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Front cover: Rob Choules at North Weald (Photo - Nick Cook)

Editorial

As normal, the hardest thing with the magazine is to find a subject to talk about/discuss/give opinion on in the editorial.

Do I start with Brexit and the problems it will cause for British motor industry, well I don't think it won't make a difference to Morgan. It looks like it has already taking affect in the European Rally Championship with no British round this year.

Do I discuss the first Grand Prix or the season without Bernie at the helm? It looks like another season decided on grid positions and pit stop strategy, unless the weather intervene. At least the World Rally championship has it right with three different Drivers/Manufactures in the three rounds.

Or I comment on the Clubs AGM last week or the lack of volunteers. The problem is I have run out space, maybe another time. Send it your ideas.

Chris Deal

New Members – welcome to GBMC and in some cases, welcome back – Colin Adlington, Russell Lord and Kevin Cronshaw.

TAMS Packaging North Weald Sprint Sunday 23rd April 2017

Regulations are on the website, Entry fee £75 for GBMC members

A different course

Marshals wanted – contact John Davie

allglass Anglia MiddleWick Stages Sunday 21st May 2017

Entries are open

Setup crews needed – contact Chris Deal

Marshals wanted – contact John Davie

GBMC Events 2017

Sunday 23rd April – North Weald Sprint (with Harrow CC)

Sunday 7th May – Woodbridge Targa (with Wickford AC)

Sunday 21st May – Middlewick Stages at Woodbridge (with MCAC and Wickford AC)

Wednesday 21st June – BBQ and Concoors at Old Owens

Sunday 25th June – Debden Sprint (with Wickford AC)

Sunday 9th July – Woodbridge Sprint (with Wickford AC), plus AutoSolo (with AMSC)

Saturday 2nd September – Debden Targa (with AMSC)

Sunday 10th September – North Weald Sprint (we assist Harrow CC)

Plus a Xmas meal, maybe some visits and a quiz or two.

Go Motorsport Regional Development Officer Recruitment

Go Motorsport is seeking motivated individuals for the positions of Go Motorsport Regional Development Officers. This is an opportunity to be part of a dynamic team helping to grow motor sport from the grassroots on behalf of the Motor Sports Association (MSA), the national governing body of four wheeled motor sport in the UK.

The ideal candidate will be confident and articulate as the role will involve working with local motor clubs, regional associations and other organisations. The work will include supporting motor clubs, regional associations, other organisations, education establishments and encouraging new people into motor sport.

It is essential that the candidate is a motivated self-starter, can demonstrate an ability to work independently and is prepared to work evenings/weekends as required, presenting the best image of club motor sport.

A strong understanding of domestic motor sport is essential and the ideal candidate will have significant knowledge and experience of club motor sport, and especially of motor sport in their region and the people involved. It is expected that the candidate is resident in the area for which they are applying.

Hours of work: 10 hours per week (flexible hours across the week), Duration of contract: annual, this is a contract of services and contracted on a self-employed basis. Remuneration: £6,000 per annum. Reasonable expenses incurred in the process of fulfilling the contract will be covered in line with the expenses policy Apply via the MSA by Friday 7th April.

Anglia Motor Sport Club Calendar

Now that GBMC is part of the Anglia Motor Sport Club you can take part in events run by member clubs which only need a membership card. The purpose in forming the group was to combat the decline of grass roots motor sport in East Anglia. All of the clubs involved were to a greater or lesser extent suffering from lack of competitors, organisers, and marshals for the events that they were running, and needed to pool resources in order to keep the events viable. At the time, the MSA had quite restrictive rules governing who could or could not be invited to club level events, and the idea of an umbrella club was formed as a survival mechanism that would allow us to remain compliant with the rules of the MSA.

Member Clubs are Cambridge CC, Chelmsford MC, Eastern Counties MC, Falcon MC, GBMC, Kings Lynn & DMC, Middlesex County AC, Sporting Car Club of Norfolk, West Suffolk Motorsport Club and Wickford AC.

