



# Oxford Motor Club

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**Chris Hambly and Zenya Heap at the WSM MC Grand Pier Stages**

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### Editor's Babbling

Thank you for taking the time to read this latest edition of the Oxford Motor Club magazine. Whilst there is no permanent magazine editor, the committee members will be taking turns to produce an edition. If anyone would like to take this role on, the committee would be pleased to hear from you.

The club currently does not have a Media and Social Officer so if anybody is interested in taking this role over, please get in touch for more information.

It's nice to be compiling the magazine which includes a write up on my first rally for 4 years..... had to do something before I became an Ex-Rally driver!

Cheers

Chris Hambly

## OMC Clubsport Events

Dear all,

Thank you very much to all those of you who have come out and supported the recent events of Oxford Motor Club.

The OUMF 12 Car a few weeks ago was a massive success, with nine crews out and many smiling faces at the end of the event. The navigational was a pleasure and the best Oxfordshire lanes were chosen; I was quite jealous of Jimmy Allen and his helpers, as I couldn't have done it better myself! I will certainly be looking forward to participating on an Oxford Universities Motorsport Foundation 12 Car in the future and suggested they put together some dates for next year's calendar. Attached are the results from the evening.

The Spring Scatter was on Wednesday's club night and we had a few new faces turn up. Unfortunately, one crew had to retire early as they had forgotten their torch and it had gotten dark! However, overall it was a very poor turnout which was a shame - we could only muster up four crews, which only just covered the cost of the event permit. Results are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Matt Endean	125 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	James Marks, Charlie Walker and Gemma Muttram	115 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Tony Mytton and Melissa Cole	80 points
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Lisa Andrews and Lynda Farnes	30 points

Hopefully we'll see you out soon! The next club evening is Wednesday 3rd June from 8pm, and there will be a Table Top Treasure Hunt organised for the July club night on Wednesday 1st.

Kind regards,

Zenya

## Time to be a rally driver again!

After my last rally ended up in a stage stopping accident and a written off car, it's taken me a while to get the enthusiasm and budget together to compete again. I'd been looking for a fun rally which was more interesting than the usual airfield single venue and Weston Super Mare Motor Clubs Grand Pier Stages looked just the job.

I decided a fortnight before the rally to try and do the event and quickly got an offer for a Co-Driver from Zenya Heap, service crew was also provided by OMC members Dave Wood and Hayden Marks. Accommodation was booked at the Premier Inn which was also the Rally HQ which was very handy.

The event was well organised with decent trailer park, scrutineering at the local Honda dealership and the service area in the town centre car park.

Before we got going on the stages, we assembled along the seafront where all the crews were interviewed and the whole event felt like a much bigger rally than it was.

The event was a 2 day rally, starting with 2 spectator specials along the WSM promenade which were well supported and crowds enjoyed watching cars jump over the launch ramp too!

On the Sunday we used 3 different venues, the Kewstoke toll road, which was a fantastic closed road stage which we did 4 times in each direction.

We also had stages at a farm which was a dead end! We had to go to the end, handbrake round a bale, come back almost to the start but turn around and go back through the farm to the bale, turn around once again and now finish where the start line was. It sounds confusing but worked well. This was my favourite stage and the one we were the most competitive on including a 10<sup>th</sup> fastest time.

The last stage was on part of the old helicopter museum airfield and again this was a dead end stage (only one car at a time was on stage on these stages) but suited the powerful cars more than our std engine 205 gti.

At the end of the rally, after 18 stages, we finished 12<sup>th</sup> overall and 3<sup>rd</sup> in class and had a brilliant time. It was a pretty hard event with a high rate of retirement but we succeeded with our plan to enjoy ourselves and bring the car back intact unlike my last rally!

I couldn't have done the event without the whole team of Zenya, Dave and Hayden and will make sure it's not 4 years till my next rally!

Chris Hambly





## Castle to Castle 24

Rallying is an exciting sport, many of us talk about how it is a drug. The adrenaline you feel when you complete that perfect stage is amazing and it is something that is in your blood. It's a passion, a lifestyle and something that will stay with us all forever.

