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Bristol Pegasus Motor Club Magazine



Lotus Elan Plus 2 at Castle Combe Early May Bank Holiday



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Chairman's Chat

By Andy Moss

After careful consideration this will be my last Chairman's chat, as I have informed the rest of the committee that I will be standing down as Chairman following the recent sudden loss of my wife, Liz. I will still be around and will stay on the committee, but at present I need to put my children and the rest of my family first.

I would like to thank everyone in the club for their support over the last couple of months - the many cards, messages and the kindness people have shown has been a great comfort and has been hugely appreciated.

Myself and Liz had some great times and a lot of fun over the years with the club and we made a lot of good friends as a result of our membership of Bristol Pegasus. I know the club will continue to flourish under whoever follows me, and I am sure there are many people out there who will continue to make sure we have the great mix of social and competitive events we all enjoy.

As we go to press we are a couple of days from the Llandow Sprint which has the best entry I can remember for many years - fingers crossed the weather stays dry and it all goes smoothly.

The sprint is followed by two chances to get out and enjoy driving your cars - first is Ralph's Treasure Hunt, if his past efforts are anything to go by this will be a good evenings run out. Then at the beginning of June there is the ACE Tour. Whilst this is primarily a "Classic, Sports and Kit Car" tour it has raised a lot of money for some very worthy charities over the last 20 years, and club members are welcome to come out in any car including "moderns" - the entry fee is very low and all of the money this year will go to Brain Tumour Research.

A mention for our bring your car night in June which will have the added attraction of a visit around the Rolls-Royce Heritage Collection - this is not open to the public so it really is a unique chance to get to see some Bristol aero engine history. Don't forget we will also be visiting the public Aerospace Bristol Museum on September the 2nd where we will have a guided tour around the museum.

Finally, thank you all again for your support in recent times and during my whole time as Chairman.

Andy Moss

Editorial

After the last minute cancellation of our annual Cross Trophy due to a waterlogged venue everyone here at Backfire towers is keeping their fingers crossed that the weather holds for all those attending the Llandow Sprint on May 12th.

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend, but I helped by my new beau Sue and Tim Murray preparations are being finalised for our Spring Treasure Hunt which will be starting at Gordano Services on Monday 21st meeting at 7pm for a 7:30pm start and finishing at a pub.

With the cancellation of our season opening Autosolo and Production Trial events and the rearrangement of the Silverstone 6 Hours from its traditional April to August unusually I had not seen any motoring competition this year... until I visited the Early May Bank Holiday meeting at Castle Combe where I met up with Nick Woods and Chris Thompson.

Looking forward there will not be anymore club nights at BAWA until Monday September 10th, but there will be plenty of events organised which will not be so susceptible to inclement weather starting with the ACE Classic Tour on June 3rd.

The following Monday, June the 11th, we will be convening at Gate 5 Rolls Royce Filton for our annual Bring Your Car Night organised by Pete Goodman.

Further on the horizon Ben Bishop is busy preparing our Evening Car Tour for Monday July 9th and our Summer Treasure Hunt for Sunday August 12th.

On a professional note I am being gradually ushered into the 21st century, having been relieved of a trusty 61 plate 282k mile T5 Transporter which has been replaced by another T5 with only 144k showing. The newer one is fitted with a seven speed Direkt Schalt Getriebe which has 3 modes to play with :- automatic, sport and sequential which is all proving very entertaining, as is the novel to me cruise control. First impressions are that my clutch foot is much relieved with trips into central London being much easier physically than hitherto.

Wishing you all a safe months motoring.

Ralph Colmar

PS as we were going to press Chairman Andy Moss announced that he will be standing down with immediate effect but that he will continue as a committee member, I am sure you will all want to join me in thanking Andy for the way he has guided the club to it's many successes over the years with great aplomb and diplomacy.

Events Calendar

Saturday 12th May - Llandow Sprint

The 2018 May Llandow Sprint will again be organised by ourselves and Bristol Motor Club.

Entry is now full.

