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What is this car, and what is special about it?

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Your Editor Speaking...

Last month I mentioned that I was on the brink of selling my beloved Esprit. Well, the brink has come and gone. As has the Esprit... Unfortunately the chap who bought it works with me, and insists on bringing it in to work. He also insists on washing and polishing it. Damn, it looks good... Oh well.

The new F1 season is well and truly underway, with a pair of rather underwhelming races, although the third place for Jenson Button was well deserved (and a long time

coming...) No such boredom in the WRC though. Despite ITV's coverage - even less air time than C4 last year - it's looking like it will be a cracking season!

A bumper issue this month with some very welcome new contributors - articles are always welcome and virtually guaranteed to be printed (I've had to refuse some of BigJ's more colourful output though...) So, keep 'em coming!

Have fun!

Jez Boakes, Editor

From the Hot Seat

April heralds the end of another WMX year. The Officers of the Group have put pen to paper and composed their annual reports and you will find them included in the Sump to read at your leisure. These are the reports which will be discussed at the AGM and, subject to any amendments, will be adopted formally as the annual reports for the Group. If you have specific questions then feel free to contact the Committee in advance of the AGM, especially if you think it is something that may need to be looked into prior to the meeting. Otherwise, I'll look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

The **AGM is on the 8th April** as our Clubnight and is at our usual venue of the

Liberal Club in Windsor. Arrival from 8pm for an 8:30 start. We normally conclude the formalities of the evening fairly quickly so there will be entertainment afterwards, provided by AG.

Also at the AGM, the Group will be presenting the 2003 championship trophies to those recipients who were unable to attend the annual dinner.

We have had many comments from members who joined us at the Aurora Garden Hotel in Windsor in March for the Group's annual dinner and presentation of awards. The consensus appears to be that it is a great venue and a vast improvement over previous years. The management and staff certainly made us very welcome and I know that the Committee are already looking into

securing the venue for a second visit.

Rob Cox was at least as entertaining as last year. The play starring our very own AG, Andy Terle and Angie Canning was very funny. It was also very nice to welcome back some old friends of the Group who we haven't seen for a while as well as one or two new guests.

Our official photographer for the evening was Webmaster Toby Mack so hopefully the photographs will appear in the website Gallery once he's had chance to download them.

The March Clubnight "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" quiz was another success. To make a change, we played in pairs and the overall winners were AG and Toby, although the only pairing to correctly answer a £1,000,000 question were Bob and Marie Head.

At the time of writing, the March Noggin is still to take place and I am looking forward to the motorsports roadshow at Stokenchurch. In April we will return to our usual

venue of the Jolly Woodman, Littleworth Common.

The **May Clubnight** will be a visit to the Battle of Britain Command Centre at Uxbridge. John Wright is co-ordinating the visit on the evening of Thursday 6th May. Because this is an RAF base, it is essential that you provide John with your details in advance to ensure that security allow you to enter. For more information and to book your place, please contact John directly.

Looking forward to the summer, the Committee is planning a trip to a vineyard complete with wine tasting for the August Clubnight. AG is gathering details but we will need to know numbers well in advance. The last few years have shown that many of our regular members are unavailable in August so we have taken the decision to provisionally book a date and start gathering names. Please note that if sufficient numbers are not confirmed well in advance then we will be forced to cancel the Clubnight. More details will follow.

Nikki Wild, Chairman

Secret Hairy Bits

Well here we are in AGM month again. Time just seems to fly by these days doesn't it? I remember when I was at school (yes it is just a distant memory) and a day seemed forever, and a week even longer. Time seems to pass by now in the blink of an eye, perhaps it's the busy lifestyle we all lead? However I'm sure that you'll all be joining us at Liberal Windsor Club on Thursday 8th April when we will all be gathering for the annual frivolity that is the AGM. Food has been arranged for after the meeting and there will be a quiz following a general motoring theme too. The meeting itself doesn't last too long so please come and join us for a drink and some fun.