There is though a chance.....a chance that it can all go terribly wrong. I don't remember my accident in 2005 and when I look at this image I have no emotion towards it, but what I do have is the memories of the people that rescued me that day and they will stay with me forever. The Wales Air Ambulance flew me to hospital in just 10 minutes, by road it would have been 45 minutes. It is that difference that had a huge impact upon my recovery and that is why I am doing the #CastletoCastle24 challenge. Cardiff Castle to Caernarfon Castle in 24 hours.

If you would like to donate you can sponsor the ride by visiting <https://www.justgiving.com/CastletoCastle24> or texting HELI60 £5 to 70070

Saving time really does save lives. You can make a difference.

Thank you.

Mike Hughes





<http://racingist.com/2015/03/25/rally-competitors-unite-in-castle-to-castle-24-challenge/>

Facebook group - Castle to Castle 24

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/781394435285782/>

## The Bocardo AutoSolo

The Bocardo AutoSolo event at Finmere Airfield on the 26<sup>th</sup> April was greatly enjoyed by all the competitors and the results were a very close thing in the end with Liam Rollings in the Mini winning the National B event after 12 runs by just 0.3 seconds over Andy Lewin in the Nissan Micra with Mike Biss third in the MX5 and the top three covered by 3.3 seconds.

James Riley showed some spirited driving in the Subaru to win the Clubman event, just 1.1 seconds away from a top three overall.

We gained two new members from the event. Dexter West in the supercharged MX5 on his first Solo was certainly entertaining. I wonder how much further up the results he would have been if he had kept in a straight line. You may have guessed he also enjoys drifting and Will Zanelli was another Solo first timer and came away with a very creditable performance.

As well as appreciating the efforts of all the competitors who made the day so enjoyable Oxford Motor Club's thanks also go to all the timekeepers who kept the event flowing throughout the day, the results team who had the times on the board very quickly and the team involved with organising, setting up and clearing down the venue.

Our next AutoSolo will be the Boanerges at Finmere on Sunday, October 4th 2015 where we hope to see you all again.

**John Blackwell**

## 2015 Bocard AutoSolo 26th April Results

No	Competitor	Car	CC	Class	Total	Class	Overall Clubman	Event Overall
<b>CLUBMAN</b>								
23	Ian O'Connor	Daihatsu Sirion	1298	A	493.6	1	8	18
32	Alexander Tait	Ford Fiesta	998	A	495.8	2	9	20
26	Vini Cruz	Peugeot 106	1360	A	497.7	3	10	22
14	Peter Manning	Austin Mini	1380	A	501.4	4	11	23
27	Will Zanelli	Peugeot 106	1360	A	502.3	5	12	24
31	Kieran Belcher	Renault Clio	1200	A	506.4	6	14	26
24	Lorraine Doyle	Fiat Seicento	1140	A	562.3	7	20	32
10	Tim Cartledge	Ford Puma	1998	B	475.5	1	3	7
28	Derek Looker	Ford Puma	1679	B	504.7	2	13	25
34	Chris Gee	Peugeot	1580	B	518.4	3	17	29
19	Katie Foreman	Triumph 2001	1999	B	535.2	4	18	30
18	Doug Foreman	Triumph 2000	1998	B	557.8	5	19	31
36	James Riley	Subaru Impreza	2000	C	461.9	1	1	4
21	Mark Nicoll	Renault Megane	1998	C	476.3	2	4	9
12	Mark Gostlow	Lotus Eunos	1800	D	474.8	1	2	6
25	Roger Dudley	Mazda MX 5	1840	D	478.1	2	5	12
37	Dexter West	Mazda MX 5	1800	D	483.7	3	6	13
30	Steve Boyle	Mazda MX 5	1800	D	491.5	4	7	17
35	Frazer Scott	Mazda MX 5	1600	D	511.5	5	15	27
22	Kraig Haughton	Mazda MX 5	1598	D	518	6	16	28
13	Keith Pettit	Austin Healey Sprite	1275	D	563.6	7	21	33
33	Andy Gee	Mazda MX 5	1800	D	568.1	8	22	34
3	Alan Day	Lotus Elise	1800	D	Retired			
<b>NATIONAL B</b>								
20	Liam Rollings	Austin Mini	1310	A	457.5	1	1	1
11	Andy Lewin	Nissan Micra	1378	A	457.8	2	2	2
17	Matt Endean	Nissan Micra	1348	A	476.3	3	5	8
1	Alan Wakeman	Nissan Micra	1275	A	477.7	4	7	11
2	Steve Conner	Renault Clio 172	1998	B	463.2	1	4	5
4	Richard Olsen	MG ZR	1800	B	488.4	2	9	15
9	Neil Brown	Ford Puma	1600	B	494.6	3	11	19
5	Emma Olsen	MG ZR	1800	B	496.6	4	12	21
8	Mike Biss	Mazda MX 5	1800	D	460.8	1	3	3
15	Trevor Smith	Mazda MX 5	1800	D	477.7	2	6	10
7	Ade Welsh	Mazda MX 5	1835	D	485.2	3	8	14
6	Rich Welsh	Mazda MX 5	1835	D	491.1	4	10	16
29	Ian Harrison	GBS Zero GT	2000	E	Retired			

