

# Backfire

**Bristol Pegasus Motor Club Magazine**



**Llandow entries are open....**



**May/June 2021**

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## Updated - Motorsport UK RS Clubman licence



## Renew or Apply for your free 2021 Licence now !

**From 2020 Motorsport UK introduced a requirement for all competitors to hold a new RS Clubman licence as a minimum, which is free of charge.** If you compete, but don't currently hold a licence you will need to apply for this. These changes will affect Autotests, Trials, Cross Country, Road Rallying, 12 Cars and Scatters. **Passengers will also now be required to hold an RS Clubman licence.**

The RS Clubman licence can be applied for online and aims to encourage more grass roots participation, as well ensuring all Motorsport UK event competitors are covered by comprehensive insurance. Additionally, licence holders will have access to Motorsport UK's Member Benefits Programme that includes the new upgraded personal accident cover.

**Online Application for the FREE RS Clubman licence begins here:-**  
<https://rsclubman.motorsportuk.org/>

## Nick's Natter



Well the Cross Trophy Trial was good fun even if I didn't do that well!

Starting from July 25th and running until October we have now had confirmation that our monthly Breakfast meet will take place at Dean Forest Railway. Steam meets petrol. Breakfast baguettes will be available but if possible we would like a rough idea of numbers.

This same venue is also going to be used for the finish of the Ace Tour on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully I will see some of you there. I will be with Andy in his refreshed Rover 2000 SC.



**Nick Wood**

## Editorial

Welcome to the latest edition of Backfire, it has remained relatively quiet since our last edition, but plenty has been going on behind the scenes to ensure the ACE classic tour on June 6th and the Llandow sprint on July 10th can run safely and smoothly.

Unfortunately I will not be able to make the ACE classic tour but I am looking forward to visiting Llandow for the first time as a competitor. Before then I have a bit of routine maintenance to complete on Madge.

Our chairman Nick has managed to secure the Forest of Dean Railway as a venue for a resumption of our monthly Breakfast meetings on July 25th, these will continue at the same venue until October. Looking forward to the first one will have to see how it goes with work after that.

Thanks for the continued flow of contributions from, Phil Jones, Andy Moss, Tim Murray, Richard Reynolds and our Chairman Nick Wood.

Wishing you all a safe month's motoring.



**Ralph Colmar**



# Events Calendar

## ACE Classic Tour Sunday June 6th



Online entries are open for our ACE Car Tour on Sunday the 6th of June. This year Martin Emsley is planning the route and has just arranged an excellent lunch stop at White Castle Vineyard near Abergavenny. We have a field to park in for a picnic lunch and toilets are available.

<https://whitecastlevineyard.com/>

The finish of the event will be at the Dean Forest Railway at Norchard, near Lydney.

<https://deanforestrailway.co.uk/>

The event is aimed at Classic, Kit and Competition Cars. If you do not have a suitable car you are still welcome to participate in any car at the rear of the field, the primary aim is to raise money for our chosen charities and have an enjoyable days motoring.

The format this year will take account of Covid restrictions so we will not be having a raffle and the finish will be outdoors rather than our usual pub gathering.

<https://bristolpegasus.com/events/ace-classic-tour-2021/>



## Llandow Sprint Saturday 10th July



Entries for our Llandow Sprint on the 10th of July are now open. We have moved from the normal May date because of Covid. As usual the event is joint with Bristol Motor Club and has an excellent set of invited championships.

<https://bristolpegasus.com/events/llandow-sprint-2021/>



## Trackday Saturday 31st July



We now have a full entry for our track day. We have started a reserve list - we normally lose a few entries coming upto the event so you still have a good chance of getting an entry. To join the list email [compsec@bristolpegasus.com](mailto:compsec@bristolpegasus.com) we will email you as soon as any places become available.

See <https://bristolpegasus.com/> for details.



**Due to Covid we are not planning to run any club nights until the Autumn.**



# PETROL & STEAM



BPMC Breakfast Meet every last Sunday of  
the month from 25<sup>th</sup> July to Oct  
at Dean Forest Railway,  
Forest Road, Lydney GL15 4ET.  
From 0930 hrs.  
Refreshments available.





