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Malcolm and Caroline Grubb on the finish ramp of the Lombard Rally 2006. See page 12 for more details...

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Your Editor Speaking...

What a palaver! The clocks go back and all the traffic grinds to a halt at 5pm! Have these people not driven in the dark since the clocks went forward in March?!? Don't get me started...

A very very stressful month at work - my three (count 'em!) jobs all appear to be peaking at once - there are more baying voices than at the Quorn Hunt...

Which is my excuse for getting the results wrong on the October 12-car... I falsely penalised one crew effectively twice (with both a time penalty and a fail) for opening their navigation envelopes early.

The event itself was well attended, with 8

crews and a marvelous marshalling turnout - a **BIG** thank you to all who took part!

November has a very special clubnight which I urge you all to come along to - our new association chairman (yes - he even out-ranks AG!) has agreed to come and talk to us, and maybe even answer some questions...

Skittles, the New Year Run and the Annual Dinner are all plugged in this issue - hope to see you at one or the other. Or all...

The NWL 12-car is on November 17th - please try to support their event as well as you support ours! Regs available from me...

Have fun!

Jez Boakes (Editor)

A Note from your Chairman

Hello everyone,

Well.....we are into the '12-car' season. I hope (in fact I know) that those who took part in the WMx event the other week (organised by Malcolm with Jez) had a good evening, I certainly did. Ann and I manned a time control, met some interesting people, heard some strange noises in the bushes(!) and frightened a few motorists who thought the two people in reflective jackets were a speed trap! By some good fortune we won a bottle of wine in the post-rally lottery, which recognises the efforts of marshals and helpers. Thank you

and well done guys.

Ann and I also traveled up to Milton Keynes centre for the annual Quadruplex quiz night, you know - the one where we are supposed to send a vast number of people (like NWL and NEL) so that we have a chance of winning the team prize. It was a very pleasant evening with perhaps the best fish and chip supper I've had for some time! We acquitted ourselves honourably (well - as honourable as I'll ever be) and finished as second team (I think), which isn't bad as there were (was?) only two of us. Thanks for a great evening and to Lee for setting some really unusual 'questions'. Next time (early next year, rumoured to be

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swapping dates with the Holstar, at the Surrey centre) let's have a bumper entry from WMx and have a real stab at winning the trophy.

That's enough from me (thank God I hear you cry) so I hope to see you out and

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about, on a club event possibly – I'm going to the NEC on AG's 'champagne charabanc' on the 31st Oct, perhaps I'll see you there.....or at the 'Noggin' later.

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

Derrick Holden (Chairman)

Mack's Mutterings

The big event for me over the last month was the combined Retro Run and Three Shires Run. This time it was just on our doorstep so there was no problem in taking the Westfield. I was a bit worried about the weather but in fact it turned out ok and we had an excellent weekend. Saturday night saw some very inventive Pirate outfits and Sunday morning a few hangovers! Oh, and some great roads on both the Saturday and Sunday. An excellent event! The only downside was the stiffer springs and shocks I fitted to the Westfield in the summer. Great for track use but perhaps not ideal for small Hampshire lanes - my back is still not what it was! Anyway, that is it for the Westfield now. It is declared SORN and I have started taking the engine out. Hopefully it will be back next year with a bit more power and maybe slightly softer springs!

Unfortunately work got in the way of the clubnight and the 12 car so I could not attend but I heard the 12 car went well. Time is running out to organise the New Year Run but Jez and I have now got a provisional route (partially checked) and start venue so it is looking more like a reality now. Which is good as we are starting to get entries. If you are going to enter this then please get your entries in early. It makes it much easier for us to gauge interest and gives us an incentive to pull our fingers out and get it sorted!

Looking into November and December there are a couple of 12 cars from NEL and NWL, the **csma** 4x4 Amble, our November Clubnight and, of course, the Noggin and Natters. Not forgetting the Skittles night in December. So, the nights might be drawing in but there is still plenty of things to be doing.

Have fun.

