

Backfire

June 2010



The Magazine of the
**Bristol Pegasus
Motor Club**

Cover : The Stig at Colerne ? Photo: Nick Wood

This Month

Monday 14th June - Club Night - Bring Your Car, Show & Tell

Bring your car and a friend along to club night. **Show** off your pride and joy whilst **telling** a friend/work colleague/relative all about our club and events. We also hope the Bristol Hotrods will also be putting in an appearance.

Monday 21st June - Treasure Hunt

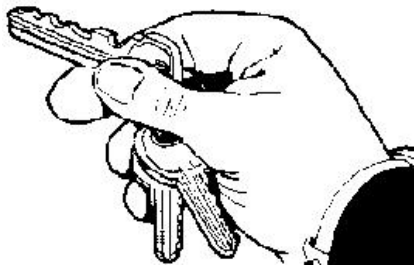
Treasure Hunt, Monday June 21st at 7.30pm. Organised by Ken Robson and Dave Bence, June's Treasure Hunt will start at the Wickwar Road car park, Chipping Sodbury, BS37 6BQ. Grid ref ST727825.

2010 BPMC Events Calendar

Updates shown bold

Month	Date	Day	Event	Venue
Jun	6th	Sun	ACE Classic Tour	Start at BAWA
Jun	12&13	Sat&Sun	Xtreme Wheels Motor Show	Haynes Motor Museum Sparkford
Jun	14th	Mon	BPMC Club Night	Bristol Hotrods and Show and Tell
Jun	21st	Mon	Treasure Hunt	Announced in time for the event
Jul	11th	Sun	Run What Ya Brung	Shakespeare County Raceway
Jul	12th	Mon	BPMC Club Night	North Bristol RFC Almondsbury
Jul	17th	Sat	Frenchay Car Show	Frenchay Museum
Jul	19th	Mon	Treasure Hunt	Announced in time for the event
Aug	8th	Sun	Treasure Hunt & Picnic	Announced in time for the event
Aug	9th	Mon	BPMC Club Night	North Bristol RFC Almondsbury
Aug	14th	Sat	Castle Combe Day	Castle Combe Race Circuit
Aug	30th	Mon	Two Club Sprint	Colerne Airfield
Sep	13th	Mon	BPMC Club Night	North Bristol RFC Almondsbury
Sep	18th	Sat	Chepstow Autosolo/Autotest	Chepstow Racecourse
Oct	11th	Mon	BPMC Club Night	North Bristol RFC Almondsbury
Oct	16th	Sat	Pegasus Sprint Castle Combe	Castle Combe Circuit
Oct	29th	Fri	Navigation Exercise/Scatter	Announced in time for the event
Nov	8th	Mon	BPMC Club Night	North Bristol RFC Almondsbury
Nov	18th	Thu	Karting	The Raceway Avonmouth
Nov	26th	Fri	Navigation Exercise/Scatter	Announced in time for the event
Dec	13th	Mon	AGM	North Bristol RFC Almondsbury
Dec	30th	Thu	Xmas Meeting	Announced in time for the event

Publication deadlines for Backfire - July - 2nd July



CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

By Andy Moss

As always with two bank holiday Monday sprints May has been a busy month for the club.

First we had the Wessex Sprint, which I spoke about last month. Then it was off to Middle Barton Garage for the social highlight of the month. While we still had a few seats spare on the bus, we were joined by more club members who had travelled up by car. If you missed out there are photos later in Backfire and on the website, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tony Castle Miller and his wife Sue for making us very welcome, as well as to Mike Kason who did a superb job on the BBQ - a great day.

The next Monday we were meeting again for the first Treasure Hunt of the year, which took in some excellent roads before finishing for a drink and a chat at Cromhall.

Finally, it was off to South Wales for the Llandow sprint. This year I took on a new role as Secretary, and I was grateful that I had lots of help from Donny Allen and Entries Secretary Cherry Robinson. The clerking team was led by Glyn Hopkins and Tony Streeting from Bristol Motor Club who did an excellent job - they were also joined by Nick Wood as assistant. Nick is training to get his Clerks license and has already almost done the required number of events, having officiated at our own and other clubs events, including two events in one weekend at the Woolbridge Wiscombe event. Thanks must also go to Mal Allen who again headed up the startline crew, Tim Murray who was radio control, and Dave Cutcliffe who was our club steward. I must also thank all the Marshals, some of whom travelled long distances to help out on the day - they included my wife Liz who was marshalling for the first time, and seemed to enjoy herself spending the day on the post with Alan Spencer.

On my own car front, I have been working on the Marlin again with Martin Emsley, we took it out on the treasure hunt, and it went quite well. The journey home was the first time I have driven it in the dark, and we concluded the headlights could do with some improvement, a shame we did not take a torch as it may have lit the road better ! The plan was then to slightly adjust the mixture the next evening, but this somehow turned in to rebuilding the carbs Thanks Martin for all you help. I have also recently had the Rover out for the first time this year, and was a little surprised to find the water level a little low following it's winter hibernation. The Rover has an aluminium block with bolted on side plates to the water jacket around the cylinders. These are well know for corroding, and as the car is about to celebrate it's 40th birthday, it is not surprising they are starting to show the signs of age. I had replaced the offside one in the past, but the passenger side has developed a hairline crack and a pin hole - this will need replacing, but with time running short before the ACE Classic Tour, it

was a quick fix with epoxy resin that seems to be working in the short term. I also suggested to Liz that we should have a 40th Birthday party for the car, but all I got was a look which suggested she thought I had lost the plot

Looking forward to next month, there are plenty more good events to look forward to. For the club night, we're taking advantage of the lightest month to encourage people to bring their interesting cars – hopefully we can get enough of them to have an interesting display and wander outside with a drink to have a look around them. This proved popular last year and this time we are adding an extra dimension by encouraging people to bring a friend and show them what the club is all about. We have decided not to have a BBQ this time, but will be having some food following our August Treasure Hunt which will be on a Sunday for the first time this year.

Not so good news though on the Autotest/Autosolo front as we have decided to cancel our June event, we were struggling for time to get everything sorted out fully for the event, and decided it was better to postpone until we had more time and people available to run the best event possible.

