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Bristol Pegasus Motor Club Magazine



Club gathering for the Evening Car Tour Photo Andy Moss



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Things are progressing nicely to our next track event, our Track-day at Combe on the 18th August, if you don't enter come along and help with marshalling or other organising role, for those looking for lighter entertainment our Sunday Treasure Hunt on the 12 August will provide a drive in the country around lunchtime, see website for latest event details.

Speaking personally I recently had a ride in an Autonomous Pod at University of the West of England. Not very successful as it got lost and stopped when it lost GPS connection then stopped when it overheated! Some way to go yet obviously. I will be sticking to person controlled cars for the foreseeable future!

We will start our evening meetings again in September so pop along to BAWA for a chat with Duncan Pittaway on the 10th September.

We have been asked to assist in the Rally of the Tests at the Brightside car park (old Severn Bridge Services) on the 11th November, email Chris Thompson cmtbristol@btinternet.com for details.

Again I take this opportunity to again ask for new blood to help in the running of the club, its your club so drop us an email with events you would like to be involved in either as entrant or with the organising team.

Bob Bull
Acting Chairman



2016 RAC Rally of the Tests photo Alan Dillamore

Editorial

July has been a relatively quiet month at work, on the MX5 front all has been going splendidly with a busy weekend that took in the Frenchay Flower Show on the Saturday, the Friends of Atwell Wilson Classic in Calne on the Sunday followed by an evening chasing a couple of MG's on a route set by Ben Bishop for the Evening Car tour on the Monday !

The evening car tour took us on a fun figure of 8 route out towards Tetbury and ended at the Fox and Hounds in Acton Turville.

Ben has also set the route and questions for our Summer Treasure Hunt on Sunday August 12th which will be starting from the Blackhorse Budgens in Emerson's Green, postcode BS16 7AN at 09:30am for a 10:00pm depart.

The day before the Frenchay Flower Show Tim Murray, Pete Goodman and Dave Cutcliffe joined me in the trusty Golf for our 6th visit to Goodwood Festival of Speed together.

There was much to celebrate including; 70 years since the founding of Porsche, 70 years since the introduction of the Jaguar XK engine and 60 years since Eric Broadley built his Lola Mk 1 among the manufacturer anniversaries.

It is also 60 years since Jack Sears won the inaugural British Saloon Car Championship, in a 1956 A90 bodied Austin A105 Westminster after a tie braking run off with Tommy Sopwith in a pair of Riley's !

Amazingly it is what seems a very short 50 years since the introduction of the Ford Escort and not least 25 years since Sally Mason Styron set the ball rolling on the Goodwood Hill in her 1950 Ferrari 166 MM, a feat she repeated this year.

A personal highlight of Goodwood for me, that coincided with Donald Trump's meeting her Majesty the Queen, came when I bumped into his majesty The King of NASCAR Richard Lee Petty, after exchanging a few pleasantries he kindly agreed to a selfie exposing that legendary multi million dollar smile.

Final call for entries for our Castle Combe Track Day which runs on Saturday 18th August !

Wishing you all a safe month's motoring.

Ralph Colmar



Events Calendar

Sunday 12th August Summer Treasure Hunt

We will be meeting at the Blackhorse Budgens in Emerson's Green, postcode BS16 7AN. 10:00 am for a 10:30 am depart to follow a route set by Ben Bishop.

Saturday 18th August Castle Combe Track Day

Entries open on website. There will be a 3 lap lunchtime parade led by Pete Goodman for members, in return for donations to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Sunday 2nd September Aerospace Bristol Visit

See ad in back pages of this issue for further details.

Monday 10th September - An evening with Duncan Pittaway

Club Night At Bawa 7:30pm for a 8pm start an evening with Duncan Pittaway will be talking about his Cheetah conceived by Bill Thomas.

Sunday 23rd Sept 2nd Pegasus Charity Classic Car Run

In aid of St Peters Hospice this years event, open to; classic, sports and kit cars, will start and finish at Thornbury Castle, Castle Street, Thornbury, BS35 1HH

Entry forms online at :- <https://bristolpegasus.com/classic-tour/>

The closing date for entries is 5pm on Friday 21st September 2018, Ffi please email classictour@bristolpegasus.com

Marshals Wanted

Woolbridge Motor Club

22/23 September at Manor Farm for more details contact :- Worth Birkill e-mail worth@pandaprinters.co.uk

RAC Rally of the Tests November 11th

BPMC will be helping to run stages of this years event at Aust Services from 08:00 and possibly RAC HQ from 14:30 if you would like to help contact Chris Thompson (tel - 07842902333, mobile - chris.thompson@bristolpegasus.com)

Invitations

Monday 20th August Tavern MC Interclub Skittles

BPMC members are invited to join the Tavern MC at the Royal British Legion in Dundry, arrive about 8 o'clock for an 8.30 kickoff.

