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Bristol Pegasus Motor Club Magazine



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Pete Goodman



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Chairman's Chat

By Andy Moss

The club enjoyed some excellent events in May. The month got off to a good start with the Sprint at Llandow. It was nice to be back at the circuit and all seemed to go well – there is a full report and pictures later in Backfire, but as always many thanks to all who helped make it happen.

Next was Bob Bull's treasure hunt which was a fun event. I thought it was just about perfect in terms of the length of the route and the difficulty level. A few more cars would have been nice but we still had a good social at the end, an excellent event.

At the end of the month we returned to Shakespeare County Raceway near Stratford on Avon for another Drag Racing adventure. Our last club trip here was back in 2011 and with the future of the venue in doubt, we felt it was time to make the most of another visit while we still could. Those of us who went for both Saturday and Sunday decided we would spend the first day watching the action with those who wanted to go out on the strip saving their runs for Sunday. With brilliant sunny weather we were not disappointed and there was plenty of amazing cars and action to watch on both days.



June is going to be another good month for club events – I am writing this just before the ACE Tour, which has again received a very good entry. Hopefully the weather forecast will turn out to be correct and we will have a Sunny Day. Watch out for photos on the website and a full report in Backfire next month.

Just after you receive Backfire on Monday the 20th of June at 7pm we are returning to Redhill Social Club near Bristol Airport where we have use of a large "lawn" for a car meet as well as the facilities of the club for drinks and food. This venue was excellent last year, and we are planning to have a few fun driving tests as well as a general meeting and car display. Hopefully it will be well supported again - make sure you come along and join in the fun – you will be very welcome whatever car you bring along, be it a classic, sports, competition or just a modern shopping car !

Editorial

Another month, another couple of thousand miles ambulancing, but regrettably no marshalling, treasure hunting or drag racing with the BPMC.

Still it has not all been work and no play as I managed a short visit to the Avenue Drivers Club, until work dragged me away, the second day of the International Trophy meeting run by the HSCC at Silverstone and the second day of the Whitsun Weekend meeting at Castle Combe.

I'm looking forward to visiting the Le Mans 24 hours with a school friend in the middle of the month and hope to be back the day after in time to get down to Redhill Village Hall for our Bring Your Car Night and BBQ.

Last year this event was one of the highlights of the club year, many will remember piling aboard Duncan Pittaway's Land Rover with club social secretary Nick Wood at the wheel blindfolded for an unforgettable trip around the autotest cones. An evening not to be missed, 20th June, the fun starts at 7pm, bring a friend !

At the end of that week I'll be joining fellow BPMC members Dave Cutliffe, Pete Goodman and Tim Murray for our fourth trip to Goodwood for the Festival of Speed in five years.

Looking further ahead I will also look forward to joining our evening car tour on July 11th details to be published next month.

I have established a route, but not yet set the questions for our Sunday Treasure Hunt on August the 14th which will pass through some wonderful countryside on the way to one of my favourite village pub's, full details again in next month's Backfire

August will also see the club's annual not to be missed track day on Saturday the 20th for which I should once again be on start line duty and open to offers for rides around the track if anyone is offering ?

Meanwhile it is sad to report the loss of long standing BPMC member Geoff Healey who helped the club enormously in the days before it was affiliated to the MSA and was a regular commentator at local venues, Dick Craddy has kindly written an appreciation which appears in this month's issue.

My thanks to Bob Bull for his account of our Spring Treasure Hunt, to Tim Murray for keeping the Fantasy F1 results upto date, to Phil The Speed Jones for his humorous tales of the start of his season and to Andy Moss for his photo's from Llandow.

Wishing you all a safe month's motoring look forward to catching up with you in the weeks ahead.

Ralph Colmar

A Warm Welcome To New Members

Anthony Davis, Henry Edwards, John Gregson, Anthony Parker.

Events Calendar

Monday 20th June - Bring Your Car Evening and BBQ



An evening gathering of cars along with optional fun low speed driving tests.

We have the use of a large smooth field near Bristol Airport, which is next to a hall in which there will be refreshments and toilets available.

The event is at Redhill Village Hall BS40 5SG - just south of the airport.

There will be a BBQ, bar and refreshments on sale, plenty of parking space and room to mingle.