We are going to update the wording on our membership cards and membership forms etc going forwards.

Calendar

Date	Type	Descr	Permit	Pro Club	Org Club	Description
Sun 23 rd Apr 2017	Autotest	Autosolo Autotest	Clubmans	AMSC	WSMC	P O S T P O N E D
Sun 23 rd Apr 2017	Tour	Tour Assembly	CoE	CCC	CCC	Classic Tour
Sun 7 th May 2017	Rally	Targa	Clubmans	AMSC	GBMC WAC	2017 Targa Challenge
Sun 14 th May 2017	Tour	Tour Assembly	CoE	WSMC	ECMC WSMC	Classic Tour
Sun 21 st May 2017	Stage	Single Venue	National B	WAC	GBMC WAC	
Thu 25 th May 2017	AMSC	Management Meeting				
Sun 28 th May 2017	Rally	Navigation	Clubmans	AMSC	AMSC	12 Car Regularity Run
Sun 4 th Jun 2017	Autotest	Autosolo Autotest	Clubmans	AMSC	CCC	2017 AutoSOLO Challenge

Competition Calendar

Date	Events	Club	Venue/Start	Format
8 th April	Somerset Stages	Minehead MC	Minehead	Multi venue
9 th April	Abingdon	Sutton & Cheam	Abingdon	Sprint
9 th April	Cadwell Park	Border MC	Cadwell Park	Single venue Rally
23 rd April	TAMS Packaging North Weald Sprint	GBMC	North Weald	Sprint
23 rd April	Dimanche Sprint	Farnborough MC	Rushmoor	Sprint
23 rd April	Horiba D'Isis Rally		Hinkley	Single venue Rally
30 th April	North Weald Sprint	Sevenoaks & DMC	North Weald	Sprint
30 th April	Pirelli Carlisle Rally		Kielder	Multi venue Rally
7 th May	Debden Sprint	Herts County A&AC	Debden	Sprint
7 th May	Woodbridge Targa	AMSC	Woodbridge	Targa
14 th May	Plains Rally	Knutsford MC	Mid Wales	Multi venue Rally
13/14 May	Snetterton Sprint	B19	Snetterton	Sprint
14 th May	South Suffolk Classic	Eastern Counties MS	Suffolk	Classic Car event

Show Calendar

Enfield Pageant of Motoring Saturday 27th to Monday 29th May

Enfield Playing Fields, Great Cambridge Road (A10), EN1 3PL, £10 opens 09.00.

Goodwood Festival of Speed 29th June to 2nd July

Sometime between June 29th and July 2nd you'll need to be at the [2017 Goodwood Festival of Speed](#), motoring and motorsport's world-renowned garden party, to ogle an assortment of precious metal that falls under the newly announced theme 'Peaks of Performance – Motorsport's Game-Changers'.

Yes, for the 25th running of this unique event that every year attracts the finest race and rally – and two-wheeled – kit that ever turned a wheel, we're inviting those cars and bikes that were so good the rules were tweaked or rewritten to give rivals a chance.



Among the assortment of classics from the past century or more of endeavour will be 1,000bhp turbocharged Grand Prix cars of the 1980s, unlimited Group 7 sportscars from the glory days of Can-Am, the 750kg-formula European Championship leviathans of the mid-1930s and the bewinged beasts of rallying's Group B era. Bike-racing fans will be able to marvel at many of the iconic 500cc Grand Prix bikes with their light-switch throttles and two-stroke powerbands, as well as 200bhp-plus MotoGP missiles and Isle of Man TT and World Superbike winners.

Get those dates inked in now, for the event is guaranteed to once again offer an incredible assault on the senses for petrol-veined enthusiasts of all ages and persuasions.

Red Bull Soapbox Race 2017, Sunday 9th July at Alexandra Palace

More details next month.