Monday July 16th Evening Car Tour



MB E320 CDI Elegance Auto



Morgan Plus Four



Abarth 595



Ford Escort Estate



Lancia Beta Monte Carlo



MX5 S-Vt Sport



Morgan Plus 8



Jaguar 340

Andy Moss

Saturday July 14th Frenchay Flower Show



Sunbeam Alpine



Lotus Elan



MG TD



Riley Special



Mazda MX5



Austin A40 Sports



Triumph Stag



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It's an uphill struggle

‘...Oops I did it again...’

Yes I am partial to a spot of Britney Spears though I am not keen on her singing... With the Hill climb and Sprint season fast approaching, it was ‘prepare the Abarth’ time. I had said in a previous Backfire that competing is somewhat more exacting than running round in demos and so the little blighter had a good seeing to at MBG. The crank was a little marked up and, sadly, had been reground before so it was time for a new one. Fortunately a fresh dimension crank was available and with a set of new old stock Abarth bearings we were on.

The car had a slightly high front ride height so I asked Tony to source some springs to get it raked forward a tad. While at it, Lloyd and I also found that the seat was too upright to allow a HANS device and having worn one for a couple of seasons, I would not be without one. Competing without one now feels like going out with your zip down (do it all the time...). Seat raked back, extinguisher recharged, wheels aligned, new alloy flywheel and clutch and a rolling road session to set it up.

The entries were coming in thick and fast for Classic Marques and by the end of March we were up to 93 members and decided to close the books – that’s a record by about +50% vs last year. We seem to have attracted quite a few Scimitars and Morgans so it’s getting nice and diverse. Mazda MX5s continue to be a trend as well.

It was also time to get Lloyd towing – I learned a valuable lesson last year at Castle Combe and realised that being the sole ‘tower’ was going to have to change. So with Lloyd insured to drive the Jeep (ouch), a trailer test ensued. I don’t know whether you have looked into this as many of you, like me, have Grandfather Rights to tow as we passed our test pre 1997. The new rules are quite bureaucratic.

Passing on an automatic tow car means you can only tow with an auto even though you might have a full manual car licence, so we needed to get hold of a manual tow car.

I had planned to borrow an open trailer as mine is huge to start on but, no, you can’t use an open trailer. It must be closed. Oh and it must have either a 600kg water container strapped down in the trailer or 600kg of cement or aggregate. You can’t tow any other load for the test. Which means borrowing a closed trailer with that lot in it. Which means the instructors trailer. Honestly, the mind boggles. Anyway, we got it done and he passed first go.

Meanwhile, my promise to myself to not buy any more cars in 2018 took a bit of a battering but at least I got part way through January....

The first problem was a 1965 Merc 600 Grosser. RHD cars just don’t grow on trees so I got all revved up when I spied one for sale in Merseyside on carandclassic. It was being ‘recommissioned’. Now that can mean many things and on a Grosser it generally means trouble of some magnitude. Air suspension, hydraulic seats,

windows, boot, even dashboard vent. When a window ram leaks, the door casing fills up with hydraulic fluid. You get the picture. Oh and did I mention the mechanical fuel injection, acres of leather and wood and steel structure over 50 years old. So having thought it through, I did the obvious thing and carried on with my enquiry.



I pinged the owner who is a MB Club member and serial classic Merc fettler. Having got a nice response and a pile of pics I started to wonder what kind of person would take on a Grosser. A spot of Googling later and I discovered that he had sold a couple of nice cars through auction, had bought a cache of old Mercs to restore and was a TV actor who Mrs J recognised. Hmm. Could this be a little gap to walk through I thought?

Having pondered it, considered how I would move a 2.5 ton Auto sat on its bump stops and what chaos it would wreak in the garage, I decided to give it a punt. For now. I am still wriggling a bit to be honest. It's the world's best car for goodness sake. But time to be sensible.

