

Backfire

Bristol Pegasus Motor Club Magazine



**Congratulations to Adrian Welsh
Overall Winner of the Brightside Autosolo
Photo Alan Dillamore**



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Chairman's Chat

By Andy Moss

As always part of the Chairman's job at the AGM is to review the club activities, and I was pleased that I could report on a very full and rewarding year of events. If you missed out on the AGM you can read my summary of the year later in Backfire. Let's hope that 2017 brings as much success and enjoyment for all club members. We have another full year of club activities – as well as events that have proved popular in the past, we will have a brand new charity car tour in September to look forward to.

Among the many trophies awarded on the AGM night were a couple of special awards. The Kieron Winter Trophy this year was awarded to Nick Wood and the Committee Rosebowl went to Donny Allen.

Our final 2016 event was certainly a great way to end the year. Bob Bull arranged access to part of the Aust Service area which is now an office complex for Brightside Insurance, who kindly supported our event again this year. The post-Christmas event proved popular once more and we managed to run a few extra cars this year with nearly 30 entries running on the day. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves - Well done to all involved in running the event.

Looking forward, planning is already underway for the Sprints at Llandow in May and Castle Combe in October. The circuits have confirmed our dates and we have started booking the other essential items we need to make these events happen, Timekeepers, Medical Cover, Rescue Units and Scrutineers are all things that need to be sorted out early. We have also been speaking to the various championships which come along to our events and it is pleasing that most are returning again in 2017 as well as a couple of new championships joining us for the first time this year.

For the sprinters amongst you, we also have a large number of invites to other events, both individually as a club and through our membership of the regional associations. There are also plenty of opportunities to marshal both at our own events as well as some of the other local events, and of course getting involved in running the events is also a lot of fun and gives a real sense of achievement on the day. Let me know if you want to get more involved – there are always opportunities to shadow current members of the organising team, so even if you have not done this sort of thing before it is easy to get started.

As well as the sprint dates we are fortunate to have our own dedicated summer Saturday Track Day at Castle Combe – this is something that is unique to us, we are very lucky to have a Saturday date and even luckier to have been able to enjoy the activity for over 30 years. Why not add the 29th of August to your diary now !

We are again returning to Combe early in October for the Autumn Classic Race Meeting. As well as having a club display, we are pleased to be involved with the

500 Club Race, which we will be providing a Trophy for. As some of you may know the club had a big part in the creation of the 500 Formula post war and there will be a display on our club stand detailing this. The Classic Meeting is rapidly gaining a reputation of being a really good day out, and members who help out on our stand will benefit from free entry to the event. We should be able to get enough people along to spread the load of manning the stand, which will leave plenty of time to have a look around and watch the racing.

As well as the major events, we have a good social calendar lined up again next year. As well as the normal mix of club nights, speakers and car meets, we are lining up some really attractive club trips. These start with a visit to the much improved Gaydon British Motor Museum.

For those wanting low cost competition in their ordinary road car, we will again be running our Production Car Trial and two Autosolos, as well as our Navigation Event which is great fun for those driving and reading the maps. In the summer months we will have Treasure Hunts, and an evening Tour as well as the ACE Classic and Sportscar Tour, which is always a good day out.

Whatever your interest is, if it involves cars we should have plenty for you to enjoy in 2017! Make sure you keep an eye on the club magazine, which will again be published every month, as well as the internet for updates on an even more regular basis.

Finally, if all the above was not enough, all renewing members will get a £10 voucher which they can use as payment towards a club event during the year – in this way you can get your full membership fee back if you opt for the already low priced online membership, adding a printed magazine in the post each month adds just £5 to the cost – less than the price of a second class stamp each month! For those with friends who have not yet joined the club we have an offer for them as well – when they sign up for 2017 they can get their first year membership for free, they simply need to tell us they are a new member and we will waive the first year fee – they won't get the money off voucher that renewing members receive, but that is something for them to benefit from when they renew in 2018!

Happy new year and make sure we see you at an event in 2017 !



Editorial

"There are two seasonal diversions that ease the bite of winter. One is the January thaw. The other - the latest race accessory catalogues." Amended from Hal Borland

Hard to believe the seasonal excess is already over since our AGM, which unfortunately I missed due to work commitments that evening in Birmingham, and that the superb Brightside Auto Test Solo has already come and gone.

After driving to London and back then up to Birmingham I was all of twenty minutes from enjoying the club AGM buffet when I was called back to Birmingham airport, coffee and a BLT at Strensham Services while I refuelled was a very poor substitute for the company of fellow members at our awards bash.

