for most of the day. Despite the weather, Kev managed to surge on to an overall win by a comfortable 6 seconds from Roger Holder in his Starlet, who, being an experienced autotester used the tighter afternoon layouts to his advantage and kept me off the class win by another 6 seconds. I was more than happy with a 2nd in class and 3rd overall finish for the mighty Rover 214. Especially as the last time I was at Combe, the cam belt slipped 3 teeth on the 2nd run of the first test and had to be taken home on the back of a lorry. I shared the car this time with my brother, James, who managed a respectable 27th overall out of 45. Not bad for his first ever solo and more importantly, he completed

the event with no penalties whatsoever.



After a recent minor shunt, Charlie’s usual Peugeot 205 wasn’t up to the job so he took his Twingo out instead. He pushed on through the day to 9th overall and 1st in the clubman’s section of his class.

A little bit further down the order was Matt Endean driving a Rover 214 and Suze Endean driving a Nissan Micra. Matt finished 5th in class, 11th overall and Suze was 13th in class, 37th overall.

My thanks go out to the organisers at Bristol MC for putting on a slick event and providing a great start to this year’s championship.

Haydn Marks

Photo’s courtesy of BMC member Scott Boulton

Valleys 12 Car

2012 Valleys 12 car saw 6 crews compete on the 60 mile route around West Oxfordshire. The number of competitors reflected the busy motor sport calendar at this time of the year. One entrant had to drop out at the last minute as Ross Hunters navigator, Stacey Hadlem, was taken ill into Hospital. Ross turned up at the start and kindly helped out by marshalling TC5 for me.

3 classes of navigating was used again this year. The 3 experts getting envelopes to be opened at each time control. The 2 novices got all of the route but with additional help and the beginner getting a black and white copy of the route.

All seemed to be going too well by TC 4 which I was marshalling and was still fine by Ross Hunter at TC

5. John and Shirley Blackwell saw all the competitors for the second time at TC 6 having been at TC 2. Haydn Marks had every one at TC 3 and so did Kevin and Kieran Belcher at ITC A. Every crew queued at all these controls. From TC 6 onwards apart from the beginners that's Steve Partridge driving and Charlotte Thomson Struggled with the Spot Heights. Haydn only saw 2 crews. Most passed through 169 spot height on the B4022 which was not a point to pass through. They all missed a code board. The instructions were reversed.

Because I was short of Marshals I used the Electronic Marshal to man the last control in a lay by on the A40 just near to the finish at the Evenlode Inn at Eynsham. Everybody seemed to master how to use it.

Results

Steve Partridge and Charlotte Thomson	Beginner	Clean	
Neil Lewis and Bob Muttram	Expert	10 pts	CB 37
Simon Bradley and Mark Bradley	Novice	1 Fail 20pts	ITCB CB's BL 37
Chris Hambly and Zenya Heap	Expert	1 Fail 21	ITCB and CB's BL 37
Tony Myton and Bill Hitchcock	Novice	1 Fail 30pts	ITCB CB's BL 39 AB
Martin Davis and Richard Crozier	Expert	2 Fail 90 pts	ITCB TC7 CB's BL 39 37 UJ 87 HJ R8 A3 99

Marshals

TC 1 and closing Car

Jack Smith and Mark Quarthy

TC 2 and 6
TC3 and ITC B
ITC A and TC 7
TC 4
TC 5
TC 8

John and Shirley Blackwell
Haydn Marks
Kevin and Kieran Belcher
David Smith
Ross Hunter
Mr Babage

David Smith

Oxford Championship Awards 2011

Last year's championship award winners are listed below. For those that didn't come to the awards dinner please can come to the next club night to pick up your awards. This year Zoe Turrell will take over the points collating so all claims should be sent to her

Stage Rally	Driver	<i>Dominic Hodge</i>
Stage Rally	Co-Driver	<i>Brian Cammack</i>
Road Rally	Driver	<i>Kevin Belcher</i>
Road Rally	Navigator	<i>Brian Cammack</i>

