

# Backfire

**Pegasus Motor Club Magazine**  
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***“Old fathers time”***

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# Bristol Pegasus Motor Club

Club Motorsport at its best



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## Nick's Natter

Well I'm now officially an 'old git'. I celebrated my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday last month with friends and family. A good time was had by all (I hope). I certainly enjoyed it.

And then it was the Sprint. As usual it was only a few of us who were organising the event. We had an earlier start than wanted because of the diversions on the M4. It was a nightmare journey as it was dark and many of the roads were flooded which wasn't easy to see in the dark. At one point the parking sensors on my car were beeping like crazy because of the depth of the water! Once there it was all hands on deck to get the event started on time. Thankfully by this point the rain had stopped and the track began to dry out.

It was another successful Sprint and everyone enjoyed themselves, even the marshals!



*Below some of Carl Connickie's candid snaps:*







There's more pictures from Carl on our Facebook page.....



And on to the last Breakfast Meet of the year. We had an amazing turnout. Good to see so many of you there.

We even had a visit from the Lady Mayoress of Lydney! She loved Nathan's Hot Rod.



Smoke not steam!



Pics by Pete Warburton:



So the next event on the calendar is the AGM. Please come and express your views on how the Club can improve and maybe volunteer your help???

# It's an uphill struggle – 108 not out.....

by Jones the Speed aka Phil Jones

Well, dear 'Backfirers' (oh that's not come out very well, has it?), I give you the 108<sup>th</sup> and final edition in the 'Uphill Struggle' series.

I can't believe how time has passed since the first edition, back in January 2016, when I committed to write a monthly article for a year. I guess verbal diarrhoea took over and, in 2024, I am still writing.



But it's time for a break – more for you than me – so I'll end the series here and, of course, send in the odd ditty, as and when something earth shattering happens. Like buying yet another car...

Back in 2016, I was competing regularly in the 'Soup Dragon' and travelling round the world in circles, to the extent that I was never home, so remote writing was the only way that I could offer some input to the Club. Fast forward to 2024 and, in the post Covid era, I am not competing at all and nor is Lloyd at the moment. Given that he is based in Surrey these days, it's not so easy. Of course, this year has also been largely one legged, so I have not done many of the usual things. But the mobility is returning, so hopefully, 2025 will normalise.

The weather has hit many of the events that I have been at recently – Club Lotus in North Wales, The Silverstone Festival and then the Goodwood Revival were all a proper soaking.

For next year, I won't do Race Retro (I didn't this year either) as I thought 2023's was awful – lots more cost and far less content. I'm not sure what the organisers were thinking. Nor will I do Goodwood Festival of Speed, which has become a very crowded EV fest, nor the Silverstone Festival, which suffers not only EVs, coned off cycling and learner driver areas, but is worsened by excessive 'pedestrian management' and vegan food tents everywhere. I don't do any of those, as you know.

The Club Lotus event in Portmeirion has ceased after 20+ years, but things come and things go and there is an interesting calendar developing already for 2025.

I enjoy the casual cars and coffee type events, so I hope to attend as many at the Railway yard as I can (October's was a real cracker), along with those at my local pub (The Cefn Mably Arms) in the summer months. Likewise, Cowbridge Cars and Coffee, which has just been on at the end of September, was one of the highlights of the year. More on this in a minute. I need to get back to the Classic Motor Hub – we haven't been this year, but it was excellent in 2023 and I'd like to attend a couple of their meets.

We will do the Goodwood Members Meeting in April – always enjoy it – and the Revival in September, though maybe 2 days not 3. In June, I am planning to hit Scotland with the C.O. for the Jim Clark anniversary event (marking the 1965 second World Championship) and then head on to Edinburgh, hopefully in the Esprit. Given that the Portmeirion event is defunct, another couple from that group is going to do the same. Should be brilliant and I have always wanted to go, but never found the time.

We have just found out that there will be another Classic Team Lotus Garden Party at East Carlton Manor again next year so, in June, we will be in Norfolk.

In May, the boys and I, along with a couple of mates, are going to do the Spa 6 Hrs WEC weekend. The boys went this year, but I bailed at the last minute as I did my knee in. Looking forward to that.