Fortunately the sun shone brightly as the ice on my Golf melted on the 27th when we convened for the second time at the Brightside Insurance car park at Aust for our festive Brightside Auto Solo / Auto Test.

The entry was full and despite a partial closure of the M5 which saw traffic directed through Bristol everyone eventually made it for the start.

Congratulations to Bob Bull and all those, including the entire Thompson family, involved in running the event which has left me beaming all week since, thanks to Alan Dillamore for forwarding his photo's for this month's Backfire. Thanks also to

Looking forward everything kicks off in February when we have scheduled three very different events in the space of a week !

On February 13th we will be having our first club night of the year, then at 7pm on Friday 17th it will be over to OS Map 162 reference 494 942 for Dick Craddy's annual Navigation adventure in darkest Wales.

Ever the sucker for BPMC punishment, at stupid o'clock on Saturday the 18th I shall be resuming my duties as the clubs mini bus driver for our trip to Gaydon which is being organised by Nick Wood.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this issue of Backfire including Alan Dillamore, Rob Bull, Dick Craddy, Matthew Johnson and Andy Moss.

Wishing you and yours a Happy New Year and all the best for a safe 2017.



Ralph Colmar

Events Calendar

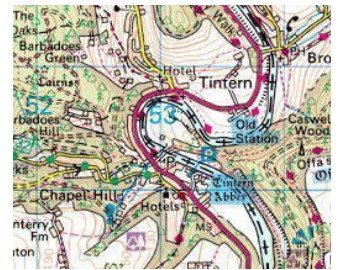
Monday 13th February - Club Night - BAWA 8pm

Guest Speaker - James Weekley Avon Tyres & Paris-Peking

Our first 2017 club night will feature guest speaker James Weekley. He will talk about the History of Avon Tyres and then about race tyres structures and compounds and how you can set up cars to maximise tyre benefits. As well as his work for Avon tyres his talk will cover his visit to the Club race finals in the USA and he will also talk about the Paris to Peking rally in which he finished 4th in 2016.

Friday 17th February - Navigation Exercise

Once again you are invited to enter the 'traditional' new year Navigation Exercise that will be held on Friday 17th February when, once again, we return to the area to the west of the River Wye. It will be held over an interesting 27.5 mile route.



The signing on and start location will be at the car park at Coppice Mawr on the B4235 between Chepstow and Shirenewton. Map reference 162/494.942.

The required maps will be OS 1:50,000 numbers 162 and 171. It is advised that you come prepared with a clean map 162 if possible. Please bring a torch.

Route cards will be handed out at 7.25pm prior to the start time of 7.30pm.

Route cards for Beginners/Novice and Experienced crews will be available.

Entry is free and Severn Bridge tolls will be reimbursed for those who use the Severn Crossing. A receipt is requested. Dick Craddy, the organiser, will be pleased to help should you require further assistance. Dick can be contacted on 01454 414842, 07776 202 663 or craddy@old-down.freeseve.co.uk



Saturday 18th February 2017

Club Trip - Gaydon

We are visiting the British Motor Museum at Gaydon. The museum features a new "Collections Centre" opened in November 2015 as a store for the reserve car collections of both the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust and the Jaguar Heritage Trust and we have arranged a behind the scenes tour.

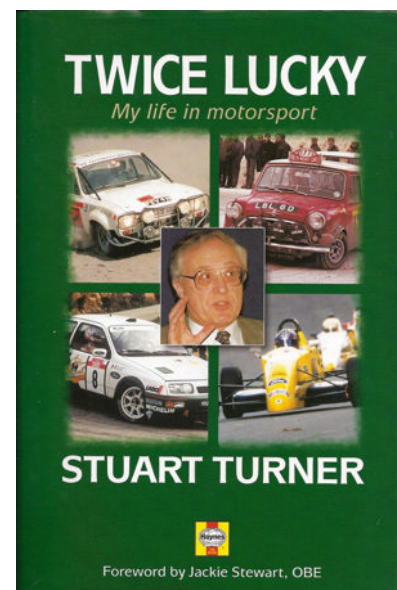


The club have negotiated a reduced rate of £9 per person instead of the normal £12 cost and we will be arranging a free minibus. Places are on a first come first served basis - contact Nick Wood on 0778 6936941 or nickswood@hotmail.com

Monday 13th March - Club Night

Stuart Turner Talk - BAWA 8pm

We are pleased to welcome former head of Ford Motorsport Stuart Turner as our guest speaker for March. Having started as a successful rally navigator Stuart was Sports Editor of Motoring News before heading the BMC Competitions Department when Mini Coopers were winning Monte Carlo Rallies. He later headed Ford's Motorsport operation and led the company to many successes. The author of many books on motorsport he is a well known and accomplished speaker. In recent years he has also headed the Motorsport Safety Fund, a registered charity producing publications and films to help keep the sport safe.