Toby Mack (Secretary)

Quadruplex 2006

WMx members missed out on a great night out when the annual Quadruplex competition was held at the Milton Keynes Club night venue in Newport Pagnell earlier this month.

This was a quiz with a difference and full marks to the inventiveness of the organisers. How well do you know the standard Monopoly Board for example?

In the first round we were given a chance to find out as we were given a blank photocopy with only the colours and the corner squares to guide us.

Having spent long hours as a child playing Monopoly, I thought it would be relatively easy, but how wrong I was. I could remember most of the streets and their colours but getting them in the right order was more of a challenge. As points were only awarded for a spot on answer, I can tell you we were mightily relieved at the end of the round to have scored somewhere around the middle – though as you can imagine there was a wide range of scores.

After an excellent fish and chip supper, marred only by the shop neglecting to include cutlery, we resumed. I had been intrigued by arrows on the floor, concluding **csma** must share the venue with a local line dancing club or similar. How wrong can you be? Having nominated a volunteer (not hard when there are only 2 of you, more on that later.....)

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miniature cones were put out and a radio controlled mini appeared. We were going racing!

Despite being allowed a short practice, most drivers collected a few cones and therefore a few penalty points whilst there were several hilarious off road incidents as the car inexplicably took off into the darker regions of the Working Men's Club! Our own dear Derrick was the only one I think not to hit any cones, but he was timed out inches from the line, which along with 5 others meant we scored nil point from a potential 30 +. We wuz robbed!!!

We played our joker on the next "Who's that girl" deducing correctly it would be either pop music or women in history / public life. Having listened to the first few bars of a hit from the last 4 decades, we had to give the tune, the singer (harder) and the year (hardest of all.) We got the first one – Band of Gold by Freda Payne, 1970 quite easily but it all went downhill from there.

Round 4 – another volunteer – not the same one – for the 'Spinning' round. With sinking heart I realised this would be a hula hoop round for me – something I was a singular failure as a child and have never mastered since! I could only watch with envy and trepidation as NWL's Cath demonstrated the technique perfectly, achieving the required 30 revolutions easily and fluidly in 60 seconds. With great reluctance I took to the floor, clutching my hoop grimly.

Reader - I did it! 30 revolutions in 60 seconds largely due to my speedy retrieval motion. No matter how many times the hoop hit the floor, it was the laps of the waist and hips that counted, even if after every two spins I was twisting and bowing like a Michael Flatley encore. I survived to take maximum points for the honour of WMX. Hurrah!

A final general knowledge round sorted out the men from the boys as it were and we awaited the final scores.

First Place	N.W.L.	Hmmmm
Second Place	N.W.L.	Guess what?
Third Place	N.W.L.	

No prizes for guessing who got the team prize!

And WMX's dynamic duo?

Fourth Place! Which I don't think was bad for just two of us out of about 9 teams – Just think how much better we would have done had you been there. Technically we didn't even count as a team as there should have been a minimum of three of us (max 4). The competition is intended as a team event, with the trophy going to the group that has the two highest scoring teams. So your absence meant we were never going to win it, but, next year the event is being moved to March and will be in Surrey, so watch for the date, put it in your diary, and come along and have a go!!!

Our thanks to Milton Keynes Group for a great evening and absolutely super quiz.

Ann Holden

The deadline for articles for the
***December* Sump is November 22nd!**

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Treasure Hunt October Clubnight

Derrick and Ann's Spring driving treasure hunt was a great success but we had already booked the Liberal Club meeting room for the October Clubnight and therefore it was decided that the Autumn treasure hunt would be on foot around Windsor. The added bonus was that if it was raining on the day, we could stay in the warm with a pint or two and defer the treasure hunt until the weather picked up.

Ann and Derrick had obviously put in a lot of work to pick a route around Windsor which led us to the answers of each of the gently cryptic clues and I have to say that it was disappointing that their efforts were rewarded with another very low turnout. Maybe the poor weather was a factor. That said, the few of us who made it had a thoroughly good time and it was, in fact, a glorious evening.

