

Portugal:

Unofficial final results:

Formula 2:

1 McRae Ford Focus 4:05:41,7	1 A.McRae Hyundai Coupe Evo II
2 Sainz Toyota Corolla 4:05:54,0	2 Eriksson Hyundai Coupe Evo II
3 Auriol Toyota Corolla 4:05:58,2	3 Lopes Peugeot 306 Maxi
4 Burns Subaru Impreza 4:06:37,1	
5 Makinen Mit Lancer Evo VI 4:06:46,1	

Rallye Catalonia – 18th-21st April 1999.

As usual the event was based in Lorret de Mar north of Barcelona. The first and third days stages in the mountains to the north west of Lorret and the second day in the hills near Tarragona, about 80 kms south of Barcelona.

After 19 stages over 3 days results as follows:-

1 st	Bugalski – Citroen	4h13m45.6s
2 nd	Auriol – Toyota	4h14m17.4s
3 rd	Makinen – Mitsubishi	4h16m06.7s
4 th	Loix – Mitsubishi	4h16m21.0s
5 th	Burns – Subaru	4h17m47.5s
6 th	Kankkunan – Subaru	4h18m32.9s
7 th	Thiry – Subaru	4h18m46.9s
8 th	Gomez – Renault	4h19m34.3s
9 th	Climent – Subaru	4h20m14.4s
10 th	Liatti - Seat	4h20m53.0s
53 rd	Presswell (& TED) - Vauxhall	5h27m47.5s

Yes we had someone out there – Graeme Presswell and Martin (TED) Saunders in an Astra GSI.

We will see if we can persuade Ted into writing something for the next newsletter Ed.

The clocks have gone forward, the birds are singing and the daffodils are almost over, the Kall-Kwik Stage Rally has come and gone, the Pete Singfield 12 Car Series is almost at an end, it must be summer. No it can't be, Dave Cooper hasn't been spotted in his shorts yet!

Looking forward we have the Summer Series, Classic Rallies, Hill-climbs and Races. The imminent installation of the kitchen means that Graeme is already brewing up one of his infamous curry's, keep an eye out, they are not for the faint hearted.

Ed. **Copy date for next newsletter – Friday 21st May.**

Chairman's Chat

Well, I have to say March has just flew by. It seemed as though all of my social events for 1999 all happened in 1 month. I hope that you all had a great time over Easter, I know many of you were at Latton for our Rally and I am glad to say that the place still smells just as bad as it has always done.

I am sure that somewhere in this Newsletter there will be a report on the CMC contingent that competed at Caerwent on the 21st March. I would like to thank Stu Cameron for offering me a ride in the RWD Nova and for the end result although I have to admit that I now know how Fran feels at Caerwent. It certainly focuses the mind, not to mention the stomach, with all those 90 lefts and rights.

You may recall that last month I commented on the bar prices, well there's some good news and some bad news. The good news is that the Chancellor left the duty on drinks untouched, the bad news is Whitbread has decided to put their prices up. The net result will be another increase I am afraid but I will let know more details as soon as possible.

I hope that by the time you read this the kitchen will have been completed and we can then move on to the refurbishment of the bars. Jan Robbins has already been working on this regarding colours etc. and will shortly be recruiting volunteers to start work. The refurbishment seems like a never-ending task but I am sure that you will agree that we are slowly making progress.

As I offered last month please don't hesitate to contact either myself, or any other member of the Management Committee, if you have any suggestions or ideas which you feel we should consider.

Mike M

PS It had to happen, The Philosans were well and truly walloped in the 1975-85 Pop music quiz. Although the cheers, which greeted the result, were definitely unfair I think the "Mickey Mouse wears a Rich Smith watch" team were incredible. Just wait till the next general knowledge quiz, we'll be back

Wendy's Waffle

Well, it looks like we won't have to wait too much longer until the kitchen is up and running! The units have been delivered and then as soon as they are fitted I will be where I belong (according to some) in the kitchen, slaving over a hot stove! I know that some of you just can't wait until we have our full menu back. The usual Chillies and Graeme's famous Curry will be back along with a few new items. I will cater for the veggies as usual with veggie samosas, spring rolls and such. There will be the Big Fry Up for the more health conscious of you and I'm even contemplating making my own pizzas. You'll just have to wait and see !

