

Backfire

Bristol Pegasus Motor Club Magazine



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Congratulations to Joe Trott and James Robinson who drove this 1971 Ford Cortina on their way to winning this years Nav Ex.

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Chairman's Chat

By Andy Moss

We had an excellent entry of nine crews who crossed the Severn Bridge for our Navigation Event. This event continues to be a lot of fun, thanks to Dick Craddy who does an excellent job of organising. Hopefully the good turn out will be continued throughout the year !

Our first club night of the year is on Monday the 9th so please come and join us for what promises to be an entertaining evening. We are very lucky to have Julian Bronson coming along to give us a talk, and with another excellent guest speaker already lined up for April the winter club night season is looking very good.

After the club night our next event is our club trip to Race Retro. We took a year off from the show last year and many club members told us they missed our annual visit - as we went to press the Minibus is full.

Planning is well underway for the Llandow Sprint, entry forms will be sent to past entrants at the end of February and will also be on the website. As always we need lots of help on the day Saturday May 9th is the date for your diary.

Finally, we are happy to be able to bring you some excellent news regarding sprint venues. We have gained agreement from the Army at Hullavington to run a sprint there this year. The date is our traditional late May bank holiday - Monday the 25th. Full details will be announced in the coming weeks, but with everything agreed in principle with the MOD and the MSA, we wanted to let members know this exciting news as soon as possible. We are hoping the event will be jointly organised with our past partners from Colerne and we are lucky that we had already prepared a course layout and had an initial MSA inspection at the Airfield back in 2011 - sadly other activities at the venue prevented us proceeding then.

Editorial

It was fun to start the year with a trip to Autosport International accompanied by former Backfire editor Martin Emsley.

Danny Castleton kindly navigated for me on Richard Craddy's fabulous Nav-Ex on which we finished 4th overall, congratulations to winners Joe Trott and James Robinson who's Rover V8 powered Mk III Cortina appears on the front cover.

I'm looking forward to Julian Bronsons talk at BAWA on the 9th and the trip to Race Retro just over a week later. The mini bus is full if you have booked please bring £20 cash for the ticket on Friday the 20th Feb. We will meet at Aldi, Brook Way, Bradley Stoke, Bristol BS32 9DA at 7.45 for a prompt 8am start.

Wishing you all a safe month's motoring.

Ralph Colmar



Forthcoming Club Events

February Club Night - Guest Speaker Julian Bronson **Monday 9th February - BAWA Room 7 - 8pm start to talk**

We are very pleased to welcome Julian Bronson as our guest speaker at our February Club Night

Julian is well known in local motorsport circles, those of you who visited the Autumn Classic will have seen him driving his Scarb Historic F1 Car and will have seen his Riley "Blue Streak" on the club stand.

He has raced many historic vehicles including the famous ERA R4D which he drove to victory in the Monaco Historic Grand Prix.



We will meet in room 7 at BAWA, get your drinks in the bar from 7.30pm for an 8pm start for the talk.

Race Retro Pegasus Club Trip - Friday 20th February

The minibus is now **full**, could those booked please bring £20 cash for the ticket on Friday the 20th Feb, we will be meeting at Aldi, Brook Way, Bradley Stoke, Bristol BS32 9DA at 7.45 for a prompt 8am start. The Aldi Car Park is free all day.

Inter Club Skittles - February 23rd

Bath Motor Club have invited us to an inter club skittles match on Monday 23rd February 2015 at the Royal British Legion in Dundry. 8 o'clock for an 8.30pm kickoff. There will be food served during the evening if you are interested in representing Bristol Pegasus Motor club please get in touch with Tim Murray; timmurray99@gmail.com.

Membership Renewals

We remind members who renew in December to please emphasise accuracy when completing online forms or PRINT when completing handwritten forms.

Membership is free for the first year and existing members will receive a £10 voucher redeemable against entries into Club events when renewals are paid.

Finally new memberships run from October to December of the following year, so if you joined us in October 2014 you will not have to renew until December 2015.

Warm welcome to New Members

Welcome to new members Jayne & Andria Gilmour. Jayne informs us she has a 1974 Rally Spec Ford Cortina, which we look forward to seeing on BPMC Events.

