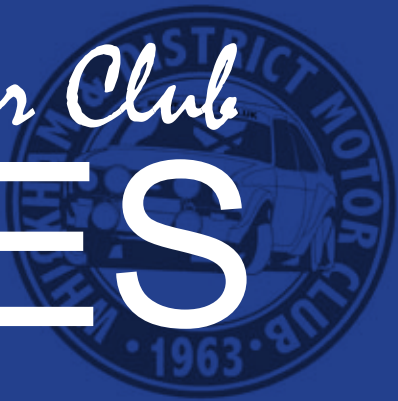


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DURHAM DALES CLASSIC AND TARGA TROPHY RALLY - 1st SEPTEMBER, NISSAN

Cool Runnings! Great film and the way it ended, brilliant - you know, with the two blokes pushing it across the finish line?! Hang on a minute, there was four of them but it's easily mistaken for the same ending in the film as on the 'Dales.

Paul Hughes and myself were out in the blue 106 and having started slowly, a near wrong test on 1 then a driver error resulting in a wrong test on 3 meant after the first loop we were on the pace but down the standings. After a better middle part of the day we were up to 1st in Class and fighting for 6th o/a. With two tests left this was still the case. On two occasions the car had popped out of gear and during the penultimate test we thought it had done it again. This time the clutch pedal had popped up and it was seen in an unusually high position. Having checked it out, the lever had some play on top of the housing so with one test left we decided to get her going and 'cruise' to the finish with little, to no gear changing. In fear that something might happen, we let the other competitors through and sure enough followed them in. It was all going OK until the final straight - with a few chicanes and a mere few hundred metres to go - then something went crunch.

So cue, Cool Runnings, Currie and Hughes pushed the poorly car past the chicanes and over the stop astride - wrong test! It didn't matter too much as we had managed to get a finish and have a laugh along the 4 minute push stint! We got a tow back the HQ venue and finished the day 5th in class and 15th o/a. While it was fantastic day with some excellent tests, it was disappointing not to have finished with some silverware at the very least....cont



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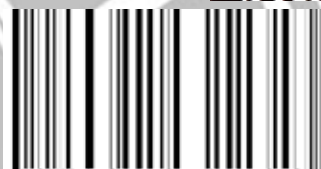
MONGOL RALLY DOVER TO ULAANBATAAR 14th JULY TO 11th AUG

After a long awaited start, and a long journey of some 7,956 miles, the trio eventually arrived in Ulaanbataar 2 days before their anticipated due date. Having taken in 9 countries, met a bloke cycling the world, given all their bribes away, suffered 9 punctures, losing first and second gears as well as the sump guard in a thunderstorm the Mongolian capital was a very welcome end to the epic adventure. The boys raised £4k for their charities and will hopefully bring the GoPro footage to the club one night for all to see. Well done on the adventure!!!

INSIDE THIS MONTH



SPECIAL ISSUE
MSA TRAINING REPORT



EDITORS REVIEW

Time has flown yet again since the last issue, which was the first double, booster edition to help cover the special MSA Training Weekend. This issue again is a double format which captures the thoughts of the organisers, quotes from attendees, photos from TC, the Sky coverage for WDMC yet again and of course the infamous #ThanksMarshal mascot. I have had a hoot tweeting and publicising things about him, all of course in good spirits and cocktails as well as reiterating how much we as a club have done and continue to do so in relation to organising and marshalling, in particular when it comes to rallying. It goes without saying that everyone who went on the training weekend thoroughly enjoyed it and benefited loads from the variety of courses. A massive thanks to Steve Miles and others who made the weekend happen for us. You get my nomination for August achievement award Steve. Speaking of which, well done to the Pete Gibson and Jo Emma Hind, on the July achievement for their excellent 3rd Overall on the Turnbull, as well as Alastair Knox for his first time out. Happy Birthday too Jo!

I've also had a rollercoaster few weeks jumping between cars (not literally); getting the road rally 106 ready for Durham (doh!) and eventually turning the key on the stage 106. What a feeling this was after having bought it last November and then finally hear it running. We then took it to Motoscope at Northallerton, albeit in a hurry, where Richard Pocklington worked his magic to get her running far better. Having had a few niggles we didn't have it quite at the point we would have hoped so what he did was quite remarkable; he is a bit of genius that man, so thanks again Pock! Once we have ironed out some of the gremlins we'll be back to get optimum performance from her. Can't wait!!