London's Motorsport at the Palace

Get your motor running for London's Motorsport at the Palace, a two-day event celebrating all eras of motoring, on **Sunday 27th and Monday 28th August 2017**. Held at Crystal Palace, one of the oldest venues used for racing in the world and the first place from which live televised motor-racing was ever broadcast, the event attracts motorsport fans, classic car and bike enthusiasts and thousands of visitors looking for a fun family day out over the bank holiday weekend.

At the heart of the event is the motorsport. Using parts of the iconic racing circuit that still runs throughout the park the two day sprint will showcase racing cars from all eras ranging from prewar leviathans to modern day supercars. Get up close and personal to a heady mix of metal in the shows paddock area before watching the cars

tear off down the strip in the hope of beating the lap record as the likes of Sir Stirling Moss and James Hunt have done before them.

The show field will house hundreds of classic cars and bikes as more than forty clubs and their members display their pride and joys. Live music, trade stands, fun fair rides, children's entertainers, stunt performers and food stalls complete the mix.

Motorsport at the Palace will be held on Sunday 27th to Monday 28th August 2017 over the Bank Holiday weekend. Tickets are now on sale, with adults passes from £12 when booked in advance. NEW FOR 2017 Children under 15 go free when accompanied by a paying adult. Car parking is available on-site and is free to visitors. For more information visit www.motorsportatthepalace.co.uk

RallyDay – Saturday 23rd September – Castle Coombe
More details to come

Summer Debden Sprint

Sunday 25th June 2017

Regulations are on the website, Entry fee £75 for GBMC/WAC members

Enter on line and by via BACS

Marshals wanted – contact John Davie

Motor Museums

Bicester Heritage, Bicester, Oxon

Brooklands, Weybridge Surrey

Cotswold Motor Museum, Bourton on the Water, Gloucester

Coventry Transport Museum, Coventry, Warks

David Sutton Rally Car Museum, Daventry, Northants

Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon, Warks

Haynes International Motor Museum, Sparkford, Somerset

Ipswich Transport Museum, Ipswich, Suffolk

London Motor Museum, Hayes, W London

National Motor Heritage, Beaulieu, Hants

Whitewebbs Museum of Transport, Enfield

Comp Sec News

Spring is here and it is time to get your competition out of the garage. I know there has been plenty Rallies through the winter months, but now it is time for the Sprinters and Racers to come out.

We need you enter our Sprint on 23rd April at North Weald as entries are a bit slow in arriving, so get your entry in soon. Due to the noise problems last year, which have gone away with the resident, Epping Forrest DC have been able to offer more dates. For us the problem is that Sevenoaks & DMC have been given the 30th April one week after ours. Hopefully the MSA will give both Clubs to run different courses, now we need to encourage competitors to enter and marshals to turn up.

All my evenings have been focusing on motorsport, mostly on the allglass Anglia MiddleWick Stages on Sunday 21st May. At last the entries have opened, now it is time to complete the paperwork.

Hopefully by the Summer we will have news that Club's can organise closed road events. There is an amendment to the Road Traffic Act going through Parliament at the moment. This will give the MSA and ACU (for Motor Bikes) powers to administer events, like Hillclimbs, Rallies and Races without the need to suspend the speed limit via a act of parliament. Organisers will still need to work with Councils to close the roads etc. I'm sure there will be any hoops to go through to get the insurance and safety sign off.

We are planning the competition events for 2017 with other clubs, the calendar is as follows:-

Sunday 23rd April – North Weald Sprint (with Harrow CC)

Sunday 7th May – Woodbridge Targa (with Wickford AC)

Sunday 21st May – Middlewick Stages at Woodbridge (with Wickford AC)

Sunday 25th June – Debden Sprint (with Wickford AC)

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Saturday 2nd September – Debden Targa (with AMSC)

Sunday 10th September – North Weald Sprint (we assist Harrow CC)

Until next month.

Chris Deal

If you have any action pictures forward them to me, so I can include them in future issues and it would be nice if they accompany a story.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SPRINTING IN 2017?