The North East London 12 car rally was held on the 12th March and was attended by several WMx crews. Phill Cannon and I had to sit this one out due to my pug having only rear brakes.

The event was won by our very own AG, ably navigated by Martin Saunders, AKA Ted. (Someone tell me why he's called Ted please.) On the Saturday the Swan Rally, which really is our local event was being run on maps 174 and 175. Phill and I had an entry on this but due to the aforementioned brake problems did not compete. However AG and I did go out marshalling in absolutely appalling weather. I drew the short straw due to AG's leg still being in plaster and got the outside job whilst Allan remained in the car! It was good to see Colin Hiscock and Chris Foxley out competing and they finished in 8th place and came second in class. Well done to you both.

That's it for now.

See you at the AGM.

Until then:

Give it Beans.....

.....And Rhubarb

BigJ, Secretary

The WMX Annual Dinner 6th March 2004

This year's Annual dinner was held at a new location, The Aurora Garden Hotel in Windsor, and it was a great improvement on the previous location. It was a shame that the journey there was not as relaxing as I would have liked, due to a bit of dodgy overtaking manoeuvre, thanks Toby! The manager of the hotel had made great efforts to ensure that AG was happy with the layout of the tables and that everything was to his liking. Almost everyone arrived on time, unfortunately Big John's party was a little late having apparently left five hours earlier but got stuck on the M25. We gave them a very warm welcome when they did appear, much to their embarrassment. The food was excellent and the service was just as good, all in all a very enjoyable meal and a venue that I would be very happy to return to.



In between courses, we were entertained by Rob Cox, who not only had an amusing act, but his magic tricks had even the most sceptical observers bemused. Rob also got some of our members to do a spot of acting. There was Captain Slime (AG), Dashing Dan (Andy Tearle) and Little Nell (Angie Canning - with heckling from Bill Canning at no extra cost!). I have to say that they did an excellent job and really gave it their all, at times I was

crying with laughter at their antics. I think that AG might have gained himself a new name!

The awards ceremony towards the end of the evening was as entertaining as always.

Champion Driver - Dave Edmunds

Champion Navigator - Perry Roe (absent)

Off Road Champion - Steven Grubb
(received by Madeleine Grubb - his mum)

Goddard's Globe - AG(!) - best WMx place on the Curtis Bennett rally

The Beetle Trophy - Paul Bolden and Jeff Hills - best WMx place on the Curtis Bennett without actually winning a pot



Endeavour Award -

Alan Smith for helping out with 12 cars and club nights despite being Reading secretary and Central Southern chairman!

Special Award – Ian Perry – for all his hard work as Club Secretary

Performance Shield - AG for his sterling work organising club nights, track days, 12-cars etc.

AG's Performance Shield was a surprise as the rest of the Committee decided that he should receive this award without his knowledge for all of his hard work for our group.

As usual the end of the evening was completed by Alan lightening the purses/wallets of anyone who had been 'grassed up' by other club members. He did seem to have rather a lot of material this year thanks to lots of emails and much whispering.

Alan entertained as usual with his knowledge of everyone's errors and faux pas and raised £86.55 for Children in Need. Which means over all the Annual Dinners we are £32 short of raising £1000 – not bad.

Thanks AG and the Committee for organising a thoroughly enjoyable evening, I look forward to the next one!

Gail Mack

Who Wants to be a Millionaire? Clubnight

The intellectual of WMx gathered at the Liberal Club in Windsor on Thursday 11th March. In a change from previous years, the quiz was to be tackled in pairs rather than individually.

Bob and Marie Head took on the pairings to Allan Goddard and Toby Mack with John Wright and Colin Hiscock making up the third pair.

Each pair nominated their chosen friend for the "phone a friend" lifeline. John was called upon by Bob and Marie, whilst Bob and Marie assisted Toby/AG and John/Colin respectively.

In the first round each pairing ended up on £1,000 although John and Colin had got the furthest before falling at the £16,000 question. The second round proved more successful with Bob/Marie winning £8,000, Toby/AG winning £16,000 and John/Colin adding £32,000 to their total. The 50:50 lifelines were proving popular but the players were showing little confidence in the answers given when the "audience" of the other teams was asked to help them out.