For any members who haven't heard - this October sees the 50th Anniversary of WDMC. To celebrate this half centenary landmark, the club is having a Formal Dinner on 26th October, in the Monboucher Room at Beamish Hall. Old members have been invited and many tickets are sold but don't miss out on joining us celebrate. There will be food and drinks with entertainment in the form of some music and a Guest speaker to entertain us all. Tickets will be coming out shortly but if you want to reserve one please speak to the Paul Hughes to book or to get more information.

ULSTER RALLY - IRELAND 23-24th AUGUST

Across on the Emerald Isle Josh Davison was teamed up with Ross Hunter in the Peugeot 205, to mount an attack on the 2 event BRC Challenge. The pair were victorious in the first event, mainly ran on the Friday and finished ahead of Dean Rafferty in the Honda Civic while reigning champion Richard Sykes was third. A well driven rally from start to finish despite gearbox issues losing them time in the later stages. The bigger challenge was to come on the Saturday however, and having been running in second spot Ross and Josh ended up on the roof of the Peugeot in SS4 and this meant that by the time it was the right way up they had unfortunately gone OTL and were out. This allowed Rafferty to take the winners spot, but were pushed for much of the way by Ross and Josh.

MIKE STEPHENSON MEMORIAL -

YORKSHIRE - 1st SEPTEMBER by Alastair Knox

The Knox's went to the Mike Stephenson Memorial rally which was a mint event: 50 odd entries, 2 fields and 1 mission - to go flat out! With 11 mk2 Escorts and 3 mk1 Escorts there was a lot of sideways action. Julie Stephenson, Mike Stephenson's wife brought along Mike's 2.3litre MK2 Escort to put on show. There was one Whichham member out which was Christopher Dodd's in a Ford Escort MK2. Andrew Moverley & Doddsy finished 16th in their Ford Escort MK2. 1st Place was Ian Joel & Graeme Wood in their Ford Escort Cosworth 2nd Place was Matthew Robinson & Nigel Hutchinson in their Ford Escort MK2 3rd Place was Steve Bannister & Julie Stephenson in their Ford Escort MK2. In aid of Mike, they raised £2K from this rally to go to charity.



Photo by Alastair Knox

TYNESIDE STAGES - OTTERBURN ARMY RANGES - 11th AUGUST

A good entry list saw many local members out, Peter Taylor & Andrew Roughead in the Ford Focus WRC, Alex Laffey & Jack Morton in the Ford Fiesta S2000 and Washington James & Paul Hughes in the Darrian T90 GTR - a first time on the ranges for the Welshman so he enlisted the assistance of the chairman. Also out and for the time in a while competing was John Pye in the Subaru Impreza. Mark Thompson & Phil Kenny in Peugeot 206 GTI were also out to get some more valuable knowledge of Otterburn while a crew with plenty of that was Tony Thompson & Paul Hudson in the Subaru Impreza, wrong tyres and all. Some other crews were also competing for REIS Asphalt points and from the sidelines the yumps on the final two stages were pretty spectacular. A lot there have seen cars go that quick over them, but they generally don't survive the landing at that speed. To see the top 10 crews, which included several members, go at that pace was very entertaining for the spectators, especially after the big incident last year involving Tommi Graham.

As for the standings at the end of the day Damian Cole took top spot after the unlucky Steve Simpson lost the lead when his rear wheel came off due to the hub shearing. John Indri made 2 storming pushes to go from 3rd to 2nd O/A. He made up 27s on the last two loops to miss out on victory by 2s. 16s behind the Darrian man was Simon Mauger in the pristine Mk2. Just over a minute behind Cole were Peter Taylor and Andrew Roughead sporting some new aerodynamics in their WRC Focus. Washington James and Paul Hughes were 3rd in Class and 7th O/A in the Darrian, with Laffey and Adolf Morton 10th O/A and class winners. John Pye finished an excellent 4th in Class and 17th O/A with Mark Thompson/Phil Kenny 23rd O/A and 3rd in Class after a slow start and some niggles in the morning. Tony T/Paul Hudson were 5th in their class and 27th O/A to round out the WDMC finishers. Ashley Fields/Josh Davison didn't negotiate a tight corner on SS4 and consequently ended up beached on the rocks in the river. Fortunately both were OK.



