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Bristol Pegasus Motor Club Magazine



Pegasus Track Day Photo Andy Moss



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Nick's Natter



August has been a very busy month for me, culminating in an excellent Bank Holiday weekend. The Sunday Breakfast meet was a great success again. It was good to see so many Pegasus members there. Martin Em and his immaculate MX5. Pete Goodman and his Midget who led a posse of other Midgets and Sprites. Terry and the awesome Cummings along with his friends who brought a Delorean and a MK2 Escort which is probably the best one I've ever seen. And also Martin Baker and his lovely Rover. Chris Hartnell travelled over on two wheels this time on his smart Drifter.

Monday saw me and Andy Moss at Castle Combe for a cracking day's racing. I think it was one of the best I've been to for a long time. Again there were lots of Pegasus members both competing and spectating. Good to see you all out and about.

September I will be visiting Santa Pod once again but with Andy this time. He has never been before and hopefully he will enjoy it as much as I do.

Paul Quick's 5.7 Model A



Nick Wood

Editorial

Welcome to the September edition of Backfire, yomped through the month of August with no chance of getting involved in any of the clubs activities, neither the Trackday which appears to have gone well for all who took part, or the two Breakfast Meets which were well attended.

Next up on the clubs calendar will be our first club meeting at BAWA on Monday the 13th. This will be followed by another Breakfast Meet in the Forest of Dean after which we will be running a treasure hunt which will end in a pub in time for Lunch.

Last I heard over a 150 entries have been received for the Pegasus Sprint, hopefully mine will be one of them. We are keen to here from anybody who would like to get involved is helping us run the event in a marshalling capacity.

Since the last issue I Dave Cooper and I managed to complete a Classic Marques round at Loton Park and managed to complete 8 drama free runs between us a variable conditions with troubling the leader board.

Next up for me is a completely unexpected run in the Brighton Speed Trials, entries had always been rumoured to be quite difficult to secure.

I must apologise to Phil Jones for inadvertently omitting his Uphill Struggle from last months edition of Backfire, no excuses the good news his column has returned in this issue, thanks also for the continued flow of contributions from; Andy Moss, Tim Murray, Richard Reynolds, and our Chairman Nick Wood.

Wishing you all a safe month's motoring.



Ralph Colmar

Events Calendar

BPMC Breakfast Meet - Sunday 26th September



Our monthly breakfast meet returns. Every last Sunday of the month from 25th July to October.

Dean Forest Railway, Forest Road, Lydney GL15 4ET. From 0930 hrs. Refreshments available.

This month's meeting will be followed by a treasure hunt.

Pegasus Sprint - Saturday 16th October

Marshalls Required Please Contact Cherry Wood.



Invitations

Bristol Pegasus Motor Club members are cordially invited to forthcoming Avon Area Bristol & Bath U.K LOTUS meetings

All are on the First Tuesday of each month at The Bull in Hinton.

7-SEPTEMBER Brian Buckland "Elan Man" on An Authors Adventures & The Lotus position.

5-OCTOBER Michael Hipperson on his Supercars & the Max Mosley LOTUS Elite.

2-NOVEMBER Brian Arculus on racing the Type 14 LOTUS Elite.

7-DECEMBER Steve Soper on his Motor Racing Career.

Breakfast Meet July 25th



BSA Bantam



Ford Cortina MkII



Westfield



Morris Minor



Ford Panel Van



Mazda MX5 NBFL



Ford Model 18



Lotus Exige S

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Breakfast Meet August 29th



Railton Special



Ford Escort 1300 Mk11



Bristol (?) Rod



Dune Bug



Sunbeam Tiger



Sunbeam Avenger Tiger



DeLorean DMC



Nissan GTR

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PETROL & STEAM



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NEXT MEETING
Sunday 26th Sept

This Event will be followed by a Treasure Hunt and Sunday Lunch at a Pub.

Pegasus Trackday 31st July



Mini



BMW



MX5 NC/MkIII



MG



Volvo Amazon



Ford Focus



Porsche Cayman



FIAT Abarth / Lancia Delta Integrale

Photo's Andy Moss

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.

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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 550 Members in the group
- Thruxton Classic Race Meeting Photos
- Event Updates
- Cotswold Motorsport Group Trials Championship
- ACE Tour Photos
- A Smokey Traction Engine
- James Bond Fiat Uno
- 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.

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The successful running of club events requires Marshals and Organisers

Get involved

Be close to the action

Meet Other Club Members



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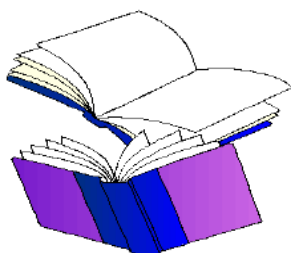
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It's an uphill struggle....