Invitations to BPMC members

Primrose Rally, a Navigational Rally 4th / 5th February 2017.

South Hams Motor Club in Devon have extended an invitation to Bristol Pegasus Motor Club to compete and marshall on their navigational Rally full details on their website :- <http://www.shmc.co.uk/index.php/events/primrose-road-rally>

Bristol Pegasus Motor Club Supports New Robots Appeal

The Committee recently agreed to donate £250 on behalf of the Club to the Southmead Hospital Prostate Cancer Care Appeal. Every day in the UK Prostate cancer is diagnosed in more than 130 men.

Southmead Hospital is the one of the largest urological centres in the country. It is a designated European Centre of Excellence and one of five centres recognised by The Urology Foundation to train the next generation of robotic surgical consultants.

Robotic prostate surgery is much better for men suffering with prostate cancer than traditional methods – it's more accurate, less invasive, causes less blood loss, and reduces the length of stay in hospital. Men also have much better long term prospects for a full recovery.

Our donation will go towards purchasing two new robots for the hospital to meet growing demand, funding new diagnostic and treatment options and supporting the training of the next generation of robotic surgeons.

Matthew Johnson

Club Night Venue

Our regular venue is -

BAWA Leisure Centre

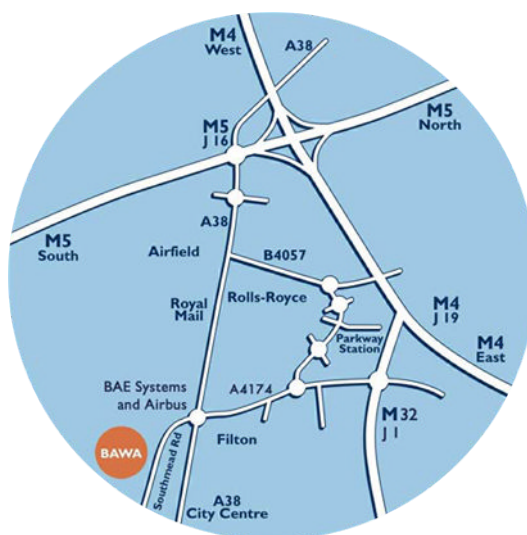
589 Southmead Road, Filton, Bristol, BS34 7RG



Our regular club meeting venue is BAWA Southmead Road Bristol.
All are welcome you do not need to be a BAWA member.

We normally meet in Room 7 or Room 4 - Check the board at reception for which room. 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, we recommend arriving at 7:30pm for 8pm starts.



**Note : Next BPMC meeting at BAWA is our AGM on
Monday 13th of February 8pm start**

2016 Brightside Autosolo and Autotest Results

Autosolo

Class A

1st Alan Spencer

Class B

1st Ian Drewitt

2nd Scott Boulton

3rd David Thorpe

Class C

1st Joe Trott

Class D

1st Adrian Welsh (Also 1st Overall)

2nd Richard Welsh (Also 2nd Overall)

3rd Anthony Brown (Also 3rd Overall)

Autotest

Class A

1st Mark Hoppe (Also 1st Overall)

Class B

1st Shawn Franklin

The weather gods were with us on this event (even if the gritters were having a lie in).

It was a good event with Max+ entries and a good spread of cars.

Congratulations to all Class winners.

Special mentions for entertainment go to the Yellow MX5 who appeared to enjoy sideways and doughnuts more than times, good for him, to Haydn Marks and his 318 BMW for tail happy antics and the professional drive of the Autotest winner Adrian Welsh.

Pictures can be found at <http://gallery.bristolpegasus.com/2016/Aust-Autosolo/>

Haydn Marks youtube clip on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RR-pJsbLy5E>

Bob Bull

Brightside Autosolo / Autotest by Alan Dillamore



Brightside Autosolo / Autotest by Andy Moss



It's an uphill struggle

RBS...Repetitive Buying Syndrome

Well you can get a new chest, lips, stomach and arse on the NHS for free these days so maybe an antidote to collecting cars is also on the cards. Mrs Jones is making enquiries as we speak. It's been good knowing you all....



In 2015 I sold my 1972 Lotus Europa TC and quickly regretted it. Why did I sell after so much effort to get it perfect? And it was perfect. Well, as usual I ran out of space and time and decided a clean out was in order. So it went to a good home and for a small profit. All was well.