There is, no doubt, an event to replace Silverstone – Donnington or the Oulton Park Gold Cup come to mind – I haven't been for years. I want a proper historic race meeting with great spectator cars and I don't want vegan food tents and Chinese shit box EV test drives around coned off tarmac. If I want to experience modern traffic stupidity, I only need to drive 10 mins into Cardiff and I can get my fill easily enough.

So, what about Cowbridge? Well, it's usually the last Sunday in September 9am- 12 noon and its brilliant. Cars just turn up all morning, park in the street and fill up the car parks. I'm not sure the shoppers trying to get into Waitrose found it quite as fulfilling, but there was a lovely selection of cars there too. You won't see more variety short of Goodwood or Silverstone. Lots of great Jap cars as you can see. Car of the day, for me, was a 1971 Aston DBS V8. 'Oh my' as Wayne Carini says.

As always, there were a couple of 'J Arthurs', one revving the bejesus out of his Mustang and a pair of hooded idiots making gun shot and farting noises out of dump valved, BMW 1 Series' with exhausts big enough to stick your head in.



Life just dishes up plonkers, but otherwise, this was a superb gathering and, if you are minded to cross the bridge (we don't charge any more), look out for Cowbridge Cars and Coffee next September. Also keep an eye out for the opening of the second Baffle Haus bikers haunt / classic car coffee venue on the old A48 near Cowbridge. If it's as good as the original near Pontypool, it will be worth a (regular) visit.





Towards the end of October, I received an email inviting me to a coffee and croissants 'do' at Graeme Hunt classic cars in Battersea. I sold my Gordon Keeble through Graeme years ago and, at the time, he got a world record price for it. It may still be a world record as they have, like many classics, fallen back a bit since those high days.

Graeme used to have a lovely mews showroom in Kensington and it was everything you would imagine. More recently, he has moved to Battersea and so Lloyd and I used it as an excuse for a day out in London – via Woking! Graeme Hunt's location looked like it was in the middle of a block of flats until, you went round the corner and, with the doors open, there was a sort of underground car park that looked like a Bond villain's lair.

There must have been 40 or 50 lovely classics in there and he has the same again stored elsewhere. An hour and half whisked by without noticing. What a great morning that was. Of all the stock, it was an AC 428 that grabbed us. Restored with a Peter Knight tuned, 435bhp, Ford Galaxie 7 litre FE motor, it was something else.

Once into town, we stopped by the Lotus store for a bit more motor gloating and the S1 Esprit was a nice sight. The store itself doesn't seem to have much connection to Lotus, being a front for Chinese EVs. but you can't have it all can you?



Fleet wise things are, unusually, stable, though the Marcos 1800GT will go up for sale – it may already be so by the time you read this. It's been sat on dollies all year, tucked up in a dehumidified garage, turned over regularly and on a CTEK.

So, it's as good as it can be and has FIA papers until 2030, but, right now, we are not finding any time to use it and 2025 looks even busier work wise, so it needs to go. That precious garage slot will, no doubt, fill up quickly enough...

Owen needs to do an engine swap over the winter for his S1 Elise so, once that motor and gearbox are in, we will have a little more storage space. The Elan's Twin Cam is almost run in now, so we'll drop the oil and service it over the winter. Likewise, the Esprit will need a cam belt and a service in readiness for its Scottish Odyssey.

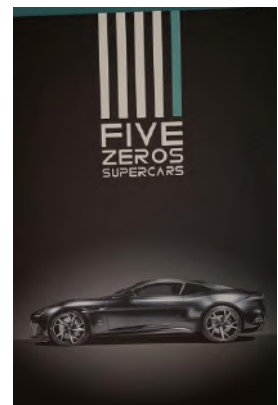
I think there will be a new toy sat in the garages next year, but I don't know what yet. I can almost hear Nicholarse shouting 'get a bloody Yank mate....'

As always, at the end of the year, I wish you and yours the best of times over Christmas and look forward to catching up, in the railway yard, on the gravel, with a bacon roll in my hand.

Tidy.