Photo by Alastair Knox



Photo by Spadeadam MC

Also massive thanks to everyone who has been to the metro centre to help out with the GoMotorpsort shop, in particular Karl Knox for his help, more of which is on the back page along with the hot topics of August – yes you guessed it Morton's Month, which I don't think can be a monthly thing otherwise Jack will think we're taking the biscuit all time....honestly Adolf, we're not!

Well before long I'll be writing this again so, ciao for now! See you all for a pre Mull Issue.

Jimmy (I mean Ollie)

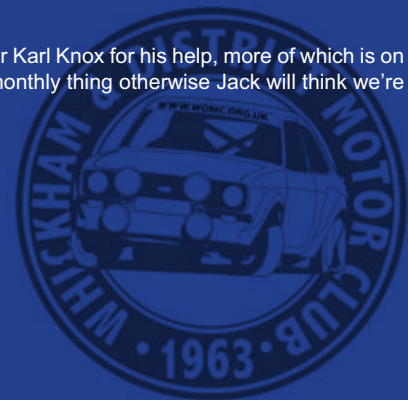


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...but yet again the 'Dales proves to be a tough little challenge on not only the crews but the cars, with quite a few retirements from driveshafts! Peter Metcalfe and Guy Wickham were also out to represent the club in the Class 1 Mini and having recently had the car sorted and this being the first time out competitively in a while, took a steady approach and built upon their test times during the day. Peter also found the limit of the car, when he apparently lost the back end on a long fast left hander, but managed to take 3rd in the class and 29th o/a. Paul Swift/Jess Bell had led the event until lunch when the Mk1 RS2000 packed in with a misfire, leaving Archie Simmonds/Richard Simmonds to win by 17s from Tom Hall/Bob Hargreaves with last years winner Gordon Clendinning/Murray 'Not the Commentator' Walker in 3rd in the Chevette. Big Thanks to all those who helped on the day, Durham for putting on what it fast becoming a great event and well done to all the competitors, in particular the award winners. A score is to be settled in 2014 for round 4 of the pug vs test track!

NEATH VALLEY STAGES - SOUTH WALES - 10th AUGUST

Ronnie Roughead and Robin Shuttleworth made the long trip to the classic forests of south Wales for the RAC Championship round of the Neath Valley Stages. Hoping to pick up more valuable points towards the championship the crew were on the pace and finished 26th O/A but more importantly, 1st in Class C2 and 7th in the overall Category C group. With a few events remaining, hopefully they can take the championship trophies. If anyone missed the review on Motors, there was an excellent interview with Robin, which hits home at how much fun you can have without going BDA balls out and spending a fortune!!

SPEYSIDE RALLY - ABERDEEN 3rd AUGUST

A long hike to the northern frontier saw one WDMC member, Adolf Morton aiming to dominate this round of the Scottish Championship. Sitting in with Kier Beaton in the Honda Civic the early stages were going quite well with some good times in class. Having bombed around the first three stages a broken driveshaft on SS4 was enough to halt any further invasion into the forests in the highlands.

David Marshal - A Loss to the Rally World

Since starting the revamped Pacenotes we have never had an obituary included. Whether or not there have been any deaths I am unsure, but it seemed appropriate to acknowledge the life of David Marshal, with whom many WDMC members forged strong friendships or enjoyed being with on events. The regular competitor from Yorkshire was often out and in various rally cars and shared a Mk 1 passion with many, including Ronnie and Robin. His funeral was well attended by many from the rally community and he will be missed by all. The clubs condolences go to all the family and friends. Rest Happy DM.



DOON AT KIBBY CLUB

THIS MONTH...

- 4 September - Quiz
- 8 September - Lindisfarne - CANCELLED
- 10 September - Committee
- 11 September - Playstation
- 18 September - Open Forum Discussion
- 25 September - Navigation Event [Road]

OTHER EVENTS....

- Until 6 Sept - Road Respect Metro Centre
- 8 September - Italian GP Monza
- 12-14 September - Rally Isle of Man
- 14 September - Navigation Rally, Spadeadam
- 21-22 September - Rally day Castle Combe
- 21-22 September - Hillclimb, Harewood
- 22 September - Doonhamer Classic, Dumfries
- 27/28 September - Trackrod, N Yorks
- 7 October - Navigation Rally, Hexham
- 11-13 October - Rally Mull - err Mull?
- 20 October - Cheviot Keith Knox - Otterburn
- Autumn Karting Night - Date TBC

PURE CLASS-IFIEDS.....