We do however have a couple of extra events add to the Calendar, Firstly we are taking the club display stand to the Bradley Stoke Festival on Saturday 12th, and then on the next we will be at the BAC 100 celebration event at Rolls-Royce. This event looks as though it will have some interesting vehicles, all of which have a "Bristol Aeroplane Company" connection-including our own Gerry Bath. Whilst many of you won't realise the connection between a Lotus and BAC, the early Lotus bodies were made at Filton, and Gerry has one of these very special cars. Our stand will feature some photos of our BAC related history including pictures of events on the Filton Airfield.

On the same weekend another event that is worth a look if you are in the area is the Xtreme Wheels show at the Haynes Motor Museum, this is organised by club member Mike Kason and features Dragsters, Custom Cars, Muscle Cars and much much more.

Finally we have the second Treasure hunt of the Summer, starting in Chipping Sodbury - if you have not done one before (or for a while) come along and lets see if we can get a really good turn out.

As always, we are looking for contributions for Backfire

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Competition Secretary – Looking Ahead!

I'm currently caretaking the Competition Secretary role by being the club's focal point with Chris Thompson continuing to administer the club championships. I've just started looking at our 2011 calendar of events and, of course, the perennial request arises for

“Volunteers please step forward to organise our Nav Ex/Scatters and Treasure Hunts.”

Typically we have the following schedule (with approximate dates which are flexible):

4th week of January	- Navigation Event usually organised by Dick Craddy (tbc).	
Mid March	- Navigation Event	- VOLUNTEER PLEASE
Mid May	- Treasure Hunt	- VOLUNTEER PLEASE
3rd Week of June	- Treasure Hunt	- VOLUNTEER PLEASE
3rd Week of July	- Treasure Hunt	- John & Liz Corfield
Mid August	- Treasure Hunt	- VOLUNTEER PLEASE
Last week of October	- Navigation Event Mid May	- VOLUNTEER PLEASE
Last week of November	- Navigation Event Mid May	- VOLUNTEER PLEASE

We are also looking for people willing to get involved in official roles at the club Sprints, Autotest/Autosolo and Trial.

It becomes a bit of chore each year to find organisers and it would be a great step forward to have it sorted well in advance so please do come forward. If you've not organised one of these events or feel somewhat inexperienced, there's always plenty of help and you might well be able to pair up with an experienced organiser in order to 'fly solo' at some point.

Contact me at any time by email or phone – I'm always happy to talk club business :-)

Regards John Corfield - john_e_f_corfield@hotmail.com or 01225 755911 or 07717 677271.



A class record for the Stig ?

The Stig tries out the equipment truck at Colerne for size. A big thank you goes to Loomis who kindly provided the truck for us at Colerne - there is a huge amount of equipment required to setup a temporary venue, and it was a considerable help to the organising club to have such an excellent vehicle made available.

Club Trip - Middle Barton Garage - Photos By Andy Moss



Club Championships 2010 - Prepared by Chris Thompson

Clubmans Championship

TOTAL POINTS	ENTRANT	POSITION	NUMBER EVENTS	ORGANISED OR MARSHALLED ?
24.17	Chris Goodchild	1	5	No
18.17	Martin Baker	2	4	Yes
16.83	Andy Moss	3	6	Yes
12.58	Paul Bird	4	3	Yes
11.00	Chris Thompson	5	6	Yes
9.25	Nick Wood	6	3	Yes
8.65	Alan Spencer	7	3	No
5.81	Cherry Robinson	8	3	Yes
5.69	Toby Harris	9	1	No
5.64	Pete Goodman	10	1	No
5.38	Martyn Mees	11	1	No
5.17	Martin Emsley	12	1	No
5.06	Lisa Selby	13	1	No
5.00	Ian Cameron	14	1	No
4.75	Dick Craddy	15	1	Yes
4.75	Mary Craddy	15	1	Yes
4.57	Pete Devall	17	1	No
4.50	Alan Dillamore	18	2	No
4.33	Bradley Hobday	19	1	No
4.33	Nick Cook	19	1	No
4.33	Stephen Dummett	19	1	No

Marshals Championship

TOTAL POINTS SCORED	ENTRANT	POSITION	NUMBER OF EVENTS
7	Dick Craddy	1	3
3	Bob Hart	2	1
3	Mal Allen	2	2
3	Simon Child	2	1
3	Tim Murray	2	2
2	Donny Allen	6	1
2	Keith Yeandel	6	2
2	Lesley Hart	6	1
2	Mary Craddy	6	1
2	Nick Wood	6	1
2	Paul Bird	6	1

Photos of club members Matt Searle in the VW Lupo and Mike Bell in the Scimitar at Mamhead Hillclimb, Exeter, 30th May. Taken by Pete Stowe



***Frenchay Village Museum
Saturday 17th July 2pm-5pm***



***"Vintage Vehicle
Extravaganza"***

in conjunction with

Frenchay Flower Show



A static display of historic bicycles, motorcycles, and cars by members of local Classic clubs, in the Car Park next to Frenchay Village Museum, Entrance "B" of Frenchay Hospital.

Also Vintage bus rides, and the featured marque is "Bristol Cars" celebrating the Centenary of their parent company the Bristol Aeroplane Company with a special display in the museum, and to mark Bristol Cars Ltd 50th Anniversary as an independent manufacturer.

Free Admission

***Vehicles for display should arrived between
1 and 1.30pm***

Further details 'phone 0117 9570942

**To assist at the show or if
you want to display your
car please contact Alan
Spencer**

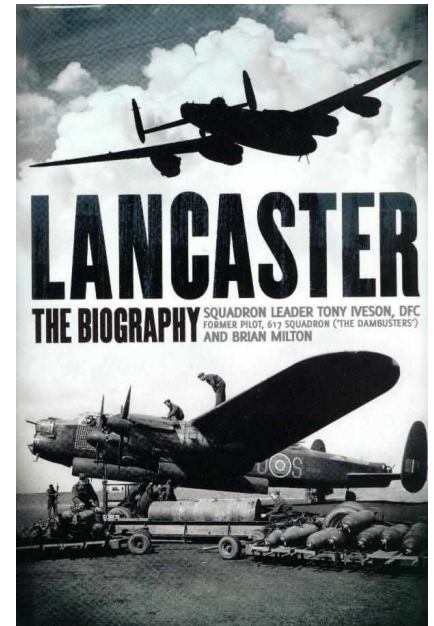
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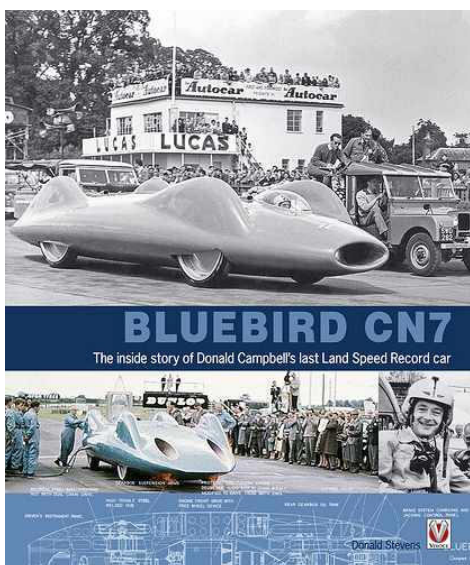
By Martin Emsley