The final round produced our clear winners. Bob and Marie unfortunately slipped back to £0 after a tricky £1,000 question about the composer of the Moonlight Sonata. I have to say in mitigation that they were seriously let down by the "audience" on that one!

John and Colin fared better, managing £1,000 before coming unstuck on the first name of Dr Kildare.

That left the way clear for Toby and AG to storm ahead and end up with £64,000 before taking the money when they were unsure of "Che" Guevara's real first name.

So the final cumulative totals were:

Bob & Marie Head: £9,000

John Wright & Colin Hiscock: £34,000

Toby Mack & AG: £81,000

To conclude the evening, each team had one £1,000,000 question and of the three, congratulations go to Bob and Marie who successfully answered theirs.

Well done to all who took part and if you think you could have done better, I'll look forward to seeing you at the next one.

Nikki Wild

Two up and not too many "whoops"!

A pleasure shared is a pleasure doubled they say. Rarely is this truer than when it comes to riding out with a group of 'biker friends or perhaps just you with a companion on the pillion.

Motorcycling can be, at times, a somewhat solitary pastime but many of us enjoy sharing our pleasure with another and we take some company with us, perched on the pillion seat. But what about those that quite fancy the idea of a ride on the back but 'chicken out' when the opportunity presents itself. With a little understanding of a few simple "Do's and Don'ts" and a considerate rider, it's a pleasure that shouldn't be denied to anyone!

The trouble is, riding a 'bike is a pretty tricky thing to do with all sorts of bits you have to

push, pull, twist and turn. And as if that wasn't enough, it's usually pretty heavy, has only two wheels and won't stand up on it's own. Once moving of course the 'bike sheds it's pounds quicker than any Atkins dieter, it becomes easier to control and less likely to fall over because the force pushing it forward is greater than that trying to make it lie down. Slow things down again, the forces equalise and you end up wobbling all over the road! Now add a pillion into the mix.

Let's assume they have no previous experience of motorcycles. Here lies the unpredictability of it all – they have no idea what to expect, and you have no idea how they're going to react in any given situation. And make no mistake, before you set off is the best time to get the law of "what's gonna happen will happen" working in your favour.

Firstly, make sure your pillion is properly kitted out. As an ABSOLUTE BARE MINIMUM they should have a helmet that fits, a good jacket and motorcycle gloves. Be responsible, assist your pillion in making sure each is done up correctly and fit properly. You won't need me to tell you that ill fitting clothing or a helmet that's too large or not done up can be next to useless in the event of a tumble.

Then talk. Yes, talk. I'm sure many of us have had first timers climb aboard, clamp their arms about your waist in the Mother of all bear-hugs, their thighs so tight around your buttocks that your bum can't breath. Erotic it is not, much better to allay their fears before you set off and explain that you're not going to wheelie all the way into town with the needle never dropping below 60, you'll be accelerating smoothly & gently and have no plans to end up in a heap in the middle of the road. Take time to talk, it makes a lot of sense, particularly if you want your pillion to come with you more than once!

A little information shared will go a long way to ensuring that life, limb and fairing are all intact when you come to the end of your ride.

Ask your inexperienced pillion.....

- To get on the 'bike after you;
- To sit astride the bike with both feet on the footrests, not on the ground, and keep them there at traffic lights, junctions etc....explain you'll hold the bike up;
- To hold on to you or the grab rails – (but not quite in the manner previously described!);
- To look where they're going, it'll give them a better idea when you're likely to brake, accelerate or corner;
- To lean with you and the bike in corners;
- To adjust their position only while travelling in a straight line, not at slow speeds, and by placing equal weight through both footrests.