And then, YES, a bargain came up. Well they do don't they? I was not looking but it popped up in front of me. A swing by the garage, a brief discussion, some gentle wringing of hands and I had my next daily driver lined up. Which meant the SL55 would either get refurbished and then put into semi-retirement (Mrs Jones likes it so it's not easy to just sell it) or else it would get part ex'd for another car that I don't need.

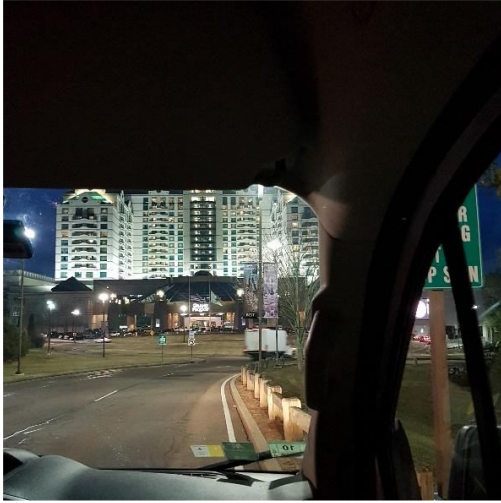
So – a practical daily driver, reliable, not too bad on fuel, fun to drive, quiet and comfortable enough to hold a conference call on the move and plenty of luggage space for that all important wheelie for flying away. Yes a Lotus Exige V6!

Silver, IPS auto, 2016 model year that had sat around at a Lotus dealer on consignment but not sold. So it got registered new in Jan 2018 and with a full 3 year warranty for a decent price. Done.

My Commanding Officer was truly delighted and it seems I had excelled myself by buying our '4th bloody Lotus' and hinting that the SL might be on its way. Ah hem. Might be the best excuse ever to not sell a car.

Otherwise it's been a whole lot of travel. Spain in January – nice to have lunch outside – was a challenge as every form of virus known to mankind was imported by the 150 attendees. It seemed there was a choice of Montezuma's revenge and lying on the khazi floor for 2 days or headache, sore limbs and extreme tiredness. I did a





Houdini and got away with nothing at all. Good Welsh blood you see boy.

Then it was Netherlands and on to Connecticut for a week. There I stayed in a casino on a former Indian reservation (so tax free...). It was the size of a small town with 3 tower block hotels and more fruit machines than I have ever seen. As you walk through the front entrance it's glittering like Trump Tower. I wondered why the 1000's of 'guests' had not questioned who was paying for this palatial set up. Doh...

But they all think they are going to win. It's mindboggling to see people at the machines at 7am, with a pint of last night's beer, pumping money in. Well that's life I suppose. I did nothing more risky than sit in the back of a Ford minibus for 1.5hrs listening to Johnny Cash turned up to the max and a driver singing along to it. You had to be there.



A snowstorm finished the experience nicely but at least I got a chance to watch Trumps 'State of the Nation' speech live. The debate the following morning was worth the trip alone.



It's a wonderful wide world and I felt a lot happier when I managed to track down a few 'gearheads' as they call them in the US and talk cars rather than work. Now that's better. It seems there are a lot of Porsche fans over there and one chap was a serial 944 Turbo collector, interspersed with impact bumper 911s. Another was into Healeys and TRs. Even if they had been into Trabants I would have felt fortunate to talk about those rather than work!

Jones the Speed

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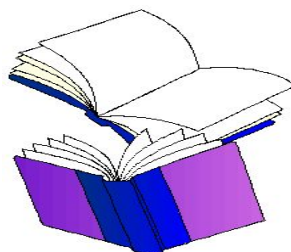
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Bristol Pegasus Fantasy Formula One 2018

