



Oxford Motor Club

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Kevin Belcher receiving on
behalf of Bill Hitchcock –
Special Presentation

***Our New President Kevin Belcher receiving the award on
behalf of our Retiring President Bill Hitchcock
Presented by our Chairman Simon Phillips***



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Chairman's Introduction

I'm not sure how it happened but last month I became Chairman of Oxford Motor Club! When I joined the club back in 2001 I never imagined I'd one day be Chairman. Back then my main focus was competing on as many stage events as possible, with little regard for how the club was run and how much effort went into organising events. How times change. It's now time to put more back into the club and, I hope with the support of the committee and the membership I can do the job justice.

I'd like to thank the outgoing Chairman, Chris Hambly for his hard work over the last three years, even when he had little spare time due to his hectic schedule working on ex-work rally cars. (It's a tough life!)

Unfortunately, recent years haven't been easy for our Club, or car clubs generally, with falling numbers of competitors, members, and consequent attendance at club nights. Back in the day the club night was a vital source of information on upcoming events, potential team-mates, and to keep up to date with going's on in motorsport. These days all of that can be done online. The ever increasing costs of staging rallying, combined with most people having less time, facilities, and (dare I say it) skills to build and maintain a competition car, means there's little wonder we don't have a large amount of stage rally competitors in the club anymore.

I'm sure we'd all love to be taking an R5 Fiesta through the forests as full chat, but due to the challenges above, the main growth areas I currently see are for events suitable for standard (or near standard) road cars. This removes barriers to entry, making the events accessible to as many people/new club members as possible.

We already run 12 Cars, Autosolo's, and a Grass Autotest plus possibly a new Targa rally, and it's these events we need to focus and expand upon.

However, for this we need more people to help organise events. To encourage this we'll be holding the first of our organisers planning evenings on the April club night to help take members through what's required to put on a 12 car or other club event. In the past, these club events have often been run by one or two people. Going forward, where required we'll create a team where we can divide tasks out, thus reducing the burden on each person and allowing less experienced people to dip their toe in the water without feeling they have to commit to running the whole event themselves.

To complement this, it would be good to introduce a more social element to the club so it's not all about competing. Events such as last year's RPS tour were well received, and we plan to offer similar events going forward, things which you can't get online.

This doesn't mean that we have given up on the Carfax Stages. As the main event for the club, and the biggest income generator, we're always on the lookout for a new venue. If you know of a suitable venue or have contacts that may be able to help, please get in touch.

That's enough rambling from me. If you have any thoughts or suggestions to help take the club forward, again please get in touch.

I will hopefully see you all at an event, or club night soon.

Simon Phillips – Chairman

Joining Your Club Committee

Your 2018 Club Committee is listed above and you will see there are some vacancies, namely Magazine Editor and three Ordinary Committee members. If you would like to join us as a co-opted member to learn the Committee ropes and perhaps consider taking on a named role next year then please contact me.

John Blackwell – Secretary

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Send in your Articles!

Your club magazine needs you! Please send any articles, reports and pictures from events you've attended or may be preparing for. The club would love to hear about them. Are you currently building a car, or continually fixing one? Or have you any great projects on the go? If so, let us know. It doesn't even have to be motorsport related!

Without your articles there can't be a magazine, so get writing and you're your articles and information to magazine@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk, preferably in MS word format.

Club Championship

This article is aimed at our new members and those that have never taken part in the Club Championship and hopefully as a reminder to all our members to join in.

You will either have read the requests for points, seen the spreadsheets on the web site or saw the awards given out at the AGM and perhaps you are wondering how you can be involved.

The truth is you already are. Every member is eligible to score points and hopefully win an award.

The club championship has categories to cover any *in club* or *out of club* motorsport activity and all you have to do is let me know.

The competitive section events - 12 Car Rallies, Road Rallies, Stage Rallies or Speed Events such as Autosolos, Autotests, Race, Sprints - are self explanatory with sections for both drivers and navigators or co-drivers but the thing to remember is that you are scoring points against fellow CLUB members in your class so your actual event finishing position is not what matters.

For 12 Car Rallies for instance there are expert, novice and beginner classes and you score points in your own class and discipline, not against the whole field.

As I said earlier, the events can be anywhere in the country – not just club organised events. If you are the only OMC member taking part then you get full points.

To score full points all we ask is that you enter that event as an OMC member otherwise you just score start points.

As well as your points going to an individual category all your totals are added together and go towards the Competitive Clubman of the Year.

Do not compete? Then this is also catered for.

You can score points for marshalling on any event, writing magazine articles on any subject, organising events and not just competition but social activities or outings and for a host of other activities such as helping to set up an event, taking part in a social trip or even going to a MSA seminar or training day.

We have a Best Lady Member of the Year, Marshal of the Year, Newcomer of the Year and even an Under 21 award. More than enough for you all to take part.

Of course there has to be a downside so there are a few qualifying criteria.

You can score points during the year but to be in with a chance of winning an award you must do **one** of the following **four** things **at least once** during the membership year.

