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Bristol Pegasus Motor Club Magazine



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Tim Murray's view from Terry Clarke's Railton
Special

September 2018

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

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Editorial

It's been another busy month for Bristol Pegasus members though unfortunately I only made it to the Sunday Treasure Hunt with Sue and her enthusiastic daughter Kate, and to the inter club skittles at Dundry from which I was called away by work.

Congratulations to Chris and Tom Thompson for winning the Treasure Hunt by a short length of grass from the Reynolds family, thanks to Ben Bishop for organising an engaging event, his report on the event with results appears within.

By all accounts the club's trackday was a great success and photos from Andy Moss and Jim Gaisford within give you a flavour of proceedings, Ben Goodman's experience driving electric cars around the track appears to have paid dividends as his commitment in his red Fiesta has been commented on by many.

Similarly work kept me away from the club's visit to Aerospace Bristol organised by Andy Moss last weekend, pictures of which also follow.

The Club Fantasy F1 table, collated by Tim Murray, shows that Ken Robson has knocked the Thompson family off the top rung, similarly Tim's records show Andy Moss narrowly leading in the Clubman's Championship with Nick Wood our current leading Marshal.

The weekend after the Track Day I managed to get down to Dorset Steam Fair with Sue to sample life at a somewhat different pace and we are both looking forward to an outing with Madge in the 2nd Pegasus Charity Classic Car Run on September 23rd.

Before then on Monday 10th Duncan Pittaway will be coming down to our club night to chat about his diminutive and incredibly noisy Cheetah.

Don't forget to contact Cherry Robinson if you would like to help out with ECOBAT Pegasus Sprint marshalling on October 20th or contact Chris Thompson if you would like to help with RAC Rally of the Tests Marshalling on November 11th, contact details on the next page.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this month's issue not least the intrepid Phil Jones who travelled all the way to Japan to talk 'Mad Ronald' with a Swedish Colleague !

Wishing you a safe month's motoring.

Ralph Colmar

PS our acting Chairman sends his apologies for not contributing as he wings his way to Singapore.

Events Calendar

Monday 10th September - An evening with Duncan Pittaway

Club Night at Bawa 8pm start. Duncan Pittaway will be talking about his Cheetah conceived by Bill Thomas.

Sunday 23rd Sept 2nd Pegasus Charity Classic Car Run

In aid of St Peter's Hospice this year's event, open to classic, sports and kit cars, will start and finish at Thornbury Castle, Castle Street, Thornbury, BS35 1HH

Entry forms online at :- <https://bristolpegasus.com/classic-tour/>

The closing date for entries is 5pm on Friday 21st September 2018, Ffi please email classictour@bristolpegasus.com

Marshals Wanted

Woolbridge Motor Club

22/23 September at Manor Farm. For more details contact :- Worth Birkill e-mail worth@pandaprinters.co.uk

Saturday 20th October ECOBAT Pegasus Sprint

We are looking for over 60 club members to help us run the Pegasus Sprint at Castle Combe on Saturday the 20th of October.

Whether you are an experienced track marshal or have not been involved before we can find the ideal role for you.

To find out more or volunteer contact Cherry Robinson via email cherryzrobinson@hotmail.com or alternatively phone Nick Wood on 07786 936941.

Hot lunchtime meal provided in the Castle Combe Tavern as well as marshals' gifts as a thank you.

RAC Rally of the Tests November 11th

BPMC will be helping to run stages of this year's event at Aust Services from 08:00 and possibly RAC HQ from 14:30. If you would like to help contact Chris Thompson (tel - 07842902333, mobile - chris.thompson@bristolpegasus.com)

Club Night Venue

**Our regular venue is -
BAWA Leisure Centre**

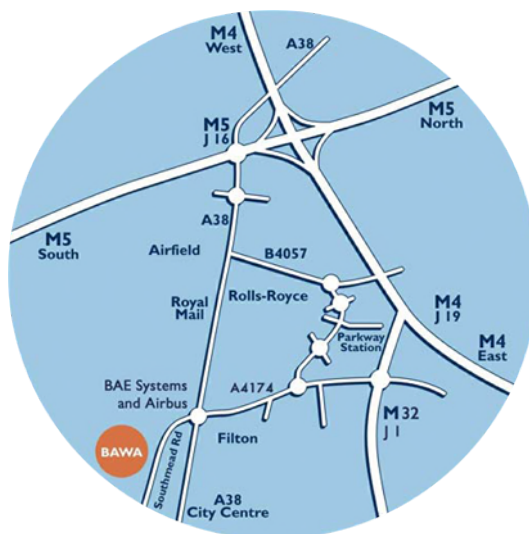
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As many members will know we recently returned to BAWA which was our regular club meeting venue for many years. There are no issues for non-BAWA members coming to our evening.