Marshals also required - Cooked Lunch Provided and Bridge Toll Refunded
contact mark.tooth@tiscali.co.uk



Monday 21st May 7:00 pm Treasure Hunt

Our Spring Treasure Hunt which will be starting in the Gordano Services Car Park on Monday 21st meeting at 7pm for a 7:30pm start and finishing at a pub. All members welcome to this free to enter event, if you have never taken part in a treasure hunt before all you need is an enthusiastic passenger and a pencil.



Sunday 3rd June - Ace Classic and Sports Tour

The Tour will follow a new route north of Bristol which is being planned by Alan Spencer. The event is aimed primarily at Classic, Kit and Sports Cars but club members are very welcome whatever car they are driving. Details later in Backfire or on the website.

Monday June 11th Bring Your Car Night

We will be meeting at Rolls Royce Gate 5 for our Bring Your Car Night on June 11th, Pete Goodman has organised a visit to Rolls Royce Heritage on the evening.

Saturday 18th August Castle Combe Track Day

Entries open on website :- **ENTRIES** are already being received please book early to avoid disappointment !



Marshals Wanted

Woolbridge Motor Club

... 12th May and 28/29 July at Wiscombe and 22/23 September at Manor Farm for more details contact :- Worth Birkill e-mail worth@pandaprinters.co.uk

Ilkley Historic and Targa Rally on the 3rd June 2018

Marshalling help invited for the upcoming Ilkley Historic and Targa Rally on the 3rd June 2018 starting at the Burn Hall Hotel, Huby.

If you could do 1 test or morning/afternoon it would be a massive help, if you can do the full day it would be brilliant however we are after any help of any nature.

More information will be sent nearer the time, if you can help with anything it would be brilliant.

FFI Francesca Baglow Chief Marshal francescabaglowATgmail.com

Invitations

Mendip Meander 5 - Sunday May 20th 2018

Bath Motor Club invite BPMC member to join them for Mendip Meander 5 starting at The Highwayman Inn, Cannards Grave, Shepton Mallet. (BA4 4LY)

Finishing: The Highwayman Inn as above (BA4 4LY)

Entry Fee: £8

Entry by contacting Geoff Sutton on gsu180 at [hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gsu180@hotmail.co.uk)

Details in the club web site under the events section or on the club Facebook page.

Deadline for Next Backfire: 24th May 2018

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

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It's an uphill struggle

Driving round and round but going nowhere...

It was a lovely early winter morning and Owen and I needed to be over in Gloucestershire. Let's go in the Esprit!

The A449 just South of Monmouth always gives me the shivers when in a classic – memories of the front brakes locking on solid in the Porsche 928 come flooding back as I pass 'that layby'. But no, all was well and the Lotus was humming along. I had forgotten my sun glasses so in the shallow raked windscreen I could see 3/5ths of nothing but I was obviously directionally correct as we 'got there'.

The old A40 in from Ross on Wye was made for 1970s mid-engined cars and I was all excited in anticipation. It seems it was also made for articulated tankers and we followed one for the entire duration. Still, it gave Owen and me the chance to chat about pressurised couplings as we studied the rear of the tanker. It was all a bit British and 'whistling a happy tune'.

Just before the A417 there is a super farm shop and we decided that a snack would be appropriate. I kid you not, their cheese and bacon turnovers are the best. Whole piece of bacon rather than 'shavings' and nice strong cheddar. With a cheeky Latte it was heaven. We decided to eat outside and admire the Lotus.

We weren't the only ones. Along came a group of lads with muddy boots and ruck sacks on some sort of 'Duke of Bronze medal award'. Loud boy at the front was demonstrating his 'leadership qualities' by talking more than anyone else.

He approached the Lotus, stopped and exclaimed... 'Wow...a DeLorean'. Quite. We had little titter to ourselves and then hopped in for the remainder of the trip. All went smoothly until we stopped at a Starbucks on the way home.