### Help Wanted

**Hero** [Historic Endurance Rallying] are running their Summer Trial over the Bank holiday at the end of May and are looking for help with marshalling, regularity tests and other controls.

Based close to Stoneleigh Park near to Warwick the event will take place over three days with day one concentrating on a route to the south, day two to the south west and day three to the south east.

Day one commences mid afternoon on Friday the 22nd May and comprises two tests at Stoneleigh and three regularities.

Day two has a challenge at Shelsley Walsh and three at Throckmorton plus seven regularities and should provide a full day.

Day three completes in the early afternoon of Sunday but still manages to pack in two tests at Gaydon and four regularities.

Oxford Motor Club have provided HERO with assistance in the past and as this event is in an area close to us I wondered if any members could assist once more.

If you can please let me know if you are able to help, which location and on what days I can gather all the information and let the organisers know.

Here is a link to the Summer Trial web page for your information <http://www.heroevents.eu/Events/SummerTrial/2015>

**John Blackwell**

## I think my car hates me!

As much as I love my tatty old Rover, some days it leaves me thinking, "Why am I bothering?" I give it all the attention it needs and it's kept tip top mechanically, yet still it decides to break at inconvenient times.

At the end of January, I took it to Oulton Park for a track day. I was hoping for a more successful day as the last track day I did at Blyton Park resulted in a nice oil fire. After just a few laps of Oulton, when I was just getting to grips with the circuit, it was getting slightly difficult to select gears so I brought it into the pits and topped up the gear oil. The clutch juddered a bit as I pulled away to go back out, which concerned me slightly. Anyway, back out on track, gear selection was a bit better but still far from perfect. I pushed on regardless until there was a graceful pop sound and I lost all drive. I was only one corner away from the pits so I tried to roll it back to try and avoid the session being stopped. Would have made it too but the track goes uphill just before the pit entrance so all the red flags came out for the truck to drag me back in. Clutch gone so that, was that. Fortunately I had borrowed the car trailer from work getting it home wasn't an issue.

Box off next day revealed the extent of the damage. The clutch plate was in two pieces. problem, next event for the car was a month away so when I ordered a Helix Autosport fast Road replacement, the 7-10 day lead time wasn't a worry. Trouble was it actually took three weeks to arrive which left me with very little time to put it all back together, particularly as I then had problems with stripped threads on mountings to deal with. Nothing a bit of engineering couldn't sort out though. Eventually got it all done by taking a day of work to fix it in day light. Persistent heavy rain that day wasn't too helpful considering I still haven't built that nice, full driveway long, car port on the side of my house yet.



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So with clutch done, it was straight into Kev Belcher and Paul Hardy's CMSG 12 car the next night. Car was faultless and Brian and I came away with first expert crew. Great stuff.

Following Monday was MOT. Passed that with just one advisory for slight play in the steering rack inner joints. Even the emissions were good, CO of 0% at fast and natural idle and HC of 7ppm. I think that's the cleanest engine I've ever had, let alone a K Series which usually just scrape through at best.