Monday 20th June please arrive from 1900hrs

Monday 11th July - Evening Car Tour

Short evening scenic tour with finish at a good pub.

An easy to follow scenic route that all should enjoy. Dust off the car, the family and come along and enjoy motoring through some of our fantastic countryside. No previous experience required, just bring a car and a couple of pens or pencils. More details next month.

Saturday 16th July - Frenchay Village Car Show

There will be a gathering of club classic cars at the Frenchay Village car show at Frenchay Museum from 2 - 5pm on Saturday 16th of July. Refreshments including highly recommended cake will be available.

Sunday 14th August - Sunday Treasure Hunt

Sunday Treasure Hunt. Finishing at an old village pub, organised by Ralph Colmar

Saturday 20th August - Castle Combe Track Day

Our Castle Combe Track Day is on August the 20th this year and entry information is now available from the club website, which has all the information you need in a special Castle Combe day section. <http://castlecombetrackday.bristolpegasus.com>

The event is now filling up quickly so get your entry in soon.



Saturday 22nd October - Castle Combe Pegasus Sprint

Add the date to your diary - Entry forms out soon.



Saturday 7th May - Llandow Sprint - Report by Andy Moss



Club Member Pete Deval in the Peugeot 106

over to Andrew Meek from Bristol this year. This meant I could take a slightly less hands on role in helping to organise things this year. Zoe Tooth was again entries secretary with husband Mark joining the team as Chief Marshal. Nick Wood was again clerk of Course, with Chris Thompson continuing his Clerks training as Assistant Clerk. Glyn Hopkins from BMC would be deputy, but as he now does not live locally, he would not be able to get involved in the pre-event planning. Tim Murray would again handle Radio Control, with Barry Green performing the important role of operating the safety button to ensure a safe gap was kept between cars. We therefore had our core organising committee arranged with good representation from both clubs.

Early on we found out that Historic Austin 7 championship, would not be joining us this year. This meant we had to think carefully about whether we would get enough entries. To help with this we again had the Downton Engineering Mini Championship and were also pleased to again be able to welcome the MG Car Club as an invited Championship. Bristol also brought a good number of Mazda MX5s from their MX5 Challenge series, and of course we had both the ASWMC and

Once again we made our regular trip to Llandow Circuit in South Wales for our first sprint of the year. The organisation of the May event normally starts just after Christmas, as well as some regular team members we were pleased to welcome a new face to the team. Having performed the secretarial role in recent years, I handed things

Welsh regional championships which have also been strong supporters of the event.

Entries soon started to roll in and it was clear the event was going to be popular again. Entries peaked in the low 90's which was very pleasing. As the event got nearer more volunteers were drafted in to help. Mal Allen volunteered for Startline duties along with Mike Cole from Bristol and



Pegasus Member Grahame Harden in the Jedi

Charlie Cartright. The startline itself is always a vital part of the event, and an experienced team here is vital to the safe and efficient running of the event. My wife Liz volunteered as paddock marshal and we also managed to enlist some enthusiastic youngsters in the Paddock with Sam Thompson being joined for the first time by younger brother Thomas - both did an excellent job of rounding up competitors when they were due to run. Back in control, another vital part of the operation was entering times onto the computer to allow us to prepare printed results after the event, and regular Ben Goodman once again did a great job. Donny Allen help out with signing on and brought her secretarial experience to helping with the paperwork and times during the day. We were also lucky to have two experienced Club Stewards in Paul Hemming and Dave Cutcliffe.

As always we need the support of quite a few people from outside the club to run the event. The rescue unit was supplied by the Midland Hillclimb Championship who have had a long association with us, having provided rescue at Colerne for many years. A team of MSA licensed scrutineers were organised, along with a noise scrutineer. St John's provided us with an Ambulance and we had a Paramedic in attendance without whom the event could not happen. Once again the time keeping team was headed by Tony Parker, who has timed the Pegasus Sprint for many years, along with Swansea motor club member Neil Samuel acting as assistant. Tony and Neil are real enthusiasts and do an excellent job.

So, to the event itself. It was great to see a good Pegasus entry – 15 entries being an excellent effort. The weather was showery in the morning and we had a couple of heavy downpours. Luckily after lunch we had a dry afternoon.



