



Newbury Dolphin Motor Club

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Welcome to the September 2016 Newsletter

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Editor's Report

Yet another quiet motorsport month. Sorry for the early deadline for the October magazine but work commitments dictate this.

Many thanks to Andy and Rosemarie's for hosting this year's BBQ, at the end of the excellent Observation Run that Chris and Jan organised.

I haven't got the full results yet, but just to say that Ian & Diane, Bob and Jacquetta scored full marks and will be organising it between themselves next year. See Ian's report [here](#).

I'm still organising my 12 Car of the 9th September and marshals and competitors are still required. Regs can be found [here](#).

Paul Hardy, Newsletter Editor

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Please note that the deadline for the October magazine is
16th September.

Articles received after this date will not be included until November.

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September

- Thurs 1st NDMC, Club Meeting The Bowler's Arms
- Sun 4th [Autumn Teddy Bear's Picnic](#) Nick Piper
- Sun 4th [CSMA NWL](#) - Autumn Autotest
- Sun 4th [Prima Motorsport Stages](#) Bournemouth & District
- Fri 9th [Green Leaves 12 Car](#) Dolphin MC
- Thurs 15th NDMC, Club Meeting The Two Water Mills
- Fri 18th CMSG Autosolo Round 10 TBA Ross MC
- 23rd Sep [The Norseman](#) Basingstoke MC
- Sun 25th Patriot Stages Rally, Caerwent [Forresters MC](#)
- Fri 30th CMSG Roadsport 12 Car Round 4
Map 164/163/151 Kev Belcher, Paul Hardy

October

- Sun 2nd OMC Boanerges Autosolo
[Finmere] (CMSG R11) David Smith
- Thurs 6th NDMC, Club Meeting The Bowler's Arms
- Fri 7th OMC/DMC 12 Car Tony Mytton
- Sat 8th HERO Throckmorton Challenge Colin Minchin
- Thurs 20th NDMC, Club Meeting The Two Water Mills
- Fri 28th CMSG Roadsport 12 car Round 5
Map175/185 Glynn Hayward, Basingstoke
- Dolphin MC associated events

Dates for your diary

12 Car dates - 2016

[NDMC/OMC](#) (Newbury Dolphin/Oxford 12 Car Series)

9 th Sep	Paul Hardy (NDMC), Maps 174	Regs
7 th Oct	OMC, Map 164	
11 th Nov	Bob Muttram (NDMC), Maps 174	
2 nd Dec	OMC, Map 164	

[Cotswold Motor Sport Group](#) (CMSG) 12 Car Series

30 th Sep	Kev Belcher/Paul Hardy, Maps 163/164	
28 th Oct	Glynn Hayward, Maps 174/185	
18 th Nov	Brian Cammack/Haydn Marks, Maps 175	
9 th Dec	Richard Austen/Zenya Heap, Maps 162	

[Basingstoke Motor Club](#) 12 Car Series

23 rd Sep	The Norseman	Regs
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Carfax Stages

6 August 2016

Report from Derek Looker/Kieran Belcher, 205 Rallye

Well after our retirement from Stage 6 at Abingdon and Stage 2 on the Carfax last year, both with head gaskets and split cylinders, this time we were more hopeful with a skimmed head and thicker gasket. We both very much like the Carfax as it's Kieran's home club event and me because there's only one chicane at which I'm now a bit slow. (In my mid-seventies I don't go off the top board any more or even the middle one!) So having cut my teeth on road rallies of the 1960s and 70s, straights and proper corners are more acceptable, less artificial, and more suited to the car.



Photo: Co-driver Kieran Belcher (left) and service, Jamie Duff (right)

So with splendid weather and good camaraderie amongst officials and competitors we had a great day, but not without some minor hiccups. First was a misfire on an early stage that was just a loose plug lead and then more worrying a boil-up mid-way. Bleeding the

system and having the heater on saw us carrying on however and loss of the clutch on a later stage was just the nut coming off the end of the cable! So quite a bit of time lost but we did overtake more cars than on previous events and – hoorah! – we finished! - and 42nd from 75.



