

Backfire

Bristol Pegasus Motor Club Magazine



Phil Jones contemplates the acquisition of Switzerland's finest after enlisting Brian the builder to upgrade his garage.



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Deadline for Next Backfire: 24th April 2018

We are always looking for members' contributions on competitions, club matters and journeys.

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Editorial

It is with great sadness that I have to report, for those not already aware, the unexpected and sudden passing of Liz Moss who was not only our chairman's wife, but also a very popular club member who will be much missed. I am sure you will want to join me in extending deepest sympathies to Andy, the Moss family and to Liz's many friends.

Club activities will be returning on 8pm on Monday 9th April at BAWA when we will be hosting a motorsport-related video night. At the end of the month we will be returning to Duncan Pittaway's Lower Grove Farm in Dundry on Sunday April 29th for our annual Cross Trophy Production Car Trial.

Ralph Colmar

Events Calendar

Monday 9th April - Club Night

Club meeting at BAWA from 8pm for 8:15pm start for the video.

Sunday 29th April - Cross Trophy Car Trial - Dundry

Our Production Car Trial is to be held at Lower Grove Farm in Dundry on Sunday April 29th. The venue is superb for an event of this type and should offer a challenge for most. Signing-on from 12.00 & first car to start at 13.00. Entrants will need a vehicle, a driver and a passenger whose job it will be to jump about in the passenger seat to maintain traction when the going gets a bit slippery. If you don't have a passenger, don't worry – you can always grab a fellow competitor to sit in. Entry details coming soon on the club website or contact Event Secretary - Tim Murray 0117 9499449, secretary@bristolpegasus.com



A brilliant fun afternoon with your ordinary road car.

Saturday 12th May - Llandow Sprint

The 2018 May Llandow Sprint will again be organised by ourselves and Bristol Motor Club.

Entry is now full.

Marshals also required - Cooked Lunch Provided and Bridge Toll Refunded
contact mark.tooth@tiscali.co.uk



Sunday 3rd June - Ace Classic and Sports Tour



June the 3rd is the date for our ACE Car Tour. The Tour will follow a new route north of Bristol which is being planned by Alan Spencer. The event is aimed primarily at Classic, Kit and Sports Cars but club members are very welcome whatever car they are driving. Details later in Backfire or on the website.

Saturday 18th August Castle Combe Track Day

Entries open on website :- **ENTRIES** are already being received please book early to avoid disappointment !



Invitations

12th Bovey Down Single Venue Classic Trial - Sunday 22nd April 2018

Bovey Down Woods, MR 192:203,912 / SY 20330 91182 / 50.714788N, 3.1298376W

In 2018, we are pleased to be able to run this non-championship event again. This year it will be held 3 weeks after the Lands End trial, with sections run in 3 groups, coffee breaks with onsite catering and toilet facilities, it serves well as a great social event and a great season finale for the West Country trials.

We are also looking for a minimum of 30 marshals to be able to run all these sections, so if you are not planning to enter, why not make up a car-full and have a good day's motorsport in East Devon.

Ffi :- **Anna Robinson** - **07780787529** david@robinson2x.plus.com

M.G.s for Grass Round 1 Saturday 28th April 2018 at Hartley Farm

BPMC members are invited to join The M.G.Car Club South Western Centre M.G.s for Grass Round 1 Saturday 28th April 2018 at Hartley Farm, Gloucester Road, Charmy Down, Bath. BA1 8AF (on the A46 5 miles north of Bath) by the kind permission of Margaret Meridith the farmer. Sign on by 10.30 am. Entries £15.00 ffi contact Victoria Jones, Shaft House, Shaft Road, Monkton Combe, BATH. BA2 7HN. peterandvictoria@icloud.com



Marshals Wanted

Woolbridge Motor Club

... 12th May and 28/29 July at Wiscombe and 22/23 September at Manor Farm for more details contact :- Worth Birkill e-mail worth@pandaprinters.co.uk