Back to Nick's mate 'Whizzo' and after his rantings about how seriously good his biography written by Paul Lawrence (same person who collaborated with Pete Stowe on the Castle Combe book, which reminds me I want to get the new edition) I gave in and purchased a copy. What a read, I have only dipped in so far but thoroughly enjoyed it, there are many more great stories, am of the opinion that if I start at the front I will not be able to put it down. For me it makes a difference reading a book like this when you have met the person even if briefly. Will report back in due course if I remember.

Mind you I have quite a few books on my shelves to be read at the moment, I have had the matching set of Bruce McLaren, Denny Hulme & Chris Amon for over a year and have yet to open them. Got into one of my Christmas books a while back: Haynes manual of the Avro Lancaster; An insight to owning, restoring, servicing and flying Britain's legendary World War II bomber. Fantastic book that I backed up by reading Lancaster; The Biography written by a 617 (Dam Busters Sqn) pilot from many different perspectives. Far from being dry and just facts is an insight, as seen by the people who designed, built, flew, serviced and fought against them. This is an outstanding read which has kept me enthralled for hours, thoroughly recommended.



Now I love the Haynes Aviation series 'manuals' and can only commend them with great illustrations and interesting read but also very well assembled. I see that in 2010 one for the Lunar Module and also for Concorde will be available, put them on my Christmas list,



especially the 'Module' one. I was lucky enough to see genuine Apollo space capsules at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington and I was just amazed at the size (how small) and the sheer bravery of men climbing aboard and actually venturing to space and returning. It kind of took the space thing for me from being something on TV to reality and I am still amazed every time I think about it. Forthcoming and especially of interest to me; David Tremayne has come up with a definitive history of WSR. He is an absolutely brilliant writer and speed record enthusiast, and also soon to be released is a book covering Donald Campbell's Bluebird CN7 record car.

I seem to recall in my review of Race Retro mentioning 'Whizzo' in relation to the JCB backed Hillman Hunter on the World cup Rally 40th anniversary stand but I could not find any record of this from the original event. Well here his book came in really useful; seems that he tackled the 1993 London – Sidney Marathon in the car, I love Barrie's view of the thing 'The car was crap' and after a series of adventures in a poorly prepared car it was retired in India. Defiantly a recommended read, plus a rare occurrence, some of the stories made me laugh out loud. There was of course also a Hillman backed by JCB on the 1970 World Cup Rally but it was a Minx GT, whatever the difference is between that and a Hunter, or was it the same car in both events? Don't see many of either on the road these days though and when I think back only a short time I am amazed by the number of vehicles we used to see in large numbers that have simply disappeared; the Ford Sierra being a prime example.

One of the best things I saw at Race retro being the Daf 55 Coupe and Chevrolet Beetle Super Saloons, both V8s and both lovingly restored to their former glory. I for one am amazed at the ingenuity and engineering skill which went into the construction of these two and many others, though I am only too aware that others of the genre were crude in comparison, and that some have been turned back into the original machines they were created from which may have been obsolete of little value in period but are now of increased worth. The Daf and Beetle are so different in their approach to the same big power challenge and I think just brilliant. I had a quick scout on the web, whatever did we do before it?



I found this website:

<http://www.olddracingcars>

[.info/marques/special-saloon-super-saloon-special-gt-cast-list-1964-1993/](http://www.olddracingcars.info/marques/special-saloon-super-saloon-special-gt-cast-list-1964-1993/)

which in turn listed some interesting machinery, some of which may have you saying 'oh yes, I remember that now' and for sure 'what about this car or that car?' :-

- John Turner – (Dealer Team Skoda) 5.0 Skoda S110RS (yellow)
- Gerry Marshall – 5.0 'Big Bertha' Vauxhall Ventora (silver)
- John Pope – 5.3/5.4 Vauxhall Magnum Aston V8 twin-turbo? (white)
- Ian Richardson – 7.6 Chevrolet Corvair (blue) McLaren M8 wheels, brakes and suspension
- Mick Hill – (Tricentrol) 'Boss Capri' (white)
- Douglas Niven – (Border Reivers) 'Boss 5.7 Escort' Ford Escort

- Brian Cutting – 2998cc Ford Escort [Martin?] (blue)
- Gerry Marshall – ‘Baby Bertha’
- John Turner – 5.0 Skoda S110RS
- Alan Tobias – (Mick Hill) ‘Janglia’
- Chris Meek – 5.7 Ford Escort [later goes to Doug Niven; written off in toilet block at Ingliston 1975; engine used in the ex-Toleman/Hawker Capri]
- Jonathan Buncombe – 2.0 ‘Chimp’ Imp



And one of my all time favourites:

VW Type 3 Fastback - Better known as the DFVW(DFV engine, VW car), Colin Hawker built and raced this car for a few years in the Super Saloon Championships. It was a thinly disguised Formula One car and its Ford Cosworth DFV engine would have been pushing out some 500-600bhp. Volkswagen's Type 3 was not a common sight on British roads and its use as a racer would have been laughable in standard form. What made it suitable to become a Super Saloon was its rear engine set-up (converted to mid-engine), its stable long wheelbase and its better than average wind resistance. I have seen it referred to, incorrectly, as a VW411 which although a coupe is a more boxy shape.



So what about the George Douglas / Phil Lomas Skoda which raced in the special GT Championship at Castle Combe, and Ian Hall's Darrian and Tony Sugden and and? So many interesting cars and drivers. And that is all you are going to get because I know there are readers out there who can tell of Supersaloons & special GTs much better than I, just hope they are inspired to get to the keyboard.

