

# Backfire

**Bristol Pegasus Motor Club Magazine**



**May 2014**

**Ben Goodman driving in his first event at the Cross Trophy Trial**

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# Chairman's Chat

By Andy Moss

What a great evening we had at BAWA for the visit of David Render. I did not count exactly how many were there, but I am guessing not far off of 60. As expected David gave us a fascinating talk, the chance to hear about D-day from someone who was there must be an increasingly rare opportunity, and one which proved very interesting. Partly inspired by David, myself and the family visited Bovington tank museum during an Easter trip to Dorset. This was another fine example of a museum that has benefited from huge investment - partly funded by the Lottery – a very interesting place to visit if you get the chance.

April means our annual trip to Dundry for our Trial – unfortunately we had a very wet day. Despite this everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and even the marshals, who had endure the worst of the weather, managed to do so with a sense of humour – my personal thanks to everyone involved in running the event. There is no doubt the hardest part of the event was getting into the field at the start, and luckily for us Duncan not only allowed us to use his field but also helped with recovery services in his very capable Toyota Land Cruiser.

Mal and Donny did an amazing job setting everything up, and Tim Murray did his usual excellent job of sorting out the results. A mention also for Dave Cooper who helped us with Scrutineering. The final entry was 26 which was very pleasing. At the end of the event we were concerned at the amount of mud we had created in the field. Duncan as always he was very generous in saying it was not a problem – Thank you again.

As I write this, to our next event the Llandow sprint on Saturday, then we have a number of events that allow you to get out and use your car, or perhaps just come along and enjoy looking at other peoples. I am hoping for some sunshine for these events. Following Caring with Cars on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup>, we have our first Treasure Hunt the next day which Bob Bull organises. Our treasure hunts are normally great fun so please come out and join in.

Finally, I am also pleased that we have firmed up our Autumn Factory Visits. We are fortunate to have both a local evening visit to the Bloodhound Land Speed Record Car, as well as a very exciting trip to the Mini Factory in Oxfordshire. Make sure you put your name down early as these are both bound to be popular.



# Editorial

Welcome to the May edition of Backfire, another month of motoring highs and lows has flown by, starting with a trip to Silverstone for the 80th Anniversary VSCC Spring Start meeting where the highs included a field of 10 ERAs and the lows a couple of injured drivers.

All of the above was put into perspective the following day at the club meeting when David Render gave us a talk on his experiences as a Tank Commander during the liberation of Europe.

The following weekend I went back to Silverstone to catch the 6 Hours of Silverstone which has been a favourite event of mine since 1978, when the Moby Dick Porsche made its debut winning by something like twenty laps. This year the competition was a little stiffer and the new Porsche 919 Hybrid had to play second fiddle to Toyota with Anthony Davidson in the winning car after the Audi challenge crashed out on slicks when intermediates or wets were required.

Last weekend it was off to Dundry to give my trusty Golf its annual Cross Trophy mud bath. There was a tremendous entry, congratulations to Cross Trophy winner Chris Thompson and to class winners Philip Buckle and Alan Wear. Special thanks to Mal and Donny Allen, Andy and Liz Moss and Pete Goodman for braving atrocious conditions with a bucket full of humour and not least to my novice passenger Dave Cooper.

On Sunday 10th I look forward to donning thermals and waterproofs for marshalling at Llandow where over eighty cars will be competing, at the time of writing I understand we are still short of marshals for the event, if you have not been before please think about coming to join us. I am also looking forward to Monday 19th when I'll be taking part in the treasure hunt being organised by Bob Bull starting in the car park at the back of St John's Church in Chipping Sodbury, OS Map 172 Ref 727 823.

I'm not going to be able to make it for the ACE Tour, but wish all those going a fabulous day out.

Wishing you all a safe month's motoring.

**Ralph Colmar**

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## Forthcoming Events

There will be no club night in May; the next will be "Bring Your Car Night" on June 9th.

### Llandow Sprint - Saturday 10th May



We are again joining forces with BMC to organise the May sprint at Llandow. The event is a round of both The Trident Engineering Welsh Sprint and Hillclimb Championship and The Bridge Tyres and Wheels ASWMC Sprint Championship, as well as the Austin 7, MGCC and Downton Engineering Mini Championships.

As well as members of the organising clubs the event is open to members of any club affiliated with the WAMC, the ASWMC or the Cotswold Motor Sports Group. For all competitors who have previously entered the event it will be great to welcome you back, for those competitors who are entering for the first time we are sure you will find the day to be enjoyable and competitive.