Bristol Pegasus Fantasy F1 - 2018						
Positions after Round 10 - Britain						
Entrant	Driver 1	Driver 2	Team 1	Team 2	Engine	Score
Sam Thompson	Grosjean	Verstappen	Ferrari	Red Bull	Force India	626
Tom Thompson	Raikkonen	Verstappen	Red Bull	Renault	Ferrari	622
Ken Robson	Grosjean	Vettel	Ferrari	Haas	Red Bull	621
Chris Bennett	Verstappen	Vettel	Red Bull	Toro Rosso	Red Bull	582
Joe Robson	Verstappen	Vettel	Haas	Red Bull	Haas	580
Lisa Davies	Alonso	Ricciardo	Haas	Red Bull	Ferrari	580
Coralie Thompson	Ricciardo	Vandoorne	Red Bull	Renault	Ferrari	567
Mike Marsden	Hamilton	Sainz	Ferrari	Renault	Sauber	561
Alison Bennett	Ricciardo	Verstappen	Ferrari	Force India	Haas	561
Tim Murray	Alonso	Sainz	Ferrari	Haas	Mercedes	555
Simon Moss	Hamilton	Sainz	Red Bull	Toro Rosso	Ferrari	553
Martyn Davies	Ricciardo	Verstappen	McLaren	Red Bull	Red Bull	546
Richard Ibrahim	Hulkenberg	Ocon	Ferrari	Haas	Mercedes	544
Abi Reynolds	Verstappen	Vettel	Red Bull	Renault	Williams	535
Dick Craddy	Verstappen	Vettel	McLaren	Red Bull	Sauber	524
Matt Johnson	Verstappen	Vettel	Haas	McLaren	Ferrari	522
Chris Thompson	Grosjean	Verstappen	Red Bull	Haas	Mercedes	514
Michael Griffiths	Sainz	Verstappen	Force India	Red Bull	Mercedes	503
Helena Sarsted	Ricciardo	Grosjean	Red Bull	Haas	Mercedes	502
Liz Ibrahim	Alonso	Verstappen	Red Bull	Toro Rosso	Mercedes	485
Katie Davies	Hamilton	Sainz	McLaren	Red Bull	Force India	463
Mary Craddy	Alonso	Hamilton	Renault	Toro Rosso	Ferrari	461
Andrew Moss	Alonso	Vettel	McLaren	Red Bull	Williams	460
Donny Allen	Ricciardo	Stroll	Red Bull	Williams	Ferrari	457
Juan Suarez	Hamilton	Sainz	McLaren	Red Bull	Williams	440
Richard Reynolds	Alonso	Raikkonen	Red Bull	Williams	McLaren	433
Alyson Marsden	Magnussen	Verstappen	Mercedes	Toro Rosso	Sauber	426
Sharon Reynolds	Stroll	Vandoorne	Force India	Red Bull	Sauber	413
Helen Davies	Hamilton	Vandoorne	Force India	Renault	Red Bull	405
Michael Davis	Vandoorne	Vettel	Force India	McLaren	Haas	392
Bob Bull	Ocon	Verstappen	Force India	McLaren	Mercedes	364
Audrey King	Hamilton	Verstappen	Renault	Williams	Williams	332
Mal Allen	Alonso	Hamilton	Force India	McLaren	Williams	302

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
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 website.

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.

2018 Club Championships Clubmans Championship



Position	Name	Total	No of events	Organised or marshalled?
1	Tom Thompson	8.58	4	Yes
2	Alan Spencer	8.42	3	Yes
3	Andy Moss	8.25	2	Yes
4	Chris Thompson	7.58	3	Yes
5	Ben Bishop	6.58	2	No
6	Andy Laurence	5.29	1	No
7=	Martyn Davies	5.17	1	No
7=	Lisa Davies	5.17	1	No
9=	Craig Hayward	5.00	1	No
9=	Elen Worthington	5.00	1	No

Marshals Championship

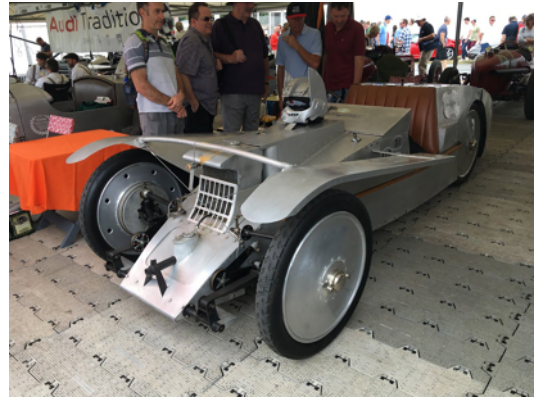
Position	Name	Points	No of events
1	Nick Wood	6	2
2	Ralph Colmar	5	2
3=	Bob Bull	3	1
3=	Martin Emsley	3	1
3=	Dick Craddy	3	1
3=	Matt Johnson	3	1
3=	Chris Thompson	3	1