A right royal run-around...

No, no, not a sensationalist Prince and Princess' story about life's terrible hardships, live from a \$14.7m mansion in Montecito.

No, this one is a proper royal run-around. On a sunny Good Friday (and it was Good...I wasn't working), I had a plan to get the Elan out of the garage, bleed the brakes, which were a little soft due to standing about too much and then take the C.O. for a 'classic' spin over to a picturesque hill in Newport – I know its sounding improbable already – for an outdoor cuppa with some friends that we haven't seen for a while.

So, in the morning, the boys and I attacked the Elan, me on the nipples (oh no, Matron etc etc), Lloyd on the pedal and Owen on the reservoir topping up. We didn't have a fancy Ezi Bleed type bit of kit, so it was old school.

All went to plan except that I made a schoolboy error and still can't quite believe that I forgot what I have always known. You don't copper slip a knock-on spinner thread. At this point, dear readers, I think we all know where this story is going.

The brakes were spot on, motor pulling well and as the C.O. and I chatted (well she did anyway) going down the short stretch of M4... knock, knock, knock. Who's there? Memories of Ian's 3-wheel Fiat 500 at Goodwood came flooding back. I know that noise and it's the sound of a wheel coming off.

Cue hard shoulder boot rummage for Timmy Mallet and...where is the mallet? Oh, that will be the one back in the garage. Anyway, fortunately, I had a small, slightly pathetic looking, hammer in the tool bag so I knocked it tight with that – nervously bending down as 30-ton trucks whizzed past my tradesman's entrance. We were on our way, but, running late. At least it meant that they got to the coffee hut before us, so the coffee was on them!



And the day after, copper slip removed...all was well

My mate is a 6ft something former weightlifter – a mountain of a bloke who arrived in a newish Range Rover and his declaration was... “bloody hell, you’ve come in a kiddy car, boy”.

He works in power distribution and we chatted about the impending (if Germany ever gets out of Covid) arrival of his new Boxster GTS 4.0. We also got onto why it’s a last hurrah before the milk floats – sorry BEV cars – take over and he told me about their experience with electric vans.

Of course, the Govt has decided EV is a good thing and no one working in a regulated industry, that is so dependent on the Govt, is able to tell them that it might not be a good idea, so it’s...a good thing. Therefore, they have some electric vans in the fleet.

Recently, a young apprentice from south Wales needed to get to Taunton for an assessment. He was allocated an electric van to make the journey. Apparently, they don’t get much more than 95 miles range out of them despite what official figures may claim.

This poor victim set off and, by Bridgewater – already in a state of mild tension due to the impending assessment – he was not convinced that he would make it with the charge remaining, so elected to dive into a service area for a quick top up. But *quelle surprise*, the charger was out of service. So, a slow run in the inside lane (just in case) to the next services was the way forward and yes, he found a charger. But ‘vans were not allowed’. Only cars.

So off he crawls, phoning his manager, phoning the assessment centre to apologise and he makes it there, late, but makes it.

The van is dead. And the centre, which is going to be rolling out training for the use of EV vans, doesn’t have a charger yet. So...you know what’s coming, don’t you?

A diesel transporter drives to Taunton, to load the electric van and return it to south Wales. And the apprentice has to get a lift back to Wales in a petrol car at the end of the assessment.

Quite probably, some nearby planet in the galaxy was saved by all this effort but, to us, it was not clear which one.

Back to the Boxster. It seems that the German supply chain is quite heavily impacted by Covid and I have noted the same in my work life. In the meantime, my mate has been loaned a Boxster 2.0 (flat 4) turbo and a Cayman GTS 4.0, to try on different weekends. He originates from the far west of Wales, so, when he heads over there, a Porsche is not a bad tool for the job. On driving the ‘basic’ 2.0 he tells me that, while the soundtrack was a bit Subaru like, the performance was terrific and the 300+ bhp was more than anyone could ever need. With a PDK

transmission, overtaking on those brilliant Welsh roads was a doddle. The soundtrack was about the only downside but, at £45K, while it's still a lot of dosh in absolute terms, it's equally as close to a bargain as you can get for a Porsche.



The Cayman 4.0 was all about the flat 6 – he reckoned the coupe body lost it a bit of the aural excitement and preferred a Boxster, but that motor was magic. Actually, probably too quick for most. Treading on it hard in 3rd, with hugely long gearing, you are doing daft speeds without intending to, so it's more than is needed for our roads. But he finally plumped for the lovely sound of the 6 and the open body of the Boxster. That's a year ago.

