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Bristol Pegasus Motor Club Magazine



Congratulations Philip Turner 1st OA July Autosolo photo Andy Moss



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

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Editorial

July seems to have vanished into another time warp, with my club activities limited to a lovely drive through the country with Sue, see pic below, in Madge for the splendid Evening Car Tour organised by Ben Bishop.

Unfortunately I was sent to Cambridge for a couple of days the day before the July Autosolo at Brightside, but looking at Andy Moss's pictures it looks like everyone had a lovely time in the sun, congratulations to over all winner Philip Turner who makes this journals front cover for the second time this year.

Martin Emsley has managed to add another Autosolo to our calendar on Sept 8th at Rolls Royce, full details and entry forms are available from the club website at <https://bristolpegasus.com/>, all being well I shall be taking part with Madge, for the first time in a couple of years.

Before that our Summer Treasure Hunt will be starting from Chepstow Garden Centre, Pwllmeyric, Chepstow NP16 6LF on Sunday August 11th meeting at 10am. Entry is free ideally you need a passenger to help find the answers to the clues but if you don't have one come along anyway as someone may well have more than one passenger. The 30 mile event will be finishing at the Garden Centre where lunch will be available.

The club will be visiting Castle Combe on Saturday August 17th for it's annual Track Day. Madge is sorted with new brakes and tyres after I found some going cheap complete with rims on one of the many MX5 facebook pages. Entry for this event is full, but if you want to pop along and catch some of the fun we look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks to Tim Murray for results and updated standings, Phil the speed tales of persistence with his immobiliser, Micheal Davis for the trials and tribulations of getting coil overs fitted to his formerly hydragas suspended MGF and to Colin Bennett for his photos from the latest Sparky's Breakfast meeting in Lydney and last but not least to Andy Moss and Richard Reynolds for everything else.

Love to stop and write some more but I am off to Cambridge for another four days.

Wishing you a safe month's motoring.



Ralph Colmar

Events Calendar

Sunday 11th August Summer Treasure Hunt



Free to enter meet at the Chepstow Garden Centre, Pwllmeyric, Chepstow NP16 6LF on the A48 10am for 10:30 start. Route will take you on a 20 mile adventure through South Wales finishing where we started where lunch will be available.

Saturday 17th August Castle Combe Track Day

Entries open all details are published on the club website where you can enter online :-

<https://bristolpegasus.com/news/events-calendar/>

Entry Full - a reserve list has been started to add your name e-mail
trackday.entries@bristolpegasus.com



Sunday 8th September Rolls Royce All Forwards Autotest



We are glad to announce Rolls-Royce All Forwards Autotest , for full details and entry form see

<https://bristolpegasus.com/>

We are looking for someone to help with results and signing on for this event. If you are interested contact event organiser Martin Emsley

martin@emsley.ndo.co.uk. No experience necessary as we will run through what you need to do on the day.

Marshalls Wanted

Woodpecker Stages Saturday 31st August



The rally will open with Haye Park Stage followed by a stage in Radnor, then a service halt back at Ludlow Racecourse.

There will be another stage in the Marches followed by a stage in Haye Park, then a service halt and a final run through another stage in Radnor.

We are looking for help in marshalling the stages please contact :Chief Marshal - Mark Kinsey rallymark1978@gmail.com 07801693664 or Deputy Chief Marshal - Jeremy Hancock hancockjeremy@hotmail.co.uk 07732798639

Pegasus Sprint Saturday 19th October

If you would like to marshal on our annual sprint at Castle Combe please contact social secretary Nick Wood. Vouchers for lunch in the on site Cafe Bar H will be provided.



Invitations

Lotus Drivers Club The Bull Hinton

Rob Ford the Lotus Drivers Club area leader organises meetings at The Bull Inn, Hinton usually on the first Tuesday of the month at 19:30 for 20:00 start.

Aug 6th Paul Hausshauer Lotus & Clan, Sept 3rd Michael Oliver Lotus 49 & 72, Oct 1st Ian Phillips F1, Nov 5th Richard and Henry Williams on Williams Automobiles, Dec 3rd Steve Soper.

All BPMP members welcome.

