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STOBART PENDRAGON STAGES - WARCOP, CUMBRIA 23rd SEPT

Photos by Alastair Knox

WDMC had many members out again on the Pendragon stages over at Warcop Ranges in Cumbria. Entries were in all classes and after a great battle with the event sponsor, William Stobart in the lovely M-Sport prepared Fiesta S2000, Peter Taylor and Andrew Roughead took overall spoils in their WRC focus, by a margin of 17 secs. Pete Gibson/Josh Davison were putting in good times to end the day in 4th O/A. Phil Kenny was navigating Mark Thompson round the ranges in the 206 and finished 23rd O/A and 7th in Cl, 28s behind Ali Proctor. Another event to the calendar for Jack Morton and Alex Laffey saw them finish 28th O/A and 12th in Cl one spot ahead of Tony Thompson and Paul Hudson in the Chevette who were 29th and 2nd in Cl. Mick Davison and Chris Dodds were 34th O/A and 7th in Cl to round out the WDMC members, who finished. A more disappointing day for Tristan Pye/Andrew Falconer and Ronnie Roughead, sitting in with Euan McCosker in the Subaru impreza, both retiring on SS4 the latter pairing with rear suspension failure. Thanks to anyone who marshalled and those who ventured across for moral support for the WDMC.

SOLWAY CLASSIC - COCKERMOUTH 21 OCTOBER

WDMC had two members competing on the Solway, Andrew Fish who was navigating for John Bertram in the distinctive yellow Mk2. They bagged 3rd O/A but were not eligible for overall awards, however, they did pick up The Index of Performance award, which is for the crew that wins their class by the biggest margin (worked as a percentage) - and not being eligible for o/a positions in a cat 3 car, it was the best they could get, well done Andrew. Andrew has informed Pacenotes that John's building a Mk1 Mexico which will be eligible as it's frustrating finishing well and not even being listed in the overall awards. Sally Ann Hewitt was also out finishing 26th O/A and 7th in Class.



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WHICKHAM & DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB

EDITORS REVIEW

This past month has been really busy for the club and a lot of its members, with many out on the events featured whether competing, marshalling or spectating. Couple all of this with the club having 3 events of its own on, it has made it a very active time. The biggest upset for me was the cancellation of the Shaw Trophy, it ran last year with 15 entries and failed that this year. As Guy mentions later, numerous factors contributed but I think we as club need to get it out there earlier next year and really push in whichever format we decide to go for, it is too good an event to lose. Karl and I were out on the 488 and I would again really like to thank Mike, Mac and Ronnie and those who helped out, standing about in the rain and probably thinking 'get on with it boys!'. Thanks to The Smelters Arms for the finish venue too. Last and by no means least, in fact quite the opposite, the Cheviot and Keith Knox rally was great to be out marshalling/watching on, a bit of ice made it somewhat interesting. It was scorching for the best part of the day with no clouds in the sky but when the sun dropped, lots of brass monkeys were about! I got back to see some fireworks and thaw out, then watch the re-run of the Abu Dhabi GP and my bet claim a win although the title is now going to elude him.

Elsewhere in the club it was really good news hearing that Peter Metcalfe has been appointed regional development officer for Go Motorsport (<http://www.gomotorsport.net>). The talk Peter gave as a taster was really interesting and I am sure that the Williams F1 items will get the younger generations excited for motorsport and maintain or ideally increase the intake of members at clubs or participants on events, the sport really needs this right now so really well done Peter and good luck. Alastair Knox, as many will have seen, has been out on lots of events this year snapping away and has produced a brilliant limited edition calendar featuring North East drivers. It is a good cause with £2 from each one going to GNAA – they are £12 so get one now, I've got mine ready for 2013.

CHEVIOT AND KEITH KNOX STAGES - OTTERBURN 4th NOVEMBER

By Jimmy Knox (Car 20) and photos by Alastair Knox

After Kevin and the car had taken a year off we thought we would do our Keith's rally. We had just got a new sponsor CT Tyres from Birtley, so would also like to thank him for his support (see side bar picture). The day of the rally itself was very icy so we put the Macsport chunkys on for the first two stages and it worked as managed to put some good times in. At service Kevin said we will go back out for the next two stages on them again but the tyres got hot and went off on the last run and we lost a lot of time, but it was still fun. At service we put inters on and put in a 9th fastest time. On the Lindisfarne Rally Kevin and I went to watch a corner to see who takes it flat and no one did. So you can guess what happened next; yes he took it flat and the car went sideways and I nearly s***t myself. On the next stage we put soft slicks on for it and he took it flat again and the car was mint the whole way, we ended up putting a 4th fastest time on stage 7 which made us 8th overall. We had two stages to do and thought we'll go for a finish and take it easy as it was starting to get icy again. At the end of the day we ended up 11th overall and 2nd in class which was good for us. We would like to thank Big Kev, Gordon & Karl for their help on the day.