1. **Compete on an Oxford Motor Club event.** Since the demise of the Carfax we do not have a Stage Rally but we do run two autosolos, an autotest and several 12 Car Rallies and possibly for 2018 a Targa Rally.
2. **Organise a club activity.** This can be any activity that is put on for the enjoyment of our members examples being a motorsport event, a quiz night at a social evening or a trip out.
3. **Marshal on a Club Event.** Although we have several MSA Registered Marshals within the Club all our current events can be marshalled by the ordinary club member without the need for a licence. Timekeeping at an Autosolo would also come under this category.
4. **Support a Club Event.** This could probably be the easiest of the four. For the 26 of us at the AGM we have already qualified although this is the only Committee meeting to score points. For those of you itching to write an article for the magazine, for those of you who may take part in one of the social outings we will be

trying to put on there are many ways to support your club without too much outlay. All you need is your time.

The full criteria is explained on the Club Web Site on the Club Championship page where you will also find a points form. If you are not sure if what you have done qualifies just ask me by phone, email or at an event but please keep sending in your claims.

John Blackwell – Club Championship Points Collator

Rallye Monte Carlo Historique - Banbury Passage Control

February 1st, it was a cold, windy but thankfully mostly dry Thursday when ten club members turned out to act as stewards for the Monte Carlo Historique and Classique Rallies as they passed through Banbury Town Centre for a passage control.

The 24 competitors had started from Glasgow on Wednesday 31st January, had an overnight stop near Doncaster before driving south to catch the ferry to France and then onto Monte Carlo.

In addition to the competitors, of whom there are many photographs on the Club web site, there were upwards of 100 privately owned classic cars on display plus several notable local companies had brought along some of their vehicles.

Chris Hambly was with the BGMsport stand, Prodrive added to the display and Francis Tuthill [Tuthill Porsche] brought some of his Porsche rally cars including ones covered in genuine African dust having just come out of the container back from the Safari Rally.

Simon Marks was interviewed over the PA and gave an excellent overview of what the Club stands for and the events we provide for members.

After the event I received the following thanks you's

Hello Shirley, John and Oxford Motor Club

I'd just like to say a big thank you to you and all of your members for your help and support last Thursday. Your efforts as a club were greatly appreciated and I've had many emails of thanks telling me how courteous and friendly all of the stewards were. The event was extremely well received by those involved and attending, hopefully we will be able to attract the event again in the next few years!?

Many thanks again.

Tom Duckham – Banbury Council

Shirley & John

On behalf of the Monte Start organising committee can I please pass on my thanks to you and your team of marshals for all the work you did on the day and on the lead up to the Passage Control at Banbury. The competitors enjoyed it greatly – what a marvellous atmosphere.

Please pass on my thanks to all concerned.

Kind regards

Douglas Anderson.

John Blackwell – Club Secretary

Bocardo Autosolo & Production Car Autotest - Sunday 22nd April

The first of our two Autosolo's will be run at Finmere Airfield on 22nd April. The Regulations and entry forms are available on the Club web site.

As probably the easiest to enter and cheapest form of motorsport Autosolo's are an ideal entry level event.

We run two events – an Autosolo for both National B and Clubman competitors and a Production Car Autotest [PCA] and we are trying to encourage more club members to take part, especially but not confined to

younger family members who are starting to take an interest in motorsport and perhaps starting on their driving career.

Each car can be driven twice so there is a chance for some family competition.

As the name implies our Solo's are for drivers only, although some clubs do allow passengers, who can be aged 16 and over. For the younger drivers there are some vehicle regulations to meet but generally the family car is ideal.

The PCA varies slightly in as much as passengers are compulsory but the ages of the competitors can be lower. Drivers can be from age 14 and passengers can be from age 12. Again, for the younger drivers there are some size and vehicle regulations to meet and again the family car is ideal.

Our last couple of PCA's have attracted a good entry as the addition of a passenger probably helps with the confidence of the newer or more nervous competitor but it's amazing to see how the speed increases and times come down throughout the day.

One last point on the cars, for an Autosolo the car has to be driven to the venue but for a PCA the car can be brought on a trailer. This negates the need for any Road Tax but the car has to be in a safe competition worthy condition.

All the details are in the regulations but should anyone want any more information please give me a call.

John Blackwell – Secretary of the Event.

Club Nights & Social Events

For the last few years we have been holding the Club Social evenings on the first Wednesday of the month, more recently at the Jolly Boatman at Thrupp. However, of late the attendance has been very disappointing with very often just one or two members turning up.

This was talked about at the AGM and at previous committee meetings as we try and find an answer.

Various solutions were discussed such as factory visits, guest speakers, inter-club events such as karting or computer gaming.

We organised an excellent and well received visit to *Rally Preparation Services* at Witney towards the end of 2017 which has a reasonable response and we are looking to repeat something along these lines.

Various speakers have been suggested but we would need to be assured of a good turnout and if we did get that then a larger venue would need to be found – chicken and egg again!

All of these things take time to organise so in the first instance we have decided to see if the day of the week affects anyone coming along to the pub for a chat so from this month the social evening will be on the first **TUESDAY** of the month starting in March.

As that was last night I can tell you we had resurgence in attendance with seven members present so hopefully this change of day will work.

For the **April 3rd** Social Evening we are going to address the problem of getting members involved with events, especially event organisation.