Summer Autosolo

C/P	Name	Car	Class	Total Time	Awards
1	Alan Spencer	Ford Puma	A	326.6	1st in Class
2	Robert Barker	Smart Coupe	A	368.6	
3	June Seville	Ford Puma	A	418.0	
1	Philip Turner	Ford Puma	B	310.4	1st in Class
2	Mark Osland	Alfa Romeo	B	352.6	
3	John Hollins	Proton Persona	B	363.9	
4	Dave Waldron	Citroen C2	B	387.3	
1	Alex Nethercott	Mazda MX5	D	335.1	1st in Class
2	Pete McGinnity	Mazda MX5	D	337.4	2nd in Class
3	Martin Emsley	Mazda MX5	D	339.8	
4	Andy Moss	Mazda MX5	D	343.8	
5	Paul Smith	Mazda MX5	D	399.4	
6	Dave Parsons	Mazda MX5	D	429.6	
1	Nic Surry	Westfield SE1W	E	311.5	1st in Class
2	Ben Bishop	Westfield SE1W	E	322.5	

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Summer Autosolo



June Seville Ford Puma



Robert Baker Smart Coupe



Mark Osland ALFA Romeo



John Hollins Proton Persona



Alex Nethercott MX5



Pete McGinnity MX5



Nic Surry Westfield



Ben Bishop Westfield

Evening Car Tour



MG Midget



Westfield



Mazda MX5



Ford



Morgan



ALFA Romeo 105 1600 Junior



Mazda MX5

It's an uphill struggle

When one 'fails to proceed'...

Normally associated with a Rolls or Bentley breakdown, in this case, one's 'Ye Ha' good 'Ole American V8 decided not to start. How so? Well I really don't know.

It was an innocuous occasion. Wife, Daughter and I were just doing 'jobs' one Sunday afternoon and I did nothing more unusual than drop her outside Asda. Sat there in the Jeep with the radio on, all was well. Then she returned with the next orders ..."PC World please". Yes Ma'am.

Push the start button, a theatrical 'whoomph' as usual and it died after about 2 secs. Odd. Try again. And again. Hang on, what's the little flashing red light?

Hand book out and it's the immobiliser light. Uh Oh. Seems the car is not recognising the key any more. Theories ran round my head...had we been hacked? Someone nearby with a cheap Amazon sourced clone device? RF interference? Battery gone in the key fob? Well we can check the last one easily.

In we go to get a set of CR2032 batteries and – still dies after 2 secs. This is ridiculous.

Rang Lloyd to bring the spare key. Up he comes, try it and ...dies after 2 secs. Now we are in bother.

Go online, check out the forums. There is one idea to lock the car, then open it with the metal slave key and then hold the fob right by the start button when you try and start it (whilst standing on one leg with your 3rd digit up your nose etc. etc.). Nothing. Now it won't fire at all. I guess I have made too many attempts and it thinks it's under attack.

This reminds me that, at times, consulting social media can be quite enlightening. But it also reminds me that 'facts' are not as popular as 'opinion' these days. Go on line and pose a question and you will get 500 eager respondents with their 'IMHO'. None of them has a clue, of course, but they all have an opinion.

What a proper, 2019, first world problem. At this point I am on a rant..." who's idea was it to get rid of bloody keys anyway. It's the answer to a question no-one asked. Bloody marketing people".

It's right up there with swiping your foot under the rear of the car – sometimes unintentionally – and getting the automatic rear hatch pop up and whack you on the head.

Or what about the electronic dipstick? Dipstick indeed. Try working out how much oil you need to add to get it 'just right'. Impossible. What's wrong with a proper

dipstick? Have we dumbed down oil inspection because no one knows how to do it unless they can do it with an iphone in their hand? Anyway, I feel better now. Where was I?

Call the Jeep emergency line – they actually answered so I was well impressed. Took the details.

“Is it 4WD”? “Yes they all are”. “Is it an Auto”? “Yes they all are”. You get the picture.

But an hour and 2 coffees in the nearby Costa later, along comes a smart silver van with ‘Customer Service’ on the side. The ‘Jeep’ word is not mentioned so I am now thinking this is a 3rd party, multi marque technician. Oh dear. I think we need a Jeep man for this.

Plugs his laptop in, no fault codes. Disconnects and reconnects battery to try a reset it, but no. There is apparently ‘nothing wrong’. Except it won’t go. Calls for a recovery truck. Now we have the fun of getting the transmission out of Park.

The old Diesel version had a little rubber button that you could press with a pen nib. This one does not. Consult the book. The book does not show the SRT variant interior. Oh for goodness sake.

Finally, with the top of the centre console removed, there is a red strap to pull... Plonk, out of Park. But now the ignition won’t switch off and it’s going Bing Bing Bing. Even locking it won’t turn it off. So by the morning it’s going to have a flat battery. If the battery goes flat the steering lock won’t release. And they won’t be able to move it. Oh for goodness sake x 2.



Back to the house in the van, drop the C.O. off, get in the Jones ‘standby emergency failsafe vehicle’ – yes a Lotus – and back to Asda to wait for the recovery truck.