Also out on the event and finishing were Pete Gibson/Josh Davison in the Evo 13th O/A and 4th in CI B13. Jack Morton was in with Alex Laffey in the day before logged booked Fiesta R2 finishing 20th O/A and 1st in CI A6, while Mick Davison and Chris Dodds were 26th O/A and 4th in CI B10 in the battered orange Proton. Big mention should also go to Sarah Burkinshaw who had Kev Storie sat in with her, finishing 36th O/A and 8th in CI B10, but more importantly out on her first stage rally – at the Otterburn, very impressive first out there!

Not so lucky were the two WRC cars of Andy Fenwick/Andrew Roughead (Accent) and George Mackey/Paul Hughes (Subaru) who both departed the rally somewhere in the icy conditions of SS1. The Subaru crew this time hit a fence rather than the sheep like on George's last rally at the ranges. Hopefully luck will return soon! Well done to all the organisers, marshals and those servicing, whilst sunny it was bitterly cold, but as always GREAT!!!



THE 488 - 12 CAR RALLY - GATESHEAD AND DURHAM 16th OCTOBER

It's good that the event has been so well received and just as well that the event ran last night because the rain which we've had since has made some of the roads impassable.

Thanks must go to all the marshals who turned out on the event and, apart from a small hiccup, all points were manned - which was amazing for an event with so many controls. "Proper rallying" as one competitor was heard to say!

The Awards winners are:

1st Overall: Pete Gibson/Ali Procter

1st Expert: Chris Dodds/Josh Davison

1st Novice: Andrew Roughead/Kevin Cousins

- 1 Pete Gibson/Ali Procter Vauxhall Nova 1st O/A 1st CI Exp
- 2 James Hastings/Liam Charlton Proton Satria DNF
- 3 Dave Ross/Niall Cook Peugeot Rallye 3rd O/A 3rd CI Exp
- 4 Chris Dodds/Josh Davison Peugeot 205 2nd O/A 2nd CI Exp
- 5 Jo Wickham/Guy Wickham Subaru Impreza 6th O/A 4th CI Exp
- 6 Brian Townsend/Tosh Townsend Fiat Cinquecento 5th O/A 2nd CI Nov
- 7 Gary Laverick/Phil Kenny Renault Clio DNF
- 8 Andrew Roughead/Kevin Cousins Vauxhall Astra 4th O/A 1st CI Nov
- 9 Kevin Knox/James Knox Fiat Punto 9th O/A 5th CI Nov
- 10 George Eland/Brian Eland Alfa Romeo GTV 8th O/A 4th CI Nov
- 11 Ollie Currie/Karl Knox Peugeot 106 XSi 10th O/A 6th CI Nov
- 12 Ants Wakefield/Andy Aird Sunbeam Rapier 7th O/A 3rd CI Nov

As a competitor, I thoroughly enjoyed the event and there were a few others who were also doing their first 12 car rally. I would like to thank the organisers, and sure I speak for many members of the club and others who competed, when saying it was a really good event, cracking route and loads of fun. If we put on more of these events and challenge the other clubs in the area for being affiliated with 12 car rallies, that would be great. Well done Mike, Mac and Ronnie.

SHAW TROPHY RALLY - NORTHUMBERLAND 7th OCTOBER

As most members will be aware, we unfortunately had to cancel this year's Shaw Trophy Classic Rally and Sporting Tests, scheduled to run on the 7th October, due to insufficient entries having been received. At the close of entries only 12 accepted entries had been received for the combined events, with an even split over the two events and there was no indication of any further entries forthcoming before the next weekend. This was not considered a viable number to make the event worthwhile and following discussion amongst the organisers the decision was made to cancel the event. The event was cancelled before we had to commit to the major financial outgoings and as a result, the cost to the club has been minor.

Having changed the format of the event this year and reduced the entry fee we felt that we were appealing to as many competitors as possible and were therefore extremely disappointed that the number of entries received did not reflect this. The reasons for this have been considered and are felt to be varied and a combination of a number of factors, such as the number of events competing for entries at this time of year, the preference of some competitors towards single venue events and the general current economic climate.