Then I did the same with my 1970 S4FHC Elan SE. Lots of work done and lots of grazed knuckles but the boys and I enjoyed fettling it. Lovely car but

low geared and when you live in Cardiff, the classic car world is a motorway trip away. So it went in Feb 2016, also for a small profit. Interestingly, it's back on the market for quite a lot more....

Then the Club Lotus membership came up for renewal in April and clearly I did not need to be a member any more. But I renewed. Uh Oh.

And so the first flickerings of the next Lotus came to pass. The magazine articles – they go back to least 2000 and it's getting silly – and the web, carandclassic.co.uk being the centre of my universe, played their part. Thing is you get sucked in like quicksand.

It was to be an Esprit. A bit like a giant Europa with longer gearing a little more long distance comfort. Always wanted one and now they are on their way up, if I wanted one then they would unlikely be cheaper in the future.



We had that 'investment' discussion at home and Mrs Jones sat looking at me with a blank face. After I had fully debriefed her on the merits of a Lotus Esprit, I checked

to see if she was a) listening, b) interested. Her answer was...*"do you want tea or coffee"*.

I took that to mean *'yes I am in full support, I get it and you crack on old son'*. So I did. Off to London with young Owen – who is also partial to a Lotus it must be said – to view an early dry sump Turbo in black. It was sat on early Compomotive split rims and not many had those so spec wise it was all the go. The vendor was a super guy and we had a nice spin, me piloting on the return leg. My word it drove well. Quite gentle in its delivery, no obstructive gear changes, it just went. Not quick by today's standards but plenty for a classic. Externally it was a little tatty but very honest.

We retreated to consider. I am a bit of a fusspot with my cars so, for me, the paint needed doing and it needed a fair bit of engine bay sorting, interior 'sticking things back on' type work. And then there is the dry sump motor. Very rare and collectible but as far as I know dry sump oil pumps for them are getting a little scarce. Maybe a Turbo HC, late model, was a better bet.



And then there it was. Bing – right in front of my eyes, an early (1978) S2. Normally aspirated 1973cc, original Chapman strut rear end (OK ish in a 2 litre with less vibes than the later 2.2) and those fabulous Speedline wheels. The ride height looked right and it had a replacement Galv chassis. Lloyd and I headed up (including an over nighter on my hotel 'frequent flyer' points – so free) and it looked amazing. The original Guigiaro shape with no spoilers or body kit to spoil it. There's lovely isn't it?

A deal was done and, remembering that I have never bought an old Lotus that goes properly, no matter what the seller says, I had it delivered. Best to breakdown near home the first time I always say.

Since then it has not broken down! My local Lotus guru who has done a fair bit on my cars in the past has had a fettle. So the comedy wiring at the front which

threatened to cook us all has been sorted, new ally rad and fans and a good used rear hub. That's about it. I have ordered a stainless exhaust as this one is a bit blowy but it's about there. Goes well, great oil pressure, no drips on the garage floor – yes really – and lovely gearchange and clutch. When you drive it, people smile and there is no animosity. Perhaps it's the surprise that it is moving under its own steam? It has that supercar feel of lying down and looking through an enormous windscreen. I think it's got 90% of what a Ferrari 308 has got but for 25% of the price. But then I am probably biased.

Next year I have booked for Mrs Jones and I to do a weekend with Club Lotus which involves going a long way in it, looking at and talking about cars all weekend and no doubt a fair few sherbets, some even in a dinner jacket. I know she is going to love every minute.

Perhaps a new arse on the NHS will be what I need after mine has been kicked into a new, abnormal shape...

Hey ho!

Jones the Speed

Lisa Davies Junior Engineer of the Year Goes Into Xorbit !



Martyn Davies has been a long standing club member and regular entrant in our Sprints and Nav Ex's, whose competition car carries bold recognition of the BPMC.

His youngest daughter Lisa has recently won the UK Junior Engineer of the Year 2016 Award for a car dehumidifier/air freshener, The Xorbit, at the British Science Association's Big Bang Competition held at the NEC.

The environmentally friendly Xorbit is designed to fit into a vehicle cup holder. It combines a colour changing desiccant, which indicates that the dehumidifier is working, with an air freshener.

Lisa has put the Xorbit, absorb it - wake up in the back, into production at Martyn's garage in Abergavenny using a combination of tools that include her grandfather's lathe and a brand new laser cutter she bought with her prize money.

For further information see: <http://www.xorbit.co.uk/>

Dick Craddy

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.