Club Night Venue

Our regular venue is -

BAWA Leisure Centre

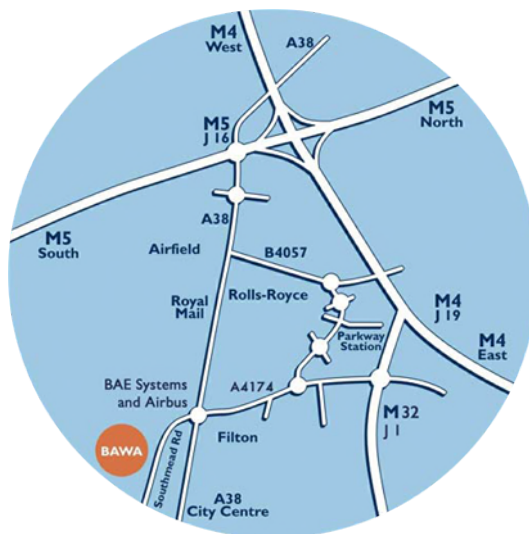
589 Southmead Road, Filton, Bristol, BS34 7RG



As many members will know we recently returned to BAWA which was our regular club meeting venue for many years. There are no issues for non-BAWA members coming to our evening.

We normally meet in Room 7 or Room 4. Most meetings start at 8.00pm, check Backfire for details each month.

There is a public bar so members arriving early may enjoy a drink and a chat before the formal club night proceedings start.



**Next BPMC meeting at BAWA is on Monday 9th of April.
Meet from 8pm for an 8:15pm start.**

Liz Moss RIP

As many of you already know, Liz Moss died suddenly at her home on 9th March. Liz was the wife of club chairman Andy. She gave so much to the club over many years, as all the Moss family have done.

Liz would be there at most club events, either navigating on treasure hunts and trials, or often out marshalling in all weathers. She was also involved with the organisation and admin of events. Liz had recently taken over as the club's Child Safeguarding Officer.

As many club members who have spent time with Liz will attest, she was a lovely person, kind and caring, with a wicked sense of humour. All of us who knew her well were privileged to have counted her as a friend.

We offer our sincerest condolences to Andy, son and daughter Simon and Laura, and all Liz's other family and friends. We'll miss you, Liz.

Tim Murray

It's an uphill struggle

There's lots of fiddling going on round 'ere....

Well what else would you do on a long dark winter's evening? Perhaps I shouldn't ask...

The late autumn and winter were full of planning, changing of minds, deliberation and generally hiding the truth from 'she who must be obeyed'.

Having moved the GK on and then the Mantis, I had generated sufficient space to actually get all the special cars into garages. 'Brian the Builder' was instrumental in helping generate a little more space as well.

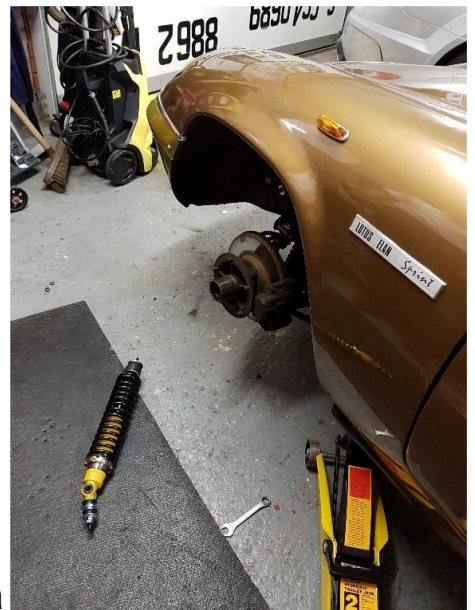


He was supposed to be coming round at the behest of 'The Boss' to work on the kitchen, driveway gates, side gate and other things in the house that I generally don't concern myself with until given a stern talking to. But somehow, with the aid of a nice strong cup of tea and a brief moment when she was out of the house, I managed to hijack Brian and get him focussed on my garages. To cap it off, we managed to cook up a plan to actually get the garages done ahead of most of the house jobs. I was feeling buoyant until the PVC floor tiles and various shelving materials arrived and had to answer as to why they had arrived when Brian was supposed to be doing other things. Ah hem.

With the deletion of lots of racking (which I offered up to Ian in return for him giving me two spaces in his new garage...), we could envisage the Abarth, the Marcos 1800 and the Elan Sprint, all incredibly small by modern standards, sat there and looking a treat.

While Brian worked on the garages, I cracked on with the fleet. The Abarth was not in 'need' of anything in its role as demo car / attic ornament but plans to use it in anger in 2018 meant a proper going through and some precautionary mods. The little blighter continues to be 100% on the button with very little effort. Hard to imagine in such a highly strung vehicle but it's true. With a bit of MBG fettling, it should go like a good'un on the hills in 2018. More of that anon.