In addition, the way **you** ride will have bearing on the success or otherwise of your ride, and on the relationship with your pillion. Be mindful that your passenger may be a little nervous, or at least apprehensive. Pull away smoothly, concentrate on seamless gear changes and go easy with the braking - roll off the throttle and use front and rear brakes at the same time. If you're riding in a group make sure the others are aware you have a 'new' recruit on board so they can do their bit to make the newcomer feel comfortable. You'll feel the confidence build on the seat behind you as you get into the ride and by the time you reach your first coffee stop you'll have a new convert to all the pleasures that we know already – and someone to share your ride-outs with.

Finally, remember a nod or a wave can be all it takes to brighten up your day – enjoy!

AG

Boys at the Back

Robert Reynolds and Simon Millington compete on the Rally of Kent Forest Stages 13th and 14th March 04.

So this was it... The first event in the new 4wd rally car. Bought in 2002 for £3500 the 2 litre Subaru Impreza was my families main vehicle until we purchased another in August 2003, freeing it up for transformation into a rally car. So out came the child seats and in went the roll cage and safety equipment.

The car sailed through pre event scrutineering, but if I had a pound for every 'wot no turbo' look we got I'd be rich. Driving to the start of the first stage I felt positively giddy with nerves. I knew the risks to car and wallet that a gravel rally posed. Simon by contrast looked the picture of coolness.

"Three Two One" and the Marshal lifted the flag from the windscreen...we're off. Simon read off the bends as I got to grips with the Impreza's sideways style of cornering. All too soon the end of the first stage was upon us and I realised that my heart was almost beating out of my chest!

Through the next couple of stages the smiles grew larger and larger, with both Simon and I amazed at what a standard Impreza could do. I had worried that the standard suspension would cause a problem but it seemed to cope fine.

Eventually the inevitable happened, we charged into a sweeping bend too fast and the car slid wide towards a sturdy tree. Keeping the power down and looking out of the side window in what seemed like slow motion, we finally found some traction and scabbled onto a more acceptable line just avoiding the tree. The crowd that had assembled would have to wait for the next car to see if the tree would claim a victim.

The 1 in 25,000 OS map that Simon was using proved more useful than we had expected allowing accurate calling of 90% of the bends and junctions. The other 10% could only be described as Not As Map. Just because Simon called the bend right didn't necessarily mean that I could drive it right... and for the second time I made a real 'Pigs Ear' of a particular uphill hairpin. Embarrassed I finally got around the bend and while powering up the hill I spied one spectator enthusiastically clapping... Sarcasm?

Our closest 'Moment' came entering a straight piece of track within view of stage finish, the back of the car slipped off the crown of the road and as I struggled to gain control I realised it didn't look promising as all the spectators ahead of us started to flee for the cover of the trees. Somehow I finally stopped the fish tailing and made it to the stage finish, all be it a bit 'Heart in Mouth'.

The stages were generally in excellent condition, although, one section we drove over 4 times became so cut up it began to resemble a rough part of the Paris-Dakar, or even the Preston Rally (for those who know it). We finished the 14 stages relatively unscathed 6th in the 2 litre class out of 17 starters and 27th overall out of 60 starters. We'd taken a few risks and flirted with disaster but that's the excitement of rallying!

RAG ON!

Rob Reynolds

Front cover quiz

What is the car on the front cover, and what is special about it?

Answers to John Wright - contact details on page 15.

There will be a **prize** for the first correct answer drawn out of a hat at the AGM.

Yet another good reason to attend...

