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***Merry Christmas***

and a

***Happy New Year***

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**Your Editor Speaking...**

**B**um.

No sooner do I announce to the world (well, the gentle readership of the Sump at least!) that I'm back playing badminton than I

injure myself... Only a slight muscle strain in my calf, but it did hurt - a lot! And to add insult to injury, it was on the other leg than the ankle sprain that kept me off the court for so long... Two dodgy pins! Oh well... Have fun!

*Jez Boakes (Editor)*

**A Note from your Chairman**

**D**ecember is upon us – so that must mean a Skittles evening at the usual venue of the Greyhound, Eton Wick, Thursday Dec 10<sup>th</sup> for the princely sum of £15. Come along and have the usual fun seeing me try to add numbers together after a drink!

After the over consumption of Christmas, why not refresh yourselves with a nice steady drive through the Oxfordshire countryside? The New Year Run is on

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January starting in Chinnor as last (or should that be this?) year.

I hope you've been good this year so that Father Christmas brings you all that you want! Booking to attend the Skittles and/or New Year Run will get you lots of brownie points before the big day.

Drive carefully – I remember when winter meant frost and snow and slippery roads – now we get rain, rain and more rain – be good.

As ever, keep your foot in it.....

*Derrick Holden (Chairman)*

**Secretary's Scribblings**

**M**y first "Secretary's Scribblings". Lock this away somewhere safe, it may be worth something one day. Signed copies available.

I suppose I'd better introduce myself first, although many will know me from the dim and distant past before the kids grabbed all my time !

So me :

- getting older every second,
- work for Sun (soon to be acquired by Oracle) looking after their Desktop business across EMEA. Sun does Java on PCs and phones (and other devices) which you might have heard of, plus we do HUGE servers which sit behind eBay, Google,

Facebook, etc, etc.

- CSMA eligibility through Gloucester Land Registry,

- Me, an old stage rally driver, winner of ACSMC, ASWMC and CMSG Driver's titles. Competed on BTRDA and Mintex/ANCRO events for years, driver in Frizzell Rally Team CSMA for 1995 Rally GB (second Team, Colin McRae won, my boys remember the finish well).

- Eldest sprog Oli, 17. Fearless, youngest ever rider to ride Downhill Mountain Bike National events in the UK. Has competed all over the World, quite quick in a kart, good hockey player, taking A levels, can't beat Dad at autotests (although he can beat me at almost everything else),

- son 2, Owen, 15, anything you want to

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know about technology, the IT Crowd, Father Ted, the Young Ones, etc he's your man. Now U25 Champion Endurance Road Rally Navigator and member of the Under 17 Car Club.

- Miranda, 13, vicious, nobody passes her when playing hockey. Can't stop laughing at magicians. Another member of the Under 17 Car Club, she can drive Castle Combe blindfolded !

So what am I going to be writing about ? Inevitably what I'm doing, seeing and experiencing which I think will be of interest.

My immediate focus is to get through the Oracle acquisition with a job !

After that, the main focus is to get Oli through his BARS test (he passed his karting ARKS test with flying colours and obtained a National A kart licence quickly so shouldn't be a problem), we'll see. Autosolos, autotests, PCTs and general competitive miles under the belt will be experienced in preparation to hit the forests. Add the major National mountain biking events plus the Avalanche Cup in Kielder, Andorra, Sweden, Italy and Switzerland and it's going to be a busy year. At least Oli's just passed his driving test so he can drive himself to events ! A Peugeot 205 XS has been purchased, ok for Endurance events now, will be re-

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prepared for the 1400 205 Challenge and Rally First. As Oli has a similar background to Nico Vouilloz (and Oli's ridden with him at Alpe d'Huez) an IRC drive should be coming soon. Any sponsors welcomed for joint marketing activities !

Owen and I will be out on 12 cars and Endurance events, with Owen trying to retain his U25 Navigator's title. He also intends to progress up the U17 Car Club ladder and win the Micra Prize Drive. This is where Richard Burns started, let's see what happens.

Miranda wants a place in the Berks or Bucks County hockey squad and as many designer clothes as she can amass !

I'll be focussing on making money ! This may turn in to a soap opera, but hopefully you'll be entertained.

In addition, everybody likes a bit of rumour, conjecture, scandal. Maybe this will be the restart of "Rumour has it" from years ago. I'll be scribbling about my experiences from CSMA circles and beyond. I've already visited the CSMA Club and have seen how the CSMA needs dragging in to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century (one step at a time). First hint on controversy ? Tune in again next month

*Alan Wakeman (Secretary)*

## **January Clubnight**



# **Magic!**

**At the Liberal Club, Windsor**

**Thursday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 8pm**

December Clubnight

# *Skittles!*



**Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup>, at the  
Greyhound, Eton Wick, 7:30pm for  
an 8pm start!**

An evening of keenly fought bowling, laughter  
and a magnificent supper!