While the event needs nothing like the numbers of Marshals we have at Castle Combe, we don't have enough marshals yet and **really** do need some more people to come and help - contact Andy Moss on 0117 9041841 or [andy@mossdata.co.uk](mailto:andy@mossdata.co.uk) to volunteer.



### BPMC Treasure Hunt - Monday May 19th

Starting in the car park at the back of St John's Church in Chipping Sodbury, OS Map 172 Ref 727 823.

Meeting at 7pm for a 7:30pm start.

### Sunday 1st June - ACE Tour

Entries for the ACE Vehicle tour are now open. This is an idea opportunity to get out and about in your Classic, Sports, Competition or Kit Car - any interesting car is very welcome and there is no minimum age. The event will be raising funds for Prostate Cancer this year - a very worthy cause. Further details later in Backfire.



### Monday 9th June - Bring Your Car Night

An evening gathering of cars with fun low speed driving tests. We have managed to get 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. More details next month but put the date in your diary as this looks like it is going to be a good night out.

## News

### Welcome To New Members

This month we warmly welcome to our ranks Derek Theobald and Colin Hoppe.

### Loton Park Drivers School

Loton Park drivers' school will be 14th May, 9th July and 16th August.

The £180 courses include: an introduction and safety briefing, group walk up the hill with an instructor to understand each bend, run up the hill driven by an instructor, observed runs, lunch and video analysis of your performance, afternoon observed runs, and final analysis with your instructor.

For further information contact Martyn Silcox on 01384 877502 or e-mail [clubsec@hdlcc.com](mailto:clubsec@hdlcc.com)



### Pier Pressure Marathon Tour - 22nd June

Peter Goodman is thinking about taking part in Pier Pressure an 800 - 900 mile midsummer madness marathon round the UK visiting the four piers at Weston Super Mare, Blackpool, Great Yarmouth and Brighton on June 22nd.

If you are interested in joining him for a 17 hour jaunt around the country you can reach him on 0117 9605367 or by e-mail at :- [pete.1goodman@talktalk.net](mailto:pete.1goodman@talktalk.net).

### Speed & Steam at Didcot - Saturday 26 July

Didcot Railway Centre in conjunction with the Williams F1 Conference Centre is offering a unique day out combining both dreams, and not just for boys! Called Speed & Steam, it costs £155 for the day.

Includes a vintage bus ride to the Williams F1 Conference Centre and the Williams museum, at Grove (Wantage) with a guided tour of this rarely open to the public facility.

Return to Didcot for lunch, followed by a guided tour around the railway centre.

Tickets for this exceptionally special day are limited to an absolute maximum of 20, and cost £155 per person.

FFI and booking call the Didcot Railway Centre on 01235 817200 to book tickets.

## Caring with Cars 2014 - Sunday 18th May

This is the third running of this excellent event which raises money for the Childrens Hospice South West. It is held at Wraxall near Bristol and many club members are planning to attend again, having enjoyed the day in 2012.



You need to register in order to come along as while entry is free the event is not open to the general public - places are limited to 500.

"Caring with Cars 2014" will bring all manner of performance and classic vehicles together to raise much-needed funds for a very worthwhile cause on Sunday 18th May 2014 from 10 am. Once again the

event will be filling the lovely grounds of the private Downs School near Wraxall, Bristol with a huge variety of vehicles in order to raise much-needed funds for the charity, which sits next door to the school. This is the third year for the event having previously raised £5400 and £8000. All money raised before, during and after the event will go to the charity.



The event is for all enthusiasts who enjoy their motoring. Things are welcoming and relaxed, with various things for the kids to do. There will be a live band, expert talks, a showcase area of interesting machines, large raffle and more. Hot and cold food and drinks will be available on site from our catering van and the school cafeteria, or you're welcome to

bring a picnic and sit on the lawn by the fountain.

This is not a public event, so every vehicle must register through [Pistonheads.com](http://Pistonheads.com). It's free to register and free to attend the event - the only thing you'll need is a Pistonheads account, which is also free and easy to sign up.

There is a draw which in the past has raffled factory tours of Lotus F1 and Rolls Royce, glider and Cessna flights, VIP race tickets and Silverstone experiences among many others. If you, a friend or your company would be kind enough to help Children's Hospice by providing a raffle prize, please contact [graham@caringwithcars.com](mailto:graham@caringwithcars.com)



Register ASAP at : [www.pistonheads.com/calendar/event.asp?i=34098](http://www.pistonheads.com/calendar/event.asp?i=34098)

More info : [www.caringwithcars.com](http://www.caringwithcars.com)

Gate Opens 10am - Please don't turn up before 10!