We must now decide how the event should run in the future. Whether we retain the tests and road sections format, try and find a single venue or revert to the old night rally format. Whilst this has been discussed at committee, we would be grateful for the opinions of all members and I would welcome talking to anyone who has opinions and ideas on the future direction of the event.

Guy Wickham (Clerk of the Course)

I have personally had a hectic month and despite the Shaw not running it's been mint! Bought Jo Wickham's old 106 and started the process of making it run, thank you very much Andy for your time, space and as ever invaluable assistance. Tom was in awe of your skill. Before that however, Mull for the stag do was amazing, very boozy, cracking banter and awesome to watch. Due to content anyone who would like to see some photos of Jimmy Savile/The Stig/Jimmy Stigvile or Ollie completing many missions and challenges set by the lads for him on Mull please contact him direct - these photos may offend (not like Jimmy did) and should not fall into the wrong hands!!!!!!

See you all next month....maybe.

Ollie



McRAE STAGES - ABERFELDY, FIFE 6th OCTOBER

Tony Thompson and Paul Hudson were again up north to the Highlands of Pitlochry, Loch Tummel and The Hermitage. They had a decent day and finished 41st O/A and won their class in the Chevette. A cracking stint of finishes and results from the duo. Well done.

MULL RALLY - ISLE OF MULL 12-14th OCTOBER (ALSO STAG RALLY STAGES)

Photos by Kevin Robson/Jonny Philp

This year Mull had a double whammy with the rally proper, won by Callum and Iain Duffy in the supreme Red Top powered Mk2 Escort, and also the Stag Rally. Formal Regs had been issued for both events and there were rally virgins in both events. Can't speak for those who entered the actual Mull Rally but the 17 on the Stag Rally had a bloody amazing time...I think...I would assume by the photos?! The club had members in both but a great effort was Tristan and Andrew Falconer in the Impreza claiming 4th O/A and only 49s off a podium after the mammoth event, awesome! Josh Davison in with Ross Hunter finished 24th O/A and 5th in Class C in the Pug 205. Ronnie was again guiding Matt Keeson around the island and flying past Jimmy Savile (going right up on 2 wheels on SS10!) finishing 32nd O/A and 3rd Class B. The chairman was out with John Marshall in the beastly Mk2 pushing it all the way to 37th O/A and 23rd in Class D. Tony and Paul, again out in the Chevette were pushing hard but struggling on the tyres for historic, they finished a solid 2nd in Class H5 and 68th O/A. We managed to see (or at least went with the intention of watching) 3 different stages and it was all fantastic stuff.....I think...I would assume by the photos?! There were some incredible speeds up on the island and bloody brilliant to watch, even if it was through bleery eyes with Savile specs on. Just finishing the event is tough enough so massive congratulations go out to all and Tristan's 4th place is a great achievement.

All that said the fastest man on the island was definitely not the obvious choice; Some say he is so big he makes vehicles look like micro machines, others say he is made purely from Guinness and breaks downhill records into Tobermory, all people know is....he's called the Stag! (Yes I used my heels as breaks on entering the harbour and yes they have now burnt out - the Land Cruiser behind hit 40mph which considering the size of the wheels is some feat). Bring on 2013!



MEM MALTON STAGES - NORTH YORKSHIRE 4th NOVEMBER

WDMC members Tony Thompson and Paul Hudson were heading south to Yorkshire for the championship counting MEM stages. They managed a steady run and finished 36th O/A winning CI H5. Ronnie Roughead was reunited with Robin Shuttleworth in a Mk1 Mexico and also took class honours in H2, finishing 27th O/A and 45s ahead of their nearest class rival. Unluckily, PAul and Dan May had to retire with a broken half shaft on SS5. This brought a bitter end to the day for the Mk1 Mexico pair as they pushed hard on the season closing event. The overall winners spot went, once again to the dominant WRC focus of Charlie Payne/Craig Thorley.



DOON AT KIBBY CLUB

THIS MONTH...