This idea started with the trouble we have had finding 12 car Rally Organisers with the newer members to the sport being nervous of getting involved as they do not know just what is required of them.

We will be going through the whole procedure of running a 12 Car and will have experienced members on hand to explain everything and answer all your questions.

Alongside of this we will have organisers from our other events on hand to encourage you to look at how an Autosolo or an Autotest is organised and how you can get involved with these.

With enough enthusiasm we may even be able to resurrect some of our other events such as Navex's or Scatters.

Looking further into to the future we have a couple of suggestions for your enjoyment which we will be considering for a monthly social event.

Prodrive have an excellent tour available to members, unfortunately there is a charge for this tour but your Committee have agreed a small subsidy for every full member that takes part.

Away from motorsport it was suggested we visit the *Wychwood Brewery at Witney*. They have 2 hour tours on a Thursday or Friday evening and on a Saturday or Sunday.

In the early months of the Club year the membership is relatively low so we are drawing on a smaller group of people to get involved but if we can build on the social aspect of the Club I'm sure we can attract more members.

As a Club we are not alone with this problem, with the vast amount of information on social media the days of getting together to talk about events, cars and make plans for the competitive year are long gone but we need to try and generate some friendly rapport between members to keep the Club alive and active.

We are loathe to send out the usual questionnaire but we would certainly appreciate your informal views on what you would want your committee to look at or indeed whether you want any social element at all [this point was raised at the AGM and received some support] so please spare a couple of minutes to let a committee member know your views and ideas.

John Blackwell - Secretary



Oxford Motor Club Social Meetings Venue

We meet at 8pm on the first Tuesday of each month at: **The Jolly Boatman** 216 Banbury Road, Thrupp, Kidlington, Oxon OX5 1JU
 Sat nav N 51' 50'17 - W 1' 18'17 - OS Map reference 164/480154
 Telephone: 01865 377800. Email: info@jollyboatman.com

New Oxford Motor Club Facebook Group

At the AGM, the suggestion was made to have a location online where Members could find out what events other members were intending to marshal on so they could meet up and perhaps share travel costs. As its not much fun to go alone, this might encourage more members out to Marshal.

In response to this, we've set up a new facebook group where we'll be posting details of upcoming marshalling opportunities where anyone can post a response or post their own enquiry about an event to see who else may be

interested in coming along.

The OMC Facebook page will still remain for notifying of club events and announcements, but, as anyone can post to a group, hopefully this will encourage more interaction/discussion amongst members, whether for Marshalling or just to post a clip of Chris Meeke's latest crash!

You can reach the group here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/OxfordMotorClub/>

or by browsing to the existing Oxford Motor Club Facebook page and clicking the groups button.

If you aren't a facebook user, fear not. Chief Marshal Harvey Warner will still be emailing out details of events needing marshals and you can call/email him with any questions.

Simon Phillips – Chairman

2018 Miglia Quadrato

The 2018 Miglia Quadrato is the fifty-eighth such event and will run on the night of 19/20 May. For those of you have done only the Pedo, we would note that this is a night time motoring event. It is unique in that it takes place entirely within the City of London. The challenge is to navigate on a 1:10000 map and to locate points to within a ten metre square - where the answer to a question should be sought. There are no cryptic or catch questions - but that is not to say the task is easy. Indeed, many seasoned crew's return each year and competitors with full rally experience will be as challenged as those with no such experience. It truly is an event for all. A history of fifty years attests to that. With its accessibility to crews of up to six it can be a very enjoyable social event. But if you prefer the two-crew format there is a separate classification for this.

Please note, the cut off date for entries is earlier than usual and we will not be accepting entries received after that date.

Every year we get entrants from around the country. The fact that many travel considerable distance and return each year is another indication of its appeal. Sadly, however, the number of entries has dropped and is close to a non-viable level. Unless we are able to attract in excess of sixty starting teams then this may be the very last Miglia Quadrato. If you value the event, then it is in your interest to attract more entries - either returnees or fresh blood. We would really appreciate your help with this. The event is run under a Certificate of Exemption and we have approval to accept entries from the public - they do not have to be affiliated to any motoring club. Last year your efforts got us close to our target, but we desperately need more - if each past entrant introduces one new team we can survive: please don't leave it to others. Entry is open to all - why not challenge colleagues at work?

Our web site has more details on the event (regs may be downloaded from there) and is a good place to point potential newcomers -

<http://www.uhulmc.org>

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to ask. And, as we said, we would be very grateful if you would forward details to any friends who might be interested.

John Gilbert - *for United Hospitals and University of London Motor Club*

Article sent in by **Caroline Smith**.

Remembering Le Jog

Waiting for the first competitors of Le Jog 2017 – the Land's End to John O'Groats Reliability Trial run by the Historic Endurance Rallying Organisation – to arrive at an early time control at Lanivet Inn, near Bodmin, I really began to regret selling my Volvo Amazon. What had possessed me to do it, especially

now that my son Paul (a former member of Oxford Motor Club) and I have made a commitment to enter The Rally of Tests in December 2020? We would also like to take part in the 2019 Land's End Trial but that's a different story requiring a very different car...

