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SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS





Editors Bit

Merry Christmas , Happy new Year, Bon Noel call it what you like with every greeting there is usually a catch and as usual at this time of the year the catch is "Pay Your Membership Fees". Once again we have held membership to £15 even though everything is as usual going up. So fill in the enclosed form and send it back with your fee.

Last issue Oop's NSSCC Points

When we got all the numbers and added them together and then typed the wrong numbers the totals should have been Kirk Armitage who came out with a 6 point lead over Steve Craggs with 210. These two were followed home by Martin Whitehouse with 208, Stuart Carr with 207 and Mark Leybourne with 206 points and not what was typed.



Caption Competition

What are these 2 thinking

Larry Carter and Dave Bellerby caught on camera at the recent Rallycross

Printable answers will appear in the next issue

E-mail yours to news@darlington-motor-club.org.uk





PROSTATE
CANCER UK

Total
Raised
£2100



David & Heather Cox handing over the Cheque to Nick O'Donahue of Prostate Cancer UK at the Classic Car Show at the Birmingham NEC.

To anyone who donated **THANK YOU !**



And onward to 2016, what would the members like to do next year for charity, same cause ? Something else? send your suggestions to; news@darlington-motor-club.org.uk as your opinion matters to who we support.



Chair Chat

2015 has been a busy year for the club, with all sections of the committee working hard to put together events for everyone to enjoy.

Graham Sanderson has quietly worked away on the bike side organising trials at a number of venues across the Richmond area. We have been fortunate enough to attend one of the events this year, Mick and Craig even managed to Marshal for Graham, which was an experience.

With the changes in role of some members of the committee at the AGM, it has been a bit of a severe learning curve for some people. However I am pleased to report that they have been extremely successful in the roles they have undertaken and hopefully they have enjoyed themselves.

We have to say a thank you to people who decided to step down from posts on the committee. The effort that they put into the running of the club has gone a long way to making it a successful and respected club. It is good to see the likes of Paul Griffin still continuing in his marshalling duties at Croft.

The Rescue units go from strength to strength under the co - ordination of Chris Gibson. Chris is always looking for additional crew who would like to be trained to work on the units. It is a role that is vital to the club, especially with the investment made in the purchase and equipping of the vehicles. Chris has been working hard to get the club units out to a vast variety of disciplines of motor sport and it is a credit to him and the crews that the units are so well presented.

As I write this we have just received the promotional DVD prepared for the club by Ian Humpish and his production company "The Roundhouse". Have a look at it, you will be shocked at how many budding stars we have lurking in our Marshal ranks. Andy Sowerby was on excellent form. The club is delighted to have so many dedicated people volunteering for all of the events and hope that you will support DDMC for many years to come. The official team for events seems to be growing with Julie and Steve Hill, joining Steve & Chris Gibson officiating on a more regular basis. They have brought a wealth of experience to the club, which has enhance the team and hopefully taken a bit of the strain from Steve and Chris. Julie and Steve gave up much time to help Craig Hope run the recent Rallycross at Croft. This was a successful event, both enjoyable and profitable, which is a bonus for the club.

The Battle of Britain Meeting in September was a great event. It was fantastic to see the bikes and cars running at the same event again. It has given the club the opportunity to forge links with the Motor Bike clubs in the North East. Stuart and Donna and the team, enjoyed the event so much that it is all going to happen again in 2016 but this time on the weekend of the August bank holiday. The NSSCC will of course feature in this event as one of our home rounds. The championship has gone on a pace again this year, with so many people contributing to the eclectic mix of cars and dare I say , drivers. It has been an enjoyable season for most, especially for Kirk Armitage who took the overall title at the last round. I am sure that Kirk will not mind me saying that most people within NSSCC are delighted with the added contribution made to the paddock by Kirk's young son Eric. Eric can always be relied upon at presentations to keep everyone informed of competitor's names and car, this is really a plus point for me as he is always right. I hope that many of you will decide to come to the Awards dinner on the 30th of January , it is a great evening to celebrate the highs and lows of the season , both on and off the circuit , and to encourage people to get ready for the next season.



The teams are busy sorting out the next event, the Jack Frost Rally, and then moving on to the Easter Monday Sprint, not to mention the season ahead for NSSCC. It has been my pleasure to be Chairman of the club again this year and I would like to thank everyone for the contribution that they have made to the club. I hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year and I look forward to catching up with you all next season.

Ps don't forget we still have a Christmas do at the Cooper Beech on Saturday 12th December. The price is £5 a person which includes supper and a fun Christmas quiz. Hope you can attend.