And the latest word is Sept 1st. Lord Lucan will be delivering it.

For his sake, I hope it's as good as he remembers when it finally does land. And I am sticking with my old petrol-powered motors for a while yet and crossing fingers for a carbon free e fuel.

I wouldn't mind a mansion in Montecito though. But could I cope with the burden of it all?

Jones the Speed

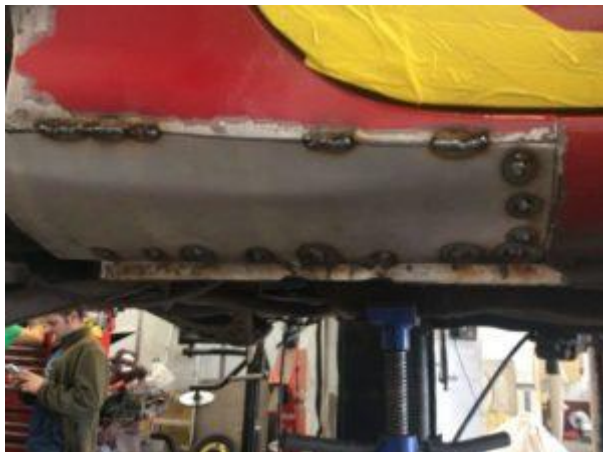
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Bristol Pegasus Fantasy Formula One 2021

Bristol Pegasus Fantasy F1 - 2021						
Positions after Hungarian GP						
Entrant	Driver 1	Driver 2	Team 1	Team 2	Engine	Score
Martyn Davies	Gasly	Verstappen	Ferrari	Red Bull	Ferrari	773
Sam Thompson	Gasly	Verstappen	Ferrari	Red Bull	Alpha Tauri	740
David Garnett	Norris	Sainz	McLaren	Red Bull	Alpha Tauri	694
Helen Davies	Norris	Sainz	McLaren	Red Bull	Alpha Tauri	694
Dick Craddy	Räikkönen	Verstappen	Ferrari	Red Bull	Alpine	692
Ken Robson	Gasly	Verstappen	Alpha Tauri	Red Bull	McLaren	678
Ben Bishop	Russell	Verstappen	Red Bull	Williams	Red Bull	668
Joe Robson	Gasly	Leclerc	McLaren	Red Bull	McLaren	666
James Small	Tsunoda	Verstappen	Alpha Tauri	Red Bull	McLaren	651
Alyson Marsden	Gasly	Verstappen	Alpine	Red Bull	Alpine	644
Tim Murray	Leclerc	Verstappen	Alpha Tauri	McLaren	Red Bull	644
Simon Moss	Gasly	Verstappen	Alpine	Ferrari	Mercedes	629
Lisa Davies	Norris	Verstappen	Alpha Tauri	McLaren	McLaren	618
Andrew Moss	Alonso	Norris	McLaren	Red Bull	Williams	615
Chris Thompson	Norris	Verstappen	Haas	McLaren	Red Bull	614
Gary Tanner	Leclerc	Tsunoda	Alpha Tauri	Red Bull	Mercedes	614
Katie Davies	Leclerc	Tsunoda	Alpha Tauri	Red Bull	Mercedes	614
Abi Reynolds	Alonso	Verstappen	Alfa Romeo	Red Bull	Ferrari	611
Mike Marsden	Ricciardo	Verstappen	Alpha Tauri	Red Bull	Williams	606
Dave Cooper	Pérez	Verstappen	Alpha Tauri	McLaren	McLaren	604
Martin Baker	Pérez	Verstappen	Alpha Tauri	McLaren	McLaren	604
Helena Sarsted	Ricciardo	Verstappen	Ferrari	McLaren	Alpine	602
Mark Hoppe	Leclerc	Verstappen	Alfa Romeo	Ferrari	Mercedes	600
Richard Reynolds	Verstappen	Vettel	Alpine	Ferrari	Ferrari	599
Chris Bennett	Räikkönen	Pérez	Alfa Romeo	Red Bull	Red Bull	596
Martin Emsley	Sainz	Verstappen	McLaren	Williams	Mercedes	595
Jamie Stevens	Pérez	Sainz	Alpha Tauri	McLaren	Mercedes	585
Jerry Irwin	Alonso	Russell	Ferrari	McLaren	Mercedes	560
Mark Niblett	Norris	Pérez	McLaren	Williams	Mercedes	557
Laura Moss	Pérez	Russell	Red Bull	Aston Martin	McLaren	549
Matthew Stevens	Ricciardo	Vettel	Red Bull	Williams	Red Bull	547
Robert Bull	Norris	Pérez	Haas	McLaren	Mercedes	537
Liz Ibrahim	Ricciardo	Verstappen	Aston Martin	Ferrari	McLaren	530
Lesley Hart	Gasly	Sainz	Alfa Romeo	Mercedes	McLaren	526

