

# Backfire

**Bristol Pegasus Motor Club Magazine**



**Congratulations to Cross Trophy Mark Hoppe**



**May 2019**

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

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**The views and opinions printed in this newsletter are those of the contributors and not necessarily those of BPMC**

## Editorial

The month started with good news our beloved Madge passed her MOT, there was an advisory about rusty suspension which I shall deal with in the fullness of time when I have cleared some space to carry out a complete restoration hopefully starting winter 2020.

The following week Mac Hulbert infectious enthusiasm told us about his enthusiasm for Vintage Motor Sport, ERA R4D and how he became the longest running custodian of her from 2000 to 2015. The evening also raised some money for the Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund. Please note the next club night at BAWA is scheduled for the 9th of September.

Somewhere during the course of that week I managed to find time to fit a new cam cover seal to Madge, with a little help from Nick Woods trolley jack, while I had the cover off I could not resist giving it a bit of a polish. Pete Goodman also kindly donated a torneau cover for her.

The next weekend I was off to Weston Super Mare with the Great Western Roadsters MX5 OC for the Pageant of Transport see pics at the end of this issue.

Fortunately it was a quiet day at work for the Cross Trophy Production Car Trial so I popped along to Duncan Pittaway's farm and had a delightful afternoon marshalling one of the tests with none other than Duncan marshalling on the next test ! Thanks to everyone who came out to make this a splendid day in the sun.

Congratulations to Katie Davies who has relieved me of the lead in the Fantasy F1 and to last months Fantasy F1 correspondent Ken Robson who is just one place behind me !

The following weekend I am looking forward to returning to marshalling duties at Llandow after missing the last event or two there.

Then before the next issue is out it will be time polish Madge for her first ACE tour, if you have not already done so please see the club website for details and entry forms.

Wishing you a safe month's motoring.

**Ralph Colmar**





# Events Calendar

## Sunday 2nd June - Ace Classic and Sports Tour



June the 2nd is the date for our ACE Car Tour. The Tour will follow a new route 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. Further details and entry on the website :-

<https://bristolpegasus.com/news/events-calendar/>

## Club Trip - Saturday June 8th

Cosford RAF Museum during the day and afterwards an evening visit to Birmingham Wheels to watch the stock car racing. This will be a long day, approximate return to Bristol at 11pm. A mini bus will be provided but numbers will be limited. Please give your name to Nick Wood ( 07786936941) if you would like to come.



<https://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/cosford/>

[http://www.spedeworth.co.uk/incarace/fixtures.php?pageNum\\_RSfixtures=1&totalRows\\_RSfixtures=119](http://www.spedeworth.co.uk/incarace/fixtures.php?pageNum_RSfixtures=1&totalRows_RSfixtures=119)

## Monday 15th July Evening Car Tour



Full details of this year's Evening Car Tour meeting at 7:30pm on Monday the 15th of July will be published next month.

## Sunday 21st July Summer Auto Solo

We are glad to announce an additional Autosolo will be run in the Brightside Car Park, full details about online entry in next month's issue.



## Saturday 17th August Castle Combe Track Day



Entries open all details are published on the club website where you can enter online :- <https://bristolpegasus.com/news/events-calendar/>

## Marshalls Wanted

### Red Kite Stages Sun 23rd June



Amman and District MC, are running the Red Kite Stages based in Neath Valley and using the South Wales forestry complex.

We are looking for marshals / radio's / start and finish crews. Would it be possible for you to put a request out on your Web site please ?

Contact can be through the site Chief Marshal, Alan : [alanhinton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alanhinton@yahoo.co.uk).



## Three Shires Stages Saturday Sept 7th



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Cheltenham Motor Club is pleased to announce that the Three Shires Stages. Based at Eastnor Deer Park near Ledbury the event will also run on 5 closed public road stages within Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

We are inviting motor clubs and individual members to help with the running of this

ambitious and prestigious event. Contact Kevin Smith [kev@cheltmc.com](mailto:kev@cheltmc.com).