THEN THIS IS FOR YOU!

THE 2017 ESSEX EXTREME AEMC SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

Classes for all types of cars.

We have a class to cater for all types of vehicles and the overall championship is decided on class positions.

Category A: Road Going Series/Specialist Production Cars

(Inc. classes for standard cars, 4WD, Kit Type Cars and Replicas)

Category B: Modified Series/Specialist Production Cars

Category C: Sports Libre Cars

Category D: Racing Cars

Calendar

There are up to 20 rounds to choose, from March to October, counting towards the championship using venues at Abingdon, Curborough, Debden, Goodwood, Hethel, Lydden, North Weald, Rockingham, Snetterton and Woodbridge

The best 10 scores will count towards the championship.

Event Supplementary regs will be sent to each registered competitor,

So, no need to chase around for regs.

For the championship details and a registration form visit the AEMC website.

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ESSEX EXTREME AEMC Sprint Championship – 2017 dates

Sunday 26 th March	Rockingham	BARC (Mids)
Sunday 2 nd April	Hethel	Borough 19MC
Saturday 9 th April	Abingdon	Sutton & Cheam MC
Sunday 23 rd April	North Weald	Green Belt MC/Harrow CC
Sunday 7 th May	Debden	Herts County
Saturday 13 th May	Snetterton	Borough19 MC
Sunday 14 th May	Snetterton	Borough19 MC
Saturday 10 th June	Abingdon	Sutton & Cheam MC
Sunday 25 th June	Debden	Wickford AC/Green Belt MC
Sunday 9 th July	Woodbridge	WECC/Wickford AC
Sunday 6 th August	Hethel	Borough 19 MC
Saturday 12 th August	Curborough	BARC (Mids)
Sunday 10 th September	North Weald	Harrow CC/Green Belt MC
Saturday 23 rd September	Goodwood	TWMC/Sevenoaks & DMC
Saturday 30 th September	Curborough	BARC (Mids)
Sunday 1 st October	Debden	Herts County
Sunday 22 nd October	Rockingham	BARC (Mids)



Peter Goulding at North Weald (Photo – Nick Cook)

Jelf Motorsport.com Stage Rally Championship 2017

The Associations of Eastern and South Eastern Motor Clubs are pleased to announce the 2017 Jelf Motorsport.com Stage Rally Championship. For the third year we are promoting a single pan-regional championship covering the Eastern and South Eastern regions.

Jelf Insurance Partnership is represented by a familiar face in the left hand seat of a certain yellow TR7 on many of the last year's championship rounds – Jaz Bareham runs the motorsports insurance division which offers club liability and equipment, road event cover and insurance for individuals' motorsports requirements.

For 2017 we have ten rounds in the championship, with seven to count, placing a premium on consistency throughout the year but giving more flexibility for crews based across the wider geography of the championship. Many of the rounds will be familiar to competitors in the previous championships but we also have some new events, notably Snetterton and Cadwell Park - all promise to be challenging and fun.

Registration can be done online at the AEMC website – <http://aemc.org.uk/StageRally>, or by the more traditional methods of posting or giving a form to the championship co-ordinators (Paul Barrett & Dave Town) at the first few events of the year. Many of you have registered an interest through the online entries systems for Brands, Goodwood and Snetterton (each of which have full entries now) and it's important that you are registered before starting your first event. I'll be marshalling the service area at Brands so I hope to catch up with many of you.

