

### SMASHING DAY OUT FOR PAUL MAY - AND DAN!

### RED KITE STAGES, LLANDOVERY, NORTH WALES 24/11/2013

BY DAN MAY FOR PACENOTES

It was the first time out for us in 15 months as the car has been off the road for a full rebuild and some upgrades. This year we are competing in the West Wales Rally Spares RAC Rally Championship. The weekend did not start well as we hired a crew cab van for the trip down to Wales on the Friday night after a trip up to Hexham to load up the van. After that done Paul came home and parked up on the banked drive.



Photo by RAC Championship



Photo by Alastair Knox

### JACK FROST STAGES - CROFT -18th JANUARY

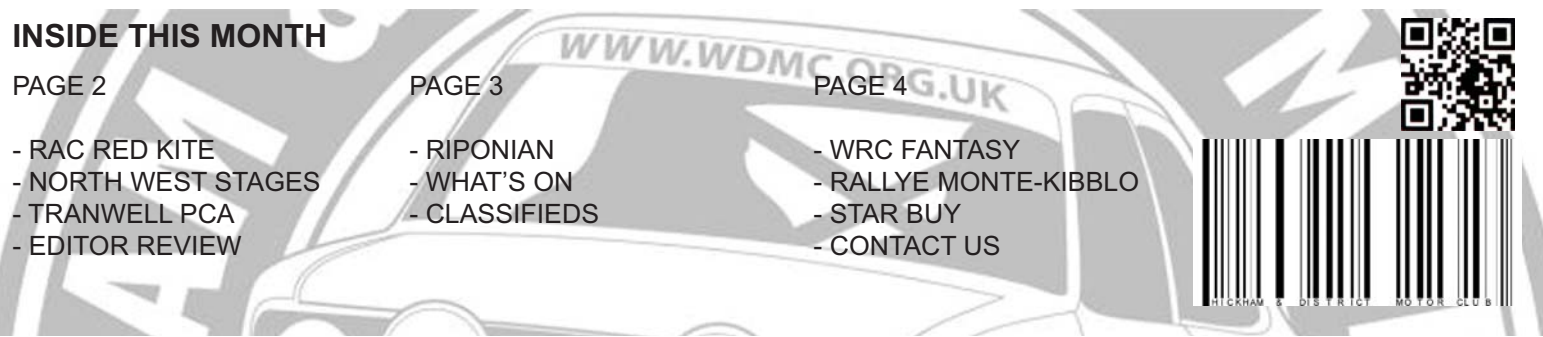
THERE was a trio of WDMC members out for battle on the Jack Frost which began with some pretty awful conditions. Tony Thompson piloted by Paul Hudson in the Subaru and a head to head Peugeot 206 battle between Phil Kenny/Mark Thompson and Jack Morton/John Stone. All three made good starts in the tricky conditions and for Phil and Mark it was all going well until their de-mister issue from the Cheviot Keith Knox returned to haunt them. They spent one stage looking though a 1 inch clear patch on the windscreen but managed to hold on to 2nd in class and 9th O/A. They set top 10 times all day which is good going with the cars up ahead. the other 206 of Morton/Stone was less fortunate and despite not suffering from de-mister issues they suffered from engine failure! This was enough to end their day on SS6 after some good times and even getting some air time on MotorsTV. Tony and Paul were confidently getting on with the job at hand in the fiercely contested Class 5 and finished a solid 27th o/a and 15th in class. The day was full of different weather but a real talking point was the 106 of brothers Lindsay who were quoted as "humping the back end of the 6R4 on more then one occasion!". Big thanks to the organisers for another great event and all the WDMC members who braved the weather to marshall, watch and get some more pics!

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# EDITORS REVIEW

The year has kicked off with a bang and good set of results for a number of the WDMC lads and lasses. Most reviews are covered in the main articles. Massive thanks to Dan May and Phil Kenny for tales and updates on what the events actually entailed for the crews. If anyone would like to do a Biography or piece please contact me at the club or email me. I might be knocking on few doors as Pacenotes looks to do an mini bio for club members, whether competitors, marshals or just involved at any degree! Also thanks to those who kindly provided some pictures for the 50th Yearbook which is now slowly getting underway.