Rallies Cup Overall Winner	<i>Brian Cammack</i>
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12 Car Championship

Overall Driver	Richard Austen
Overall Navigator	Bob Muttram
1 st Expert Driver	Neil Lewis
1 st Expert Navigator	Richard Crozier
1 st Novice Driver	Tony Mytton
1 st Novice Navigator	Steve Partridge

Wootten Cup	Kevin Belcher
Sprint Cup	Kevin Belcher
Marshal Award	Karen Kearns
Newcomers Award	Charlie Fagg
Under 21 Award	Kieran Belcher

Kev

CMSG Round 1

CMSG Round 1 - 24th February 2012

Car No.	Driver	Navigator	Class	MC1	PC1	PC2	TC2	DCO	PC3	TC3	PC4	PC5	PC6	PC7	PC8	PC9	TC4	PC10	PC11	PC12	TC6	PC13	PC14	PC15	PC16	PC17	TC7	PC18	PC19	PC20	PC21	PC22	PC23	PC24	TC8	PC25	PC26	PC27	TC9	PC28	PC29	PC30	DCO	PC31	PC32	MC2	Rolls	Mark	Position																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
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F Fail for missed control

20 Wrong approach to TC

We hope you had a good night. As ever, please give us some feedback on the event. Many Thanks to the marshals, Dick & Diane Hall, David Smith, Tony Mytton, Bill Hitchcock, Neil Lewis, Linda Oliver and Julia Higson. We had no codeboards go missing. Well done to Haydn and Brian on their win and to Chris and Rose coming in as first Novices.

See you all at the next event on March 30th.

Kev and Paul

Event Updates 2012

I have had official confirmation that this year's Carfax Stage Rally will return to RAF Benson on November 18th. It is early days but planning will be starting mid-year for this event.

The Bocardo Autosolo will take place on Sunday May 20th at Silverstone Race Circuit. It will be a round of the CMSG and the BTRDA Autosolo Championships so we need to put on a good show. We will need extra help with timekeeping and results, and we need to avoid the repeat of last October when competitors had to help with timing! Please put this in your diaries.

The Bullnose Endurance Rally has started with the organising team looking at venues and putting together the initial plans and regular meetings will start soon.

Amongst all this we have our clubnights and other events like the 12 cars. Regs for these will be posted via the yahoo group and e-mail.

Kev



Clubman of the year

	Wootton	Road Rallies	Stage Rallies	Sprints, Solos, etc	Mag.	Marshal	12-car	Other	Organising	Total	
Kevin Belcher	133	132		180	90	160	20	55	80	850	1 Road Rally, Solo, Wootton
Haydn Marks	79	120		134	10	50		77		470	2
Zenya Heap	86	110		85		50	37	54		422	3
Karen Kearns	24					290		84	20	418	4 Marshal
John Blackwell					15	260		50	20	345	5
David Smith	40					130	20	110	40	340	
Neil Lewis	90				20	50	113		60	333	
Brian Cammack		132	120			10	14			276	Rally, Stage Co-Driver
Shirley Blackwell						210		30	20	260	
Bob Muttram		34				100	125			259	12 Car Navigator
Richard Austen	40	104					112			256	12 Car Driver New Comer
Charlie Fagg	86			37		60	29	37		249	
Ding Boston	57	73		12			68			210	
Kieran Belcher	28			10		160				198	U 21
Stevie Partridge	34	28					78	54		194	
Tony Mytton	5				10	60	83	35		193	
David Smythe					25	40		70	40	175	
Charles Hughes		115				30				145	
Rob Bowsher					50			50	40	140	
Bill Hitchcock		12				70	7	50		139	
Zoe Turrell	10					70		54		134	
Dominic Hodge			105							105	Stage Driver
Alan Wakeman		28		40				35		103	
Anthony Walker	17	28				10	41			96	
Oli Wakeman		35	40	21						96	
Dave Barbara	9				75					84	
Chris Hambly		13				20	9	40		82	

