



Newbury Dolphin Motor Club

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Welcome to the October 2016 Newsletter

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Editor's Report

Sorry for the early deadline for the October magazine but work commitments, organising two 12 cars in a month and a late minute holiday dictated this.

Many thanks for the support Julia and I got running our 12 car at the beginning of September. I hope it was enjoyed by all. A fuller report can be found in the November magazine.

Well done to Dolphin members Andrew and daughter Grace Lees and Peter Cox, all competing on the Exmoor Rally. In summary, Andrew and Grace finished 10th O/A and 1st in the Nova and Peter Cox, navigating for Gary Ward driving a Citroen AX was 13th O/A and 6th in his class.

Thank you to Derek for another interesting report this month; the Milton Keynes Autotest and his pictures at the start of Harvest Tour on 18th September.

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Please note that the deadline for the November magazine is
23rd October.

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

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What's On

October

- Sun 2nd OMC Boanerges Autosolo
[Finmere] (CMSG R11) David Smith
- Thurs 6th NDMC, Club Meeting The Bowler's Arms
- Sat 8th HERO Throckmorton Challenge Colin Minchin
- Fri 14th OMC/DMC 12 Car Tony Mytton
- Thurs 20th NDMC, Club Meeting The Two Water Mills
- Fri 28th CMSG Roadsport 12 car Round 5
Map175/185 Glynn Hayward, Basingstoke

November

- Thurs 3rd NDMC, Club Meeting The Bowler's Arms
- Fri 4th DMC/OMC 12 Car Bob Muttram
- Thurs 17th NDMC, Club Meeting The Two Water Mills
- Fri 18th CMSG Roadsport 12 car Round 6
Map175 Brian Cammack/Haydn Marks
- Dolphin MC associated events

Dates for your diary

12 Car dates - 2016

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

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|----------------------|------------------------------|
| 14 th Oct | Tony Mytton, OMC, Map 164 |
| 4 th Nov | Bob Muttram (NDMC), Maps 174 |
| 2 nd Dec | OMC, Map 164 |

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

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| 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 |

MSA Online Training Update

31 August 2016

Well, nearly 8 months in and we have almost 5000 registered users, which is absolutely fantastic. If you know someone who is still to undertake the training then please encourage them to do so as soon as possible as the Marshals renewals for 2017 has now gone live!

The PowerPoint version will be ready by mid-September and will be sent to the MSA's Training Instructors on request.

Finally we are looking at developing 5 additional modules across all disciplines during 2017....watch this space for further updates.

Thank you for engaging with the [online training](#)!

The MSA Training Team

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Milton Keynes Autotest

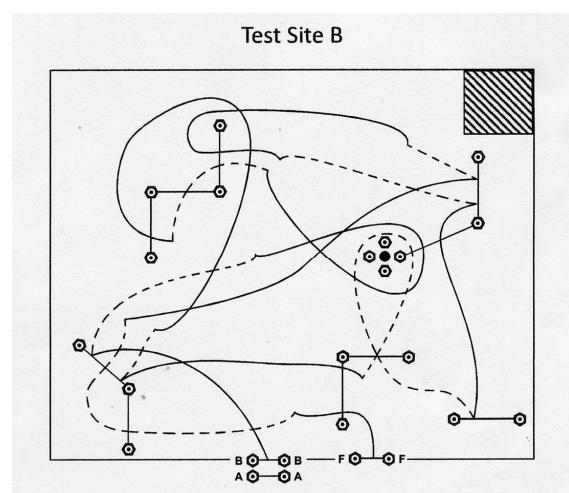
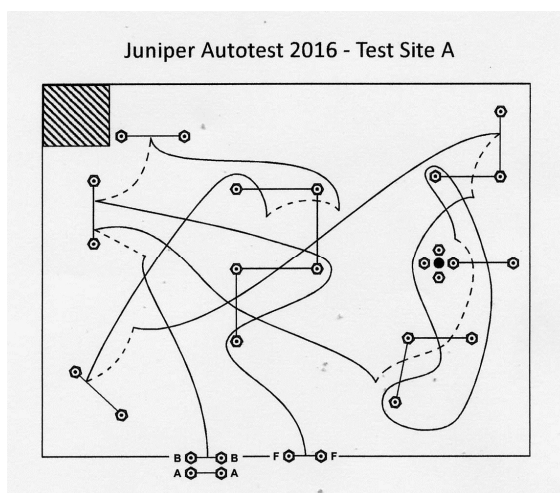
28 August 2016