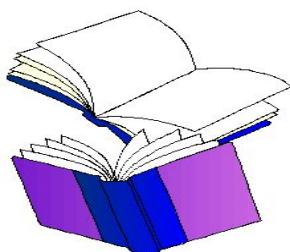
BPMC polo or sweatshirts

Pick your colour and size, state whether polo or sweatshirt and how many, then ring/email Alan Spencer with your order :- alanspencer@orange.net 01179 712587 Polo shirts £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.

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New 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 your details are correct, will allow you to update your own information and ensure you get timely information from the club including reminders when your renewal is due. 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.

UPDATE : All members are due to renew in January apart from those who joined the club post October 2016. Members are now able to renew and the system will ensure they get a full 12 months membership starting from the 1st of January 2017.

Bob Bulls F1 facts Quiz No. 1

Throughout 2017 we will give you some of the strangest statistics from F1 covering the years from 1950 through to 2015 we will ask 5 questions a month.

Of course you could Google the answer but where's the fun in that, so here we go:-

Which Drivers won 4 GPs exactly ?
What Teams entered just 1 race?
Which Teams entered the first GP?
Which was the longest GP time wise?
Which was the shortest GP time wise?

Answers on a Postcard please, (sorry old habits die hard there was no internet in 1966)

Answers next month next Month with quiz no 2

We first ran this with the years 1950 through 1970 during my previous life as Backfire editor many years ago. Yes I have updated the answers

Deadline for Next Backfire: 23rd January 2017

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

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Pegasus Motor Club

Chairman's Review of the Year - 2016

Aust Autosolo

Our first event after last years AGM was still in 2015. We ran a new Autosolo at the Old Severn Bridge Services. Bob Bull was the driving force behind the event. Martin Emsley, Ralph Colmar and Coralie Thompson helped on the day. Thanks to Brightside Insurance for allowing access to the venue. A full entry of 25 cars competed in an excellent event. We ran the event again this year on the 27th December.



February - Navigation Event



Dick Craddy organised our annual trip across the Severn Bridge. Nine crews entered an excellent event which marked forty years of the club organising Nav-Ex events. The 2017 event will be on Friday 17th February.

March Morgan Factory Visit - Club Trip

In March we had a Club Trip which was an excellent visit to Morgan Factory in Malvern. There was a good turnout of members who enjoyed an excellent tour. Thanks to Pete Goodman for organising.





Club Nights

2016 was our fifth year at BAWA. Club Nights have been well supported with our usual mix of socials and speakers.

We already have some speakers arranged for 2017 - James Weekley on Avon Tyres and the Paris-Peking Rally in February and Stuart Turner in March.

April - Cross Trophy Car Trial - Dundry

We received 20 entries which was an improvement on the previous year. Less wet and muddy this year, the event was a lot of fun. Once again the event was an ASWMC and CMSG championship round. Tim Murray was secretary, with Mal Allen again being Clerk of Course. We had an excellent turnout of marshals including regulars Donny Allen, Pete and Carly Hart - Many thanks to all. As always we would also like to thank Duncan for the use of his field. We were again fortunate to have an informal tour of Duncan's garage at the end of the day.



Treasure Hunts

Bob Bull organised our first treasure hunt of the year in May. The crews enjoyed a dry evening. We again started at Gordano Services but unfortunately the finish pub was closed ! Bob quickly arranged an alternative finish venue. Alan Spencer's crew won the event. In July Ralph Colmar organised our Sunday event with help from Tim Murray. The event was the day after our Castle Combe Track Day meaning we could enjoy a weekend of club activities. The crews started on the A37 south of Bristol before an excellent Sunday lunch at the finish pub. Bob and Ralph have organised for last few years – any volunteers for 2017 ?



May Llandow Sprint

The club again joined forces with BMC to run our May Llandow Sprint. We ran 89 entries on the day – up by 10 on last year. The sprint was a round of the ASWMC and WAMC regional association championships. We were also joined by the MGCC, DEWS Mini and MX5 championships. The day went smoothly despite a wet start and we received lots of positive comments. The event will run again on 13th May next year and will be the only sprint at the circuit in 2017. We expect to gain entries with two extra championships joining us - the Historic Rally Car Register and HSA.