Paul Barrett

The 2017 Jelf Motorsport.com Stage Rally Championship will be contested over ten rounds (with seven scores to count) as follows:

21st January	MGJ Engineering Brands Hatch Stages (Kent) - Chelmsford Motor Club
11th February	Sherrards Resourcing Southdowns Stages (Goodwood) – Southsea & Bognor Regis Motor Clubs
19th February	Snetterton Stages (Norfolk) – Anglia Motorsports Club
5th March	Donnington Stages (Leicestershire) – Dukeries Motor Club
9th April	Cadwell Rally (Lincolnshire) – Border Motor Club
21st May	Middlewick Stages (Suffolk) – Middlesex County AC & Green Belt Motor Club
11th June	Abingdon Carnival Stages (Oxfordshire) Sutton & Cheam Motor Club
18th June	Flying Fortress Stages (Northants) - Dukeries Motor Club
28th August	Wethersfield Stages (Essex) – Chelmsford Motor Club
2/3 December	Rockingham Stages (Northants) (two-day event) - Middlesex County AC

2017 Formula 1 World Championship

26-Mar	Australian GP	Melbourne	Vettel, Ferrari
09-Apr	Chinese GP	Shanghai	
16-Apr	Bahrain GP	Bahrain	
30-Apr	Russia GP	Sochi	
14-May	Spanish GP	Barcelona	
28-May	Monaco GP	Monte Carlo	
11-Jun	Canadian GP	Montreal	
25-Jun	Azerbaijan GP	Baku	
09-Jul	Austria GP	Spielberg	
16-Jul	British GP	Silverstone	
30-Jul	Hungarian GP	Budapest	
27-Aug	Belgium GP	Spa-Francorchamps	
03-Sep	Italian GP	Monza	
17-Sep	Singapore GP	Singapore	
01-Oct	Malaysian GP	Sepang	
08-Oct	Japanese GP	Suzuka	
22-Oct	USA GP	Austin	
29-Oct	Mexico GP	Mexico City	
12-Nov	Brazilian GP	Interlagos	
26-Nov	United Arab Emirates GP	Abu Dhabi	

2017 World Rally Championship

19-22 Jan	Rally of Monte Carlo	S. Ogier (Ford)
09-12 Feb	Swedish Rally	J. Latvala (Toyota)
09-12 Mar	Rally of Mexico	K. Meeke (Citroen)
06-09 Apr	Rally of Corsica	
27-30 Apr	Rally of Argentina	
18-21 May	Rally de Portugal	
08-11 Jun	Rally of Italy	
29Jun-2Jul	Rally of Poland	
27-30 Jul	Rally of Finland	
17-20 Aug	Rally of Germany	
05-08 Oct	Rally of Spain	
26-29 Oct	Wales Rally GB	
16-19 Nov	Rally of Australia	

MOTORSPORT on TV

F1 on C4 (same live) , WRC on C5 (highlights on Monday evenings), BTCC on ITV4 (live with support races), British Rally Championship - BRC on C4 (highlights on Saturday mornings the week after), Goodwood events on ITV4 (highlights), Formula E on Spike (Freeview ch31, live), Various including BTRDA Gold Star Rally championship on Front Runner (Freeview ch91).

2017 BTCC CALENDAR

April 1-2	Brands Hatch (Indy) R1 T. Ingram, R2 G. Shedden, R3 A.Jordan
April 15-16	Donington Park
May 6-7	Thruxton
May 20-21	Oulton Park
June 10-11	Croft
July 29-30	Snetterton
August 12-13	Knockhill
August 26-27	Rockingham
Sept 16-17	Silverstone
Sept 30-Oct 1	Brands Hatch (Grand Prix)

A DUTCH TREAT

I have been writing my blog looking at cars that survived the scrappage scheme for some years now and have recorded just over 780 individual cars and vans which could have been scrapped.

The vast majority of these are prosaic; VW Golfs, and Polos, BMW 3 series, MGBs, Morris 1000s and minis, amongst this though have been the beautiful ; Porsche 356, Plymouth Fury and the pictured Jaguar, all of which I have seen close to my home in north yorkshire.

This record has also included the odd, a Reliant Kitten, a well used Triumph Acclaim, a Vauhall Astra mark 1 estate, even a Ford Torino!

What I had not seen and did not expect to see was a Daf 33 or indeed any of that family of cars. I do not remember them being popular even when they were being produced and I have never seen one at a classic car show. I did not even see one in Holland when Robert Taylor and I visited Zandvoort last year.