WDMC T SHIRTS AND POLO SHIRTS

Please contact Mark Jose if you are wanting WDMC T Shirt - lots of sizes and colours!!!! social@wdmc.org.uk or see him at the club



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WHAT'S REVVVVVING MY ENGINE



Quite Literally...at MotoScope!



Quite Literally...Drop down 5!



Quite Literally...on Durham Dales!



NOT GOING ANYWHERE

FLAT OUT

TICKING OVER

CASTROL EDGE GP PREDICTOR UPDATE - WDMC CHAMPS OR CHUMPS LEAGUE

RANK		TEAM NAME	POINTS
1	="	GB Dantport	422
2	="	GB Prof.Pat.Pending	407
3	▲2	GB GemmaC	401
4	▲2	GB TROADB	396
5	▲4	GB Team Busho	384
6	▲1	GB QSL Racing	375
7	▼3	GB Tunes Cafe F1	375
8	▼5	GB BritneyWoodsMotorsport	363
9	▼1	GB NKC78	354
10	▲7	GB Mighty.madnet.kickers	351
11	▲7	GB Racino snakes	346
12	▼2	GB Yrluosa.Racing	344
13	▼2	GB The winner	339
14	▼2	GB Max2492	320
15	▲1	GB Tackle touchino TIMMY	303
16	▼2	GB TMB	294
17	▼2	GB BALLY	287
18	="	GB JM.Ballvino	202

ROAD RESPECT AND GoMOTORSPORT SHOP, - METRO CENTRE, 16th AUGUST - 7th SEPTEMBER

THIS great opportunity to raise the general awareness of motorsport and motor clubs in the area has been a fairly successful 'shopping' experience for the club. We were the only local club to specifically have a nominated day at the shop and with Ronnie and Audrey, Mick Kinghorn, Guy, Paul and some others all manning the motorsport section we will hopefully have made a few more people aware. The shop itself was themed around Road Respect's idea of driving safely and not after a skinful, the simulator tested the public's ability to drive sensibly and 'under the influence'. Whilst many people who came in the shop were not intending on getting involved in motorsport, if only a handful were genuinely interested then at least it more marshals or spectators to promote the various disciplines of the industry. Massive thanks to Karl Knox who was there to represent the club on many occasions, and as ever constantly spread word and promote the club and what it does. Not only did he push the motorsport side of things but also helped the Road Respect team when things were quiet by 'practising' on the simulator to generate interest. I can't possibly think of any other reasons why he would want to go and spend many, many hours for many, many, many days in a shop with tight topped lovelies...can you?! Its a dark and lonely job promoting the club ey Karl? At least we won an iTunes voucher as a reward for mastering the drink driving..er I mean speed test!



KARTING, WARDEN LAW, - 24th JULY

Durham and Whickham both lined up against each other at Karting North East for some friendly racing. An entertaining night had with some good battles going on from the front of the pack all the way to the back. After Big Kev's triumph as top WDMC member last time out, a point was to be proved by others to regain this title. Andrew Roughhead was possibly set to take the spoils until 'Rubbin' Is Racing Harry' meant he dropped out. This left Ollie Currie to take the WDMC honours in both races, with Kev Cousins hot on his heels. Nowt else really happened that night!!!!

LISTEN CAREFULLY - I VIL SAY ZIS ONLY VONCE - I VIL TAKE OVER ZE WORLD! ADOLF MORTON'S MONTH - AUGUST

Jack has been plotting to take rule over the world. He has subtly grown a new disguise and shall now be affectionately know as Adolf Morton. He has however, been getting some excellent results of late with Laffey in the S2000 and dominating the class, however, a mention should go to his Blitzkrieg attack on the WDMC Champs and Chumps League where, having not started until round 7 of 11 so far he is, yes still in last place! On a serious note, having only scored on 4 rounds of 11 so far has **printed in association with** actually been in the top 3 every time and could have led the rest! I said...I vil take over ze world, damn it that's twice in said it!