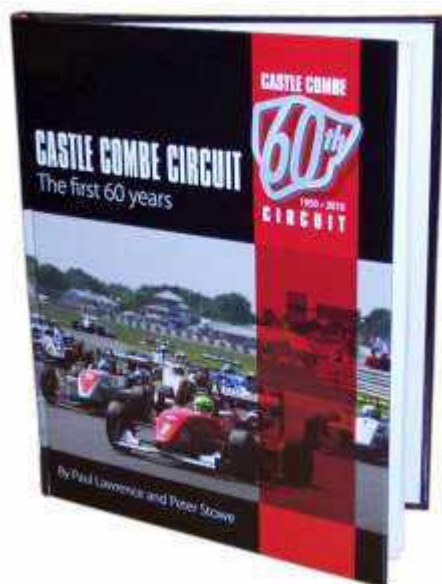


I really hope a lot of you get in touch with Nick Wood for the ‘Run what ya brung’ event at shakespearecountyraceway on 9-11 July we are going to make a real weekend of it and hopefully enjoy the company of ‘The Wild Bunch’ historic rail dragsters. We are camping up there and intend to host a BBQ on the Saturday night so it is useful from a catering perspective if we know how many of you will be joining us. The more the merrier. If you would like to make a weekend of it, there are excellent camping facilities.

There are plenty of B & Bs nearby for those that want some comfort! As well as being able to run your own car on the strip there will also be some truly awesome machinery for you to watch.

Don't delay

Contact Nick 01275 833098 for more information or to add your name to the list.



Castle Combe Circuit – The First 60 Years

A new book by Paul Lawrence and Pete Stowe charting the 60-year history of the circuit has just been launched. Completely updated from the original book published in 2000, it includes new facts that have come to light in this current decade and all-new photos, many never before published. Copies are available from the circuit office (Monday-Friday) or from the circuit shop at major events, or can be sent by post.

The price is £20.00 plus £4.00 packing and first-class post.

To order, please send a cheque for £24.00 to the circuit office, Castle Combe Circuit Limited, Castle Combe, Chippenham, Wiltshire SN14 7EY.

Membership Report

As anticipated the gradual applications for membership have now pretty much stopped but the good news is that we're now at the same total membership as for the end of last year. Here's the comparison of this year to date and last year – surprisingly similar!

<u>2010</u> <u>SUMMARY</u>	New Paying Members	44
	Renewing Paying Members	153
	Complimentaries	5
	Honorary Members	11
	Partners	89
	GRAND TOTAL	302

<u>2009</u> <u>SUMMARY</u>	New Paying Members	45
	Renewing Paying Members	154
	Complimentaries	2
	Honorary Members	10
	Partners	91
	GRAND TOTAL	302

I'm sure, in many cases, that the low cost of membership is a factor – I like to clarify that we're not cheap, we're low cost – a subtle difference.

Thanks to all members for renewing or joining us for the first time and please let me repeat often made requests:

- PLEASE let us know what you'd like us to do for you.
- PLEASE let us know if you'd like to organise something in the name of the club .

Welcome to the following new members (with postcode to hint at location) who have joined since my last update in the April Backfire:

Anthony & Marie Neville	TA	Lyndon Barton	WA
Stuart Ross	BS	Nigel Killerby	MK
Clive & Brenda Gilmour	BH	Richard Hearnden	SA
Jason Gilmour	BH	Martin Henry	BS
Ben Churchill & Michaela Mill	BS	John Earl Marsh	BA
Jeffery Williams	BS	Adam & Sian Mann	GL

Regards, John Corfield, Membership Secretary

Ecurie Shoestring quiz

1. When and where did Michael Schumacher win his first Grand Prix for Ferrari?
2. Who were the three drivers of the winning Jaguar at Le Mans in 1988?
3. True or false - the lap record at Castle Combe is under one minute.
4. Who was Roger Clark's co-driver when he won his first RAC Rally in 1972?
5. Three Bristol airfields held race meetings in the years after WW2. Lulsgate and Filton were two - name the third.
6. The first Bristol cars were built using designs from which other motor manufacturer?
7. Which circuit has corners called Noble, Village and Church?



Last remaining tickets are available for the 2010 Tuition & Track Day at Castle Combe Motor Racing Circuit on Saturday 14th August.

Visit:

www.castlecombetrackday.org.uk for details and the latest news.



Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th June

Xtreme Wheels Motor Show. Xtreme Wheels 2010 will offer one of the finest collections of 'Xtreme vehicles' ever gathered in the UK. Dragsters, Custom Cars, Muscle Cars, Tractor Pullers, Custom and Drag Bikes, Jet Cars, Monster Trucks, Drifting Cars, Euros, Imports and many more will all be assembled for the ultimate horsepower collection at the Haynes International Motor Museum, Sparkford, Somerset. The show will include a nostalgia drag collection featuring cars not seen for many years as well as an action packed live arena featuring dragster burnouts & 'cacklefests', drifting demonstrations and much more. Organised by BPMC member Mike Kason <http://www.xtremewheelsshow.com/>

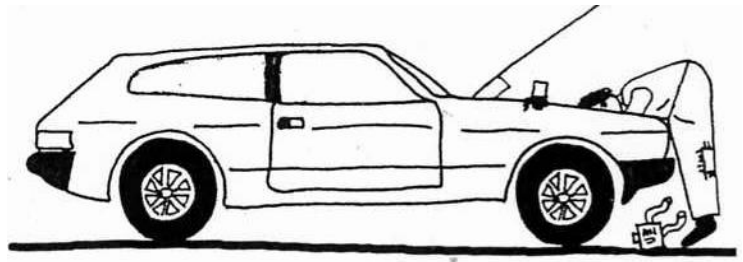
Bristol Llandow Sprint 2010

Photos By Andy Moss



Rex's Ramblings By Rex Meaden

Being an occasional series of motoring thoughts and experiences, mostly with a classical edge, but also trying to get to grips with the trials and tribulations we all face in pursuing the hobby we love.



MG MAGNETTES

Last year, on holiday, as recorded in these pages, I bought a copy of CLASSICS MONTHLY, as it had an article centred on our own Gerry Bath and the restoration of his Lotus Elite. For this years holiday I bought a copy of CLASSICS MONTHLY again, as it had a 6-page exposé of the venerable MG Z-series Magette. I must say that this was an excellent, well-balanced article, highlighting all the pluses and minuses of this particular model, as well as listing potential improvements, such as MGB engines, 5-speed boxes, disc brakes, and so on.