The morning I saw this survivor I had already recorded a 68 Ford Mustang, Renault 5GT and a Citroen 2Cv, the latter two French cars are becoming increasingly rare

The Daf seems to come from an age when cars were much smaller and less aggressive than the behemoths of today which in many cases cannot fit into parking spaces. Unfortunately I did not get to meet the owner of this rather smart example as I would like to have found out some of the history of this little car and 'little ' it certainly was.

I don't know anyone whose ever owned one of these rather attractive little cars though I myself did, the model one pictured, though I could be mistaken as I did own a model of the Daf City Car. If anyone in GBMC has ever owned a Daf I would love to hear their experiences.

When I came to look up the spec of the cars I was surprised to find that it is **Not** included in the ' Top Gear book of Crap Cars' but it is in Giles Chapman' s book ' the Worst Cars ever sold' . Reading the entry on the Daf though it is difficult to work out why as it was a neat little city car, two cylinders, 600cc , a maximum speed of 60 mph and easy to drive with its automatic transmission. Ok not a car for a car enthusiast but nothing especially objectionable about it.

Indeed the only particularly negative thing I can see about the car is that it reminds me a lot of the Trabant.

By far the most memorable thing about the Daf and probably the reason it never caught on is its automatic transmission, properly called Variomatic, based on rubber belts which took drive to the rear wheels, effectively the forerunner of the CVT boxes of today. This meant that there were only two speeds and the car was very easy to drive though no other company ever adapted the system which was scrapped in 1975.

There was however a racing version and I have included a picture of the ' supersaloon' version. In fact this car I believe is more formula 5000 than Daf and I don't suppose many, indeed any , made it to the tracks however it was nice to see this one alive and well.

Chris Payne



GREEN BELT MOTOR CLUB
52nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SECRETARY'S REPORT

Welcome to this, our 52nd Annual General Meeting of the Green Belt Motor Club.

Last year was another average year for Club activity. The number of members taking part in motorsport events was down again and those helping by organising or marshalling events were also fewer. Without the help of other clubs, Harrow Car Club, Middlesex County AC and Wickford AC we would not be able to run events safely and in compliance with the regulations. In the third quarter of the year we joined the Association of Central Southern Motor Clubs (ACSMC) and the Anglia Motor Sport Club (AMSC) to broaden the scope of invitations we receive to our members to participate in competitions run by member clubs of the former and, in the latter case, the AMSC itself.

As I have been Green Belt's secretary for only one year I am indebted to Chris Deal for assisting with the compilation of this report, in particular the statistics, for which there is only one reference source, namely the Wayfarer club magazine. Without it there would be no record of the events run by the Club nor how well its members have done. This wasn't made any easier by the fact that Wayfarer was only published five times last year. Using the internet Chris was able to fill in some of the missing information. It was in reviewing the numbers taking part that Chris noted that there were, once again, fewer participating than in the previous year.

Year 2016 ended with 106 members, up by 2 over the previous year. Where are they all when the appeals go out for assistance with organising or marshalling on Club events?

2016's dinner and awards presentation evening took place on 20th February at the Mercure Hotel, near Hatfield. 45 members and their guests had an enjoyable evening.

Last year's AGM, held on 6th April has been reported previously.

The Club held its annual sprint at North Weald on April 24th. Once again run in conjunction with Harrow CC in order to boost the number of entries and, hopefully, get more people to help. The result was 49 entries and a decent number of marshals. The event was sponsored by Steve Tammadge of TAMS Packaging and won by Peter Goulding. The Club's new box trailer for equipment had its first outing, fitted out for

club use by John Davie and part funded by the MSA's club development fund.

On 1st May we joined forces with Wickford AC and Middlesex County AC to run the Middlewick Stages at MOD Woodbridge. There were 45 entries the event being won by Mark Jasper/Whyatt with Niall Moroney/Elgan Davies a close second. There were no incidents.