Jez and I set off first followed by Simon and Celia, with AG and Bob Head bringing up the rear. There was a roadbook (or should that be pathbook?) in which were directions leading us down alley ways, up and down steps, along the riverside and around the castle perimeter. At various tests, questions were asked to which we had to collect the answers, ranging from information on plaques to counting the number of steps. Most were very straight forward.

Bonus points were awarded for any team returning with a swan's feather. The proviso was that no swan may suffer in the process of the feather gathering so I don't think there are any bald swans on the Thames as a result of our Clubnight.

The final page of treasure hunt questions was to be completed back at the Liberal Club and was more general knowledge linked to Windsor. Some of the question answers had been on the plaques that we'd read for other clues so a bit of observation helped Jez and I with a couple of the answers. However, we were beaten by just one point by AG and Bob whose Windsor related knowledge was better than ours.

We claimed that we didn't know which University Prince Charles had attended because he'd graduated before I was born (just). Sadly, that didn't gain us much favour with the assembled judges. Can't think why...

It was a very entertaining, gentle quiz and I learned a few things about our Clubnight base that I didn't know before. Thank you Ann and Derrick for all your work to put the evening together. I'm looking forward to the next one!

Nikki Wild

csma Karting Group

Motorsportworld, Hoddesdon, Track day 9th October 2006



csma Karting Group put on another great day's sport, with over 2 hours Karting for each driver for just... £85.00, that was our usual GREAT value.

Starting at 9.30 with the weigh in and breakfast, the day was a mixture of individual racing and mixed ability Team events with all competitors enjoying the relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

The weather was kind, with a gentle autumn sunshine, a dry track and a comfortable 17C temperature these were ideal conditions to enjoy the challenges of this 480m long outdoor circuit, with 60mph karts sliding into the corners and yet perhaps surprisingly, these skills were quickly learnt by the average **csma** member.

csma Captain, Allan Goddard (AG) once again organised a great day of varied events, from mixed ability Team endurance races to graded individual races allowing the heavier

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members a fairer chance of silverware against similar competitors.

The days events commenced with 20 minutes practice and then a 20 minute qualifying race leading to the A and B individual event finals, meaning EVERY driver had a chance of prizes in the final that best suited him. Some really close racing ensued which was great to watch as well as take part in.

The Endurance Team event was again run with Teams carefully matched by AG, using a mystical formulae of weight, lap times and intuition AG created 9 teams of mixed ability resulting in very close racing with 4 teams being within 30 seconds on the last lap after 1½ hours of hectic racing!

These track days are designed to mix everyone together give all drivers a chance and allow **csma** members to meet each other and make new friends, this format does just that.

In the next event February 19th at Whilton Mill, Northants, we are running races for NOVICES who will all receive a friendly welcome, encouragement and instruction so come along and join in it really is OPEN to ALL **csma** members.

Drew Goodspeed (Chairman csma Karting group)

Announcing.....

West Middlesex Groups' famous
Annual Dinner and Awards Evening
2007

Saturday 3rd March

With the promise of another evening of excellence for our taste buds, and hopefully, another annual workout for our chuckle muscles, the

Aurora Garden Hotel, in Windsor,

will be the host venue for the Group's 2007 Annual Dinner & Awards Evening.

On this 'black tie & posh frocks' occasion we'll be presenting our Group Awards for 2006 as well as a superb menu for your enjoyment and delight.

As always there's bound to be a few surprises during the evening and, of course, there'll be some rather special entertainment as well.....no, no, no, come on now! You always get more than just me! And all for only £24.50 per head (less if booked with Skittles!)

Normally accommodation at the Hotel is available at a very special rate for us, and this year is no exception. £65 for a Double or Twin room & £50 for a Single, all to include an truly sumptuous breakfast. Please book your requirements ASAP through me as the Hotel only has 18 rooms now and, although all are held in my name, we are very limited for numbers.

There we are then - put the date (Saturday 3rd March) in your new diary now please, then give me a call or send me an e-mail to reserve YOUR place – and do it quick 'cause you really don't want to miss this one!

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csma Annual General Meeting

Friday 6 October 2006 saw the annual general meeting of **csma** take place at The Thistle Westminster.