# ACE Classic Tour - Sunday June 1st 2014

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The event will be raising funds for Prostate Cancer this year - a very worthy cause.



All Classics Enthusiasts (A.C.E.) Booking Form

Jointly organized with Bristol Pegasus Motor Club'

## The 2014 Classic Vehicle Charity Tour - SUNDAY JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>

We will be taking in the delights of the South Gloucestershire/Wiltshire countryside for this years Charity Tour; as always it is designed to take in places of interest, that we are sure you will enjoy. We shall once again have a communal picnic stop at a convenient and interesting location.

This year we are returning to the BAWA Club for the start of the tour. Tea and coffee will be provided, and there are toilets available on site.

**PLEASE ASSEMBLE BY 9.45AM**

It has been determined that our charity for this year is the **Prostate Cancer UK**. In the view of the Committee this local charity is most deserving of our support.

**Please retain the above section for your information. Return the lower section with your entry fee.**

Entrants/Driver Name:
Address:
Post Code:
Email Address:
Contact Telephone Number:
Passenger Name(s):
Vehicle Make/Model:
Vehicle Registration Number:

### DECLARATION

I agree to be bound by the Regulations that are issued for this event.

I declare that I am physically and mentally fit to take part in this event and I am competent to do so. I acknowledge that I understand the nature and type of the event.

I declare that the use of the vehicle hereby entered will be covered by insurance as required by the law, which is valid for such part of this event as shall take place on roads as defined by the law.

I furthermore declare that the vehicle is in a fit condition safely to be driven in the event and confirm that it is covered by a relevant Department of Transport Test Certificate (MOT).

Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Please sign declaration above and return with entry fee (**minimum £15.00 per vehicle**) to: -

Mrs. Brigitte Purnell, 127, Marsh Common Road, Pilning, South Glos. BS35 4JU. Tel: 01454 632101

(Please make cheques payable to ALL CLASSIC ENTHUSIASTS or A.C.E.)

If a receipt is required, please tick box and enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope.	
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# Bristol Pegasus Fantasy Formula One 2014

## Results After Bahrain Grand Prix



Once again we have had an excellent entry for our Fantasy Formula 1 competition with 43 entries being received. Please check your entry and contact Andy Moss if there are any corrections.

MARK ELVIN	BOTTAS	ROSBERG	INDIA	WILLIAMS	MERCEDES	166
BOB BULL	BUTTON	MASSA	MCLAREN	WILLIAMS	MERCEDES	140
MIKE MARSDEN	MASSA	ROSBERG	MERCEDES	WILLIAMS	WILLIAMS	132
CHARLES ALEXANDER	ALONSO	BOTTAS	SAUBER	ROSSO	WILLIAMS	128
PETE STOWE	ALONSO	BOTTAS	INDIA	MCLAREN	MERCEDES	123
NICK WOOD	KOBAYASHI	MAGNUSSEN	INDIA	MERCEDES	MERCEDES	123
CHRIS THOMPSON	BUTTON	MAGNUSSEN	MCLAREN	WILLIAMS	MERCEDES	123
ANN FARROW	BUTTON	HULKENBERG	MERCEDES	WILLIAMS	MCLAREN	121
JEFF OAKLEY	HAMILTON	MASSA	MCLAREN	WILLIAMS	MERCEDES	120
MARK NIBLETT	KOBAYASHI	MASSA	MCLAREN	MERCEDES	MERCEDES	118
MARTIN EMSLEY	BUTTON	HAMILTON	INDIA	WILLIAMS	MERCEDES	117
MAL ALLEN	HAMILTON	MASSA	INDIA	MCLAREN	MERCEDES	114
TIM MURRAY	ALONSO	PEREZ	MERCEDES	WILLIAMS	WILLIAMS	112
MATTHEW JOHNSON	GROSJEAN	HULKENBERG	MERCEDES	WILLIAMS	MCLAREN	108
DICK CRADDY	BUTTON	ROSBERG	MCLAREN	WILLIAMS	FERRARI	105
RICHARD IBRAHIM	MASSA	RAIKKONEN	MERCEDES	WILLIAMS	MCLAREN	104
MARTYN DAVIES	HULKENBERG	RICCIARDO	MERCEDES	WILLIAMS	CATERHAM	103
HELENA SARSTED	BUTTON	MASSA	MCLAREN	MERCEDES	CATERHAM	102
ALYSON MARSDEN	BUTTON	HAMILTON	MCLAREN	WILLIAMS	INDIA	101
RICHARD REYNOLDS	ALONSO	BUTTON	MCLAREN	WILLIAMS	MCLAREN	99
SIMON MOSS	HAMILTON	MAGNUSSEN	INDIA	MCLAREN	MCLAREN	98
KEN ROBSON	BUTTON	HAMILTON	MCLAREN	WILLIAMS	MCLAREN	96