## Automated Membership System

The system allows 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 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.**

## Video / Still Contributions for BPMC 75th Anniversary Video

Ben Bishop has offered to make a short video to celebrate the club's 75 year history and is looking for contributions of any film, video or photo materials members may like to make available, you can contact Ben on bbbishop132<AT>hotmail.com

## Club Facebook Group - This Month

Interesting posts on the club Facebook group recently have included :-

- We now have 500 Members in the group
- Steve Wilkinson's 2010 Castle Combe Photos
- Event Updates
- 600bhp+ Prodrive Subaru Impreza around the Isle Of Man TT course
- ACE Tour Update
- Carhampton
- Haynes Breakfast meet photographs
- Fantasy F1 Score updates



**NEW : You can now view the group without Joining facebook.**

<https://bristolpegasus.com/facebook-group>

There are still a lot of club members who are not in the group. While you have to join Facebook, you can do this with just your name and e-mail and there is no need to post anything if you just want to view the group. There are a lot of other interesting car and motorsport groups on facebook and again if you just want to view these there is no reason to post any personal information.

## It's an uphill struggle

### *Whoosh, Bang, flash...*

Not only have we been locked down, but flooded and even snowed up. But it still seemed like a good idea to get the matching pair of 1969 Honda Monkey bikes out. They had not been started for months.

One has a rebuilt motor and is sweet as a nut but the other is a little harsher, though it goes well. They both took an age to fire up but, once running...magic!



***“You’re not going to get into 3<sup>rd</sup> by the end of the driveway” ...” Oh I don’t know mind” ...***

With COVID-19 about and being ‘of a certain age’, events this year are hanging in doubt, but I remain ever hopeful of making a few Classic Marques rounds and a few historic road rallies.

Meanwhile, work continued on the 350SL. With boot all done, the wheel arches took quite some messing about to get right. One weekend in early Feb, we decided it was time to turn the old girl around so that we could do ‘the other side’. Well, if you are going to start it you better drive it, so we did. Having sat there for many weeks while rubbing, Dremeling and painting were done, I was not sure what to expect when I turned the key.

‘Vroom’ was the answer. First turn. The mechanical fuel injection means no throttle pumps, no fannyng about, just turn the key. I was amazed. It’s got a very fast idle when cold – probably a bit too fast – but, once a minute or so is past, it settles nicely. Owen and I went for a quick spin and it was...absolutely fine. Sitting around does not seem to annoy it at all.

Now talking of annoyance...run flat tyres. I now know why they are called run flat. It's because they go flat.

You may recall that I had one go bang on the rear (ahem..) in 2019 when towing. At least its 'run flatness' enabled me to change it with light and safety on a fuel station forecourt.

Last year we had a nasty vibe on the front axle of the Jeep and, after two goes at balancing, I had the tyre removed only to find a bulge in the sidewall caused by hidden delamination. The tyre station said that they had seen lots of run flats with cracked sidewalls caused by potholes and impacts into an over stiff structure, unable to absorb the blow. Made me think. A mate of Owen's works at a main dealer and they have also seen cracked alloys due to the lack of impact absorption of run flats.

And now, less than a year later.... BANG. I was doing about 60 (your honour) on a wet, dark A-road heading downhill to the M4, chatting away to the C.O. and then a loud explosion from the front and it was distinctly butt clenching. After finding some almost level ground, I proceeded to kneel down in a stream of running water, rain pouring down, with the C.O. holding an umbrella in one hand and a torch in the other. Jacking up a 2.3-ton SUV is always fun. At least the copper slipped nuts came off easily.

As you can see, the sidewall had completely cracked and the bead had separated from the sidewall. No wonder it went bang. The Jeep is capable of 160mph flat out so if that had gone off at 'autobahn speed', on a front axle, it would have been a busy time. I reported it to Pirelli and had the tyre sent to them. They analysed the tyre and found no fault. You have been warned.



***...an enormous bang and a huge crack? Don't worry, they all do that Sir...***



I was reflecting on the circular nature of this problem. Manufacturers initially wanted to save weight...then money. So, it's a tin of hair mouse which is useless. Then, they develop run flats which don't ride as well and which – clearly – cannot cope with pot holed roads, especially on a heavy vehicle.

Meanwhile, the Government either can't afford to fill the potholes or bows to environmentalists who don't want money spent on anything to do with personal transport, offering the enticing alternative of the 'Good Ship COVID-19' bus. How on earth do we all get so misaligned? Probably a mix of idealistic sentiment and self-interest overcoming common sense. Isn't that often the way?

And then the trailer became a problem. Or was it the Jeep? Is there ever a time when things go according to plan?