On the Social side of the Club, we made about £16.00 on the raffle at Down Ampney. Thanks to Wendy Croft for manning the raffle table all day. A few of you have been coming up with suggestions for Social Nights at the Club. So far we have had.....a Mr and Mrs Night (you don't have to be married!) Theme Nights (you don't have to dress up and appropriate food will be on the menu) Games Nights (not sure what the plan is for that one yet, probably putting, darts, carpet skittles and 4 ball pool until we have one overall winner) and a Card Playing Night (need I explain this one?). They all sound like fun but I need to know what you think ! Would you come along to any of them? If not, why not? Do you have any suggestions? I want to know! In fact I NEED to know. It's your Club ! I can't do it all by myself..... contact me at the Club. I'd really appreciate it.

Latest results from the 12 car can be found at
<http://homepages.enterprise.net/chelmtc/results.htm>

CONGRATULATIONS

To Lesley and Ewan Hopes, on the birth of Leah Mary. She was born on Saturday 17th April at 4.20 in the morning and weighed in at a whopping 10 lb 8 ozs. It was very considerate of Lesley to wait until after the last 12 Car in the series before going into labour. Even better that she let Ewan have 2 pints after winning the 12 Car before she phoned to say "Come Home ! " Hope she doesn't give you too many sleepless nights!

Club Opening Hours

Mon – Fri		7.00pm – 11.00pm
Saturday	12.00 – 3.00pm	7.00pm – 11.00pm
Sunday	12.00 – 2.00pm	7.00pm – 10.30pm



AML/mw
18 March 1999

Mr A Brewer
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Dear Mr Brewer,

I was so very sorry to hear of Peggy's death, late in 1998, advised by Mr A R Porter.

The Group recognises her very important role as Chairperson of the Cheltenham Branch for many years and the very significant amounts conferred to Clapham for research advances. I also acknowledge the very generous donation of £1532 raised by the Zetland Lodge of Gloucestershire Freemasons in her memory.

Peggy very actively supported the Group for 25 years, and we would very honoured if you were able to attend our 40th Anniversary National Conference on 8th May to receive a 25-year award from Lord Attenborough and Lord Walton on her behalf.

I do apologise for not writing sooner, but enclose an invitation to the Conference, please let me know personally if you are able to join us.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony M Lee
Executive Director

For those of you who knew and loved Peggy Brewer, we thought that you might like to read the above letter which shows that all Peggy's hard work is again being recognised.

Many thanks to Tony for allowing us to copy the letter.

Dave Cooper - What's he done and who does he think he is?

Well, I **can't** put this off any longer - I've known about it for the last four weeks and it's got to be in tonight! There's only one thing worse than having someone write about you and that's having to write about yourself, especially when your command of the English language is not as good as it should be. Anyway, here goes.

One thing you find as you get older is that time passes by much quicker than it used to - I use this as the excuse for probably getting some of the years wrong but I'm sure the order is something like right.

My interests in motorsport and indeed CMC began back in the autumn of 1973 when I was introduced to 12 cars, Treasure Hunts and marshalling whilst still a student at the then St Paul's College. I seem to remember I managed to do a full season before actually parting with a membership fee - some things never change! The next two years saw my involvement in the club increase to the extent that I became Competitions Secretary at the start of 1976. I still feel that the position of Comp Sec is one of the most important in any club - you get to know folk better from other clubs, they get to know you as an ambassador for CMC, you seem to find out little snippets that can help your club and you seem to act as a focal point within the club. I gave up the post about 10yrs ago and am pleased to see Graham Ford doing such a good job.

For those who can remember back that long, 4 June 1977 was a reasonably bright day and Upper Park Street, along with so many others, was closed off for Jubilee parties. One resident however was not there - she was more concerned with her wedding! Afterwards however, I spent the first six months of married life at No 63 just two doors up from the present clubhouse - I have to say that parking was the same problem then as today! Its true to say that without the ~~understanding~~ sufferance of Kathy I would not have been able to do as much within motorsport as I have over the past 22 years. Anyway it doesn't take two to baby-sit!