*Tickets are £15* - contact Derrick Holden on  
07905 005963 for tickets or more information!

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# New Year Run 2010!



**Sunday  
January 3<sup>rd</sup>  
2010**



*For the sixth WMx New Year Run!*

*Around 100 miles of gentle motoring suitable for all cars  
and abilities - no experience needed!*

Start and finish in Chinnor.

Entry fee £12 - contact Derrick (07905 05963) for an entry form  
or more information!

**December 2009****Motor Sport Coordinators' Bulletin**

Date	Day	Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club	Champ
Dec	Fri 4	* 12 Car Rally (C)	Navigational rally	CSMA NEL	Centre
	5/6	* Preston (Nat B)	Rough Road Rally	Chelmsford MC	
Jan	Sun 3	* New Year Hangover (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NWL	Centre
	23/24	* Carpetbagger (Nat B)	Tough Road Rally	Bournemouth & DMC	
Feb	Fri 12	12 Car Rally (C)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL	Centre
Mar	Fri 12	12 Car Rally (C)	Navigational rally	CSMA NEL	Centre

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

**Previous Events**

**NWL 12 Car Rally** The event was rather wet and the roads were covered in leaves, so slippery going for all. A big thanks to all the marshals, who did a fantastic job in the weather conditions. Steven and Mike fell foul of a very big puddle, which saw them drown out for quite a while. They did get going again with the help of the course closing car. It's a shame that so many places are now falling under the 30mph spell and making it difficult for organisers to find a good route. Thanks to Alan and Lee for running the event.

1st	Car 9	Mike Biss / Cath Woodman	Exp	NEL/NWL	0 Fails	3 Mins
2nd	Car 8	Derek Newbould / James Newbould	Exp	NEL	0 Fails	19 Mins
3rd	Car 4	Philip Brent / Graham Robinson	Nov	NEL	1 Fail	19 Mins
4th	Car 1	Allan Edmondson / Elliott Edmondson	Beg	HRCR	3 Fails	25 Mins
5th	Car 3	John Bryant / Steve Jenkins	Exp	NWL	3 Fails	26 Mins
6th	Car 6	Steven Grubb / Charlie Mortelman	Nov	WMx	4 Fails	27 Mins
7th	Car 7	Steven Harrison / Mike Harrison	Nov	NWL	6 Fails	1 Min
8th	Car 2	Alan Wakeman / Oli Wakeman	Beg	WMx	7 Fails	14 Mins
9th	Car 5	Peter Watchman / Andy Hastie	Nov	HRCR	19 Fails	26 Mins

**Hollstar Intergroup Table Top Rally** The annual map reading competition between groups was held at the NWL clubnight and again failed to get a decent entry. Ian Buxton was running the event and put on a very well balanced set of route cards, that saw all the crews get round the whole route. Just a shame that all the effort put in was not rewarded with a better turn out. With the experts having to answer an extra question on each section, this sorted out the crews. NWL were both the individual winners and the team winners again.

Pos.	Group	Class	Crew	Fails	Mins
1	NWL	Nov	Alan Thurbon / Alan Robins	0F	23:47
2	NEL	Nov	John Cotton / Gill Cotton	0F	29:21
3	NWL	Exp	Dave Smith / Cath Woodman	1F	16:48
4	WMX	Nov	Allan Goddard	2F	37:36
5	NEL	Exp	Mike Biss	3F	17:29

**NEL 12 Car Rally** The 12 Car rally season continues with the first NEL event and will be organised by James Newbould. The start venue will be at the Green Man PH, Brackley Hatch, on the A43 SW of Silverstone, MR 152/648418 and map 152 will be required (current edition is D2). Food will be available at the start. Please contact James on 07752 033122 for entries and offers to marshal.

**New Year Hangover Autotest** The event will be on the 3rd January and will run at the usual Dunstable venue. This will be a passenger carrying event and is held on a smooth grass field. Nice easy all-forward tests are on offer and are suitable for your standard car. Entry fee is £17. Let me know if you require regs. The event will however be dependent on weather conditions in the preceding weeks, so we will let everyone know in advance

if it is on. The current thinking is that if the field is not available, we will try and run an AutoSolo instead. So please keep the date free.

**WMx 12 Car Rally - Cancelled** This event will not be running again, as the Group just doesn't seem to have anyone willing to organise one these days, possibly due to a lack of spare time.

**Carpetbagger Rally** This is the best road rally in the country, with the narrow, twisty Devon lanes giving the crews a real challenge. Such is the reputation this event has built up, that crews are coming from all over the country to compete and the organisers dissuade any novices from competing as it is such a tough, not stop challenge. At the last count there were 350 requests for regs, with only 60 starters allowed.

Happy Christmas to everyone and good fortune in your endeavours next year.

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**The deadline for articles for the**

***January***

**Sump is December 23<sup>rd</sup>!**

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