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 10th of September arrive in time to get your drinks before an 8pm start to the talk.

Sunday August 12th Summer Treasure Hunt

Having taken part in a number of treasure hunts and navigational events with the BPMC I decided to step up to the plate and organise this year's summer treasure hunt. To make my life more simple I decided to utilise the first half of the car tour route as I already had the navigation instructions prepared.

Not really knowing what I was doing I set 40 questions and a list of 10 dubious bits of 'treasure' to be collected by the participants. I was pleased with the turn out of entrants and then set them on their way and headed to the pub at the end of the route to wait with bated breath for their return. I spent a good 30 minutes worrying about whether they would get lost or if those sneaky questions I had thrown in would be too difficult but to my delight everyone made it to the end with smiles on their faces and hands full of garbage, sorry I mean treasure.

In the end clearly my questions weren't too hard as we had 3 teams all just 1 point short of the maximum 50 and as the eventual winners Chris and Tom Thompson said "Never won a competition before by a length of grass!"

If you have never taken part in a treasure hunt before just come along with a passenger in whatever car you have and I can assure you that you will have fun and most likely a nice pint with friends at the end!

Below is the full result, well done to all!

- 1st – Chris & Tom Thompson 49pts
- 2nd – Rich & Sharon Reynolds 49pts
- 3rd – Abigail Reynolds 49pts
- 4th – Ralph, Sue & Kate 48pts
- 5th – Martyn Lidbury & Lina 47pts
- 6th – Andy Moss & Nick Wood 46pts
- 7th – Ian & Wendy Perrett 40pts



Saturday 18th August Castle Combe Track Day



1937 Ford Coupe



1950 Bentley Tourer



1968 Morris Mini



1970 Lotus Europa



Mazda MX5



1996 Vauxhall Calibra V6



2016 Morgan Plus Four



Terry Clark / Tim Murray Railton Cummins

Andy Moss

Saturday 18th August Castle Combe Track Day



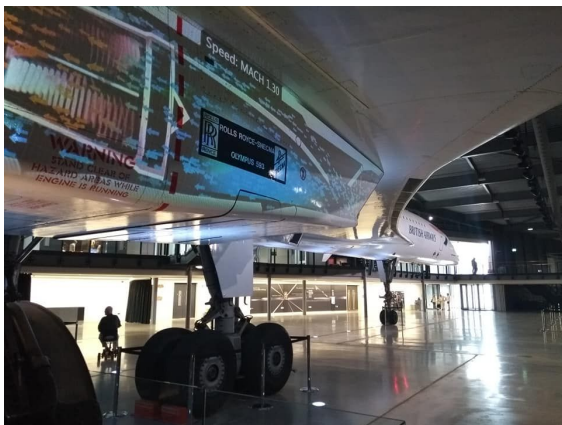
Jim Gaisford

Saturday 18th August Castle Combe Track Day



Jim Gaisford

Sunday 2nd September Aerospace Bristol



It's an uphill struggle

...Ah...Sooo...

Yes Japan. Another week. Another trip. Would I find any car interest? Having conferred with TCM prior to setting off and listened to his hilarious and typically non - PC Japanese accent, I felt I was ready for anything. With the SL55 parked up in LHR (usual spot Sir?) I did a quick Frank Spencer and trundled my wheelie bag down the main road to get between car parks. Why? Well someone managed to book me out on BA (T5) but back on JAL (T3). Good start.

But TCM's impersonations came back to haunt me as I tried to keep a straight face, in the presence of the Air Hostess, on the return JAL flight while the purser made her announcement.... "Wercom aboar 'Hapan Airline co-share Blitish Airway...."