## Invitations

### Lotus Drivers Club The Bull Hinton

Rob Ford the Lotus Drivers Club area leader organises meetings at The Bull Inn, Hinton usually on the first Tuesday of the month at 19:30 for 20:00 start.

John Barnard on Formula 1, June 1st Williams Open Day see notice in this issue of Backfire, June 4th Paul Robinshaw On Lotus Books, July 2nd Brian Angus Engineering at Lotus, Aug 6th Paul Hausshauer Lotus & Clan, Sept 3rd Michael Oliver Lotus 49 & 72, Oct 1st Ian Phillips Formula One, Nov 5th Richard and Henry Williams 108 years of Williams Automobiles, Dec 3rd Steve Soper.

All BPMC members welcome.

### An Evening with David Richards C.B.E Friday 17th May

Bath Motor Club and Williams automobiles Ltd jointly present David Richards C.B.E. at Williams Automobiles, TotterOak Courtyard, Horton, Chipping Sodbury, Bristol BS37 6QG.

Tickets are limited to 150 maximum, ticket price is £10 plus a £1 booking fee.

Please see the link below:

<https://helmtickets.com/events/3861/david-richards-cbe-talk-at-williams-automobiles?slot=7209&selected-slots=7209#tickets>

## John Barnard at Williams Automobiles Saturday 1st June

FREE Open at 10am talk at 11:30am. John Barnard the legendary Formula One Designer will be giving a talk, at this totally FREE event so just come along and enjoy. We will have FREE refreshments for you on the day.

Williams Automobiles, TotterOak Courtyard, Horton, BS37 6QG

**To reserve FREE tickets use the booking form on this link :-**

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Acting Chairman Bob Bull hands a BPMC donation to Madge Hulbert for the Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund as her husband and guest speaker Mac looks on.

**STOP PRESS ! Congratulations To Acting BPMC Chairman Bob Bull on winning a seat on Portishead Town Council in the recent local elections.**

## Cross Trophy Production Car Trial

Class	Pos in class	Name		Score	Index Score	O/A Position	Awards
1	1	Simon Harris	VW Golf	18	68.7	1	Class award
	2	Mark Hoppe	Citroen Saxo	19	72.5	2	Cross Trophy
	3	Trevor Moffatt	Vauxhall Corsa	29	110.7	6	
	4	Graham Timbers	Citroen Furio	32	122.1	7	
	5	Mike Dore	Citroen Furio	33	126.0	8	
	6	Chris Turner	Kia Picanto	66	251.9	12	
	7	Shawn Franklin	Suzuki Swift	69	263.4	13	
	8	Nick Wood	Skoda	78	297.7	14	
	9	Andy Moss	Skoda	82	313.0	15	
	10	Shane Rowles	Peugeot 206	85	324.4	16	
2	1	Ray Jacobs	Citroen Saxo	24	100.0	4=	
	2	Howard Stephens	Citroen Saxo	33	137.5	9	
4	1	Derek Baron	Smart Fortwo	39	100.0	4=	
5	1	Alan Spencer	Parsons	17	84.2	3	Class award
	2	June Seville	Parsons	33	163.4	10	Class award
	3	Andy Wood	Racecorp LAT	34	168.3	11	
	Retired	Pete Hart	Austin 7				

**Results Compiled by Tim Murray**



# Cross Trophy Production Car Trial



Pete Hart Austin 7



Andy Wood Racecorp LAT



Simon Harris VW Golf GTi



June Seville Parsons



Trevor Moffatt Vauxhall Corsa



Shawn Franklin Suzuki Swift



Chris Turner Kia Picanto



Derek Baron SMART ForTwo



## It's an uphill struggle

### You can't beat a good mess.

Yes I have specialised in them since I was a young lad. Back in the day, my bedroom was full of slowly decomposing Autocars as the damp got to them. Stank like a haunted house, but I was oblivious, slowly peeling each copy off the next to do some back catalogue research on my future dream car. Once the next dream car had been identified – it was a new one each week – I could indulge in a spot of imaginary heel and toe under the bed sheets. Well that's what I called it anyway...