7 November - Quiz

13 November - Committee

14 November - PlayStation

21 November - Tabletop Rally

23-25 November RAC Rally

28 November - Forum: Wednesday nights

3 December TMSG - Tynemouth

Possible 12 Car Rally between Christmas and the New Year, check next months Pacenotes or the WDMC website

OTHER EVENTS

8-11 November - RACC Rally de Espana

17 November - BRC Awards Night

14-16 December - Race of Champions, Bangkok

- **CT Tyres** New Sponsors for Jimmy and Kevin Knox and the Sierra

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Sparco black FIA race boots, size 42. £50:00

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Tour of Mull rally bag. £5:00

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Sparco FIA fire proof socks, large £5:00

Sparco FIA balaclava (blue) £10:00

Sparco FIA short sleeve top, medium (natural) £15:00

Sparco FIA short sleeve top, medium (blue) £15:00

Sparco race overalls, blue, size 52 (about 5' 9") £80:00

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GOODWOOD REVIVAL - GOODWOOD HOUSE, WEST SUSSEX 14-16th SEPTEMBER

By Guy Wickham

Jo and I made our second visit to the Revival this September. It is the biggest historic motorsport festival in the world and celebrates the history of the Goodwood circuit as a racing venue between 1948 and 1966 and before that as a WW2 fighter station. Ostensibly a 3 day race meeting it is so much more than this and rightly bills itself as 'a magical step back in time.'

As soon as you go through the gates it is like the clock has stopped in 1966. All vehicles inside the circuit are pre 1966, including all the circuit cars, tow trucks and service vehicles. The fashions all suit the age and most visitors (140,000 of them over 3 days) make an effort to dress up in period – military uniforms, demob suits, acres of tweeds etc. Around 5%, mostly women, go over the top and spend all year creating the perfect look in the hope of winning one of the prizes on offer. They spend most of the weekend in the champagne bars and most are probably not even aware that there is a race meeting going on. 90% make an effort (tidy suits and dresses, blazers and hats) and 5% just take the p***- lots of Elvis wigs, the group of lads dressed as land girls and the most surreal sight of the weekend, a man dressed as a nun riding a moped!

Unlike the next door Festival of Speed which is basically the same group of cars going up the hill 6 times over the 3 days, the Revival is a full race meeting with a day of practice and 16 races over the Saturday and Sunday. You could quite easily sit at trackside for 3 days and not even have time to look at the other displays. Access to most of the paddocks is included in the general admission and lets you have a close look at the cars racing from the 50's and 60's. Such is the reputation of the event that it attracts the rarest and most valuable cars still racing. The combined value of the grid for the Tourist Trophy celebration is estimated at over £100 million. Top drivers are also present including the likes of Jean Alesi, Martin Brundle, Kenny Brack and Derek Bell. The cars are properly raced too – the Whitsun Trophy for CanAm sports cars being treated like a Renault Clio race with four 800bhp monsters racing nose to tail at the head of the field and swapping places for the full 25 minute race.

The St Mary's Trophy saloon car race is a 2 leg, 2 driver race which alternates between 1960s and 1950s cars and brings out the touring car stars. This year was the turn of the 50s with Rob Huff and Kenny Brack in tiny Austin A40s battling with Anthony Reid's Mk5 Jag and the colossal, lumbering Mk7 Jags of Tiff Needell and Rowan Atkinson.

One of the best races was the Brooklands Trophy, run in the spirit of the pre 1939 endurance races on the Brooklands circuit. The winner of this race drove his car to the event, did his race and drove home again on Sunday evening. Nothing unusual in that you might think until you realise that the car was a 1933 Alfa Romeo 8C 2300 Monza (value – pick a number with lots of noughts on!) and 'home' was Dusseldorf in Germany!

In between the races there are special track displays and a celebration of one anniversary or another. This year celebrated 50 years of the Ferrari 250 GTO – only 39 ever built and 15 of them running round the track, estimated combined value £300 million and also 75 years since the 1937 Donnington Park Grand Prix and the first appearance in the UK of the Silver Arrows. 10 cars from Mercedes Benz and Auto Union that changed the face of motor racing were gathered to do some high speed, but not quite racing demonstrations on the track along with some Alfas, ERAs and Maseratis, basically recreating the grid of that 1937 race. This was the first time since before WW2 that so many of these cars were running together. Each year a notable racing figure is celebrated with a gathering of their cars from throughout their career running on the track. Last year was Fangio, this year was Dan Gurney.

Add to this period bike racing, retro bike scrambles, dozens of automobilia and vintage shops and there is literally too much to see in 3 days. Even outside the circuit pre 1970 cars have their own dedicated car park and you could spend a full day just looking round the car park. There is even a rumour that a German visitor once spent all day in the car park thinking it was the Revival and didn't set foot inside the circuit and still went home having had a thoroughly great day!

The Revival is something that everyone should experience at least once. If you don't believe me just look at some of the stuff on You Tube. Tickets for next year go on sale in November and we hope to be there again.