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

July 13th Goodwood Festival of Speed Paddock



1903 Napier 100hp



1923 Voisin C6 Laboratoire



1939 Wanderer Streamline (Works Recreation)



1958 Maserati 420/M/58 (Eldorado)



1966 Lola Ford T90 (American Red Ball Spl)



1969 Matra 640 (Recreation)



March Porsche 89P



1999 Porsche 9R3 / LMP2000

July 13th 25th Anniversary Goodwood Festival of Speed



1st 1993 runner Sally Mason Styron, 1950 Ferrari 166



Armin Burger 1948 Porsche 356-001



Ralf Speth 1950 Jaguar XK120



Nick Jarvis 1956 Austin A105 Westminster



Keith Ahlers 1958 Lola Mk1



Anthony Fairbairn 1968 Lotus Pratt & Whitney 56



Andy Harrison 1968 London to Sydney Morris 1800 S



Henry Mann 1968 Ford Escort Twin Cam

Sunday 15th July Friends of Atwell Wilson Classic



1940 Delgae D6 75



1947 MG TC



1949 Allard K1



1950 Land Rover 88" SWB



1953 Alvis TC21



1953 XK120 FHC



1956 Daimler Conquest



1972 Triumph TR6

Saturday June 28th Dick Mayo Sprint Castle Combe



Force PT



Cooper Mk VI



Emma Hunt Golf Mk IV



Clan Crusader



Alan Yeo Triumph Vitesse



Pete Goodman Ford Fiesta ST



Alan Davies TVR Griffith



Paul St George Mazda MX5



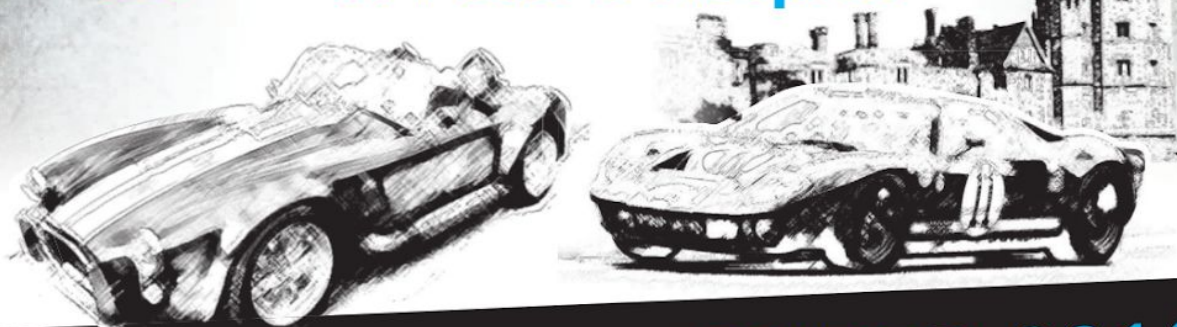
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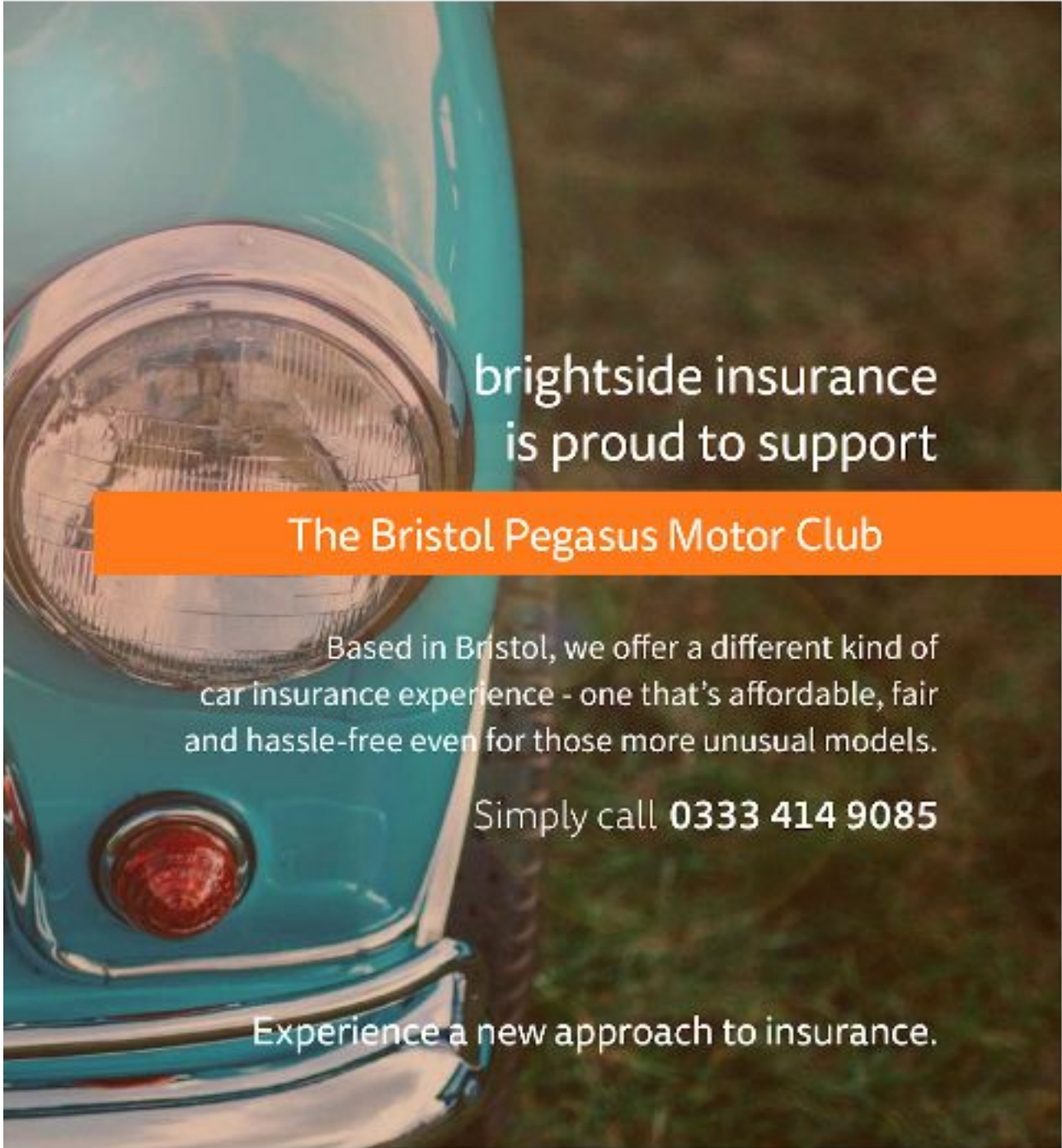
Beautiful Three Rivers route