Club Night Venue

Our regular venue is -

BAWA Leisure Centre

589 Southmead Road, Filton, Bristol, BS34 7RG



We normally meet in **Room 7** or **Room 4**. Room 7 has excellent views of the sports field as well as parking visible from within the room. Room 4 is slightly larger and can accommodate more people. Most meetings start at 8.30pm, although our AGM and guest speaker nights start a little earlier at 8pm. **Check Backfire for details each month.**

There is a public bar area next to our room so members arriving early may enjoy a drink and a chat before the formal club night proceedings start. During our summer meetings we are able to open the doors to our room and have direct access into the car park

As many members will know we recently returned to BAWA which was our regular club meeting venue for many years. We are very impressed with the updated room and bar facilities as well as the excellent view and access to our parking area. We are also pleased there will be no issues for non-BAWA members coming to our evening.



**Note : Next BPMC meeting at BAWA is on Mon 9th February
7:30 for 8pm Start ! Meeting will be in Room 7**

Deadline for Next Backfire: 21st February 2015

We are always looking for members' contributions on competitions, club matters and or journeys to Backfire

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Invitations

Bath Motor Club Festival Rally - February 7/8th 2015

The organisers have made a big effort this year to make the 2015 Bath Motor Club Festival Rally the best yet. The rally will consist of 4 tests and around 100 miles of good Somerset lanes complete with various concrete farm roads to make life interesting.

New to this year is the opportunity to have your entry fee refunded at the finish. If you are present at the prize giving and your number is drawn out of the hat, you will receive your entry fee back.

For details go to www.bathmotorclub.co.uk and click 'events' and then 'Festival' or phone clerk of the course Dave Whittock on 07785 352852 for details.

Washingpool Farm Targa Rally - Sat 7th March

BPMC Members are invited to take part at Washingpool Farm, Easter Compton.

A Targa Rally comprises a series of Tests and is open to all cars eligible for Road Rallies, or standard cars with up to 4 cylinders, turbos only allowed under 1500cc

One car may be driven twice, and one competitor can drive and also navigate for another competitor, a discounted Tavern Motor Club membership available, ffi e-mail :- gavinrogers759@gmail.com. Entry Form www.360rwd.co.uk

Marshalls interested in taking part please contact denise@desbois.co.uk or call 01761 233510 6pm and 9pm.

Marshalls Wanted

Riponian Rally - Sunday 22nd February

Trackrod are running a stage on this year's Riponian Rally, this being run on Sunday 22nd February. The stage we are running is Roppa, an entertaining stage of 5.2 miles not far from Helmsley.

Marshals and radio crews are presently required, if you would like to assist please contact either Richard Hart on prman.yorks@virgin.net or Stage Commander, Andy Turnbull on andy@theturnbulls.co.uk for further details.

Navigation Exercise – Friday 23rd January 2015

A narrow win for a Beginners crew.

While it was disappointing that 3 crews had to withdraw in the afternoon of the event it was really pleasing to report that an entry of 9 crews turned up for the start. Had all crews arrived, the allowable maximum of 12 crews would have been achieved for the first time in very many years!

Nevertheless the car park adjacent to Tintern Abbey was very busy when all competitor's gathered, in light drizzle, for the pre-event briefing. Given that the route was planned entirely within Gwent the crews were acquainted with the longstanding County Police guidance regarding road behaviour.

A study of the signing on sheet revealed, once again, that Nick Wood and Andy Moss, who had swapped seats on this occasion, were to compete in Nicks SAAB 95 estate. Danny Castleton had joined Ralph Colmar as navigator in Ralphs VW Golf. Unchanged crews for 2014 were Chris Thompson and Allan Dillamore, this time in a Vauxhall Cavalier V6, Martyn and Katie Davies, who having won the event as Beginners in 2014 had returned to compete as Novices in the Fiesta and Pete and Ben Goodman, Peugeot, with Martin Baker, once again, in the back seat. It was particularly pleasing to welcome Cath and Dave Cooper, Citroen DS3 who had recently joined Bristol Motor Club, and the following BPMC crews: Keith Knight and Roger Mallet, Audi A4, Martin Lewis and Liz Lewis, Mitsubishi Barbarian and Joe Trott and James Robertson with a Cortina V8!