Paul and I are 'veterans' of Le Jog 2000 (can't believe it's 17 years ago) when we took our little Saab 96V4 to second in class and even came away with the Concourse de Comfit award! It was a truly great experience and one that we talk about almost every time we get together. Also brilliant to rub shoulders with some rallying legends including Colin Francis, Phil Surtees, Robin Eyre-Maunsell and Willy Cave (he of the Austin Taxi on the 1961 Monte).

As Paul undertook most of the driving on what is still considered to be one of the toughest road rallies in Europe, I think it was brave of me to get back on the maps for the entire length of the island considering that back in the day on the road rallying scene – including OMC 12-car events – I suffered from mal de navigateur. The only time 'Huey' threatened to call, however, was on the 14-mile special test at Caerwent army camp. And now I'm contemplating the Rally of the Tests? *Mad!*

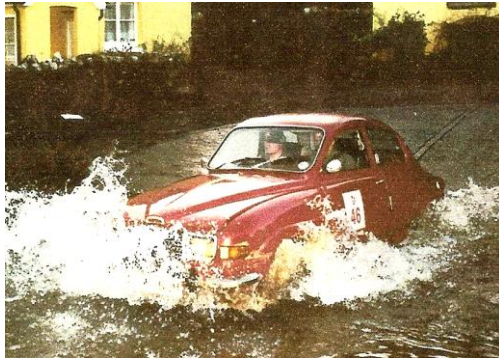
On Le Jog 2000 Paul and I prayed for snow but sadly the white stuff stayed away – unlike the 2017 event. But rally crews are a hardy and resourceful lot and last December most made it through to the finish. I can recommend HERO's Le Jog. It's pricey but I guarantee you'll have stories to tell for years following. Meanwhile, I have a car to find for the Rally of the Tests and an old banger for the MCC hill-climb event next year...



Jogging the memory:

Volvo Amazon
on Le Jog 2017

Le Jog 2000:
Negotiating a ford
on Exmoor.
Just another 1500 miles
to go!



Richard Sumner - OMC Cornwall Correspondent

BRMC Marshals Training Day

The British Rally Marshals Club will be hosting a Rally Training Day at Brookes University Wheatley Campus on Sunday 8th April 2018.

There will be Sessions dealing with;
New Marshal; Timing; Radio; Senior Stage Roles; Stage Set Up.

So, if you need Training Signatures for your Personal Record Card, this is an ideal opportunity. Places are still available.
To book yours, you will have to go to the British Rally Marshals Club Web site. Click on 'Training', scroll down the page to the 'Oxford' date, then click on 'Registration Form', then complete the form as required and submit.
This is the only training event in Oxfordshire for 2018 but there are others across the country if you are unable to attend this one.

Harvey Warner - Chief Marshal

2018 Cotswold Road Sport 12 Cars.

Dear Member, I'm Paul Hardy of Dolphin Motor Club and I'm the Road Sport (12 Car) organiser for Cotswold events (as part of the Cotswold Motor Sport Group Car Club). The events are typically like any other 12 cars however, being spread over a wider geographical area and organisers from different motor clubs, this results in a wider variation in navigational styles and techniques used. Once again, this year's organisers are extremely experienced in putting on this type of event.

I would like to encourage more crews to join our events (there are 7 in this year's championship). Entry is only £8.00 per car per event and to join the championship only a £5.00!

I would also like to advertise the following events and dates within your club and encourage your members out on our events, either to take part locally or ideally to join the championship (your best 5 out of 7 round count towards the championship).

If you would like more details please do not hesitate to contact me.

Dates of all the rounds are:

23rd Feb, Gloucester (R1) – Results below

23rd Mar, Newbury (R2)

27th Apr, Oxford (R3)

28th Sep, Bath (R4)

26th Oct, Aylesbury (R5)

23rd Nov, Malvern (R6)

7th Dec, Basingstoke (R7)

Paul Hardy - Cotswold Road Sport, 12 Car Rally Organiser

Results of the CMSGCC Roadsport 12 Car – Round 1

Car No	Driver	Navigator	Class	Car
1	Kevin Belcher	Paul Hardy	E	Impreza
2	Richard Austen	Brian Cammack	E	Legacy
3	Martin Taylor	Simon Harris	E	Qashqai
4	Reg Salway	Ian Hawthorne	E	Fiat Seicento
6	Dave Price	Adrian Jones	N	Renault Clio
7	Mark Nicoll	Dick Hall	N	Mazda MX5
8	R. McLachlan	Eddie Clough	N	Peugeot 205GTi
9	Derek Love	Richard Winters	N	Citroen Saxo

Results of the Dolphin Frostbite 12 Car Rally

1	Derek Looker	Paul Hardy	E
4	David Roper	Simon Fuidge	N
8	Andrew Lees	Grace Lees	B
3	Richard Austen	Brian Cammack	E
7	Vicci Vaughan	Paul Vaughan	N
5	Mark Nicoll	Dick Hall	N
9	Rob Alderman	Paula Alderman	B
6	Charles Neal	James Sumner	N
2	Neil Lewis	Bob Muttram	E

Race Retro 2018

The annual Race Retro show took place at Stoneleigh from 23-25th February. This show concentrates on historic motorsport, although the definition is fairly broad with cars as new as 1990s TVR Tuscan on display. The stands are much more practical, for actual competitors and hands-on owners, compared to the Autosport International show.