With people sat in the window 'in view', I managed a comedy moment cranking the hot engine without flooring the throttle. Splutter. Instead of letting it dry off a few seconds, I compounded the problem by having another go with the throttle wide open. It started all right but with a bang like a back street in Bosnia. Owen's comment was ...'Just go...quick...people are looking'.

You know that food is close to cars in my heart and the next jaunt also ended at a coffee shop. This time at the Old Prison in Northleach. I often go there for business meetings – better than a boring office in my view. The ladies there do a very nice job of looking after me and the Brie, Cranberry and Bacon Panini is off the scale.

This time I met a former colleague who is also a petrol head. We were meant to be talking work but of course we did not get past cars.



He has owned a couple of Porsche 991s (liked them a lot) and a BMW M4 (not impressed). Having run a couple of more sane cars in between - well a 400bhp chipped Golf R - he got the RWD spirit back in him and went for a BMW M2.

Not a week a later, some toe rags (sorry, equally valued members of society) popped it up on bricks in the car park of the Coventry Hilton. They did not manage to get the wheels off, but they did manage to smash the rear screen, rip up the rear shelf trying to access the boot, scratch the boot and the roof and generally mess it up. An insurance re spray later and sinkage marks appear. So it all had to be done again. He was beside himself. This is a man who details his wheels with a toothbrush every weekend.



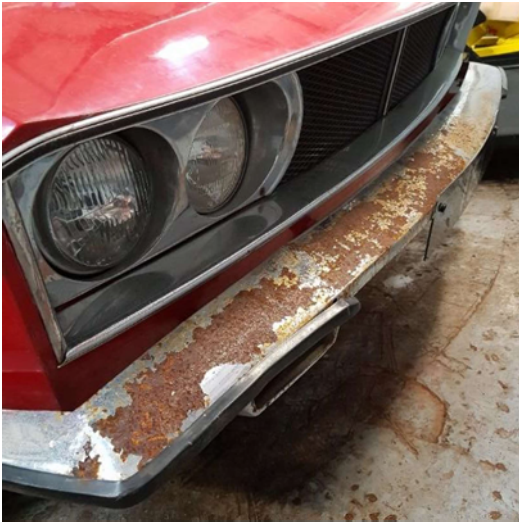
As a way of recovering, he slipped into DMS tuning in the Midlands and had it chipped to 420bhp. It goes rather well apparently...

So what of the Monteverdi then? Well Bonham's came back and said it was down in Southampton in a storage unit and I was welcome to view it. So Lloyd and I did just that.

Fortunately they were not ready for us so it was up on a ramp – which allowed us a good view of its underside. We crawled over it for about 45 mins with a torch and magnet. The good news was that it was complete – almost – and structurally looked decent. Monteverdi used truly massive box sections for their chassis – never seen anything like it.

However, it was in need of a complete resto. That in itself was not an issue but everything is bespoke so it's not the easiest of projects. Still, I noted down my questions for Bonham's and they kindly passed them on to the vendor. It seemed a genuine car, original 1970 UK RHD and the vendor's father was the second owner from 1995 when it was also restored. But I had noted a makeshift chassis plate and while I do not doubt its originality – to my knowledge there aren't any 'fake' Monteverdi's around - the real one would be better if it's to ever achieve a good price.





The engine was indeed a Chrysler 440 Magnum but the engine number indicated it had a 1974-76 block – clearly too late for a 1970 car. I wanted the story on this and other things but there was no info to be had. So sadly, I punted it. But it was a near miss and I would still like to own one.

So, doing well on my personal promise to myself of not buying more cars. Except that a Merc 560 SEC came up for sale. I had loved both my 300SEs and the 560SEC is the ultimate of the W126 species. A 5.5 Litre OHC V8, proper old school rumble and just

shy of 300bhp. Very elegant in my eyes though Lloyd can't stand the sight of them! Funny old world.