Meanwhile, I had not realised what Asda does for the local community. Yes, it provides a base for Japanese hot hatches (with a few Audi A3s and VW Polos thrown in) to howl round the car park and then stop and play ‘bangin tunes’ out the boot! Very entertaining.

An hour later, along comes ‘Newport boy’ with a terrific truck and a sliding bed. The Jeep gets loaded and off he goes to a ‘secure compound’ for the night. So that the battery can drain and the ignition coils can age nicely.

The next morning we head to the local service agent for Jeep and debrief them. Just as well. The message they got was 'won't start'! Not exactly descriptive of the issue.

The next 4 hours were spent chasing a rental car from Enterprise – as it happens, not a good description of their way of working – and the C.O. was off to Sainsbury's in a Ford Edge. A big white thing. Very roomy, edgy styling (maybe that's why it's called an Edge?) and a bit American in flavour.



And the answer was?

Well the local service agent did a good job diagnosing in short order. Jeep allows 48hrs to come up with a diagnosis so the pressure is certainly on and it must be a planning nightmare for the dealers receiving broken cars first thing on a Monday morning.

In their opinion – which was the same as one of mine the moment it happened – there had been a hacking attempt to clone the key. Must have been someone sat in a car very close to me as I never left the Jeep and don't recall any shifty / hoody types hanging around either. A very spooky thought.

Anyway there was no record of our two keys in the immobiliser's memory so whatever had happened had wiped it. Hence it would not start. Equally, there was no new 'false' key either so the scam had not worked.

So the conclusion is...pity it happened, it was a pile of hassle. But great that the car's immobiliser withstood the attack. And we found out, as a bi-product, that Jeep UK's customer service and emergency operations were excellent. As was the local dealer who handed it back way cleaner than when they received it. Even the battery survived its all night 'Bing – Bing - Bing' episode.

It's been absolutely fine ever since.

I would still prefer an old school metal key though...

Jones the Speed

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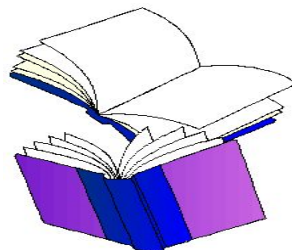
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Fun with coilovers...

January this year I bought an MGF because of ease of getting in and out. The hydra gas suspension was a bit hard and replacements are not cheap and they don't come with a warranty so after research I found a coil over conversion, result this will bring the car up to modern day handling.

Well I had the system fitted locally and when I got the car back it was knocking and squeaked, not happy sent it back this time it came back it just squeaked. So back it went and it came back no squeak but it didn't feel quite right. So I called the suppliers and explained my plight and they expressed concern and suggest I take it to Prestige MG in Rugeley (no never heard of them or Rugeley either) so a phone call later and booked.

I went up the day before and stayed over nearby and in the morning I booked out slung my bag in the car put the key in the ignition, nothing, not even a click or warning lights. So I called the garage and he came out, set of jump leads later and off we went to the garage which is at the far end of a trading estate which was uphill all the way.

On the ramp he checks out the nearside rear and takes the whole thing off because it is not aligned correctly and he finds the top bolt that holds the coil over unit in wasn't even tight, so despite the unit being the source of the noise he decides to check the others and three out of the four coil over units and the same bolt loose.

No I couldn't have just checked them and tightened them up myself as they are concealed behind body panels and the top one should be torqued up before fitting.

It sounds simple but it took all day and there was four wheel tracking and camber angles to check, it was around 8.40 pm when I left and after driving around parts of Cannock and just trusting in the sat nav then a boring drive down the M5 motorway I got home around 10.40 . Oh yes the car now feels very much like it's now ready for a spin around Castle Combe.



All for this, now just need; a new battery, then a brake fluid change and new silencer box to be done and I'll be ready for Castle Combe.

Michael Davis

2019 Clubmans Championship

Position	Name	Total	No of events	Organised or marshalled?
1	Chris Thompson	18.08	4	No
2	Alan Spencer	15.75	4	No
3	Tom Thompson	10.70	4	No
4	Ben Bishop	10.25	2	No
5	Philip Turner	9.08	2	No
6	Martin Emsley	7.75	2	No
7	Shaun West	7.25	2	No
8	June Seville	6.75	3	No
9	Sam Thompson	6.17	2	No
10	Mark Hoppé	6.00	2	No

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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.