A unique feature of Race Retro is the rally stage, with a variety of historic rally cars doing regular demonstration runs throughout the Saturday and Sunday. As well as the ubiquitous Escorts there were some less common machines from the 70s and 80s including a Lotus Esprit (with Rover V8), Ferrari 308, Chrysler Avenger, Datsun 160 and 240, Toyota Celica, Triumph 2.5 and TR7, plus some Group B cars although most were on parked on display while I was there.

Some big name rally drivers including Miki Biasion, Alister and Jimmy McRae

were down to drive, although they were just getting on with it without any fanfare. There were two Renault Five turbos (the rear engine ones) side by side, which must be unusual, and a stunning 205 T16. A Group A Integrale in Martini livery was zipping up and down the road too. Indoors the displays included a big HERO stand (they also had their historic rally hire cars outside for people to test-drive), a 1968 London-Sydney retrospective and lots of other interesting kit. Prodrive had a display covering their entire history with a rally 911, 555 Subaru, Honda F1 car and a recent Aston Martin Vantage GTE. There was also a pair of cars from the Jaguar Heritage display, with a D-type and XJR9. As well as all that, there was a stage with interviews of motorsport personalities, a surprisingly very useful autojumble, and Silverstone Auctions were holding a sale alongside the event. If you haven't been recently, Race Retro is well worth a visit next year.



Charles Neal

Autosport International Show

The first big event of the calendar is the Autosport International show at the NEC in Birmingham. The first two days on the Thursday and Friday are trade days, including the Autosport Engineering section for motorsport industry suppliers, while the Saturday and Sunday are the public days, when the Engineering part is replaced with stock cars and karting.

I went on the first day of the show, which coincided with the WRC season launch. It was pretty good to see all the new WRC cars up close, with their new (since 2017) wide track and frankly crazy aero kits. This show is very much about big-name cars, with a full grid of F1 cars, the Ligier LMP2 that Fernando Alonso was about to drive at Daytona, a Ferrari stand with F1 and GT cars, DTM BMW and Mercedes and all sorts. There were quite a few other modern rally cars, including R5 Fiesta and Skoda, and Steve Perez's Lancia Stratos on the Pirelli stand. Ginetta were also launching their LMP1 car, and quite a few of the BTCC teams were showing off new cars and liveries. This show is great for racing fans, as you would never get so close to any F1 cars at a Grand Prix.

Credit to many of the teams for bringing 2017 or very recent examples. Some of the technical stands were also very interesting, such as the jewel-like Cosworth DFV cam drive gears or the Ohlins dampers. There's not so much for club motorsport people though, apart from Rally Design and some other (very expensive) Mk2 Escort bits.

The Saturday and Sunday might be more entertaining.

Charles Neal

Minutes of the Oxford Motor Club Annual General Meeting

**Held at the Jolly Boatman, Banbury Road, Thrupp, Oxford
Wednesday 7th February 2018**

Call Meeting to Order

The Chairman Chris Hambly called the meeting to order at **7.50pm**

Members Present [26]

Kevin Belcher	John Blackwell	Shirley Blackwell
Kieron Brown	Peter Collins	James Crossland
Graham Dunn	Phil Garratt	Chris Hambly
John Jago	Simon Lytton	Haydn Marks
Colin Minchin	Bob Muttram	Jaquetta Muttram
Tony Mytton	Charles Neal	Simon Phillips
David Smith	Laura Stanley	Michael Stanley
Helen Tutt	Alan Wakeman	Charlie Walker
Harvey Warner	Roger Williams	

Apologies for Absence [10]

The following members apologised for their absence:

Richard Austen	Finlay Barrass	Shaun Barrass
Kieran Belcher	Brian Cammack	Bill Hitchcock
Dominic Hodge	Simon Marks	Heather Martin
Stuart Martin		

Read and Approve the Minutes of the 2016 AGM

The 2016 AGM Meeting minutes were accepted as a true record of last year's meeting.

Proposed by **David Smith**, seconded by **Michael Stanley**. Vote - **unanimous**.

Matters Arising

David Smith asked if we had closer contact with the Oxford Classic Motor Club. The Secretary replied that we had and the 2018 calendar would be circulated as soon as it appears.

Chairman's Report

Welcome all to the 2018 Oxford Motor Club Annual General Meeting, thank you for coming along tonight.

2017 has been a steady year but one where all the events that ran went well. The Autosolo's had a decent entry and were enjoyed by all.

The Cars to the Claydons went well but the show at the end was disappointing, it seemed that we were the show.

Only two 12 car rallies ran which were well supported but we need to recruit more organisers, marshals and competitors.

The Club had a good attendance at the recent Monte Carlo Historique car Show in Banbury which hopefully resulted in some good promotion of the Club.

It was disappointing that we were unable to run a Carfax Rally this year, it is to be hoped we can source another venue.

The summer Autotest and BBQ was well subscribed despite the atrocious weather.

We have suffered another year without a magazine editor so the frequency of issues has been low but we really need more contributions from the membership.

The Committee has worked hard but being relatively small it has been hard work for some. We need to attract more members to ease the load.

