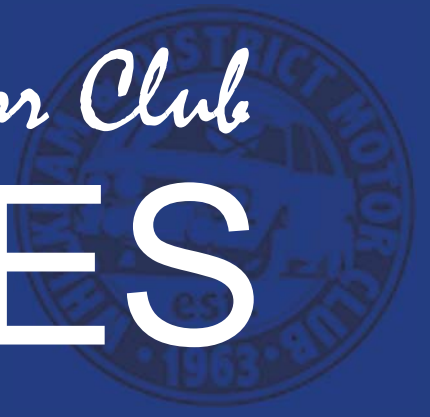


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WDMC Shaw Trophy Classic Rally and Targa Rally - 16th June, Matfen

Sunday 16th June saw the return of the Shaw Trophy Classic Rally and Targa Rally to the beautiful countryside of Northumberland, with the start and finish venue at the High House Brewery at Matfen. The event was running in new summer slot and attracted a steady entry of 20, many of whom travelled from north of the border. With the event made up of 2 regularity sections and 14 tests on private tracks and farms it provided a good challenge for both members in the crews.

Tom and I were out for the first time this year after missing earlier events with other commitments and spending most of our money on the 'new' black 106. We spent a bit of time on Saturday sorting out some little niggles, and getting the handbrake nice'n'tight, only for it to slip again after the 2nd test, so the remaining 12 were all done either without it or with Tom having a real good go which resulted in some laughs in car, especially when it locked on and it then wouldn't release. When it finally did release there was an almighty backfire which s**t him up as the timing couldn't have been better. Sorry to anyone on Whitchester who thought the Koreans were attacking, it didn't sound to loud in the car from what I recall!

The tests were great in the challenges they all offered, my particular favourites being Turpins' Hill, Col de Beechfield and Beechfield Drive – despite losing a flap. Lunch stop at Beechfield was again brilliant and big thanks go to Jo and co for preparing great sarnies and quiche, lots of it too.

CULTRA HILLCLIMB, NORTHERN IRELAND 2nd JUNE

After a break of many years Tosh and the Sylva Fury were out again, descending on the Irish like they didn't know what hit them - it was time to compete in the 2013 Cultra Hillclimb at the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum in County Down, Northern Ireland.

This year, however, marked Brian's entry into the world of competitive motorsport as he.....

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EDITORS REVIEW

Now the summer is here things are really starting to hot up! Not just the weather which hasn't been too bad but the sheer number of events and activities that the club has been involved in. The ERC has been, and will hopefully be a big boost for rallying and motorsport in the North East. Our involvement is key to its success and we should assist as much as possible alongside those involved. The PR day at Hetherington sounded like a big success and Paul was on the TV – should have had your WDMC hat on though!! Having WDMC at these events is key to raising awareness and we have two more in quick succession; one at Croft with GoMotorsport 21/22nd June and the Corbridge Show 7th July. I'll be at both and thanks to all who have helped with these, equally more help is needed for the Corbridge show which clashes with the Turnbull, but an extra set of hands would be hugely welcome. Another key event coming up is the MSA Training Day at Red Cross HQ 17/18th August. This being organised by Steve Miles and funded by WDMC and will really boost the involvement of marshalls and motorsport, especially around the region. Flyers will be out soon but pencil it in and speak to Steve via email or on a club night.

WDMC recently ran the Shaw Trophy and Targa which I personally thought was a huge success after last years cancellation. The report sums it but again I want to say thanks to everyone who helped and I'm sure you could tell by my face on the day, we had a great time! Looking forward to the next couple of events on the calendar and getting the new black beast back to give that a 'shakedown' run somewhere. I'd like to say well done to Tosh and Brian for the herculean efforts at Cultra and my massive thanks go to May Achievement of the Month winner Alastair for the huge effort he puts in to snapping away on all events, all over the place and duly sending them straight on to include in Pacenotes. You will have seen the number of credits with his name on and it very much appreciated Alastair, thank you. Maybe we should add you as WDMC's resident photographer, along with TC of course!! See you next month...Ollie.

JIM CLARK INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL RALLY - DUNS/KELSO, 31st MAY - 2nd JUNE

Out on what some describe as the biggest and best event, as well as being dubbed the only closed road rally in the UK, several WDMC members had mixed fortunes, in particular those who attempted both the main event and the Reivers on the Sunday.