The Elan Sprint was always going to be a project, albeit a relatively minor one. Back in September Lloyd and I got new front springs and dampers onto it (with a bit of a fight) and the front ride height is now spot on.



The rears need the rear parcel shelf removed and that's more easily tackled with the rear window out so we planned that for when it went for repaint. An Aldon electronic dizzy was a good addition given that the distributor is buried underneath the carbs so roadside condenser changing is never much fun with a hot engine.

In October, I sourced all the window and door seals, carpets, new headlining and badges ready for the repaint and, as Paul Matty's is a bit of a toy shop, it seemed rude not to come home with a stainless manifold and centre pipe to go with the rear section already on the car.



To top it all, the DVLA, bless them, noted that the 1973 Lotus had not been registered as a Historic Vehicle (it's been off the road since the late 80's) and so amended the V5C for me without me having to ask. How about that?

This means that black and white number plates can be fitted rather than the white and yellow set it arrived with. I got hold of a set of white plastic letters and clips so they can go on the front black mesh grill and a rear plate from Tippers. Lovely. I have gone round in circles on the re-paint and asked many people's opinions. When I tested Pistachio Green over White on young Nicholarse the response was "Urgh Puke mate".

Mrs Jones was less direct but of similar opinion. Owen favoured Lagoon Blue over White and Lloyd was not a fan of two tone even though that's what most Sprints are these days. Back in period it was an extra £15 to have them painted a single colour (but still with black wheels and gold bumpers). He was thinking all white with the gold bumpers in a sort of Japanese homage. Me? No idea and dithering like a schoolboy in a ...well anyway. You shall see the result in a future Backfire.

The Esprit just needed its exhaust fitting for the third time – it was clearly fabricated by Stevie Wonder so is a right bugger to line up. The boys and I have done it twice and so I asked Anton at my local classic car specialist in Cardiff to have a go. He grew up with Lotus' – literally. He was bungeed to the boot rack in a cot when on family holidays in his father's Elan Sprint DHC. He must shudder when mine comes round the corner. But I now reckon the Esprit comes close in the fear stakes.

I promised myself – and you dear readers – that I would not buy any cars in 2018, but it was a precarious end to 2017. With the garage spaces all just right, it made sense to think of upgrading, not adding. So I had a little skirmish with a lovely Essex Esprit Turbo that came up for sale. One of the 23 UK cars, dry-sumped, Compomotive split rims, overhead Hi Fi and 'classy' Essex logos down the side. I was moist, but Mrs Jones was quite stern with me. "I am not going up to North Wales in that bloody thing – Essex really is the word for that". I took it she was not so keen.



Even less sensible was Lloyd and I stopping off to look at a Monteverdi 375L in London. Shouldn't have thought about it, shouldn't have gone. Just made it all worse.

This was the ex-John Entwistle (The Who) car, one of 6 RHD and well restored even if the 'Bronze' was a bit odd (it was blue before it was restored). I must say it looked

good in the tin and better than in photographs. I have had one on my list since I was about 10 and I have only ever seen one of two in my lifetime.

Sat there in a warehouse alongside a Maserati Ghibli and a Lambo 400GT – both favourites of mine – I wondered whether it would have looked outclassed. But no. It was stunning and I think its rarity helps. For me, it's up there in terms of drama with a Lambo Espada. A genuinely cool car but devilishly expensive all of a sudden.

A few days later, sat browsing classic car websites as you do, up comes another RHD Monteverdi 375L – a 'barn find' at Bonham's for a low estimate (which was obviously a deliberate ploy). I did enquire and it took a while to get a response to my request to view it.



There was mortal danger of the whole resto saga starting all over again....

On a more modern note, we decided to part-ex the Fiat 500 (great residual values on these), which my daughter runs, for a real spot of whacky fun. Yes she and I had a ball test driving a Smart For Two Brabus!

The little 3 pot 898cc motor is boosted to 109bhp, sounds gruff like a sick 911, has uprated dampers, springs and software in its 6 speed dual clutch box and is an absolute hoot to peddle about. I was concerned that, at 2.7m long, it would porpoise a bit and feel unstable at dual carriageway speeds but a blast up to 90 (or was that 70? Yes 70) showed that it is indeed very stable and feels like a proper car, even if it doesn't look like one. A ring around the dealers found one 3 weeks old, with 5 miles on the clock, sat there pre-registered and at a staggering discount. I love it and hope she will too.