We hitched up to the Jeep one Saturday afternoon and...beeeeeep. The trailer's right-hand rear indicator was stuck on. Some serious head scratching followed, eased by a fresh brew. Investigations turned to a voltmeter to see if the relay was pulsing. The Jeep rear indicator was, but the trailer was on permanently. Sure enough the left one had a 2v to 11v pulse but the right was stuck on 12 v. So it was the car not the trailer.

Lying on the floor in a puddle – oh not again – it was not easy to spot where the loom went and where the repeater relay sat. Then young Owen trawled the net and worked out that it was buried on the left corner of the boot floor. As always, it was one of those you could see but barely touch. Anyway, snapping the cover open revealed a burned out joint on the circuit board.



But £30 on-line and two days later and a new relay unit for the 7 pin electrics arrived. Of course, one side had screw terminals (yea!) but the other was pre soldered (boo). Without finding the connector further under the floor, it took a bit of concentration to solder up the new unit. I have huge hands and the attention span of a bat, but, with Owen's help, we had it all buttoned up and working in just over an hour.

Great fun these cars, aren't they?

**Jones the Speed**



# ***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**

## **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.

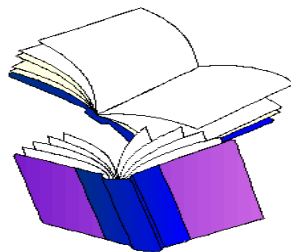
## **BPMC polo or sweatshirts**

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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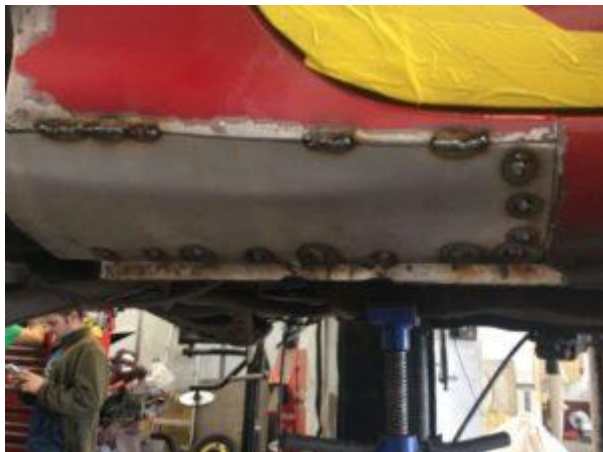
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## rotary club of chipping sodbury

### **The *Delayed* 25th Chipping Sodbury Classic Run.** **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

The Rotary Club of Chipping Sodbury invites you to enter the annual Chipping Sodbury Classic Run, with 2021 being our **25<sup>th</sup>** running. All Rotary profits will be allocated to our Rotary Charity Account, helping us to continue supporting both national and local groups, individuals and charities. This year's event will be held on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June, with each half being just over 40 miles driving.

The start will be in Chipping Sodbury's Broad Street, which is expected to be closed to all other traffic. The event is open to **pre-1996** cars, motorcycles and light commercial vehicles.

**Entry costs for 2021 will be £30.00 per car/van and £15.00 per motorcycle.**

For more information and an entry form contact Mark Benstock on 01454-311712 or email [rotary.classic.run@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rotary.classic.run@hotmail.co.uk)