I went along to help with the signing on and issuing of proxy votes, a role that I am accustomed to undertaking, this year was different because I was there as a Club Member not an employee. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces there to support the club.

The meeting attracted 75 members, which meant that there were no queries as to whether the meeting was quorate. A situation that I am sure many of the groups are all too familiar with.

Some excellent questions were presented to the Board, including a query regarding proxy voting and another about the removal of subscriptions – I am not a shorthand expert and have not attempted to record either the question or answer for this short article, I am sure the full details will appear in the published minutes in due course.

I have however recorded a couple of 'quotes' that I felt could not go unpublished: *'The Board keeps playing with itself'* and *'The rules say there are no rules for this situation'*

Elections were as follows:

Chairman: Geoff Eteson
Vice-Chairman: Dave Farris
Treasurer: Dave Sampson
Captain: Allan Goddard – anyone ever heard of this bloke?

Independent Council Members:

Elaine Easom Richard Garbett Allan Nichol

Club Governance Panel:

Bev Cooper Ian Devereux Neil Manchee

Club Operations Panel:

Martin Hunter Allan Nichol Trevor Rudderham

Social Committee:

Ann Ackland Harry Cubitt Peter Duckenfield
 Derek Farnworth Heather Glanville Judith Pursell

Camping & Caravanning Committee:

Peter Banks Keith Davies Norman Higginson
 Mike Docker Barry Hope Neil Lewis

Motoring Committee:

Dave Barrett Pete Gregory Tim Harman
 Bob Hill Ian Jarrett Martin Saunders

Both Tony Davies and Peter Denny were appointed Vice Presidents of the Club.

The Special Resolution at Item 10 of the Agenda was approved.

Finally it is with a certain amount of sadness that I must announce that Sir Alexander Graham announced his retirement from the post of **csma** President.

Terri Jacobs

Skittles!



The Annual West Middlesex Skittles Evening!

December 14th 2006

7:30 pm for 8:00

At the Greyhound Pub, Eton Wick

*A Truly Sumptuous Buffet
and Great Entertainment!*

Tickets only £13.50!

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Dates	Event (Status)	Club	Type of Event	Champ	
Nov	Fri 17 * 25/26 *	12 Car Rally Powerush Inter-Ass (Nat B)	csma NWL Borough 18 MC	Navigational rally Navigational rally	Centre
Dec	Fri 8 * 9/10 *	12 Car Rally Preston (Nat B)	csma NEL Chelmsford MC	Navigational rally Road Rally	Centre
Jan	Fri 12 20/21	12 Car Rally Carpetbagger (Nat B)	csma WMx Bournemouth & DMC	Navigational rally Road Rally	Centre
Feb	Fri 8	12 Car Rally	csma NWL	Navigational rally	Centre
Mar	Fri 8	12 Car Rally	csma NEL	Navigational rally	Centre

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

Previous Events

Autumn Autotest There were only six starters this year and the weather took a hand in shortening the event after lunch. The tests were just a bit slippery to start with but after a bit of heavy rain made it start to get very slippery at times. The organisers decided to call it a day as the weather looked as if it was only going to get worse and we all went down the pub instead.

12 Car Rally - October The West Middlesex event kicked off the season with a good event out west, with eight crews taking part. Malcom and Jez put on a well supported rally and managed to sort out a winner, although it looked pretty close

1st	Car 3	Derek Newbould/Ian Buxton	Nov/Exp	NEL/NWL	0 Fails	5 Mins
2nd	Car 1	Ted Manktelow/John Evans	Exp	NWL	0 Fails	8 Mins
3rd	Car 10	Colin Hiscock/Jamie Hiscock	Nov/Beg	WMx	1 Fail	0 Mins
4th	Car 7	Drew Goodspeed/Allan Goddard	Exp/Beg	WMx	1 Fail	0 Mins
5th	Car 2	Tom Brooks/Tony Brooks	Exp	WMx	1 Fail	1 Mins
6th	Car 8	Alan Wakeman/Owen Wakeman	Beg	WMx	1 Fail	1 Mins
7th	Car 9	Chris Foxley/David Smith	Beg	WMx	1 Fail	9 Mins
8th	Car 5	Philip Brent/Graham Robinson	Nov	NEL	2 Fails	79 Mins

