



# Newbury Dolphin Motor Club

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## Welcome to the December 2016 Newsletter

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# Editor's Report

Thanks to Derek for little bit of history this month.

A bit early I know, but have a great Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all out rallying again in 2017.

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Please note that the deadline for the January 2017 magazine is  
24<sup>th</sup> December.

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

# November 2016 Newsletter



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## What's On

### December

- Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> NDMC, Club Meeting The Bowler's Arms
- Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Meal – Hare & Hounds Chris Hopkins
- Fri 9<sup>th</sup> CMSG Roadsport 12 car Round 7  
Map 162 Richard Austen/Zenya Heap
- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> NDMC, Club Meeting The Two Water Mills
- Fri 16<sup>th</sup> OMC/DMC 12 Car (map 152) Chris Hambly
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Hogmanay Run - Touring Assembly OMC



### January 2017

- Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> NDMC, Club Meeting The Bowler's Arms
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> CMSG Awards Evening Cheltenham
- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> NDMC, Club Meeting The Two Water Mills
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup> DMC/OMC 12 Car Barry & Cameron Young
  
- Dolphin MC associated events

## Dates for your diary

### 12 Car dates - 2016

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

16<sup>th</sup> Dec OMC, Map 152 Chris Hambly

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

9<sup>th</sup> Dec Richard Austen/Zenya Heap, Map 162

### 12 Car dates - 2017

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

27<sup>th</sup> Jan Barry & Cameron Young Dolphin, Map 174

10<sup>th</sup> Feb Oxford, Map 164

10<sup>th</sup> Mar Dolphin, Map 174

14<sup>th</sup> Apr Oxford, Map 164

15<sup>th</sup> Sept Dolphin, Map 174

6<sup>th</sup> Oct Oxford, Map 164

10<sup>th</sup> Nov Dolphin, Map 174

8<sup>th</sup> Dec Oxford, Map 164

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

24<sup>th</sup> Feb Dave Cooper, Maps 150/162/163

24<sup>th</sup> Mar Matt Langford/Rourke Mclean, Maps 151/163

28<sup>th</sup> Apr Ian Harrison, Map 174

29<sup>th</sup> Sept Kevin Belcher/Paul Hardy, Maps 163/164

27<sup>th</sup> Oct TBA

24<sup>th</sup> Nov Brian Cammack/Haydn Marks, Map 175

15<sup>th</sup> Dec Richard Austen/Zenya Heap, Maps 162/163

# London to Brighton Veteran Car Run

6<sup>th</sup> November 2016

I first started marshalling on the London to Brighton in 1996 and have got up at 3:15ish every year since, on the first Sunday in November to travel to London's Hyde Park. Signing-on is at 5am and even travelling down the M4 between 4 & 5am it's surprising how busy the roads are.



20 years ago we would be given a woolly hat, event programme and a dated enamel badge for our thanks for helping on this event and I have a good selection of these. Today with global warming the woolly hat has become a baseball hat and it's amazing when you

attend the same event, on the same weekend of year over a long period (now two decades!), how you notice the general increases in temperature. 20 years ago it was advisable to wear thermals and a couple of layers of clothing on top of this. 2014 was an exception year, when the temperature in Hyde Park at 4:50am on 2<sup>nd</sup> November was plus 13.5 degrees! 2015 was wet at around 10 degrees and this year (despite my claims of global warming) it was 3.5 degrees, but generally it seems to get warmer and warmer each year.

In 2001 I was lucky enough to be asked to flag away a dozen or so cars from the start line. Typically, 400-450 cars start the event each year. This year 436 entered, 43 either were withdrawn before the event or didn't start and 49 retired before making it the 56 miles to Brighton, leaving 344 who finished. 1996 being the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the event, over 600 took part.



*2014: Andrew Spindlow and Paul Hardy marshalling at Buckingham Palace*

The event commemorates the Emancipation Run of 14<sup>th</sup> November 1896 which celebrated the passing into law of the Locomotives on the Highway Act, which raised the speed limit for 'light locomotives' from 4 mph to 14 mph and abolished the requirement for these

vehicles to be preceded by a man on foot with a red flag. Now days the event starts in Hyde Park at sunrise, so typically a couple of minutes after 7am and it is the longest-running motoring event in the world.

Our marshalling activities are not just confirmed to Hyde park, as the small group that I am associated with cover the entrance to Hyde Park (known as The Triangle) and then at 6:45am we move and marshal the junction of Constitution Hill and The Mall by the Victoria Memorial outside of Buckingham Palace.

By 8:45am all of the entries have left the start line and should be past us, but there's always a couple that breakdown on Constitution Hill. The Royal Automobile Club (RAC) have run this event since 1930 and there are always plenty of RAC vans ready to give a helping hand. Once stood down, it's off to the RAC headquarters in Pall Mall, where all London marshals are welcomed to a free breakfast of bacon and sausage baps, croissants with a range of jams, tea, coffee or juices. Nothing could be better, at 9am in the morning after you have already been up for 6 hours. The best bit is that you are back home by 11am and the day is still young. Typically, on this Sunday afternoon a Grand Prix is on, so there's always something to fall asleep in front of, later in the day (however, no GP this year!).

*Paul Hardy*

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# Drivers not needed now

At former Rally Stage and Dolphin AutoSolo site!

According to my Transportation monthly, a technology firm at the Culham Science Centre is trialling software for use in autonomous vehicles.

This is on the old Culham Airfield site, venue of my first Stage Rally in 1971 which was run along with the then newly constructed road system to Didcot Power Station. The Culham airfield site has also been a venue for some previous Dolphin AutoSolos.