To enter, apply online at

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Monday 10th September

An evening with Duncan Pittaway



Duncan Pittaway will be talking about his Cheetah, seen at Goodwood above, conceived by Chevrolet performance tuner Bill Thomas as a GM powered competitor to the Shelby Cobra.

Club Night at Bawa

7:30pm for a 8pm start



Sunday 2nd September Club Visit - Aerospace Bristol

The club has arranged a visit to the Aerospace Bristol Museum on Sunday the 2nd of September.

The tour will start at 11.30am although those who wish to arrive earlier can gather in the car park and visit the cafe before the tour.

We are eligible for a group discount, with tickets priced at £10 for adults for single day museum entry. If you wish, tickets can be upgraded to annual tickets on the day of your visit for just £5 for adults and £3 for seniors.

We have also booked a highlights tour for 25 people - this lasts for approximately 1 hour and includes a queue jump for Concorde with priority boarding. This normally costs an extra £5 but the club will be covering this cost.



The visit is expected to take between 2-3 hours, depending on how long you wish to stay after the formal tour.

Places will be on a first come first served basis - To put your name down for the trip please e-mail andy@mossdata.co.uk or text/phone 07710 000144.



Summer Treasure Hunt

Sunday 12th August



We will be meeting at the Blackhorse Budgens in Emerson's Green, post code BS16 7AN, then following a route set by Ben Bishop and finishing at a pub, NOT the Cat and Custard Pot above, which we went to last year.

10 am for a 10:30 am departure.

BPMC 2018 Events Calendar

Date	Event	Location
Sun 12th Aug	Sunday Treasure Hunt	Meet 10 am BS16 7AN
Sat 18th Aug	Pegasus Track Day	Castle Combe Circuit
Sun 2nd Sep	Aerospace Bristol Visit	Ffi See Ad
Mon 10th Sep	Club Night with Duncan Pittaway	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
Sun 11th Nov	RAC Rally of the Tests	Brightside / Aust Svcs
Mon 12th Nov	Club Night	BAWA 8pm
Mon 10th Dec	AGM Buffet & Prizegiving	BAWA 8pm

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1969 Matra 640 (Recreation)

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

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