Few championship points were gained as we had spent our second joker on the Abingdon retirement.



An after event inspection showed the boil-up caused

by the radiator jumping out of its locators and dropping down in front of the exhaust pipe, but all tests showed that the gasket was still intact. Compression tests indicated a drop of 30-40psi on all cylinders however, and this was traced to the cam timing having slipped by one tooth, so a bit down on power at some stage.



A very enjoyable event none the less.

Derek Looker

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Classic Car Show – Newbury College

14 August 2016

An excellent day was had last Sunday at the Classic Car Show, with five of our cars on the club stand we had a good display. Our cars presented a good cross section of what we do, Derrek Looker had the Rally interest with his Peugeot 205 Rallye on the stand, Paul Rush's Toyota Glanza, Ian Harrison's GBS Zero and Mark Nicholl's Renault Megane RS covered the modern day Autosolo and Sprints, whilst Chris Hopkins with his lovely Lancia Montecarlo covered the Classic interest of motorsport. The weather was ideal and brought in loads of people to the show. After talking to numerous people about the cars and the club, we were left parched, so it just as well there was plenty of food and drink traders close by.



Ian Harrison

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DMC Treasure Hunt (Observation Run)

18 August 2016

Close contest for the Treasure Hunt top spot decided by a hair of the dog. Team Superb led by Ian Harrison just pips Team Fab led by Paul Hardy to take the win on the annual Treasure Hunt with Paul Rush's Team Jag and Peter Cox's Team Fast Honda taking equal 3rd. Thanks go to Chris & Jan for a fun set of clues and to Andy & Rosemarie for an excellent BBQ.

Ian Harrison

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IRC Kennet Valley Rally

21 August 2016

After spending the last two weeks sitting in front of the TV (day and night) watching our fantastic Olympians win medal after medal, it was a bit of a relief to get out and stretch my legs helping to marshal on a local motorsport event.

Alan Smith and I had been invited to help out again on a local vintage rally manning three time controls on a compact route starting at the Holiday Inn near to Aldermaston Wharf, and finishing at the The Old Bell public house at Grazeley Green.

A slightly reduced entry this year of fifteen cars started the rally and they ranged from a 1924 Alvis 12/50 to the youngest car a 1938 Lea Francis navigated by 3 time Motoring News Champion navigator David Kirkham.

The route consisted of three loops of approximately 20 miles in length, the first section starting at the Holiday Inn, before heading across the A4 towards our first control at TC1.1 approaching Upper Bucklebury from

the east, before tackling a tricky clockwise loop around the village then heading off NNE towards Bucklebury, before returning back south towards Scotland.

All cars reached us successfully, and even the 5 novices seemed to cope well with this first section. Controls at Scotland and Burnt Hill plus several code boards were included in this first section before crews returned to the hotel for a short lunch break.

The second section in the afternoon was South of the A4 and visited Padworth, Ufton Nervet (TC2.0 and TC2.1) with a loop to the north before heading towards us at TC2.2 north of Mortimer in a hard to find control sited in a narrow lane on a large wooded triangle. This caused all sorts of problems for some of the crews. Many failed to visit our control spending a lot of time circling us before giving up and heading off to tackle the maze of turnings in Silchester (TC2.3) before finally finishing the section at TC 2.4 in Calleva Car Park.

The final section starting from the car park headed to Three Ashes then on towards Bramley (Holycross Farm TC 3.1) and onto a five way road junction making a northerly loop, and back around to our control at Fair Oak Green (TC 3.2) before making a loop to the south to then pass back through Stratfield Saye.

A time control (TC3.3) was sited between Stratfield Mortimer and Grazeley Green before crews turned south around yet another loop which allowed the finish at The Old Bell to be entered from the east.

Who won?..... Well the 3 time MN Champion of course.

Many of you will be familiar with these roads from local 12 Car events but even in the daytime and with timing to the minute I am always impressed with these vintage cars and the way they are driven - everybody was enjoying their day out and even the masses of cyclists, horses, and a combine harvester did not seem

to faze the crews in these very narrow and twisting lanes.

It was a good day out for us all on a very well organised event.

Dick Hall.

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