So I was happy, all my recent efforts seemed to have produced a reasonable machine. Then I came home from work a couple of days later to find a huge puddle of coolant under the car. Had a look round all the hoses and the water pump in the hope it would just be a simple leak somewhere. They were all good so I topped up the water and started the engine. That's when I became distressed. Coolant was seeping out from the front of the engine itself via the head gasket. Bugger, time for the head to come off.



After a bit of research, I ordered up the uprated Multi Layer Steel gasket with new bolts, steel dowels and the strengthened Land Rover oil rail. Got it all apart and cleaned up ok and while the head was off I noticed there had been a slight oil weep from a little gasket at the end of one of the camshafts. I had a new one in my gasket kit so it made sense to change it. Really wish I'd just left it alone as it was the gasket for a part that controls a lot of the VVC mechanism. It looked complicated and then I realised I had just lost the VVC timing. This was very displeasing and took me two hours to research and reset. Once that was sorted, rebuilding the engine was quite straight forward nuts and bolts stuff so didn't take too long. Turned key and it fired straight up. Excellent. Bleeding the coolant however, was not quite so easy. The engine just refused to expel the air from its system but eventually all the bubbles escaped and the heaters ran nice and hot.

Test drive was good but it revealed one of my brand new camshaft seals was duff and was leaking. Not a huge problem, sprocket off and replace with another one which sealed ok this time. I'd already decided during the week that the AutoSolo I had entered at the coming weekend wasn't a good idea so soon after major heart surgery on the car. Instead, a weekend of steady driving to get some miles on it and make sure it's all good.

Nearly 600 miles done now and all fluids and temps are stable and it's survived a 12 car. I think I might have fixed it, at least for now anyway!

*Haydn Marks*

## **An Emblem from the Past**

A club member recently spotted this on eBay!

*11cm x 7.5cm this old Motor Club emblem would be better where it can be seen and enjoyed rather than on my garage shelf!*

*Has just a few stone chips that can be seen on blue enamel in picture.*

Can anyone remember having one of these? It's certainly the first time I've seen one!

Zenya H

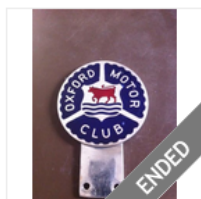


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## OMC Championship Points Update

Here is the first quarter championship points spreadsheet, some impressive scores are being recorded but its early days yet with a lot of events and club activities to score points on.

I have still several events in this first quarter to record when I get the results. The individual trophy front runners are marked in gold but these will change throughout the year.

Please keep sending in your claims, there is a claim form and a set of qualifying rules on this page but don't forget you have to organise or marshal a club event before the end of the year to qualify for a trophy.

John Blackwell – Points Collator

# 2015 Clubman of the Year at April 1st

Name	12-car Driver	12-car Co-Driver	Motorsport Magazine	Organising	Other	Road Rally Driver	Road Rally Co-Driver	Sprints, Solos, etc.	Stage Rally Driver	Stage Rally Co-	Wooden	Raffles Cup	Newcomer 1/07/14	Total
John Jago					20						20	0		20
Alex Jajdow		20									20	20		20
Gemma Muttram		20									20	20	20	20
Keith Norman					20						20	0		20
Simon Phillips	17										20	17		17
Miranda Wakeman								17			0	0		17
Kevin Barnes										10	0	10		10
Mark Cooper									5		0	5		5
Michael Hughes										5	0	5		5
Chris Thompson									5		0	5		5