Joe Sturdy		44				36			80
Paul Hancock	11		49		20				80
Richard Crozier		15				64			79
Owen Wakeman		11	30				35		76
Colin Felstead			75						75
Jack Smith	23				50				73
Lorna Stevenson		27				41			68
Tom Aldridge	20					48			68
Teresa Harman	58					8			66
Simon Lassam		60							60
Richard Hancock	13		41						54
Ben Rees	13						33		46
Alex Laidlaw	44								44
James Marks	44								44
Martyn Buckley	17	10				8			35
Simon Phillips		15					20		35
Simon Ayris		31							31
Stuart Talbot	12	10				8			30
Jonathan Peters			27						27
Ross Hunter	14					11			25
Simon Marks					20				20
Duncan Cox						18			18
Keith Norman	15								15
Lewis Ayris		15							15
John Thornton				5					5
Dave Holmes				5					5
Suze Endean				5					5
Jorma Pekkanen				5					5

Clubman of the year 2010

First

Kevin Belcher

Second

Haydn Marks

Third

Zenya Heap

Fourth

Karen Kearns

Fifth

John Blackwell

OMC Polo and Sweatshirts



Polo Shirt - £14

Sweatshirt - £20

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[tonymandcarolm@gmail.com]**

Mechanic and tools not included

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held at Green Lane Social Club, Kidlington, Oxford

Wednesday 1st February 2012

Call Meeting to Order

The Chairman Kevin Belcher called the meeting to order at **8.20pm**

Members Present [26]

Dave Barbara	Kevin Belcher	John Blackwell	Shirley Blackwell	Graham Dunn
Chris Hambly	Bill Hitchcock	John Jago	Karen Kearns	Neil Lewis
Tony Mytton	Steve Partridge	David Smith	David Smythe	John Thornton
Zoe Turrell	Suze Endean	Matthew Endean	Colin Felstead	Ian Felstead
Ben Rees	Zenya Heap	Haydn Marks	Richard Crozier	Colin Minchi
Martin Davis				

Apologies for Absence [7]

The following members apologised for their absence:

Keith Norman	Simon Marks	Rob Bowsher	Dominic Hodge	Charlie Fagg
Chris Vosper	Claire Hawes			

Read and Approve the Minutes of the 2011 AGM

Following two amendments

- *The paragraph Apologies for Absence Paul and Richard Hancox should be spelt Paul and Richard Hancock'*
- *The paragraph 'read and approve the 2009 minutes should read 'read and approve the 2010 minutes'*

the 2011 AGM Meeting minutes were proposed as a true record of last year's meeting by **David Smythe** and seconded by **Bill Hitchcock**.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from last year's minutes.

Chairman's Report

2011 was a very busy year for Oxford Motor Club. The Club ran many events during the year with 12 cars, scatters, navex's, and auto testing all attracting reasonable entries.

Our meeting venue is now the Green Road social Club after Cumnor Cricket Club decided to close for the winter months, so now, as we are more centrally located we hope to attract more people to the club nights. Club night numbers were still low last year which is a shame because we have organised a steady mix of video and quiz nights along with the scalextric racing and the traditional natter'n'noggin and even Aunt Sally.

Autosolo's continued to thrive in 2011 and we ran two very successful events again at Silverstone Race circuit. Both events were rounds of the CMSG and BTRDA Autosolo Championship and they attracted full entries of 60 in both events. In fact I had to turn at least 15 people away from the October event. The only down side to the October event was the lack of support from the membership with timekeeping and general running of the event. Some of the competitors had to step in with timing duties!

The Bullnose Endurance Rally had another good year, with a respectable entry. The event moved to a new start venue at the Oxfordshire Inn north of Oxford. A new test and a short night section were added to give a different look to the event and the general consensus was that it was still one of the best endurance events many had taken part in.

A large amount of work went into this success especially the week preceding the rally. A big thank you should go to C of C David Smythe who managed a good team of people with the help of Ben Rees and Karen Kearns, and the set up crews that assisted, Dave Smith and Rob Bowsher to name a few. We also raised over £1800.00 for the Thames Valley Air Ambulance. Thanks should also go the RPS (Simon Ayris) for his sponsorship of the event.

