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TURNBULL TROPHY RETURNS WITH A WDMC WIN

After a four year absence the Turnbull Trophy returned to Albermarle barracks on the military road towards Matfen. Tynemouth MC should be congratulated in getting the event back on the calendar and for the success it seems to have enjoyed on its return. It seems most of the cones in the UK were set out on the airfield come Sunday morning, many being scattered into the fields come Sunday evening!

WDMC had another strong turn out with members in both sides of the car and a few pairs out competing together. Pete Gibson and Josh Davidson recorded a sound result in their Evo 6 bagging 4th o/a and 3rd in Class. Pete had been battling (and getting frustrated) with eventual runner up, Howard Chopping but tyres which were revealing a bit of thread unfortunately hindered another push. A slipping clutch probably didn't help things more but the rain may have made things a bit easier for Pete and he got a good score by the finish. Jack Morton was again out navigating for Stuart Walker in his Evo 9 and they came

back home 7th o/a and 6th in class. David Thirlwell had Dan May sat in with him and had a cracking day out and they just laughed and smiled their way round the slippery tarmac. They also got a good result coming back in 14th o/a in the Escort Mk 2, after driving it like it should be driven!! Debuting the little pug 106 was the Knox's and they finished 28th o/a and 4th in class 2. They seemed to have a cracking day in the dash-less blue beaut, which Jimmy said compensated for putting on weight! It worked as they spent much time having a ball and battling an Evo 6 which was 7 times the cost! After battling with Michael Glendinning for the whole rally, Peter Taylor and Andrew Roughead were the eventual winners with a great drive. The clio R3 finished over 2 minutes clear of their nearest rival and was the only entry in the top ten not in class 5 – a fantastic result even if the clio did eat the tyres up for fun. Well done boys!

As mentioned Michael Glendinning was out but retired on the penultimate stage with gearbox issues. Ron Roughead out with Matthew Kesson in the Nova also retired with diff problems early on SS2, the stage which also saw the Proton Satria of Michael Davidson and Chris Dodds shear some wheel studs and cause them to retire. On the whole a great return to the venue and even critics of single stage rallies were singing its praises and it was suggested it replaces the Rally of the Midlands on the calendar next year!

JIM CLARK RALLY - KELSO 1st - 3rd JUNE

For the first weekend in June WDMC had many members out again on the ever popular and fantastic event up in the Scottish Borders. Members were out in every walk of rally life with a few dozen venturing up to either compete, marshal, officiate, run course car, service or spectate and have a cracking time.

With the traditional format of the event having numerous rally sections club members were on the entry lists in 4 of the 6 rally categories. At the front of the field...

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EDITORS REVIEW

I was searching about on the website a little while back and came across the section on Pacenotes. Mac had written an excellent article on Pacenotes, what they are, how they work and their importance. It made me want to read a Whickham and District Motor Club version but unfortunately due to various circumstances, largely people having little time to publish something there wasn't anything available. I thought this was a real shame so, since then I set about thinking of ways to re-launch the club magazine, and as I hadn't seen the original kind I was pretty unsure what it used to contain.

About a week later, I found my old man's Hexham Motor Club Checkpoint Chat from 1975 and it gave me some starting points. Unfortunately, some of the illegible handwriting won't be making an appearance due to computer intervention but hopefully it will be about the information. I have decided to set some time aside each month to try and condense all things motor sport and WDMC. Whether it is summing up events, 'breaking news', club night bits and bobs or fun stuff from each month we'll have a record and it'll let other members and motor clubs know what we are doing...and how well we do it!

I have set up/will set up Twitter and Facebook accounts to try and get events, such as the Autocross, Shaw Trophy and our stage rallies a bit more noticed. Any suggestions on this sort of thing is definitely welcome and we can use the new look WDMC Pacenotes and the website to assist this – keep up the good work Tosh! Photographs from any events that folk may go to would also be a huge help – please send photos or an email letting me know if you have any and I'll hopefully use them in the next month issue. Also if anyone wants to contribute in a small way by maybe jotting their thoughts on an event down and passing it on...great!

JIM CLARK RALLY - KELSO

(literally) and swapping the navigator seat for the drivers side, club chairman Paul Hughes was out as the Number Zero car in his Evo.6, after a hectic week getting a clutch fitted with the help of Kev Cousins! In the rally proper, the International section saw Peter Taylor and Andrew Roughead continuing their charge in the BRC and posting some competitive times indeed. The young Clio R3 team were lying 4th o/a at one point and were 5th o/a after stage 12 but then suffered broken suspension in stage 13 and despite making it through had to call it day before entering the penultimate stage Eccles 2; better luck in the borders next year boys!

Other members were out in the National category and whilst Pete Gibson/Josh Davidson retired on SS7 with mechanical troubles, the same problem that blighted another attempt at the event for Phil Morton/Jo Emma Hind in the Fiat X19 Prototipo, Morton Jnr was sitting in with Alex Laffey on his way to 32nd o/a and 2nd in Class. Whilst Jack made it to the finish and runners up spot in class, at least Phil had made it further than last year!

The historic event again had a fierce turn out and saw Banner claim yet another superb victory. Club member Tony Thompson and his navigator Paul Hudson were also out and put in a sterling effort to finish 5th o/a and in class H3. A really good result for Tony after a string of bad luck has thwarted the Chevette pair on the previous Tour of Hamsterley and Granite City – well done on the Clark, Tony!