Kindest regards

Lesley



Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation

Come along and help us celebrate the year that was 2015 all welcome

Hall Garth Hotel & Country Club.
30th January 2016

Starters

Duo Of Galia & Cantaloupe Melon

Leek & Potato Soup

Mozzarella & Plum Tomato, Red Onion Salad With pesto & Aioli

Main Course

Roast Loin of Pork with apple sauce, roast potatoes

Breast of Chicken Marinated in lemon and thyme, dauphinoise potato

Vegetable Mousaka

Desserts

Vanilla Cheesecake with Blackcurrant Compote

Banoffee Pie with Caramel Sauce

Cream filled profiteroles with Chocolate Sauce

Cheese and Biscuits

Tea and Coffee

Tickets £35-00

Dress code; Lounge Suit Minimum
See enclosed ticket order form.



Wright On

As I sit here composing this we are just two days away from the entry for the '2016 Autogas 2000 Jack Frost Stages in association with Cartersport' going live on Matthew Atkinson's Rallies.info site. Hopefully, by the time you read this, the entry will be near enough full.

As you will notice we have been fortunate to retain our sponsorship with both Autogas 2000 Ltd and Cartersport staying on board. Chris Wise and Tracy Taylor West (who won the 2015 Harewood Hillclimb Championship) are unlikely to be contesting the event this year although Larry is coming out to play. His work within the British Superbikes often means he misses events during the summer so he plays hard during the winter months, his recent outing at the Rallycross being just one such.

Speaking of the Rallycross, it appeared to go very well with an excellent entry both domestic and European, a lot of races and all completed ahead of an early sunset.

I believe the Car Committee is busy finalising the NSSCC dates for 2016. I'm looking forward to the new season although budgetary considerations might just limit my outings. If the rumours prove correct there is one circuit I'm keen to revisit.

Next up is the Club's Christmas Party on Saturday 12th December, a last chance to wind a few of your friends up before the guy in the red suit and white beard arrives with your prezzies (hopefully including a HANS device for those competing next year).

Mind you a trip out on Sunday 27th December to Northallerton's Christmas Stages should help burn off a few seasonal calories and get you in the mood for the big setup for the JFR. Many hands will be needed on Sunday 10th January to prepare the stages and again on Saturday 16th. A new move is to hold some of the Scrutineering on Saturday pm so we will need a few marshals to assist please.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Terry



Mandatory Frontal Head Restraints

Competitor Reminder

Do I need to use an FHR?

From 1 January 2016 the use of an FIA-homologated FHR is mandatory in MSA National Events * for the following competitors:

All drivers and co-drivers in Stage Rally events, with the exception of Historic Category 1 vehicles (pre-1968).

All drivers in Circuit Race events, with the exception of Period Defined vehicles (pre-1977).

All drivers in Sprint and Hill Climb events, with the exception of Roadgoing category vehicles & Period Defined vehicles (pre-1977).

For details on Period Defined vehicles, please see the definitions in the MSA Yearbook Section B (Nomenclature and Definitions).

**An MSA National Event is an event held under the authority of National or Clubman grade permits within the territory of the Motor Sports Association*



Rallycross

As Clerk of the Course for the event thank you to everyone who assisted in running the recent BTRDA Rallycross Finals. I won't go as far to say thank you to individuals as I am sure to miss some names out and not one individual made the event but the whole team worked as one and put on a very professional show. We also got decent weather which in the week leading up to the event was a bit less pleasant to say the least, and with the visiting European drivers it made it the only domestic rallycross event to feature them in the mainstream event, could this end of season event become the new "SuperPrix".

For those who like rallycross the dates are out for 2016 British Rallycross Championship are as follows;

Croft 6th March
Lydden Hill 26th & 27th March
Pembrey 1st & 2nd May
Masmechelen (Belgium) 16th & 17th July
Lydden Hill 29th August
Pembrey 25th September
Croft 22nd October

Rallycross Grand Prix Croft 23rd October

BTRDA Clubman's Championship

March 13th Blyton
April 16th Pembrey
April 17th Pembrey
July 2nd Pembrey
July 3rd Pembrey
October 16th Blyton Park
November 6th Croft Circuit

Some of these dates are confirmed some to be confirmed keep up to date checkout the championship web sites

Thanks again for all your help in 2015 and remember 2016 could be even better fun.

Thanks Again Steve Gibson

CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHT
SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER 8PM COPPER BEECH
HOT SUPPER £5 PER PERSON TICKET ONLY

Not ordered yours yet?

Contact Lesley Starkey there may be a few left.