Bristol Pegasus Fantasy F1 - 2019

Positions after British GP

Entrant	Driver 1	Driver 2	Team 1	Team 2	Engine	Score
Katie Davies	Hülkenberg	Räikkönen	Alfa Romeo	Mercedes	Red Bull	571
Ken Robson	Kvyat	Magnussen	Ferrari	Red Bull	Red Bull	556
Simon Moss	Grosjean	Leclerc	Red Bull	Alfa Romeo	Mercedes	543
Ben Cox	Grosjean	Räikkönen	Alfa Romeo	Ferrari	Mercedes	500
Richard Ibrahim	Albon	Grosjean	Alfa Romeo	Ferrari	Mercedes	487
Donny Allen	Räikkönen	Sainz	Racing Point	Red Bull	Mercedes	482
Helen Davies	Hamilton	Räikkönen	Alfa Romeo	Red Bull	Haas	473
Martyn Davies	Leclerc	Räikkönen	Alfa Romeo	Ferrari	Alfa Romeo	452
Sharon Reynolds	Hülkenberg	Stroll	Racing Point	Red Bull	Mercedes	452
Richard Reynolds	Räikkönen	Verstappen	Renault	Red Bull	McLaren	446
Martin Emsley	Verstappen	Leclerc	Alfa Romeo	Toro Rosso	Ferrari	438
Tim Murray	Verstappen	Stroll	Alfa Romeo	Ferrari	Toro Rosso	431
Sam Thompson	Leclerc	Magnussen	Alfa Romeo	Ferrari	Renault	423
Audrey King	Hamilton	Räikkönen	Alfa Romeo	Renault	Red Bull	409
Mike Marsden	Hamilton	Räikkönen	Alfa Romeo	Renault	Red Bull	409
Chris Bennett	Verstappen	Ricciardo	Red Bull	Renault	Alfa Romeo	401
Liz Ibrahim	Räikkönen	Ricciardo	Haas	Red Bull	Ferrari	401
Tim Cosh	Ricciardo	Sainz	Red Bull	McLaren	McLaren	396
Helena Sarsted	Ricciardo	Vettel	Alfa Romeo	Red Bull	Toro Rosso	392
Alyson Marsden	Kubica	Vettel	Ferrari	Williams	Alfa Romeo	389
Alison Bennett	Hamilton	Leclerc	Alfa Romeo	Williams	Renault	389
Robert Bull	Hamilton	Norris	Toro Rosso	Williams	Ferrari	386
Mal Allen	Norris	Ricciardo	Hass	Red Bull	Ferrari	373
Tom Thompson	Grosjean	Leclerc	McLaren	Renault	Ferrari	343
Claire Hazlehurst	Räikkönen	Verstappen	Haas	Renault	Ferrari	338
Abi Reynolds	Grosjean	Hamilton	McLaren	Renault	Alfa Romeo	337
Andrew Moss	Räikkönen	Ricciardo	Ferrari	Haas	McLaren	336
Lisa Davies	Leclerc	Ricciardo	Alfa Romeo	Renault	Ferrari	329
Rachel Stevens	Hamilton	Sainz	Alfa Romeo	Racing Point	Haas	319
Chris Thompson	Hamilton	Räikkönen	Haas	Renault	Alfa Romeo	316
Ralph Colmar	Hülkenberg	Norris	McLaren	Renault	Alfa Romeo	301
Jamie Stevens	Leclerc	Ricciardo	Haas	Renault	Red Bull	293

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F1 Calendar

12	Hungarian	Hungaroring	04-Aug
13	Belgian	Spa	01-Sep
14	Italian	Monza	08-Sep
15	Singapore	Marina Bay	22-Sep
16	Russian	Sochi	29-Sep
17	Japanese	Suzuka	13-Oct
18	Mexican	Mexico City	27-Oct
19	United States	Austin, Texas	03-Nov
20	Brazilian	São Paulo	17-Nov
21	Abu Dhabi	Marina Circuit	01-Dec

Sparky's Diner Breakfast Meet Lydney



'63 Chevrolet C10



'83 Ford Fiesta 1.1



'52 Chevrolet Styleline



'55 Ford Popular



Ford



'33 Ford



'60 Ford Popular



'09 Nissan GTR Black Edition

Photos Colin Bennett

Classic and Performance Car Day Castle Combe



Sunbeam Alpine



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Barbara Carter Memorial Rally 30th Nov / Dec

