

Rotherham Motor Club

Newsletter

March 99

Well here we are again (it must be Christmas already....)

least said the better, hopefully everything's in, but don't forget three things:-

1. The next quarterly meeting on the 18th. March at 7.30. I've been asked by Julie... No, that's wrong I've been TOLD by Julie that I must point out that Clive (and Julie) were there on time - 7.30pm prompt - for the last meeting, first time they've got there on time and there was nobody else there... Lets have a good turn out this time.

2. The clubs dinner & presentation at the Boatman's Rest Wosboro Saturday 17th. April. Please get in touch & give at least a deposit ASAP so the people putting the hard work in to organise this know how many are coming.

3. Could last years trophy winners get in touch with Mick Hayhurst as soon as poss to arrange the return.

Finally Gymkanas - The provisional dates for the 1999 season are:-

22nd April

6th. May

20th. May

3rd. June

17th. June

1st. July

15th. July

29th. July

12th. August

That's all for this time see you soon,

Steve Pashtey

Whats On

March.

- 6th. Malcolm Wilson Rally - Lake District - BTRDA Round 2.
- 7th. Robin Hood Forest Stages - 40 miles in Sherwood Forest.
- 7th. Australian GP - Melbourne - Formula 1 - first round.
- 11th. **Rotherham Motor club - last 12 car of the season.**
- 18th. **Rotherham Motor Club - Quarterly Meeting.**
Masons Arms 7.30pm prompt!.....
- 13/14th. Vauxhall Rally of Wales - 1st. Round of the British Rally Championship.
- 20/21st. Archie Moss Morning Mist Road Rally - 150 miles in Lincolnshire.
- 27th. North Humberside Rally - Hull - BTRDA Round 3.
- 28/31st. Rally of Portugal - World Rally Championship - Round 4.

April

- 3rd. Astra Stages - 60 Miles in Cloucaenog.
- 3/4th. Three Swans - ANCC road rally - Selby area.
- 4th. Tour of Epynt - 80 miles on the ranges for £195.
- 5th. Donnington Park - first round of the British Touring Car Champs.
- 10th. Granite City Rally - Aberdeen. Mintex Championship Round 2.
- 10/11th. Tour of Lincs - 23 stages for £198.
- 11th. Brazilian GP - Interlargos - Formula 1 Round two.
- 17th. Somerset Stages - Minehead - BTRDA Round 4.
- 17th. **Rotherham Motor Club - Annual Dinner & Presentation.**
The clubs big night out. - See enclosed flyer from Jules & Clive.
- 17/18th. Autowindcreens Road Rally - 150 miles in Derbyshire.
- 18th. Silverstone - British Touring cars - Round Two.
- 18/21st. Tour of Corsica - World Rally Championship - round 5.
- 24/25th. Pirelli - Round two of the Mobil 1 British Rally Championship.

Question - What do you call a bear with no ear?

Answer - 'B'.....

And is a fly with no wings a walk?.....

Bits & Pieces

First a belated congratulations to Dave & Sue Long who were married on the 5th. of December.

May all your problems be little ones.

◆ What's the biggest news in the motor world at the moment, is it Ford taking over Volvo? I hear you say.

No. Is it the take over of BMW?.... No it's even bigger than that... Mick's got a new van. Yes a red Mk. 3 Transit is Pearsy's new motor (does this mean we have to re-decorate the roof with sweet papers again?)

◆ Richard Pashley won the BTRDA under 25 co-driver championship in 1998 and finished 9th. overall co-driver in the gold star championship.

Rotherham Motor Club Annual Dinner & Presentation.

The Big Night Out is once again the at The Boatman's Rest Worsborough. On the 17th. April, 7.30pm.

The price is £14.50, which includes dinner, presentation & a disco. Reserve your place ASAP. See the flyer enclosed.

◆ The Last 12 car of the season is Mick Pears on Thursday 11th. March, Using maps 110 & 119. Starting from The Mason's Arms. Thorpe Hesley (that's where you go on a Thursday night).

And finally... What do you do with a Wombat? - Play Worn.

Cadwell Park Stages 5th. - 6th. December

Only one crew out - Richard Johnson / Paul Aske - Nova 1300.

This was to be the last stage rally on Cadwell, which is a pity, as Cadwell is certainly a lot more interesting than any airfield. I think we have Business Woman Of The Year - Nicola Foulstone to thank for this, by demanding a fortune for the circuits use.

December Cadwell is usually mixed surface, but not this year, it was all tarmac. The route to the start of the first 4 stages was via the 'bombhole', so that put crap on part of the circuit. Another change was that stage plans were not issued, instead we were given tulips. Some of them were a bit confusing to work out, especially when some merges were shown the wrong way round.

The weather made the weekend interesting, it was very cold, with quite a bit of frost on the circuit on Saturday night / first thing Sunday and we even had 10 minutes of snow on Saturday afternoon. By the end most cars had some battle scars on them!

How did we get on? Well there was no competition in our class to speak of, the only lad anywhere near us stuffed his front end into a bale on SS 2 and took a maximum. We leant him our spare radiator and headlights to keep him going. With the pressure off we just went out to have a good time, we had a few spins on various icy / muddy bits, but still managed to extend the class lead by about 10 seconds a stage. Our target then was to beat the most expensive car, which was a 3 week old £45,000 Prodrive prepared, 2 door, group 'N' Impresa. It was beautiful, even at the end. We managed to get in front of him, on the last stage on Saturday and eventually beat him by one place. Tart!

We finished 19th. O/A and won the class by over 3 minutes.

Richard Johnson