



OXFORD MOTOR CLUB



**2016 Border Counties Rally - Darren Moon with Oxford Motor Club Member
Richard Crozier Navigating (22nd Overall/2nd in class)**

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EDITORIAL

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

We 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 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 magazine@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk

Steve

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Over the next few months we have several events for your enjoyment. Unfortunately, the first three of them are on the same day.



On **Sunday 24th April** the club is running the **Boccardo Autosolo and PCA** at Finmere Airfield located north of Bicester.

The Autosolo has a National B class and a Clubman class and is a round of the CMSG, ASWMC and BTRDA championships which attracts many of the top drivers in the midlands and beyond.

The Clubman class is an ideal for club members to get involved with this element of motorsport. All you need is a road legal car and a club card and as the name indicates the car is driven solo. There are links on the club web site relating to Autosolo's so you can see what is involved, the events are designed to be non-damaging and are able to be driven by any competent person. Open to any person of any age, the minimum age for drivers is 16 so if you, or if you have youngsters able to drive, want the opportunity to gain some car control experience while enjoying some competition why not come along. As a bonus, cars can be entered twice so a couple can share a drive and the excitement of competing against each other.



Running alongside the Solo and using the same course we also have a PCA - a Production Car Autotest – which is an introductory level to motorsport and a lot of clubs use this type of event to encourage members to get involved. Again, all that is needed is a car that meets the criteria and a club card. The car does not have to be road legal although it has to be safe to drive and, unlike an Autosolo car which has to be driven to an event, autotest cars can be brought on a trailer. Autotest entries have a passenger to help with the navigation and because of this the minimum age for drivers is 14. The passenger for the very young driver has to be experienced in autotests. If you have youngsters that want to be part of the event the minimum age for passengers is 12 but the driver has to have a full driving licence.

If you want to enter then the regulations and an entry form can be found on the club web site but if you want more details please give me or David Smith a call. If you want to see what is involved before committing yourself and your car why not come along to Finmere and see just how much fun it can be.

On the same day, **Sunday 24th April**, the Club has been asked to help out on the **MSA Spring Classic**. Members will be looking after the lunch halt at Farringdon by marshalling the cars as they arrive and depart so a good chance to see all the classic cars close up.

Simon Marks is organising the day and his email is a304sca@aol.com

And there's more. Again on **Sunday 24th April** there is a **Marshals Training Day** at Brookes University. Not strictly a Club event but one that warrants a special mention this training day is organised by the British Rally Marshals Club [BRMC]. It is the only day within easy reach of most club members and is open to everyone who is a marshal or wants to find out more. The day covers all aspects of rally marshalling including new marshals, experienced marshals, first on scene training, radio procedure and modules for senior event officials. Attendance is totally free and the training is carried out by experienced MSA licenced trainers who can help you with any matters. There will also be an opportunity to take part on the new MSA Online Marshals Accreditation Scheme. There is a link on the Club web site to the 'Volunteers in Motorsport' web site where you can register on line, the BRMC club contact is John Jones, email: secretary@brmc.org.uk, Telephone: 07766 723066. Last year's training was well subscribed so don't leave it too late to book in.

If are not worn out by your Sunday activities the club are running a **12 Car Rally** on **Friday 29th April**. As I struggled to find a club member to run this, the event is being organised by our friends from the Oxford University Motorsport Foundation [OUMFMC] under the guidance of Ding Boston. Starting in the Wheatley area and using map 164 full details will be circulated very shortly. Marshals as well as competitors will be required to make the rally a success.

We have a break from club events during May, June early July apart from the Social evenings on the first Wednesdays of the months. We meet at the Jolly Boatman at Thrupp around 8.00pm and this is a chance to have a pint and a chat to other club members.

It's a few months away but **Sunday, 24th July** we have the Annual Grass Autotest and Club Barbeque where the sun always shines and we get the chance to either take part in the Autotest or just sit and enjoy the company while enjoying the free barbeque. Everyone is welcome to Matthew Greens farm near Pusey near Farringdon. There will be more details about this later in the year.

Finally, for now, I'll mention the major club event, the **Carfax Stages Rally** which is on **Saturday, 6th August**. We hold the rally at Throckmorton airfield near Pershore, Worcs and this year, as well as being a round of the ACSMC, ASWMC and CMSG championships we are welcoming the Historic Rally Car Register and their Old Stagers Championship which should bring a good entry of some interesting historic rally cars, especially some wonderful minis.