In the main BRC field were the crew of Peter Taylor/Andrew Roughead in the DS3 trying to catapult themselves up the BRC championship standings after Peter's strong finish on The Isle of Man. A one minute penalty due to organisational error cost the boys 2 places and having been going pretty well, they dropped from 7th to 9th O/A and 8th in CI 5.

Following in the National event were several members in a huge mix of machinery and class categories. Top finisher in 5th O/A and 3rd in CI 12 was Josh Davison who was navigating for Ashley Fields [Darrian T90]. The next WDMC crew on the leader board were Alex Laffey/Jack Morton [Fiesta S2000] who finished 13th O/A and 1st in Class. They also won the award for best improvement on seeding, having started the day running as car 57. Brothers Gibson, Peter and Drew, were out to set some top times but their day never really got started as they were caught up by a cancelled stage, a car on fire and then picked a quick puncture which left them finishing in 38th O/A and 11th in CI 13. A few places back were Tony T/Paul Hudson in the Subaru Impreza N15 finishing the day in 45th O/A and 13th in CI 13. The re-acquired Datsun Sunny, which also passed its MOT days before the rally rather than hours, also had it tongue hanging out as Phil Morton/Jo Hind blasted through the border lanes. They bagged 49th O/A and 4th in CI 9 which marked a good start to the reunion for the trio. One place back on Phil and Jo was Ronnie Roughead, sat in with Euan McCosker for the first time. The pair in the Subaru Impreza finished 50th O/A and 5th in CI 4.

Some of the members and their teams didn't make it to the finish – Tristan Pye/Andrew Falconer again struggled to get into the groove of the rally and were out by SS" with mechanical woes again. More mechanical woes haunted the Skoda Fabia WRC of John Stone/Carl Williamson for whom Andy Aird was servicing. A most frustrating end to the day for the team after running in 4th O/A with only a couple of stages left. We know it wasn't your fault Andy!



SHAW TROPHY AND TARGA RALLY- NORTHUMBERLAND, 16th JUNE

With the sun continuing to shine for the afternoon leg and dust constantly clouding around marshalls at the stop astrides, the battles between various crews continued too – Darkie and Ross Butterworth battling it in the Mk1's although I think Darkie's eye was more on the Entertaining Crew awards, which obviously means going fast so still in with a chance of top spot. Tom and I were battling with Doddsy and Pete Gibson in the French Revolution. As well as a bit of camaraderie between the Pug crews, at the end of each test at least one of us would casually, with that underlying competitive edge, ask 'what was...er.. your time there lads?' and another comment of '..Ha, this is gonna be a close one!' It was tight and would have been more so had Doddsy and Pete not picked up a wrong test at Whitchester 2 and before that Regularity 1 had added a few more penalty seconds than they would have hoped, I blame the trip not working for that one, ey Peter?!! At least you got value for money with the mileage on Whitchester.

The overall standings were virtually identical to the seeding that had been allocated prior to the event and after a great variety of tests and regularities it was the Ford Escort Mk1 Mexico of Ross Butterworth/Andrew Fish [pictured right] who took the Classic Rally win and the overall honours on 15m37s. In the Targa Rally Darkie Lewis/Dan Lewis in another Escort Mk1 took first, as well as second overall time of 16m05secs. The Lewis pair also picked up most entertaining crew of the day. 3rd overall and 2nd in the Targa Rally were Ollie Currie/Tom Wells in the less powerful Peugeot 106 Xsi, 13s back on Lewis' escort.

Class Prizes were also awarded to Simon Parsons/Jessica Dickson in the Austin Healey Sprite, also best on the Regularities and David Heirs/Richard Welsh in the fantastic Saab 96. Ross Butterworth also scooped the Best Presented Car at Scrutineering with his immaculate Mk1, although I must admit after the amount of time I spent cleaning the engine bay in mine I'm devastated not to have got that award, Col! Dan and Kev will vouch for how gleaming it was I'm sure. BIG Thanks go to all the organisers at WDMC as well as the dust covered marshalls who did a great job, and even had the weather on their side for once. Thanks to the landowners, to whom the Spirit of the Event went to one and in particular Tony Thompson for supporting the event again and help make it a great day out. Here's to next year having a booster entry with everyone enjoying it as much as they did.

