Bristol Pegasus Motor Club Magazine



Crews await final Summer Treasure Hunt Instructions at Winterbourne



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

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Chairman's Chat By Andy Moss

As always our annual Track Day at Castle Combe was an excellent event. We were very lucky with the weather, with a dry and sunny day - everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

There are pictures later in Backfire as well as many more on the club website. We received some nice feedback from those taking part - thanks to all who took the time to comment. I would like to add my thanks to all those involved in organising, both before and on the day, as well as to everyone who supported the event itself. I spent a lot of time chatting in between runs - as always the social aspect is a big part of making the day and the club so enjoyable.

September sees the return of formal club nights after the Summer break and we have a good lineup of activities including some interesting speakers. Our first guest is in September when we welcome Roger Nathan. As well as being a successful race driver Roger produced a number of race cars including collaborating with Frank Costin, to produce the highly successful Costin-Nathan series of sports racing cars.

The main September event is a new one, our Pegasus Classic and Sportscar Tour should be an excellent day out, whilst raising money for St Peter's Hospice. Charity co-ordinator Matt Johnson has been the driving force behind this new event, along with Malcolm Collier who has been promoting the event at a huge number of car events throughout the summer. We have an entry of around 40 cars which is an excellent effort for the first running of the event. Well done to all involved. I have entered the Rover which I will also be taking out the day before as part of the display of cars organised by Tony Joiner at the Rolls-Royce Families day.

At the start of October the club will again be at the Castle Combe Autumn Classic meeting, which is always an excellent event. We will again have our own stand which will feature a display of cars, organised by Nick Wood who always manages to come up with a fascinating display of unusual vehicles as well as a nice mix of club members cars. We will again be presenting the trophy for the 500cc race a formula which the club was involved in establishing post war.

The regulations for our Castle Combe Pegasus Sprint in October have been out for quite a while and we are nearly full at the time of writing - get your entry in now if you have not done so already. Once again this will be an event firmly targeted at road and sports cars. So far the response has been excellent with entries coming faster than ever. Competitors will again start from the normal pit lane exit and complete a full lap of the circuit, before crossing the finish line and returning off the circuit via the same route. This format allows enough time for a full four runs, giving the traditional two practice and two timed runs. Hopefully we will get a nice warm autumn day, as always we need lots of help to marshal the event!

Editorial

Making your Christmas cake in September is perfect, as too fresh a cake crumbles when cut. Mary Berry

I don't suppose there was any reason for August not to vanish in a hurricane of activity but the fact that it already has still comes as a surprise, this month has seen plenty of driving but not too much for recreational or club purposes.

Running around in the ambulance was interrupted midway through by our Summer Treasure Hunt which was fraught with last minute route changes and inadvertently leaving the answer to one of the questions on the question paper!

Eight crews competed, all making it to the finish at the Cat and Custard Pot where a sunny lunch was enjoyed, congratulations to winners Andy and Alan.

Towards the end of the month club secretary Tim Murray and I made our annual pilgrimage to Oulton Park for the Gold Cup meeting which this year was run for a superb 23 car field of 2 litre Formula 2 cars, 1970 Le Mans winner Dickie Attwood was also seen racing a Porsche 928 in the 1970's Road Sports race.

Looking ahead the club will be hosting an evening with 60's racer turned construtor Roger Nathan at BAWA, if the ambulancing allows I hope to pop along to see Roger for a second time on Monday the 11th.

The club will be running our first Pegasus Classic Tour on the 24th, this year in aid of St Peter's Hospice unfortunately the day I shall be returning from Germany.

STOP PRESS! Just in the Bristol IAM have invited Pegasus members to a day with YouTube driving coach Reg Local at SOMERDALE PAVILION, Cross St, Keynsham, Bristol, BS31 2FW, 9:30am on Saturday 30 September.

Reg will explain how 'Advanced Driving' can benefit and make one's driving both safer and more enjoyable. Recommended donation of £5 towards costs.

After the talk there will be opportunities for free assessments of one's own driving or demonstration drives with IAM Roadsmart members, along with a limited number of demonstration drives with Reg Local himself.

My thanks to everyone who helped to make this issue of Backfire happen.



Wishing you all a safe month's motoring.