But I did finally get a ride on a 787 Dreamliner. This one had escaped me thus far but it's reckoned to be a nice place to travel given its anti-yaw / anti-pitch software which uses up-front weather info. Very clever. They did have a reputation for getting a trifle warm when the lithium batteries caught fire but I can report that this one made the 12.5 hr trip in one piece. Tidy.

We got picked up from Haneda Airport in a hybrid Toyota (yawn) by a driver that spoke no English and we spoke no 'Hapanese. So it was quiet in there. Very few non domestic cars. The only exceptions seemed to be S Class Mercedes. Otherwise, mostly funny little Nissan and Daihatsu boxes. I quite like them. I was rather hoping we would get mugged by a high speed train of Nissan GTRs with 1000bhp but the closest we got was a blinged up Scooby Doo.

I must say though that, in contrast to arrival in the US, Japan is extremely polite. Immigration was a breeze, though with half the population wearing pollution / virus masks you feel a bit naked standing there with your beak on show.



Out the three of us arriving together, only Rob had an early check in room (it was 9am...) so we dumped bags in his room and, while he fettled himself, my colleague Steve and I schlepped off to get a quick breakfast before it shut.

It was all in 'Hapanese and very complicated with pots of dark green soup that stank like a stagnant garden pond. But, with a little reconnaissance, a splendid array was found. Come the evening and one of the deserts had lost something in the translation. Bowl of 'Jerry' anyone? According to the label it contained 'Healthy' and 'Beauty'. Nice. But back at breakfast and the waitress

came over to get our room numbers to 'qualify us', but of course we didn't have rooms at that point. So I blurted out "Room 1911", which was Rob's room, tickled by the idea of a free brecky on his account. When she looked at Steve for his room number he unfortunately said "same as him". Very embarrassing.

On the bright side, the Bullet Train is as cool as they say – see the picture. They passed the conference room window about every 10 mins as they left Tokyo main station.

On my favourite food subject, the top end dishes can be quite elaborate. And expensive. We went for the 'economy menu' at £85 a head plus drinks. Blimey.

Our very own chef knocked up some incredible dishes – never eaten beef that good before. His accent was just brilliant and it provided some welcome free entertainment as he cooked away in front of us.



If I had closed my eyes I could have imagined Peter Sellers stood there in front of me. At the end of the meal he presented each of us with his business card. You don't get that in Weatherspoon's.

It would not be a business trip without finding a petrol head and, this time, my colleague who heads up our business in Sweden. A Morgan fan, I enjoyed tales of torque induced cracked chassis' in the current 2 litre 3 wheeler and could see that his love for his 4/4 – in BRG with black painted wheels – was very true.

We stepped out of an exceptionally boring session for a 5 min chat about cars and were still there an hour and a half later as the rest were exiting. Whoops. His tales of rallying a Saab 96 in the late 60s and early 70s were fantastic and we had a common hero in 'Mad Ronald' as Mike Hailwood apparently called him. Prior to that I had leant over to another colleague and said...

"This is so boring I feel the need to self-harm...can you assist me?" He passed me a plastic bottle of green fluid which was meant to be some sort of tea I think. I said... "What, stick it up my departure lounge as a form of self-harm?" "No" he said, "you just need to drink it – it's really vile!" Back at the homestead, with sleep deprivation, I couldn't wait to see my toys again.

It was also nice to see Mrs Jones of course...

A quick spin in the C63 in the afternoon, a loading session to get the Abarth in the trailer ready for its rolling road session and then a sortie with Owen in the Exige on Sunday to Race Retro got me back on an even keel.

Then Storm Emma and the Russian (snow) front appeared early March and it was time to get the 'snow car' into action. Yes the Exige. With a toasty heater and kick arse traction control, it works very well in the snow and ice. Of course you feel the front wheels slip sliding – in one of these you feel everything – but it's not actually slipping about any more than anyone else is. A couple of people pronounced me clinically insane for driving about on ice and snow in a 345bhp mid-engine car weighing just 1100kgs but each to his own.



My Commanding Officer thought a 4WD Jeep was more appropriate for the conditions. I didn't try debating it....

But even after all of that, it would be remiss of me not to mention the real highlight of Japan. Electric toilets. I want one. Initially confused by the humming noises as I sat down, then shocked by the heated seat, I soon plucked up courage to fiddle with the controls.