Overall Results:

- 1 Ross Butterworth/Andrew Fish (Ford Escort Mexico) 15m37s
- 2 Darkie Lewis/Dan Lewis (Ford Escort) 16m05s
- 3 Ollie Currie/Tom Wells (Peugeot 106 Xsi) 16m18s
- 4 Simon Parsons/Jessica Dickson (Austin Healey Sprite) 18m03s
- 5 Mike Smailes/Bryan Smith (Gilbern Gernie) 19m21s
- 6 Chris Dodds/Pete Gibson (Peugeot 205) 20m08s

CORBRIDGE CAR SHOW & 'BRING A FRIEND' NIGHT



As part of the big push to increase awareness of motorsport and in particular us, the clubs and grass roots, WDMC are trying two organised events that week. On Wed 3rd July we ask all members to bring a friend who is interested in motorsport but not a member or regular participant and see if they would like to join WDMC. There will be a buffet for all on the night

On Sunday 7th July there is also a large WDMC stand being put on at Corbridge Car Show. If you can come down to help on the day/promote the club please see Ollie asap.



JIM CLARK REIVERS - 2nd June

The large volume of WDMC members out on the Saturday might have explained the somewhat lower turnout figure on the Sunday, car problems, other commitments or the fact some might have never envisaged being there anyway! There were however a few still out to screech some tyres in the area, including the reliable Subaru Impreza of Tony Thompson/Paul Hudson who came home 46th and 2nd in CI 11, beaten by Dom Buckley who knows those roads like the back of his hand. SS5 was also playing an important part in the days rallying, eliminating the crews of Matthew Keeson/Ronnie Roughead in the Fiesta R2 as well as the Opel Kadett of Doug Humphrey/Josh Davison. Both cars decided to leave the road with the Fiesta doing so in quite a spectacular fashion, even after Ronnie had called out he knew the corner, so back off some.....although Matthew not quite enough and the Fiesta landed some 50 feet down the hillside. The Fiesta had been running in 34th O/a and 5th in CI 4 while the Kadett had been 53rd O/A and 2nd in CI 6.



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ERC PROMOTION DAY - Hetherington Park, Sunderland, 15th June

Over the past few weeks it has emerged that Tony Jardine and Rick Smith are spearheading a move to bring a stage of the FIA European Rally Championship (ERC) to Wearside.

WDMC were heavily involved with the promotion day for Sunderland council at Herrington Country Park when high-performance rally cars, driven by some of Britain's leading drivers, tore through the twists and turns of a specially created rally stage. Mat Smith, back from the Dukeries the week before and currently second in the BTRDA Championships, was throwing the Ford Ka around the tight course, while rally champion Miles Johnston, 49, kicked up the dust for passengers and spectators, in his sideways Mitsubishi Evo. Cub chairman Paul Hughes was also out and can be seen on the build up news <http://www.itv.com/news/tyne-tees/update/2013-06-14/motorsport-comes-to-sunderland-festival/>

Sunderland City Council stated: "We're delighted with the day. It captured the spirit of the sport, showing the public and the media what rallying is all about. The atmosphere and particularly volunteer support from the North East Motor Clubs was tremendous, and I thank all concerned for a great effort. The event coming to the north east is certainly a good thing for British Motorsport and WDMC are keen and should be doing as much as possible to assist the cause.

The council says an established annual rally show would highlight the automotive industry's importance to the North East's economy, promote the region through sustained international media coverage and bring substantial economic benefits to the city.



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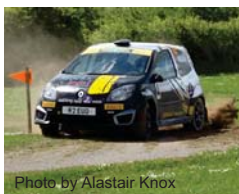


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THIS MONTH...

- 19 June - Motorsport Visit – Sunderland
- 21-22 – WDMC GoMotorsport Stand, BTCC at Croft
- 26 June – PlayStation
- 3 July - 'Bring a Mate' Night - Buffet etc.
- 7 July - Turnbull Trophy Rally
- 7 July - MG Northumbria Show
- 9 July – Committee
- 10 July – Quiz
- 17 July – PlayStation
- 24 July - Telephone Rally R2
- 28 July - WDMC 50th Anniversary Touring Assembly
- 31 July – DVDs

OTHER EVENTS...