It was in 1977 year that I was first elected onto the Management committee and I've remained there ever since, becoming Vice-President some five years ago. I'm sure that I'm only there because no other mug wants the job. The following year saw my first involvement with the Cheltenham Stages rally and for the following 10 years I acted as either C of C or assistant for what was one of the major events in the local motorsporting calendar.

Kathy has just come in and read so far - she says it's getting boring and the next twenty years has to be done in two paragraphs. OK, the quicker the better.....

For the last 13 or so years I have been Chairman of the Cotswold Motor Sport Group which seems to be going from strength to strength especially on the stage rally side. The group is virtually a sub-set of the Association of West Midlands Motor Clubs and I have also been fortunate enough to chair this group for the past 3 years. This all gives the impression that I enjoy being in charge - not a bit, what it really means is that I can stay actively involved in the organisation of motorsport at a reasonable level but delegate all the work to others!

One job I have which I have to take full responsibility for is that of MSA Steward. For the last 15 years I have thoroughly enjoyed going around other events, hopefully helping where at all possible but, more importantly, learning good practice from clubs. In this job you also get involved in all levels of a range of disciplines that would not be possible within one club.

F1 NEWS -

Ferrari outfox McLaren to lead drivers' and constructors'

Michael Schumacher scored a dramatic victory in the San Marino Grand Prix to take a four point lead in the world championship. 'I really enjoyed that one,' said the delighted German after handing Ferrari their first win here in 16 years. 'It is so nice to deliver a victory to the fans after such a long time. 'We are up there with McLaren but we need to improve a little more if we want to win the world championship.' 'This was a team weekend.

Hakkinen was some 14 seconds ahead of Michael Schumacher, who was running third, when he lost grip and speared into the barrier before the first round of pitstops. The McLaren driver was rounding the last bend coming onto the pit straight when the car snapped into oversteer, then overcorrected and smashed into the armco on the left hand side. When asked if the crash was simply a mistake on his part, Hakkinen answered 'Well, it's never the driver's fault is it?'

Toyota appear to be gearing up to enter Formula One. They have taken four top engineers from Sauber, bought four specialist engine testing rigs and employed Ferrari engineer Luca Marmorini to work at their base in Cologne.

Stewart's former technical director Alan Jenkins and current team aerodynamicist Eghball Hamidy have both reportedly been approached.

Imola Grand Prix - Results

- 1 Michael SCHUMACHER (Scuderia-Ferrari)
- 2 Mika HAKKINEN (McLaren-Mercedes)

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On the competing side I would like to think that I'll have a go at anything that can be done in a standard car. I'll obviously have a go at any 'social' motoring event that the club organises. In addition I'll still try my hand at selected road rallies sitting in either seat and will navigate in historic events with whoever will take me. During 22 years of competing on road events I've obviously seen many changes but am still of the opinion that they form the basis for the best value-for-money motorsport available.

Just this year I am pleased to say that No 1 son, Jeremy, has started to compete. He's already had a go at navigating in 12-cars and has managed to win the current Singfield series. The CMC Down Ampney event saw his second outing in the Motormods Golf where they managed to secure 23rd place and Best CMC. With plenty of dedication he could do well.

Well, that's about all. Whether I've answered the original questions I'm not too sure but I can assure you that I have the true clubman at heart and will always try and fight their corner whether it be at local level or with the (RAC) MSA.

1975 - 1985 Music Quiz Night Results

Where did all those people come from ? We had 9 teams on the evening of 27th Marchyes I did say 9 ! It appears that the quiz nights are proving to be a real hit with everybody...GREAT! It takes a lot of work to set these nights up and I really appreciate everybody for turning up to support them. The winning team (whose name is below) absolutely slaughtered everybody else, but then again, Matt is a DJ !