West Middlesex Group 2004 Motorcycling Events

- Sun 18th April **The Services Trial** - csma's own event that a number of WMx members usually support as Observers. This year it's held at Slab Common near Bordon, Hampshire. John Ward is the contact.
- Fri 30th April - **csma M/C Tour to Street** in Somerset. Organised by HQ motorcycle committee.
- Mon 3rd May
- Sat 8th May - **The Welsh National Rally** - A real highlight in 2003, we'll be going back for more this year. Contact me for details ASAP if you'd like to be part of the WMx effort.
- Sun 9th May
- Sun 30th May **The Woking Hospice 'Classic' Show** - an excellent day out in deepest Surrey where you can display your classic 'bike and raise money for a very worthy cause, all in very good company. Again, call me if you'd like to come along.
- Fri 4th June - **The Eaves Hall Motorcycle Tour**
- Sun 6th June
- Wed 9th June **Motorcycle Track Day** - an exclusive csma track day at the fabulous Cadwell Park in Lincolnshire, three WMx'ers have already signed up for this one - it's gonna be great!
- Tue 22nd June **Mid-Week Ride Out** - I'll be leading another of these popular runs - details nearer the time...
- Sun 27th June **"Harman Fun Challenge"** - A motorcycle scatter event organised by csma HQ. A good turnout of WMx bikers promised for this one, and a great day out. Contact me for details.
- Sat 3rd July - **The National Rally** - the annual 'bike event around central and southern England; more detail on the Group's involvement nearer the time...
- Sun 4th July
- Sun 4th July **The FROG Run** - a two, three and four wheel 'ride out' and BBQ to celebrate the Central Southern Centre's 50th anniversary - I shall be leading the two wheeled ride to and from the Wellington Country Park at Heckfield.
- Sat 17th July - **Kelso Bikefest - Scotland** - if you fancy a long summer weekend in the Highlands, let me know...
- Sun 18th July
- Tue 20th July **Mid-Week Ride Out** - another chance to slip out of the work environment for the day and join us on a trip to the seaside...
- Sun 1st Aug **South West Fun Challenge** - a new csma event based in Devon & Cornwall, more details later.
- Sun 29th Aug **A Summer Group Ride Out** - details nearer the time.
- Tue 28th Sept **Noggin 'n' Natter 'Bike Night** - Bring your 'bike to our Noggin.
- Sun 19th Oct **The Autumn Group Ride Out** - Details later
- Summer 2004 **One of our members still has a cunning plan...**

Carried over from last year we're still keen on planning a Group trip to Scandinavia. If you like the idea of riding on some of the quietest and best roads in Europe, and taking in the spectacle of riding the fantastic ocean bridges between Denmark and Sweden, please register your interest with me. If we get enough people interested, we'll do it!

I hope you all have a safe summer of motorcycling, if you'd like more details on any of the above events please contact me on one of the numbers listed below.....

Allan Goddard: WMx Group Motorcycling Co-ordinator

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csma (North London Centre)

presents the

CONCORDE Production Car Trial

Sunday 18th April 2004

Miletree Farm, near Leighton Buzzard, Beds

The Concorde PCT for 2004 will again be returning to the excellent venue at Miletree Farm and this year we hope to fit in an extra hill for some more competition. We are sure that you will have an enjoyable event, if you entered last year, you will know that this is a good event, so please encourage others in your Club to have a go! If you do not wish to enter, then why not volunteer to be a marshal and see the action at close quarters?

Entry fee for the National B event (members of LCAMC, AEMC, ACSMC, ASEMC clubs and registered contenders in the ACSMC PCT Championship) is £15 and for the Club-sport event (members of **csma** and Falcon MC only) is £10. For more details, offers to marshal or regulations, then please contact Mike Biss on 01525 720299.

Regs are also available at: <http://www.csmanet.btinternet.co.uk/events/concorde.htm>



For Sale

Peugeot 405 GRDT saloon, L/93. 1.9L turbo diesel. Electric windows (all 4), mirrors and slide/tilt sunroof. PAS. Remote C/L alarm and immobiliser (all-in-one). Factory Clarion stereo radio/cassette with integrated steering column controls. Loads of handy features like headlamp height adjustment, front foglamps, hatch in the back seat to access the boot, courtesy delay on the interior lights. It even has a boot-lid spoiler ;o) Maroon. **£800 ONO**. Currently in Amesbury (Stonehenge) but can travel to meet at mutually convenient locations :o)

The good news: Lovely condition inside and out. Everything works except for the LH door mirror heater element. Goes like a sack of badgers, and gives 42mpg even when cruising on the motorway at <ahem> about 70mph. Drives like a new car, no squeaks rattles or clonks. Lots of history, recent clutch and cambelt and tyres all round. Could even come with tasty alloys & wheel locks subject to haggling. 12 months MoT, tax to end August. No cigarette smoke, no dog or cat hairs or other detritus.