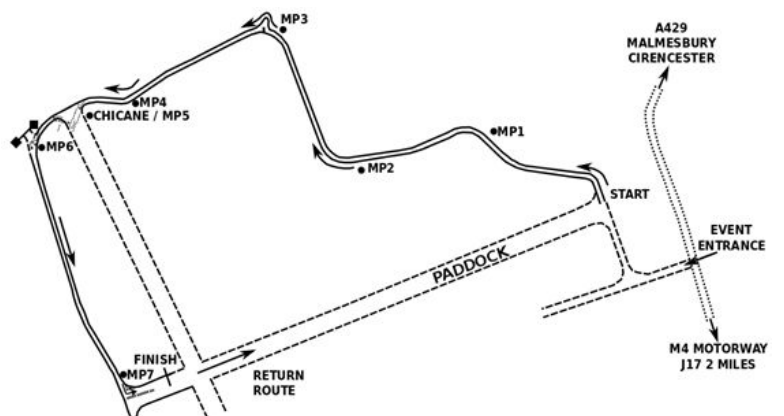
May - Club Drag Racing Weekend

We returned to Shakespeare County Raceway near Stratford on Avon. Our last club trip here was back in 2011. With the future of the venue in doubt, we visited while we still could. The first day was spent watching the action. Those who wanted to go out on the strip saved their runs for Sunday - with brilliant sunny weather we were not disappointed. There were plenty of amazing cars and action to watch on both days.



Airfield Sprints

Having gained access to Hullavington last year it was disappointing not to be able to return in 2016. The Airfield was put up for sale and no events were allowed after 1st April. Further Airfields are being sold including Colerne. We continue to monitor situation and look for opportunities for access.



ACE Classic Tour

In June we ran the ACE Classic and Sportscar Tour. Tony Joiner again headed the organising team. This year the event headed south of Bristol. Martin Emsley & Alan Spencer planned route. We had an entry of over 30 Cars and better weather this year. The finish was at the Ring O Bells at Compton Martin. This year we raised money for the SARCOMA cancer charity. The funds raised were presented at the AGM.



June - Redhill Village Hall

For our summer club nights we were again “Out & About” around Bristol. June was our third year at Redhill Village Hall.

We had an interesting mix of cars and the venue again organised a BBQ. The date clashed with an England World Cup game which cost us a few cars.

Our night was better than the football which we managed to watch the end of on a big screen in the bar ! Thanks to Nick Wood for organising.



July - Frenchay Car Show

We again visited the Frenchay Car Show in July where there was a good mix of cars and motorcycles. As always it was a nice social event. Thanks to Alan Spencer for organising our club display.



August - Evening Touring Assembly

Our summer evening tour started from Cribbs Causeway and finished at the Salmon at Berkeley. Roadworks blocked the route through Aust although the entrants seemed to cope. An excellent event with a good social at the finish pub. Many thanks to Ralph and Tim for organising.



Track Day - Castle Combe

Our Castle Combe Track Day was again in August. The event was a sell out. We had good support once again from Mini Cooper. Safe and enjoyable if a little damp in the afternoon ! Thanks to Tim Murray and Ralph Colmar for doing an excellent job helping organise. The 2017 date is Saturday 19th August.



September - Rolls-Royce Autosolo

Alan Spencer was Clerk of Course and Tim Murray Secretary.

This was our third year at Rolls, Pete Goodman again helped to get us permission to run the event, All went well and we plan to run earlier in year in 2017. A few more entries in 2017 would be nice.



Castle Combe Autumn Classic

We were again involved with the Autumn Classic Meeting at Combe - our third year at this event. Pete Stowe again helped with arrangements. The Race meeting includes 500cc historic cars. Post war the Bristol Aeroplane Company Motor Sports Club helped devise the 500 formula at Filton. This club would later become the BAC Motor Club, the forerunner of Pegasus Motor Club. We awarded our historic

“BACMSC Challenge Trophy” to the 500 race Winner. Nick Wood again did an excellent job of arranging a club display of interesting cars.



October - Pegasus Sprint – Castle Combe

The Sprint season ended with the Pegasus Sprint at Castle Combe. Nick Wood was Clerk with Bob Hart deputy and Chris Thompson Assistant Clerk. Tim Murray and Kathleen Bray were in control. Chief Marshal Cherry Robinson & Nick did a great job recruiting marshals.

We ran the same Full Lap format with Two practice and two timed runs and had a full entry of 100 cars. A much dryer day but fog delayed start. Despite this the event ran very smoothly. A special mention must go to Marshals.

Dick Craddy did an excellent job as Secretary Dave Bence did a great job of entries. Donny Allen helped with secretarial on the day. Lots of people were involved in organising and running the event Thanks to all and sorry to those I have not mentioned



November - NEC Classic Car Show Club

A Minibus of club members again attended this show at the NEC. Ralph Colmar organised & drove. We Stopped for a meal on way back. An excellent show and social event



November - Haynes Motor Museum

Pete Goodman organised this Museum Tour and visit to the Haynes Breakfast meet. Around 20 people attended - 14 from Pegasus plus 6 from the IAM. Thanks to Pete for an excellent event



Social Events - Skittles

We received an invite from Tavern Motor Club to enter a team in their Skittles Night at Dundry. We played Tavern and Bath Motor Clubs. A return fixture was organised at BAWA with teams from Tavern and the IAM. We had an excellent turnout of around 50 people. Thanks to Tim Murray and Pete Goodman.