Above : FTD for Pegasus Member Ian Parr in the Jedi Mk4

All the competitors seemed to have a good day and the runs were completed in good time. Fastest Time of day went to Pegasus member Ian Parr in his Jedi Mk4, with Nick Green picking up the award for Best BMC member in his Caterham. The trophy for best Pegasus member on index went to Pete Goodman in his Ford Fiesta.

Finally, a special mention for all the marshals – as always there would be no event without you. The marshalling duties were split between the organising clubs. Most of the posts can see the whole circuit, which makes Llandow a good place to marshal. Among our members out marshaling were Jim and Jo Mowat, Ady Taylor, Cherry Robinson and Jeff Oakley – thanks & apologies to anyone I have missed.

Saturday 7th May - Llandow Sprint



Monday 16th May - Bob Bull's Spring Treasure Hunt

4 teams enjoyed an evening in North Somerset on the May Treasure Hunt turning in very similar scores

The Wooden Crew	137
Moss Senior and Junior	143
Ben Bishop	152
2 people in a Red Mazda	155

It all ended in The Rudleigh Inn Steakhouse Car Park (as the Pub was shut!!) we soon found sustenance in the nearby Kings Arms



Geoff Healey (1932 - 2016)

It is with regret that we announce the passing of Geoff Healey who had been an honorary member of our club since the mid 1970's. At that time Geoff had his own insurance brokerage business with premises in both Bristol and Thornbury and assisted us greatly when the, then, BACMC, was not RAC affiliated. Geoff was a past member of local Round Table, 41 Club and Rotary clubs and was well known, given his involvement in the activities of each of these clubs, in the wider Bristol area.

His passion was, however, motor sport and as such his particular interest was hill climbing and sprinting. In fact Geoff entered our initial Two Club meeting which was held at Wroughton prior to the move to Colerne in 1998. Subsequently he provided commentary at both the Wessex and Two Club events for many years when his deep and accurate knowledge combined with rapid recall and prestigious memory became a hallmark of his humorous style. His commentary skills were also employed, on occasion, at Castle Combe, Silverstone and regularly at Wiscombe. Latterly he act as a club Steward at Colerne.

In the time before he moved to Bristol from north London he claimed to be Jem Marsh's first salesman of Marcos cars.

An MG enthusiast throughout his life, Geoff owned both a famous 'Dundrod' MGA and a John Chatham built MGC Sebring replica. He was also a member of both the MGCC and Woolbridge clubs.

Many of us have lost a man whose friendship was very rewarding.

Dick Craddy

Chris Varey

It is with great sadness that we must report that club member Chris Varey has sadly passed away following a heart attack.

Chris was a well known and active member in many local clubs and was particularly active in the Westfield Sports Car Club local area groups. He enjoyed driving his car at many local track days and was a regular at our Castle Combe Day.

He was well known to Pegasus club members for his recent Backfire articles describing his motoring adventures both here in England and over in France.

His sudden loss was a shock to us all and our sympathies are with his family and friends.

It's an uphill struggle

Start of the 2016 season in the Soup Dragon

The start of 2016 and car prep is the focus in Feb and March. The annual, self-inflicted, bonnet rebuild – GRP, paint, bonnet hinges etc. – is completed and it looks like new thanks to Redline Sportscars. It's mostly repairs this time but I have added a lightweight flywheel, new clutch and gone to MSA 1A tyres for this year.

The Classic Marques Speed Challenge is at 54 entries by March. The handicap system on power: weight ratio and tyres means that I was tempted to gamble going from 1B to 1A tyres in return for a 2.5% handicap advantage. At hillclimbs, the Yokohama AD08Rs were still pretty much cold at the top of the hill so I very much doubt I was getting real benefit from them. The only places that they really melted were Goodwood, Lyden and Croft and they were superb there. It's a gamble but we'll see what the Yokohama V105s are like this year.