The bad news: 188k miles - but most of that has been spent on the motorway. One SMALL rip in the driver's seat. That non-functioning passenger door mirror heater (the mirror itself and the electric adjustment are fine). Otherwise it *is* flawless.

The reason for sale is simple - it isn't an estate and I need an estate. So I got one. But I'm gonna miss this. E-mail - iapery@dstl.gov.uk, phone - 01252 45 5500 or 07732 978484.

csma WEST MIDDLESEX GROUP
Annual Golf Day : 2004

Thursday the 15th July

At the

Blue Mountain Golf Complex
Bracknell, Berkshire... (probably!)

The 'deal' includes coffee or tea with bacon sandwiches on arrival, 18 holes of golf, and a late light lunch in the restaurant.

The inclusive TOTAL for all of that is **£29.50** payable to me before Thursday 1st July please.

Limited numbers this year so to book YOUR place for the day, or for more info., please contact me on:
(Home) 0118 934 5726 (Mobile) 07785 903 000
e-mail : agoddard@csma-netlink.co.uk

See you there.....?

AG

**NB: CLOSING DATE FOR BOOKING - 1st
July**

but, as always, earlier would be preferred!.

Ford Race and Rally Cars Display and Guest Speakers Evening

Thursday 22nd April 2004 (the week after NWL Noggin)



5pm onwards – Guest Speakers
from 7pm
Dagenham Motors
319 The Hyde
Edgware Road (corner of Hay Lane)
London NW9 6TH

Guest Speakers from:

Mountune Engineering, RS200, Ford Racing at Boreham and, possibly, SVE Ford Motor Company Europe

Also on display, the 'yet to be realised' Fiesta ST150 –
"a 150bhp 2.0-litre hot hatch [that] will sprint from 0-60mph in seven seconds and power on to a top speed of more than 135mph." (Auto Express)

Some blokes called Marco Martin and Francois Duval 'opened the new high Performance shop situated within the new car sales area of the impressive Flagship Ford Dealership' in November 2003.

The shop stocks the full range of Sparco and RS clothing and tuning accessories for the Ford vehicle range as well as standard replacement Ford parts.

The dealership are 'able to cater for owners of Ford Cars, and owners of other brands, who enjoy driving enthusiastically, maybe in Track days or in regional and National championships, by providing them with all of their safety clothing and other essential items. For those not interested directly in motor sport, they can offer ICE upgrades through to children's pedal cars' (*that's us sorted!*)

Please let Dee know at April Clubnight if you are interested,

or e-mail dee@csmawm.com / Tel 020 8959 3399 (eves. 7-9pm)
(It's FREE!!! - but Ford would like an idea of numbers attending)

May Clubnight, Thursday, May 6th, 19.30hrs

No. 11 (Fighter) Group Battle of Britain Operations Room



The HQ of No. 11 Group, Fighter Command, was responsible for the air defence of London and the South East of England during the war. The Operations room at RAF Uxbridge exists today as it did on 15 September 1940, the day it was visited by Winston Churchill to witness the conduct of the Battle of Britain.

Visitors will see the plotting room with its large table map displaying both friendly and hostile plots together with the illuminated tote board showing the readiness states and deployment of the individual fighter squadrons. The visit will include a talk on the Ops room and the Battle of Britain.

If you wish to come along on what will be a most fascinating trip, please contact John Wright on 01923 468205 or Bigj@ukrm.net.

Note:

1. For security reasons John will need the following:
 - If travelling by car, the name and address of the driver, the vehicle model and registration number, and the names of all passengers in the vehicle.
 - If arriving on foot, the name and address of each visitor. Pedestrians should note that the Ops room is about half a mile from the main entrance.
 - Ensure that you are carrying some form of identification.
2. The trip will start promptly at 19.30hrs. There will be no entry if you arrive later than this, also please try not to arrive more than 15 minutes early.
3. This is an active RAF base and this trip could be cancelled at short notice or even no notice if conditions dictate (this is extremely unlikely).