As well as the main organising team, this event needs as many club members as possible to make the event a success and you will certainly be hearing more as the event progresses. While the main event is on the Saturday we lay out the stages on the Friday. As it is a working day for most members it means taking time off work so if you think you may be free and able to help **please** let me know.

John Blackwell – Competition Secretary

WHAT'S ON FOR APRIL

Saturday 2nd April	Get it Sideways SV Stage Rally	Down Ampney
Cheltenham MC are organising the first of the three 2016 events on Down Ampney Airfield. Marshals and radio marshals are needed for the event. Regs, entry form and event information can be found on www.cheltmc.com/rally . The Chief Marshal is Glynis Langford on cmc_marshall@cheltmc.com		
Saturday 2nd April	Rally North Wales	Dolgellau
Marshals and radio marshals are needed for this rally which is running in the Dyfi and Gartheniog forests. Contact for the event is the Chief Marshal:- John Jones Mobile 07766 723066 or email: johnjones10@btconnect.com		

Friday 8th April	CMSG Roadsport 12 Car Round 3	Map 174
Kevin Rivers and Ian Cheeseman are running this year's Dolphin organised event and would welcome all the help they can get to marshal the event, so if you are able to assist them please contact Kevin Tel: 07725957500 Email: kevinfrivers@outlook.com . Entry form and regs are also available from Kevin		

Sunday 10th April	CMSG Autosolo Round 4	Kemble	Bath MC
Entries are now open for the Spring Autosolo at Kemble airfield on Sunday 10th April. For further details contact Mike Patton – 07837 618670 or Rally1947@live.co.uk			

Sunday 10th April	Corinium Economy Run	Cotswolds	Cirencester CC
At time of going to print the entry list is full but there may be opportunities to marshal on the event. If you are interested the Chief Marshal is Dave Boden who can be contacted via http://www.cirencestercarclub.com/coriniumrun.html			

Saturday, 16th April	Somerset Stages Rally	Minehead, Somerset
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Based in the hills around Minehead this rally is one of the last multi-venue rallies in the South of the Country.

Running 15 stages, which include two Croydons runs plus Timberscombe, Whits Wood, Knowle, Chargot, Kennishan and, of course, Porlock.

With such a large spread of stages there is a need for plenty of marshals and radio operators. If you want a day out by the seaside please contact

marshals@somersetstagesrally.com Tel: 01643 333743
radios@somersetstagesrally.com Tel: 01643 333943

Saturday 23th April	D'Isis Stage Rally	MIRA	Quinton MC
John Davis is the Chief Marshal for this event held at the Motor Research site near Nuneaton. If you want to volunteer as a marshal or radio he can be contacted on marshals@disis-stages.org.uk .			

Sunday 24th April	Oxford MC Bocardo Autosolo [Finmere] (CMSG R5)	David Smith
<p>Regulations and Entry form are on the club web site. Timekeepers needed to help the event run smoothly and to time.</p> <p>So if you can help, please contact John Blackwell on compsec@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk.</p>		
Sunday 24th April	MSA Spring Classic - Farringdon	Simon Marks
<p>Members are required to help marshal the lunch break halt at Farringdon.</p> <p>Simon Marks is the contact and his email is a304sca@aol.com</p>		
Sunday 24th April	BRMC Marshals Training day – Brookes University	BRMC
<p>As mentioned in the Club event article the day covers modules for new and experiences marshals, aspiring and existing Stage Commanders. BRMC club contact is:</p> <p>John Jones, email: secretary@brmc.org.uk, Telephone: 07766 723066.</p>		

Friday 29th April	Oxford MC 12 Car	Map 164	OMC / OUMFMC
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Starting in Wheatley and using Map 164 this 12 car is being organised by colleagues in the OUMFMC. Regulations and full details will be circulated very shortly.

Saturday 30th April	Corinium Stages SV Rally - Down Ampney	Cirencester MC
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Cirencester MC are organising the second of the three 2016 events on Down Ampney Airfield. Marshals and radio marshals are needed for the event.

The Chief Marshal: Dave Green – can be contacted on chiefmarshal@cirencestercarclub.com

OXFORD MOTOR CLUB 2016 'EVENT CALENDAR'

Information is correct at time of printing.