I think the theory of evolution is that we Homo sapiens develop to be better, stronger and more intelligent as we gain experience.

I must therefore be lacking some 'Homo sapieness' somewhere as I am going round in glorious circles.

Yours just about keeping the faith



Jones the Speed



Ed agrees Monteverdi's are cool, especially in blue like the 1972 version above.

Race Retro 2018



1928 Austin Seven



1938 AC 16/80 March Special



1948 Connaught LP2



1960's Cannon



1962 Triumph TR4 Sebring



1968 Chevron B8



1979 Lotus 79



1983 Porsche 956

Race Retro 2018



1967 Hillman Minx



1968 Ford Cortina GT



1968 'Dizzyak' Austin 1800



1969 'Puff' Austin Maxi 1750



1973 Hillman Avenger 1600 GT



1980 Triumph TR7 V8



1980 Vauxhall Chevette HSR



1986 Lada Riva GL

Bristol Pegasus NEEDS YOU !

The successful running of club events requires Marshals and Organisers

Get involved

Be close to the action

Meet Other Club Members



BPMC Pin Badges



Now available; Delightful 20mm diameter BPMC pin badges in black nickel, red / white enamel finish. These are a must for club members and available for £2.00 each from Alan Spencer.

BPMC polo or sweatshirts

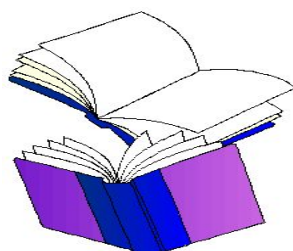
Pick your colour and size, state whether polo or sweatshirt and how many, then ring/email Alan Spencer with your order :- **alan49spencer@gmail.com** 01179 712587 Polo shirts £6.50 each and sweatshirts £10 - a bargain!



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White, grey, light blue, royal blue and black - S, M, L and XL.

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Bristol Pegasus Fantasy Formula One 2018

Bristol Pegasus Fantasy F1 - 2018						
Positions after Round 1 - Australia						
Entrant	Driver 1	Driver 2	Team 1	Team 2	Engine	Score
Sharon Reynolds	Stroll	Vandoorne	Force India	Red Bull	Sauber	167
Michael Davis	Vandoorne	Vettel	Force India	McLaren	Haas	129
Lisa Davies	Alonso	Ricciardo	Haas	Red Bull	Ferrari	102
Richard Reynolds	Alonso	Raikkonen	Red Bull	Williams	McLaren	101
Coralie Thompson	Ricciardo	Vandoorne	Red Bull	Renault	Ferrari	101
Joe Robson	Verstappen	Vettel	Haas	Red Bull	Haas	93
Matt Johnson	Verstappen	Vettel	Haas	McLaren	Ferrari	80
Mary Craddy	Alonso	Hamilton	Renault	Toro Rosso	Ferrari	80
Sam Thompson	Grosjean	Verstappen	Ferrari	Red Bull	Force India	78
Tim Murray	Alonso	Sainz	Ferrari	Haas	Mercedes	77
Ken Robson	Grosjean	Vettel	Ferrari	Haas	Red Bull	75
Mike Marsden	Hamilton	Sainz	Ferrari	Renault	Sauber	71
Dick Craddy	Verstappen	Vettel	McLaren	Red Bull	Sauber	70
Tom Thompson	Raikkonen	Verstappen	Red Bull	Renault	Ferrari	70
Andrew Moss	Alonso	Vettel	McLaren	Red Bull	Williams	67
Chris Thompson	Grosjean	Verstappen	Red Bull	Haas	Mercedes	64
Chris Bennett	Verstappen	Vettel	Red Bull	Toro Rosso	Red Bull	63
Richard Ibrahim	Hulkenburg	Ocon	Ferrari	Haas	Mercedes	62
Martyn Davies	Ricciardo	Verstappen	McLaren	Red Bull	Red Bull	62
Abi Reynolds	Verstappen	Vettel	Red Bull	Renault	Williams	60
Alison Bennett	Ricciardo	Verstappen	Ferrari	Force India	Haas	60
Simon Moss	Hamilton	Sainz	Red Bull	Toro Rosso	Ferrari	59
Donny Allen	Ricciardo	Stroll	Red Bull	Williams	Ferrari	52
Helen Davies	Hamilton	Vandoorne	Force India	Renault	Red Bull	52
Katie Davies	Hamilton	Sainz	McLaren	Red Bull	Force India	51
Juan Suarez	Hamilton	Sainz	McLaren	Red Bull	Williams	51
Liz Ibrahim	Alonso	Verstappen	Red Bull	Toro Rosso	Mercedes	49
Bob Bull	Ocon	Verstappen	Force India	McLaren	Mercedes	46
Helena Sarsted	Ricciardo	Grosjean	Red Bull	Haas	Mercedes	43
Michael Griffiths	Sainz	Verstappen	Force India	Red Bull	Mercedes	40
Mal Allen	Alonso	Hamilton	Force India	McLaren	Williams	40
Audrey King	Hamilton	Verstappen	Renault	Williams	Williams	33
Alyson Marsden	Magnussen	Verstappen	Mercedes	Toro Rosso	Sauber	30