As the club looks to the rest of the year, we are looking for more bodies on the organising team of the Shaw Classic, we have an idea of format and test venues but would love everyone to help out, young and experienced people needed on this so please see Guy or Phil. Well done to the previous two Achievement of the Month Winner's: Andrew Roughead for driving (and finishing) his first stage rally in the other side of the car and to Peter Metcalfe for his monumental feat of selling everything at the clubs January sale – wow! I mean some of the stuff really is too good to miss and Peter certainly doesn't let anyone miss out, whilst raising good money for good causes! The AGM is fast approaching so make sure you are down for that, 26th Feb. There is also the in club sweepstake for the WRC and the online version so please join in either of those, the F1 could be starting back up soon too. I know the excitement is all too much!

## RED KITE STAGES. RAC CHAMPIONSHIP - LLANDOVERY - 2nd FEB

So this is not normally an issue, ever, however when he opened the side door it just kept on going fell off the runners and smashed the side window! After some phone calls to the hire company the window was eventually fixed. So now to the rally.

Rally started well no major issues and a clean run through stage 1 let us gauge the conditions as it had absolutely tipped it down all of Saturday so it was very muddy and slippery on the Sunday morning. A brake issue meant that for most of the rally Paul was having to pump the brake pedal to get any braking at all so this cost a little bit of time and he also lost a lot of confidence in the brakes, other than that they were still no major issues. Following on to the smashing start to the weekend, the we were quick on following stages and we caught a car in stage, the gravel from the car in front smashing both headlights on the escort! So to follow on with trend on the second service of the day and just as we were leaving Paul closed the door on the escort and guess what ... he lightened the car by smashing the glass in that also.

These issues did not stop us having a brilliant weekend finishing 30th overall and first in class although we were the only one in the class. And to top it off had our name pulled out of a hat for a £100 voucher for WWRS so cant complain. Looking forward to the next round we are doing which is Hamsterley so a bit less of a trek to get to and from the rally. Good start to the year (event wise) for Paul and Dan so hopefully they continue their good work into the more local Tour of Hamsterley. Thanks to Dan for his brilliant report on the Red Kite Stages, look forward to the ones from the rest of the RAC Championship - you can't beat a bit of on event drama straight from the horses mouth so please get yours in for the next edition - plenty of people out at Tranwell!

## NORTH WEST STAGES - ALL AROUND BLACKPOOL & WEETON - 7-8th FEBRUARY

Phil Kenny and Mark Thompson were getting into gear for the next event on their calendar by making the trip to Blackpool, kicking it all off with 5 stages on the Friday night were they started brilliantly setting top ten times on the promenade. Overnight they finished 2nd in class and 16th overall only 8s behind the Simpson S200 Skoda that eventually finished second to Paul 'Rubbin is Racing' Bird (check it out on YouTube, great stuff!). Saturday continued in the top 20 until the second Weeton stage, SS11, where the car would not stay in gear. They managed to get back to service hoping to change the gearbox mount, only to discover they had ripped the mount clean off the subframe - Game Over! Good sign of things to come from the pair over 2014 though.



Photo by Joe Hutchinson

## TRANWELL PRODUCTION CAR AUTOTEST PREVIEW- 16th FEB

No.	Driver/Passenger	Club	Car	Class
0	Leigh Mawson/TBA	Whickham	Peugeot 205	1
1	Andrew Roughead/Alex Elliott	Whickham	Ford Puma	1
2	Sean Young/Chris Cuthbertson	Hartlepool	Mazda MX5	2
3	Gary Young/David Turnbull	Hartlepool	BMW Z3	2
4	Carl Sams/Lee Valentine	Durham	Vauxhall Nova	1
5	Tony Chrisp/Jonny Chrisp	Durham	Ford KA	1
6	Luke Tait/Jeff Tait	Tynemouth	Ford Escort	2
7	Kevin Knox/Karl Knox	Whickham	Ford Sierra	2
8	Joe Harwood/David Lumsden	Whickham	Vauxhall Astra	1
9	Michael Glenninning/Darkie Lewis	Whickham	TBA	
10	Archie Simmonds/TBA	Whickham	Ford Escort	2
11	Tom Hall/TBA	Whickham	Riley Elf	1
12	Peter Masters/TBA	Durham	Proton Savvy	1
13	Mark Thornton/William Walker	Durham	Mazda MX5	2
14	Stephen Brown/Wendy Brown	Durham	Mazda MX5	2
15	Andy Beaumont/Andrew Fish	Whickham	Sunbeam Rapier	
16	Jimmy Knox/Alastair Knox	Whickham	Peugeot 106	1
17	Neil Gallon/Craig Marvin	Whickham	Ford Sierra	2
18	Liam Charlton/TBA	Whickham	Suzuki SwiftGTI	1
19	Alex Elliott/Andrew Roughead	Whickham	Ford Puma	1
20	Chris Cuthbertson/Sean Young	Hartlepool	Mazda MX5	2
21	David Turnbull/Gary Young	Hartlepool	BMW Z3	2
22	Lee Valentine/Carl Sams	Durham	Vauxhall Nova	1
23	Jonny Chrisp/Tony Chrisp	Durham	Ford KA	1
24	Jeff Tait/Luke Tait	Tynemouth	Ford Escort	2
25	Karl Knox/Kevin Knox	Whickham	Ford Sierra	2
26	David Lumsden/Joe Harwood	Whickham	Vauxhall Astra	1
27	Darkie Lewis/Dan Lewis	Whickham	TBA	
28	Liam Walling/TBA	Whickham	Peugeot 106	1
29	Nigel Cardale/Peter Littlefield	Whickham	Ford Anglia	2

