

THE MIDDLESEX MAGAZINE



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Sam Casey & Donna Joce—Brakefast AutoSOLO- April 2014

The Bimonthly news, views and goings on of Middlesex County Automobile Club

Brakefast AutoSOLO—Subaru Page!





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CLUB NIGHT IS NOW EVERY THURSDAY

at

UXBRIDGE CRICKET CLUB

Gettling Way, Park Road, Uxbridge, UB8 1NR

(off the A40, South from Swakeleys Roundabout
and then left at the 2nd set of lights)

Map Reference: 176/063849

HOT FOOD SERVED UNTIL 10.00 PM

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| 17th
April | Club Night | 20.30 | NATTER AND NOGGIN |
| 24th
April | Club Night | 20.30 | MCAC AGM — Come down and share your views on the club and it's future. We have spaces on the Council so let Andy Greenland know in advance if you'd like |
| 1st May | Partner's
Club Night | 20:00 | BOWLING AT AIRPORT BOWL -
Darren has arranged a joint evening with Thame MC
—see page 9 for full details |

8th May	Club Night	20.30	PRE RALLY GET TOGETHER
11th May	Rally	Early	MIDDLEWICH STAGES —Our regular trip to Woodbridge Airfield for our co-promoted event with Green Belt MC. As ever, offers of support to Tony ASAP please—we need your help!
15th May	Club Night	20.30	POST RALLY CATCH UP —Plus, as ever, a natter and noggin
22nd May	Club Night	20.30	NATTER AND NOGGIN
29th May	Club Night	20.30	NATTER AND NOGGIN
1st June	AutoSOLO	Early	CP MEMORIAL AUTOSOLO — Our second visit of the year to Bovingdon for 2014. Details out soon, but see the website or contact the Ed or Guy if you're impatient...
5th June	Partner's Club Night	12:00	PARTNERS EVENING — Tony seems to have 'volunteered' to run a Treasure Hunt around the Club House, so come down and join in!
12th June	Club Night	20.30	NATTER AND NOGGIN
19th June	Club Night	20.30	NATTER AND NOGGIN
26th June	Club Night	20.30	NATTER AND NOGGIN

What do you Want ?

Don't forget, this is your Club so if you have any particular activity you would like included on a Club Night,

or a visit somewhere, please let one of the Event Co-ordinators know— see the back of the mag for details.

WHAT'S ON ?

	APRIL			
17/19th		Circuit of Ireland Rally	(I)	ERC
20th		Chinese GP, Shanghai	(I)	WC
24th	MIDDLESEX COUNTY AC	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, UCC	(-)	
26th		Tour Hamsterley	(B)	RAC/Northern
26th		Horiba D'Isis Rally, MIRA	(B)	HoE
	MAY			
2/4th		International Rally of the Lakes (Coef.3)	(I)	EHSRC
3/4th		Pirelli Richard Burns Foundation Rally	(A)	BRC/BHRC
3/4th		Raly of the Lakes, Ireland	(B)	
4th		Corinium Stages, Down Ampney	(B)	Cotswold/ACSMC /Gwynne
4th		Hallamshire Stages, Barkstone Heath	(B)	F1000
8/11th		Rally Agrentina	(I)	WRC
9/10th	Manx Rally Ltd	Manx National Rally	(A)	MSA
9/11th	AC de Monaco	Grand Prix de Monaco Historique	(I)	
10th		Leukaemia Historic Rally	(B)	HRCR[C]
10/11th		Sydney-London Marathon (UK Leg)	(I)	
11th	MIDDX CAC/ Green Belt MC	MIDDLEWICK STAGES, Woodbridge	(B)	MIDDX/AEMC/ ASEMC
11th		Spanish GP, Catalunya	(I)	WC
11th	North Humbeside MC	John Overend Memorial Stages, Melbourne	(B)	
15/17th		Rally Acores (POR)	(I)	ERC
16/17th		23rd Historic Rallye Vitava (Coef.2)	(I)	EHSRC
17th	Maesteg &DMC	Plains Rally	(B)	BTRDA/FMP
17/18th	UHULMC	Miglia Quadrato	(E)	
24th		Red Dragon IT Stages, Down Ampney	(B)	HoE/Cotswold
24/25th		World Rallycross, Lydden Hill	(I)	
25th	AC de Monaco	Monaco GP, Monte Carlo	(I)	WC
25th	Maesteg &DMC	Lawrence Landfill Dale Stages	(B)	FMP
25/26th	Sevenoaks &DMC	Motorsport at the Palace	(B)	
30/31st		Jim Clark Rally	(A)	BRC
31st		Severn Valley Stages	(B)	RAC/Welsh
31/1st		ORC Canal Rally	(I)	FIRC
	JUNE			
1st	MIDDLESEX COUNTY AC	CHRISTINE POXON MEMORIAL PCA/AUT	(C)	MIDDX
1st		Jim Clark Reivers Rally	(B)	
1st		Mini Epynt Stages	(B)	
1st		Hughes Rally	(B)	HRCR[C]
5/8th		13th Historic Acropolis Rally (Coef.3)	(I)	EHSRC
5/8th		Rally d'Italia, Sardegna	(I)	WRC
7th	Dukeries MC	Dukries Rally	(B)	BTRDA
7th	Sutton & Cheam MC	Abingdon CARNival Sprint	(B)	ACSMC
7th	Sutton & Cheam MC	Abingdon CARNival Autotests	(B)	
8th	Sutton & Cheam MC	Abingdon CARNival Stages	(B)	ACSMC/Gwynne /AEMC
8th		Canadian GP, Montreal	(I)	WC