What a pleasure. A warm jetstream right up your rear end, with variable temperature and pressure. Of course experimentation is not always a good thing and the

combination of heat and high water pressure had the effect of pointing a thermal lance up one's tradesman's entrance. Rather stingy.

Yes Japan is an interesting place. I much prefer it to China and indeed Korea. I will need to go back later this year and it will be a pleasure. Maybe I'll turn the water pressure down a tad though...Mad Ronald

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BPMC polo or sweatshirts

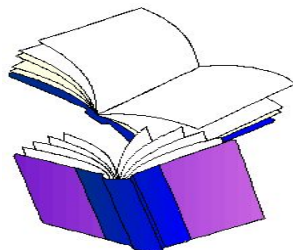
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Bristol Pegasus Fantasy Formula One 2018

Bristol Pegasus Fantasy F1 - 2018						
Positions after Round 13 - Belgium						
Entrant	Driver 1	Driver 2	Team 1	Team 2	Engine	Score
Ken Robson	Grosjean	Vettel	Ferrari	Haas	Red Bull	796
Sam Thompson	Grosjean	Verstappen	Ferrari	Red Bull	Force India	794
Tom Thompson	Raikkonen	Verstappen	Red Bull	Renault	Ferrari	766
Joe Robson	Verstappen	Vettel	Haas	Red Bull	Haas	726
Chris Bennett	Verstappen	Vettel	Red Bull	Toro Rosso	Red Bull	721
Richard Ibrahim	Hulkenberg	Ocon	Ferrari	Haas	Mercedes	718
Mike Marsden	Hamilton	Sainz	Ferrari	Renault	Sauber	718
Alison Bennett	Ricciardo	Verstappen	Ferrari	Force India	Haas	713
Tim Murray	Alonso	Sainz	Ferrari	Haas	Mercedes	713
Simon Moss	Hamilton	Sainz	Red Bull	Toro Rosso	Ferrari	709
Lisa Davies	Alonso	Ricciardo	Haas	Red Bull	Ferrari	696
Chris Thompson	Grosjean	Verstappen	Red Bull	Haas	Mercedes	674
Coralie Thompson	Ricciardo	Vandoorne	Red Bull	Renault	Ferrari	666
Matt Johnson	Verstappen	Vettel	Haas	McLaren	Ferrari	657
Abi Reynolds	Verstappen	Vettel	Red Bull	Renault	Williams	656
Michael Griffiths	Sainz	Verstappen	Force India	Red Bull	Mercedes	653
Martyn Davies	Ricciardo	Verstappen	McLaren	Red Bull	Red Bull	647
Helena Sarsted	Ricciardo	Grosjean	Red Bull	Haas	Mercedes	647
Dick Craddy	Verstappen	Vettel	McLaren	Red Bull	Sauber	639
Liz Ibrahim	Alonso	Verstappen	Red Bull	Toro Rosso	Mercedes	620
Mary Craddy	Alonso	Hamilton	Renault	Toro Rosso	Ferrari	592
Katie Davies	Hamilton	Sainz	McLaren	Red Bull	Force India	590
Alyson Marsden	Magnussen	Verstappen	Mercedes	Toro Rosso	Sauber	584
Juan Suarez	Hamilton	Sainz	McLaren	Red Bull	Williams	553
Andrew Moss	Alonso	Vettel	McLaren	Red Bull	Williams	550
Donny Allen	Ricciardo	Stroll	Red Bull	Williams	Ferrari	544
Helen Davies	Hamilton	Vandoorne	Force India	Renault	Red Bull	532
Richard Reynolds	Alonso	Raikkonen	Red Bull	Williams	McLaren	508
Bob Bull	Ocon	Verstappen	Force India	McLaren	Mercedes	489
Sharon Reynolds	Stroll	Vandoorne	Force India	Red Bull	Sauber	482
Michael Davis	Vandoorne	Vettel	Force India	McLaren	Haas	479
Audrey King	Hamilton	Verstappen	Renault	Williams	Williams	439
Mal Allen	Alonso	Hamilton	Force India	McLaren	Williams	406

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
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 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.