Good luck to all out at the first (hopefully of many) Tranwell event. It should be a brilliant format and we hope to see you all at the Shaw Trophy, a classic and targa rally that WDMC are running on the 15th June in and around Mid Northumberland.

Hopefully no car that is out to play at Tranwell ends up like Ollie's 30th Birthday cake which seems to have completely fallen apart! He was a bit eager in cutting it up to feed the frenzy that even Betty didn't manage to get a shot of the Peugeot 106 shaped cake in a scenic forest setting - there was no 30mph sign so can't blame Jack for this one!! The wheels have even fallen off...





As for me, have been doing some Border Counties PR stuff so that's coming along well and should be a great event. The night that finishes I'm then off to Weston Park with a sharp pencil for the AGBO Stages in the 106 with Tom, who is hoping to put the Durham 'kerbing' issue to rest and steer us to a finish there. It's his home event and where he watch his first rally on the Lombard RAC in 1989, with my old man competing that year. Funnily I was there too. Can't wait for that anyway. Amongst all this I have been sampling some Alpine driving in sideways, snowy conditions while skiing and then treated to some sights with the amazing adapted vehicles in Iceland, check out the back page for one example. The Northern Lights were quite good too, but lines of those Monster truck type vehicles were brilliant!!!!

Finally, one last mention to Mark and Danielle who have become proud parents for the first time and now the Jose family have the perfect way to discuss the open forum on Past, Present and Future – though I doubt the new addition will comment on matters too much. What a Jose who doesn't speak?!!

See you all next month for a Border Counties Preview.  
Ollie



## RIPONIAN STAGES - NORTH YORKSHIRE - 9th FEBRUARY

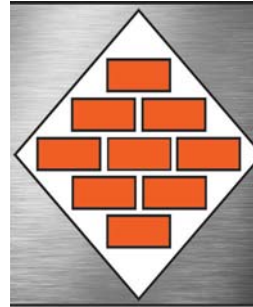
YET again there were three WDMC crews out on this years Riponian and all in a different choice of weapon - Ronnie Roughead was guiding Chris Marlow in the tail happy BMW 316 Compact and battled through the slippery forests to finish 28th O/A and 3rd in Class. Tony T and Paul Hudson were in the ever reliable Subaru Impreza and finished 23rd O/A and 7th in Class and last but not least and taking a fine class win in the stunning ex-Roughead Lotus Cortina Mk1 was Richard Holdsworth and Yvette Hughes. The cortina pair finished 37th overall. The event was this year chosen to count for WDMC championship points so with all crews finishing with good class positions that will boost there chances in the Club Championship - and with Guy Wickham stepping down from Competition Secretary Phil kenny will be assuming this role and no doubt with ease. The event was won by peter Stephenson in the WRC Focus by 33s from Matthew Robinson in the Mk2 Escort. Mat Smith was a further 2m behind but in a car with considerably less power - the 1400 Ford Ka.