For me, the real highlight of the year was the return of the Carfax Stage Rally. After a lot of work I managed to secure a new venue at RAF Benson. From my initial letter and contact in late July, I got the green light on September 2nd to hold the event. That gave us just over 2 months to get the event off the ground.

With two new sponsors in BGMsport (Ian Gwynne) and Mark Donaldson Ltd, the event ran on November 20th starting with 75 cars. The event was a great success and overall the event was one of the slickest we have run. Feedback from competitors and marshals was very positive and our host's at Benson were also very easy to work with and very happy with our approach and professionalism throughout the weekend. I am very pleased to announce we raised £1000.00 for the TVAC and £4000.00 for the Royal Air Forces Association This money was presented last week and this has gone a long way to cement the event for 2012. I would like to thank all those who came out to help on the event but especially the following, Shirley & John Blackwell, David Smythe, David Smith and the guys on the Carfax Committee.

The CMSG events were well supported by Oxford members with Richard Austen and Zenya Heap winning the Roadsport expert title, and myself and Paul Hardy retaining Roadsport overall championship for a fourth year. We also had Zenya, Haydn Marks, and myself doing the CMSG Autosolo championship throughout the year with some good results from all and again taking good positions in class A and class C, with me re-taking the overall championship.

It was also good to see other club members competing on various events around the country. We must also thank those that represented us on marshalling and officiating duties throughout the year, Karen Kearns and Dave Smith flying the marshal flag along with Simon Marks, John and Shirley Blackwell on radio and noise duties to name but a few. Well done to all our members that put the Oxford MC name out there.

We will be losing two from our committee this year, Rob Bowsher who was Chief Marshal for a few years before handing over to Karen and David Smythe our Vice Chairman and Bullnose C of C. Both have been very active in our big events and will be a loss to the committee. However, not all is lost as they have agreed to help out on our events in 2012 and David will continue to head-up the Bullnose which is good news.

In conclusion I would like to thank the outgoing committee for their support and those members that helped to make 2011 a very good year for the club.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented an overview of the 2011 Club accounts and provided several notes on major transactions. A balance sheet is attached

- **Admin** This section shows a large income due to the repayment into the club accounts of the Silverstone Auto Solo deposits from last year.
- **Assets** During the year we bought another large quantity of cones.
- **Bullnose** The event made another good profit even after donating £1,800 to the Air Ambulance
- **Carfax** Was a financial success for the club as well as an excellent event and we made a profit of just over £1,500 after donating £5,000 to the Air Forces and Air Ambulance charities.
- **Membership** Numbers were down on the year hence the reduced income. With the Bullnose and Carfax rallies taking association entries competitors were not obliged to join the club.
- **12 Car** With the slight increase in entry fees the 12 car section events have resulted in a £139 profit.

Bill Hithcock asked if we were liable for tax, the Treasurer replied that after speaking to the tax office the club was classed as a dormant company until 2016. **David Smythe** asked if the Locktons Insurance had altered, the Treasurer replied that it had risen slightly by £40.

In addition she said we were looking at REIS as an alternative insurer. The Treasurer said that the books were open to inspection by any member. After the questions the accounts were accepted as a true record of the Club's finances.

Election of Officers

Election of Oxford Motor Club's Nominated Officers for the Year 2012

Honorary Executive

The President and Vice Presidents were contacted by the outgoing Secretary to ask if they would stand for re-election.

	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded	Accepted
President	Graham Dunn	J Blackwell	S Blackwell	Yes
Vice Presidents	John Jago	J Blackwell	S Blackwell	Yes
	Bill Hitchcock	J Blackwell	S Blackwell	Yes
	Simon Marks	J Blackwell	S Blackwell	Yes
	David Smith	J Blackwell	S Blackwell	Yes

The following members have been proposed and accepted for nomination to the committee.