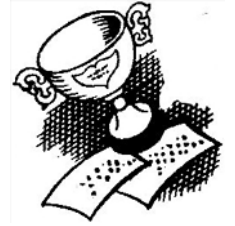
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The Hillclimb and Sprint Association (H.S.A.) has invited BPMC members to their National 'B' status sprint week-end at Curborough on October 13th and 14th. On the Saturday the "Figure of Eight" course will be used, and on the Sunday, the traditional one-lap course will operate.

Entry fees are a modest £115 for the Saturday, £95 for the Sunday or just £185 for both days.

Supplementary Regs and Entry Form are online at www.hillclimbandsprint.co.uk.

2018 Club Championships Clubmans Championship



Position	Name	Total	No of events	Organised or marshalled?
1	Andy Moss	13.96	5	Yes
2	Tom Thompson	13.87	5	Yes
3	Chris Thompson	12.87	4	Yes
4	Alan Spencer	12.42	5	Yes
5	Nick Wood	8.46	3	Yes
6	Ben Bishop	6.58	2	Yes
7	Pete Goodman	5.69	2	Yes
8	Andy Laurence	5.29	1	No
9=	Martyn Davies	5.17	1	No
9=	Lisa Davies	5.17	1	No

Marshals Championship

Position	Name	Points	No of events
1	Nick Wood	8	3
2=	Martin Emsley	6	2
2=	Ben Bishop	6	2
4=	Bob Bull	5	2
4=	Ralph Colmar	5	2
4=	Tim Murray	5	2
4=	Alan Spencer	5	2

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

Sunday 26th August Dorset Steam Fair



1916 Douglas Model U 2¾hp 350cc



1926 Aveling Porter 2-2-0 The Blue Circle



1926 Foden D



1932 Fowler 'The Lion'



1949 David Brown VAK1C Cropmaster



1953 Scammell Explorer 'Tigger'



1955 FV1801A, Truck, 1/4 ton, Austin (Champ)



1972 Lotus Elan

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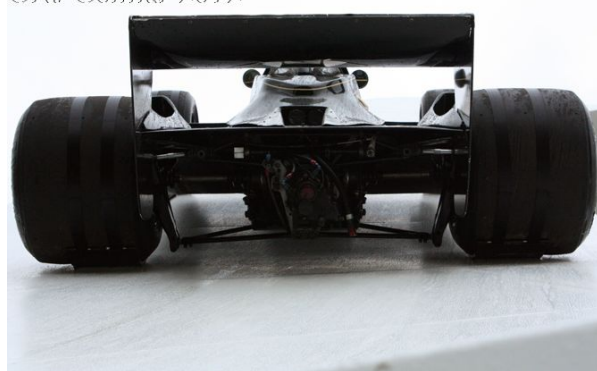
Electronic Clutch / Twin Rear Wings 1974 Lotus 76