Club Championships

73 members scored points in the Clubmans Championship and 35 members scored points in the Marshal's Championship. A slight decrease in numbers from last year but still good.

Membership

Richard Reynolds and Bob Bull have setup a new automated membership system. This is fully integrated with website allowing people to join online and receive information and membership cards as soon as they signup. The system also allows members to update their own membership record. Other benefits include automated reminder e-mails and giving a full 12 month membership to new members from the date of joining. Thanks to Bob and Rich.

Fantasy Formula One

Now in its 21st year our competition is still popular with Members.

This year we attracted 30 entries. Things were close at the top all year. Helena Sarstead won having come third last year. She generously donated her prize to club charities. Alyson Marsden was second Joe Robson third.

Backfire

Ralph Colmar continued as editor this year. Ralph depends on contributions - please keep sending in the articles. Thanks to those who contributed on 2016.

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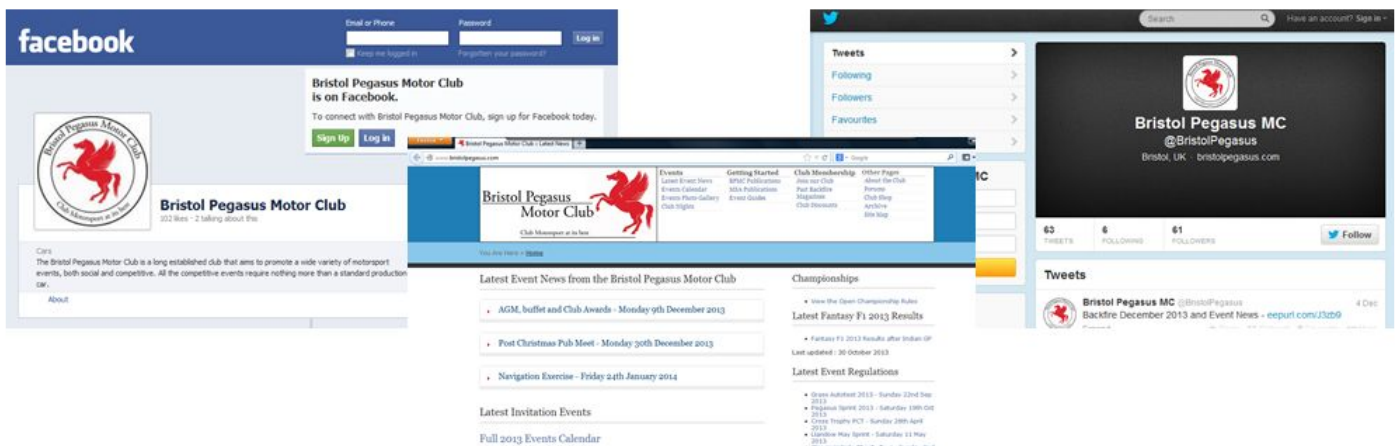
Features this year have included An Uphill Struggle – Phil Jones Column as well as event information, reports and photos. We have also had regular fantasy F1 updates. Among other varied articles we have had “Racing at Thruxton”, “Racing a Caterham” and the “Green Power Car”.

Could you be a regular columnist in 2017 ?

Website and Social Media

Richard Reynolds continues to do an excellent job with the website. Don't forget the online membership system to renew or join ! Richard is very keen to keep the site up to date and add to it. If you have any ideas for new items, please let him know

Our new Facebook group has done well – now over 100 members. A good place for up to date news and pictures



Charity

Matt Johnson joined the committee as charity co-ordinator. Matt has been working with St Peters Hospice, organising a new Autumn Car Tour to raise money for St Peters. The first event will be on September 24th 2017. The ACE Classic tour raised money for Sarcoma Cancer Charity. We also donated to other good causes in 2016 including the Southmead Hospital Prostate Cancer Scanner Appeal



The bone
& soft tissue
cancer charity

Prostate Cancer
Care Appeal



Committee

We are always looking for people to get involved. If you are interested please feel free to have a chat. Matt Johnson joined the committee in 2016. Pete Goodman took on the Competitions Secretary Job. Alan Spencer is standing down having been on the committee since 2002. Alan was made an Honorary Member at the AGM - Many thanks for all his efforts. He has kindly offered to continue looking after Club merchandise and act as our representative at the Cotswold Motor Sport Group so he will continue to be involved. All other committee members stood again for 2017.