I went through the team's answer sheets later on that evening and I found that there was a bit of creative marking going on, but the quiz is only a bit of fun anyway. No point in taking it too seriously, IS THERE ! Mind you, Rich Smith turning up with the Guinness Book of British Hit Singles was cheating a little bit. Just as well I confiscated it for the evening! Again, many thanks to all who attended and just one piece of advice.....DON'T TAKE UP SINGING AS A CAREER !!!!!!!

1 st	Mickey Mouse wears a Rich Smith Watch	Matt & Clare	80½ pts
2 nd	Team Bier	Bev, Ian, Elaine & Rich S	71 pts
=3 rd	The Pex Sistols	Neil, George & Sharon	67 pts
=3 rd	Nice Haircut Andrew	Rich C, Phil & Andrew	67 pts
5 th	The Morgan Boys	Dave, John & Pete	64½ pts
6 th	The Wrongettes	Rosemary, Phil, Tim, Graham & Sheena	62 pts
7 th	The Philosans	Mike, Julie, Jan & Phil	54 pts
8 th	P.I.G	Pete, Irene & Gareth	44½ pts
9 th	The Flying Ferrets	TJ, Jane, John, Ali & Jerome	36 pts

The prize for best costume went to Sheena who turned up in her school uniform cause that's what she would have been wearing then! The prize for best photograph had to go to Dave Morgan. That was a cracker of a hairstyle Dave! Thanks to all who brought photos with them.....didn't Tim look cute with that sparkly wig on.....ohhhhhh!

And finally, thanks to Ian Beale, Sheila, Neil, George, Dave, Rich C and Phil for the loan of the singles, L.P's, tapes, books, record player and tape machine.

Wendy

Lost, Found & For Sale.

Found – Green Coat (now brown and smelly) at Centre Cross, Down Ampney.

Lost – (by Jan Robbins) Most of Saturday 3rd April Morning

Found – (by Jan Robbins) One amazing hangover caused by trying to break the world wine drinking record the night before.

Marshals Corner.

Sunday 30th May

Guardian Insurance, Classic Rally, Cheltenham.

Sunday 13th June

SWAC Caerwent SV Rally, Chepstow.

Some of the most memorable Murrayisms....

"He's obviously gone in for a wheel change. I say obviously because I can't see it"

"With half the race gone, there is half the race still to go"

"Do my eyes deceive me, or is Senna's Lotus sounding rough?"

"Anything happens in Grand Prix racing and it usually does"

"Alboreto has dropped back up to fifth place"

"As you look at the first four, the significant thing is that Alboreto is 5th"

"It's raining and the track is wet"

"And there's just a few more corners for Nigel Mansell to go to win the Canadian Grand Prix...and...he's going rather slow....**HE'S STOPPING HE'S STOPPING!**"

"... Mansell can see him in his earphone..."

"So Bernie [Ecclestone], in the seventeen years since you bought McLaren, which of your many achievements do you think was the most memorable ?" Bernie Answers, "Well I don't remember buying McLaren." [Bernie Ecclestone used to own the Brabham team].

Murray: There's a fiery glow coming from the back of the Ferrari James: No Murray, that's his rear safety light

As an introductory piece for a rallysprint race, Murray was put in the Navigator's seat alongside Tony Pond in a Chevette HSR (270 BHP, rwd, and TWITCHY), added an in-car camera, and wired Murray for sound. The result can be deduced by extrapolating his usual excitement and enthusiasm, and adding a large pinch of raw terror! "And there's a 600 foot drop on my left..AND we're doing 120 mph... AND we're approaching a hairpin...OH MY GOD we're going to die..."

"...Cruel luck for Alesi, second on the grid. That's the first time he had started from the front row in a Grand Prix, having done so in Canada earlier this year..."

KALL-KWIK STAGES
SATURDAY 3RD APRIL 1999

A big thank you to all of you who put in a lot of hard work for this years event, once again a large turn-out on set-up day and Saturday ensured that we ran a slick event (despite car 34, you know who you are!). All of your efforts made the event a lot easier to run, we could not have done it without you.