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

April

Saturday 2nd	Get it Sideways Stage Rally	Down Ampney	Cheltenham MC
Wednesday 6th	Oxford MC Club Evening	Jolly Boatman, Thrupp 164/480154	
Friday 8 th	CMSG Roadsport 12 Car #3	Map 174	Ian Harrison
Sunday 10 th	CMSG R4 Autosolo	Kemble	Dolphin
Sunday 10 th	Corinium Economy Run	Cotswolds	Bath MC
Saturday 16 th	Somerset Stages Rally	Minehead	Cirencester CC
<i>Saturday 23th</i>	<i>D'Isis Stage Rally</i>	<i>MIRA</i>	<i>Quinton MC</i>
Sunday 24th	Oxford MC Bocardo Autosolo	[Finmere]	David Smith (CMSG R5)
Friday 29th	Oxford MC 12 Car		OMC
Sunday 24 th	MSA Spring Classic - Faringdon		Simon Marks
Friday 29th	Oxford MC 12 Car Map 164		OMC / OUMFMC
Saturday 30 th	Corinium Stages Rally	Down Ampney	Cirencester MC

May

Wednesday 4th	Oxford MC Club Evening	Jolly Boatman, Thrupp 164/480154	
Saturday 7 th	Bluebell Touring Assembly	Forest of Dean	Ross MC
Sunday 8th	Club Triumph Autosolo	Gaydon	Nigel Abdullah
Sunday 22 nd	CMSG R6 Autosolo	Throckmorton	60 & Worcs MC
Saturday 28 th	Red Dragon IT Stages	Down Ampney	EMCOS

June

Wednesday 1st	Oxford MC Club Evening	Jolly Boatman, Thrupp 164/480154	
Saturday 4 th	Abingdon CAR-nival Autosolo	(CMSG R7)	Dolphin MC
Saturday 4 th	Abingdon CAR-nival Sprint		Sutton & Cheam MC
Sunday 5 th	Abingdon CAR-nival Stage Rally		Team Tempest
Sunday 12th	Midsummer Caerwent Stage Rally		Forresters MC
Saturday 18th	HERO Summer Trial	Throckmorton	Colin Minchin
Sunday 19 th	CMSG R8 Autosolo	Chepstow Racecourse	Bristol MC
Saturday 28 th	Red Dragon IT Stages	Down Ampney	EMCOS

July

Wednesday 6th	Oxford MC Club Evening	Jolly Boatman, Thrupp 164/48015480154	
Friday 15 th	HERO 1000m Trial		
Sunday 24th	Oxford MC Grass Autotest & BBQ	Pusey (TBC)	OMC
Sunday 31st	Oxford MC Carfax Rally	Set Up Day 1	Simon Marks

August

Wednesday 3rd	Oxford MC Club Evening	(Carfax Briefing/Lick and Stick)	
Friday 5th	Oxford MC Carfax Rally	Set Up Day 2	Simon Marks
Saturday 6th	Oxford MC Carfax Stages	Throckmorton	
Sunday 21 st	CMSG R9 Autosolo	Kemble	Bath MC

September

Saturday 3 rd	Oxford Scenic Tour		Simon Marks
Wednesday 7th	Oxford MC Club Evening	[Carfax Debrief]	Simon Marks
Friday 9th	Dolphin Golden Leaves 12 Car		Dolphin MC
Friday 18 th	CMSG R10 Autosolo	TBA	Ross MC
Saturday 24 th	HERO Challenge – Throckmorton		Colin Minchin
Sunday 25 th	Patriot Stages Rally, Caerwent		Forresters MC
Friday 30th	CMSG Roadsport 12 Car #4	Map 163/164	Kevin Belcher Paul Hardy Oxford/Dolphin

October

Sunday 2nd	Oxford MC Boanerges Autosolo (CMSG R11)	[Finmere]	David Smith
Wednesday 5th	Oxford MC Club Evening	Jolly Boatman, Thrupp 164/480154	
Friday 7th	Oxford MC 12 Car		Tony Mytton
Friday 28 th	CMSG Roadsport 12 car # 5	Map175/185	Glynn Hayward Basingstoke