This was of special interest to me as I have an example of this car in my garage. Or rather I had one there, but have had to move it (and the rest of the fleet) to other quarters while the garage is being extended and its flat roof converted to a sloping one. The MG had to be trailered away, as it's been off the road for nearly 40 years, and it was quite evocative following the old girl back in the open air again for the first time in probably 25 years. The aim is to get it back on the road again, possibly with a few modifications to make it more usable under current conditions. It's in very good basic condition but needs a good go through to get it back on the road. The provenance is excellent, as I've known the car since it was new as it was purchased by a neighbour. My grandfather was the second owner in 1965, and it came off the road due to ill health in about 1971, with just 38,000 miles on the clock.



Coincidentally, CLASSIC and SPORTS CAR magazine are running a ZB at the moment as well, also Bristol registered, but a bit earlier than mine (theirs is 919 AHT, registered late 1957, mine is 948 CHT, registered June 1958). The reporter clearly likes it and has incorporated sensible modifications, such as rear seat belts.

When will work start? Well, it was due to be started some years ago, but a wedding got in the way, then a family, then a house extension, and now another addition to the family (due December), so who knows. But it will be done. One day.

OF MOTORING INTEREST IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

I've just returned from a relaxing family holiday in Keswick. This included 3 steam railways of various gauges for my train-mad son (he'll learn!), and Beatrix Potter places for Caroline. Following my motoring interest we visited the **CARS AND STARS MOTOR MUSEUM** in the middle of the town.

A number of the cars are genuine originals from the films and tv shows that made them famous and are great to see. There was 'The Koach' made by George Barris for The Munsters, and FAB 15, Lady Penelope's 6-wheel Rolls Royce. The 'A'-team van is there, as is Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang, GEN 15, the Ford Torino of Starsky and Hutch, Mr Bean's Mini, and Del and Rodney's Reliant Regal Supervan, to name but a few.

Others on display may not have quite the same provenance, such as the Harry Potter 105E Anglia (but it was the one offered by the Sun newspaper as a prize in a competition), a Back-to-the-Future' De Lorean, or 3 versions of The Batmobile. Nevertheless, the collection is well-presented and is worth a visit. Sadly I didn't make it to the Bond Museum close by.....

I did however, go to the new **LAKELAND MOTOR MUSEUM** at Newby Bridge, formerly at Holker Hall. The advertisements all said 'Open Mid-May', but when we got there the museum was clearly not finished or ready to receive visitors. We unloaded ourselves anyway and decided to see what we could see. We explained our plight to a young lady working at an open side door, explaining that we'd come all the way from Bristol to see this collection. It turned out that she was the owners wife and proceeded to give us a conducted whirlwind tour.



The setting is good and the layout was imaginative, although the Bluebird collection is in another building and that wasn't open – shame, but a good reason to return. Although the cars were interesting enough, and the vehicles were mostly in good condition, there were few headline vehicles, but there was plenty of bicycles, motor-bikes and so on, and an excellent collection of automobilia, with loads of cabinets

full of the stuff on the second floor. We thanked our hostess profusely, and promised to put in a good word. There is clearly a lot of enthusiasm surrounding this Museum, so I would search it out next time you're in the area.

All for now, and keep enjoying your cars!

Filton Family Day

Saturday 18th September

As I work for Airbus I received an email explaining that the “Filton Family Day” is to take place on Saturday 18th September 2010. It read:

"Are you involved with a local club, society or community group? Airbus is offering local clubs, societies and communities with which Airbus employees are involved, the opportunity to participate in Family Day. If you are interested in setting up a stand or display area at the event, please e-mail familyday2010.filton@airbus.com by 28th May 2010. The Filton Family Day committee will then consider all requests and confirm which may participate."



I duly wrote asking for the committee to consider offering a stand/display area to the Bristol Pegasus Motor Club. I explained that our club was formerly (and still trades as) the BAC Motor Club and has a history that goes back to the earliest years of Filton Aerodrome. Its membership still includes a significant number of employees and ex-employees of the Filton Aerospace companies. We would be able to show

pictures of the ‘early days’, explain our history and current events, plus having a display of the typical cars used now (probably about 10).

A positive reply came back thanking me for BPMC’s interest in the Family Day adding that they would welcome our participation on the day. They explained that they will be in touch with further information at the end of May. I contacted them this week (end of May) but I know that they have extended their deadline due to needing more applications. I received an expected reply saying they plan to confirm participation during June. So....

If you are interested in helping us to put on and man a display on 18th September please let me know. Bear in mind that I’m assuming anyone who displays a car will get a very desirable parking spot for the day!!!

Regards

John Corfield – john_e_f_corfield@hotmail.com

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HEDTEC CRASH HELMETS - *EXCLUSIVE OFFER ONLY TO BPMC MEMBERS*



We are pleased to offer BPMC members a £10 discount towards a Hedtec crash helmet and any BPMC member who buys a helmet will also receive a £25 voucher towards a Motorsport Events 2010 track day.

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- An independent brand not to be confused with others
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Ecurie Shoestring quiz

1. Barcelona, 1996 Spanish Grand Prix.
2. Jan Lammers, Johnny Dumfries and Andy Wallace.
3. True - 59.387sec, Dan Clarke, 2005, British F3.
4. Tony Mason.
5. Whitchurch.
6. BMW.
7. Thruxton.

Letters to the Editor

I wanted to drop you a quick note in appreciation of what the club does for the members in organising the events throughout the year. I very much appreciate this as I am sure others do as well. My thanks also extend to the marshals who stand out in such dreadful conditions making sure we are all behaving ourselves and that we are safe. Added to these thanks, I wonder if you could put an article of thanks into *Backfire* for Chris Whitcombe, car no 96, and Richard Hearnden, car no 95, for the help and support given at the event.

Basically I failed to start the Mini due to an electrical fault, which was not only quickly diagnosed with the help of these guys, but quickly repaired with spares provided by Chris in what proved to be a faulty cut-out switch. Whilst attending the drivers' briefing the starter motor was removed, cleaned, and checked over by Richard's helpers, and put back on. Chris then replaced the switch which enabled me to run in practice. My faith in human nature restored and went on to win the class !

