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**Front cover: Malcolm Wise at the TAMS Packaging North Weald Sprint  
on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 (Photo – Robert Taylor)**

## **Editorial**

We return to the subject of the future of clubs, mainly the future of Green Belt Motor Club. We have been involved in four motorsport events this year (Snetterton Stages, TAMS Packaging North Weald Sprint, Woodbridge Targa and the Stages). I'm starting to question whether we can promote these events, apart for the Snetterton Stages. Why you might be asking. The reason is the support from inside the club and the age of those that do help and probably the location of the Club to the events.

We have roughly 100 members at the moment and although we don't ask for members' age, my guess we have around 10 members under 50 and none under 20. I'm seeing this all around, where clubs fade out due to old age. We are also finding location to our base, so we have to drive some distance which is putting people off to help.

I'm hearing that other clubs are discussing their future with declining membership and no one to organise events.

If the Club isn't going to fade away like other clubs we need to act now. The last couple months is making me think hard about my future.

So come out to support us at the BBQ/Concourse D'elegence and the Debden Sprint below and on the website.

Chris Deal

### **Summer BBQ and Concourse D'elegence At Old Owens, 19.30 for 20.00 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017**

For tickets and contact Mel 07748-952005

### **Summer Debden Sprint Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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

## GBMC Events 2017

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June – BBQ and Concours at Old Owens

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Debden Sprint (with Wickford AC)

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

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Debden Targa (with AMSC)

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



The Club needs volunteers to help with the following:-

Marshalling at club events

Posting news and forthcoming events on our Facebook page

Organising quarterly club night events /rally school

Contact David Hughes, club secretary, on 01707 651280 or

[secretary@greenbeltmc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@greenbeltmc.org.uk) if you can help with any of these tasks

## 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 11 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2017 | Rally    | 12 Car            | Clubmans   | SCCoN    | SCCoN         | Navigational Scatter    |
| Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2017 | Rally    | Road Historic     | National B | CMC      | CMC           |                         |
| Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2017 | Tour     | Tour Assembly     | CoE        | FMC      | FMC           |                         |
| Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2017 | Tour     | Tour Assembly     | CoE        | SCCoN    | SCCoN         | Classic Tour            |
| Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2017  | Autotest | Autosolo Autotest | Clubmans   | AMSC     | GBMC MCAC WAC | 2017 AutoSOLO Challenge |
| Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2017 | Rally    | Navigation        | Clubmans   | AMSC     | AMSC          | 12 Car Regularity Run   |
| Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2017 | Rally    | Navigation        | Clubmans   | AMSC     | AMSC          | 12 Car Regularity Run   |
| Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep 2017  | Rally    | Targa             | Clubmans   | AMSC     | WSMC WAC      | 2017 Targa Challenge    |

## Competition Calendar

| Date                  | Events                 | Club           | Venue/Start    | Format             |
|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 10 <sup>th</sup> June | Carlisle Stages        | RAC Rally MC   | Keilder Forest | Multi venue Rally  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> June | Abingdon CAR-vinal     | Sutton & Cheam | Oxon           | Sprint             |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> June | Abingdon CAR-vinal     | Sutton & Cheam | Oxon           | Single Venue Rally |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> June | Flying Fortress Stages | Dukeries MC    | Northants      | Single Venue Rally |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> June | Debden Summer Sprint   | GBMC/WAC       | Essex          | Sprint             |

## Show Calendar

### Goodwood Festival of Speed 29<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Sometime between June 29<sup>th</sup> and July 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.motorsportatthepalace.co.uk)

### **RallyDay – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Castle Coombe**

More details to come

# Summer Debden Sprint

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### 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



Richard Warne/Chris Deal on the Sweet Lamb stage on the Wales Rally GB 2016

## Comp Sec News

Phew what a busy couple months I had, with three events to organise. Without the help of John Davie the events wouldn't have happened, see the editorial.