November

Wednesday 2nd	Oxford MC Club Evening	Jolly Boatman, Thrupp 164/480154	
Saturday 5 th	HERO RAC Rally of the Tests	Throckmorton	Colin Minchin
Friday 11th	Dolphin Gun Powder Plot 12 car		Dolphin MC
Saturday 12 th	Wyedean Rally		Forest of Dean MC
Friday 18th	CMSG Roadsport 12 Car #6	Map 175	Haydn Marks Brian Cammack Oxford
Sunday 23 rd	CMSG R12 Autosolo	Throckmorton	60 & Worcs MC
Saturday 26 th	Regency Stages Rally	Bath Showground	Weston-S-Mare MC

December

Wednesday 7th	Oxford MC Club Evening	Jolly Boatman, Thrupp 164/480154	
Sat/Sun 5 th /6 th	Rockingham Stages Rally		Middlesex / Thame MC
Friday 9th	CMSG Roadsport 12 Car #7	Map 162	Zenya Heap Richard Austen Oxford
Friday 16th	Oxford MC 12 Car		Chris Hambly

2017

February

Wednesday 1st**Annual General Meeting / Awards Presentation****OMC**

ITEMS STILL WANTED

1.

Looking for 15 inch gravel type tyres for our Road Rally adventures (Wales & Up North like).
Ideally something like DMack 185 – 205/65/15 DMG 2's.

Need 3 LHS and 3 RHS, i.e. 4 on car going the right (correct) way round and 2 spares one of each side.
Have Pension book at ready for the right offer.

Contact: Senior Citizen Steve Newman on 07769 292631 or magazine@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk

2.

Looking for a pair of these Rover 25 15 inch 9 Spoke Alloy Wheels or more if you have them, preferably in better condition than this one.

Contact: Senior Citizen Steve Newman on 07769 292631 or magazine@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk

**3.**

Looking for a car transporter trailer with a 6ft 1inch wide bed to move kit car, Peugeot 106 Rally car, and Proton Satria Gti road Rally car around to events.

Anyone know of anyone selling one for “Not silly money”.

Contact: Senior Citizen Steve Newman on 07769 292631 or magazine@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk

Oxford Motor Club Annual General Meeting Minutes

Held at Kidlington Green Social Club, Green Road, Kidlington, Oxford
Wednesday 3th February 2016



Call to Order

The Chairman Chris Hambly called the meeting to order at 20:15

Members Present:

Chris Hambly	John Blackwell	Shirley Blackwell	Tony Mytton
Kevin Belcher	John Clayton	Pete Collins	Richard Crozier
Graham Dunn	Bill Hitchcock	John Jago	Karen Kearns
Haydn Marks	Simon Marks	Colin Minchin	Gemma Muttram
Steve Newman	Simon Phillips	David Smith	Zoe Turrell
Alan Wakeman	Charlie Walker	Harvey Warner	

Apologies:

Dominic Hodge	Brian Cammack	Mike Taylor	Cathy Sewart
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Minutes of Last Meeting:

The 2015 AGM Meeting minutes were proposed as a true record of last year's meeting by Simon Marks and seconded by David Smith. The vote was unanimously in favour.

Matters Arising :

Simon Marks pointed out that the minutes from last year were entitled Committee Minutes rather than AGM Minutes.

Chairman's Report:

Welcome all to the OMC AGM

It was a hard but successful year for OMC. There was lots of hard work behind the scenes, especially by John and Shirley Blackwell

Thanks to all the outgoing Committee and especially those who will be standing down.

Thanks also to all the club members, the competitors on the clubs events and the marshals that made the events happen.

Carfax

2014 was a good event but new it could be improved on, 2015 event was excellent with a good team effort all round from committee and members of set up and event days.

We had a resurfacing scheme that was well received by competitors and financially it is well on track.

Solos

These have been good and cheap fun events with good entries but more would be great.

Venues have come and gone and new venues are likely to be needed.

Club Sport

12 cars have struggled at the start of the year but seem to have picked up at the end of the year.

More organisers and competitors needed to keep the momentum in these events.

BBQ and Grass Autotest was a fun day out for everyone but not many other Clubsport events ran due to lack of organisers.

Bullnose

No event in 2015 due to championship and potential entries dwindling

Touring assembly being planned to fill the void left by Bullnose

Committee

Small but hardworking team

Have worked hard to adapt to changes and new rules

Need help and new people welcome to join in officer roles and executive committee.