All committee members give time to the Club which enables us to run our varied mix of events, both social and sporting. Thanks also to our Vice Presidents Bob Hart and Dick Craddy as well as to all who have helped running events this year.

The Future

Our aims for 2017 and beyond

We aim to continue to offer a strong mix of Competitive and Social Events. As always we continue to look for new venues and new events.

During 2017 we aim to further promote the club and grow the active membership while encouraging people to compete and marshal.

Full 2017 calendar is published in this month's Backfire and on Website

Finally

I would like to finish my report by sending Best Wishes to you and your families for the New Year We look forward to seeing you at one of the club events either sporting or social next year.



Special Awards 2016

The Kieron Winter Trophy - Nick Wood



Each year we present an award in memory of Kieron Winter. The Trophy is presented to a member who has shown the enthusiasm and commitment that was so much of Kieron's approach to all things related to the club.

The winner for 2016 is a true Clubman. This is a person who is a shining example to the rest of us – when he competes he does so with good humour, and an understanding that our hobby is not about winning at all costs. He knows that it is more important to get fun and enjoyment from what we do.

One of the most important aspects of any club is getting people involved and encouraging new members. When someone new joins it is important that we make them feel welcome and this person is always first to greet a new member and get them involved. He is an excellent ambassador for the club, and is always keen to sing our praises and sell what we do to anyone who is willing to listen.

He has contributed to the club throughout 2016, whether it is through competing, organising events or arranging activities that we have all enjoyed.

Many of the events he has arranged have been on the social side of the clubs calendar, and this aspect of our activities is key to building a strong club that has the resources to organise high quality competitive events.

In recent years he has organised a very impressive club stand at the Autumn Classic event – the quality of cars on display being the envy of many. He has also worked hard to become a MSA licensed Clerk of Course and is a key member of the organising teams of both our Llandow and Pegasus Sprints.

Therefore for showing a positive approach, that is an example to us all, the Kieron Winter Trophy for 2016 is presented to Nick Wood.



Special Awards 2016

The Committee Rose Bowl



Each year the committee present the Rose Bowl to someone who has made a significant contributed to our sport and club. Sometimes the winner may have enjoyed success in their chosen discipline, sometimes they may have given their time in organising and running events.

This year's winner was a unanimous decision by the committee, which reflects the contribution they have made over many years and the high regard in which they are held.

Our winner will often be found marshalling or organising at our events, but they have also enjoyed considerable sporting success over the years, mostly as a calm influence in the passenger seat rather than in the driving seat.

A club member for over 30 years, a number of people have joined us thanks to the sales pitch this person has given for Bristol Pegasus. They are often the first person people see when signing on at our speed events, and over the years they have marshalled in all weathers. As well as their contribution to Pegasus they are often found helping out other local and national clubs, often enduring freezing cold conditions overnight on MCC trials. All of this has been done with great enthusiasm and patience.

We are therefore delighted to announce the winner of the Committee Rose Bowl for 2016 is Donny Allen.



BPMC 2017 Pegasus Events

Date	Event	Location
Mon 13th Feb	Club Night	BAWA 8pm
Fri 17th Feb	Navigation Exercise	
Mon 13th Mar	Club Night - Stuart Turner Talk	BAWA 8pm
Sun 26th Mar	Spring Autosolo	Rolls-Royce
Mon 10th Apr	Club Night	BAWA 8pm
Sun 23rd Apr	Cross Trophy Trial	Dundry
Mon 8th May	Treasure Hunt	
Sat 13th May	Llandow Sprint	Llandow Circuit
Sun 4th Jun	ACE Classic Tour	
Mon 12th Jun	Bring Your Car Night	
Mon 10th Jul	Evening Car Tour	
Mon 17th Jul	Frenchay Car Show	Frenchay Museum
Sun 13th Aug	Sunday Treasure Hunt	
Sat 19th Aug	Pegasus Track Day	Castle Combe
Mon 11th Sep	Club Night	BAWA 8pm.
Sun 24th Sep	NEW - St Peters Charity Tour	
Sat 7th Oct	Combe Autumn Classic	Castle Combe
Mon 9th Oct	Club Night	BAWA 8pm
Sat 21st Oct	Pegasus Sprint	Castle Combe.
Mon 13th Nov	Club Night	BAWA 8pm
Mon 11th Dec	AGM & Prizegiving	BAWA 8pm
Sun 31st Dec	New Years Eve Autosolo	Aust

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