With all crews have been handed their Final Instructions and Route Cards, just prior to the 7.30pm start, the route plotting could begin. As ever Beginners (with 6 or 8 figure map references) Novice and Expert (incorporating Tulip, straight leg, grid squares and false origin references of differing difficulty) cards were available. Interestingly no crew claimed eligibility for Expert level competition!

The route initially climbed up through Bargain Wood onto the ridge that runs north on the west of the river Wye before descending to Llandogo before climbing steeply again to Cleddon. Competitors then travelled at high level via Tregaggle and Moorcroft where the route dropped down to river level opposite Redbrook. Passing through the most northerly point at Pennault the route then turned south, passing through Trellech and Parkhouse before reaching Buckle Wood. From there it took competitors east by following the Wye tributary towards Tintern where it turned south and regained high ground before finishing at the Piercefield Inn at St Arvans.

All crews returned within the allotted time before exclusions were applied. Once again the event was just won by the first time Novice crew of Joe and James with a score of 220 points from a maximum of 240, being scored at 5 points/correct answer. A commendable result.

They were closely followed by the three novice crews, each with a score of 215, of Chris and Alan, Martyn and Katie and Pete and Ben. Given that each crew completed the course without incurring time penalties a tie decider could not be

applied. However if a 'furthest cleanest' rule had been written into the Regulations the leading Novice crew would have, just, been Martyn and Katie.

This was an also a commendable performance by these three crews, especially so, by Ben and Katie. In addition my particular thanks to Cath and Dave Cooper for a strong performance on their first event. The route was very demanding on both driving and navigating skills.

Thank you to all crews who turned out, the weather was a little inclement but at a level that added a little challenge to the evening. With this level of support I am encouraged to think about a further Nav Ex next year (if I'm asked!).

Local motor sport should be proud of the healthy skills and competitiveness being shown by our younger members. Well done!

Dick Craddy

Crew	Level	Club	Car	Overall Score	Position	Ranking
Keith Knight / Roger Mallet	B	BPMC	Audi A4	115	8	4 th Beginner
Cath Cooper / Dave Cooper	B	BMC	Citroen DS3	165	6	2 nd Beginner
Ralph Colmar / Danny Castleton	B	BPMC	VW Golf	205	5	1 st Beginner
Chris Thompson/ Alan Dillamore	N	BPMC	Vauxhall Cavalier	215	2=	Equal 1 st Novice
Martyn Davies / Katie Davies	N	BPMC	Ford Fiesta	215	2=	Equal 1 st Novice
Pete Goodman / Ben Goodman	N	BPMC	Peugeot	215	2=	Equal 1 st Novice
Nick Wood / Andy Moss	N	BPMC	SAAB 95	Withdrew	-	-
Martin Lewis / Liz Lewis	B	BPMC	Mitsubishi Barbarian	150	7	3 rd Beginner
Joe Trott/James Robinson	B	BPMC	Cortina V8	220	1	1st overall

Navigation Exercise Photographs from Dick Craddy



Exeter Trial - January 2014



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Exeter Trial Photographs from Mike Bell



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](#)
- [No experience required](#)



Stop the Road Tolls Campaign

From the Alliance of British Drivers

In 2007, 1.8 million people signed a petition that stopped the Government charging us by the mile to use our roads. Less than a decade later, the current Government plans to resurrect road tolls as part of proposals to hive off our Strategic Road Network (SRN). The Government's Infrastructure Bill is paving the way for road pricing (tolling) through the back door.

- * It changes the status of the Highways Agency that manages England's main routes, the SRN.
- * The new company created will have sharp financial targets
- * Road tolling will be enabled.
- * This will impact many people's mobility or standard of living
- * This is also likely to cause drivers to detour to less suitable and less safe roads, aggravating local congestion.
- * Tolling would hit non-drivers too, as it would increase the cost of deliveries, affecting the price of goods in shops and public transport fares. There would be some impact on all parts of the UK.

As the government is now quietly trying to accelerate the Bill through Parliament, ABD is asking drivers to get their MP to stop it.

To make this easier, there are some standard letters that can be quickly adapted on www.fairdealforthemotorist.org.uk/handsoff.htm

That page also makes it easy to contact your MP.