Londinium Pedito This is a walking treasure hunt in the City of London saw three of us take part on a nice sunny afternoon. Teams of one or two saw Ian Buxton starting at the Bank whilst Cath and I started near the Lloyds building. You get 30 minutes to do each section which contains 10 questions and two tie deciders. There is no time to spend a long time looking for clues, you just have to have a quick look around and then move on to the next one. You end up having to walk very quickly (some people even run) and although it is hard work, it is very good fun. As the organisers go back and check any different answers, results have not come through yet. If you get a chance, have a go next year.

Quadruplex Inter-Group Event Eight teams took part in the Milton Keynes & Bedford organised event, which turned out to be a lot of fun. The format was six rounds of differing format, with fill in the monopoly places, radio control car autotest, family fortunes, hula hoop, name the singer/song/year and general knowledge. There were two teams from Milton Keynes and NEL, three from NWL and one from WM. Everyone else missed a very good evenings fun. Although NEL managed first place, it was NWL again who took the team award with second and third places. Well done to Lee and the team for putting on a well thought out event. Next year it is planned that the Quadruplex and Hollstar will swap places, so that the Table Top event it at the beginning of the 12 car season.

Group	Team	Names	Score
NEL 1	Lagonda	Mike Biss, Bernard & Ruth Ward, Tony Biss	125
NWL 1	Now We're Losing	Dave & Alan Robins, Ian Buxton	119
NWL 2	Spridget	Mike & Anne Harrison, Shirley Baldwin	105
WMx	4x2	Derek & Ann Holden	101
MK&B 1	Three Wheelers	Georgina Atkinson, Sandra White, Caron Atkinson	99
NWL 3	The Black Fingemail	Dave Smith, Cath Woodman, Lee Craker, Dee Keane	97
MK&B 2	The Rockers	Ian & Marion Wood, Alan & Valerie Fraser	87
NEL 2	3 M's	Mick O'Blath, Margaret Hull, Mary Biss	82

Lombard Revival Rally Details of how everyone got on will appear next month, but you can keep an eye out on the event website at <http://www.endurorally.com/extra3.html>.

Future Events

12 Car Rally - November Now on the 17th November, this event will start from the Rose & Crown PH at Ridgmont, Beds MK153/977363 (just off junction 13 of the M1). The 45 mile route uses maps 153 edition C2 or C3 (new edition) and 166 edition C2 or C3 (new edition) and Cath can be contacted on 07711 686181 for offers to marshal or enter.

Powerush Rally This event the event will be hosting the inter association Road Rally and crews from all over the country have been invited to send teams. The event starts at Ashford in Kent, and will have a 180 mile route which will include sections over Romney Marsh. Navigation will be split between straightforward plot & bash and pre-plot styles.

12 Car Rally - December This will be held on Friday 8th December and will be held on map 166 edition C3, but C2 may be ok, check with the organiser first though. The event starts from Great Offley (halfway between Luton and Hitchin) and a 45 mile route will be on offer for the usual £10 entry fee. Hopefully we will have something a little bit different for you this year, in the presentation format anyway. Entries are available from myself, details below, and any offers to marshal would be gratefully received.

Preston Rally Regs are now out for this annual white basher in East Anglia and by all accounts entries should fill up very rapidly, such is the interest in the event. Again it'll all be within a fifteen-mile radius of Elveden, Suffolk, the usual 190 odd miles in total, divided by two petrol halts into three legs. There should be 18 sections with the 'mileage that counts' amounting to approx. 120, and as ever about 80% of that will be unsurfaced. Off road tyres are a must on this rally! Regs are now available from the Chelmsford MC site at <http://www.chelmsfordmc.co.uk/Preston/current.html>

Carpetbagger Rally This is another hugely popular event that will see the entry list full within a week. The event takes place in Devon and has a 190 mile route that starts & finishes at Newlands Holiday Park. Maps 193, 181 and 192 are required and you get a two hour run-out to plot the route. The regs will be out at the beginning of December from their website.