Ed's Bit...

First off a couple of really important events for your diary. First off it's the AGM on the 24th April, and you have the misfortune/pleasure (delete as applicable) of me in the chair as Tony is away. Come down and have you say on the club and it's future.

Secondly we have the Middlewick Stages on 11th May—see Tony's piece, or the website for more details, but your help really is needed to make this event happen.

Whilst on the subject of the website, WE FINALLY HAVE OUR NEW WEBSITE UP AND RUNNING! We've been planning to replace our old site that Mal Farmer has been nursing along for far too long now, and whilst it's far from the finished article—we've not even transferred all the old content yet—but it's genuinely a massive leap forward and is visually on a different planet to the last one. Most importantly, not only do we have plenty of future development plans in the pipeline, but we will have a big team of us able to update the site without the need for the very constrictive software that was needed for the old one, so next time we'll let you have a list of name for any content you would like uploaded.

With the new website online, our attention will now turn to the magazine, especially the need to keep everyone updated far more regularly than the 2-3 months that the mag is currently produced. A monthly update will be more appropriate, but I'll need to spread the load amongst the Council (and other members please!) if we go down that route, so let's have a chat about it at the AGM.

Back to events, and the Brakefast Autotests/AutoSOLO were as popular as ever (OK, so the Autotests were a little sparse on entries), and everyone had a great day at a thankfully fundamentally dry airfield (well, Guy and I were thankful, as we did the timing all day!). As ever, we would have appreciated with some more help on the day, so make sure if you're not competing next time you pop up and help out.

We are planning to run four AutoSOLOs this year, with the remaining events booked in for Sunday 1st June, Sunday 10th August and Saturday 4th October, so make sure you enter early!

Chris

Contributions and/or pictures for inclusion in future issues of the magazine should be submitted to Chris Keys at chrisk@mcac.co.uk. The closing date for the next issue is 31st May 2014

Chairman's Chat

Has summer now arrived or have we already had our few good days for the year? Obviously only time will tell but some forecasts say that we are in for a good summer this year – well needed after all the floods since last Christmas.

Once again, the Annual Dinner was held at Mr Poons and was enjoyed by all that attended – many thanks to John Gibson and Guy Anderson for organising the evening. If you were not there to collect your award, please let me know and we can arrange collection at a Club Night. In March, Harrow CC arranged a Club Karting Challenge with teams from Harrow, Green Belt MC and MCAC. Unfortunately, I was away and could not attend but I understand that our team put on a good show and were only very narrowly beaten by GBMC.

Coming up this month we have the AGM on the 24th and your chance to volunteer to join the Council. Paul resigned during the year and Hazel has intimated that she will not be standing for re-election, so there are a couple of places available. I am sorry to lose them from the Council and thank them both for their contribution over the years.