Charles Alexander	Alonso	Verstappen	Alpine	McLaren	Alpine	524
Sharon Reynolds	Räikkönen	Schumacher	Ferrari	Mercedes	Aston Martin	507
Donny Allen	Gasly	Räikkönen	Alfa Romeo	Mercedes	Red Bull	504
Ralph Colmar	Norris	Russell	Mercedes	Williams	Alpine	504
Jeff Oakley	Alonso	Leclerc	Ferrari	Aston Martin	Mercedes	501
Bob Hart	Hamilton	Schumacher	Red Bull	Williams	Alfa Romeo	498
Richard Ibrahim	Gasly	Leclerc	Aston Martin	McLaren	Mercedes	493
Matt Johnson	Ricciardo	Schumacher	Aston Martin	Red Bull	McLaren	491
Mal Allen	Räikkönen	Vettel	Alfa Romeo	Red Bull	Mercedes	488
Merlyn Griffiths	Norris	Russell	Aston Martin	McLaren	Mercedes	480
Neil Lock	Bottas	Gasly	Alpine	McLaren	Ferrari	480
Philip Turner	Ocon	Ricciardo	Aston Martin	Red Bull	Alpha Tauri	477
Mary Craddy	Räikkönen	Ricciardo	Alpha Tauri	Mercedes	Alpha Tauri	457
Michael Griffiths	Norris	Stroll	Aston Martin	McLaren	McLaren	449
Anthony Reed	Pérez	Vettel	Alpine	Aston Martin	Red Bull	440
Oliver Lock	Ocon	Stroll	Alpha Tauri	Mercedes	Williams	433
Alison Bennett	Ocon	Russell	Aston Martin	McLaren	Mercedes	426

Formula One Calendar 2021

Round	Grand Prix	Circuit	Race date
12	Belgian Grand Prix	Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps	29 August
13	Dutch Grand Prix	Circuit Zandvoort, Zandvoort	5 September
14	Italian Grand Prix	Monza Circuit, Monza	12 September
15	Russian Grand Prix	Sochi Autodrom, Sochi	26 September
16	TBA		
17	Japanese Grand Prix	Suzuka International	10 October
18	United States Grand Prix	Circuit of the Americas, Austin	24 October
19	Mexico City Grand Prix	Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez	31 October
20	São Paulo Grand Prix	Autódromo José Carlos Pace	7 November
21	Australian Grand Prix	Albert Park Circuit, Melbourne	21 November
22	Saudi Grand Prix	Jeddah Street Circuit, Jeddah	5 December
23	Abu Dhabi Grand Prix	Yas Marina Circuit, Abu Dhabi	12 December

Backfire Bits

I really enjoyed our Castle Combe Track Day, a good mix of cars and really nice to meet up with people with minimal restrictions. Once again we had as much track time as anyone wanted and as always everyone was sensible and respected each other out on the circuit. A great day.

Our second breakfast meeting at the Forest of Dean Railway, Norchard Station was even better than the first. They seemed to really be on the ball with the catering this time. When I wandered over for a coffee I was expecting to join a queue but walked pretty much straight to the counter. There was definitely a different mix of cars this time, with plenty to interest you whatever your favourite vehicles were.



Pete Goodman brought along a nice group of cars from the Midget and Sprite club who enjoyed a tour via Gloucester. It was also nice to see Martin Baker's new Rover P6 - a 3500 in excellent condition. I took the Westfield over having got it MOT'd for the track day, it was nice to give it a run out, although it was a bit windy over the severn bridge and along the M4. The breakfast meet was still going well past midday which was a reflection on how much people were enjoying themselves.

Planning is going well for the Pegasus Sprint on Saturday the 16th of October. The entry list will be published soon - unfortunately it does look like we won't be able to accommodate everyone who wants to enter.

As always we will need a lot of help to organise and marshal if you wish to volunteer please get in touch - you can email compsec@bristolpegasus.com if you are interested.

Away from club events I had an excellent August bank holiday day out at Castle Combe. There were some really nice historic cars entered, and lots of club members out competing, marshalling and spectating.

A really good day out.

Andy Moss



2021 Events Calendar

Sun 29th August	Breakfast Meet	Forest of Dean
Sun 26th September	Breakfast Meet	Forest of Dean
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

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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.**

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