Club nights

New venue much more welcoming

New faces and more people attending

Membership is low but already looking better for 2016

Thanks all for coming and wishing you all a successful 2016 in motorsport.

Treasurers Report:

I'll run through the sections before any questions

Admin	The day to day transactions, association fees, insurance premiums and award trophies make up the majority of the expenses.
Assets	Again, we did not buy any equipment during the year.
Autosolo	A change of venue to Finmere brought lower costs and with both events having good entries the section made a very good profit.
12 Cars	Only two 12 cars ran during the year and we had a good entry on the Summer autotest. We have made a good profit on these events because this year I have separated the BBQ costs away from the competition account into the social account as I feel this is more appropriate.
Carfax	<p>A good event with a nearly full entry brought in a substantial amount. However, as I explained last year we have spent a considerable amount on partially resurfacing the runway at Throckmorton. We have received the first part of the grant towards this work from the MSA with the second part being processed now.</p> <p>I had originally thought it would take three years to recoup all of our outlay but with a careful budgeting and a good event we are on course to cover the remaining cost of the work this year.</p> <p>I have negotiated an ongoing three year deal with the landowners for use of the airfield for the Carfax rally.</p>

I would like to thank Mike Taylor and Cathy Sewart for their continued support of the event.

Garages	Until we can find an alternative storage facility we have no choice but to pay for the council garages.
Magazine	<p>Apart from 5 we sent out all magazines electronically so the printing and postage costs were dramatically reduced.</p> <p>This may change for 2016 as more members have asked for a printed copy.</p> <p>The income is from printing paperwork for other events. The costs of the inks etc. were charged to the magazine and to recoup some of this expense the printing costs of paperwork was charged to the individual event.</p>
Membership	Income is on a par with last year.
MSA Refund	The cheque for last year's refund did not arrive until after the books closed so the section account covers two years payments.
Noise&Radio	<p>We had a substantial bill for the reprogramming of all the MSA radios and the purchase of a replacement controller's set. The cost of the programming and part of the cost of the new set were covered by a grant from the MSA.</p> <p>The cost of the MSA and Ofcom radio licences was another expense with some income from Simon running an event radio control</p>
Social	This Social club now make a charge for use of the room, committee meetings are charged under admin and the social evenings are recorded here. As I said earlier, the section now has the cost of the summer BBQ included.
Web Site	Fees for hosting the site.

Simon Marks said "Well done" to Shirley, the organising committee and the club for turning the finances around so quickly.

John Jago asked if was worth another attempt to get HERO to make a donation to the cost of the work at Throckmorton. Shirley said she had tried but without success. They did though make a donation of £50 to the club for help with providing marshals on one of their events.

Election of Officers

Club Trustees – under the new constitution the trustees are invited to hold their posts by the committee. All existing trustees were invited to hold the same roles for the forthcoming year and all accepted. They are:

President	Bill Hitchcock
Vice-Presidents	Kevin Belcher, Graham Dunn, John Jago, Simon Marks and David Smith.

The following members had already been proposed and accepted for nomination to the committee. Positions without proposers are committee members re-standing in their existing posts.

Club Officers

Post	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded	Accepted
Chairman	Chris Hambly			
Vice-Chairman	John Blackwell			
Treasurer	Shirley Blackwell			
Secretary	John Blackwell	Tony Mytton	Chris Hambly	Yes

Club Executive Committee

Post	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded	Accepted
Chief Marshal	Colin Minchin			
Child Protection Officer	John Blackwell			
Competition Secretary	John Blackwell			
Magazine Editor	No nominations			
Membership Sec.	Charlie Walker			
Webmaster	Simon Phillips	Chris Hambly	Tony Mytton	Yes
Social / Media Sec.	No nominations			

Executives without Portfolio**Harvey Warner**

Prior to the meeting **Steve Newman** offered to take on the role of **Magazine Editor** and it was agreed that this be voted upon at the same time as the vote for the other positions.

The proposals for all of these posts including the Magazine Editor were accepted unanimously.

Proposals

The following proposals were put to the meeting:

Proposal 1.

A proposal that Committee positions be reviewed and the post of **Merchandising and Clothing Secretary** is removed from the list of Committee positions.