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SPECIAL EDITION ISSUE

MOTOR SPORTS ASSOCIATION TRAINING WEEKEND REPORT

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VOLUNTEERS:

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British motorsport

MSA Year of the Volunteer

#ThanksMarshal



Some of the things we might do when training or marshalling and organising events in motorsport....

MSA Training Weekend Summary from the Organising Team

Looking back its hard to remember that the recent training weekend held at the British Red Cross began as an 'if only' discussion at the back doors of an ambulance outside an accident & emergency department. The 'if only' was the idea of doing a small RTC extrication training session alongside some MSA Rescue crews. I don't think at the time either Martin or I thought how that idea would evolve!

Several months later and with lots of hard work we had a plan to run a "slightly" larger training weekend with several different modules, making use of both the British Red Cross and the MSA skills, to offer a range of training opportunities. Even though we had a sound plan there were still a few hurdles to overcome, thankfully Whickham and District Motor Club jumped in to provide much needed assistance and I am very grateful to the club and its members for their support.

The weekend ran extremely well and lots of very positive comments have been received. I would like to thank Martin and all the others from the British Red Cross for the use of their excellent facilities, professional trainers and making us feel very welcome. Also I would like to thank the MSA Instructors for providing excellent MSA sessions and Trevor and his team from Ford Parts Ltd for providing all the showroom condition cars for our careful drivers! And of course I would like to thank all those who supported the weekend and motorsport in general by attending one or more of the training days/sessions.

There is already quiet talk of another training weekend next year. For those of you who attended this year we have some ideas of new sessions to avoid repeats and for those who couldn't attend this year look out for the dates and come along to see what you missed. As always if anyone has any ideas for training sessions they would like to do please drop me an email.

Here are some quotes proving its popularity from those who attended one day or the whole weekend:

- "The weekend was outstanding, tiring and very enjoyable"*
- "Overall the course was an amazing experience, very worthwhile"*
- "Absolutely brilliant"*
- "Lunch was excellent"*
- "Excellent initiative and very welcome addition to the North East"*
- "Food – veggie option – BRILLIANT!"*
- "Great venue"*
- "Good to have great local training in the North East"*

If anyone cannot wait until next year there is still a possibility to do training on clubs nights, so if your club would like to organise a short session during your normal meeting night get in touch. Please contact:

Steve Miles

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WHAT'S ON GUIDE TO MOTORSPORT - NORTH EAST AND CUMBRIA [AUGUST 2013]

Date	Event	Venue	Website
1 st Sep	Classic Rally	Washington	http://durhamautoclub.org.uk
7 th Sep	12 Car Rally	Northumberland	http://hexhammotorclub.co.uk
7 th /8 th Sep	Car Racing	Croft Circuit	croftcircuit.co.uk
8 th Sep	Stage Rally	Otterburn	richard-burns.com/tdmc/
8 th Sep	Autotest	Hartlepool	hartlepoolmotorclub.co.uk
8 th Sep	Autotest/Trial	SW Sotland	soscc.co.uk
8 th Sep	Sporting Trial	Melmerby	nptcc.org.uk
9 th Sep	Grass Autotest	West Cumbria	wcmcrallying.co.uk
9 th Sep	Scatter Rally	Malton	maltonmc.co.uk
14 th Sep	4x4 Trial	Herrington	nero.org.uk
14 th Sep	Navigation Rally	North Cumbria	spadeadammotorclub.co.uk
21 st /22 nd Sep	Hillclimb	Harewood	harewoodhill.com
21 st /22 nd Sep	Historic Racing	Croft Circuit	croftcircuit.co.uk
22 nd Sep	Autosolo	Seaton Carew	hartlepoolmotorclub.co.uk
22 nd Sep	Classic Rally	Dumfries	soscc.co.uk
22 nd Sep	Classic Rally	N Yorks	riponmotorsportclub.co.uk
23 rd Sep	12 Car Rally	Whitby	whitbydmc.co.uk
27 th /28 th Sep	Stage Rally	N Yorks	trackrodmotorclub.co.uk
29 th Sep	Autotest	Maryport	wcmcrallying.co.uk
29 th Sep	Karting	Teeside	stocktonmotorclub.co.uk
4 th /5 th Oct	4x4 Trial	Northumberland	nero.org.uk
6 th Oct	Sporting Trial	Kendal	nptcc.org.uk
7 th Oct	12 Car Rally	Northumberland	hexhammotorclub.co.uk
13 th Oct	Kart Racing	Rowrah	http://www.cumbriakrc.co.uk
19 th Oct	Classic Tour	Cumbria	wigtonmc.co.uk
19 th Oct	Rallycross	Croft Circuit	croftcircuit.co.uk
20 th Oct	Classic Rally	Cumbria	wigtonmc.co.uk
20 th Oct	Stage Rally	Otterburn	wdmc.org.uk
21 st Oct	12 Car Rally	Cockermouth	wcmcrallying.co.uk
27 th Oct	Autotest	Seaton Carew	hartlepoolmotorclub.co.uk
28 th Oct	12 Car Rally	Whitby	whitbydmc.co.uk