I am standing down as Chairman after three years with my successor ready to move the Club onward and upward.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Committee members and all the other Club members who have helped me over this year and the last three years.

Thank you all for coming and I wish you all a successful year of motorsport.
Chris Hambly – Club Chairman

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer talked through the attached Accounts Statement prior to any questions:

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| Admin | <p>The day to day transactions, association fees, club insurance premiums which includes a surcharge per head on the number of members we have and trophies make up the majority of the expenses.</p> <p>The income is from two £50 donations from the HERO events and one of £100 from Lloyds Bank in recompense for fraudulently set up direct debits although no money was actually taken.</p> <p>We also hired out a number of our club cones to another event club organiser.</p> |
| Assets | <p>Once again we did not buy any equipment during the year.</p> |
| Autosolo | <p>Two well attended events brought in a considerable income and thank you to David Smith for organising them.</p> |
| 12 Cars | <p>This section covers the 12 cars, Jogularity and the summer Autotest.</p> <p>Two of the four planned 12 cars ran during the year and we have made a small profit on both of them. Thank you to Brian Cammack for organising the Jogularity which just about broke even and thank you to David Smith for the Summer Autotest which was well supported by Oxford and Witney and also made a small profit.</p> |
| Garages | <p>Until we can find an alternative storage facility we have no choice but to pay for the council garages which keep on going up. As a comparison the rental has risen £560 in 5 years.</p> |

Magazine	As all the magazine were sent out electronically there were no costs attached to this section.
Membership	The expenses shown are due to people paying Autosolo entries and other monies into the wrong account and then me having to transfer them. It has to be shown here to match the corresponding bank statements.
MSA Refund	This is a refund on based on a variable percentage of the insurance premiums we pay for events.
Noise & Radio	The cost of the MSA radio licences and repair to some of the sets was the expense with the income coming from Simon Marks running an event radio control.
Scenic Tours	Thank you to Simon Marks who organised the Cars to the Claydons Scenic Tour. This was the second running of this event and the road book, costs associated with Claydon House and general event costs accounted for the event expenses and overall loss.
Social	The expenses shown are for the BBQ food at the autotest and a visit late in the year to RPS. As the Club was given an excellent tour at no cost to members from Simon & Lewis Ayriss we made a donation of £50 to the See Saw Charity on behalf of RPS.
Web Site	We are continuing to use the new hosting company and benefitting from the lower costs.

Not running the Carfax Rally severely affected the income to the club but through careful budgeting I did not have to use any of the Club savings during the year.

For 2018 there will be a considerable rise in the costs of running the club and events as MSA permit fees, insurance premiums and venue costs have already gone up.

The Treasurer then asked for any questions on the accounts.

There were no questions so the accounts were accepted.

Proposed by **David Smith**, seconded by **Simon Phillips**. Vote - **unanimous**

Trustees – under the new constitution the Trustees are invited to their posts by the current committee.

The current President **Bill Hitchcock** announced his retirement from the Presidency and, although not at the meeting, he thanked the Club via the Secretary for the support he had received. There was a presentation of a commemorative award which was accepted on Bill's behalf by the new President **Kevin Belcher**.

The Chairman then announced the Trustees of the Club for the forthcoming year as follows:

President **Kevin Belcher**

Vice Presidents **Graham Dunn**
 John Jago
 Simon Marks
 David Smith

At this point of the meeting the Committee stood down en bloc and **David Smith**, deputizing for Bill Hitchcock, oversaw the election of the new Chairman followed by the Chairman overseeing the election of the Committee.

Club Officers

	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Simon Phillips	Chris Hambly
Vice Chairman	Chris Hambly	Harvey Warner
Treasurer	Shirley Blackwell	Charlie Walker
		Simon Phillips

Secretary

John Blackwell**Executive Committee**

Chief Marshal

Harvey Warner

Child Safeguarding Officer

John Blackwell

Competition Secretary

Alan Wakeman

Haydn Marks

Helen Tutt

Magazine Editor

Vacant

Media Officer

Simon Phillips

Membership

Charlie Walker

Social

Vacant

Web Master

Simon Phillips**Non Executive Committee**

Committee Member

Michael Stanley

Committee Member

Vacant

Committee Member

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**** Positions without proposers or seconders are Committee members re-standing in existing posts.**

All Committee members were elected without opposition.

Following the election of the Committee the Chairman asked for any volunteers to join the Committee.

David Smith was co-opted on as a Non Executive Committee member.

At this point the incoming Chairman gave a short preview of his ideas and thoughts for the Club over the coming year.

He thanked Chris for his work as Chairman. It has not been easy time with falling numbers on the committee and falling membership, but this is a problem that all motorsport and clubs generally are facing.

We need to make membership of the club more appealing. As stage rallying is pricing itself out of reach, and up and coming competitors seem to bypass clubs these days we should focus on competition in relatively standard cars, e.g. possible new Targa rallies, along with existing Autosolo's, Grass Autotests etc.

It would also be good to give a more social element within the club such as tours, quizzes, speakers, things you can't get on social media.

Discussion Item by David Smith

David Smith opened the discussion by saying that we would not be running Carfax Rally this year, suitable venues are disappearing fast although some may return in a few years and those that are available have a horrendous cost implication as to put them beyond our remit.