I accidentally found myself in Hampshire looking at this SEC. Boy it was nice. I had a good poke around. It had a few little rust stains round the sun roof (uh oh) but otherwise pretty good. Lots of fresh underseal mind you which tends to make me worry. It was a grimy day so unless I was 95% on buying it, I was not going to drive it and get it dirty. So I just fired it up...on 7 cylinders.

Hmm. Now I was thinking ignitor box and they are a Grand a go. The vendor thought it was a damp dizzy cap. I left it there and pondered on the way home. It was top priced and for that, it needed to be a 'no issues' car.



He messaged me the next day to say that it was a diaphragm in the throttle body. Not sure how that gets it to 7 cylinders but anyway it's apparently all OK now. But it had not got me over the line so I punted it.

Blimey – I must be getting pickier. That's probably a good thing.

Jones the Speed

Bristol Pegasus NEEDS YOU !



The successful running of club events requires Marshals and Organisers

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BPMC Pin Badges



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

BPMC polo or sweatshirts

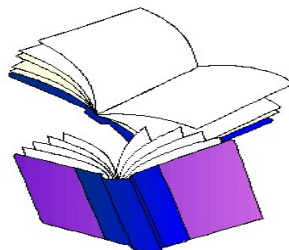
Pick your colour and size, state whether polo or sweatshirt and how many, then ring/email Alan Spencer with your order :- alan49spencer@gmail.com 01179 712587 Polo shirts £6.50 each and sweatshirts £10 - a bargain!



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

PLEASE NOTE ALAN HAS A NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS !

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Bristol Pegasus Fantasy Formula One 2018

Bristol Pegasus Fantasy F1 - 2018						
Positions after Round 4 - Azerbaijan						
Entrant	Driver 1	Driver 2	Team 1	Team 2	Engine	Score
Mike Marsden	Hamilton	Sainz	Ferrari	Renault	Sauber	242
Tim Murray	Alonso	Sainz	Ferrari	Haas	Mercedes	236
Sharon Reynolds	Stroll	Vandoorne	Force India	Red Bull	Sauber	233
Coralie Thompson	Ricciardo	Vandoorne	Red Bull	Renault	Ferrari	232
Mary Craddy	Alonso	Hamilton	Renault	Toro Rosso	Ferrari	228
Lisa Davies	Alonso	Ricciardo	Haas	Red Bull	Ferrari	228
Michael Davis	Vandoorne	Vettel	Force India	McLaren	Haas	222
Ken Robson	Grosjean	Vettel	Ferrari	Haas	Red Bull	219
Tom Thompson	Raikkonen	Verstappen	Red Bull	Renault	Ferrari	213
Richard Ibrahim	Hulkenberg	Ocon	Ferrari	Haas	Mercedes	208
Simon Moss	Hamilton	Sainz	Red Bull	Toro Rosso	Ferrari	208
Sam Thompson	Grosjean	Verstappen	Ferrari	Red Bull	Force India	205
Richard Reynolds	Alonso	Raikkonen	Red Bull	Williams	McLaren	203
Matt Johnson	Verstappen	Vettel	Haas	McLaren	Ferrari	203
Joe Robson	Verstappen	Vettel	Haas	Red Bull	Haas	196
Alison Bennett	Ricciardo	Verstappen	Ferrari	Force India	Haas	191
Andrew Moss	Alonso	Vettel	McLaren	Red Bull	Williams	187
Dick Craddy	Verstappen	Vettel	McLaren	Red Bull	Sauber	185
Katie Davies	Hamilton	Sainz	McLaren	Red Bull	Force India	182
Chris Bennett	Verstappen	Vettel	Red Bull	Toro Rosso	Red Bull	180
Abi Reynolds	Verstappen	Vettel	Red Bull	Renault	Williams	176
Juan Suarez	Hamilton	Sainz	McLaren	Red Bull	Williams	176
Martyn Davies	Ricciardo	Verstappen	McLaren	Red Bull	Red Bull	174
Helen Davies	Hamilton	Vandoorne	Force India	Renault	Red Bull	172
Liz Ibrahim	Alonso	Verstappen	Red Bull	Toro Rosso	Mercedes	169
Chris Thompson	Grosjean	Verstappen	Red Bull	Haas	Mercedes	164
Helena Sarsted	Ricciardo	Grosjean	Red Bull	Haas	Mercedes	158
Michael Griffiths	Sainz	Verstappen	Force India	Red Bull	Mercedes	157
Donny Allen	Ricciardo	Stroll	Red Bull	Williams	Ferrari	157
Alyson Marsden	Magnussen	Verstappen	Mercedes	Toro Rosso	Sauber	157
Mal Allen	Alonso	Hamilton	Force India	McLaren	Williams	152
Bob Bull	Ocon	Verstappen	Force India	McLaren	Mercedes	141