As winter rolled in and it got mighty chilly, we finally got started on the Fiat 128 and, with already full garages, it got messy very quickly.



Still the little blighter came apart better than expected and within 2 weeks we had most of the trim and fittings out ready to head on its way along with a couple of replacement panels. The substructure was looking good – removing the wheel arch liners called for a deep breath and a squint through one eye but no, it was all solid and I could breathe out again.

Meanwhile I was having a long and intense dialogue with myself trying to decide which Merc to sell or whether to sell them both for one replacement. Why? Well one more garage slot was going to be needed for the return of the Marcos and to avoid the need to house the Abarth in the trailer down in the warehouse. Of course it was possible but I didn't want to do that.

So I pondered. The obvious answer was to sell the SL55 as the C63 Black Series is a more usable 4 seater, newer and, I know this sounds a bit odd, simpler. The SL has ABC hydraulic suspension (a bit like a Citroen) with hydraulically adjustable anti-roll bars, a complex roof and supercharger. Lots of fun if it gives up the ghost. Which it wouldn't if it continued to be used regularly but, sat in the garage for long periods, I wasn't so sure. In contrast the C63, as modern and technically complex as it seems, has manual suspension, a normally aspirated motor and really very few gadgets. It's quite old school. Like its owner.

But Mrs J much preferred the SL – less shouty, softer riding and generally more debonair. So either I kept the C63 and took her out for a Tea and Victoria Sponge to make up for it or I sold both and looked for something suave to replace them.



Sifting through the options it quickly got out of hand. Maserati Ghibli? (Yes the proper one). Lamborghini Jarama? Another Espada? Fiat 2300S? Pagoda? Merc 500SEC?

Superformance continuation GT 40. She'd love a long continental tour in that with her luggage on her lap. Still, as a silver lining, noise would stifle any chance of conversation ...

Why didn't I buy that Monteverdi 375L project a few months back? Or the Merc 600 Grosser. Oh dear, time to see the quack and pop a Haliborange or two.

As all this mind madness was going on, Lloyd was well into his final year project on chassis set ups so we had a chaotic week of him trailering the – not quite ready – Marcos 1800 back home so he could take some measurements on our flat floor. Lots of jacking, lowering and measuring later and there was an impressive set of data. The headlines were good. Joe had managed to reduce weight sufficiently to offset the safety equipment, so we had a good starting point. Added to that, with Lloyd in the driver's seat the weight balance was 49% front, 51% rear which is near utopia for a front engined car.



Once done it was 'pack it away' time and a return to Redline for finishing. Nearly there. I was starting to plan some early testing. We both wanted to get on top of the car before attempting any expensive circuit racing so some hillclimbs or sprints in 2019 seemed a good start. And anyway we needed to get the FIA papers done and that's another story for another time.



With our estimates of the handicap based on the power and weight data, we reckoned it would come out close to the Mantis. To achieve that we would need to run 1A tyres, but a quick spin around the net found only 185/60s for a decent speed rating which are a bit too low in profile. As 1Bs, in 70 profile we could do a Pirelli CN36 (original tall carcasses but latest compound rubber) or Avon CR6ZZ (I like those – had them on the Espada but they are damned expensive). In the end we went for the Pirellis – just over half the price of the Avons and V rated.

We'll see. Off to the NEC Classic Car Show and an ogle. Not fussed on the new Alpine A110. Everyone says it's truly brilliant and I believe them but, well, it just looks so fat compared to the original. But then just look at a Porsche 992 against an original 2.0 SWB. David and Goliath. Driving an A110 would probably change my mind. I must try and find one to test.



Having looked at Ghiblis, Khamsins, an Espada and much more besides, I came to the strange conclusion (for me) that they were all over priced compared with a humble Volvo P1800. There sat an 18000 miler on its second owner, never restored and in a sort of Old English White. Worth less than 30K, no doubt, an 8<sup>th</sup> of the exotica, I reflected that, had I wanted

to set off in a Classic that morning and be sure to get there and back, the Volvo would have done the trick nicely. Have I just discovered the concept of value for money I wonder ?