Without such generosity the car would have been on the trailer and heading back to Chepstow with an angry and disappointed non-runner. How great the day turned out with or without the hailstorm all I can say is a very big 'thanks guys' and every cloud really does have a silver lining (even at Colerne !)"

Kind regards, Steve Dummett

Please thank all the club members who helped organise and run the Wessex Sprint this year. At hillclimbs we get to wave a thank you to the marshals as we return to paddock after our final runs, but we aren't able to do that at sprints. I felt sorry for the marshals stood out in that freezing wind all day!

John and I didn't do that great - it's been three years since I last drove there and we were under-geared for the long straights. We get into 6th well before the first bend! I did manage 83sec one year and feel confused to get a first in class for a poor 89sec.

I thoroughly enjoyed my last run after that hail/rain - a 99sec lap on slicks was a real hoot! John nearly always gets the better of me on the hills but Colerne is the only place he lets me beat him. His last lap was 123sec, which is surprising as he's not admitting to having spun."

Take care, David Garnett

Sunday July 11th - Run What Ya Brung Drag Racing for BPMC

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Shakespeare County Raceway is giving Bristol Pegasus MC a chance to see how fast you can do a quarter mile. After each timed run, you will be presented with a 'Certificate of Speed' giving important information such as reaction times and timing data from start to finish.

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If you would like to make a weekend of it, you don't need a motorhome! There are excellent camping facilities or plenty of B&Bs nearby for those that want some comfort. There will be a BPMC BBQ on the Saturday night. Also Chris Hartnell and Backdraft will be there for you to watch and aspire to.

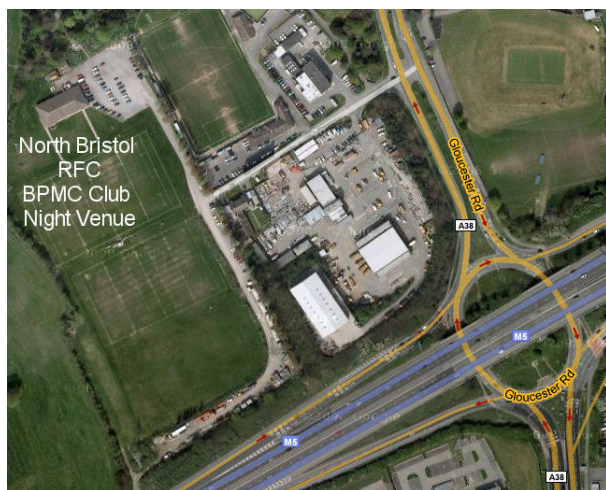
<http://www.shakespearecountyraceway.com/rwyb.asp>

Contact Nick 01275 833098 for more information or to add your name to the growing list.

Website updates this month - Check out the new front page it's easier now to find what you are looking for

Don't forget about the new forums section on the website @

<http://www.bristolpegasus.com/forums>



Club Night - Directions

North Bristol RFC

Almonsbury Bristol

Exit M5 at Junction 16. Arriving from the south, take the left exit lane. Turn left at lights and venue is 150 metres on left-hand side. Arriving from east, take right-hand lane on slip road.

Take 3rd exit. After approx 150 metres, turn left before Police HQ. Continue past the Gloucester

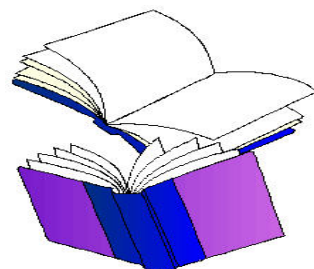
Football Association building. At T junction, turn right into North Bristol RFC.

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Visit the bookshop

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The Amazon site sells books, videos, CDs, DVDs etc



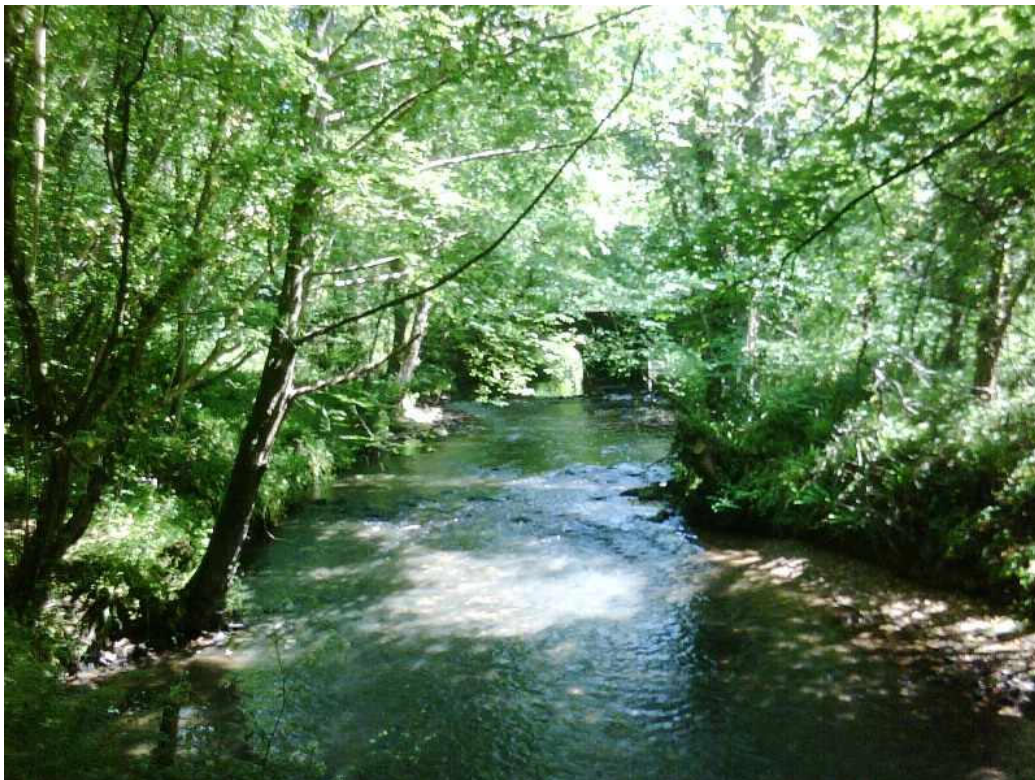
Treasure Hunt - Monday 17th May 2010

Organised by Dick Craddy - Report by Andy Moss

Was this a first for Bristol Peagus ? A Treasure Hunt without an organiser ? O.K, that is not strictly true, as of course the event did have an organiser, just not on the night itself. When we were looking for someone to plan the May Treasure Hunt, Dick said he had something in mind, but might not be able to be there on the night. So a plan was hatched where he would supply the route instructions and answers in sealed envelopes. When we met up at the start the first envelope would be opened and the route instructions passed out, when we got to the finish the answer envelope would be opened, we would all swap papers and mark each others - sounds easy doesn't it ?