If you are pushed for time or not a keen letter-writer, don't worry. Using the 'send email' link towards the end - just enter a postcode and a few contact details - and a quick message is automatically sent to your MP.

More information about the Bill is on www.fairdealforthemotorist.org.uk.

Any burning questions to Brian Mooney, fairdeal@abd.org.uk or 07976-414913.

Otherwise - thank you for any help that you can give:

"If you don't want to pay, write in today"

The 2015 Pegasus Open Speed Championship



Following the introduction of this championship in 2013 we hope as many members as possible will register this year and claim points in the club's own speed championship.

Members entering **any non-race speed event** can register for this and claim points for the events they enter during 2015. Each month we will keep you up to date with the latest positions in Backfire, and we hope some of the entrants may report on the events they have entered and send in pictures of their exploits.

This is an internal closed to club challenge and there will not be a fixed calendar of events, you can claim points for any speed event you enter including our own events. We will provide you with information in Backfire about the many events the club gets invited to during the year to give you a few ideas of what you could enter. We will also be trying to add to the events club members are invited to during 2015 to give you plenty of opportunities to get out and compete.

Registration - Competitors must register for the championship by contacting the championship co-ordinator. Speed Championship stickers will be issued which should be displayed on your car during events.

Number of Qualifying events - Your best six event scores submitted during the 2015 season will count. The closing date for points to be claimed is the 1st of November 2015. To claim points mail a copy of the event results to the championship co-ordinator.

Competitors Points Points are awarded according to the formula

$$\left(\frac{5 (\text{Number of Starters} - \text{Number of Finishers})}{\text{Number of Starters}} \right) + 1$$

- Points are awarded according to finishing position in class.
- Non finishers will be classed as finishing in last position.
- For tied positions, points are averaged for the number tied (eg if 2 entrants tie for 4th place, then each is given position 4½).

Marshalling Credit

Entrants may make a single claim of 5 points for marshalling or organising at a Speed event. Such an event will be classed as one of the competitors 6 events.

Awards The top three entrants will receive awards. Ties will be decided by the most 1st place positions, followed by most 2nd place and so on.

Officials

Championship co-ordinator: Cherry Robinson email: cherryzrobinson@hotmail.com
Championship Stewards: The Club Vice Presidents

2015 Club Championships

Clubmans Championship



Points will be awarded for all BPMC events entailing the use of a car.
Points are awarded according to the formula.

$$\left(\frac{5 (\text{Number of Starters} - \text{Number of Finishers})}{\text{Number of Starters}} \right) + 1$$

- Points are awarded according to finishing position in class or if there are no classes, by overall finishing position.
- Non finishers are included in number of starters and will be classed as finishing in last position.
- For tied positions, points are averaged for the number tied (eg if 2 entrants tie for 4th place, then each is given position 4½).
- The first signed-on passenger scores for Navigation Exercises, Navigation Scatters, Treasure Hunts. For the Test Day organisers points only will be awarded.
- For club events such as Touring Assemblies, Test Days etc where no result is declared members who enter will receive 2 bonus point towards the Clubmans championship. Qualifying events are defined by the club committee.
- Points will no longer be awarded for Organising or Marshalling which will be recognised separately in the Marshals Championship, however note that in order to be classified in the final championship results entrants must have marshalled or organised an event.

Awards are given to the first three in the end of year standings. In the event of a tie it will be decided by the following criteria

1. The person who has marshalled or organised the most events
2. The most 1st place positions, followed by most 2nd place and so on

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: TBC, Stewards: The Club Vice Presidents

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

Fancy a shirt with the club logo on? Pick your colour and size, state whether polo or sweatshirt and how many, then ring/email Alan Spencer with your order.

alanspencer@orange.net 01179 712587

Poloshirts £6.50 each and sweatshirts £10 - a bargain!

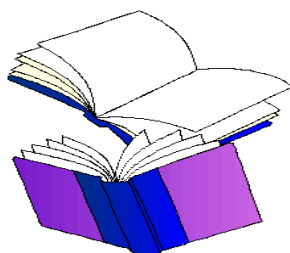


Sweatshirts & polo shirts are available in the following colours and sizes:

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

We are having a new batch of club **car & windscreen stickers** printed details of how to get yours next month.