ANDREW MOSS	BUTTON	HAMILTON	MCLAREN	WILLIAMS	MCLAREN	96
MARY CRADDY	HAMILTON	MASSA	FERRARI	WILLIAMS	INDIA	91
CHARLIE EMSLEY	BUTTON	HULKENBERG	FERRARI	MCLAREN	WILLIAMS	89
ROSS WILLING	MASSA	VETTEL	MERCEDES	ROSSO	CATERHAM	86
DOMINIC BENNETT	HAMILTON	MASSA	FERRARI	WILLIAMS	MCLAREN	86
BILL FARROW	HAMILTON	PEREZ	MCLAREN	WILLIAMS	REDBULL	86
CHARLES ALEXANDER	ALONSO	BOTTAS	FERRARI	WILLIAMS	FERRARI	86
AUDREY KING	HAMILTON	MAGNUSSEN	MCLAREN	SAUBER	ROSSO	81
JOHN PAGE	RAIKKONON	VETTEL	MCLAREN	WILLIAMS	WILLIAMS	80
HELEN DAVIES	MAGNUSSEN	MASSA	INDIA	REDBULL	WILLIAMS	79
CHRIS BENNETT	MASSA	RAIKKONON	FERRARI	WILLIAMS	FERRARI	79
SHARON REYNOLDS	CHILTON	VETTEL	MERCEDES	ROSSO	MARUSSIA	78
DONNY ALLEN	MASSA	VETTEL	FERRARI	WILLIAMS	MCLAREN	76
STEVE CLARK	BUTTON	MASSA	INDIA	LOTUS	REDBULL	73
ADE JONES	HULKENBERG	VETTEL	FERRARI	WILLIAMS	SAUBER	71
JOE ROBSON	RAIKKONON	VETTEL	INDIA	MCLAREN	CATERHAM	70
LIZ MOSS	MAGNUSSEN	ROSBERG	LOTUS	MCLAREN	MARUSSIA	66
ALISON BENNETT	BUTTON	HAMILTON	SAUBER	WILLIAMS	REDBULL	66
MICHELLE RADCLIFFE	MASSA	VETTEL	FERRARI	ROSSO	MCLAREN	62
MARK WILLIAMS	HAMILTON	RAIKKONON	LOTUS	WILLIAMS	WILLIAMS	58
MARTIN BAKER	HAMILTON	VERGNE	LOTUS	MCLAREN	ROSSO	55



## Winter Club Night Venue

Our regular winter venue is -

### **BAWA Leisure Centre**

589 Southmead Road, Filton, Bristol, BS34 7RG



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

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

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



**For the Summer we will be out having Car Meets and Treasure Hunts rather than indoor Club Nights.**  
**The September Club Night will be a visit to Bloodhound Landspeed Car. Our next BAWA club night will be October 13th - 7:30 for 8pm Start !**





## **Bristol Pegasus Track & Tuition Day Castle Combe Saturday 30th August 2014**

**Tickets now on sale for our 31st Annual Castle Combe Track Day  
BPMC member price held for the 4th year at £129.00**

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

- 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 two cars at no extra cost
- A true club day - run for the benefit of members not for 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](http://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 !**



## **Monday 8th September Evening Visit Bloodhound Land Speed Record Car Avonmouth Bristol HQ Visit**

Bloodhound SSC is the latest attempt on the World Land Speed Record and is targeting 1000mph! This groundbreaking project, headed up by the existing record holders, Richard Noble and Andy Green, is being designed and built in Bristol. We have arranged a visit to the recently opened facility in Avonmouth where the car is being designed and built.

Our visit will include a presentation about the project to date, including the engineering challenges of designing a car that can achieve 1000mph. We will also have the chance to see the car being built.