Starting with the TAMS Packaging North Weald Sprint. We had just 31 starters, 8 GBMC members. Mick Davis was 3<sup>rd</sup> in class A3 in his Suzuki Swift; Adi recounted his first Sprint in last month's edition. John Start was using his normal BMW 335D road car and gave Paul Phillips a run for his money in his Subaru Impreza a less than a second between them and they were 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> overall. Glenn Pickett and Chris Jones were sharing Subaru Impreza WRC in class B11 with Chris beating Glenn but just over 2 seconds. Then we had Malcolm Wise in his race Ford Escort Cosworth and Richard Warne in his Ford Escort Mk2 rally car. Richard has been Clerk of the Course for many years, so it was good to see him inside a car rather than watching over the event. Malcolm was using the event as a test session and it was testing him. Malcolm had problems with the course and the car. Others for the Club helping was John Davie, Loyd Gerken, Gerry Thurlow, Peter Thorn, Ed Davies and Robert Taylor. Thanks to Harrow CC for helping us.

Two weeks later we were there at Woodbridge for the Targa with Wickford AC. Before that we loaded up all the equipment for both the Targa and the stages, kindly transported by Phil Clarke of Wickford AC. On the Saturday a small band of helpers including myself, John Davie and Peter Nathan set up the tests. On Sunday we had 61 starters with most coming from Chelmsford MC, but none from GBMC.

Then we had the event which has given me sleepless nights and kept me busy for most of the year. On the Saturday I woke up with a headache, if I was going to work I wouldn't have been going. On the day we had 42 starters with 3 GBMC members taking part, new member Grant Shand, regular co drivers Steve Greenhill and Rob Cook. Grant finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Steve guided Ian Rix to 16<sup>th</sup> overall. Rob wasn't so lucky with Aaron Rix, they had oil problems on the first stage only to re-join later and roll the car, thankfully uninjured, just pride.

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

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Debden Sprint (with Wickford AC)

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Woodbridge Sprint (with WECC/WAC), plus AutoSolo (with AMSC)

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Debden Targa (with AMSC)

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Chris Deal

# Dayinsure Wales Rally GB

## Rally of Legends

**26-29 October 2017**

### **The penultimate round of the FIA World Rally Championship**

I thought it was time to put pen to paper to plug the ultimate Stage Rally on the UK mainland. For those of you that remember for over a decade I organised a group 10-12 club members who ventured into the forest to marshal on this fantastic event, we had some great times. Where have you all gone????

During the last 5 years I have been lucky enough to have had the opportunity to have had entered each of the last five events with mixed results of 3 finishes out of 5 starts can't be bad, in our 1978 Modern Historic Mk2 Ford Escort RS2000.

On Last year's event in the main service area at the Deeside Rally Village over the 3 days we didn't see any friendly club members to support us on, what a shame.

Having said that we did see Stan Graham & Stuart Kingham from Wickford Auto Club on a Stage finish control, if that counts.

Well looking forward to this October event again myself & Chris Deal are planning again to compete on the National event that runs between the International event covering well over 100 miles of stages over 3 days in the forests of mid and North Wales.

Please see details below of the hospitality packages and stage details over the 4 days of Motorsport.

PS Remember if wish to marshal you do require to be a registered marshal. Please go to the MSA website for details or speak with our clubs Chief Marshal John Davie his details are at the back of the magazine.

Now put the date in that diary ??

Richard Warne

# Dayinsure Wales Rally GB

## Rally of Legends

**26-29 October 2017**

### **Hospitality, Rally Xtra @ Sweet Lamb - £120 (£100 + VAT)**

Rally Xtra @ Sweet Lamb is the authentic rally experience with all the essential extras to ensure the perfect day out at this famous mid-Wales venue.

This premium ticket offers morning bacon rolls, a hearty hot lunch, VIP parking, premium toilet facilities, free tea and coffee, pay bar, commentary, Wi-Fi and a private viewing area within the Sweet Lamb bowl.

### **Hospitality at Cholmondeley Castle - £240 (£200 + VAT)**

For the ultimate rally garden party, Saturday's hospitality pavilion puts you in pole position to enjoy the action in the grounds of this magnificent stately home.

Offering sumptuous food and drink through the day, private viewing area, VIP parking and guest appearances by rally legends, Cholmondeley Castle RallyFest is the only place for the discerning rally fan.

## **The Forests**

### **Thursday, 26 October 2017**

Fans get their first chance to experience the dramatic new-era WRC cars in thrilling high-speed action during the official pre-event Shakedown held in Clocaenog Forest on Thursday morning. Teams will be based in Ruthin – just a short drive from the Deeside Rally Village – and will be making their final preparations for the three days of competition laying ahead.