The Reivers, the popular Sunday leg of the event saw four crews with a WDMC member or two and the event winner, Euan Thorburn was picking up his second rally win of the weekend. This victory was in his Focus WRC built at M-Sport by Mr Aird - Well done there Andy! Matthew Keeson was being guided around the lanes of the cheviots by Ronnie Roughead in the wee Vauxhall Nova and came home in 44th o/a and 3rd in class 3, a little less than 3 minutes behind class winners Bruce Hay/James Braithwaite in the similar Nova. Out on the lanes after some fun the previous day, Tony and Paul were picking up silverware for their efforts in the Chevette, 54th o/a and 3rd in class 6. Stuart Walker was being guided by Jack Morton in the Evo 9, but unfortunately made it little further than David Bogie into stage 1 and hit a fence causing them to retire. Michael Davidson and Chris Dodds in the Proton Satria also became retirements from the rally with a broken driveshaft on SS6.



On the whole there were some highs and lows and some outstanding performances regardless of the outcome at the rally end. Well done to all the members who were out and to those supporting the event, again it proves what an absolutely Stottin' event this is. Bring on 2013!

RALLY OF THE MIDLANDS - MIRA

Jack Morton was out with Alex Laffey in the Fiesta R2 and finished 21st o/a and 2nd in Class. The event winner was Damian Cole in the 04 WRC Focus.



National Motorsport Week – running from 30 June to 8 July 2012 – is a special celebration of UK motor sport jointly promoted by the Motorsport Industry Association (MIA) and the Motor Sports Association (MSA). It runs at the time of the Goodwood Festival of Speed and the British Formula One Grand Prix at Silverstone. National Motorsport Week also features a wide range of initiatives and activities ranging from novice taster events run by local motor clubs to factory visits and open days at many of the UK's premier motor sport-focused organisations.

WDMC are getting involved in the north-east area to help raise awareness of motorsport activities that are on going in the region, things our club is actively involved with and last but not least raise the profile of the club to both the public and other motor clubs and associations. We will be setting up the club marquee with three rally cars and flyers and copies of this months wdmcpacenotes at Halfords in the Team Valley on Saturday afternoon...Come along and Join Us!! Sunday also sees a drift championship in the area, speak to Paul Hughes on Wednesday to find out more!

On the 22nd July 2012, Whickham and District Motor Club will be hosting their first ever Autocross event at Causey Park, near Morpeth, The event s round 8 of the ANECCC Autocross championship. This is an exciting new venture for Whickham and District Motor Club and will hopefully support the clubs status as one of the most active clubs in the area.



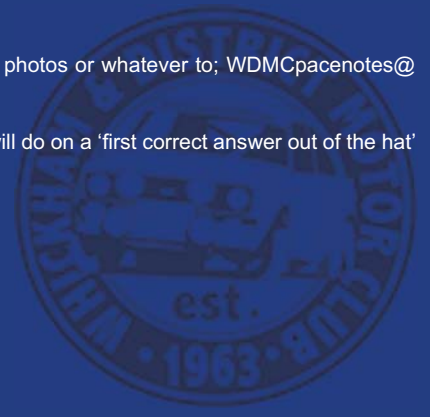
If you go to a talk or visit somewhere that you would like to tell everyone about, again jot it down. Send anything, photos or whatever to; WDMCpacenotes@gmail.com.

Furthermore, I am trying to get a monthly prize from various companies or individuals for the competition, which we will do on a 'first correct answer out of the hat' basis so please have a go and get involved!

Hope you enjoy the re-launch edition of WDMC Pacenotes...

Cheers

Ollie



ASTON WORKSHOP VISIT

At the end of May a group of about 20 WDMC members were fortunate enough to have an after hours tour of the Aston Martin Workshop, as stated already by those who attended it was a privilege to go and see some of these beautiful vehicles, whether they were complete or just a 'knackered old shell'.



The array of cars was immense, including DB2 mk 4 Zagato's, a stunning restoration DB5 and possibly one of the rarest vehicles there, or the world! The King of Belgium had commissioned a restoration/rebuild of a car which was based on various Aston Martin models and was being intricately detailed and finished by the team. Anyone interested in buying the car in its current state (see picture to the left) can contact the King and part with £1.6million..ouch!



The whole set up was really interesting and I would recommend anyone who missed out trying to catch the next tour although this might not be for another year or two.



Topping the night off was another array of goodness, this time in the form of some good old pub grub and beers, at the Black Horse next door. We'll definitely be sorting another visit out so listen out.

For those who also lingered around at the end, there were also a few Aston Martin calendars given out, mine is currently providing service at home!



DOON AT KIBBY CLUB

THIS MONTH...

30 June - 8 July - National Motorsport Week

4 July - Quiz

7 July - Halford Team Valley - WDMC stand for NMW

8 July - Drifting event - Team Valley

10 July - Committee

11 July - PlayStation

18 July - Autocross Marshals Night

19 July - ANECCC - Penrith

22 July - Autocross

25 July - Navigational Event

WDMC/LOCAL EVENTS

7 October - Shaw Trophy Rally

4 November - Cheviot Keith Knox Stages Rally



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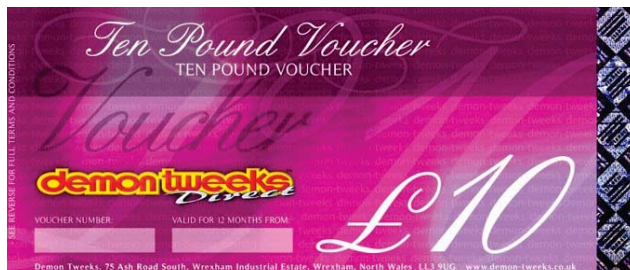
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Guess the motorsport brands above and complete the crossword to be in with a chance of winning the prize below!



All answers to be returned to the editor by 25th July via email or on a club night (scan/copies)

COMING NEXT MONTH MAIN HEADLINE - A CONTRIBUTION WELCOME?

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NICKY GRIST STAGES
AND SOME OTHERS...

LOCAL REVIEW -
NAVIGATION EVENT
FROM WDMC NIGHT