Audrey King	Hamilton	Verstappen	Renault	Williams	Williams	129
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Please note: the winning prize will only be awarded to UK-resident club members.

2018 Formula One Calendar

Round	Grand Prix	Circuit	Date	Live TV
5	Spanish Grand Prix	Barcelona	13 May	Sky
6	Monaco Grand Prix	Monaco	27 May	Ch4/Sky
7	Canadian Grand Prix	Montreal	10 June	Sky
8	French Grand Prix	Paul Ricard	24 June	Sky
9	Austrian Grand Prix	Spielberg	1 July	Ch4/Sky
10	British Grand Prix	Silverstone	8 July	Ch4/Sky
11	German Grand Prix	Hockenheim	22 July	Sky
12	Hungarian Grand Prix	Budapest	29 July	Sky
13	Belgian Grand Prix	Spa	26 August	Ch4/Sky
14	Italian Grand Prix	Monza	2 September	Sky
15	Singapore Grand Prix	Marina Bay	16 September	Ch4/Sky
16	Russian Grand Prix	Sochi	30 September	Sky
17	Japanese Grand Prix	Suzuka	7 October	Ch4/Sky
18	USA Grand Prix	Austin, Texas	21 October	Ch4/Sky
19	Mexican Grand Prix	Mexico City	28 October	Sky
20	Brazilian Grand Prix	São Paulo	11 November	Sky
21	Abu Dhabi Grand Prix	Yas Marina	25 November	Ch4/Sky

Automated Membership System

We have introduced a new automated membership system. A link has been added to the Bristol Pegasus web site.

The new system will help to ensure our details are correct and allow you to update your own information to ensure you get timely information from the club including your renewal reminders. As well as these benefits it reduces administration for the club volunteers and keeps your information secure.

All members who can use the new system are encouraged to do so, but should you not have internet access we will help update your information and provide a paper form. One significant difference is that new memberships will run for 12 months from start/renewal date as opposed to running out at year end. New members can already join using the system which is online on the club website.

ALL members can check and update their details by accessing our membership system at :- <https://bristolpegasus.com/manage-your-membership/>

All members now get membership for a year from renewal or joining date.

Coleford Classic Car Show





Bristol Pegasus Motor Club

The 20th Anniversary ACE Classic Tour

Sunday June 3rd 2018



We are pleased to invite you to enter the 20th Anniversary ACE Car Tour.
This year our journey will take us north into Gloucestershire and the south of the Cotswolds.
As in the past 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.
For the second year we will start at the Cross Hands Hotel, Old Sodbury, Bristol BS37 6RJ.
Toilets and refreshments are available at the start.

PLEASE ASSEMBLE BY 9.45am



Our chosen charity this year is: Brain Tumour Research which is a national charity dedicated to raising funds for research into brain tumours. Brain tumours can affect anyone at any age, they kill more children and adults under the age of 40 than any other cancer... yet just 1% of the national spend on cancer research has been allocated to this devastating disease.
In the view of the Committee this 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 entered is covered by insurance as required by law, which is valid for such part of this event as shall take place on roads as defined in 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: -
Tony Joiner. 17, Badminton, Penn Drive, Frenchay, Bristol. BS16 1NJ.
(Cheque payable to All Classic Enthusiasts)