To commemorate this year's event Elaine and Wendy have written the new Latton song, entitled "We're all going on an Easter Holiday" and sung to the Old Cliff favourite "Summer Holiday"

We're all going on an Easter Holiday
To Down Ampney with the rally cars
Wheelspins, handbrake turns and lots of smells as well
And we'll all smell of pooh
For a week or two

We're going where the mud shines brightly
We're going where the language is blue
We've heard that the stage is groovy
So let's see if it's true

We're all going on an Easter Holiday
To Down Ampney with the rally cars
Wheelspins, handbrake turns and lots of smells as well
And we'll all smell of pooh
For a week or two

I am sure that Elaine would sing it for you, if you ask her nicely, or buy her a drink.

This was the last Down Ampney Rally for the organising team of Kevin and myself, you will have to look out for some new names in the future, but you can be assured we will be on hand behind the scenes at next years event to offer any criticism, sorry advice! Honestly we know how much support is needed.

Thanks once again for all the support over the years.

Kevin Smith and Rich Clayton.

I would just like to say a quick thank you to all you brave people who turned up to marshal at Down Ampney. You did a fabulous job. It wasn't easy being the ones out there on the stage responsible for picking up those grotty tyres and pulling or pushing the cars out of the smelly stuff but everybody just got stuck in and did their job. Fair enough, you did get to see a bit more action this year than you would normally what with all that slipping and sliding. I hope that you enjoyed your marshal's packs and I also hope that you will be back again next year. The Club couldn't run this rally if it wasn't for you, the unsung heroes so once again.....Thank You Very Much.

Wendy Hamilton
Chief Marshal

THE RESULTS

1 st O/A . 5	C.Davis/B.Parker	Escort
2 nd O/A 16	R.Smith/J.Derricutt	Escort
3 rd O/A 7	D.Brick/D.Fowler	Darrian T9

C.M.C. Competitors:-

5 th	4	P.Stojanov/T.Stojanov	Escort G3
7 th	3	D.Kedward/	Escort
12 th	9	S.Cameron/F.Kukula	Nova RWD
23 rd	63	A.Cochrane/J.Cooperboy	Golf
26 th	49	P.Bonner/D.Musto	Escort
30 th	29	L.Kedward/M.(Rambo) Cresswell	Escort G3
31 st	64	S.Jewel/	Pogo205
40 th	38	G.(LST) Ross/G.Tarrant	SnortyNova
49 th	24	D.Gregory/T.Purvey	Escort
dnf	42	S.Hurley/A.Cooper	Rover Retired
dnf	50	M.Fisher/R.Perkins	Escort Retired

Ahh!!!

A couple of stories from the last two Rallies that Club members have attended.

Forrester's Car Club, Caerwent Rally.

Two teenagers playing in and around some disused buildings came across a calf, One of the teenagers had some experience on a farm and realising the desperate situation immediately ran to the nearest radio car, the farmer was contacted and arrived at the end of the stage to rescue the animal. The calf was a couple of days old and was only just alive. It had been abandoned by its mother when the farmer rounded up his animals before the rally. The farmer was very pleased that the calf was found, he was hopeful that it would make a good recovery.

Cheltenham Motor Club. Down Ampney.

Whilst setting up the stage on the Friday we noticed that some sheep had got out of the field at the War Memorial. It took several attempts to round them up (they didn't seem to get on with Graham Ford too well), just as the last ones were being shepherded back into the field, Colin Hicks could still hear bleating from the other side of the road. On investigation Colin found a Lamb had fallen 2 feet down a drain at the side of the old runway, it was up to its chest in mud and slurry. Colin had a bit of a struggle and ended up covered in **#!, but was able to rescue the Lamb, besides Ted would never have forgiven him if he hadn't!!