John will need final numbers by Monday 1st May, numbers are limited so book early to be assured of a place.

MOTORSPORT CO-ORDINATORS' BULLETIN**APRIL 2004**

| Dates | Event (Status) | Club | Type of Event | Champ |
|------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------|
| Apr Sun 18 | * Concorde PCT (Nat B/C) | NEL | Production Car Trial | Centre |
| Sun 18 | Services (Nat B) | HQ | Motorcycle Trial | |
| Tue 20 | * Hollstar Table Top Rally () | NEL | Intergroup Map plotting | Centre |
| 24/25 | * Funky Elephant (Nat B) | Wessex MC | Navigational Rally | |
| Sun 25 | * Judgement Day A/T (Nat B/C) | Farnborough | &DMC Tarmac Autotest | |
| May15/16 | * Miglia Quadrato () | UH&ULMC | Treasure Hunt | |
| Jun Sun 6 | Juniper Autotest (Nat B) | NEL | Tarmac Autotest | BTRDA |

Licence required : (I/Nat A/Nat B/Cm) = MSA Licence, (C) = Club Card, () = Nothing, * = Regs available

Past Events

March 12 Car Rally The start venue at the Station Hotel in Knebworth proved a bit tight for parking space and so everyone was given an extra couple of minutes and started from inside. The event was entirely on map 166 for its 45 mile route and this was definitely Dave Roshers's swan song event. Some crews were caught out at an unmarked triangle when they saw a codeboard just before it and didn't go round it to get the other one. We were caught out near the end when we missed a bit of information on the routecard and missed a loop out. Whilst Ted and John missed a loop on the last section. Everyone made it to the finish though and it was Allan and Martin who were declared the winners.

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|-----------------|--------|---------------------------------|---------|-------|-------------|------|
| 1 st | Car 2 | Allan Goddard / Martin Saunders | WMx | Exp 0 | Fails 2 | Mins |
| 2 nd | Car 4 | Mike Biss / Ian Buxton | NEL/NWL | Exp 1 | Fail 0 | Mins |
| 3 rd | Car 1 | Ted Manktelow / John Evans | NWL | Exp 1 | Fail 1 | Min |
| 4 th | Car 3 | Alan Thurbon / Lee Craker | NWL | Exp 1 | Fail 1 | Min |
| 5 th | Car 8 | Alan Robins / Dave Robins | NWL | Nov 4 | Fails 30 | Mins |
| 6 th | Car 6 | Philip Brent / Graham Robinson | NEL | Nov 6 | Fails 18 | Mins |
| | Car 7 | John Wright / Phill Cannon | WMx | Nov | Non-starter | |
| 1 st | Car 11 | Mike Harrison / Sarah Harrison | NWL | Beg 0 | Fails 16 | Mins |
| 2 nd | Car 9 | Dave Lee / John Cotton | NEL | Beg 1 | Fail 2 | Mins |
| 3 rd | Car 10 | Graham Falcke / Lesley Martin | WMx | Beg 7 | Fails 26 | Mins |

Future Events

Concorde PCT Don't forget to put the Concorde production car trial in your diaries for April 18th, the week after Easter. We need plenty of marshals to mark the scores by competitors, no previous experience needed, just some enthusiasm to help out. Why not have a go yourself, the format is simple in that several courses are laid out on some steep hills and the cars have to traverse the routes without hitting the markers or stopping. The further you get up the hills, the less penalty points you get. Anyone wishing to help out on the event should give either myself or Graham McLean (020 8553 4700) a call.

Hollstar Table Top Rally North East London are hosting the event this year and we will be returning to the Red Lion at Hatfield for the venue map ref. 166/233092. Map required will be 166 (Luton & Hertford) edition C2. The usual format of sections to be plotted against the clock, with accuracy more important than speed, will be the order of the day.