As an alternative he had looked into running a Targa Rally and had contacted some major venues in the area with little success but Upper Heyford had shown some interest. We had previously been in touch with them about running an Autosolo but this had not gone ahead to noise concerns but the response about a Targa had met with an initial favourable response. He said that a single venue event would be the best option for our first event. He went on to say that Autosolo's seemed to have peaked and Targa Rallies were becoming extremely popular with many clubs replacing their traditional rallies etc with them.

He had identified three potential test areas but ultimately it depended on the cost of using the venue and we would need a minimum of between 45 – 60 entries to make the event viable.

Alan Wakeman said that a lot of the entries would be double drives on a single venue event but the targa calendar was filling fast.

John Jago asked about the number and supply of marshals needed, David replied that we would have three separate tests which would be run several times with changes and a pit area and we would have a more accurate idea when all was sorted.

There was a discussion of the length of the tests and event timing. David said that the event would be designed to give the tests an average speed of 30mph.

Simon Lytton asked if the marshals would have to be MSA registered. The answer was currently there is no requirement.

Harvey Warner, the Club Chief Marshal said that the latest review of the Rally Future would be looking at Road Rallies and other motorsport events and this may impact on the marshals for this event.

Kevin Belcher said we were a long way off running the event and we should confirm the venue and cost and finalise the event before we go to the outside world with any announcements.

Haydn Marks asked if we had any idea how much the venue would cost. David replied that he was waiting to hear back from the landowners – Dorchester Holdings.

Kevin Belcher said that in principal the event is acceptable subject to costs and the meeting agreed that we should proceed once we get the relevant information and we would then be in a position to take the event forward.

Any Other Business

Kevin Belcher commented on the poor attendance at the Club Social evenings and asked if they might be on the wrong day.

The Chairman it was thought that we should target specific activities rather than just have pub meets and agreed that we should survey members for their opinions. The Chairman also asked the meeting for idea's for social evenings.

There was also a suggestion to do a survey to see what membership thought. This had general agreement.

Chris Hambly said that *Prodrive* will provide a tour of the factory but would charge £20.00 per head and queried whether members would be willing to pay a fee.

John Jago thought that the question should be '*do members want anything putting on?*' He said there is a surfeit of information on the media and this lack of attendance is not unique to motor clubs. He went onto ask how the outside world knows about *Oxford Motor Club*. Do we have close enough ties with other Clubs and Organisations both locally and nationally.

Michael Stanley commented that *Witney Motor Club* as a comparison seem to have a high profile and seem to put on a lot of events although they have a large Autotest contingent.

There followed a general discussion on the problem and it was agreed we need a broad spectrum of events but at what cost. How do we focus events to the membership and how do we keep members who are not interested in the events we do put on.

The Chairman closed this topic by saying that it appears some members just use OMC as a Club of Convenience.

Pete Collins commented about marshalling on other events saying he did not want to travel or commit to doing so alone but did not know how to find out if other members would be doing the same.

The Secretary said that at the last Committee meeting that a register of marshals within the club was discussed and the Chief Marshal would be looking into this.

A way for marshals to communicate with other members who wish to go on events was required so people could go together. A facebook or WhatsApp group was suggested.

President's Address

Unfortunately I can't make it tonight. I have been having a few health issues lately.

I came down with a bug on 27th of Dec and haven't shaken it off yet. I visited the doc's on Tuesday morning and have been put back onto antibiotics and steroids for the fourth time.

I am so sad to be missing my last AGM as President. My thanks go to the outgoing Committee who have worked hard at continuing the smooth running of our club. For the last year I have been viewing from afar, from down here in deepest Gloucestershire. It didn't seem correct to continue in the position of President as I have not been available to help the club out or make the monthly meetings. I therefore told John Blackwell of my decision to stand down in November. Kevin Belcher has agreed to take over from me and I know everyone will be pleased that he has. He needs no introduction

from me, and I am sure that he will do a great job in the role.

Onto my motoring year, well it was pretty quiet! I helped Tony Mytton in the closing car for the Claydons tour; we had a smooth run around the lanes helping out 2 crews along the way. I also sat in with Simon Marks on a couple of classic tours that he was doing which were based around the Forest of Dean area, these are similar to the Claydons tour and it was good to see this type of event from an entrants perspective. I finally managed to get out and spectate on the Wydean rally in November with a couple of friends and former OMC members. We had a good day and the event ran very smoothly from where we were watching. Some of the cars were pressing on at a good pace on pretty slippery tracks. In the morning we saw everyone through, and then in the afternoon moved to a long uphill straight with a nasty bump upon it which gave a few exciting moments. Upon checking the entry list I found out that one of the builders who had worked on our house after we had bought it was driving a Subaru on the event, I hadn't realised when talking to him in the spring of his other skills.

My Golf failed its MoT this year with not one but 2 broken rear springs, I guess the pot holes must have caught up with us or the one heavy load during moving did for them. I was amazed that the replacements I ordered via the net on 48 hour delivery came from a company in Berlin. Apparently they're the correct ones for my car costing £28 each as opposed to about £90 each from VW! Well that's probably enough reading for someone to do.

Once again thank you to everyone for attending tonight and I hope the next year is good for everybody.