# 2015 Clubman of the Year at April 1st

Name	12-car Driver	12-car Co-Driver	Mixing e	Mixing e	Organising	Other	Road Rally Driver	Road Rally Co-Driver	Sprints, Solos, etc	Stage Rally Driver	Stage Rally Co-	Wooden	Railless Cup	Newcomer 1/07/14-1/04/15	Total
Zenya Heap		40	60		20	35		40				80	80		195
Tony Mytton	40		20			40	20					60	60		120
John Blackwell			65	5		40						40	0		110
Kieran Belcher		20						40			40	0	100		100
Simon Marks				50		45		5				20	5		100
David Smith			20	10		60						60	0		90
Healden Marks			5	10		37	20					40	20		72
Kevin Belcher				5	5	20	40					20	40		70
Shirley Blackwell			20	5		40						40	0		65
Chris Hamblly		17			20	20						60	17		57
Richard Austin	20						34					0	54		54
Karen Kearns				10		35						40	0		45
Richard Crozier				20		20						20	0		40
Steve Newman		15	5			20						40	15		40
Charlie Walker	20					20						40	20		40
Harvey Warner				20		20						40	0		40
Bill Hitchcock						37						40	0		37
Bob Mutttram		37										20	37		37
Peter Collins	15					20						40	15		35
Colin Minchin				10		20			20			20	0		30
Alan Wakeman				5		5	0					0	0		30
Garreth James						20				5		20	5		25
Neil James						20					5	20	5		25
Mike Taylor										25		0	25		25
Cathy Sewart										22		0	22		22
Graham Dunn						20						20	0		20
Dominic Hodge										20		0	20		20



# Zenya's Tandem Skydive

in support of the Alzheimer's

**Society**

<https://www.justgiving.com/ZenyaHeap>

I've decided to take part in a tandem skydive to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society. The Alzheimer's Society is the leading UK care and research charity for people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, their families and carers.

I would be grateful if you could support me in raising money for the Alzheimer's Society - a great cause. This isn't a free dive for me - I've already had to pay the costs to do so - so please show your utmost support as every penny goes straight to the charity.

I can remember saying when I was young, as SOON as I turned 16 I would do a sky dive. Obviously, that's never happened. But I've always wanted to feel that exhilaration and take in that beautiful view. Having now turned 30, and had my Grandma pass away last year, I realise we don't have all the time in the world to realise our dreams and ambitions. So many of them fall by the wayside as passing fantasies. Embrace the day, I say!

Please visit my JustGiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/ZenyaHeap> to make a donation. Thank you for all your support!

To find out more about fundraising for the Society log on to [www.alzheimers.org.uk](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk) Charity Registration No. 296645. Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving – they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity. So it's the most efficient way to donate – saving time and cutting costs for the charity.



## Oxford Motor Club Team Wear



**Jumper: £22.00 Polo shirt: £18.00**

Get yourself an OMC jumper or shirt and show off our motor club when you're wandering through the service park! They look great with a pair of Ray-Bans...

**Order yours from Tony Mytton Email: [secretary@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk)**

## 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](mailto:magazine@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk), preferably in MS word format.

**The deadline for the next issue will be Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April.**

## What's On

### May

Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	CMMSG AutoSolo at Pershore Sixty & Worcester
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	HERO Summer Trial Ian Butcher
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	EMCOS Red Dragon IT Stages Rally at Down Ampney Keith Richings

### June

<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Oxford MC Club Evening (Natter 'N' Noggin)</b>
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	CMMSG AutoSolo at Abingdon CAR-Nival Dolphin MC
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sutton & Cheam MC Abingdon CAR-Nival Sprint Barry Guess
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sutton & Cheam MC Abingdon CAR-Nival Stages Rally Barry Guess
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> /Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	Quinton MC Rally of the Midlands at Mallory Park
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Forresters MC Midsummer Caerwent Stage Rally
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	(TBC) Tavern Motor Club Fat Albert Stages Rally at Keevil

### July

<b>Wednesday 1st</b>	<b>Oxford MC Club Evening (Table Top Treasure Hunt)</b>
Sunday 12th	CMMSG AutoSolo Round 8 at Chepstow Racecourse Bristol MC
Mon 13th – Sat 18th	HERO 1000 mile Challenge Ian Butcher
Sunday 19th	Oxford MC Grass Autotest & BBQ at Pusey (TBC)

### August

<b>Sat/Sun 1st/2nd</b>	<b>Oxford MC Carfax Stages Set Up (TBC)</b>
<b>Wednesday 5th</b>	<b>Oxford MC Club Evening (Carfax Briefing/Lick and Stick)</b>



**Friday 7th**  
**Saturday 8th**  
  
**Sunday 30th**

**Oxford MC Carfax Stages Set-Up Day**  
**Oxford MC Carfax Stages at RAF Benson**  
**Kevin Belcher**  
Bath MC CMSG AutoSolo at Kemble