For the May Partner's Evening Darren has arranged a Bowling Challenge with Thame MSC at The Airport Bowl on Thursday 1st May. With 2 lanes booked we need 16 participants and there are only 5 spaces left, so contact Darren as soon as possible and book your place. In June (5th), I seem to have volunteered to arrange another Treasure Hunt around the Club House, so hope for a good turnout that evening.

On the competitive side, we had a good turn-out at Bovingdon for the Brakefast AutoSOLO and next up have the MiddleWick Stages at Woodbridge on the 11th May. Any help with the set-up on Saturday would be much appreciated, even if you are competing. Marshals are also needed for the event on the Sunday, so please assist if you can. Following that, after several requests for more AutoSOLOs, we have the first of 3 further visits to Bovingdon on Sunday 1st June – the others are Sunday 10th August and Saturday 4th October.

I missed the Karting evening because Graham and I were in Spain for the Costa Brava Rally. Graham had left the car in Spain after the previous round near Madrid (I was in Vietnam so Preston Ayres filled the left-hand seat) and we flew out for the event, which passed without any major incidents and we

finished 12th after being delayed with a puncture.

However, when we got to the parc ferme after the finish, we were approached by the local police who said that they were impounding the car (and also the car of Ernie Graham) because they were not legal and Graham and Ernie would have to appear before a judge at 9.00 am Monday morning. Of all the cars in the event, it was only the 2 English cars that were deemed illegal because the Chassis Number was not engraved where it should be on the strut support!

Despite protestations that the cars were legal in England (and therefore within the EEC) they would not budge and while the rest of the teams returned home Graham and Ernie remained to resolve the issue. Suffice to say that the 'meeting' was re-arranged for the Sunday and while they were allowed to return home, the cars had to remain in Spain – and they are still there!! Moral – if you are taking your car out of the UK (at least to Spain), make sure that the chassis number is visible and where it should be.

Hope to see you out on the events and happy and safe motoring.

Tony

Our NEW Website is LIVE!

Our new www.mcac.co.uk website is very much live and needing your input!

Although we have started to transfer content from the (very) old site, it is still a bit skeletal in places at present, but we will continue to load it up during the next month or so.

Most importantly, we are keen to expand the facilities offered by the site—being able to enter events, renew membership etc.—so keep visiting it regularly and if you think of any feature you want please contact any Council member.....

Enjoyed Reading This Mag....?

Have you enjoyed reading the articles in this mag? If so, please write one and let the world (OK, the club) know what you have been doing. If you don't like the articles, how about writing one and showing everybody how it should be done????

Middlesex County Automobile Club Ltd.
(Company Limited by Guarantee)
Companies Act 1985 and the former Companies Acts

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of Middlesex County Automobile Club Ltd. ("the Club") will be held on:-

Thursday 24th April 2014 at 9pm

At Uxbridge Cricket Club, Gatting Way, Uxbridge. UB8 1NR
to conduct the following business:-

- 1 Consideration of:-
 - a) the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Club held on 25th April 2013;
 - b) the Annual Report of the Council of Management of the Club;
 - c) the Financial Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2013;
- 2 Election of the Officers of the Club;
- 3 Election of the Council of Management of the Club;
- 4 Consideration of any further business proposed by persons duly qualified to attend and vote at the AGM.

Club members are reminded that, pursuant to clause 49 of the Articles of the Club, any member wishing to be elected to Council must:-

- a) prepare a notice in writing nominating him or herself for Council membership;
- b) arrange for the notice to be signed by a person duly qualified to attend and vote at the AGM;
- c) prepare a further notice in writing stating his or her willingness to be elected to Council and sign this notice him or herself;
- d) forward both notices to the Secretary not more than 28 days nor less than 4 days before the date fixed for the AGM.

This procedure is not necessary for any persons already members of Council who will be seeking re-election after retiring from Council at the AGM pursuant to Clause 46 of the Articles of the Club.

By Order of the Council of Management.
A. P. J. Greenland
Secretary.
13th March 2014

Registered Address:-
St Josephs, Heronsgate,
Rickmansworth, Herts.
Registration No. 1186777

Half a Year of Rallying

Followers of the antics of your Chairman and myself may remember that the story left off with us halfway down a mountainside in New Zealand in November 2012, struggling to get out of a severely wrecked car. The end result was a few bruised ribs for Tony and a torn ligament in my right shoulder which required surgery to restick and several weeks of an arm in a sling. So no rallying until June 2013 after the usual wrangling with the MSA to prove I was fit enough, physically at least, to have a new licence.