The turnover of club merchandise is minimal and does not warrant a regular attendance at committee meetings to report.

Proposed by **Tony Mytton**

Seconded by **Colin Minchin**

Proposal 2.

Proposal that the wording of this committee position title changes in line with MSA Policy.

Existing rules states: 8) b) Child **Protection** Officer

Word change to b) Child **Safeguarding** Officer

Proposed by **John Blackwell**

Seconded by **Chris Hambly**

Proposal 3.

With **eighteen** potential committee posts available we only had **nine** names available during 2015. Depending on proposal 1 and on new recruitment at the 2016 AGM where some existing committee members are standing down and other committee members may be carrying our several jobs it is likely that this number will not increase significantly and may drop so the proposal will make it easier to ensure a committee meeting can take place.

Existing rule states:

- 14) **Six** members of the Committee shall form a quorum, one of whom must be an Officer of the Club.

Change to

- 14) **Half of named committee plus one** shall form a quorum, one of whom must be an Officer of the Club.

Proposed by **John Blackwell**

Seconded by **Charlie Walker**

Proposal 4.

Presently any membership fee changes have to be decided by the Committee and presented to and agreed at the following AGM before implementation [see rule 33 below].

With some members wishing to rejoin in the latter part of the year the delay in implementing any changes can cause confusion and result in extra work for the membership secretary who may have to ask for increases in payments or deal with any refunds.

To remove this problem it is proposed that Rules 18 and 33 are amended to give the Committee sole responsibility for any fees, specify the membership fee decision and the time schedule this decision is implemented.

Amendment to rule 33.

Existing rule states

- 33) *The Committee may alter the rules, add thereto or make by-laws as may from time to time be considered desirable provided that such alteration shall be subject to approval and confirmation by the Members of the Club at the next Annual General Meeting.*

Change to

- 33) ***With the exception of the annual subscription fees, the Committee may alter the rules , add thereto or make by-laws as may from time to time be considered desirable provided that such alteration shall be subject to approval and confirmation by the Members of the Club at the next Annual General Meeting.***

Amendment to rule 18.

Existing rule states

- 18) The Club's official subscription receipt signifies membership of the club for the period stated.

Change to

- 18) **The annual subscription fee for Full and Family membership shall be determined by the Committee and announced at least one month prior to the start of the club year. Any changes shall come into force at the start of the club year following such announcement which is currently January 1st**

The Club's official subscription receipt signifies membership of the club for the period stated.

Proposed by **John Blackwell**

Seconded by **Chris Hambly**

Proposal 5

With the change to an electronic magazine and the reduced printing and postage costs the committee looked at the finances of the club and tried to give something back to the membership.

It was thought a review of the membership fee would be suitable method with a change in the structure of the membership levels to separate the full and family member.

We decided that the creation of a lower single membership fee would be acceptable and then to make an additional charge for family membership.

It was agreed that we limit the level of family membership to persons aged 12 and over and make an appropriate charge for each family member.

Full members with one family member would then pay around the same as they are now.

Age 12 has been chosen as it is the minimum age that anyone can get officially involved with motorsport, Cadet Marshalling or navigating on an Autotest being two examples.

There shall be three types of membership to the Club, **Full, Family and Honorary** Membership.

Existing rules states

- 17) *b) Family membership shall be bestowed upon any person or persons living at the same address as a Full member. Family membership entitles the holder to all the facilities of the Club including voting rights with the exception of receipt of a Club Magazine. Only family members aged 18 and over will be allowed to vote.*

Change to

There shall be three types of membership to the Club, Full, Family and Honorary Membership.

- 17) *b) Family membership shall be bestowed upon any person or persons **aged 12 and over** living at the same address as a Full member **upon receipt of the annual subscription as agreed by the Committee.** Family membership entitles the holder to all the facilities of the Club including voting rights** with the exception of receipt of a **printed** Club Magazine.
Only family members aged 18 and over will be allowed **voting rights.*

Proposed by **John Blackwell**

Seconded by **Charlie Walker**

The first four proposals were accepted unanimously without issue.

Discussion did ensue in relation to Proposal 5: Kevin Belcher suggested that £15 for single membership and £20 for family membership be considered because the additional cost for family was

minimal. It was considered to be a good idea to have a £15 single membership in order to attract new members.