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Just a few pictures from a hectic day, there are many more where these came from. Want one of your car Contact tonytodd@appleshack.com



2016 Seminars for Unlicensed Club Officials

Reminder for anyone wishing to attend
The local venue and date for D&DMC is
North East (York - Mercure Fairfield Hotel) Sunday 21st February 2016
A lunch allowance and travelling expenses are available from the MSA
Any one interested in attending please contact our Secretary Sue Dalton



Marshalling Matters



An unnamed marshal having a "Lie Down" at the recent Rallycross event

Me thinks this looks cumfy

Hey Col that was close

Hope nobody noticed that scared me



Marshals Training Day

The annual training day at Croft is Sunday 7th February, there will be sessions for the very new to the very experienced, with so much changing in the rules and regulations there will be something new for everyone to learn so make room in your diary for this, apparently the food ain't to bad either and it's free !



Marshals Regalia

Should any marshal require Proban overalls, High Viz coats, waterproof leggings, gauntlets and the like then see Paul Griffin at any race meeting where supplies will be available, or should anyone have any queries e.g. sizes, items are also available mail order, however please note post and packing will be applied and dependant on size of order, but this will be kept as low as possible. You can also have your overalls personalised for a small cost

I can always be contacted via telephone on 07882340657 or via e -mail at griff.paul@gmail.com



Jack Frost Stages Marshalling

The Rally Is A Round Of
AS Performance North of England Tarmacadam Championship 2016
Fuchs Titan Race ANCC Stage Rally Championship 2016
S G Petch ANECCC Stage Rally Championship 2016
and the all new



The 17th running of the event sees it included in the above championships and 24 hours after the entry went live we were already taking reserves so it looks like a busy day for all concerned.

Some slight changes to marshalling this year so as to be able to make sure we have the right people in the right places on the day you need to volunteer by e mail to Bob Wright on marshalling@darlington-motor-club.org.uk to include your name, address MSA Registration Number and Rally grade if you have one..

You will then receive all the relevant information the week before the event.

I also need a couple of people to act as Service Area coordinators this is a thankless task that includes sorting out the competitors on arrival and controlling vehicle parking up you will need to be available Saturday afternoon up to about Tea Time and then back at a silly hour (about 5am) to keep them all under control , the good bit is once we get them all parked up you will then be able to assist me and the change over crews during the day so if you are up for a challenge get in touch ASAP.



ANCC Multi Use Champions



Jon & Alison Trenholme have won the ANCC Multi surface Rally Championship this year.

Alison joined DDMC in order to sit alongside her husband in their Subaru Impreza and have gradually improved to be a force to be reckoned with.

They are competing on the Autogass 2000 Jack Frost Stages in conjunction with Cartersport on the 17th January.



Jim Clark Rally

Hi Everyone.

I'd like to welcome you to marshal's news one, for the 2016 Jim Clark Rally. This year sees the event taking place over the weekend of June 4th – June 5th, based out of Springwood Park in Kelso.

At the moment the exact format of the event is still to be finalised, however we are sure that it will be an outstanding weekend of motorsport.

In order to make the event happen, we need marshals. (Lots of them!) Initially I am looking for marshals in all disciplines; timing, in-stage, sector, radio. In short everything!

If you are able to help I would love to hear from you. You can register on-line at www.jimclarkrally.org and you can email me using Lindsay.Burnip@jimclarkrally.org.

If you would like to volunteer as a radio marshal, please contact Norman Halcrow, Communications Officer, n.halcrow@bcs.org.uk, (I would appreciate being copied in).

Additionally, if you have a first aid certificate, and would be willing to be listed as an in-stage first aider please could you let me know. Look out for 'Marshal's News 2' which will contain up to date news and information about the event.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Lindsay Burnip

The Jim Clark Rally Chief Marshal: 7 Alpine Terrace, Evenwood, Bishop Auckland. DL14 9QT
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ANCC Stage Championship 2015

This is almost my final duty after six years as championship coordinator so I'd like to thank you all for your support. Bruce Lindsay and Chris Pattison will be looking after next years championship and I wish them well.

Award Winners

Overall Champions

Driver Andy Graham Navigator Ian Windress

Forest Challenge

Driver Andy Gibson Navigator Dave Gibson
Class Winners Peter Stephenson, Will Henry

Tarmac Challenge

Driver Mark Thompson Navigator Bruce Lindsay

Multi-Use Challenge

Driver Jon Trenholme Navigator Alison Trenholme

The Awards Evening is provisionally arranged for Friday 18th March. I'll let you have further details as soon as possible..

Best regards,

Paul Slingsby ANCC Stage Rally Championship Coordinator



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