Events Calendar

Monday September 11th - Club Night - Guest Speaker

Club night returns on Monday the 11th to Room 4 at BAWA when we will be hosting an evening with Roger Nathan who developed from a club competitor to sports car manufacturer in the 1960's before seeking further adventure as a pilot in the skies over Africa. Meet from 8pm for an 8.30pm start to the talk.

Sunday September 24th - Pegasus Charity Tour

Our new Pegasus Charity Tour, this year in aid of St Peter's Hospice, will be starting and finishing at Oakham Treasures and following a beautiful costal route. Ffi :- classictour@bristolpegasus.com online booking :- https://bristolpegasus.com/classic-tour/

Invitations

Saturday September 23rd - Rolls-Royce Family Day

Rolls-Royce will be hosting a pre 1975 classic car display on September 23rd, if you would like to take part contact tony.joiner@btopenworld.com

Tues 26th Sept - IAM RoadSmart Ambassador Paddy Hopkirk

Bristol IAM RoadSmart invite BPMC members to an evening with IAM Road Smart Ambassador Paddy Hopkirk at BAWA Pavillion Lounge - 7.30PM

New 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

Club Night Venue

Our regular venue is -

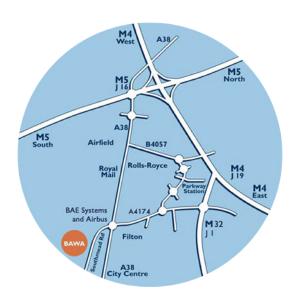
BAWA Leisure Centre 589 Southmead Road, Filton, Bristol, BS34 7RG



As many members will know we recently returned to BAWA which was our regular club meeting venue for many years. There are no issues for non-BAWA members coming to our evening.

We normally meet in Room 7 or Room 4. Most meetings start at 8.00pm, check Backfire for details each month.

There is a public bar so members arriving early may enjoy a drink and a chat before the formal club night proceedings start.



Note: Next BPMC meeting at BAWA is on Monday 11th of September Meet from 8pm for an 8.30pm start to the talk.

Summer Treasure Hunt

This summers treasure hunt started last year when I was invited to Sunday Dinner with friends at the Cat & Custard Pot in Shipton Moynes. Despite this road works appeared which meant I did not finalise the route, which started in Hambrook and passed through Doddington, Horton and Kingscote until the week before departure!

8 crews took the start and despite the best efforts of a tractor rally all made it to the finish.

Results

1st Andy & Spence

2nd Reynolds Family

3rd = Abi Reynolds

Aaron & Craig

5th Henry & Alex

6th Ann & Rob

7th Nick & Liz

8th Ann & Martyn



Thanks to Tim Murray for his help with the organisation, Andy Moss for printing the questions and everyone who came along to participate and congratulations to Andy and Spence.

Castle Combe Track Day

















Martyn & Ann Mitchell

Club Members at our Castle Combe Track Day 2017



Nick Wood enjoys a passenger ride with Terry Clarke in his Cummins Railton



Pegasus Track Day regular Mike McBraida in the Mitsubishi Evo



Dean Clayton in the MK2 Golf GTi



Max Penzato in his superb Vauxhall Chevette



David Williams in his Peugeot 106 Rallye



Adam Hall in his Honda S2000

Many thanks to you and everyone involved at BPMC. A great day!

Fantastic day! Well done to all and very special thanks to BPMC and Castle Combe for organising it and the smooth running throughout the day.

It's an uphill struggle

Do you know the car's on my foot?

You hum it son, I'll play it. Those of us of a certain age will recall the PG Tips tea adverts with the Chimps. Those adverts could not happen in today's 'PC world' but they amused me.

Back in 1989, my mate Ian and I managed to inadvertently replicate the talent of those chimps outside my little one bed box, otherwise known as a starter home.

There was no garage back in those days, so my drop dead gorgeous 1979 MGB GT (white with rubber bumpers....) used to sit in a shared parking area where the great Welsh weather seeped into the scuttle seams a little more each week and I would apply a little more filler and white rattle can paint to cover it up. Nothing like a quality job. And this was nothing like a quality job.

The MGB was not really my type of thing and it was a sort of accidental purchase – it was happening all those years ago. Mrs Jones – who was not actually Mrs Jones back then but just the love of my life – well of course she still is....