- 23/26 – WRC Rally D'Italia, Sardinia
- 29 June > 7 July - National Motorsport Week
- 30 June - Northern Motorsport Madness
- 7 July – ALMC Stages
- 7 July – Greystoke Stages

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WHAT'S REVVVVVING MY ENGINE



Shaw Trophy Rally



ERC to Keilder



Bye Bye Bourney




















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TICKING OVER

NOT GOING ANYWHERE

CASTROL EDGE GP PREDICTOR UPDATE - WDMC CHAMPS OR CHUMPS LEAGUE

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5	▲1	 BritneyWiddersMotorsport	241
6	▲2	 GSL Racing	237
7	▼3	 GemmaC	237
8	▲1	 Racing_snakes	232
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RAINWORTH SKODA DUKERIES RALLY, Sherwood, 8th June

Andrew's Fenwick and Roughead made the trip down to Nottingham for the BTRDA counting Dukeries Rally, the wide, fast flowing stages hopefully suited to the Hyundai Accent WRC machinery. The pair were quick – not as quick as they had been on previous outings such as Epynt as Andrew was getting to grips with the gravel stages and set up. As the y day progressed however, the speed picked up but they had lost a bit too much time earlier in the day and finished 7th O/A and 6th in CI WRC1, 2m17s behind the leader. The event was won by Charlie Payne/ Paul Spooner [Focus WRC] 17s ahead of an ever improving Stephen Petch/ Ian Windress [Focus WRC] with Kevin Rowledge/Andrew Bargery [Subaru S10 WRC] a further 1m27s behind.

KEITH FRECKER MEMORIAL STAGES, Weeton Camp, 9th June

Andrew Roughead was out for the second weekend in a row, again with two days of rallying back to back, although the Dukeries and KFMS somewhat different to the Clark. One consistent factor for the tarmac Weeton based event was he was sat alongside Taylor again. Not Peter this time, with whom Andrew has competed mostly with over the years, but his father Keith, the man behind the scenes who has funded most of their rallying. Having not competed for a while the day started slowly and they began to set some good times in the Subaru Impreza before the car was put on the trailer back to Carlisle with mechanicals. They had managed to get to SS8 of 11 and Keith will likely be out again sometime this year.

CULTRA HILLCLIMB, - NORTHERN IRELAND, 2nd JUNE

....shared 'Stevenson's Rocket' with Tosh to make it a true Father and Son combination on the day.

The last time the Sylva was out in anger was back in 2001 when Tosh had been competing in the Northern Ireland Roadsports Championship at Kirkistown, County Down for a number of seasons. At that time the competition was mainly Ginettas, MGs, Midgets, Westfields and Caterhams, Sylvas, Locosts with a smattering of bike-engined Sevensque type cars and the odd Lotus thrown in for luck.

The 2013 event, 'Celebrating Women in Motorsport', at the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum, certainly lived up to the pre-event reports of significantly increased interest in what is now dubbed 'Northern Ireland's Motoring Garden Party'. Not only did the organisers of the Cultra Speed hillclimb competition, have a huge jump in competitor numbers but the Museum experienced an increase of almost a third in its visitor numbers for the day. There was a large number of World Cup and World Rally champions, Hillclimb Champions but not an Ari Vatanen or Roger Moran in sight. Indeed Cultra 2013 attracted all those, and they were all ladies. Respectively, Louise Aitken-Walker, Irish legend Rosemary Smith, Jenny Kennedy from Crossgar and Natalie Kane from Loughbrickland were joined on the Official Opening Drive by the Museum's latest restoration – the McCandless 'Dorothy Car' driven by the head of NMNI Collections Care, Siobhan Stevenson. Ten times and reigning British Womens Racing Drivers Club Hillclimb Champion Jo Hodgson was competing and so had her own Official Opening Run every time, as the first competitor on the hill for each of the five sessions.

Somewhere, I imagine near a Guinness or Brown Ale dispensary was Tosh and Brian preparing for their runs (by stocking up for their celebratory drinks obviously!). With the car ready, Tosh back in the suit after a wee while away and Brian kitted out for the first time in, it was time to rock'n'roll. Brian was first car on the road and managed a quick and steady run up the the climb. Tosh and many varied vehicles ranging from rally cars to single seaters and Allard J2's all followed suit from Brian. Then the rain came and made it slightly more interesting. This did not however dampen the Townsend spirit and after a total of five runs, the awards for the competitors were presented.

Obviously he would be asked by everyone who won and when this was said Tosh blankly looked about, stating that there was no competitive edge [mmm really]...then disclosing that obviously he did!!! In actual fact, it certainly didn't seem like there was any outrageous father son rivalry and the day was all about getting out there having fun and getting in Brian's maiden voyage in the green missile. Brian also has a good video of the build up to the stage start and his initial run through the climb, worth a watch if any one is interested and can grab him on a club night.

It really sounds like the day was amazing, the entry list is staggering and includes so many makes and models from so many categories of the sport. It might be worth either a WDMC social next year or I certainly wouldn't mind joining Tosh and Brian if they head out again. Top work guys and look forward to hearing the next tales of Townsends on Tour!!

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