Please note: the winning prize will only be awarded to UK-resident club members.

2018 Formula One Calendar

Round	Grand Prix	Circuit	Date	Live TV
2	Bahrain Grand Prix	Sakhir	8 April	Ch4/Sky
3	Chinese Grand Prix	Shanghai	15 April	Sky
4	Azerbaijan Grand Prix	Baku	29 April	Ch4/Sky
5	Spanish Grand Prix	Barcelona	13 May	Sky
6	Monaco Grand Prix	Monaco	27 May	Ch4/Sky
7	Canadian Grand Prix	Montreal	10 June	Sky
8	French Grand Prix	Paul Ricard	24 June	Sky
9	Austrian Grand Prix	Spielberg	1 July	Ch4/Sky
10	British Grand Prix	Silverstone	8 July	Ch4/Sky
11	German Grand Prix	Hockenheim	22 July	Sky
12	Hungarian Grand Prix	Budapest	29 July	Sky
13	Belgian Grand Prix	Spa	26 August	Ch4/Sky
14	Italian Grand Prix	Monza	2 September	Sky
15	Singapore Grand Prix	Marina Bay	16 September	Ch4/Sky
16	Russian Grand Prix	Sochi	30 September	Sky
17	Japanese Grand Prix	Suzuka	7 October	Ch4/Sky
18	USA Grand Prix	Austin, Texas	21 October	Ch4/Sky
19	Mexican Grand Prix	Mexico City	28 October	Sky
20	Brazilian Grand Prix	São Paulo	11 November	Sky
21	Abu Dhabi Grand Prix	Yas Marina	25 November	Ch4/Sky

Automated Membership System

We have introduced a new automated membership system. A link has been added to the Bristol Pegasus web site.

The new system will help to ensure our details are correct and allow you to update your own information to ensure you get timely information from the club including your renewal reminders. As well as these benefits it reduces administration for the club volunteers and keeps your information secure.

All members who can use the new system are encouraged to do so, but should you not have internet access we will help update your information and provide a paper form. One significant difference is that new memberships will run for 12 months from start/renewal date as opposed to running out at year end. New members can already join using the system which is online on the club website.

ALL members can check and update their details by accessing our membership system at :- <https://bristolpegasus.com/manage-your-membership/>

All members now get membership for a year from renewal or joining date.



Bristol Pegasus Motor Club

The 20th Anniversary ACE Classic Tour

Sunday June 3rd 2018



We are pleased to invite you to enter the 20th Anniversary ACE Car Tour. This year our journey will take us north into Gloucestershire and the south of the Cotswolds. As in the past it is designed to take in places of interest that we are sure you will enjoy. We shall once again have a communal picnic stop at a convenient and interesting location. For the second year we will start at the Cross Hands Hotel, Old Sodbury, Bristol BS37 6RJ. Toilets and refreshments are available at the start.

PLEASE ASSEMBLE BY 9.45am



Our chosen charity this year is: Brain Tumour Research which is a national charity dedicated to raising funds for research into brain tumours. Brain tumours can affect anyone at any age, they kill more children and adults under the age of 40 than any other cancer... yet just 1% of the national spend on cancer research has been allocated to this devastating disease. In the view of the Committee this charity is most deserving of our support.