On 26th June we helped Wickford AC to run a sprint. There were 46 entries but alarmingly few marshals. The event was won by Simon Boulter.

On August 3rd we held our barbecue and concours d'elegance at Old Owens Sports & Social Club. 25 members and their guests enjoyed the barbecue while only 8 vehicles were entered in the concours including two 'ringers' courtesy of our chairman.

We were due to put on an autocross at Anthony Ashwell's farm near Much Hadham on the 10th/11th September in conjunction with Wickford AC. Unfortunately the event did not run due to insufficient entries.

That same Sunday, 11th September, we were back at North Weald airfield to assist Harrow Car Club with their sprint. They had 51 entrants. Peter Goulding was again victorious in his Mygale Formula Ford.

On 5th October Green Belt hosted a quiz against Boundless (formerly CSMA N.E. and N.W. London), Middlesex County AC and some from Harrow CC, at Old Owens. It is pleasing to be able to remind you that Green Belt won. The opportunity was taken to present Richard Warne with a set of wine glasses engraved to commemorate his 30 years of service to Green Belt MC as competition secretary.

Sadly only one treasure hunt was organised last year, open to members of Green Belt and Enfield & Southgate Conservative Association it was run by Robert Taylor and Doug Williams on 9th October. Eight crews entered (better than for a number of years), the highest GBMC finisher was Brian Aldridge navigated by Chris Deal with Gerry Thurlow helping to spot the clues.

On 19th November, postponed from 20th August, we ran a targa event at Debden airfield together with Wickford AC. There were more than 50 entries.

The final event of the year was Christmas dinner at Old Owens. Sadly only about 24 members attended. Yours truly was ill that week and unable to be there.

Club members also found the time to marshal on a few events. Regrettably these were not always Green Belt events although, no doubt, the organisers of those events were suitably grateful.

Throughout the year the Club has had its name mentioned in various local newspapers along with numerous Club competitors thanks to the efforts of our long serving press officer, Robert Taylor. Your other committee members last year were Malcolm Wise as Chairman once again, Gerry Thurlow as President, Ed Davies as treasurer and website manager, Melanie Camp as Social Secretary and Ollie Camp as editor of the Wayfarer club magazine. During the year Ollie stood down and Chris Deal took over). John Davie was our as Chief Marshal. Following last year's AGM. Richard Warne having resigned as competition secretary in January 2016 Chris Deal took over that most demanding of roles while I said that I would endeavour to fill his previous role as Club and membership secretary.

Although not a committee member appreciation should be shown to Loyd Gerken who, via his work as event scrutineer, keeps us up-to-date with relevant rule changes by the MSA through his column in The Wayfarer.

David Hughes

Club/membership secretary

29th March 2017

Note - Minutes of the AGM will be issued, hopefully in next months magazine.

SELECTED EVENTS IN 2017

17 April – Lydden Hill, British Rallycross Championship

27/28 May – Lydden Hill, World Rallycross Championship

29 June/2 July – Goodwood House, Festival of Speed

27/28 August – Crystal Palace, Motorsport at the Palace

28 August - Lydden Hill, World Rallycross Championship

2 September – Brighton, Speed Trials

8-10 September – Goodwood circuit, Revival Meeting

5 Nov – London to Brighton, Veteran Car Run

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

This is the speech given by Club President Gerry Thurlow to the Annual Dinner & Awards Presentation evening at the Mill Green Golf Club, on Saturday 25th February 2017.

Ladies and gentlemen, members of the Green Belt Motor Club, on behalf of the committee I welcome you to the Club's 51st Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation.

I would like to welcome our vice president Dan Chalk and his wife Anne.

At the beginning of the year Richard Warne retired as competitions secretary, after thirty years of doing the job. During this time he helped with or organised well over a hundred events. Thank you Richard.

Well, what has the club been doing during the past year?

We ran or co-promoted two sprints, two autocrosses, two stages rallies and a treasure hunt.