# Bristol Pegasus Fantasy Formula One 2021

Bristol Pegasus Fantasy F1 - 2021						
Positions after Spanish GP						
Entrant	Driver 1	Driver 2	Team 1	Team 2	Engine	Score
Martyn Davies	Gasly	Verstappen	Ferrari	Red Bull	Ferrari	290
Sam Thompson	Gasly	Verstappen	Ferrari	Red Bull	Alpha Tauri	280
Ben Bishop	Russell	Verstappen	Red Bull	Williams	Red Bull	278
Dick Craddy	Räikkönen	Verstappen	Ferrari	Red Bull	Alpine	270
Mark Hoppe	Leclerc	Verstappen	Alfa Romeo	Ferrari	Mercedes	266
Joe Robson	Gasly	Leclerc	McLaren	Red Bull	McLaren	258
David Garnett	Norris	Sainz	McLaren	Red Bull	Alpha Tauri	253
Helen Davies	Norris	Sainz	McLaren	Red Bull	Alpha Tauri	253
Tim Murray	Leclerc	Verstappen	Alpha Tauri	McLaren	Red Bull	251
Chris Bennett	Räikkönen	Pérez	Alfa Romeo	Red Bull	Red Bull	250
Chris Thompson	Norris	Verstappen	Haas	McLaren	Red Bull	247
Richard Reynolds	Verstappen	Vettel	Alpine	Ferrari	Ferrari	245
Ken Robson	Gasly	Verstappen	Alpha Tauri	Red Bull	McLaren	243
James Small	Tsunoda	Verstappen	Alpha Tauri	Red Bull	McLaren	242
Jerry Irwin	Alonso	Russell	Ferrari	McLaren	Mercedes	241
Gary Tanner	Leclerc	Tsunoda	Alpha Tauri	Red Bull	Mercedes	240
Katie Davies	Leclerc	Tsunoda	Alpha Tauri	Red Bull	Mercedes	240
Abi Reynolds	Alonso	Verstappen	Alfa Romeo	Red Bull	Ferrari	237
Helena Sarsted	Ricciardo	Verstappen	Ferrari	McLaren	Alpine	237
Martin Emsley	Sainz	Verstappen	McLaren	Williams	Mercedes	236
Lisa Davies	Norris	Verstappen	Alpha Tauri	McLaren	McLaren	234
Simon Moss	Gasly	Verstappen	Alpine	Ferrari	Mercedes	234
Mike Marsden	Ricciardo	Verstappen	Alpha Tauri	Red Bull	Williams	231
Andrew Moss	Alonso	Norris	McLaren	Red Bull	Williams	228
Ralph Colmar	Norris	Russell	Mercedes	Williams	Alpine	225
Mark Niblett	Norris	Pérez	McLaren	Williams	Mercedes	224
Alyson Marsden	Gasly	Verstappen	Alpine	Red Bull	Alpine	223
Dave Cooper	Pérez	Verstappen	Alpha Tauri	McLaren	McLaren	220
Martin Baker	Pérez	Verstappen	Alpha Tauri	McLaren	McLaren	220
Sharon Reynolds	Räikkönen	Schumacher	Ferrari	Mercedes	Aston Martin	219
Robert Bull	Norris	Pérez	Haas	McLaren	Mercedes	214
Jamie Stevens	Pérez	Sainz	Alpha Tauri	McLaren	Mercedes	213



Matthew Stevens	Ricciardo	Vettel	Red Bull	Williams	Red Bull	212
Lesley Hart	Gasly	Sainz	Alfa Romeo	Mercedes	McLaren	207
Bob Hart	Hamilton	Schumacher	Red Bull	Williams	Alfa Romeo	206
Donny Allen	Gasly	Räikkönen	Alfa Romeo	Mercedes	Red Bull	205
Laura Moss	Pérez	Russell	Red Bull	Aston Martin	McLaren	202
Liz Ibrahim	Ricciardo	Verstappen	Aston Martin	Ferrari	McLaren	202
Jeff Oakley	Alonso	Leclerc	Ferrari	Aston Martin	Mercedes	201
Matt Johnson	Ricciardo	Schumacher	Aston Martin	Red Bull	McLaren	194
Charles Alexander	Alonso	Verstappen	Alpine	McLaren	Alpine	193
Mal Allen	Räikkönen	Vettel	Alfa Romeo	Red Bull	Mercedes	193
Richard Ibrahim	Gasly	Leclerc	Aston Martin	McLaren	Mercedes	189
Merlyn Griffiths	Norris	Russell	Aston Martin	McLaren	Mercedes	182
Mary Craddy	Räikkönen	Ricciardo	Alpha Tauri	Mercedes	Alpha Tauri	180
Michael Griffiths	Norris	Stroll	Aston Martin	McLaren	McLaren	174
Philip Turner	Ocon	Ricciardo	Aston Martin	Red Bull	Alpha Tauri	171
Alison Bennett	Ocon	Russell	Aston Martin	McLaren	Mercedes	171
Oliver Lock	Ocon	Stroll	Alpha Tauri	Mercedes	Williams	166
Neil Lock	Bottas	Gasly	Alpine	McLaren	Ferrari	165
Anthony Reed	Pérez	Vettel	Alpine	Aston Martin	Red Bull	143

	Grand Prix	Circuit	Race date
5	Monaco Grand Prix	Circuit de Monaco, Monte Carlo	23 May
6	Azerbaijan Grand Prix	Baku City Circuit, Baku	6 June
7	Canadian Grand Prix	Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, Montréal	13 June
8	French Grand Prix	Circuit Paul Ricard, Le Castellet	27 June
9	Austrian Grand Prix	Red Bull Ring, Spielberg	4 July
10	British Grand Prix	Silverstone Circuit, Silverstone	18 July
11	Hungarian Grand Prix	Hungaroring, Mogyoród	1 August
12	Belgian Grand Prix	Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps	29 August
13	Dutch Grand Prix	Circuit Zandvoort, Zandvoort	5 September