Having been a dab hand at tarmac autotests in the 1960s before I could afford a rally car, I decided to give them another go this year, as stated previously, in my little grey pug 205. The problem these days of course is that you can't practice the manoeuvres anywhere without getting into trouble, which has also led to most of the grass autotests around here going to boring all forwards. This has become a bit self-defeating as no-one learns to do the tricky stuff so no-one wants to do it.

So the only way to try it out was to join the Southern Championships as they are now the only tarmac events being run in this part of the country. As reported previously I had a gentle introduction in Peter Cox's one reverse gate event and then some slightly more complicated tests at Kemble that went ok. The next event was to be in the MK Dons car park at Milton Keynes.

This event was also to be a round of the BTRDA Demon Tweeks Autotest Championships and I was blissfully unaware of what that would mean on sending in an entry.

So shock and horror when the following test diagrams arrived two days before the event:



Blimey! How on earth am I going to learn all that! I can't even remember what I had for breakfast!

So out with the drawing pins in the lounge carpet and the Corgi pug 205 to try and learn the tests.



Well on the day it became quite apparent why the tests were such, above shows a gaggle of the rear wheel drive cars. These top national boys are on another planet. Not only were they well practiced at learning these tests but execution was one short continuously spinning action in their autotest specials. Seamless forwards, reverse, forwards gates with the car rotating around it's centre point which moved smoothly and swiftly around the course. Suffice it to say that the reigning British National Autotest Champion Alastair Moffatt and his cronies were completing each test in less than half the time it took me, albeit him on a motorised tin tray 'stunt car' with castors:



So there were five of us tagging along in the road car class and in all we did 16 tests which I reckon was about 112 handbrake turns, with half of them into reverse, and about 24 J-turns, so got my monies worth.

There was a slight anomaly in the road car results initially due to the top competitor in our class, a previous champion, electing to drive a road car. This resulted in all of the rest of us getting maximums

however well or bad we did! (= fastest time in class + 20secs). As this seemed unreasonable a set of class results was also produced based on our actual times and put me halfway at 3rd in class, so not so bad after all and not last!

Derek Looker

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Smeatharpe

I navigated for the second time for Craig McIlvar in the Fiesta. We had a good day even though there was a fire on stage 2 which stopped the stage and gave a lot of our rivals a slight advantage under the rule that the cars stopped on stage are given the same time of the last car to complete the stage.



This did not set us back too much and thankfully there was no one hurt in the fire. We manage to better our time on the second running of each stage. This was good as the stages were short compared to Abingdon which did not give us much room for improvement.

Stage times:

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|---------|------|---------|------|
| Stage 1 | 8:01 | Stage 2 | 7:28 |
| Stage 3 | 5:44 | Stage 4 | 5:38 |
| Stage 5 | 8:49 | Stage 6 | 8:26 |
| Stage 7 | 7:07 | Stage 8 | 7:01 |

This gave us 27th overall and 13th in class.

An amusing picture taken by Craig. I was not screaming but just hot.



It has been compared to the scream by Edvard Munch. What do you think?



The Dolphin's Stage rally championship with results I have been given so far this year.

| Driver | 1 | 2 | Total |
|------------------|----------|----------|--------------|
| Derek Looker | 5 | | 5 |
| Mike Hall | 5 | | 5 |
| Co-driver | 1 | 2 | Total |
| Bob Muttram | 24 | 17 | 41 |

Bob Muttram

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Harvest Tour

18th September

All pictures courtesy of Derek Looker



Trevor Dodd/Dick Hall – Vauxhall Corse Sport



A great looking Sabre



*Richard Yapp/Peter Cox, Austin Healey Sprite
+ Alan Wakeman at rear*



Peter Cox on the maps ready to start

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The full committee for 2015/2016 is;

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