



CMC NEWS

Cheltenham Motor Club Newsletter

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From the chair

Your erstwhile editors George and Rich want to put out the Pre Christmas Newsletter and ensure that everybody is aware of the arrangements for the traditional events like the Xmas Draw and the Xmas Cracker, which I think that you will agree is a very worthwhile idea.

The downside is that I am sat here at the PC trying to put together some witty prose to entertain you before you get to the meat of the Newsletter. As always we have been promoting various motor events and quizzes. On the car front we were unlucky to come second to Cirencester in the Auto test, although in fairness I think that the weather beat everybody. George recently put on a very interesting quiz with 5 or 6 teams competing which was enjoyed by all and we then had the Halloween quiz and bun fight, sorry that was meant to be food extravaganza to look forward to, which was a great success.

As regards the actual fabric of the Clubhouse, we have put in place arrangements for the Committee room to be re-decorated. Not before time really as it is still two tone green. Some of you may remember when both bars were that colour. You may also have noted that since the last Newsletter we have fitted an additional smoke extractor fan in the games room (so that the darts players can actually see the board) and refurbished the one in the main bar. Hopefully this should improve the air quality, which at times could be very smoky.

We are also seeking quotations to refurbish the Gents toilets; we lads thought that it was about time that we had a little more luxurious facilities, seeing as how you Ladies now have the Ayrtton Suite!

If you have any other ideas you think we should consider for the benefit of club members and guests, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or any other member of the Management Committee.

Wishing you all a Merry Xmas and happy 2005.

Mike M



What's on and Christmas opening times

- ❖ 18 December – Christmas Draw Night and Trev's Quiz from 8pm
- ❖ 24 December – Christmas Eve – open from 7pm
- ❖ 26 December – Boxing Day – lunchtime from 12pm until 2pm and evening from 7pm
- ❖ 29 December – Christmas Cracker (for details see Rich Clayton)
- ❖ 31 December – open from 7pm for New Year's Eve Party (see posters)
- ❖ 01 January – New Year's Day – closed
- ❖ 28 January – CMC 12 Car
- ❖ 29 January – Annual Darts Knock-out (see future posters in club for details)
- ❖ 07 March – AGM 8pm prompt

Membership Renewals – due now!

Membership renewals for 2005 are now due. Renewal forms can be obtained from the club – just ask behind the bar for details.

Membership fees are as follows:

£6 - social membership

£18 - full membership

£21- family membership

Don't forget – there is a £1 discount for prompt renewal!

2005 Annual General Meeting

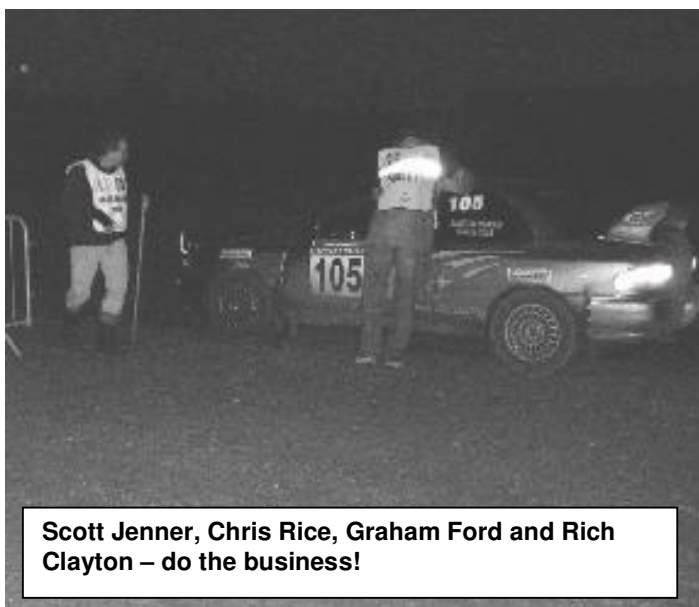
The AGM will take place on Monday 7th March starting at 8pm prompt.

Please note that the bar will be closed for the duration of the meeting, but will resume service once the meeting is closed.