John Blackwell explained that if Proposal 4 had not been accepted the following would have been Proposal 6.

Proposal 6

The membership fee be reviewed and the following amendments are applied from January 1st 2017.

Single membership £15.00

Family membership £2.50 for every family member aged 12 and over.

It was originally proposed by **Shirley Blackwell** and seconded by **Chris Hambly**.

Pete Collins then suggested that Proposal 6 should be amended and implemented at the earliest opportunity permitted by the club rules i.e. 3 March 2016.

The amended Proposal 6 and Proposal 5 were accepted unanimously.

Any Other Business:

John Clayton asked if Track Days or Rally Sprints had been considered as a means of attracting new members. John Jago added that the club would have to be careful with insurance for Track Days.

Simon Marks commented that Track Days were usually held on weekdays and it might be best to try to piggy-back onto another event.

Colin Minchin stated that Chedworth Airfield could be rented for £1,000.

Shirley Blackwell advised that she has a contact at Upper Heyford which might also be available for £1,000.

Simon Marks advised he was considering 3 September as a date for a Scenic Tour in order to try to finish the half day at Claydon House east of Bicester where there will be a motoring event taking place.

Pete Collins asked if club members had considered taking cars & OMC regalia to display at Car Shows.

Pete Collins also commented that on the Carfax rally he had noted that Junction 12 was beginning to break up. Simon Marks said that he would ensure the route for this year would avoid that area.

David Smith stated that he was now in possession of the club printer and supplies of ink. He would therefore be happy to do any printing that was required during the year.

President's Report:

Hello everyone

Firstly I would like to add my thanks to the outgoing committee. I believe that they have had one of the harder years for being a committee member.

Some years things just bounce along, but the last twelve months have taken their toll. It is hard trying to think up and implement new ideas as there are only so many ways to drive a car. Please support our clubs functions throughout the coming year and feedback what you like or dislike.

Hopefully 2016 will be one of the bouncy years, and I'm not referring to worn shock absorbers. I wish the new committee a successful year.

Last September found me in a room, starting to daydream. I was at a speed awareness course. I had previously been observed to be doing thirty six miles an hour on the outskirts of Bampton. Apparently they had photographic proof of me smiling at the camera, while the bonnet dipped as I applied the brakes to our emission cheating golf sixteen hundred diesel estate. Anyway there I was sat in this room at Upper Heyford with 9 other folks, who had all also been over the speed limit.

We were watching a film featuring Tiff Needell in a Ford Focus ST slam on the breaks as he crossed a white line from various escalating speeds

The first time he pulled up from thirty miles an hour just shy of a cardboard cut-out of a child. He then went three miles an hour faster, that's thirty-three miles an hour, this time he had the cardboard cut-out under the front bumper. It predictably got worst as the speed increased. They also showed the braking in slow motion thus making it appear to be of longer duration. I started wondering how the breaking distances on show related to the ones we had to learn in the Highway Code way back when we took our driving tests. My conclusion was that they were cheating a bit. I decided that they had practiced slamming on the breaks while crossing the marking line from thirty, and then subsequently placed the cut out where the car had stopped, rather than the distance stipulated in the Highway Code which is six car lengths from thirty miles an hour.

While the film was good at making its point, that the energy involved as your speed increases is multiplied as the square of your speed, in other words the faster you go the longer it takes to stop, and the further you travel. I felt it would have been good to see where the other line would have resided.

Anyway the upshot is yes now I do drive with a little more awareness in areas with speed limits.

When I got home I tried an emergency stop from a steady thirty miles an hour, just to see, I hadn't done this in my road car since my driving test and that was a supposedly controlled stop 43 years ago in a drum braked VW beetle. This time all the kit inside shot about, there was a thump from the boot, the ABS came in. My car pulled up in about two and a half lengths. I think I learnt more from that, than I did on the course. I suggest that while we all like to drive quickly, perhaps now and then it might pay to find an open, empty bit of straight road, check your mirror and then really mash your brake pedal from a steady thirty to a full stop. It might just help you, should you need to repeat it sometime for real, who knows it might save an injury one day.

Well that's me done for now. Thank you.