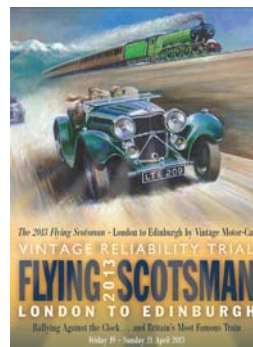
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**BRICK & STEEL  
Border Counties Rally**



THE FLYING SCOTSMAN is also coming to town (or nearby anyway) so get out to see some of the most sought after Pre-War classics - 5th APRIL

## DOON AT KIBBY CLUB THIS MONTH...

**16 February - Tranwell PCA**

19 February - Open Forum - Past, Present and Future

26 February - Annual General Meeting

5 March - DVDs

12 March - Quiz

13 March - Committee

19 March - Border Counties Marshals Night

**22 March - Border Counties Rally**

26 March - PlayStation

**OTHER EVENTS....**

15 - Wyedean Rally - Forest of Dean

22 February - Snowman Rally, Elgin

1 March Bovington Stages, Midlands

2 March - Mid Wales Stages, Mid Wales?

8 March - Malcolm Wilson Stages - Greystoke

9 March - Tour of Epynt, South Wales

9 March - Mayo Stages, Emerald Isle

23 March - AGBO Stages, Weston Park

**PURE CLASS-IFIEDS.....**

**WDMC T SHIRTS AND POLO SHIRTS**

Peugeot 106 Road/Targa Rally car. 1400 Class winning car with rallye head, rally seats and harness, LOADS of spares £1290ono. Contact Ollie (details overleaf) - Go on, treat yourself!





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## WHAT'S REVVVVVING MY ENGINE



Travelling in Iceland...shwing....



Travelling in L'Alps 4wd beast...



Excuse-moi Call that Parking?!!



FLAT OUT

TICKING OVER

NOT GOING ANYWHERE

## IT'S BACK BUT THIS TIME IN WRC FORMAT - THE F1 CALENDAR STARTS SOON SO DOUBLE FUN...

Anyone who wants to join in can do so by visiting the Fantasy WRC site and Joining WDMC.org.uk - League No 42 - Pin 12345

WDMC.org.uk

Pos		Team Name	Player Name	Value						Total
1st	(82nd)	 WDMCpacenotes	Ollie C.....	10.94	834	1739	0	0	0	2573
2nd	(144th)	 The Champion	Karl Knox	10.86	1151	1237	0	0	0	2388
3rd	(214th)	Andrew Roughead	Andrew Roughead	10.55	453	1779	0	0	0	2232
4th	(254th)	 JM RallveSport	Jack Morton	10.50	629	1536	0	0	0	2165
5th	(314th)	 DGM-sport	Daniel May	10.41	816	1245	0	0	0	2061
6th	(471st)	 Tall man_small car.	Peter M.....	10.60	1207	616	0	0	0	1823
7th	(547th)	Lasauliere	Norman D.....	10.20	319	1355	0	0	0	1674
8th	(592nd)	 BigKev_69	Kevin Cousins	9.85	421	1158	0	0	0	1579
9th	(661st)	Gaverick	Gary L.....	9.64	639	725	0	0	0	1364
10th	(772nd)	 NKC78ZIP	B C.....	9.54	447	476	0	0	0	923

New for 2014



A new style of event

3 stages, accurately drawn by Ray Charles, representing the famous Col-de-Turini, done in Scalextric, with hi, medium, and lo-grip sections, all against the clock.

3 cars, a Gp4 Escort Mk1, an Renault 5 Maxi, and a famous Gp B car, all with different levels of grip.

Superally in place for Stages 1 and 2, 5 de-slots and your out!

## SOLD ONCE, SOLD TWICE, GONE....STAR BUY

BIG mentions go to two fantastic men of the Whickham massif this month - first off the winner of January's achievement of the Month award mr Peter Metcalfe for being the only man around who could sell every single bit of quality merchandise (cough cough!) at the January Sale! Amazing work! Second, to the man who kindly put up the Star Buy at a bargain price: Mr Tony Thompson. WDMC thank you deeply for the generous and top selling Sparco Rally Seat which raised nearly a third of all funds on the night! Well done gents, means a lot to us all.

## RALLYE MONTE-KIBBLO

### COMING SOON by TeeCee

NOW this is something not to be missed - yes we've all heard of the Col-de-Turini but never has it been ran this way...a 3 stage Scalextric competition which is going to slot right at home in the Superstars championship. The event takes place in warmer climates and is coming to Monte-Kibblo in April - get your entry in NOW!!!



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