Other Items

MSA Licences Next year, your competition licence from the MSA will be in the style of a credit card and will also include your picture. Instead of getting signatures for upgrading a licence recorded on the back, you now have to carry another card to record these and any endorsements. The barcode information is pointless as far as clubs are concerned as they have no means of reading it. In future however, you will be able to renew and pay for your licence on the web, as long as it is the same as the previous year.

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November Clubnight

Geoff Eteson, the new chairman of our association has kindly agreed to come and talk to West Middlesex Group.

Not to be missed...

At the Liberal Club, Windsor,
Thursday November 9th, 8:00pm.

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Revival Rally – Live from AG.

The 3rd running of the Lombard Revival Rally started on Thursday with an absolutely overflowing entry. Not only that, it was claimed that well over ½ the entry were in with a real chance of winning. Distance is a great leveller, and few other rallies in Britain are as long as this. Any number of drivers including all **csma** crews have a chance of leading the pack as the event unfolds over 4 days of action.

Thurs 26th Oct - Scrutineering day

Scrutineering was held at Elvington air museum just to the east of York,. The atmosphere of rally cars mixed with the classic aircraft was magic, and the tension began to mount. 5:30 - the first cars departed for York town centre, and the official flagging off from the Eye of York preceded several selectifs and a cross country route to Scarborough. The last selectif of the day was along Scarborough's seafront drive. This in effect was a sprint at night, dodging the incoming high rollers off the North Sea! Slippery? You betcha! And the fans turned out in large numbers to spectate.

Car 123 and the last entry on the event was Ian Perry who was co-driving Paul Cunningham in a 205. Trouble? They had plenty! En-route to the start, the car performed admirably all the way from the south of England to York, where it decided to wreck its gearbox. Undaunted, they were rescued and recovered to the scrutineering venue where Peter Banham and Andy Inskip affected a gearbox change after Andy had sourced an item locally. Their adventures however were not over, as later in the day they suffered a small fire in the rear of the car. So far so bad – but they kept going!

Tony Davies, co-driving for Neil Wilson in the Ford Puma had a quick and smooth run and ended the day an excellent 5th overall. A hard charging Mike Biss and Cath Woodman had a fairly uneventful run until breaking an engine mount. This they replaced with a lump of wood, 4 cable ties and a 3" woodscrew through the sump guard, and the hunt was on for a replacement. More of that anon...

Finishing 28th overall came Dave Smith and Pete Johnson with the ultra-reliable Astra, mostly due to a minor over-shoot on one test. Malcolm and Caroline Grubb in their trusty Nova ended the day 32nd overall, just one small indiscretion on a test in the dark in a local cattle market the only problem recorded all day. John and Jill Cotton debuting their "new" Daihatsu performing competently as usual with no reported problems. The aforementioned Ian Perry and Paul Cunningham despite all the problems managed an excellent 43rd overall at the end of day 1, one place in front of ex-works Skoda driver John Haughland!

My co-driver, Alan Smith was seconded to sit alongside Motorsport News rallies editor James Attwood and they finished the day an excellent 46th overall on James's first ever event. Pete Gregory and Greame Presswell in the Vauxhall Corsa had an uneventful run to 56th overall. The famous American driver John Buffham in his Ford Focus proving to the world that he still has what it takes ended the day 64th overall, just two places ahead of Reading group members Paul and John Stevens in the Suzuki Swift GTi.

Comments on the event so far – all tests ultra-slippery and those used twice even more so on the second runs. James and Alan in the £1500 (fully prepared) Ford Ka were performing admirably – James learning at every turn of the wheel. Graeme Presswell was enjoying the event until he suddenly discovered that the Mars bars stashed under his seat couldn't be reached with his seat belts on!