## **Emsley's Excursions – Five Zeros Supercars** *by Martin Emsley*

Another place I had not yet visited when I got an invite to a casual breakfast, a few McLaren owners were going and there was quite a turnout of Porsches. Not sure what to expect, there was a collection of cars in the 'warehouse' apparently being stored for the owners, quite a few were a bit modern for my taste. I absolutely fell in love with the Aston Martin DB4 which was just gorgeous and I also took a shine to the Porsche 911 until reading the blurb I realised my MX5 has more power, which got me thinking that many raved about the Ford Sierra Cosworth when it was launched yet today so many cars have more power.....but why?



I digress, the breakfast was nice enough though priced a bit on the steep side, had to take another walk around, simply couldn't make up my mind about the Aston Martin Zagato Shooting Brake which is a limited edition with a V12 pumping out to close 600bhp. I may be very sad (Comments to the Editor please) but I really like the idea of an estate car with supercar performance was happy to find an Audi RS6 outside in the rain, lovely colour too, not sure about the wheels / tyres, didn't matter as I can only dream. A fun morning out but not a place I would rush back to.





## DizzyCap at Washingpool *by Martin Emsley*

Saw this event posted on the BPMC Facebook page and as it was local and a nice morning decided to take a look. It was a small show and interesting to wander around. Here are just a few highlights.





## Nick Mason's Garden Party Car Park *by Martin Emsley*

Having previously mentioned the car park in my ramblings I think it only fair to give you just a small taste of the cars that caught my eye.







**Visit our Club Facebook Group for all the latest news and photos from our events  
<https://bristolpegasus.com/facebook-group>**

**And don't forget to visit our webpage  
<https://bristolpegasus.com/>**

**A warm welcome to our new members this month**

***Pete Coley, Tina Bumble and Andrew Scott-Green***

*Please feel free to write an article for Backfire or email us with any requests or suggestions on how to best meet your motorsport needs.*

## **Endpiece**

***by Martin Emsley***



## Plea to members from Bob Bull

I joined the then Bristol Aeroplane Motor Club in the mid-60s and have held a number of positions, including Backfire creator in the 60s, handwritten and typed up by a Filton secretary. It is clear that the Bristol Pegasus Motor Club, one of the oldest still providing club motorsport, is at risk of collapse. We have 250 members but only a core 15 or so are prepared to organise events, help or take an active role in running the club.

**YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU** urgently if it is to continue.

Please contact the committee if you can help take the club forward.




## For Sale

### Mazda MX5

2005 Sport Tech 2.0L, True Red, Opening Hard Top, 43000 miles, Bose Radio System, Heated Seats, Air Conditioning £8500. Tel 07985544203, Bob Bull



## 2024 F1 Calendar

	Grand Prix		Circuit	Date
22	Las Vegas		Las Vegas Strip Circuit, Paradise, Nevada	23 Nov
23	Qatar		Lusail International Circuit, Lusail	1 Dec
24	Abu Dhabi		Yas Marina Circuit, Abu Dhabi	8 Dec