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Dave Rosher has done the navigation, prior to his long imminent move, and should provide everyone with a non mind-boggling challenge.

Funky Elephant Rally This is a navigational road rally which starts from a Golf Centre near Southampton and uses maps 185, 196 and 197. Plot and bash navigation is on offer during the 50 mile route and the entry fee is £53, which includes breakfasts. Regs available from me.

Judgement Day Autotest The **csma** have an invite to this tarmac autotest event which will be held at Barton Stacey camp, near Andover. On offer will be a National B, Clubsport, and Production Car Autotest status events and each costs £22.50 to enter. Contact Graham Skeggs on 01252 659044 for further details.

Miglia Quadrato Treasure Hunt Again it is that time of year when you have the chance to wander around the City of London in the middle of the night searching for treasure hunt clues. This is a unique event and you spend five hours looking for 60 answers, anywhere within the Square Mile. Entry fee is £10 and I have regs if you are interested. There are several people in the Groups who have done this event before, so if you would like to know what it is about, then give me a ring and I'll explain.

Curtis Bennett Weekend The date for the motor sport weekend has changed from that previously mentioned and will now be held over the weekend of the 8/9/10th October. Discounts will be on offer for the accommodation in Whitemead Forest Park, but no details are available at present.

Other Items

Vehicle Registration Document From January 2004 anyone applying for a V5 Registration Document will be issued with a new Vehicle Registration Certificate (V5C). The new Registration Certificate has been developed to comply with the European Directive 1999/37/EC, which requires member states to introduce a common format for Registration Certificates no later than June 2004. This will help with the identification of vehicles in international traffic and may be used for re-registration throughout the European Union. Compliance with the directive will result in additional information being recorded on the document.

Between January 2004 and May 2004 anyone expecting a Registration Document because they have either a) Purchased a new/used vehicle, b) Applied for a duplicate document or c) Notified DVLA of a change of details, will be issued with a new style Registration Certificate.

From June 2004 until June 2005 Registration Certificates will continue to be issued in these circumstances but will also be automatically sent to keepers shortly after they tax their vehicle or notify DVLA that a vehicle is being kept off the road [Statutory Off Road Notification - SORN]. The intention is that by June 2005 all traceable vehicles will have been issued with the new style Registration Certificate.

This means that from 1 July 2005 all existing Registration Documents will no longer be valid. An extensive publicity campaign will be launched in May 2005 to encourage all vehicle keepers who have not received the new Registration Certificate to inform DVLA. On receipt of your new Registration Certificate, check the details are correct, and then destroy the existing old style Registration Document if it is still in your possession.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- JAN 04 New style Registration Certificate issued for all first registrations, applications for a duplicate and whenever DVLA are notified of change of details.

- JUNE 04 Registration Certificates automatically issued shortly after a vehicle is taxed or DVLA is informed that a vehicle is being kept off the road [SORN].
- MAY 05 If a Registration Certificate has not been received inform the DVLA

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- JULY 05 All existing old style Registration Documents will no longer be valid.

New Car Tax Rules *What are the changes?* The new car tax (vehicle licensing) rules mean that from 1 January 2004 the registered keeper of a vehicle (the person named on DVLA's record) remains responsible for taxing a vehicle (or making a SORN declaration) until that liability is formally transferred to a new keeper. To avoid liability for taxing it, the keeper needs to inform DVLA when the vehicle is sold, transferred, scrapped or exported. Once DVLA has been notified about a sale/transfer we will issue an acknowledgement letter, which should be kept as proof that the vehicle record has been changed.

What happens if you do not re-license your vehicle? The new rules mean that keepers who fail to re-license their vehicle (or declare SORN) will incur an automatic penalty of £80 (reduced to £40 if paid within 28 days). Determined offenders will be faced with prosecution and could be fined a minimum £1000.

DVLA will carry out a computer check each month to identify those vehicles without a valid tax disc. Although the new rules mean that it is no longer necessary for the vehicle to be seen on a public road before a penalty is issued current on-road enforcement will still continue.

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