Our first outing of the year was to Ypres in June for the usual thrash round the Salient and the chaos of the service area. After a long lay off I feared we might be way off the pace but surprised ourselves with a class win and 11th o/a (which should have been 10th barring a cocked up last hairpin).

In September I borrowed Preston Ayres to sit in for Tony on the Tour of Flanders. We were well on the pace until the horrible Zoning stage round an industrial park when I ran wide and into an oil drum, requiring a stop in stage to pull the front wing off the tyre. Stupid driver error. We still managed 10th o/a and 2nd in class but oh what might have been!

In October Tony and I ventured to the frozen north (Yorkshire) for the Trackrod, our first UK forest event in five years. I drove like a plonker, scared to get out of line, braked far too early and generally got the result we deserved, 25th o/a and 4th in class. Disgraceful.

Finally in November I achieved something I have wanted to do for years. Tony and I entered the Tempest in the Mk2 but we also entered son in law, Martin Rowe in the Mk1. Martin persuaded Trevor Agnew, his co driver when they won the World Production Cup 10 years ago to come out of retirement for the event. And finally we also brought the Clio out of retirement for daughter Clare and her old partner Sarah Jones. A real family affair.

Martin took off on stage one like a rocket but on stage three a stub axle fractured and a wheel fell off but not before a minor incident with a pallet left its mark. Clare had a trouble free run except that they missed the first split on stage three and did an extra loop, explained by some wags as her concern at seeing husband parked in the bushes. Tony and I trundled on to 7th o/a and 4th in class. Results aside it was just a fantastic family day out.

So now on to 2014. Plans include some of the European Rally Championship, the odd round in Belgium and maybe New Zealand again if funds allow. Can't wait to get back in the seat.

As always, thanks to Grahame Standen for an immaculate car on every start line, to Preston for standing in and to Tony, who still has no idea of the risk he is taking although perhaps New Zealand gave him a clue.

Graham Samuel

MIDDLESEX COUNTY AC & THAME MC **BOWLING CHALLENGE 2014**

Thursday 1st May at Airport Bowl

Darren Pike has arranged for an inter-club evening at Airport Bowl, in Harlington, on Thursday 1st May starting at 8pm.

Entry is only £14 per person, which includes 2 games, shoe hire, food, drink & parking...

THERE WILL BE PRIZES FOR the OVERALL WINNER &
MOST STRIKES ON THE NIGHT!!

Places are going fast, so contact Darren ASAP, via email at pike536@btinternet.com or telephone 01753-683899 and leave him a message on his answer phone.