Club Officers

Post	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded	Accepted
Chairman	Kevin Belcher	Z Heap	Z Turrell	Yes
Vice Chairman	Chris Hambly	S Blackwell	K Belcher	Yes
Treasurer	Shirley Blackwell	K Belcher	D G Smith	Yes
Secretary	John Blackwell	K Belcher	D G Smith	Yes

Club Executive Committee

Chief Marshal	Karen Kearns	H Marks	B Hitchcock	Yes
Child Protection Officer	Richard Austen	J Blackwell	S Blackwell	Yes
Competition Secretary	Kevin Belcher	Z Heap	Z Turrell	Yes
Magazine Editor	Dave Barbara	J Blackwell	S Blackwell	Yes
Media Secretary	Suze Endean **			Yes
Membership Sec.	John Blackwell	K Belcher	D G Smith	Yes
Merchandising and Clothing	Tony Mytton	D G Smith	C Hambly	Yes
Social Secretary	Zenya Heap	Z Turrell	K Kearns	Yes
Web Master	Nick Townsend	J Blackwell	S Blackwell	Yes

Club Non-Executive Committee

Equipment Officer	David Smith	J Blackwell	S Blackwell	Yes
Points Collator	Zoe Turrell	K Kearns	Z Heap	Yes
Committee Member	Matt Endean**			Yes

Two Non-executive committee posts remained vacant, members may be co-opted during the year. All the nominated candidates were voted in *en mass* by a show of hands, as there was no competition for any of the posts.

** Suze and Matt Endean volunteered and were co-opted onto Committee.

Proposals

The Secretary had received a proposal to put to the meeting,

‘That Oxford Motor Club changes its status from an Unincorporated Association to a Mutual Society with Limited Liability’.

However, since submission, some thought had gone into it by the proposer and seconder and a revised proposal was sought.

Following a discussion the tabled proposal was reworded as

‘The Committee is empowered to investigate the changing of the Club’s status to “A Company Limited by Guarantee”.

Proposed by David Smith 860, Seconded by Kevin Belcher 1084

David Smith said the one of the main reasons for this proposal was the risk to the Club as the current MSA insurance did not cover damage to road surfaces or land, this is especially relevant at RAF Benson. At present, if club funds did not cover any cost then there could be a call on club members.

John Jago asked if the Club had considered the cost of having the books audited? The Treasurer replied that if our current method of accounting was acceptable then the cost would be in the region of £400.00. This would be clearer when Companies House are contacted.

Neil Lewis said the original proposal was to become a Mutual Society, what was the difference that and the new proposal? It was explained that legal advice was of the opinion that a Mutual Society was not suitable for our type of club, it was more suited to Working Men’s Club etc where there we no major events and there may be a need to borrow or lend money on behalf of the members. The MSA’s and a legal adviser’s view was that a Company Limited by Guarantee was the best option if insurance cover for the outstanding items could not be found. The Secretary had enquired about insurance cover with no success.

Ben Rees asked if becoming a Limited Company had any effect on Event Insurance? It was explained that it did not.

John Jago said we did not have to ‘advertise’ the fact that we were Limited Company on cards etc.

Karen Kearns asked how the Limited Company works. It was explained that it would be One member – One Vote, this would include family members. The members liability was Limited to usually £1.00.

John Thornton said he was the Secretary of a Limited Company and it was the Club that took the risk – not the members.

David Smythe asked if the Clubs banking would be affected. It was explained we already had a business account. The Treasurer will investigate and make arrangements where necessary.

Kevin Belcher explained we would not be affected by VAT, most of the clubs transactions did not come under the VAT umbrella.

Neil Lewis asked if there was a 'start up' fee. The reply was yes, in addition to the audit fee.

David Smith said there were start up packs available from the banks and Companies House.

The Secretary said that if the status change went ahead then an EGM would be called to accept the new constitution and vote on the change.

The vote was proposed by **Chris Hambly**, seconded by **Zenya Heap** and carried unanimously.