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and use the Amazon link to buy books, CD's /DVD's**

All commission to Wiltshire Air Ambulance

A1 Auto Collectables



We stock a large range of auto memorabilia including;

- Grill badges
- Old signs, Banners and Posters
- Car brochures
- Motor sport programmes, year books and Trophies
- Old oil tins and bottles
- Books, workshop manuals and parts catalogues
- Period car accessories, Tools and garage equipment
- AA and RAC memorabilia

Take a look at our events page to see what shows we are attending next year at www.a1autocollectables.co.uk

10% of all sales to motor club members will be donated to Pegasus Motor Club's chosen charity.

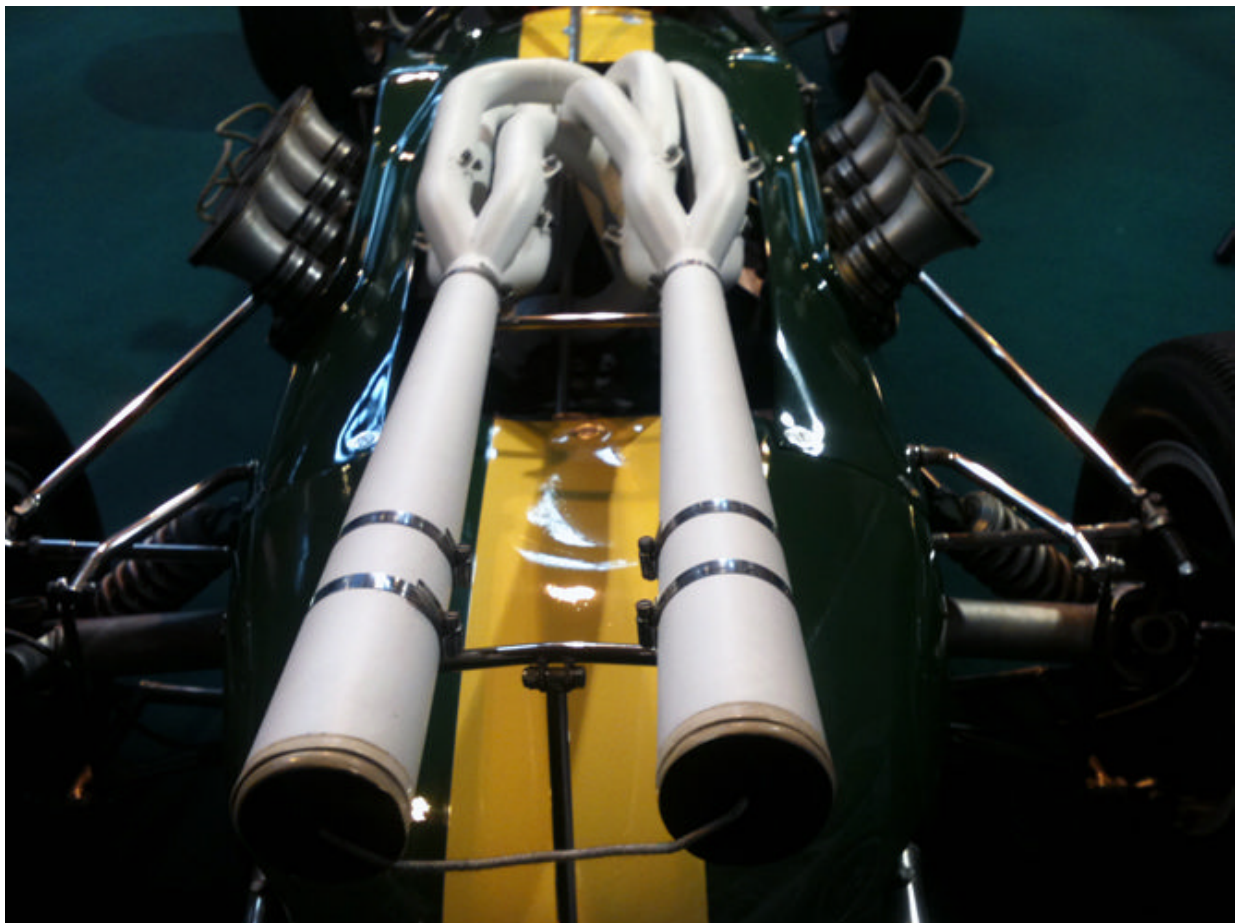
Bob's Quiz

- 1) At the start of the 2014 season what was the regulated capacity of a Formula One engine ?
- 2) Who was the first British Formula One Champion ?
- 3) In which country did the world's first organised motor race take place ?
- 4) Which production car was the Porsche 356 based on ?
- 5) What does "TT" stand for in the Audi TT model ?
- 6) Which car starred in the 1982 film "Back to the Future".
- 7) Which American sports car has been in production for over 60 years ?
- 8) What is the name of the 2013 film which portrays the rivalry between Niki Lauda and James Hunt ?
- 9) How many world championships did Jackie Stewart win ?
- 10) Which city in France hosted the first Grand Prix in 1906 ?
- 11) Which manufacturer won the Le Mans 24 Hours five times between 1951 and 1958 ?
- 12) What was the name of the worlds first purpose built motor racing circuit ?
- 13) Who won the World Rally Championship each year from 2004 to 2012 ?
- 14) Who was the first English Driver to win the World Rally Championship ?
- 15) In which country was the "Safari Rally" run ?
- 16) How long is one lap of the oval Indianapolis Motor Speedway Circuit used for the Indy 500 ?
- 17) Which English driver won the 1966 Indianapolis 500 ?
- 18) In which country was Bruce McLaren born ?
- 19) What do the initials NASCAR stand for ?