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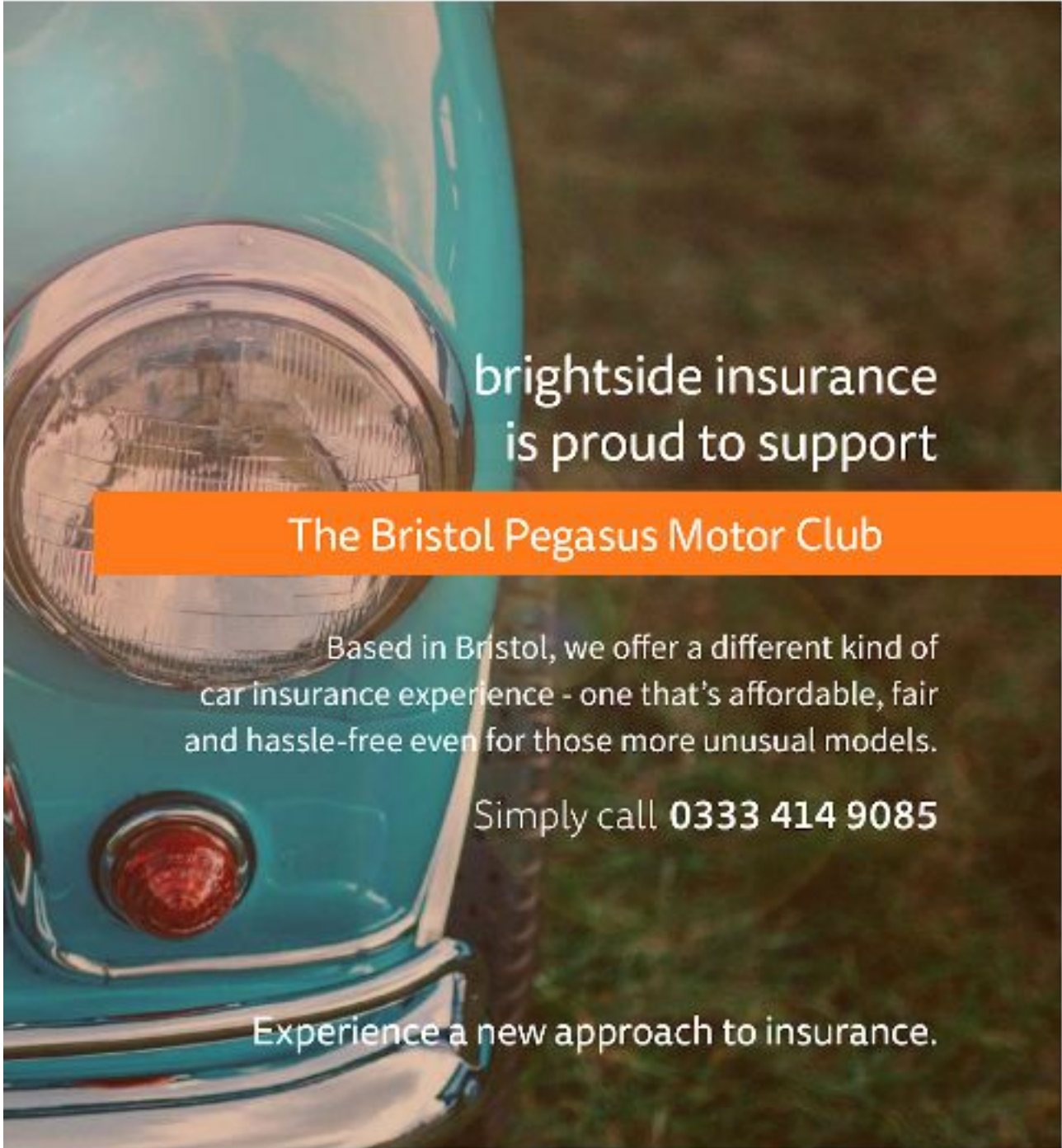


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Monday 10th September

An evening with Duncan Pittaway



Duncan Pittaway will be talking about his Cheetah, seen at Goodwood above, conceived by Chevrolet performance tuner Bill Thomas as a GM powered competitor to the Shelby Cobra.

Club Night at Bawa

**Arrive in time to get your drinks before an
8pm Start**

BPMC 2018 Events Calendar

Date	Event	Location
Mon 10th Sep	Club Night with Duncan Pittaway	BAWA 8pm
Sun 23rd Sep	Pegasus Charity Classic Car Run	Thornbury Castle
Mon 8th Oct	Club Night	BAWA 8pm
Sat 20th Oct	Pegasus Sprint	Castle Combe Circuit
Sun 11th Nov	RAC Rally of the Tests	Brightside / Aust Svcs
Mon 12th Nov	Club Night	BAWA 8pm
Mon 10th Dec	AGM Buffet & Prizegiving	BAWA 8pm
Sun 30th Dec	Autosolo	Brightside Aust Svcs

Backfire



In April 1978 I made my first trip to Silverstone with a reel of slide film and a borrowed camera.

The event I went to see was the Silverstone Six Hour race run to Group 5 (Silhouette) rules. This was essentially a two horse race between the fabulous 750hp 3.2 litre twin turbo Porsche 935/78 known as Moby Dick driven by Jacky Ickx and Jochen Mass and the underdog BMW 320 Turbo driven by Ronnie 'Mad Ronald' Peterson as Mike 'the Bike Hailwood' called him and Hans 'Strietzel' Stuck, probably the two most exciting F1 drivers of the day.

The Porsche led by over 4 laps when the BMW suffering fuel injection maladies, as can be seen by the backfire, succumbed to terminal rear axle failure.