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The 2018 ACE Tour will follow a new route North of Bristol into the South of the Cotswolds which is being planned by Alan Spencer. The event is aimed primarily at Classic, Kit and Sports Cars but club members are very welcome whatever car they

are driving. Enter on the above form or online on the club website

2018 Club Championships Clubmans Championship



Position	Name	Total	No of events	Organised or marshalled?
1	Alan Spencer	7.42	2	No
2=	Martyn Davies	5.17	1	No
2=	Lisa Davies	5.17	1	No
4	Tom Thompson	5.08	3	No
5	Craig Hayward	5.00	1	No
6=	Shaun West	4.33	1	No
6=	Shawn Franklin	4.33	1	No
6=	Ben Bishop	4.33	1	No
9	Chris Thompson	4.08	2	No
10	Anthony Brown	4.00	1	No

Marshals Championship

Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be presented based on organising & marshalling.

3 points will be awarded to event organisers

2 points will be awarded to marshals

1 points will be awarded for setting up an event on the day before an event

- Event organisers points will be awarded to those who organise any club event including non-competitive events including Navigation Events, Treasure Hunts, or who act as Clerk of the Course, Secretary of Meeting or Entries Secretary.
- Should an event be cancelled due to circumstances beyond the organisers' control, points will still be awarded.

Championship Officials Co-ordinator: Tim Murray; Stewards: The Club Vice Presidents.

Castle Combe Early May Bank Holiday



GT Winner Craig Dolby Volvo S60



GT 2nd Oliver Bull Vauxhall Tigra



GT Class D Winner Ilse Cox SEAT Leon



Alex Comis 1st Super Mighty Minis



Tom Robinson XJR leads Jag Saloon and GTs



James Winter Renault Megane leads CC Saloons



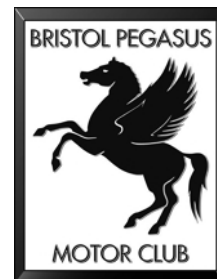
William di Claudio Peugeot 106 1st Track Attack



Luke Cooper Swift SC16 1st CC FF1600 Championship



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Sprint 2018

Llandow Circuit, Vale of Glamorgan
SATURDAY 12th MAY 2018

The Trident Engineering Welsh Sprint and Hillclimb Championship

The Bridge Tyres & Wheels ASWMC Sprint Championship

The DEWS Speed Championship

The Vincenzo & Son Bristol MX5 Challenge

Bristol Clio Cup

SBD HSA Speed Championship

HRCR Speed Series Championship


The 2018 May Llandow Sprint will again be organised by
Bristol Pegasus Motor Club and Bristol Motor Club.
Last year's event was very successful with around 90 entries.

Regulations and entry details now available on the club
website www.bristolpegasus.com