To encourage mass use of a common rolling road – surely the way to go for a championship like this - CMSCC put a deal together with Northampton Motorsport so I took the Soup Dragon there on Saturday March 5th to run alongside the V8 TVRs. The next session was for 4 cylinder cars like MGs, Honda S2000s and MX5s. The morning had a bit of a 'start of the season' feel and

Northampton Motorsport are very well set up. The Soup Dragon only made 280bhp on the rollers vs 301 last year on a different rolling road. I suspect some of the difference is the rolling road change but it will be interesting to see what it's like at the end of the season. The lower ratio diff - changed mid 2015 - is the only other potential factor. The ratio should not 'change' anything but I suspect more drag in it.

On the same day a Griff 500 managed 314, a 4.5 Litre Chimaera only 216 (but later re ran at 239 which is better) and a 4.2 Cerbera made 349 on a recently refreshed engine (so it was spot on). So the cars were all over the place really.

First event of the season was Croft on bank holiday Monday March 28th. Both boys joined me, Lloyd competing in the one event he will get done before his A levels.

Last year Darlington was a long way from Cardiff, this year it was even further as we combined a family event in North Wales on the (Good) Friday. Yes, we trailered the Soup Dragon all the way to North Wales, unhitched it and left it at the hotel and then re hitched and carried on to Darlington on the Saturday. Complete madness.

Come Sunday in the vast paddock it started to lash down. The track walk was bloody miserable but at least the view was nice. Bank Holiday Monday dawned and though the track was very wet, the wind was up – in and out of the car – and the track started to dry late morning. Young Lloyd was only driving the car for the third time ever and again in the wet. He must think there is no such thing as a dry lap.

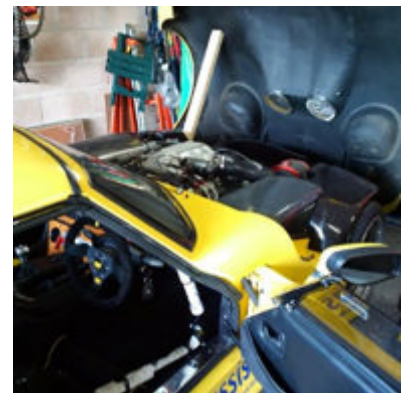
Last year I got to 100 secs in the bone dry but it was my first time there so I hoped to do better this time notwithstanding the fact that we were now on 1A tyres. As it turned out, I ran 117 and then 115 in the (very) wet which seemed to be fairly competitive and as it started to dry got to 103 in the first timed run – so all to play for and more to come. Except that the Soup Dragon decided to try and throw off what was left of its mashed up serpentine belt and I did not have a spare one with me so retirement from the last run seemed the prudent thing to do rather than risk sudden loss of power steering (crash) and no water pump (bang).

Lloyd got to 112 before the belt had its moment and was at that point going 12 – 13 secs faster each run so clearly I was going to be in jeopardy by the end.

The run back home on Bank Holiday Monday – all 350 miles of it – went without event and back home the spare belt flew on in 10 mins and all was well again. Joe at Redline kindly lent me a spare idler pulley in case the bearing had failed and caused a misalignment but in fact it was OK.

A wash and nut / bolt check later and it was ready for Gurston on 16th / 17th April.

My previous best at Gurston of 40.09 was just not quick enough in what is now a very competitive championship. This year the 1As would send me backwards but the lower diff should benefit me. The net result? Who knows, but Gurston's steep uphill finish killed the Mantis last year with its high diff and weight.



Friday night traffic from Cardiff to Salisbury is always glorious fun but young Owen and I got off lightly. A walk of the track showed Karousel to have been re surfaced and it looked black and oily which promised much with rain forecast the next day... The trailer field / camp site was thick with mud and a tractor and Mitsubishi 4WD had been towing the vans and trailers IN. Glad I brought the Jeep.

And the next day was horrible. Legs and hands numb, track slippery and times crap. The sun came out in the afternoon and after much effort and head scratching I ended up at 42.28 which was strangely slow even with the dodgy weather and 1A tyres.

Fortunately, Sunday was truly lovely and with 21 cars in the Classic Marques class it was very competitive. More head scratching. The 1A tyres were working very well and I honestly could not see much loss vs the 1Bs. Terminal speed over the line at the top was a problem though – 88mph last year and only 84 this year – with a lower diff. Something's not right.

It was an intellectual challenge to work it out and as I am not that way inclined, I could not work it out. Luckily I had a 12 year-old with me and so he worked up a plan and told me what to do. He must get it from his mother.