The visit will take place on our normal Club Night slot in September. The invitation is open to any club member, including family and friends and will cost just £10 per head which will all go towards the project. Places are limited to 50 and will be on a

first come first served basis. To reserve your place please contact Andy Moss on 0117 9041841 or email: [andy@mossdata.co.uk](mailto:andy@mossdata.co.uk)



## BPMC Pin Badges



Now available; Delightful 20mm diameter BPMC pin badges in black nickel, red / white enamel finish. These are a must for club members and available for £2.00 each from Alan Spencer.

## BPMC polo or sweatshirts

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

alanspencer@orange.net 01179 712587

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

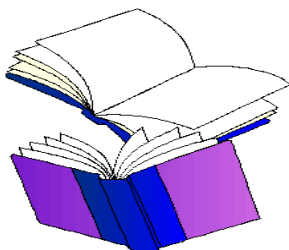


**Sweatshirts & polo shirts are available in the following colours and sizes:**

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

For Bristol Pegasus Motor Club **car & windscreen stickers** contact Alan Spencer.

**Help raise funds for Wiltshire Air Ambulance**



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

**All commission to Wiltshire Air Ambulance**

## Castle Combe Autumn Classic - Sunday 5th October

Do you have an interesting car that you could display on the club's stand at the Autumn Classic ?

We are particularly looking for anything from the '60s or earlier - if not would you like to help out on the club stand ? If you are interested in either bringing a car or helping out we can provide free entry to the event. We will also have details of a great ticket offer for members not on the stand later in the year.



## ***Bristol Pegasus NEEDS YOU !***

The successful running of club events requires Marshals and Organisers

- [Get involved](#)
- [Be close to the action](#)
- [Meet Other Club Members](#)
- [No experience required](#)



**Deadline for Next Backfire: 29th May 2014**

As always, we are looking for contributions for Backfire

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# Castle Combe Motorsport Dates 2014

Sat 17th & Sun 18th May	Steam Rally
Saturday 24th May	Club Lotus Track Day
Monday 26th May	Whitsun Bank Holiday Monday Race Day
Saturday 31st May	VW & Audi Track Day
Sat 7th & Sun 8th June	French Car Show
Saturday 14th June	Father's (Satur)Day Race Meeting
Sat 21st & Sun 22nd June	Grand National Motorcycle Race Meeting
Saturday 28th June	Classic & Retro Action Day
Saturday 5th July	RS Owners Club
Sat 12th & Sun 13th July	Retro Race Meeting
Saturday 19th July	Kit Fest Kit Car Action Day
Saturday 26th July	The Dick Mayo Sprint
Saturday 2nd August	Summer Race Day
Monday 25th August	August Bank Holiday Monday Race Day
<b>Saturday 30th August</b>	<b>Bristol Pegasus Motor Club Track Day</b>
Saturday 13th Sept	Forge Motorsport Performance Car Action Day
Saturday 20th Sept	Rallyday
Saturday 27th Sept	MiniWorld Action Day
Saturday 4th Oct	Grand Finals Championships Race Day
<b>Sunday 5th Oct</b>	<b>Autumn Classic</b>
Saturday 11th Oct	Audi Driver International Track Day
<b>Saturday 18th Oct</b>	<b>Bristol Pegasus Motor Club Sprint</b>
Saturday 25th Oct	Stroke Association Supercar Saturday



## [Autosport - FREE TO GOOD HOME !!!](#)

Free to a good home. Old copies of "Autosport"; 1966, 1967, 1968 complete. 1969 11 copies. 1970,1971,1972 complete, 1973 3 copies. Mike Marsden, 01454 228266 or [mikemarsden@waitrose.com](mailto:mikemarsden@waitrose.com)



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# 2014 Club Championships

## Prepared By Chris Thompson

### Clubmans Championship



'POINTS SCORED' POSITIONS	ENTRANT	TOTAL POINTS SCORED	NUMBER OF EVENTS	ORGANISED OR MARSHALLED ?
1	Chris Thompson	12.83	3	Yes
2	Mark Astin	9.57	2	No
3	Alan Spencer	8.21	3	Yes
4	Martyn Davies	5.38	1	No
4	Ralph Colmar	5.38	2	Yes
6	Pete Goodman	4.75	1	Yes
7	Colin Hoppé	4.00	1	No
8	Alan Dillamore	3.50	1	No
9	Mark Hoppé	3.00	1	No
9	Steve Spencer	3.00	1	No
11	Bob Bull	2.25	1	Yes
12	Martin Grindrod	2.00	1	No
12	Shawn Franklin	2.00	1	No
14	Andy Moss	1.63	1	Yes
14	Nick Wood	1.63	1	Yes
16	Ben Goodman	1.00	1	No
16	Danny Castleton	1.00	1	No
16	Martin Baker	1.00	1	Yes