# Fantasy Formula One 2024

## *Positions after Brazilian GP*

Entrant	Driver 1	Driver 2	Team 1	Team 2	Engine	Score
Abi Reynolds	Norris	Piastrri	Aston Martin	McLaren	Alpine	1297
Katie Davies	Alonso	Piastrri	Ferrari	RB	McLaren	1222
Sharon Reynolds	Norris	Russell	McLaren	RB	Haas	1213
Andy Moss	Albon	Ricciardo	McLaren	Red Bull	RB	1183
Martyn Davies	Piastrri	Ricciardo	Ferrari	RB	Ferrari	1169
Andrew Webb	Norris	Russell	McLaren	Williams	RB	1165
Bob Bull	Albon	Norris	McLaren	Williams	Mercedes	1164
Paul Weller	Albon	Norris	McLaren	Williams	Mercedes	1164
Mike Bennett	Piastrri	Ricciardo	RB	Red Bull	McLaren	1159
Dave Cooper	Piastrri	Russell	Aston Martin	McLaren	Alpine	1158
Tim Murray	Albon	Piastrri	Ferrari	Haas	Red Bull	1154
Liz Ibrahim	Sainz	Zhou	McLaren	Williams	Red Bull	1141
Mark Everett	Albon	Hamilton	McLaren	RB	Ferrari	1138
Donny Allen	Sainz	Sargeant	Aston Martin	McLaren	Mercedes	1114
Jonathan Taylor	Alonso	Piastrri	Aston Martin	McLaren	RB	1100
Bernie Humphrey	Albon	Alonso	Aston Martin	McLaren	Ferrari	1052
Neil Lock	Albon	Verstappen	McLaren	Williams	Williams	1034
Mark Niblett	Hamilton	Magnussen	McLaren	Williams	Mercedes	1005
Pat Holmes	Gasly	Piastrri	RB	Red Bull	Aston Martin	924
Mal Allen	Albon	Gasly	Ferrari	RB	Red Bull	921
Ken Robson	Ricciardo	Tsunoda	RB	Red Bull	Ferrari	912
Chris Bennett	Magnussen	Ricciardo	Haas	Red Bull	Red Bull	888
Martin Emsley	Albon	Piastrri	Red Bull	Williams	Aston Martin	888
Lisa Davies	Sainz	Stroll	RB	Red Bull	RB	878
Helen Davies	Magnussen	Sargeant	RB	Red Bull	Red Bull	874
Jessica Robson	Magnussen	Sargeant	RB	Red Bull	Red Bull	874
Alison Bennett	Albon	Norris	Mercedes	RB	Aston Martin	822
Mike Marsden	Alonso	Leclerc	Aston Martin	RB	McLaren	811
Luke Edwards	Piastrri	Verstappen	Alpine	RB	Aston Martin	806

Chris Thompson	Albon	Verstappen	RB	Sauber	Red Bull	731
Dick Craddy	Sainz	Verstappen	RB	Williams	Alpine	723
Mark Hoppe	Norris	Ricciardo	Aston Martin	Williams	Red Bull	718
Richard Reynolds	Russell	Verstappen	Haas	RB	Aston Martin	718
Joe Robson	Ricciardo	Stroll	Aston Martin	Red Bull	RB	688
Richard Ibrahim	Albon	Verstappen	RB	Williams	Mercedes	677
Mary Craddy	Pérez	Russell	Sauber	Williams	McLaren	672
Alyson Marsden	Alonso	Hamilton	Aston Martin	Williams	McLaren	652
Simon Moss	Alonso	Verstappen	Aston Martin	RB	RB	607
Martin Baker	Alonso	Verstappen	Alpine	Sauber	RB	541
Charles Alexander	Ocon	Verstappen	Aston Martin	Williams	Williams	533

## Reading Room

*books what I've read – by the Editor*



*The Man in the White Suit: The Stig, Le Mans, The Fast Lane And Me by Ben Collins.*

“Ben Collins caught the car the bug young, kicking his dad's boss in the balls for not giving him a company Jag. This was the attitude that eventually led him to spend seven years sharing a cabin with Jeremy Clarkson's underwear, James May's PhD thesis and Richard Hammond's hairspray. Because he is The Stig.

Now he tells all about life inside the iconic white helmet. What it's like to guide a blind ex-RAF officer around the Top Gear track; pit a drug dealer's Mitsubishi Evo against a Trojan tank; set a Vauxhall Monara against Chloe the dancing Ninja; and race double-decker Routemasters against bendy buses. Not to mention all the inside stuff on how the show's amazing driving sequences are made.

He also reveals how he got to be there – setting a Dunsfold lap time faster than Michael Schumacher's. Breaking records with the best of the best at Daytona and Le Mans. It's an awesome story, told by an amazing man.”

I really enjoyed this book. There are many amusing anecdotes. Ben has a lovely sense of humour.

***Come on you Pegasus members there must be books you've enjoyed reading. Send me your reviews – the editor***

# **AGM**

## **MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

**BAWA Leisure Centre, 589 Southmead Road, Bristol, BS34 7RG.**

**We are now meeting in the bar area.**

**Food is available to purchase from the bar**

Notice of AGM - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024. The Annual General Meeting of the Bristol Pegasus Motor Club will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at BAWA Leisure Centre, Southmead Road, Bristol commencing at 8.00 p.m.

To get involved and have your say on how the BPMC should be run please come along to the meeting. You will be more than welcome. We desperately need more volunteers especially to help run events, even if you don't want to be on the committee.