Venue address:-

*Airport Bowl
Bath Road
Harlington
Middlesex
UB3 5AL*

BRAKEFAST AUTOTESTS/AUTOSOLO

6th April 2014—Final Results

No	Name	Car	cc	Club	Champ	Total	Class	O'all	Award
Clubman Autotest									
CLASS A									
AT1	Brian Bridge	Mini	1098	Blackpalfrey	S	436.0	1	2	
CLASS C									
AT2	Brian Sharpe	Nissan Micra	1275	Maidstone & Mid Kent MC	S	400.2	1	1	FTD - DDMC
S = SOUTHERN TARMAC AUTOTEST CHAMPIONSHIP									
Clubman AutoSOLO									
CLASS AA - up to 1600cc									
1	Dan Lukas	Renault Clio	1400	Chelmsford MC		297.7	1	7	1st Class
2	Marta Wozniak	Renault Clio	1400	Chelmsford MC		381.7	6	22	
3	Robert Potyra	Citroen Saxo	1400	Chelmsford MC		316.2	3	14	
4	Mike Cawthra	Mini Cooper	1598	Middlesex County AC		315.2	2	13	
5	Nikolay Atanasov	Smart Roadster Coupe	1587	Chelmsford MC		317.7	4	15	
22	Jason Bicknell	Renault Clio	1400	Chelmsford MC		330.1	5	16	
CLASS AA - over 1600cc									
6	Gregor Marshall	Octavia vRS	1890	Harrow CC		Non Starter			
7	Konrad Ciurys	Renault Clio	1998	Chelmsford MC		296.7	1	5	1st Class
8	Donna Joce	Escort RS2000	1998	Middlesex County AC		368.4	4	20	Best Lady
9	Sam Casey	Peugeot 205GTI	1600	Middlesex County AC		361.4	3	19	
11	Jennifer Harrison	Subaru Impreza	2000	Middlesex County AC		369.4	5	21	
23	Malwina Lukaszewska	Honda Accord	2200	Chelmsford MC		464.7	6	23	
25	Onur Ibrahim	BMW 318si	1800	Harrow CC		337.0	2	18	
CLASS AB									
10	Mark Gostlow	Mazda Eunos	1800	Harrow CC		285.0	1	1	FTD - Triple C
12	Bill Withey	Toyota MR2	2000	Harrow CC		308.0	6	9	
13	Alex Laidlaw	Volvo 340	1763	Oxford MC		315.1	9	12	
14	Radoslav Kmak	BMW 328i	2799	Chelmsford MC		293.3	3	4	2nd Class
15	Steve Hedges	Escort RS2000	1998	Middlesex County AC		312.6	7	10	
16	Steve Casey	Peugeot 205GTI	1600	Middlesex County AC		313.8	8	11	
17	Cris Hedges	Subaru Impreza	2000	Middlesex County AC		291.1	2	2	1st Class
19	Sav Johal	Peugeot 205GTI	1900	Middlesex County AC		297.0	4	6	
24	Andrew Williamson	Subaru Impreza	2000	Middlesex County AC		305.6	5	8	
CLASS AC									
18	James Riley	Subaru Impreza	2000	Middlesex County AC		292.3	1	3	1st Class
20	Gary Lazarus	Kia Rio	1400	Harrow CC		333.4	2	17	
21	Matthew Helme	Spitfire	1500	Club Truiumph		Non Starter			

Many thanks to all the competitors who provided an excellent day of motorsport, despite the wind and the rain.

We would like to thank: our steward Brian Catt, the timekeepers - Guy Anderson, Chris Keys, marshals Jamie Hill, Nick West, Darren Pike, Helen Hulme, Tony Philips and Nick Cook for the photography.

Peter and the team



Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre

support & information at Mount Vernon Cancer Centre

Mount Vernon Cancer Centre, Northwood, Middlesex HA6 2RN

One in three people will develop cancer at some stage in their lives so it is not surprising that cancer is, perhaps, the disease that people fear most.

A diagnosis of cancer can lead to a wide range of emotions such as fear, anxiety and stress.

The Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre (LJMC) provides a service that supports patients and their families and helps them cope with all aspects of the disease from diagnosis, through treatment and beyond.

Opened in 1993, the LJMC was the first centre of its kind to offer a full range of support and information services, including counselling and complementary therapies, to cancer patients and their carers.

Since opening, the centre has won many awards for its innovative work and the quality of information it provides.

The LJMC forms part of the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre in Northwood

Drop-In Centre • Patient Information
Counselling • Complementary Therapies
Relaxation Classes • Benefits Advice
Look Good...Feel Better™

Telephone Helpline: 01923 844014

Website: www.ljmc.org

with a large catchment population encompassing Herts, Beds, parts of Bucks and Berks, Middlesex and North London. The LJMC receives more than 20,000 requests for help each year.

The LJMC is partially funded by the NHS but relies on voluntary donations and fundraising activities for the remainder of its running costs – in excess of £600,000 each year.

Thank you for your support of the centre. Every penny that is given to the LJMC goes directly towards the provision of our services.

If you would like more information about the LJMC and how you can be involved, including opportunities for volunteers, please get in touch.



*... supporting people
affected by cancer...*

It's Finally Happening!

***The Christine Poxon
Celebration Fun Run***

**Sunday 27th July 2014
starting at Midday**

**A family friendly treasure hunt
and social gathering.**

Based on Map OS 165
(Aylesbury and Leighton Buzzard)
Regulations available soon on
www.mcac.co.uk

**Keep watching the *MCAC Facebook*
page for further details!**

Chief Marshal's Corner

Marshals needed !!