<b>14</b>	Italian Grand Prix	Monza Circuit, Monza	12 September
<b>15</b>	Russian Grand Prix	Sochi Autodrom, Sochi	26 September
<b>16</b>	Singapore Grand Prix	Marina Bay Street Circuit	3 October
<b>17</b>	Japanese Grand Prix	Suzuka International	10 October
<b>18</b>	United States Grand Prix	Circuit of the Americas, Austin	24 October
<b>19</b>	Mexico City Grand Prix	Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez	31 October
<b>20</b>	São Paulo Grand Prix	Autódromo José Carlos Pace	7 November
<b>21</b>	Australian Grand Prix	Albert Park Circuit, Melbourne	21 November
<b>22</b>	Saudi Grand Prix	Jeddah Street Circuit, Jeddah	5 December
<b>23</b>	Abu Dhabi Grand Prix	Yas Marina Circuit, Abu Dhabi	12 December

## Backfire Bits

Although things are still only just beginning to get going again as Covid restrictions ease we seem to be off to an excellent start with club events. I have never known Llandow Sprint entries come in as fast as they did when we opened entries earlier in the month - 70 in one day and we are now into three figures. The club's Castle Combe Track Day has also sold out very quickly with 60 entries already snapped up - we don't have any reserves at present so if you are keen to enter email the address on the website - there is a good chance we will get a few people who drop out before the day. The ACE Tour is our next event, and whilst we have purposely kept this low key in the current circumstances, it looks like we will have enough cars to have an enjoyable run out.

I am also really looking forward to the Breakfast meet in July - it looks as though this will be well supported and it will be really nice to have a drive out and a chat. No news on the July autosolo, but we are still talking to the venue on a regular basis.

My next priority on the cars is to get the Westfield through an M.O.T - it should pass but there were a couple of advisories from last year that I want to sort before putting it in - I have not found the time to get on with these but I think if the sun comes out it will motivate me a bit more. The Rover really just needs some miles on it following the Engine and Gearbox rebuild, again the wet weather has not really helped with encouraging me to get it out. There are lots of small jobs to be done which I am looking forward to when time allows.

**Andy Moss**

## 2021 Events Calendar

Sun 6th June	ACE Classic Tour	
<b>Sat 10th July</b>	<b>Llandow Sprint</b>	<b>Llandow</b>
Sun 18th July	Summer AutoSolo	
Sun 25th July	Breakfast Meet	Forest of Dean
<b>Sat 31st July</b>	<b>Track Day - <a href="#">Enter Online</a></b>	<b>Castle Combe</b>
Sun 29th August	Breakfast Meet	Forest of Dean
Mon 13th September	Club Night	BAWA
Sun 26th September	Breakfast Meet followed by Treasure Hunt and Sunday Lunch	
Mon 11th October	Club Night	BAWA
Sat 16th October	Pegasus Sprint	Castle Combe
Sun 31st October	Breakfast Meet	Forest of Dean
Mon 8th November	Club Night	BAWA
Monday 13th December	AGM & Club Night	BAWA 8pm
Mon 27th December	Bank Holiday Autosolo	Brightside Aust

**We are looking for members' contributions on competitions, club matters and journeys. Editor: Ralph Colmar Email: [backfireATbristolpegasus.com](mailto:backfireATbristolpegasus.com)**

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### Pegasus ACE Car Tour - Sunday 6th June The 2021 Charity Vehicle Tour



The event will start at 9.45am from the M48 Severn View Services at Aust before crossing the Severn. We will head towards Chepstow, Tintern, Usk and Llanthony Priory. The afternoon route will head through Hay on Wye and Monmouth, before finishing at the Dean Forest Railway Norchard, near Lydney.



We are supporting two charities chosen by the Apprentice Association at Rolls Royce. Roots Independent Street Team is a volunteer led charity in Bristol who provide help for the homeless. OTR is a mental health social movement by and for young people aged 11-25 living in Bristol and South Gloucestershire.

All of the entry fee of £15 will go to the charities. Enter online at  
<https://bristolpegasus.com/online-entry-forms/ace-classic-tour-2021/>