Next AGM

The next AGM is to be held on 1 February 2017

The meeting closed at 22:22

These minutes accepted on

Signed by

Chris Hambly - Chairman

APOLOGY FROM THE MAGAZINE EDITOR

Sorry, I was late poking everyone with appointed stick to get more contributions to this month's mag, however, I can only reiterate, that the magazine will be so much better if you good people send me loads of great photos and riveting write-ups.
So once again, sharpen your electronic pencils and "Let's be having ya stuff".

Yes this month's highlight colour is red, it will change month to month, just because I can.

Many thanks again to John Blackwell for supplying much of this edition's content.

Steve

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS (REMINDER)

Don't forget to let me know of every motorsport or club activity you or any registered family member gets involved with.

There is an explanation of what you can claim for and a claim form on the club web site but a simple email to points@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk will be more than enough.

We saw a few new faces picking up awards last year and it would be good to continue this for 2016. You can claim for all sorts of competitive events both in and out of club, marshalling on in and out of club events, helping on events, attending training etc. Give me a call or email if you have any questions.

John Blackwell – Points Collator



Oxford Motor Club - Carfax Stages Rally
Saturday 6th August 2016 – Throckmorton Airfield



ITEMS FOR SALE

TRACK/SPRINT CAR - SEAT IBIZA CUPRA GTI £400 **(ALSO ADVERTISED ELSEWHERE)**

Dan Thompson - NTCE-UK (Cranfield)

Work Phone: 01234 755439 Work Email: Daniel.Thompson1@ntc-europe.co.uk

Seat Ibiza Cupra GTI Sport Track Car. Class winning NTCE Sprint Series Car, very competitive.

- Very lightweight, destroys 1.6 and 1.8 MX-5's on track (Data to back this up)
- Dependable and torquey 2 litre engine.
- Very entertaining and engaging handling.
- Weld in half cage Stripped interior (completely).
- Momo Steering Wheel.
- Uprated Dampers and track springs.
- High performance tyres.
- Comes with Complete spare engine and gearbox + other assorted Spares
- Now on 5 Spoke Alloy wheels (Not the steel wheels in the photo)



£400 Bargain!

Selection of used rally tyres, Gravel & Tarmac

ALL ADVERTISED ELSEWHERE

Mostly for 15 inch rims, some alloy wheels also available.



Contact John Clayton by email at johnclayton27@hotmail.com

ITEMS FOR SALE (Continued)



Ford Fiesta Ghia 1.4 2003 4 Door

**Non-smoker's car
86000 Miles
In excellent overall condition
New Tyres
Full size alloy spare (not-space saver)
Recent Cambelt and Service at Gardiners Motors (Wellingborough)
To be sold with 12 months MOT**

£1350 o.v.n.o

Available from April 8th

**Contact: Steve Newman on 07769 292631
Or email azzadad@gmail.com**

BLACKTHORN CLASSIC CAR SHOW 2016

Sunday 4th September.

A date you should really add to your calendar if you love classic cars. After last year's inaugural event, the show is back by popular demand.

Oxford Motor Club members Pete Collins and Steve Newman attended last year's show with Steve's son's MEV Rocket Kit car, which despite not being a classic, was invited to take part in the static display area.

Great turnout of classic cars, and just for good measure Simon and Dick Mauger were running rides in a selection of their rally cars over a stage created on their nearby premises.

Cracking good fun for those that had a go in the navigator's seat.



A few of Steve's photos are shown below



Have a look at their website:

www.blackthornclassiccarshow.co.uk

or if you want to show your own classic car email them at :

blackthornclassiccarshow@gmail.com



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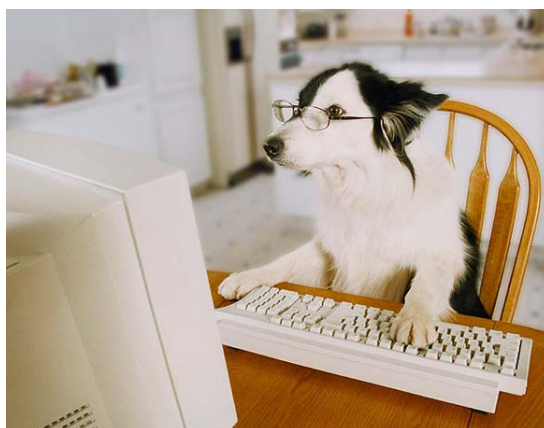
That's right.

We do 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.



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