Entries secretary, event secretary and chief marshal are some of the roles needed. It takes a lot of people to run a successful event. You could become a clerk but that takes at least a year to complete your training but it's a very important role.

Volunteers are always needed to help set up the events if you don't fancy any responsibility.

For more info/advice contact any committee member who will be more than pleased to help. Contact details on first page of Backfire.

We hope to see you there.

Statutory annual accounts report on next page.

**THE BRISTOL AEROPLANE COMPANY MOTOR CLUB  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>			
Tangible Assets	1	11486	11486
 <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Stock for resale		53	27
Prepayments and Accrued Income		551	593
Investment Account		19120	19120
Cash at Bank and in Hand		19925	19632
		39649	39372
 <u>CREDITORS</u>			
Amounts falling due within one year -			
Sundry		0	590
Accruals and Deferred Income		1246	1633
		1246	2223
<u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u>		38403	37149
<u>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		49889	48634
 Represented by:			
<u>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</u>			
Balance brought forward		38864	35429
Revaluation Reserve		9770	9770
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		1255	3435
		49889	48634

**NOTE 1: full accounts will be available at the AGM.**

I certify that this is a true copy of the balance sheet approved by the board.

For the year ending 31st October 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Martin Baker

5 November 2024

Director

# *Some Photos of the Pegasus Sprint By Pete Stowe*



*Dave Roberts McLaren M18*



*Henry Holdcroft Austin A35*



*Pete Goodman Ford Fiesta*



*Robin Depper Mazda MX5*



*Steve Small Triumph TR7 V8*



***Will Gough Alfa Romeo 4C***



***William Southcombe Arnott***



***Ben Goodman Ford Fiesta***



***Dave Nursey Jaguar XJS***



***Alison Lock Mitsubishi Evo IV***



***Glyn Sketchley Force PT***





*Dave Roberts McLaren M18*



*500s*



*Paul Lund Lotus Cortina*

***More photos: <https://gallery.bristolpegasus.com/2024/2024-Pegasus-Sprint-Castle-Combe/i-Q3T2FPS>***

## **STOP PRESS**

***Next year's Pegasus Sprint will be May 10<sup>th</sup>.***

***Castle Combe have given our usual date of October to Bristol MC.  
Marshals & competitors please put the new date in your diary.***

***MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL***



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**IMMEDIATE DELIVERY OF THE FOLLOWING:-**

**Mexico.** 175 x 13 tyres. No stripes, Stardust silver .....

**Mexico Custom Pack.** 175 x 13 tyres. Head rests, Black .....

**RS 2000.** Head rests, centre console. No stripes. Olympic blue .....

**RS 2000.** Bilstein suspension. No stripes, Stardust silver.....

**RS 2000.** 175 x 13 tyres. Vinyl roof, centre console, Stripes, Modena green.....

**RS 2000.** Vinyl roof, centre console, rear quarter vents, Stripes. Sebring red.....

**USED VEHICLES**

**1974 RS 2000.** White/blue stripes. .... **£1575**

**1974 RS 3100 Capri,** Yellow..... **£2200**

## 2024/2025 Events Calendar

Monday 9th December	AGM	BAWA Bar Area
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Club Night	BAWA Bar Area
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Club Night	BAWA Bar Area
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Breakfast Meet	FOD Steam Railway
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Club Night	BAWA Bar Area
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Breakfast Meet	FOD Steam Railway
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Pegasus Sprint	Castle Combe
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Club Night	BAWA Bar Area
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Breakfast Meet	FOD Steam Railway
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Club Night	BAWA Bar Area
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Breakfast Meet	FOD Steam Railway
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Club Night	BAWA Bar Area
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Breakfast Meet	FOD Steam Railway
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	Club Night	BAWA Bar Area
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Breakfast Meet	FOD Steam Railway
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Club Night	BAWA Bar Area
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Breakfast Meet	FOD Steam Railway
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Club Night	BAWA Bar Area
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Breakfast Meet	FOD Steam Railway
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Club Night	BAWA Bar Area
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	AGM	BAWA Bar Area

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT BACKFIRE**  
**December 5th**

**Contributions welcomed**  
**email [backfire@bristolpegasus.com](mailto:backfire@bristolpegasus.com) by the above date**