Off he went to the Jeep and came back with a set of Allen keys and a quarter inch ratchet and he set about backing off angle from the rear wing – 'less drag means more mph over the line Dad'. Quite.

We both started to get suspicious about the new lower diff. I feel like it has more drag in it. The rollers say we have lost power at the wheels. I am wondering whether those missing horses are lying in the diff somewhere. Anyway – let's try the wing. Two balls out attempts later and indeed we were faster over the line – 87mph. Still should be quicker than last year but at least we have recovered something. We ended up at 40.75 which is off last year and not the time that goes with the effort. Photo by Phil Ludbrook



Next data point was Goodwood. A rush down to Chichester on Friday evening – well rushing to nowhere as the A34 was at a standstill. There is that old gag about 'if you run you'll just miss it' and so we arrived at Goodwood at 18:34, just 4 mins after the gates 'might be closed' and it was like a graveyard. I reckon it had been shut for some while. So a comedy ensued trying to park the trailer at a busy Premier Inn at a retail park. Is now the time to take up Golf or basket weaving?

Saturday arrived and at least it was dry, if a little cold. A decent turnout of 10 cars in Classic Marques and once again we had a class. Practice is a standing start lap plus a flyer, all in one go. I ran 109 secs which is OK for practice and compares with 100.04 best last year. A clumsy gear change – 5th when I wanted 3rd into St Marys – spoilt it a bit but otherwise it was OK. Young Owen once again placed his GPS phone in the door pocket – it's a Welsh data logger! – and it showed only 122 mph max which would be the Lavant straight. That's 5mph down on last year and it's a good 15mph down on the Griff 500. Hmmm, this is going to be hard work.



Trying to miss the oil slick through the chicane
Photo by Owen Jones

This was my third time at Goodwood – of course at a Sprint you really don't get much track time – and I felt better through the front half of the circuit taking Fordwater flat after a little discussion with myself that involved various swear words and shouting "Mummy" in my helmet. No-Name corner was now 4th gear and so was St Marys by the end of the day so we were definitely making progress. Obviously I was losing a lot down the back straight.

We ended up 5 secs slower than last year at 105.

So a bit of head scratching and that thing called 'thinking' to be done before Prescott to work out where the missing time / power / pace has gone vs last year. In discussions with another competitor over the weekend, he leant in through the window and shouted:

"How's it going?". I replied:

"It's a bit like Golf...and I can't do that either!"

Jones the Speed

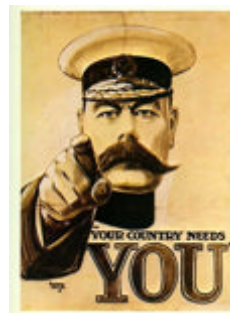
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Be close to the action

Meet Other Club Members



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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.

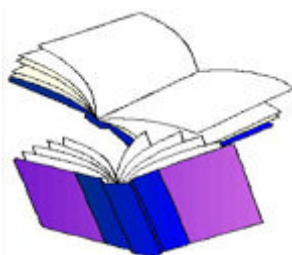
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Bristol Pegasus Fantasy Formula One 2016