Woodbridge Stages: 11th May, Woodbridge, Essex. Contact Tony Phillips, tonyphillips7@talktalk.net for details or radios contact Brian Catt, brian-catt@talktalk.net;

Harrow Car Club Sprint: 27th April North Weald Essex see website for details - www.harrowcarclub.net

Farnbrough MC

Dimache Sprint: May 4th, Rushmore Arena, Aldershot

Auto Solo: 25th May, Barton Stacey
visit farnboroughdmc.org.uk for details

Motorsport At The Palace: 25th/26th May, Crystal Palace Park
Chief marshal Chris Scudder, email chris.scudder@virgin.net or telephone 07711-078552.

Oxford Motor Club Bullnose Endurance Road Rally:

The event has moved forward from September to Saturday 31st May 2014. This change of date has opened up some new and exciting venues including access to some of the prime military / ex-military land around the Bicester area. Our planned 35 tests are arranged in a morning, afternoon and evening loop and here's the hard sell – WE NEED YOU – marshals, to help run this mammoth event safely and on time. The day section will start with sign on around 9.30am – later for some of the venues, and the day venues run until around 6.00pm. For the evening shift, we need marshals from around 5.30pm to man the tests and road regularity sections, until 12.30am.

If you are available for any of these timeslots, please contact me – Karen Kearns, Chief Marshal at omcmarshal@gmail.com

Any of you that go out marshaling we would like to have your story's & photos to put in feature mags

Many thanks
Darren Pike,
Chief Marshal

Event Awards – 2013

<i>9th December 2012</i> Best MCAC	ROCKINGHAM SUNDAY STAGES 2012 The Woodberry Cup	(4 MCAC on the 2 events) Ian Barclay / Gus Morison
<i>29th December 2012</i> <i>Best MCAC / Winner</i>	LONGMOOR LOCO SATGES Fraser Nash Cup	(5 MCAC) Richard Edwards / Paul Brown
<i>17th March</i> FTD	BRAKEFAST PROD. CAR AUTOTESTS An Award	(1 MCAC) Joe Sheraton
<i>17th March</i> Best MCAC/FTD	BRAKEFAST AUTOSOLO The Alfred Alexander Cup	(8 MCAC) Martin Moane
<i>19/20th April</i> <i>Best MCAC</i>	LONDON RALLY FOR HEROES Dr North Cup	(7 MCAC) Andrew Williamson / Dave Taylor
<i>12th May</i> Best MCAC/1 st Class 6	MIDDLEWICK STAGES Green Trophy	(5 MCAC) Guy Anderson / Tom Mansfield
<i>14th July</i> <i>Best MCAC/FTD</i>	ACE CAFÉ LONDON DRIVERS CHALLENGE Middleton Trophy	(6 MCAC) James Riley
<i>4th August</i> <i>Best MCAC/ 1st Class A 2nd Class A Best Lady</i>	SIMPLY SIDEWAYS AUTOSOLO The Woodhead Cup An Award An Award	(12 MCAC) Grzegorz Kokoszka Bartłomiej Smolen Zaneta Kabat
<i>2nd November</i> Best MCAC	SOUTH OF ENGLAND TEMPEST 2 RALLY Church Trophy	(4 MCAC) Graham Samuel / Tony Phillips

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP AWARD WINNERS - 2013

Champion Driver	BELL TROPHY	Graham Samuel
Champion Navigator	NAPSPEED TROPHY	Tony Phillips
Middlesex Challenge Winner	MIDDLESEX CHALLENGE SHIELD	James Riley
Middlesex Challenge Runner-Up	<i>An Award</i>	Steve Hedges
Middlesex Challenge Lady Champion	<i>An Award</i>	Donna Joce
Leading Off Road Driver	STEPHENS TROPHY	James Riley
Leading Road Rally Driver	ALEXANDER TROPHY	Gary Ward
Leading Stage Rally Driver	KENSINGTON CUP	Martin Mansell
Leading Night Trial Driver	OAKES CUP	Pete Farmer & John Wilson
Leading Road Rally Navigator	GAMAGE CUP	Peter Cox
Leading Stage Rally Co-Driver	SOUTHGATE CUP	Brian Benjamin
Leading Night Trial Navigator	LAWSON CUP	Andy Greenland
Leading Clubman – Organising	CENTENARY TROPHY	Tony Phillips
Leading Clubman – Marshalling	JUBILEE CUP	Jasmina Bareham
Leading Clubman – Servicing	FINCHLEY CUP	Paul Bareham
Leading Junior Mem- ber	THE JUNIOR AWARD	Sam Casey
Most Active Club Member	CORONATION CUP	Darren Pike
Leading Lady Com- petitor	LADIES CUP	Donna Joce
Most Frequent Com- petitor	NORMAN TIPPING MEMORIAL CUP	Peter Cox