Well there was one slight catch, normally if anyone shows up late the organiser will be around for a while at the start. Of course with us all keen to get on with the route, no one was going to be there for late comers. Sure enough as we set off Merrill and Tom arrived, luckily they spotted a few cars heading off and managed to flag us down to get a route paper - hopefully no one else arrived after we had gone !

Six cars entered, which was a reasonable turnout for the first event of the summer, however we can do better for the remaining events, come along and have a go, the instructions aren't hard to follow and we always have a laugh.



Using his local knowledge, Dick had planned an excellent event for us. Soon after the start we found ourselves driving along a very picturesque route, with bluebells lining the road, which itself followed the river valley. Most of the clues were easy enough to spot, and with the light due to fade quite early at this

time of year, the crews tried not to waste too much time going backwards looking for missed route checks.

The finish pub had been arranged as the Royal Oak at Cromall, and the landlord, who was expecting us, seemed to be friendly and interested in what we had been upto. To make things easier for the marking we went through with someone shouting out the answers, this was actually quite a good way of doing



things as everyone got to discuss whether they found the answers or not, and perhaps is something we can do even when we have an organiser present in the future. It certainly made the whole exercise a lot quicker and more sociable. The other thing we had forgotten with not having an on the night organiser were the customary prizes for the winning crews !

When the results were declared Myself and Martin Emsley had scored a narrow victory, just beating treasure hunt experts Chris and Michelle Rogers. Martin and Evan had a good night finishing in front of Paul and Judith, followed by new crew Tom and Merrill. Despite finishing last Chris and Alan seem to have enjoyed themselves, which is really what it is all about

Results

Andy Moss & Martin Emsley	1
Chris Goodchild & Michelle Rogers	2
Martin Baker & Evan Sanders	3
Paul & Judith Bird	4
Tom Hartshorn & Merrill Spooner	5
Chris Thompson & Alan Dillamore	6

Finally thanks must go to Dick for organising a very enjoyable event.

Wessex Sprint 2010 - Photos by Dave Garnett



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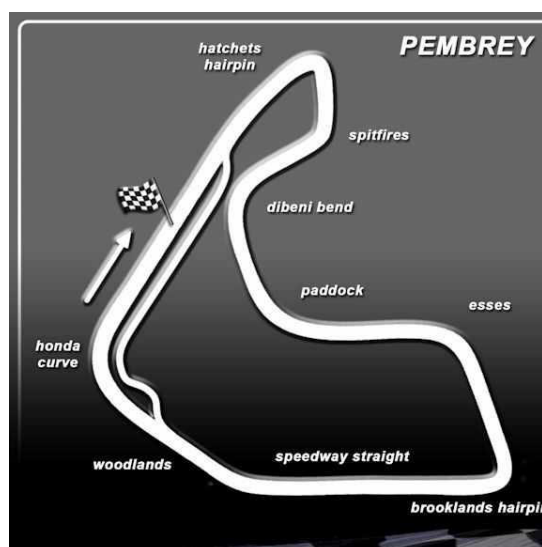


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September 11th - Track day at Pembrey Racing Circuit

Motorsports Events invite the Marlin Owners Club and BPMC to share a track day at Pembrey. If collectively the two clubs manage a minimum of 10 cars there will be a free 20 min instruction session from an ARDS-qualified professional instructor per car. Cars can also be double driven for an extra fee. Cost per car is £169. If interested please ring Motorsport Events 0870 787 2116 to book your place.



The Chipping Sodbury Classic Run

For pre-1985 cars, motorbikes & light commercial vehicles

Sunday 27th June 2010



- **Start in Broad Street, Chipping Sodbury (closed from 7.30am)**
 - **Vehicle movements from 8.30 to approximately 10.00.**
- **Breakfasts available at The Squire from 7.30am. (Proceeds to R.N.L.I.)**
 - **Coffee halt at Memorial Hall, Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire**
 - **Finish at picturesque Oaksey Airfield, Wiltshire**

Organised by the Rotary Club of Chipping Sodbury

e-mail rotary.classic.run@hotmail.co.uk or Mark Benstock on 01454 311712

Members' Ads

FLORENCE is for sale ! Ford KA

Sarah Craddy's light metallic green Ford KA, affectionally known as Florence is for sale. Ford KA, 1.3 litres OHV, first registered in May 2001(Y), 89,000 miles. New MOT and two new rear tyres. Two owners and regularly serviced. Can be viewed locally. This car has been entirely reliable. It is not unblemished but is nevertheless a tidy example. Would suit a student or somebody looking for inexpensive reliable motoring.

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Wider regulation consultation

Regular visitors to the MSA website will have noticed that proposed rule changes for consultation are now posted in the News section. These relate to the regulations in the MSA Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook and MSA Kart Race Yearbook, which are updated and published at the beginning of each year. Printed versions of the Yearbook(s) are sent to MSA licence holders and digital versions can be downloaded from the MSA website (see below).

Previously, the consultation process was solely conducted via Motorsports Now! – the MSA publication sent to licence holders quarterly. In order to improve the consultation process, the Motor Sports Council has agreed that any proposed changes to regulations (made by MSA Specialist Committees) should also be made available on the MSA website.

Consultation for all Specialist Committee proposed regulation changes closes on 20 August 2010. However, we encourage you to make any comments on proposed changes to regulations prior to the next meeting of the respective committee where possible (see below).

Dates of next meetings of MSA Specialist Committees (2010)

Autotest Committee – 7 July
Cross Country Committee – 14 July
Historic Committee – 21 July
Kart Sporting Committee – 10 August
Race Committee – 29 July
Rallies Committee – 22 July and 29 September
Regional Committee – 19 May and 18 August
Speed Events Committee – 20 July
Trials Committee – 4 August

Please note that proposed regulation changes agreed by the Motor Sports Council will continue to be published in Motorsports Now! and subsequently included in the following (2011) issue of the relevant MSA yearbook.