Results after Round 6 - Monaco

Entrant	Driver 1	Driver 2	Team 1	Team 2	Engine	Score
Helena Sarsted	Button	Ricciardo	Red Bull	Rosso	Mercedes	322
Alyson Marsden	Verstappen	Vettel	Red Bull	Rosso	Red Bull	311
Joe Robson	Hamilton	Verstappen	Red Bull	Rosso	Rosso	297
Mike Marsden	Ricciardo	Verstappen	Ferrari	Rosso	Mclaren	272
Steve Clark	Alonso	Perez	Red Bull	Sauber	Mercedes	267
Dick Craddy	Alonso	Vettel	Mclaren	Red Bull	Williams	262
Chris Thompson	Ericsson	Vettel	Mclaren	Red Bull	Ferrari	257
Mal Allen	Button	Hamilton	Haas	Red Bull	Williams	254
Sharon Reynolds	Vettel	Wehrlein	Ferrari	Manor	Haas	252
Kristopher Watts	Hamilton	Sainz	Haas	Mclaren	Mercedes	238
Ken Robson	Hamilton	Rosberg	Sauber	Rosso	Rosso	233
Liz Moss	Button	Massa	Ferrari	Mclaren	Haas	233
Simon Moss	Hamilton	Hulkenberg	Red Bull	Sauber	Rosso	223
Charlie Emsley	Verstappen	Vettel	Sauber	Rosso	Mercedes	222
Audrey King	Ericsson	Hamilton	Mclaren	Sauber	Ferrari	217
Bill Farrow	Grosjean	Kvyat	Ferrari	Mclaren	Haas	215
Tim Murray	Alonso	Magnussen	Rosso	Williams	Mercedes	214
Ann Farrow	Verstappen	Vettel	Haas	Williams	Haas	212
Richard Ibrahim	Hamilton	Vettel	Mclaren	Rosso	Mclaren	208
Mary Craddy	Bottas	Button	Mclaren	Williams	Red Bull	205
Donny Allen	Massa	Sainz	Ferrari	Mclaren	Renault	201
Bob Bull	Bottas	Button	India	Rosso	Mercedes	200
Andrew Moss	Gutierrez	Palmer	Ferrari	Williams	Haas	198
Martin Emsley	Hamilton	Vettel	Haas	Manor	India	198
Pete Stowe	Ericsson	Magnussen	Mclaren	Williams	Mercedes	190
Sam Thompson	Bottas	Grosjean	Haas	Williams	India	183
Matt Johnson	Alonso	Vettel	Mclaren	Williams	Renault	176
Charles Alexander	Magnussen	Vettel	Sauber	Williams	Mclaren	154
Jeff Oakley	Alonso	Bottas	Sauber	Williams	Williams	146

Pegasus Drag Racing Weekend Trip - 28th / 29th May 2016

Club Chairman Andy Moss in Westfield



Straight out the Hot Wheels box ?



Lots of works of art on show



Pegasus Member Lee Hartnell's new car



0 - 172 mph in 1/4 of a mile - Quite a car



Ken Robson's Z4 shared with Dave Bence



Quick Ford Rod of Member Neil Thomas



Plenty of American Muscle Cars



Bristol Pegasus Motor Club

Club Motorsport at its best



Pegasus Motor Club
Bring Your Car Night and BBQ
Redhill Village Hall - Bristol - BS40 5SG
On Monday the 20th of June at 7pm
for further info please call Nick 07786936941



Bristol Pegasus Track & Tuition Day Castle Combe



Saturday 20th August 2016

**Tickets now on sale for our Annual
Castle Combe Track Day**

BPMC member price held for the 6th year at £129.00

This is your chance to drive your own car at Castle Combe

- Around 6 cars in each session so plenty of track space
- Tuition from Castle Combe Instructor included in price
 - No extra charges for passengers
- Share tickets between two drivers or cars at no extra cost
- A true club day - run for the benefit of members not profit
 - All you need is a helmet and ordinary driving license
 - Sensible drivers with good on track driving standards

See club website www.bristolpegasus.com for entry details or contact Tim Murray if you require a printed entry form posted

**This event is always popular
Send your entry in NOW !**

BPMC 2016 Events Calendar

Month	Day	Date	Event	Location
Jun	Mon	20th	Bring Your Car Night And BBQ	Redhill Village Hall BS40 5SG 7pm Start
Jul	Mon	11th	Evening Car Tour	TBC
Jul	Sat	16th	Frenchay Car Show	Frenchay Museum
Aug	Sun	14th	Sunday Treasure Hunt	Finishing at an old village pub, organised by Ralph Colmar
Aug	Sat	20th	Track Day	Entries Now Open
Sep	Sun	11th	Autosolo	Rolls-Royce
Sep	Mon	12th	Club Night	BAWA 8pm
Oct	Sat	1st	Castle Combe Autumn Classic	Club display at the Castle Combe Classic Race Meeting
Oct	Mon	10th	Club Night	BAWA 8pm
Oct	Sat	22nd	Pegasus Sprint	Castle Combe
Nov	Mon	14th	Club Night	BAWA 8pm
Dec	Mon	12th	AGM & Prizegiving	BAWA 8pm
Dec	Tue	27th	Christmas Autosolo	Aust

Backfire



Deadline for Next Backfire: 23rd June 2016

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

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