ENTRY IS NOW FULL. MARSHALS ALWAYS WELCOME.
Contact mark.tooth@tiscali.co.uk ffi

Wheel Nuts Car Show Stroud - 29th April 2018





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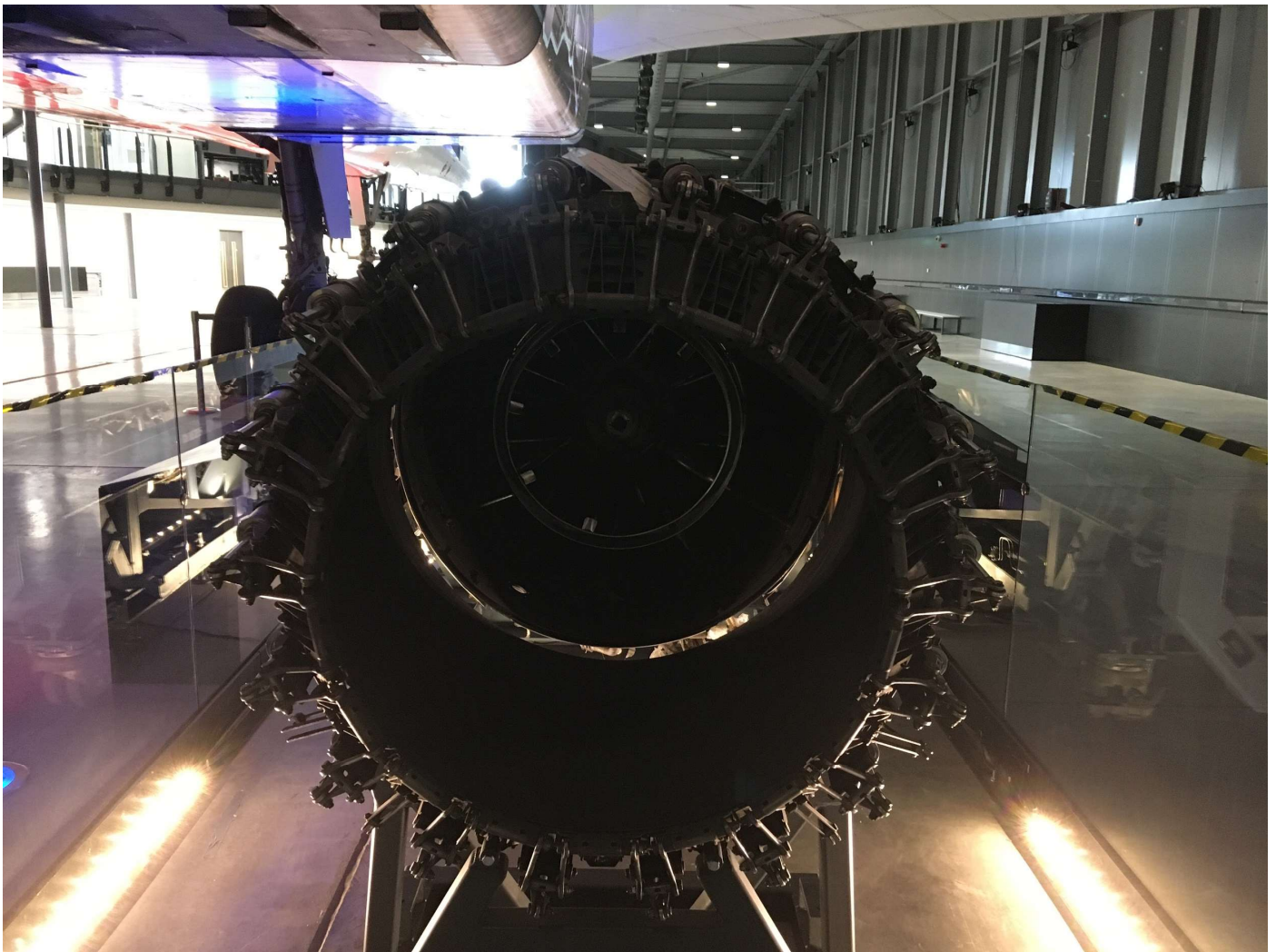
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BPMC 2018 Events Calendar

Date	Event	Location
Sat 12th May	Llandow Sprint	Llandow Circuit
Mon 21th May	Treasure Hunt	
Sun 3rd Jun	ACE Classic Tour	
Mon 11th Jun	Bring Your Car Night	RR Heritage Gate 5
Mon 9th Jul	Evening Car Tour	
Sun 12th Aug	Sunday Treasure Hunt	
Sat 18th Aug	Pegasus Track Day	Castle Combe Circuit
Sun 2nd Sep	Aerospace Bristol Visit	New event details soon
Mon 10th Sep	Club Night	BAWA 8pm
Sun 23rd Sep	Pegasus Charity Classic Car Run	
Mon 8th Oct	Club Night	BAWA 8pm
Sat 20th Oct	Pegasus Sprint	Castle Combe Circuit
Mon 12th Nov	Club Night	BAWA 8pm
Mon 10th Dec	AGM Buffet & Prizegiving	BAWA 8pm

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Hot end of a Rolls Royce Snecma Olympus 593 Turbojet at Aerospace Bristol