Anyway, we were off looking for a replacement for my Army green 1200 pushrod Astra and I wanted a sports car. Off round the midlands we went, looking for a TVR 1600M. This turned out to be tantamount to searching for hen's teeth and having 'just missed one', my persistence disappeared by lunchtime and I diverted to look at a fully restored Triumph GT6 Mk III. It was white, totally standard and just lovely. But it was a little dear and I was a little short, so compromise started to take over.



And so we ended up in Abergavenny looking at an MGB GT. To be fair, it was a lovely old thing to run about in, surprisingly comfortable and easy to drive, offering a sunny, optimistic aspect to everyday life. I can see why people love them, though the high ride height, asthmatic breathing and floppy handling meant that the missed TVR 1600M remained on my mind most days.

'Pre Mrs Jones' grew to like it as we played 'young couples' in a sort of 70s time warp but without the glider or hot air balloon parked next to it as in the BL adverts. As a member of the MG Owners Club at the time, we used to swap cheery waves with fellow owners. On one occasion she was driving us back from a nice cup of coffee in Cowbridge and, upon waving to an MG coming the other way, exclaimed with a high degree of disappointment, 'they didn't wave back!!'. She was quite put out.

She was less so when I pointed out that we were actually in her VW Polo...

Anyway, I digress. So, to return to the PG Tips incident outside my starter home. Well the MG had been playing up. The front prop shaft joint failed spectacularly on the A48 dual carriageway. Fortunately, the prop was caught by the cross member under it otherwise I would have pole vaulted my way into the Park Hotel at the side of the road. With that sorted after much swearing rebuilding joints in the 'clean environment' of the car park, it was to the head gasket that we went next. Yes, blown.

So with the head gasket changed and the head back on again, lan kindly offered to help get the thing timed. I am sat in the driver's seat, he is stood at the side of the offside front wing, leaning over the motor.

"OK, turn him over"...Crank, whir...lurch..."STOP!!" "All OK", I ask?

"The car's on my foot" he squeaked in a voice right up there with Mickey Mouse. My how I laughed and it was a decent old bruise on his instep to be fair. I took him over to the pub as a sort of apology. Rather, I half carried him over. In the fullness of time of course, most things go round in circles and his turn came sooner than I could have imagined.

Back in those days, we both worked in the Welsh valleys at an electronics company. For whatever reason, I had been suffering from nasty muscle spasms in my back and neck and they were really awful. One day, sat at my desk, on comes a little turn and it was instant agony and incapacity. My colleagues had an unsympathetic titter at my hardship and poor old Ian came to the rescue...

"I'll get him up to the Caerphilly Miner's Hospital. They'll sort him out..." And with that, he guided me along the shop floor with one arm bent high in the air trying to find a comfortable – or less painful – position, looking like a scene from You've Been Framed, walking in tiny, deliberate steps. It took an age to get to the car.

Now, for a while at that time, Ian used to drive his Grampy's old Morris Minor 1000. A tasty green 4 door that had been passed down the family from Grampy, to father to Ian. He still has it, long after both elders have left us. It sits in his garage with top box, skis, garden boots and a crate of beer on it and, looking at the state of it, he will struggle to get it running in economic terms. But that's not the point is it?



So he puts me in the Minor and we manage to arrange my right arm in a way that means I avoid embarrassing myself by weeping in public as we attempt to keep my head perfectly still.

The old Moggy is a lovely thing but a serene ride is not one of its key attributes. Every bump to the Miner's Hospital was sheer agony and he was finding it quite amusing – I think the 'MG on the foot' incident was playing a part here...

Arriving in the car park of the A&E department, he pulls up and says, "Right, you stay there and I'll come and get you out". With that, clearly distracted, he lifts his foot off the clutch before switching off the engine and the old Moggy lunges forward with a real suddenness.

My head flops forward then the neck does a proper whiplash style flick back over the non- existent headrest and then lunges back forward again. AARRGGHHH!

How he laughed and for quite a while. We reap what we sow in this world. We really do. And I am not having a Morris Minor in my fleet after what it did to me!