But... "Dear Santa, I have been a very good boy and everyone I know will vouch for that. I never swear, never make fun of those less fortunate and, many years ago, I passed my cycling proficiency test. I have even practiced the breast stroke, though I have never been able to swim. Please can I have a Marcos LM600 with a 6 litre Chevy V8"...

I was besotted. My C.O. was with me and she had to endure my 'reflections' for the rest of the day. How has she stuck it for 35 years?



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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.

## BPMC polo or sweatshirts

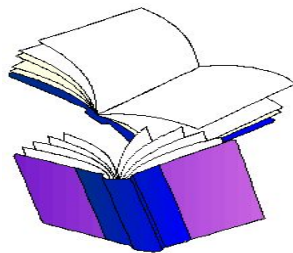
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**2019 Clubmans Championship**

Position	Name	Total	No of events	Organised or marshalled?
1	Chris Thompson	18.08	4	No
2	Alan Spencer	15.75	4	No
3	Tom Thompson	10.70	4	No
4	Ben Bishop	10.25	2	No
5	Philip Turner	9.08	2	No
6	Martin Emsley	7.75	2	No
7	Shaun West	7.25	2	No
8	June Seville	6.75	3	No
9	Sam Thompson	6.17	2	No
10	Mark Hoppé	6.00	2	No

**Compiled by Tim Murray**

## **Automated Membership System**

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


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.**





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## Bristol Pegasus Fantasy F1 - 2019

### Positions after Azerbaijan GP

Entrant	Driver 1	Driver 2	Team 1	Team 2	Engine	Score
Katie Davies	Hülkenberg	Räikkönen	Alfa Romeo	Mercedes	Red Bull	237
Ben Cox	Grosjean	Räikkönen	Alfa Romeo	Ferrari	Mercedes	212
Simon Moss	Grosjean	Leclerc	Red Bull	Alfa Romeo	Mercedes	211
Richard Ibrahim	Albon	Grosjean	Alfa Romeo	Ferrari	Mercedes	207
Ralph Colmar	Hülkenberg	Norris	McLaren	Renault	Alfa Romeo	205
Ken Robson	Kvyat	Magnussen	Ferrari	Red Bull	Red Bull	204
Martyn Davies	Leclerc	Räikkönen	Alfa Romeo	Ferrari	Alfa Romeo	204
Sharon Reynolds	Hülkenberg	Stroll	Racing Point	Red Bull	Mercedes	193
Donny Allen	Räikkönen	Sainz	Racing Point	Red Bull	Mercedes	192
Helen Davies	Hamilton	Räikkönen	Alfa Romeo	Red Bull	Haas	180
Martin Emsley	Verstappen	Leclerc	Alfa Romeo	Toro Rosso	Ferrari	180
Tim Murray	Verstappen	Stroll	Alfa Romeo	Ferrari	Toro Rosso	179
Richard Reynolds	Räikkönen	Verstappen	Renault	Red Bull	McLaren	174
Sam Thompson	Leclerc	Magnussen	Alfa Romeo	Ferrari	Renault	173
Alyson Marsden	Kubica	Vettel	Ferrari	Williams	Alfa Romeo	168
Liz Ibrahim	Räikkönen	Ricciardo	Haas	Red Bull	Ferrari	166
Tim Cosh	Ricciardo	Sainz	Red Bull	McLaren	McLaren	158
Helena Sarsted	Ricciardo	Vettel	Alfa Romeo	Red Bull	Toro Rosso	157
Audrey King	Hamilton	Räikkönen	Alfa Romeo	Renault	Red Bull	156
Mike Marsden	Hamilton	Räikkönen	Alfa Romeo	Renault	Red Bull	156
Alison Bennett	Hamilton	Leclerc	Alfa Romeo	Williams	Renault	152
Robert Bull	Hamilton	Norris	Toro Rosso	Williams	Ferrari	152
Mal Allen	Norris	Ricciardo	Hass	Red Bull	Ferrari	140
Chris Bennett	Verstappen	Ricciardo	Red Bull	Renault	Alfa Romeo	140
Andrew Moss	Räikkönen	Ricciardo	Ferrari	Haas	McLaren	135
Claire Hazlehurst	Räikkönen	Verstappen	Haas	Renault	Ferrari	134
Rachel Stevens	Hamilton	Sainz	Alfa Romeo	Racing Point	Haas	131
Lisa Davies	Leclerc	Ricciardo	Alfa Romeo	Renault	Ferrari	128
Tom Thompson	Grosjean	Leclerc	McLaren	Renault	Ferrari	127
Chris Thompson	Hamilton	Räikkönen	Haas	Renault	Alfa Romeo	126