Any Other Business

- **John Blackwell** announce the new Club membership card
 - **John Jago** commented on having the year on the card as printing costs may be lower with a blank template although he agreed the year gave it individuality.
 - **David Smythe** commented on the MSA logo, adding that the MSA wanted 'Recognised Club'. The Secretary said he would enquire but understood we had dispensation to use the centenary logo as the MSA has presented it to us. As two years worth of cards had been ordered it was something to consider for the future.
- **Kevin Belcher** explained that the web will be rebuilt this year. We have had several quotes ranging from £2000 to £6000. The meeting provided numerous names of potential developers who will be contacted.
 - **David Smythe** said that the site needed to be updated regularly. The Chairman explained that relevant members would have this access and responsibility.
 - **Dave Barbara** added that a reconfigured site would merge in the magazine and the new Media Officers role.
 - **Suze Endean** added that in order to try and be more "obvious" and promote ourselves across the social network sites she will set up both a new Facebook and a Twitter page and work with Chris Hambly to co-ordinate this with the YouTube account he has set up. OMC had a Facebook group but this has been archived by Facebook.
- **David Smythe** thanked Dave Barbara for producing an excellent magazine with the Chairman adding that it would be good if more members could submit an article, no matter how small, for the magazine.

- **John Blackwell** thanked all the volunteers who had manned the Club's involvement with the Go Motorsport stand at the recent AutoSport Show at the NEC.
 - The Chairman explained how we had become involved with the show.
 - The Secretary said that the Go Motorsport stand would be repeated next year and we may receive another invitation.
- **David Smythe** gave a vote of thanks to the team that had helped make the Bullnose another success. He then outlined the preliminary plans for the 2012 event which is intended to follow the successful format of previous years.

The date is set for Saturday 1st September 2012 with plans to move the event to the North and East of the County bordering on Bicester / Aylesbury. As with 2011 the event will take a lot of organisation and voluntary support not only on the day, but in the months leading up to the day. Anyone who is interested in providing such support should contact David Smythe, contact details inside the front cover of the magazine.

Once again we are a round of the Endurance Road Rally Championship. There are 5 rounds of the Premier Championship

18/19 Feb	Britvic Rally
31 Mar/1 Apr	Great Bustard Rally
28 Apr	Ross Endurance Rally
1 Sep	Bullnose Rally
October	Exmoor Rally

There are 4 rounds of their Summer Challenge

12 May	Leukaemia Rally
24 Jun	Wye Valley Car Trial
7/8 Jul	Drystone Rally
19 Aug	Chelmsford Tests

Members are encouraged to assist on these other rounds where possible to ensure reciprocation of support in September.

- **David Smythe** thanked the Club for providing the buffet.
- **Tony Mytton** drew the members notice to the Club clothing display.
- **Zenya Heap** said the Awards Dinner was on the 25th February at the Talbot Inn, Eynsham.
- **Haydn Marks** enquired whether we could provide some alternative size club stickers.

President's Address

Many thanks must go to the organiser's of the last year's events and for the tremendous number and variety, its only as you get involved in these events that you realise the large amount of time you have donated. Our thanks must also go to Shirley for handling increasingly large amounts of money.

One of the main things you notice about OMC events, be it auto tests, 12 cars or stage Rallies, is the sheer professionalism with which the events are organised, a point worth note when you talk to members from other clubs and probably one of the reasons that OMC events are usually full.

Logistics when you think about it are one of the main things that make up a motor club rally, and I feel that OMC would be very hard to beat even by professionals, in the time frame the club has to work in and the amount equipment utilised, I'm sure Dave Smith would agree. It seems a great shame that in these current times of litigation, high powered legal people and probably the ever lurking health and safety executive that to safeguard our member's from heavy financial penalty we at OMC have to go limited. This has been discussed numerous times in past years and it's a pity Oxford has to succumb, but, better to be safe than sorry.

Probably, one of the nicest things to see was the amount donated to charity this year, if that amount had been mentioned a year or two ago everyone would have said we could not manage it – it's very nice we have.