Friday October 27th

A very early start for all crews and straight into the famous Oliver's Mount circuit just

outside Scarborough. This particular venue featured on the first ever competitive RAC rally way back in 1953. All **csmawm** crews got through here relatively unscathed and the rally headed into the Yorkshire forests. May tales of derring-do were forthcoming at the end of this session of the rally, with Stang, Hamsterley and Kielder all featuring in shaping the results at the end of day 2.

During the day, John and Gill lost a rear offside wheel and at the time of reporting are believed to be out of the event. John and Paul were going well, the only serious problem – Paul has lost his wallet! Pete Gregory stopped at the end of Shephardshield (part of Kielder) to fix a loose sump guard and laid down on what he thought was relatively smooth, dry dirt which turned out to be more liquid mud, but smooth on the top! The rest of the day was not that comfortable...

Dave Smith suffered a 4 minute overshoot in Boltby Forest which dropped him down the order. Our own Malcolm and Caroline meanwhile were buzzing round, Malcolm his usual reliable self although Caroline was being tested by the sometimes complex roadbook diagrams. Meanwhile the search was on to try and locate another engine mounting for Mike and Cath although the tie-wraps and the block of wood were holding up well - Cath claiming that if they stand up to Kielder they must be at least as good as the Vauxhall product.

Ian Perry arrived at the lunch halt claiming a minor miracle – this time his driver performing a 720 degree spin damaging one spotlight and breaking a second rim on this event in the process.

The positions at the end of Friday at 4:10am(!) (Saturday of course!): First overall were Jamie Turner and Graham Dance, second were Matt Fowle and Mark Appleton and third overall was car number 80, Don Whitehurst and Terry Atherton. They are **csmawm** members and honorary WMX members since they took part in the last **csmawm** team entry on the Rally GB 2001. Sixth overall were Mike Biss and Cath Woodman, 18th overall Malcolm and Caroline Grubb. 23rd overall is Dave Smith and Pete Johnson. 24th Neil Wilson and Tony Davies, 50th Pete Gregory and Greame Presswell, 68th James Attwood and Alan Smith, 71st were John and Paul Stevens whilst 85th were Paul Cunningham and Ian Perry.

Saturday October 28th

Another early start – 7am – car 1 leaves parc ferme at Carlisle and ventures North into Scotland into the forest of Ae, another classic from Lombard Rallies of old. Dawn has just broken but on most tracks there's hardly any daylight inside these deep pine forests. Car 80 (Whitehurst and Atherton) lost their exhaust here for the second time on this event and Tony Fowkes in the backup team did away with the brackets and just welded the lot together – problem solved!

But drama happened before this as back at the Carlisle hotel one crew thought last night was the night the clocks went back and subsequently arrived for breakfast just three minutes before they were due to start! They claim it was a deliberate lie in but we know different...

Most of the **csmawm** crews made it through the day without major woes or worries but after a time consuming "off" in Glentroot James Attwood and Alan Smith's Ford Ka fell way behind and had to cut the competitive sections and go to the main control to remain in the event.

Car 31 now back to their normal good humour after Paul located his wallet late last night suffered a severely cracked windscreen when the bonnet of their Suzuki Swift crashed up against the glass but no other damage was done and little time lost. The Grubbs had

a super day and pretty much maintained their place throughout which delighted Caroline. Car 123, Paul and Ian, suffered yet more problems and found yet more solutions as they swayed between crisis and disaster and back to crisis again prior to their arrival back at the Carlisle night halt.

Mike Biss and Cath Woodman are still in the running and right at the front of the field despite having to maintain their wooden engine mount that seems to be surviving the best that the Scottish forests can throw at it.

The evening and it's back into the forest of Ae for a second run. This proved a very popular test this morning but may not find the same favour in the dark as it did in the daylight.

Adventures galore followed but eventually everybody arrived back at Carlisle for the night halt - just six hours! Bliss!

The results as of 03:21 Sunday morning were: First overall was Carl Hawkins and Ian Tullie, second was Jamie Turner and Graham Dance and third was Matt Fowle and Mark Appleton. Fifth overall was Don Whitehurst and Terry Atherton, seventh was Mike Biss and Cath Woodman, 19th overall was Malcolm and Caroline Grubb, just three seconds behind in 20th place was Dave Smith and Pete Johnson, 25th overall was Neil Wilson and Tony Davies, 31st overall Paul Cunningham and Ian Perry, 48th overall James and Tom Campbell. 52nd overall Pete Gregory and Greame Presswell, 70th John and Paul Stevens and 88th overall James Attwood and Alan Smith.