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## F1 Calendar

<b>5</b>	<b>Spanish</b>	<b>Catalunya</b>	<b>12-May</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Monaco</b>	<b>Monte Carlo</b>	<b>26-May</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Canadian</b>	<b>Montreal</b>	<b>09-Jun</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>French</b>	<b>Paul Ricard</b>	<b>23-Jun</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Austrian</b>	<b>Red Bull Ring</b>	<b>30-Jun</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>British</b>	<b>Silverstone</b>	<b>14-Jul</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>German</b>	<b>Hockenheim</b>	<b>28-Jul</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Hungarian</b>	<b>Hungaroring</b>	<b>04-Aug</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Belgian</b>	<b>Spa</b>	<b>01-Sep</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Italian</b>	<b>Monza</b>	<b>08-Sep</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Singapore</b>	<b>Marina Bay</b>	<b>22-Sep</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Russian</b>	<b>Sochi</b>	<b>29-Sep</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Japanese</b>	<b>Suzuka</b>	<b>13-Oct</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Mexican</b>	<b>Mexico City</b>	<b>27-Oct</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>United States</b>	<b>Austin, Texas</b>	<b>03-Nov</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Brazilian</b>	<b>São Paulo</b>	<b>17-Nov</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Abu Dhabi</b>	<b>Marina Circuit</b>	<b>01-Dec</b>



# Weston Super Mare Pageant Of Transport



1933 Austin 7 Special



1933 MG K1



The Duchess 1948 Rover 14 Pilot Special



1958 Berkeley SE492 Roadster



1965 Sunbeam Alpine



1967 Triumph TR4A Surrey Top



1973 Jensen Healey



1989 Jaguar XJ-S HE Convertible



# Weston Super Mare Pageant Of Transport



'59 Austin A40 Farina



'63 Porsche 356SC



'64 Triumph Herald



'68 Singer Chamoise



'72 Gilbern Invader



'73 VW Beetle Jeans



'74 Ford Granada Coupe



'86 Renault 5 Turbo 2



# The 24th Chipping Sodbury **CLASSIC CAR RUN** Sunday 30th June 2019


Assembly in Chipping Sodbury High Street 7.30am

Open to pre-1994 cars,  
motorcycles and light  
commercial vehicles

Coffee stop at Royal  
Wooton Bassett  
Rugby Club



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# John Barnard - Saturday 1st June

John Barnard the legendary Formula One Designer will be giving a talk at this totally FREE event so just come along and enjoy.

At Williams Automobiles, Totteroad Courtyard, Horton, Chipping Sodbury, Bristol BS37 6QG, opens at 10am talk at 11:30am.

John introduced a range of aviation technology into Formula One during his career in motor sport which included but was not limited spells at :-

**2002 - 2007** Kenny Roberts MotoGP – Designer, **1998 - 2001** Prost F1 – Technical Consultant, **1993 - 1997** Scuderia Ferrari – Designer, **1990 - 1992** Benetton – Designer, **1987 - 1989** Scuderia Ferrari – Designer, **1980 - 1986** McLaren Formula One Team – Designer, **1975 - 1979** Parnelli Jones Racing – Designer, **1972 - 1974**, McLaren Formula One Team – Designer, **1968 - 1971** Lola Racing Team – Designer



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John Watson '81 British GP McLaren DFV MP4/1 1st



Van Doorne '84 McLaren TAG MP4/2 1st Constructors and Drivers Championships



1996 Ferrari F310

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## ***BREAKFAST MEET SUNDAY 26th MAY 0930 onwards***



A48 between Aylburton and Lydney GL15 6BU.  
Food & coffee served from 10:00. Very large car-park.