Best Newcomer	RIDDELL CUP	Not Awarded
Poxon Award	MIDDLESEX COUNTY CUP	Joe Sheraton
Silliest Accident	BENGT ARMCO AWARD	Pat Anderson
Most Contribution to the Club	PRESIDENTS AWARD	Not Awarded

MCAC Challenge 2014

The 2014 MCAC Challenge is now under way, following the first round at the Brakefast Autosolo, and the scores are as follows:

1st	James Riley	100.00 points	(1st in class AC)
2nd	Chris Hedges	97.90	(1st in class AB—beaten by FTD winner)
3rd	Sav Johal,	95.36	
4th	Mike Cawthra	94.45	
5th	Andrew Williamson	93.26	
6th	Steve Hedges	91.17	
7th	Steve Casey	90.82	
8th	Sam Casey	82.10	(1st event)
9th	Donna Joce	80.54	(Best Lady award)
10th	Jennifer Harrison	80.32	(1st event)

Retiring in Style

As I have sat here wondering how to start this article I thought back over my life and realised that life really does go in circles and having Richard as both a friend and crew mate will actually complete two of the circles in my life, but I shall come back to them.

For those who don't know 2014 brought a change for Edwards Motorsport, after months of hard work Richard and Donna finally purchased their dream property in Wisbech and with that announcement also came the announcement that at the end of the season Richard was retiring from rallying.

Well of course we're all guilty of making such statements, none more than me, but there was something about the way he said it that made me think twice and realise he meant it. So defending our title at the Longmoor Loco was to be the last outing for the team.

Richard and I started rallying in 2005 on the Bomb-A-Long at Oakington. Rob Brooks had asked me if I fancied a go at co-driving with a driver who was experienced and wouldn't be going exceptionally fast. I think we'd only gone a 100m off the start line and just flown through a narrow gateway at light speed when I realised that Rob hadn't been entirely truthful so I settled back and tried to call the notes right whilst trying not to laugh out loud. That rally

was one hell of a rush and I knew I was hooked. The next one at Oakington was in thick fog so I thought we might go a little more cautiously, boy was I wrong.

There are many memories of us rallying but I think my two favourites would be the Essex Charity stages when on one stage I couldn't get a turn right to save my life (Richard kept hitting these rather deep ruts and the notes kept flying out of my hands) and Richard was really pushing to make up the time we'd lost which brought us into a K right for the finish way too fast and resulted in Christine having to jump for her life as we totalled a fence post she'd been stood next to. My door was badly dented from the impact and Christine had a few choice words when I next saw her at the club.

My other one would be rallying around Longcross in the heaviest rain I had seen in a long time (a bit like this winter) and flying along the flat area at the bottom of the tank ramps through water so deep it must have been going 8 feet in the air as we flew through it. How we kept to the road I don't know but the pictures were fantastic. Anyway back to Longmoor.

The day dawned and off we went to Longmoor, once again the ground was frozen and walking part of the first stage we came to realise that yet again we'd be skating for the first few stages rather than actually going forwards. Of course the problem with starting car 1 is that there has been no one before you to take away some of the ice and at least give a hint of a racing line. As we sat at the time control waiting to check in it was fairly quiet in the car until Richard turned around and said he wasn't looking forward to the rally and wouldn't enjoy it. I was so cold sitting there I was tempted to suggest returning to service and going home but I knew he wouldn't do it.

As the countdown turned green we launched from stage start....well in all fairness the engine and the gearbox launched, the wheels stayed where they were and just kept spinning so it was more of a crawl of the start line. We went pretty much everywhere but where we were supposed to, there was no grip so we either over shot a turn or slid towards solid brick walls. It was a truly nightmare stage for us and most of the other rear wheel drives, but the front wheels drives were loving it and it was showing in the results. Chris Keys was fourth to our ninth and he was grinning like a Cheshire cat.