Jones the Speed

Remember When



1976 US MG advertisement

Bristol Pegasus Fantasy Formula One 2017 Results after Round 13 - Italy

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Sharon Reynolds	Hulkenberg	Raikkonen	Ferrari	Red Bull	Haas	775
Matt Johnson	Verstappen	Vettel	Ferrari	Haas	Haas	729
Craig Brown	Hulkenberg	Palmer	Ferrari	Renault	Mercedes	699
Richard Ibrahim	Ericsson	Verstappen	Ferrari	Haas	Mercedes	694
Helen Davies	Palmer	Verstappen	Ferrari	Haas	Mercedes	694
Coralie Thompson	Palmer	Verstappen	Ferrari	Haas	Mercedes	694
Andrew Moss	Massa	Vettel	Ferrari	Haas	Haas	692
Martyn Davies	Alonso	Sainz	Ferrari	Toro Rosso	Mercedes	687
Ben Bishop	Hamilton	Hulkenberg	Ferrari	Sauber	Renault	672
Charlie Emsley	Ericsson	Hamilton	Haas	Red Bull	Ferrari	672
Chris Thompson	Hamilton	Palmer	Haas	Red Bull	Ferrari	672
Helena Sarsted	Ricciardo	Vettel	Haas	Red Bull	Toro Rosso	671
Bob Bull	Ricciardo	Vettel	Renault	Toro Rosso	Ferrari	670
Charles Alexander	Bottas	Hulkenberg	Haas	Red Bull	Ferrari	665
Ken Robson	Raikkonen	Verstappen	Red Bull	Toro Rosso	Ferrari	660
Tom Thompson	Raikkonen	Verstappen	Red Bull	Toro Rosso	Ferrari	660
Abi Reynolds	Hamilton	Wehrlein	Ferrari	Renault	Sauber	658
Mal Allen	Ericsson	Massa	Ferrari	Haas	Mercedes	657
Glyn Workman	Verstappen	Vettel	Haas	Red Bull	Red Bull	656
Lisa Davies	Raikkonen	Ricciardo	Force India	Renault	Ferrari	631
Mike Marsden	Ricciardo	Verstappen	McLaren	Red Bull	Ferrari	622
Richard Reynolds	Raikkonen	Verstappen	McLaren	Red Bull	Ferrari	616
Dick Craddy	Sainz	Verstappen	Ferrari	Williams	Force India	614
Donny Allen	Alonso	Verstappen	Force India	Red Bull	Ferrari	600
Katie Davies	Ocon	Verstappen	Red Bull	Toro Rosso	Mercedes	598
Joe Robson	Verstappen	Vettel	Red Bull	Renault	Williams	582
Audrey King	Palmer	Verstappen	Red Bull	Toro Rosso	Mercedes	578
Tim Murray	Hamilton	Verstappen	Renault	Toro Rosso	Ferrari	572
Mary Craddy	Raikkonen	Verstappen	Force India	Red Bull	Renault	568
Jeff Oakley	Verstappen	Vettel	Sauber	Toro Rosso	Mercedes	566
Aaron Ellis	Verstappen	Vettel	Renault	Sauber	Mercedes	560
Liz Moss	Grosjean	Hamilton	Red Bull	Renault	Williams	546
Simon Moss	Grosjean	Hamilton	McLaren	Toro Rosso	Ferrari	545
John Mearns	Magnussen	Verstappen	Mercedes	Sauber	Haas	537
Sam Thompson	Grosjean	Hamilton	Haas	Sauber	Mercedes	535
Alyson Marsden	Bottas	Verstappen	Red Bull	Toro Rosso	McLaren	528
Alison Bennett	Hamilton	Verstappen	Force India	Haas	Renault	491
Mark Niblett	Bottas	Vettel	McLaren	Renault	McLaren	488

Michael Griffiths	Ricciardo	Verstappen	Force India	Williams	Red Bull	486
Merlyn Griffiths	Ricciardo	Verstappen	Force India	Williams	Red Bull	486
Martin Emsley	Verstappen	Vettel	McLaren	Williams	Red Bull	475
Chris Bennett	Massa	Verstappen	Red Bull	Williams	Red Bull	472

2017 Formula 1 Race Calendar

Round	Date	Race	Circuit	Live on TV
14	17 September	Singapore	Singapore	C4 / Sky
15	1 October	Sepang	Malaysia	C4 / Sky
16	8 October	Suzuka	Japan	Sky
17	22 October	Austin	USA	C4 / Sky
18	29 October	Mexico City	Mexico	Sky
19	12 November	Sao Paolo	Brazil	Sky
20	26 November	Abu Dhabi	UAE	C4 / Sky

Bob Bull's F1 Facts Quiz No. 9

Throughout 2017 we will give you some of the strangest statistics from F1 covering the years from 1950 through to 2015; we will ask 5 questions a month.