Old, exotic, American, classic, vintage; all your treasured wheels will be very welcome.

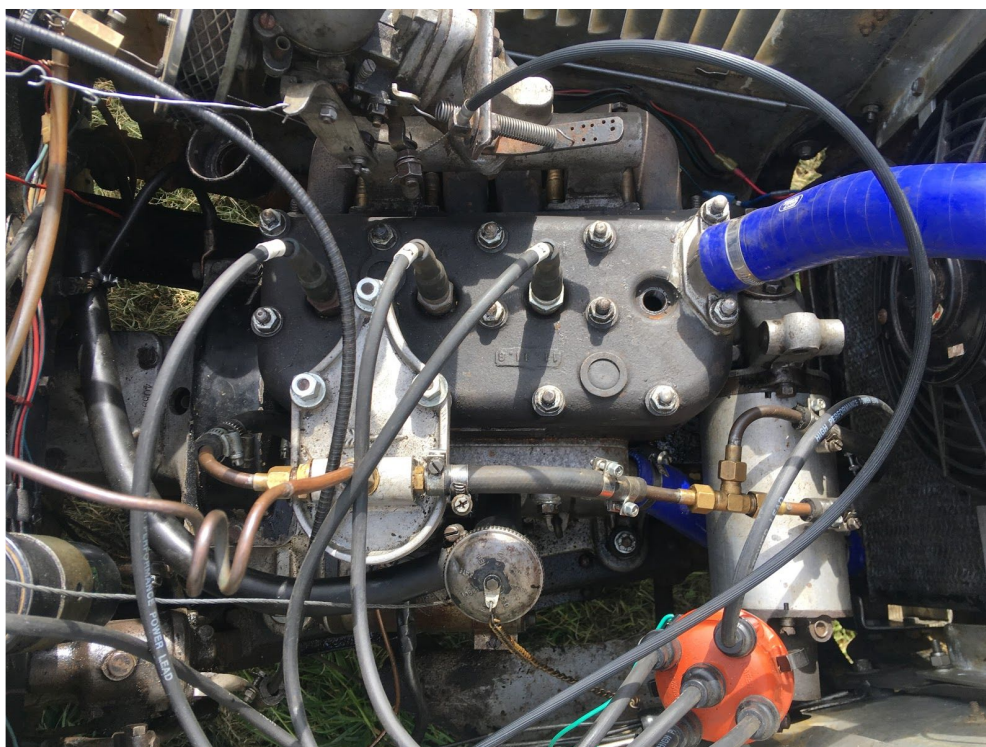




## BPMC 2019 Events Calendar

Date	Event	Location
Sat 11th May	Llandow Sprint	Llandow
Sun 2nd June	ACE Classic Tour	Brightside Car Park Aust
Mon 15th July	Evening Car Tour	7pm TBA
Sun 21st July	Summer Autosolo	Brightside Car Park Aust
Sun 11th Aug	Summer Treasure Hunt	10am TBA
Sat 17th Aug	Track Day	Castle Combe
Sun 8th Sept	Autumn Autosolo	Roll Royce Filton
Mon 9th Sep	Club Night	BAWA
Sun 15th Sept	Pegasus Charity Tour	Castle Combe
Mon 14th Oct	Club Night	BAWA
Sat 19th Oct	Pegasus Sprint	Castle Combe
Mon 11th Nov	Club Night	BAWA
Mon 9th Dec	AGM Buffet & Prizegiving	BAWA 8pm
Sun 29th Dec	Autosolo	Brightside Aust Svcs

## Misfire



Pete Hart's Austin 7 had a problem with fouling plugs during the Cross Trophy, not even a set pink aluminium oxide 'Sintox' Lodge plugs, last manufactured in the 1980's, which our host Duncan found in his workshop could help cure the problem.