## Marshals Championship

'POINTS SCORED' POSITIONS	ENTRANT	TOTAL POINTS SCORED	NUMBER OF EVENTS
1	Dick Craddy	3	1
1	Mal Allen	3	1
1	Tim Murray	3	1
4	Andy Moss	2	1
4	Donny Allen	2	1
4	Liz Moss	2	1
4	Pete Goodman	2	1

### 2014 Major BPMC Event Dates

**Llandow Sprint - Saturday 10th May**

**ACE Classic Tour - Sunday 1st June**

**Treasure Hunt - Sunday 13th July**

**Pegasus Castle Combe Day - Saturday 30th August**

**Bloodhound Evening Visit - Monday 8th September**



BPMC members Martin Watts and Martin Davis from the H.J.Davies & Son, Central Garage in Abergavenny kindly sent a couple of pics of the Sylvia Riot and Fiesta taking part in the recent Great Western Sprint at Castle Combe.

## David Render talk - 14th April



Following his well-received talk to us a couple of years ago on his motor sport career, David was persuaded to return, this time to talk about his wartime experiences as a tank commander.

David had always been keen on the military – he joined a band at the age of thirteen mainly for the uniform. He was supposed to play the flute but wasn't very good at it, so covered his inability by whistling instead. He joined up as soon as he was able, at eighteen, and was trained at Sandhurst. This was in the middle of World War Two, and at this time Sandhurst was turning out 40 officers every fortnight.

After passing out from Sandhurst David joined the Sherwood Rangers 8<sup>th</sup> Armoured Brigade, which comprised three regiments with, nominally, 150 tanks, although during the war they rarely operated with their full complement due to supply problems.

David then described the evolution of the tank, starting with Leonardo da Vinci's original concept from the 15<sup>th</sup> century. In World War One it very soon became apparent that an armoured vehicle that could cross the trenches without getting stuck in them would be very useful. After early experiments with tractors in East Anglia, the first successful British prototype, Little Willie, was developed. This used caterpillar tracks instead of wheels, but was still deemed too small to cross the trenches successfully.

Further development resulted in the larger 'rhomboidal' tanks which were first used in action at the Battle of the Somme in 1916. By the time of WW2 tank design had greatly improved, and David took us through the most significant tanks deployed by all sides in that conflict, listing their pros and cons.

Moving back to his own wartime experiences, David found himself as a very young 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant with no experience, in charge of a small group of tanks. Fortunately his Sergeant was an experienced veteran of around 40 who had come through the African campaign and was a great help to David.

In the run up to D-Day secrecy was paramount and no-one really knew what was happening. David was sent to Portsmouth to waterproof a batch of tanks (with tape and putty) and then organise their loading onto a ship. Having done this he asked what he should do next and was told to stay on board as they were off to France –

this was the first he knew that he himself was bound for Normandy.

Having arrived at the French coast David was ordered to disembark his tanks, but the first one off sank into deep water – there was an uncharted underwater trench at that point. The ship's captain then did a tremendous job moving the vessel to a better landing place and the remaining tanks disembarked successfully.

David then fought his way across Europe. He described some of the difficulties he faced, including the very hazardous crossing of the Seine, the impossibility of crossing the bridge at Nijmegen during the battle for Arnhem, and at one stage coming under 'friendly fire' from one of our own Typhoons. He was very modest and matter-of-fact about it all. Yet he and his comrades were all incredibly brave, and had to be so very, very cunning to stand any chance of surviving. David spoke about poking a tin hat on a stick out of the tank's hatch to draw sniper fire, and keeping a watchful eye out for quivering bushes which might have an enemy tank lurking behind them with its exhaust causing the movement of the bushes.

David said that when his campaign finally ended, in Bremen, after the German surrender, he was the only person left in the regiment who had set out from Normandy the previous June. He was thus their most experienced troop leader, and he was still not yet twenty-one. We owe him and all those who fought for us such a tremendous debt, especially those who gave their lives.

On a lighter note, David told us about a troop briefing he attended given by Field Marshal Montgomery. Monty started by saying 'Right, I don't want any coughing or sneezing during this briefing, so I'm giving you one minute to get all that out of the way, then I want complete quiet!', whereupon everyone dutifully coughed and sneezed. David didn't tell us what happened to anyone who dared to cough during the actual briefing.