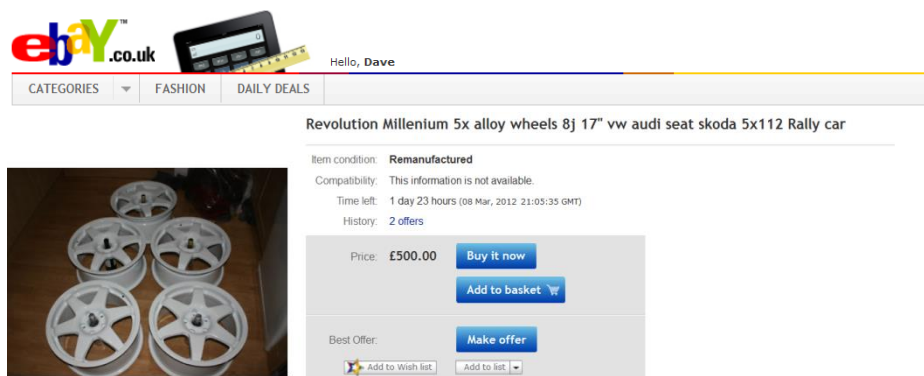
Closure of the meeting

The meeting closed at **9.55pm**

Next AGM

The next AGM is to be held on **6th February 2013** at Green Lane Social Club, Kidlington, at **8pm** for an **8.30pm** start.

And Lastly, Things I Found on Ebay...



The screenshot shows an eBay.co.uk listing for 'Revolution Millenium 5x alloy wheels 8j 17" vw audi seat skoda 5x112 Rally car'. The listing includes a photo of five white alloy wheels, a 'Remanufactured' item condition, and a price of £500.00. The seller's name is 'Dave' and the item has 2 offers. The listing also shows buttons for 'Buy it now', 'Add to basket', 'Make offer', 'Add to Wish list', and 'Add to list'.

These would look great on the GT4, if I can get them past the boss.

Oxford Motor Club, 2012 Calendar

March

Wednesday 7th Clubnight – Green Road Social Club, Kidlington
Friday 16th 12-Car Rally: Dolphin, 174.

Paul Hardy

April

Wednesday 4th Clubnight – Green Road Social Club, Kidlington
Wednesday 25th Navex: Sturdys Castle

Graham Dunn

May

Wednesday 2nd Club Night – Green Road Social Club, Kidlington
Sunday 13th Bocardo Autosolo –Silverstone
Friday 18th 12-Car Rally: Oxford

**Kevin Belcher
Chris Hambly**

June

Wednesday 6th Club Night – Green Road Social Club, Kidlington
Wednesday 13th Scatter: 164

Zenya Heap

July

Wednesday 6th Club Night: Green Road Social Club, Navex
Sunday 29th Autotest and BBQ Pusey lodge Farm

**Kevin Belcher
Neil Lewis**

August

Wednesday 1st Club Night – Green Road Social Club, Kidlington – Table Top
Wednesday 29th Bullnose Brief – Green Road Social Club, Kidlington

September

Saturday 1st Bullnose Endurance Rally
Wednesday 5th Club Night - Green Road Social Club, Kidlington
Friday 14th 12-Car Rally: Dolphin

David Smythe

October

Wednesday 3rd Club Night Green Road Social Club – Scatter
Friday 19th 12-Car Rally: Oxford
Sunday 21st Autumn Autosolo - Silverstone

**Haydn Marks
Zenya Heap
Kevin Belcher**

November

Wednesday 7th Club Night – Green Road Social Club, Kidlington
Friday 9th 12-Car Rally: Dolphin
Wednesday 14th Carfax Brief – Green Road Social Club, Kidlington
Sunday 18th Carfax Stage Rally – RAF Benson

Bob Muttram

Kevin Belcher

December

Wednesday 5th Club Night – Green Road Social Club, Kidlington
Friday 7th 12-Car Rally: Oxford

Tony Mytton