Bill Hitchcock

Closure of the Meeting

The meeting closed at 21.05 and was followed by the awards presentation and buffet.

Next AGM

The next AGM is to be held on **6th February 2019** at a time and venue to be announced.

Oxford Motor Club 2017 Statement of Accounts

	2017			2016		
Reward Account at 31/12			4,470.33			4,465.34
Reserve Account at 31/12			368.06			367.66
Lloyds Account at 31/12			15,514.74			15,506.93
Current Account at 31/12			2,677.96			4,189.89
Section	Income	Expense	= / -	Income	Expense	= / -
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Administration	517.00	1,665.11	-1,148.11	150.00	1,719.88	-1,569.88
Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
AutoSolo	3,077.50	2,551.53	525.97	3,235.00	2,594.98	640.02
Autotest, 12 Car etc	1,031.00	820.15	210.85	955.00	656.45	298.55
Carfax Rally	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,980.00	16,351.13	5,628.87
Garage Rental	0.00	1,389.27	-1,389.27	0.00	1,307.64	-1,307.64
Magazine	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Membership	1,175.49	144.99	1,030.50	1,193.00	34.20	1,158.80
MSA Club Development	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00
MSA Refund	80.12	0.00	80.12	952.90	0.00	952.90
Noise & Radio	55.00	463.50	-408.50	65.00	146.80	-81.80
Scenic Tour [Claydons]	2,928.00	3,029.96	-101.96	1,486.00	1,997.39	-511.39
Scenic Tour [Hogmanay]	0.00	0.00	0.00	259.00	256.00	3.00
Social	0.00	269.08	-269.08	0.00	129.00	-129.00
Web Site	0.00	42.45	-42.45	0.00	32.87	-32.87
Totals	8,864.11	10,376.04	-1,511.93	37,775.90	25,226.34	12,549.56

What's On

March

Tuesday 6	Oxford MC Club Evening	
Sunday 18 th	CMSG Autosolo Round 2	Ross CC
Friday 23 rd	Blackbird 12 Car Rally	
Friday 23 rd	CMSG Roadsport 12 Car Rally Round 2	
Sunday 25 th	Forresters CC Tour of Caerwent Stages Rally	Richard Lomax

April

Tuesday 3 rd	Oxford MC Club Evening – Event Organisation	
Friday 6 th	Dolphin 12 Car Rally	
Saturday 7 th	Cheltenham MC <i>Get It Sideways</i> Stages Rally at Down Ampney	
Sunday 8 th	CMSG Autosolo Round 3	Bath MC
Sunday 8 th	BRMC MSA Marshals Training Day	Brookes Uni
Friday 20 th	Oxford MC 12 Car	
Sunday 22 nd	Oxford MC Bocardo Autosolo Round 4	Oxford
Friday 27 th	CMSG Roadsport 12 Car Rally Round 3	
Saturday 28 th	Cirencester Car Club Corinium Stages Rally at Down Ampney	

May

Tuesday 1 st	Oxford MC Club Evening	
Sunday 6 th	CMSG Autosolo Round 5	60 & Worcs.
Saturday 26 th	CMSG Autosolo Round 6	Bristol
Saturday 26 th	EMCOS Red Dragon IT Stages at Down Ampney	

June

Tuesday 5 th	Oxford MC Club Evening	
Saturday 9 th	CMSG Autosolo at Abingdon CAR-nival Round 7	Dolphin
Sunday 10 th	Team Tempest Abingdon CAR-nival Stages Rally	Barry Guess
Sunday 24 th	Mid Summer Stages - Caerwent	Richard Lomax

July

Tuesday 3 rd	Oxford MC Club Evening	
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Sunday 8 th	CMSG Autosolo Round 8	Bristol MC
Sunday 15 th	Oxford MC Grass Autotest & BBQ at Pusey	

August

Sunday 5 th	CMSG Autosolo Round 9	Bath MC
Tuesday 7 th	Oxford MC Club Evening	

September

Tuesday 4 th	Oxford MC Club Evening	
Sunday 9 th	CMSG Autosolo Round 10	Bristol MC
Sunday 16 th	CMSG Autosolo Round 11	Ross MC
Friday 21 th	Autumn Leaves 12 Car Rally	Dolphin MC
Sunday 23 rd	Patriot Stages - Caerwent	Richard Lomax
Friday 28 th	CMSG Roadsport 12 Car Rally Round 4	

October

Tuesday 2 nd	Oxford MC Club Evening	
Sunday 7 th	Oxford MC Boanerges Autosolo Round 12	Oxford
Friday 12 th	Oxford MC 12 Car	
Saturday 13 th	CMSG Autosolo Round 13	60 & Worcs.
Friday 26 th	CMSG Roadsport 12 Car Rally Round 5	

November

Tuesday 6 th	Oxford MC Club Evening	
Friday 9 th	Gun Powder Plot 12 Car	Dolphin
Friday 23 rd	CMSG Roadsport 12 Car Rally Round 6	

December

Tuesday 5 th	Oxford MC Club Evening	
Friday 7 th	Oxford MC 12 Car	
Friday 14 th	CMSG Roadsport 12 Car Rally Round 6	

If you know of any events that may be of interest to Club members please let us know.