The room was packed for David's talk. We were all very privileged to hear about his experiences, and were happy to make another donation to his chosen charity, the Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry Regimental Association. We thank him most sincerely.



We have been asked by several members how they can contribute to David's Charity. If you wish to make a donation send a cheque payable to :-

**Sherwood Rangers Widows Fund**

You can send to the club at the address below and we will pass on.

80 Meadow Way, Bradley Stoke,  
Bristol, BS32 8BP



## April Club Night

As well as the excellent talk by David Render we had a very interesting collection of Austin Healeys on display in the BAWA car park which were brought by our guests from the Austin Healey Club



## Stuart Turner evening Tuesday October 14th 2014

Tuesday 14th October 2014 at the White Horse Country Park, Westbury, Wiltshire. BA13 4LX at 20.00hrs. Tickets cost £7.50 or £10 on the door.

The Bath Motor Club is organising an evening with Stuart Turner who has become renowned for his amusing, modest and laconic style of public speaking. All proceeds to the 'Motorsport Safety Fund' and the 'Wiltshire Air Ambulance'

For more information David Whittock on 07785 352852 or [whittock@talktalk.net](mailto:whittock@talktalk.net)

# Cross Trophy Trial - 27th April 2014 - Results

## National B Event for ASWMC & Cotswold Championships

<u>Class</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Index</u>	<u>Pos</u>
1	1	Philip Buckle	Citroen Saxo	94	0.951	2
	2	Chris Buckle	Citroen AX GT	104	1.053	4
	3	Mark Hoppé	Citroen Saxo	108	1.093	5
	4	Shawn Franklin	Fiat Punto	138	1.397	7
	5	Andy Webb	Alfa Romeo 145	150	1.518	8
2	1	Alan Wear	BMW Z3	62	0.708	1
	2	David Robinson	Reliant SS1	99	1.130	6
	3	Brian Alexander	Suzuki X90	153*	1.747	9
	4	Stewart Green	Reliant SS1	153*	1.747	10
	5	Alan Spencer	Parsons	171	1.952	11
4	1	Hans Viertel	VW Beetle	128	1.000	3

\* tie resolved on the greater number of zero scores (T7.4.2)

Awards: 1st Class 1 Philip Buckle 1st Class 2 Alan Wear

## Clubmans Event

<u>Class</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Index</u>	<u>Pos</u>
1	1	Colin Francis	Citroen AX	92	0.749	2
	2	Craig Hayward	Fiat Punto	130	1.059	3
	3	Nick Cleal	Nissan Micra	144	1.173	4
	4	Colin Hoppé	Citroen Saxo	156	1.270	5
	5	Keith Best	Nissan Micra	157	1.279	6
	6	Pete Bishop	Fiat Panda	196	1.596	8
	7	Ralph Colmar	VW Golf	208	1.694	10
	8	Suna Bishop	Fiat Panda	231	1.881	11
2	1	Chris Thompson	Marlin Roadster	58	0.626	1
	2	Tim Edwards	Suzuki X90	138	1.490	7
	3	Steve Spencer	Parsons	151	1.631	9
	4	Martin Grindrod	Mazda MX5	216	2.333	12
	5	Stephen Hole	Marlin Roadster	222	2.397	13

Awards:

1st Overall (Cross Trophy) Chris Thompson

1st Class 1 Colin Francis

2nd Class 1 Craig Hayward

Awards will be presented at the Bristol Pegasus MC AGM in December



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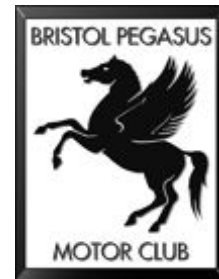






# LLANDOW

## May Sprint 2014



## Llandow Circuit, Vale of Glamorgan

### **SATURDAY 10th MAY 2014**

*The Trident Engineering Welsh Sprint and Hillclimb Championship*

*The Bridge Tyres & Wheels ASWMC Sprint Championship*

*The Luffield MG MGCC Speed Championship*

*The DEWS Speed Championship*

*The Pre War Austin 7 Club Bert Hadley Championship*

The 2014 May Llandow Sprint will again be organised by Bristol Pegasus Motor Club and Bristol Motor Club. Last year's event was very successful and had the largest entry we have had at Llandow for many years with almost 100 entries.

This year we expect the paddock to be a little less crowded as we will not be joined by the Lotus 7 Club, however we have two new championships with the Austin 7 Club and the Downton Mini Championship joining us for the first time in 2014.