WANT TO TRY KART RACING? COME ALONG TO OUR AUTUMN KARTING NIGHT AT WARDEN LAW

We currently are arranging our Autumn karting session at Karting North East, Warden Law near Sunderland and EVERYONE is invited. Bring a friend or if you don't have any that will be interested come and make some friends who share your passion with motorsport, it is your chance to find your hidden talent!

The times and date will be confirmed in the next issue of WDMC Pacenotes out at the end of September. This is just one event of many that Whickham and District Motor Club arrange or are involved with during the year as one of the most active clubs in the region. We have a varied activity calendar and activities are only limited by the members arranging skills! So why not come along and get involved, our karting night is a great social and great way to get involved.

To book your place contact **Mark Jose** at social@wdmc.org.uk or see him on a Wednesday night at the club.



A Weekend With Marshal - The MSA's most famous 'Marshal' joins WDMC

Born in 2013, Marshal has arrived on the scene bright eyed and bushy tailed, and is a key role in the MSA's 'Year of the Marshal' campaign. So far he has attended all of the key events on the British Motorsport scene and you can see he has met some of the most famous people in the sport. Some of the events he has attended are:

- London Rally for Heroes
- Motorsport at the Palace
- Jim Clark International Rally
- Oulton Park Marshal's Fire Training
- The BRITISH F1 GRAND PRIX / GoMotorsport Live! at Silverstone
- Goodwood Festival of Speed
- Sky Sports F1 Show appearance
- C4R-Fest South

It was therefore quite an honour when, late on Wednesday night after a club night, there was a knock at the door and Marshal had arrived for a weekend in the Toon for the MSA Training Weekend. He kept himself busy while his chaperone was working, he visited the city centre and quayside and even bought the MSA a postcard.

Come Saturday morning, Marshal and Ollie headed round to British Red Cross to participate in the Recuse Course. Marshal soon made friends with Dragon Ted [bottom left] and wasn't fazed by the gory videos to educate the attendees in detail. In fact he was keen on being put in a neck brace [which as more like a straight jacket for him] and jumped at the opportunity to go on a MIBS stretcher.

After an excellent, interactive and very informative first day, a party 'toon style' was on the cards - not much needs to be said apart from boy - he knows how to drink! His poison being the Tiger's Milk cocktail of Rum, Brandy and Milk with a sprinkle of cinnamon. After some homeward bound pizza and zebra kebab, a quick game on the Playstation and yet another Tiger's Milk cocktail it was off to bed.

Sunday. No sign of a hangover. Big breakfast. Off to the First Aid and Marshal/Officials Training course. Another great day was had gaining a First Aid Certificate and going over excellent 'on event scenarios' with Andy Nicholls. I felt like I learnt a great deal from the whole weekend and would recommend this type of course to EVERYONE involved in motorsport. Marshal seemed to learn a lot too and hopefully this could be an annual event for the motorsport community. It was a testament to the importance of this weekend that we had Marshal's company and having attended all the big events on the calendar this year, showed how important it is that this training is available to both existing and future marshals.

So having packed his bags up and put some fresh WDMC stickers on his hand luggage, we took Marshal to the airport and said farewell for now (well it was actually the post office in a shoe box, but it did have a breathing hole!). Hopefully he continues the good work in the 'Year of the Marshal' and people recognise the good hard work that these volunteers put in to help make the events we love happen. There are plenty at WDMC and your hard work is greatly appreciated by all of us.

ps This is all true apart from the zebra kebab - you don't get zebra kebabs so it was just a plain old pitta and salad with a whole zebra on the side!!!! **#ThanksMarshal**