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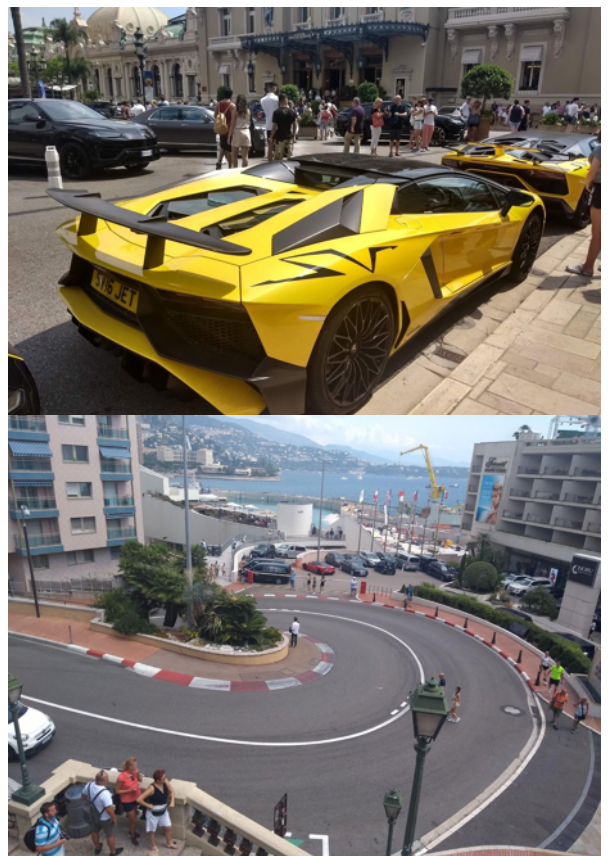
Backfire Bits

I very much enjoyed Ben's excellent evening tour - we were lucky to have some good weather and a decent turnout of cars. Those of you that did not make it missed a good evening.

I had a run out in the Mazda MX-5 at the July Autosolo at Aust. Considering the event was on a busy summer weekend we had a worthwhile entry and everyone seemed to have a good day. Our next opportunity to have a low cost day round the cones is in September. Martin Emsley has worked hard to get us access to Rolls-Royce and we will be using a different car park than we have used there in the past. Although the September event is an all forward autotest rather than a Solo it should appeal to anyone who has done one of the Aust events as other than a slightly smaller course it will follow a very similar format. We are still looking for a couple of volunteers to help Martin on the day - we need someone to help with signing on and working out results as well as an extra pair of hands or two to help with scrutineering, marshalling and timekeeping. No experience is necessary as we will run through everything with anyone new.

I have not had much spare time to do anything to the cars but did manage to get the Marlin back together enough to be pretty happy that I have got the worst of the suspension issues sorted. Just need to bleed the brakes and check everything over but have not found the time to finish it off yet.

One of the reasons I have not done much on the cars was going away with the kids (well they are adults really). We spent a few days in the south of France staying in Cannes. We made use of the excellent tram and train network to get around so no car stories apart from a visit to Monaco. As always there were plenty of expensive cars parked in front of the casino in Monte Carlo and the Fairmont Hairpin, tunnel and swimming pool areas are always good to visit. Prompted me to watch the great 1992 closing laps battle between Senna and Mansell again on YouTube. Those were the days when F1 really was worth watching, and the Murray Walker and James Hunt commentary added to the memories.



Bristol Pegasus Motor Club
Rolls-Royce All Forwards Autotest
for Production Cars

Sunday 8th September 2019

Bristol Pegasus Motor Club are pleased to be able to run a fun All Forwards Autotest for Production Cars with the kind permission of Rolls-Royce Plc.

The event will consist of a number of timed All Forward tests. The event takes place on smooth tarmac and should appeal to anyone who would like a bit of fun in their car. Any series Production road car should be suitable. No competition licence is needed.



Download Entry Information at

<https://bristolpegasus.com/news/latest-event-news/>

We are looking for someone to help with results and signing on for this event.

If you are interested contact event organiser Martin Emsley martin@emsley.ndo.co.uk.

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<https://bristolpegasus.com/classictour>

BPMC 2019 Events Calendar

Date	Event	Location
Sun 11th Aug	Summer Treasure Hunt	10am Chepstow Gdn Ctr NP16 6LF
Sat 17th Aug	Track Day	Castle Combe
Sun 8th Sept	Autumn Autosolo	Rolls Royce Filton
Mon 9th Sep	Club Night	BAWA
Sun 15th Sept	Pegasus Charity Tour	Castle Combe
Mon 14th Oct	Club Night	BAWA
Sat 19th Oct	Pegasus Sprint	Castle Combe
Mon 11th Nov	Club Night	BAWA
Mon 9th Dec	AGM Buffet & Prizegiving	BAWA 8pm
Sun 29th Dec	Autosolo	Brightside Aust Svcs

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Celebrating 50 years since the release of The Italian Job at Shelsly Walsh