Of course you could Google the answer but where's the fun in that :

Drivers stats special

Who has the best win/start ratio?

How many starters never won? (min 20 starts)

Best British Driver wins/starts?

Most Starts?

Most laps in a season?

Answers to Tyre special Quiz No 8

Which tyre manufacturer has entered the most races? Goodyear

Which tyre manufacturer has entered the least races? Continental

Which tyre manufacturer had the second most wins? Bridgestone

Which tyre manufacturer won the least? Engelbert

Where and when did Dunlop win their 50th race? Monaco 64

Bristol Pegasus Clubmans Championship Standings

Position	Name	Total	No of events	Organised or marshalled?
1	Andy Moss	17.88	5	Yes
2	Alan Spencer	16.48	4	Yes
3	Ben Bishop	14.77	3	Yes
4	Chris Thompson	13.40	3	Yes
5	Martyn Davies	9.42	2	No
6	Tom Thompson	9.07	2	Yes
7=	Henry Guy	8.78	4	No
7=	Alex Groupman	8.78	4	No
9	Aaron Ellis	7.59	2	No
10	Pete Goodman	7.56	3	Yes

Bristol Pegasus Marshals Championship Standings

Position	Name	Points	No of events
1=	Alan Spencer	8	3
1=	Tim Murray	8	3
3	Ralph Colmar	7	3
4	Chris Thompson	6	2
5=	Nick Wood	5	2
5=	Mal Allen	5	2
7	Donny Allen	4	2



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!



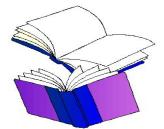




Sweatshirts & polo shirts are available in the following colours and sizes: White, grey, light blue, royal blue and black - S, M, L and XL.

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Avenue Drivers Club Queens Square



1957 Rover 90



1977 Ford Escort Mexico



1979 Chrysler Sunbeam 1.6 LS



1983 Austin Mini Mayfair



1992 Mazda MX5



1998 Daihatsu Mira



Mercedes AMG GTS



'Allo 'allo allo what is missing here then?

Classic Cars At Oulton Park Gold Cup



1972 Lotus Elan Sprint



1973 Ford Taunus TC Coupe



1970 Alfa Romeo 1750



1976 Vauxhall Firenza



Winner 2017 Gold Cup Darwin Smith March 722



1st Sports Racing Trophy Philip Nelson Chevron B8



Andrew Smith March 79B Winner Derek Bell Trophy



Super Touring Winner Steve Whyte follows James Dodd





New Club Event for 2017



SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2017

Open to Classic as well as interesting sports and kit cars



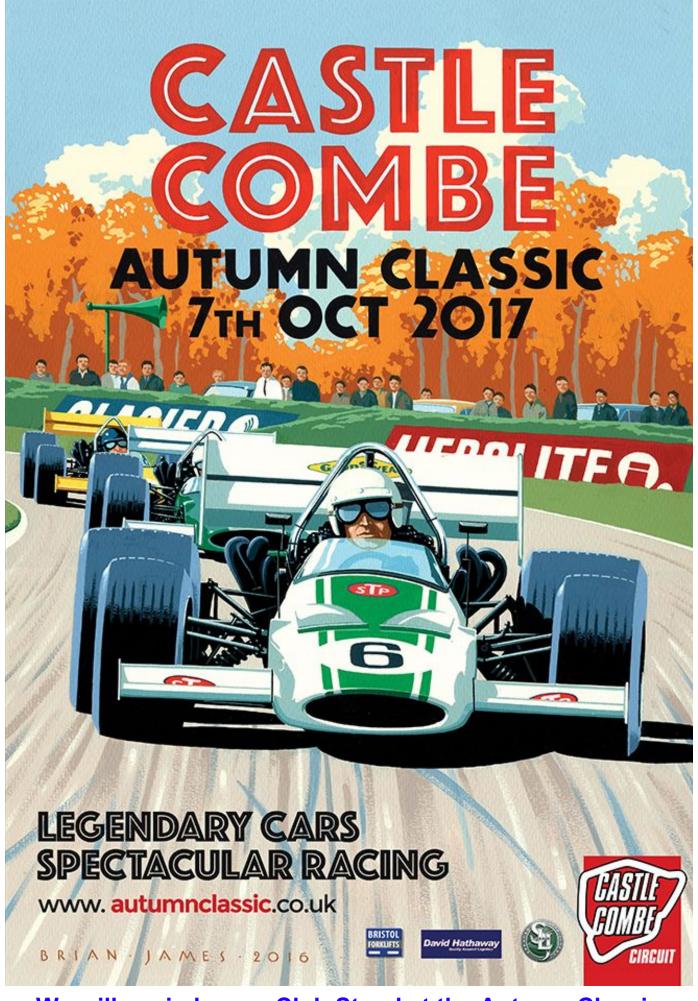
Start and Finish at Oakham Treasures, Portbury BS20 7SP