### **Friday, 27 October 2017**

The competition blasts off in spectacular style with classic speed tests in the legendary forests of mid-Wales. The opening day's schedule features three Special Stages, all set to the east of Aberystwyth. Myherin and Hafren are world-renowned as true classics while, with its jumps and water splashes, the shorter Sweet Lamb test is always a fans' favourite.

All three stages are tackled twice – once either side of a lunchtime regroup on the busy streets of Newtown before the cars head back to service, stopping off en route in Chester to meet the fans.

### **Saturday, 28 October 2017**

Saturday's schedule is even longer and, concluding under the cloak of darkness, even more challenging. The morning's itinerary takes the competitors to the famous forests of southern Snowdonia, just to the north of Machynlleth.

Gartheiniog and Dyfi are two more demanding stages that will push crews to their limits and provide fans with some outstanding viewing opportunities. Once again the WRC teams will tackle both tests twice before heading east to the day's fifth Special Stage in Dyfnant Forest in the periphery of the Cambrian Mountains en route to the family-friendly RallyFest at Cholmondeley Castle.

After a service to fit lights, Saturday's hectic timetable concludes with two stages held in darkness. The first is a return to the Dyfnant section run earlier in the day, the second a one-off sprint through the superfast Aberhirnant Forest, close to Bala.

### **Sunday, 29 October 2017**

Sunday's concluding day is set entirely in north Wales. The well-known Brenig and Alwen stages introduced in recent years feature again as well as the Gwydyr Forest in Snowdonia which returns to the route for the first time since 2013. All three stages will be run twice with the second run through Brenig being the event's concluding 'Power Stage', screened live to TV audiences around the globe.

As in 2016, the first half of the Brenig stage is set alongside the picturesque reservoir, however the final few miles have been revised to provide even better viewing areas below the dam and close to the Brenig Visitor Centre for those wishing to witness the grueling event's grand finale and TV podium presentations.

The official celebrations then switch to Mostyn Street in Llandudno for the Ceremonial Finish and prize-giving, providing the public with a final free-of-charge opportunity to savour the magic of the FIA World Rally Championship's annual adventure in Wales

Richard Warne

## 2017 Formula 1 World Championship

|        |                         |                  |                    |
|--------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 26-Mar | Australian GP           | Melbourne        | Vettel, Ferrari    |
| 09-Apr | Chinese GP              | Shanghai         | Hamilton, Mercedes |
| 16-Apr | Bahrain GP              | Bahrain          | Vettel, Ferrari    |
| 30-Apr | Russia GP               | Sochi            | Bottas, Mercedes   |
| 14-May | Spanish GP              | Barcelona        | Hamilton, Mercedes |
| 28-May | Monaco GP               | Monte Carlo      | Vettel, Ferrari    |
| 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-Francochamps |                    |
| 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/J. Ingrassia  | Ford    |
| 09-12 Feb  | Swedish Rally        | J. Latvala/M. Anttila  | Toyota  |
| 09-12 Mar  | Rally of Mexico      | K. Meeke/P. Nagle      | Citreon |
| 06-09 Apr  | Rally of Corsica     | T. Neuville/N. Gilsoul | Hyundia |
| 27-30 Apr  | Rally of Argentina   | T. Neuville/N. Gilsoul | Hyundia |
| 18-21 May  | Rally de Portugal    | S. Ogier/J. Ingrassia  | Ford    |
| 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 Tuesday 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 R1 A. Moffat, R2 T. Ingram, R3 C. Turkington  |
| May 6-7       | Thruxton R1 M. Neal, R2 R. Collard, R3 C. Turkington         |
| May 20-21     | Oulton Park R1 A. Jordan, R2 A. Sutton, R3 G. Shedden        |
| 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)                                    |

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## SELECTED EVENTS IN 2017

- 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



Adrian White/David Lobb - BMW 318is (Photo – Andrew Manston)



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### **ROBERT'S RACING ROUND UP**

Club Chairman Malcolm Wise has not got off to a very encouraging start to his 2017 season of racing in both the Quaife Modified Saloon Car Championship (QMSCC) - in his turbocharged Ford Escort Cosworth - and in the Blue Oval Saloon Series (BOSS) – in his Ford Sapphire Cosworth.

By now he planned to have competed in a total of nine races in these two championships but he has as actually only started in three events. All of these were in the Quaife Modified Saloon Car Championship – which has lost its prestigious Motorsport News sponsorship this year. He only finished in one of these QMSCC races where he took the chequered flag in third place.