Please retain the above section for your information.

Return the lower section with your entry fee.

Entrants/Driver Name:
Address:
Post Code:
Email Address:
Contact Telephone Number:
Passenger Name(s):
Vehicle Make/Model:
Vehicle Registration Number:

DECLARATION

I agree to be bound by the Regulations that are issued for this event.

I declare that I am physically and mentally fit to take part in this event and I am competent to do so.

I acknowledge that I understand the nature and type of the event.

I declare that the use of the vehicle entered is covered by insurance as required by law, which is valid for such part of this event as shall take place on roads as defined in law.

I furthermore declare that the vehicle is in a fit condition safely to be driven in the event and confirm that it is covered by a relevant Department of Transport Test Certificate (MOT).

Signature_____

Date_____

Please sign declaration above and return with entry fee (**minimum £15.00 per vehicle**) to: - Tony Joiner. 17, Badminton, Penn Drive, Frenchay, Bristol. BS16 1NJ.
(Cheque payable to All Classic Enthusiasts)

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The 2018 ACE Tour will follow a new route North of Bristol into the South of the Cotswolds which is being planned by Alan Spencer. The event is aimed primarily at Classic, Kit and Sports Cars but club members are very welcome whatever car they are driving. Enter on the above form or online on the club website

2018 Club Championships Clubmans Championship



Position	Name	Total	No of events	Organised or marshalled?
1	Alan Spencer	7.42	2	No
2=	Martyn Davies	5.17	1	No
2=	Lisa Davies	5.17	1	No
4	Tom Thompson	5.08	3	No
5	Craig Hayward	5.00	1	No
6=	Shaun West	4.33	1	No
6=	Shawn Franklin	4.33	1	No
6=	Ben Bishop	4.33	1	No
9	Chris Thompson	4.08	2	No
10	Anthony Brown	4.00	1	No

Marshals Championship

Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be presented based on organising & marshalling.

3 points will be awarded to event organisers

2 points will be awarded to marshals

1 points will be awarded for setting up an event on the day before an event

- Event organisers points will be awarded to those who organise any club event including non-competitive events including Navigation Events, Treasure Hunts, or who act as Clerk of the Course, Secretary of Meeting or Entries Secretary.
- Should an event be cancelled due to circumstances beyond the organisers' control, points will still be awarded.

Championship Officials Co-ordinator: Tim Murray; Stewards: The Club Vice Presidents.



LLANDOW

May Sprint 2018



Llandow Circuit, Vale of Glamorgan

SATURDAY 12th MAY 2018

The Trident Engineering Welsh Sprint and Hillclimb Championship

The Bridge Tyres & Wheels ASWMC Sprint Championship

The DEWS Speed Championship

The Vincenzo & Son Bristol MX5 Challenge

Bristol Clio Cup


SBD HSA Speed Championship

HRCR Speed Series Championship

The 2018 May Llandow Sprint will again be organised by
Bristol Pegasus Motor Club and Bristol Motor Club.
Last year's event was very successful with around 90 entries.

Regulations and entry details now available on the club
website www.bristolpegasus.com

ENTRY IS NOW FULL. MARSHALS ALWAYS WELCOME.
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BPMC 2018 Events Calendar

Date	Event	Location
Mon 9th Apr	Club Night	BAWA 8pm
Sun 29th Apr	Cross Trophy Trial	Dundry
Sat 12th May	Llandow Sprint	Llandow Circuit
Mon 21st May	Treasure Hunt	
Sun 3rd Jun	ACE Classic Tour	
Mon 11th Jun	Bring Your Car Night	
Mon 9th Jul	Evening Car Tour	
Sun 12th Aug	Sunday Treasure Hunt	
Sat 18th Aug	Pegasus Track Day	Castle Combe Circuit
Sun 2nd Sep	Aerospace Bristol Visit	New event details soon
Mon 10th Sep	Club Night	BAWA 8pm
Sun 23rd Sep	Pegasus Charity Classic Car Run	
Mon 8th Oct	Club Night	BAWA 8pm
Sat 20th Oct	Pegasus Sprint	Castle Combe Circuit
Mon 12th Nov	Club Night	BAWA 8pm
Mon 10th Dec	AGM Buffet & Prizegiving	BAWA 8pm

Snowfire