Beautiful coastal route

To enter apply online at

https://bristolpegasus.com/classictour

NO ENTRIES ON THE DAY. Entries limited so don't delay!



We will again have a Club Stand at the Autumn Classic

Rolls-Royce Families Day 23rd September 2017

Classic car display – Pre 1975

Share the joy of your classic car / motorcycle with the rest of the employees and friends at the Families Day.



Entry by permit only available from :tony.joiner@btopenworld.com





Following the ACE Tour which was supported by Rolls-Royce we have been invited to arrange a classic car display at the Rolls-Royce Families Day.

If you have a pre-1975 car this is a great chance to visit Rolls - you do not need to be a Rolls-Royce employee to display a car

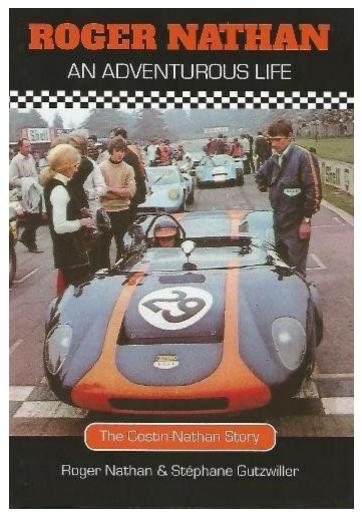
Contact Tony Joiner for further information



1971 Austin 3 Litre at the Oulton Gold Cup meeting

Monday 11th September Club Night Speaker Roger Nathan

BAWA Southmead Road - meet from 8pm for an 8.30pm start to talk



We are pleased to welcome a guest speaker for our first club night following the summer break.

Roger started his motor racing career aged 17 and raced between 1961 to 1970, becoming the youngest winner of the coveted National British Autosport Championship at 20 in a Lotus Elite in 1963 before embarking on a highly successful 1964 season in a Brabham BT8 Climax.

Roger Nathan also became the leading Hillman Imp conversion specialist. pushing Mini from the rostrum. He went on to meet the renowned aerodynamics expert Frank Costin, and together they produced highly successful the Costin-Nathan (C-N) series of sports racing cars. An entry with the prototype C-N in the international Coupes de Paris at the Montlhery Autodrome resulted in the lone C-N beating the might of the works Fiat Abarth's.

When he retired from racing aged 27, Nathan held a total of 29 international lap records, more than any other British driver. He gained most of these driving his own cars manufactured in North London.



BPMC 2017 Pegasus Events Club Calendar

Date	Event	Location
Mon 11th Sep	Club Night	BAWA 8pm for 8.30 talk.
Sun 24th Sep	NEW - St Peter's Charity Tour	
Sat 7th Oct	Combe Autumn Classic	Castle Combe
Mon 9th Oct	Club Night	BAWA 8pm
Sat 21st Oct	Pegasus Sprint	Castle Combe
Mon 13th Nov	Club Night	BAWA 8pm
Mon 11th Dec	AGM & Prizegiving	BAWA 8pm
Sun 31st Dec	New Years Eve Autosolo	Aust

Your chance to marshal at Castle Combe

We are looking for over 60 club members to help us run the Pegasus Sprint at Castle Combe on Saturday the 21st of October. Whether you are an experienced track marshal or have not been involved before we can find the ideal role for you. A chance to get involved in the heart of the action. To find out more contact Nick Wood nickswood@hotmail.com or 07786 936941. Hot lunchtime meal provided in the Castle Combe Tavern as well as marshals gifts as a thank you.

Backfire



Mike Whittaker blows the Guards GT Trophy field away in his TVR Griffith during the Oulton Park Gold Cup meeting.