- 20) Who is the only Formula One driver to win their first four championships in consecutive years ?

Remember When ?



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BPMC 2015 Events Calendar

Month	Day	Date	Event	Location
Feb	Mon	9th	Club Night	Speaker Julian Bronson BAWA Room 7 - 8pm
Feb	Fri	20th	Club Trip - Race Retro Show	Club Trip to this show at Stoneleigh
Mar	Mon	9th	Club Night	Our usual mix of speakers and socials BAWA Room 7 - 8pm
Apr	Mon	20th	Club Night	Guest Speaker - more details next month BAWA Room 7 - 8pm
Apr	Sun	26th	Cross Trophy Trial	Our trial at Dundry Most road cars are suitable
May	Sat	9th	Llandow Sprint	We team up with BMC to run our sprint at Llandow Circuit
May	Mon	18th	Treasure Hunt	Evening scenic drive with questions, finish at a good pub - Organiser Bob Bull
May	Mon	25th	Wessex Sprint	Hullavington
May	Sun	31st	ACE Classic and Sports Car Tour	Classic, Sports and Kit Car Charity tour BAWA Start
Jun	Mon	8th	Bring Your Car Night	Bring your car along to our summer club night
Jun	Sun	14th	Autotest / Autosolo	Venue TBC - Provisional
Jul	Sat	11th	Frenchay Car Show	Gathering of club cars at the Frenchay Museum car show
Jul	Sun	19th	Treasure Hunt	Sunday morning Treasure Hunt finish at a country pub - Organiser Ralph Colmar
Aug	Mon	10th	Evening Car Tour	Short evening scenic tour with finish at a good pub
Aug	Sat	22nd	Castle Combe Track Day	Our own track day at Castle Combe Circuit
Sep	Sun	13th	Autosolo	Driving tests on a smooth tarmac at Rolls-Royce Bristol
Sep	Mon	14th	Club Night	Our usual mix of speakers and socials, BAWA Room 7 - 8pm
Oct	Sat	3rd	Castle Combe Autumn Classic	Club display at the Castle Combe Classic Race Meeting
Oct	Mon	12th	Club Night	Our usual mix of speakers and socials, BAWA Room 7 - 8pm
Oct	Sat	24th	Pegasus Sprint	Our Sprint at Castle Combe Circuit
Nov	Mon	9th	Club Night	Our usual mix of speakers and socials, BAWA Room 7 - 8pm
Nov	Fri	13th	Club Trip - Classic Car Show	Club Trip to this impressive show at the NEC
Dec	Mon	14th	AGM, Buffet and Prize Giving	Our annual Buffet, prize giving and AGM BAWA Room 7 - 8pm
Dec	Mon	28th	Christmas Meeting	Post christmas informal get together