Although there was a little more grip stage 2 was just as bad, it was a battle to keep the car in a straight line and the leader had over 30 seconds on us while Chris had about 20 seconds on us but we were hanging on to a place in the top ten. By now the sun was starting to appear and the frost and ice was

melting quickly, much faster than anyone expected and with the ice gone it was our turn to play.

Stage four was to see it all change, the leader Aaron Rayner crashed out, his father Peter got the split wrong and we had traction...and boy did we use it. Richard was like a man possessed and was pushing the car to its absolute limits, whilst I suddenly had to concentrate on the notes and go back to praying we didn't hit the Army's new gates.

Apparently there were speed bumps on the stages but from stage four onwards the notes became flat over bump. When you hit a speed bump at high speed you really don't feel that they're there in the same way you do when you drive over them slowly, I think it's because you take off and land away from them rather than drive the down side. Coming in from this stage we were lying fourth and had finally caught Chris up.

The remaining four stages were just a blur, Richard was driving like a man possessed and I didn't think we could go much faster, but on a couple of stages we were catching Dave West up and we squeezed just a little more power out so we could put some pressure on Dave. As Dave had started after us (you have to love splits on stages, you can catch people who started after you which just seems one hell of a paradox) he wasn't always taking the split in the same direction as us and knowing how hard Richard was focusing on catching him the notes for the last split became "don't you dare follow Dave you're going the other way!!"

As I recall by Stage 6 we had the lead over the Corners (Andy Corner and Dan Corner who were lying second and third) and as I chatted with them after each stage they kept asking where Richard was finding the chance to take time out of them but it's hard to explain really as we seemed to only have two speeds..fast and stopped!

By stage 7 we had a good 25 second lead and it was time for the battle plan discussion in the car, did we carry on going all out or did we back off a little and reduce the chance of a crash or a breakdown. Now I remember the outcome being to back off a bit but I'm not sure what Richard heard because once again he went all out, in some places I think he went even faster than he had before.

Crossing the line in one piece we'd done it and got the win for Richards's retirement. From what had started out an abysmal day it was a great finish and in service we just sat in the car, I would like to think part of the reason was

the shock at winning but I think exhaustion had a lot to play in it as well!

So anyway about life and circles, I got into rallying when I was very young, my father had done rallying but had stopped when a friend was killed whilst waiting for an ambulance after a crash so dad started an ambulance service mostly for rallies and would take me along.

Apparently I drove one stage sat with Louise Aitken-Walker as she drove through stage after breaking down on one rally. I spent a lot of time sat on Epynt with my dad, Brian Catt and Mike Hurst watching rallies and once I started rallying I always wanted to compete and finish a rally on Epynt.

My first attempt was with Stuart Fossey which ended in a crash on stage 4. Richard started rallying Epynt in 2013 and whilst I missed his first one I sat with him for the mini Epynt and had an impressive ride with lots of flying lessons and finally a finish. I had gone full circle from watching people like Tony Pond and Tony Fowkes rallying on Epynt to competing myself and finishing.

As for the second circle, Prior to her moving to Wales my Nan used to live in Wisbech and I have fond memories of spending summers with her and now I can look forward to forming new memories of spending time in Wisbech with a very good friend who allowed me the chance to get some amazing memories in rallying and apparently is now going to allow me to drive a tractor, a dumper truck and is going to let me loose with a chainsaw!

As for me, well when Richard retired I thought I might join him and said as much to Kiran. She promptly burst out laughing so hard it took her about five minutes to stop! And to be honest it didn't last long. I've already sat for Steve Beck who is a very nice bloke and a good laugh (and a very impressive drive for his first ever rally) and I hope to have the opportunity to do many more with him as well as having a friends ringing me up and asking me to co-drive for rallies such as Bovington, TSH, Jersey, Epynt and also hopefully Rally GB so I guess I'll be keeping my helmet for a while.

I'm sure Richard will have a great time in his new home and I'm sure he will join me in saying a very big thank you to Edwards Motorsport for sponsoring us, and to all the service crew and friends who have stood in all weathers to keep us going.

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