*Derek Looker/Dave Hart, Mk1 Lotus Cortina, Culham Stages 1971*



*Picture from Mike Hall collection*

...and in my Peugeot 205 1.6GTi at Dolphin's Culham AutoSolo, October 2006

Apparently tests can be carried out in private or alongside others at the Science Park and plans are also being developed for an autonomous vehicle test track outside the perimeter to link the site with Culham railway station. In due course this could lead to a trial of autonomous vehicles between Oxford Railway Station and the Westgate Shopping Centre.

*Derek Looker*

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## Comp Sec's Chatter

Its nearly the end of the year and with no more autosolo to run this year, the club autosolo championship has drawn to a close. After getting all the results and working out the scores it looks like this year's club championship has been race between three main contenders. Peter Cox, Nigel Lack and Ian Harrison.



Peter's attendance, in a very competitive class was spread across a number of events throughout the year and had it not been for some pesky drivers in MX5's he could have easily won our championship, Nigel and Ian both picked up their main scores at the opposite ends of the Year; Ian gaining nearly all of his points in the first half and getting scores on the doors, that put him into a lead which he was able to hold onto and give him this year's win. However, Nigel made a strong finish to the year coming up fast at the end to take second place leaving Peter sitting in third. With Stuart Harrison, just one point behind him. Carl Leonard had a play with his new car on a couple of events but his work commitments this year saw him miss a number of

events, or else would have been right up there in the mix at the front. With a number of venues being lost due to changes in land use, it will be interesting to see what next year's championship provides, but whatever is run you can bet for sure that next year will once again give us close competition and fun for all. No doubt with the rule changes that, the MSA made, allowing passengers to be carried in autosolo's it will draw a few new people into the sport and it will be interesting to see if the added weight hinders or if having a navigator helps.

Not everyone has given feedback re Autotest events they attended this year so if anyone has any details of their Autotest results they can share with the Comp Sec, let him know so the Autotest Championship can be finalised. Send details of your Class position, the number in the class and on which event.

Coming up at the end of December Oxford Motor Club are running a Hogmanay Run - Touring Assembly. Running on the morning of Thursday 29th December the route is approximately 70 miles through the Cotswold and Oxfordshire countryside and is planned to last three and a half hours.

With the entry limited to 20 cars you are advised to get your entry in early.

There is one last 12 Car to be run in the Dolphin/Oxford 12 Car Series, this is being run by Chris Hambly of OMC: The Brackley Bash 12 Car event on the 16th December, which starts at and finishes from The Chequered Flag PH, Lark Rise, Brackley NN13 6JR MR 152/581380

In January our first event will be the Frostbite 12 Car Rally, organised by Barry and Cameron Young, start

details still be decided, but details will be out soon and will be emailed to all.

In March 2017 we have been invited to take part in the Hants & Berks Pairs Point to Point. This popular 'Pairs' rally, involving teams, each of two cars, in finding roadside clues leading to the locations of lunchtime controls and eventually a final control. Everyone should be able to find all 3 controls and thereby gain maximum marks, the key then is that mileage driven is used as a tie-decider to separate the teams. The lower the team mileage, the better! Teams look to equalise the mileage between their cars, as the greater of their two mileages is used in the tie-decider calculations. Get those entries in early folks as only a maximum of 20 teams can be accommodated! Details of the event with entry form have been mailed out to members, but if anyone needs another copy contact Ian Harrison.

*Ian Harrison*

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# The Gun Powder Plot 12 Car Rally

4 November 2016

I would like to thank all the marshals that turned on a cold night, at least it did not rain.

1. Ian for running me around and sorting out the paper work and marshals and checking the navigation.
2. Neil Lewis for checking the navigation.
3. Paul Hancock, Kevin Rivers, Mike Hall, Paul Young, Dave Smith and Peter Cox for marshalling.

Without the guys to marshal the even would not have run.

I was a little disappointed that I did not have more entries but was happy to get the eight that ran.

Thanks to all the competitors for doing the event.

I hope that the navigation has not put you off, it is always difficult

to get a balance between the experts and novices.

*Bob Muttram*

12 CAR RALLIES												
EXPERTS & NOVICES												
	Driver	Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Final
1	Derek Looker	E	27	23	19	17	22	23	23		154	137
2	Ian Harrison	E	17	19	23	20	18	16	<u>27</u>		140	124
3	Mark Nicoll	N			17	12	12	21	27		89	89
5	Andrew Lees	E			<u>27</u>			18			45	45
4	Julia Hardy	E					<u>27</u>				27	27
5	Ben Lack	N		16							16	16
	Navigator	Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Final
1	Paul Hardy	E	27	23	19	17	<u>27</u>	23	23		159	142
2	Bob Muttram	E	17	19	23	20	18	16	<u>27</u>		140	124
3	Dick Hall	N			17	12	12	21			62	62
4	Dave Moisley	N			<u>27</u>			18			45	45
5	Nigel Lack	N&B		16					21		37	16
BEGINNERS												
	Driver	Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Final
1	Barry Young	B	<u>27</u>	27	19		15		14		102	102
2	Ben Lack	B							19		19	19
	Navigator	Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Final
1	Cameron Young	B	<u>27</u>	27	19		15		14		102	102
2	Neal Courtney	B							21		21	21
3	Matthew Courtney	B							19		19	19

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**4<sup>TH</sup> / 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**PRIMROSE RALLY**  
**2017**

*4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> February*

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