Many thanks to George and Neil for the following quotes:

These useful quotes were reportedly taken from actual federal employee performance evaluations:

1. "Since my last report, this employee has reached rock bottom and has started to dig."
2. "I would not allow this employee to breed."
3. "Works well when under constant supervision and cornered like a rat in a trap."
4. "When she opens her mouth, it seems that it is only to change feet."
5. "This employee is depriving a village somewhere of an idiot."
6. "This employee should go far, and the sooner he starts, the better."
7. "Got a full 6-pack, but lacks the plastic thing to hold it all together."
8. "He doesn't have ulcers, but he's a carrier."
9. "He brings a lot of joy whenever he leaves the room."
10. "When his IQ reaches 50, he should sell."
11. "If you see two people talking and one looks bored, he's the other one."
12. "Donated his brain to science before he was done using it."
13. "Has two brains: one is lost and the other is out looking for it."
14. "If he were any more stupid, he'd have to be watered twice a week."
15. "Some drink from the fountain of knowledge; he only gargled."
16. "The wheel is turning, but the hamster is dead."

Performance appraisal terms and their real meanings:

AVERAGE EMPLOYEE: Not too bright.

EXCEPTIONALLY WELL QUALIFIED: Made no major blunders - yet.

ACTIVE SOCIALLY: Drinks a lot.

FAMILY IS ACTIVE SOCIALLY: Spouse drinks, too.

CHARACTER ABOVE REPROACH: Still one step ahead of the cops.

QUICK THINKING: Offers plausible excuses for mistakes.

CAREFUL THINKER: Won't make a decision.

TAKES PRIDE IN WORK: Conceited.

PLANS FOR ADVANCEMENT: Buys drinks for all the boys in the office at happy hour.

FORCEFUL: Argumentative.

AGGRESSIVE: Obnoxious.

USES LOGIC ON DIFFICULT JOBS: Gets someone else to do it.

A KEEN ANALYST: Thoroughly confused.

EXPRESS THEMSELVES WELL: Speaks English.

CONSCIENTIOUS: Scared.

METICULOUS ATTENTION TO DETAIL: A nit picker.

HAS LEADERSHIP QUALITIES: Is tall or has a loud voice.

EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD JUDGMENT: Lucky.

KEEN SENSE OF HUMOR: Knows a lot of dirty jokes.

STRONG PRINCIPLES: Stubborn.

CAREER MINDED: Back Stabber.

COMING ALONG WELL: About to be let go.

OF GREAT VALUE TO THE ORGANIZATION: Gets to work on time.

RELAXED ATTITUDE: Sleeps at desk.

EXPERIENCED PROBLEM SOLVER: Screws up often.

WORK IS FIRST PRIORITY: Too ugly to get a date.

INDEPENDENT WORKER: Nobody knows what he/she does all day.

FORWARD THINKING: Procrastinator.

GOOD COMMUNICATION SKILLS: Spends lots of time on phone.

LOYAL: Can't get a job anywhere else.

WHAT'S ON IN '99

May	8 th	Manx National Rally
	7-9 th	WRC Corsica
	15/16 th	BTTC Brands Hatch
	16 th	<i>F1 Monaco GP.</i>
	16 th	Longcross SV Rally (CMSG)
	23-26 th	WRC Argentina
	29 th	Red Dragon Rally, South Wales (BTRDA)
	30 th	<i>F1 Spanish GP</i>
	30 th	Guardian Classic, Cheltenham
	30/31 st	BTTC Oulton Park
June	31 st	Millbrook Rally
	5/6 th	Prescott, Classic Meeting
	5 th	Kerridge Rally (Mintex)
	6-9 th	WRC Acropolis
	11/12 th	Scottish Rally (BRC)
	13 th	Abingdon SV Rally (ACSMC)
	13 th	Caerwent SV Rally (WWRs)
	13 th	<i>F1 Canadian GP.</i>
	19 th	Dukeries Rally, Sherwood Forest (BTRDA)
19/20 th	BTCC Donnington	
26/27 th	Prescott, Midland Hill Climb Championship	
27 th	Longcross Rally (ACSMC)	
27 th	<i>F1 French GP.</i>	

KEY:

WRC – World Rally Championship

BTRDA, Mintex, BRC – British National Rally Championships.

CMSG – Cotswold }

ACSMC – Central Southern } Regional Association Rally Championships.

WWRs – Welsh }

BTCC – British Touring Car Races

CHG – Cheltenham Home Guard, Motorcycle Trials.

There is no guarantee that the events listed above will run or have changed dates. Please let us know of any dates that may be useful or you know have changed.