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As his Ford Escort Cosworth was not ready for this season's first pair of QMSCC races, Malcolm Wise's first outing in this championship was at the BRSCC's Snetterton Caterham Race Weekend at Snetterton.

In practice for this race he only completed three flying laps of Norfolk's Snetterton 300 circuit. On the second one of these he clocked his best time of 2min 17.2 sec (77.9 mph). Disappointingly this was only the seventh fastest time, and it was a hefty 7.7 sec slower than Rod Birley's Ford Escort WRC which, as usual, occupied pole position.

After taking the rolling start from the fourth row of the 12 car grid Malcolm completed the first 2.9 mile long lap in sixth place but then retired on lap two with a failure of his car's left rear wheel bearing.

This was far too big a job to repair in the paddock so he had to non-start in the second race at this event.

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The next pair of QMSCC races were held on the 1.2 mile long Brands Hatch Indy circuit. In fact all of the subsequent 13 races in this championship will be run on this Kentish race track.

At this MG Car Club organised race meeting Malcolm's Escort, with its wheel bearing problem well and truly fixed (so he thought!), turned in a much better performance in the practice session.

He did 14 flying laps and on the penultimate one clocked a time of 52.9 sec (82.0 mph). This was only 1.2 secs slower than Rod Birley's Ford Escort WRC, which was in pole position, and mere 0.25 sec behind the second placed Renault Clio of Tony Skelton.

Malcolm spent the entire 15 minute race, which lasted for 17 laps for the leading seven cars, in third place.

Ahead of him Birley pulled out a 4.7 sec lead but our man was often right on the tail of Skelton's Clio. However he dropped back a bit, during the last couple of laps when his Escort's handling deteriorated and he started to hear strange noises from its back end.

Examination of the car in the paddock revealed that exactly the same problem with the car's left rear wheel bearing, as had manifested itself at Snetterton, had reoccurred. Once again this definitely could not be repaired at the race circuit so Malcolm could not take part in the second race at this race meeting.

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Most unusually, the Morgan Car Club's Peter Morgan Memorial Meeting (at Brands Hatch, of course) included only one race in the QMSCC series.

In practice for this event Malcolm found that his Escort Cosworth's straight line speed was not quite as good as it should have been. Nevertheless he was pleased to be second fastest behind Rod Birley (of course) and just ahead of Skelton's Clio.

He started the race from the front row of the 13 car grid but half way around the first 1.2 mile long lap found that he could not select fourth gear. Then his Escort's gearbox problems gradually got worse as the 15 minute race progressed.

It was not long before both fourth and fifth gears became unavailable and the car sometimes jumped out of third gear. By lap seven these problems had become so great that Malcolm decided to pull into the pit road to retire from the race.

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During the winter Malcolm made the decision to race his Ford Sapphire Cosworth in the Blue Oval Saloon Series instead of the SVG Motorsport Pre 93 Touring Car

Championship. He made this decision because the organisers of the latter series flatly refused to increase the size of the air restrictor for engines of Ford Cosworth powered cars.

They did this despite receiving a number of requests from Malcolm, and from other entrants of similar Ford powered cars, to do so. It was put to them that this change was essential in order to make the Fords competitive with the BMW M3s which currently dominate the Pre 93 Touring Car Championship. However all of these representations fell on deaf ears

Unfortunately there had never been any chance that Malcolm's Barnet and Southgate College sponsored Ford Sapphire Cosworth, would be compete in the opening pair of BOSS races at Rockingham. This was because this race meeting clashed with the third and fourth rounds of the Quaife Modified Saloon Car Championship at Brands Hatch.

Malcolm also missed the next pair of BOSS races, which were held at Cadwell Park, because of a significant problem with his Ford Sapphire's two litre, turbocharged Cosworth engine.

This was discovered when it was being tested on the dynamometer at Dave Wilde's DTW Engines premises at Harlow. It was then noticed that there was a small hairline crack in the cylinder block.

So Malcolm now hopes that this problem can be solved in time for BOSS races numbers five and six, which will be run at Silverstone at the end of June.

**ROBERT TAYLOR**

**Send in your action photos for the magazine  
and any news or stories**

## **GREEN BELT MOTOR CLUB**

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