Situations vacant

As detailed in the April issue of e-Wheels, the MSA is seeking nominations to fill vacancies on its Specialist Committees. Applications must be received before the end of June 2010. Please submit a brief outline of your motor sport involvement and achievements to the sponsoring MSA-registered club or Regional Association, together with your name, address, contact details

and any relevant qualifications. The club or association will forward the application to Andrea Wren at Motor Sports House, Riverside Park, Colnbrook, SL3 0HG.

Closed roads lobby

At the time of writing, more than 3,600 people had signed a petition indicating their support for motor sport events on closed roads. To add your name, go to www.petition.co.uk/msa

Designer clipboard

Many of you will know that the Motorsport Safety Fund is a registered charity formed in 1974 to help improve safety in the sport. It produces many useful publications and has recently introduced a clipboard specially designed for motor sport. There's weather-protected information on the radio alphabet, flag signals and so on plus four clear plastic pockets for entry lists, instructions and other items.

It has an A5 clear pocket and a business card size pocket which will take one of the fund's new z-fold marshalling leaflets (available shortly). A strong clip, pen holders and a tag for hanging the board complete the high specification.

An essential item for all marshals, officials and organisers, the clipboard costs just £10 including postage and packing. Go to: www.blencolour.com/motorsportsafetyfund/Publications.html

Wales Rally GB News

Many of you will already have 11 to 14 November in your diary. To keep up to date with news of Wales Rally GB, register for the ezine at www.walesrallygb.com.

If you wish to marshal on the Wales Rally GB you need to be a registered marshal with the MSA. We recommend you do this a few months in advance of the rally.

You can download a Marshals Registration Form from the MSA website (www.msauk.org > Officials > Download 'Marshals' forms > Marshals Registration Form).

Award for motor sport road safety DVD

The Capita Symonds' Casualty Reduction Programme, based in Blackburn with Darwen in the North West of England, was developed during 2009 to include signposting young people to become involved with local motor sport clubs and events as positive diversionary activities. The message was that motor sport competitors drive fast but safely because they have to conform to the regulations imposed by the MSA – regarding the type of event, the type and preparation of the vehicle and the experience of the driver.

The MSA assisted Capita Symonds in developing a DVD of its Casualty Reduction Programme to highlight this link and this was shown at some of the Safety Seminars held last year. This DVD (limited copies of which are available from the MSA on request) was recently given a highly commended award by the Chartered Institution of Highways & Transportation in the North West Safety Project of the year category.

Ilkley – more than 100 years on

Ilkley & District Motor Club has joined the list of clubs which have celebrated 100-year anniversaries. To mark the milestone, Alistair Tullie, President of Ilkley & District Motor Club, was presented with one of the Centenary Club Awards specially commissioned by the MSA.

FIA women's commission

Following unanimous agreement from the members of the World Motor Sport Council, the FIA has established a new commission to facilitate the full participation of women in all aspects of motor sport. The Women & Motor Sport Commission (WMC) held its first meeting on 26 April under the Presidency of former world rally winning driver, Michèle Mouton. The MSA is represented on the commission by Sue Sanders.

Blue Book on website

The 2010 MSA Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook (aka the Blue Book) can be downloaded from the MSA website. Other publications which can be downloaded include the 2010 Kart Race Yearbook, the Motor Club Manual, Motorsports Now! – the MSA magazine sent to competition licence holders and officials – and back issues of e-Wheels (in Word and pdf formats). Go to www.msauk.org > Clubs > Publications.

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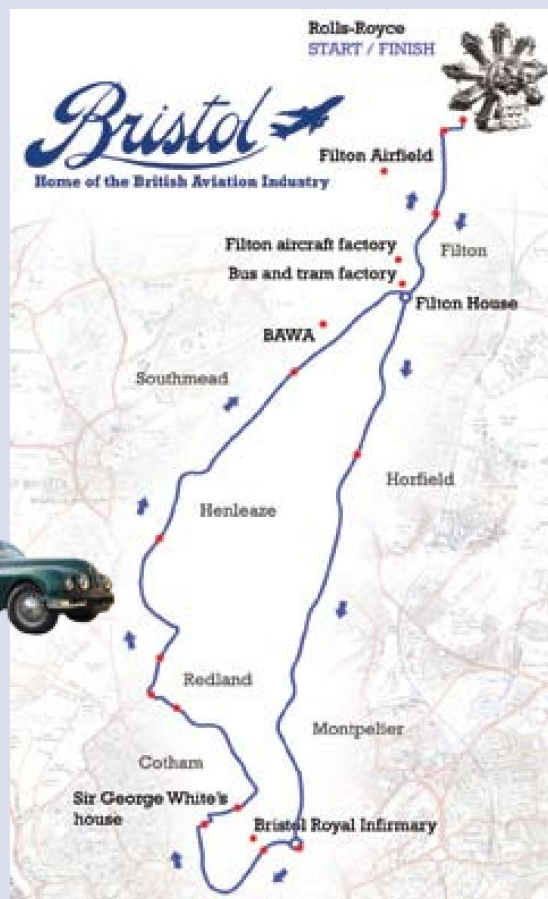
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- Marlborough Street
- Upper Maudlin Street
- Bristol Royal Infirmary
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- Woodland Road
- Tyndall's Park Road
- Cotham Road
- Sir George White's house
- Cotham Brow
- Cotham Grove
- Redland Grove
- Coldharbour Road
- Linden Road
- Northumbria Drive
- Henleaze Road (B4056)
- Southmead Road (B4056)
- BAWA
- Gloucester Road North (A38)
- Gypsy Patch Lane
- Finish at Rolls-Royce car park

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Monday 14th June - Club Night

Bring Your Car, Show & Tell



We have a large secure car park in view of our meeting room so why not bring your interesting or competition car along?

Bring your car and a friend along to club night.
Show off your pride and joy whilst **telling** a friend/work colleague/relative all about our club and events.

Hopefully we will have an interesting display to view over a pint. North Bristol Rugby Club from 8.30pm.



Monday 21st June - Treasure Hunt

Treasure Hunt, Monday June 21st at 7.30pm.

Organised by Ken Robson and Dave Bence.

June's Treasure Hunt will start at the Wickwar Road car park, Chipping Sodbury, BS37 6BQ. Grid ref ST727825.