Sunday October 29th

The day dawned brilliantly and everyone was up to enjoy the sunrise. 7am and it was off to Greystoke Forest, courtesy of Malcolm Wilson at M Sport, the most classic rallying wood in the Lake District. The competitors are in for a treat, perfect conditions and miles of prime forest track! Lots of positive comments followed as the cars headed into Lowther Wildlife Park for no less than four different tests. At least three competitors had to slow here for the "spectating" deer! One car actually having to stop... It was all action at the finish line too - car 20 (Motorsport News rallying editor James Attwood and our own Alan Smith) stopped as required astride the finish line and before they had chance to move on to the marshalling point a rapidly approaching car 96 appeared over the horizon and helped the little Ford Ka move off rather quicker than the occupants anticipated! No real damage done and it was all very amicable! Car 30 arrived at the same place with several metres of fence stuck underneath the car, again with no damage other than driver embarrassment. Car 93 blamed their "not too quick a time" on the fact that they had to wave at a crowd of spectating children out for a day in the park. Such was the weather that car 56 - Silverstone Rally School Scholarship winners Becky Kirvan and Amanda Cornforth in their MG ZR were competing in sleeveless vests. They were very much enjoying their very first event and after an almost trouble free run were looking forward to getting to the finish at Blackpool later today. Car 20 managed to hit the final tree on the penultimate test of the event, damaging the nearside front (co-drivers!) side of the car.

Everybody enjoyed the blat down Blackpool sea-front in front of hundreds of cheering spectators, and most of Blackpool's borough council.

Cath and Mike were delighted to get to the finish with their half timbered Corsa - the engine mounting stayed together, confirming Cath's earlier statement that it was just as good as Vauxhall's part! Jamie and Owen Turner in cars 47 and 48 had suffered virtually no trouble at all with their own Rover 200s, but had spent much time working on their fellow competitors' vehicles, an effort much appreciated by those concerned. Don

Whitehurst and Terry Atherton said "Great event, another few tests and we might have nicked it!". The two Skodas in the event (John Hogland / Richard Pashley and Roger Stanford / Paul Train) even had time to jetwash their cars before arriving at the final control!

Car 71 (the Grubbs) had an unusual problem today with both nearside wheels continually coming loose and Caroline was also suffering with a sore throat from a lot of shouting at Dad! Car 123 actually showed the fastest time overall on the first Sunday test and all this with no trip-meter in the car throughout the event!

Final results - Sunday 8:20pm: First overall car 96, the Vauxhall Nova of Dale Glover and Sean Ward, a very close second was the Corsa of Carl Hawkins and Ian Tullie and third overall was the Rover 200 of Jamie Turner and Graham Dance. 5th overall was Done Whitehurst and Terry Atherton in the Peugeot 106, 7th overall Mike Biss and Cath Woodman in their Vauxhall Corsa. 20th overall was the Vauxhall Astra of Dave Smith and Pete Johnson, 23rd overall was Malcolm and Caroline Grubb, 26th was Paul Cunningham and Ian Perry, 30th the Ford Puma of Neil Wilson and Tony Davies. 47th overall was James and Tom Campbell in their Proton Persona, 51st Pete Gregory and Graeme Presswell in their Corsa, 68th overall was John and Paul Stevens in their Suzuki Swift, 84th was James Attwood and Alan Smith. The best club team went to the **csma** with Don and Terry, Mike and Cath and DaveS & Pete J. The best lady was Cath Woodman and the Lombard Gold Cup was won by Mike Biss and Cath Woodman. The top **csma** crew were Don and Terry, and the best first-timer was Caroline Grubb with Dad Malcolm, and the press on regardless award went to Paul Cunningham and Ian Perry!

And that's it! A fantastic week for **csma** crews!

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