The MGCC Luffield Speed Championship will be returning after their first visit last year and we are also pleased to again be a round of both the WAMC and ASWMC regional championships

**Regulations and entry details are available on the club website**  
**Contact Secretary Andy Moss on 0117 9041841 or [andy@mossdata.co.uk](mailto:andy@mossdata.co.uk)**  
**for a printed copy**

**Marshals also required - Cooked Lunch Provided and Bridge Toll Refunded**

# Exclusive Club Trip - Mini Factory Visit



**The date is now confirmed for our Mini Factory visit**



**We will be visiting the Mini factory in Oxfordshire on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> of October at 1pm – places are limited to 30 on a first come first served basis. We will travel up by car and have arranged a discounted price for the visit of just £10**



**If you would like to reserve your place contact Andy Moss – [andy@mossdata.co.uk](mailto:andy@mossdata.co.uk) or 07710 000144**

**Unfortunately children under the age of 14, and people with pacemakers are not permitted in production areas for safety reasons.**



# 2014 BPMC Calendar

Latest event information and date changes in Bold

Sat 10th May	All Day	Llandow Sprint	<b>Llandow Regulations available now from website</b>
<b>Sun 18th May</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Caring With Cars</b>	<b>Members will be visiting this charity car gathering</b>
Mon 19th May	7.30pm	Treasure Hunt	Evening scenic drive with questions, finish at a pub
Sun 1st Jun	All Day	ACE Classic Tour	Classic, Sports and Kit Car Charity tour
Mon 9th Jun	7.30pm	Bring Your Car	Evening gathering of interesting cars
<b>Sun 13th Jul</b>	10am	Treasure Hunt	Sunday morning Treasure Hunt finish at a country pub
Mon 4th Aug	7pm	Evening Tour	Short evening scenic tour with finish at a good pub
Sat 30th Aug	All Day	Castle Combe Day	Our track day with display of cars & paddock activities
<b>Mon 8th Sep</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Evening Visit</b>	<b>Bloodhound Land Speed Record Car Avonmouth</b>
Sun 21st Sep	All Day	Grass Autotest	Fun driving tests on a smooth grass surface
Sun 5th Oct	All Day	Autumn Classic	Club display at Castle Combe Classic Race Meeting
Mon 13th Oct	8.30pm	Club Night	Mix of speakers and socials, BAWA Room 7
Sat 18th Oct	All Day	Pegasus Sprint	Our Sprint at Castle Combe Circuit
<b>Wed 29th Oct</b>	<b>1pm</b>	<b>Mini Factory Visit</b>	<b>Club Trip to the Mini Factory in Oxfordshire</b>
Mon 10th Nov	8.30pm	Club Night	Mix of speakers and socials, BAWA Room 7
Thu 13th Nov	7pm	Karting	Our Indoor endurance Karting raising money Charity
Fri 14th Nov	All Day	NEC Classic Show	Club Trip to this impressive show at the NEC
Mon 8th Dec	8pm	Club Night - AGM	Our annual Buffet, prize giving and AGM
Mon 30th Dec	8pm	Christmas Meet	Post christmas informal get together

For latest news visit [www.bristolpegasus.com](http://www.bristolpegasus.com)

## Remember When ?



# JOIN US FOR A CLUB EVENT IN MAY OR JUNE

## Llandow Sprint - Saturday 10th May



We have a superb 90 entries for the Llandow Sprint.

While the event needs nothing like the numbers of Marshals we have at Castle Combe, we don't have enough marshals yet and **really** do need some more people to come and help - contact Andy Moss on 0117 9041841 or [andy@mossdata.co.uk](mailto:andy@mossdata.co.uk) to volunteer.



## BPMC Treasure Hunt - Monday May 19th

Our first treasure hunt of the year. The format of the event is a set of simple to follow route instructions with questions along the way. All you need is a car and a pen. Finish at a good pub

Starting in the car park at the back of St John's Church in Chipping Sodbury, OS Map 172 Ref 727 823. Meeting at 7pm for a 7:30pm start.

## Sunday 1st June - ACE Tour

Entries for the ACE Vehicle tour are now open. This is an idea opportunity to get out and about in your Classic, Sports, Competition or Kit Car - any interesting car is very welcome and there is no minimum age. The event will be raising funds for Prostate Cancer this year - a very worthy cause. Further details inside Backfire.



## Monday 9th June - Bring Your Car Night

An evening gathering of cars with fun low speed driving tests. We have managed to get 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. Full details next month but put the date in your diary as this looks like it is going to be a good night out.