Our members have competed in many invited motor sports events.

Our chairman Malcolm Wise raced in the Motorsport News Saloon Car Championship and the pre 93 Touring Car Championship. Richard Warne competed on the Wales Rally GB, and many other events, with Chris Deal as his co-driver. And John Davie, our Marshalling Co-ordinator, attended many events in the past year.

On the social side we had our annual Concours' d'Elegance and Barbecue at the Old Owens Club in Potters Bar, which is now our Wednesday evening club night venue. We also had our Christmas Dinner there.

All of the club's events, which I have mentioned, do not just happen. So we must thank all of those members who gave up their time to organise and run them.

Our thanks must also go to committee members Malcolm Wise – chairman, Chris Deal – competitions secretary and association delegate, Ed Davies – treasurer and website manager, David Hughes – club secretary and membership secretary, Robert Taylor –

press officer, Melanie Camp – social secretary, John Davie – marshalling co-ordinator and equipment officer, Chris Deal and David Hughes – magazine production and Lloyd Gerken – scrutineer.

This is a good club, dedicated to the promotion of motor sport, and we look forward to another successful year.

Transcribed and edited by Robert Taylor



The copy of Snetterton Rally Report found in Eastern Daily Press

Chris West and navigator Steven Cox powered their way to a commanding victory in the Snetterton Stages after overhauling early leaders Ian Woodhouse and Paul Rowland.

However, the fastest car in the event was the Darrian T9 GTR of Bruce Edwards/Jim Smith who encountered early mechanical problems and arrived late for the opening stage, incurring a 30-minute time penalty which put them out of the overall contest.

The opening stage fell to Woodhouse's Ford Escort Mk2 followed by the similar examples of Paul Swift and Martin Hodgson with Woodhouse retaining his lead after the second running.

The third stage saw West getting to grips with the Snetterton layout and posting the second quickest time to Edwards Darrian to move into third, nine seconds behind Woodhouse, as the pair matched times on the fourth stage.

West started the second half of the event with the quickest time and then grabbed the lead, beating rival Woodhouse by eight seconds.

Stage seven saw West and Woodhouse dead heat for fastest time, but West pulled out all the stops on run number two to beat his rival by two seconds, which became 12 after Woodhouse incurred a 10-second time penalty for clipping a marker.

Behind the winning Peugeot Maxi the aging but effective Ford Escort Mk2 filled out seven of the remaining top 10 places with the Subaru WRC of Robert Swann/Arran Rayner the best all-wheel drive car in fifth place.

The Stephen Tilburn/Jack Tilburn Escort was the best of the local runners with the Downham Market crew claiming sixth overall while Long Stratton's William Moore secured third in the all-wheel drive category with Harlston's Ian Rix 14th in Class C.

Aaron Rix had the bravery of navigator Anna Greenhill to thank for his third in Class A as she broke her arm in a fall minutes before the final stage while his mother, Clare, lost ninth place, in the same category, on count back to Ashleigh Morris.

Result:

- 1 Chris West/Steven Cox (Peugeot 306 Maxi) 55m 43s,
- 2 Ian Woodhouse/Paul Rowland (Ford Escort Mk2) 56m 01s
- 3 Paul Swift/Steve McNulty (Ford Escort Mk2) 56m 37s
- 4 Martin Hodgson/Tony Jones (Ford Escort Mk2) 57m 00s
- 5 Robert Swann/Arran Rayner (Subaru S12B WRC) 57m 26s.

The Cardiologist

A Lexus mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a LS 460 when he spotted a well-known cardiologist in his shop.

The cardiologist was there waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his car when the mechanic shouted across the garage,

"Hey Doc, want to take a look at this?"

The cardiologist, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working.

The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I opened its heart, took the valves out, repaired or replaced anything damaged, and then put everything back in, and when I finished, it worked just like new. So how is it that I make \$48,000 a year and you make \$1.7 million when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The cardiologist paused, leaned over and whispered to the mechanic,

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