All members are welcome to attend.

South of England Tempest - Aldershot on 5/6 November 2004

The last round of the British Rally Championship - 2004. Rally HQ at Rushmoor Arena near Aldershot. A total of 18 stages, 3 on the Friday evening and the remaining 15 on Saturday, totalling 71 miles of stages over the two days.



Scott Jenner, Chris Rice, Graham Ford and Rich Clayton – do the business!

Once again **Cheltenham Motor Club** had a crew out marshalling on the Warren Stage on the Saturday.

A nice leisurely start for us for a change, with signing-on at 9.30am. First car due at 11.00am.

We were due to run the Finish control, but a change of plan saw us doing the Start instead.

The second running of the Warren stage started at 3.50pm, so it was only the top runners who started while it was still light.

CHRISTMAS CRACKER TREASURE HUNT

Wed 29 December 2004
Start at 7.30pm from the Club.

Suitable for all the family

1½ to 2 hour route

Bring a torch

Tony Brewer Memorial - Summer Series 2004

The last round of the championship was a Gymkhana at a new grass venue, The Highwayman Pub at Elkstone on Friday 17th September.

A wet night, I think the competitors enjoyed themselves, but not sure that all of them have managed to remove all the mud and grass from their cars yet!

Congratulations go to **Kevin Smith**, winner of this year's series.

12 Car results 2004/2005

Pete Singfield 2004/05

	Round 1		Round 2	
	Result	Points	Result	Points
Novice Navigators				
Brian Summers		dnf	2	11
Chris Rice			2	11
Kevin Smith			2	11
Simon	4	9		
Pauline Smith		dnf		
Expert Navigators				
Jeremy Cooper	3	10	2	11
Ted	1	12		
Dan			1	12
Rich Smith	2	11		
Jon Smith			2	11
Novice Drivers				
Andy Evans		dnf	2	11
Chris Boosey			2	11
Derek Morgan			2	11
Tony Hulman	4	9		
Kevin Smith		dnf		
Expert Drivers				
Bev Preston	2	11	2	11
Dave Cooper	3	10	2	11
Rich Clayton	1	12		
Rich Smith			1	12

Next Round
DATE CHANGE
Friday 28th January
2005

Dave Cooper

RAC Revival Rally Cheltenham - Saturday 27th November 2004

This was the first running of the RAC Revival Rally. The event was run under the Endurance rally regulations - with 116 competitors, a wide range of cars, from Mini's and Imp's to Astra's and Puma's, all under 1400cc.

The event started in York on Thursday 25th and took in the traditional RAC Rally venues through the Yorkshire Dales into Scotland. Then through Kielder at midnight, to snatch some rest in Carlisle and then on to Chester and finally Wales, with a finish in front of late-night shoppers and clubbers in the Promenade, Cheltenham.

Cheltenham Motor Club marshalled the finish venue, with the Prom closed to traffic. The original idea was to have a timed test outside the Municipal Offices, right up to the podium, but the organisers had a shortage of funds and the test was dropped. This was a bit of an anti climax for the competitors, as they had driven up the M5 from the last competitive section in Caerwent, just to drive over a podium. Likewise for the marshals too, as it had been a long time since they had stood out in the rain on a Saturday night in November.

The event was won by Matthew Fowle and Peter Joy in their Peugeot 106 Rallye, with a time of 3:47:15.

Rich

Hurry for Curry!

In March 2005 four British street legal drag racing teams will be making their way to Louisiana to take on some of the quickest street legal cars from the USA and Canada.

The UK drivers – Andy Frost, Steve Pateman, Ian Hook and Steve Kellet have to fund much the UK team costs themselves.

In support of their efforts Cheltenham and Gloucester rodders, racers and various other local petrol heads are getting together at the Everest Balti Restaurant in Cheltenham for the WSR “Balti Bash”. There will be good food, good beer and good company, plus you’ll be helping our racers take on the North Americans at their own game.

Tickets are just £15 a head for an ‘eat all you want’ buffet. **Tuesday 18th January 2005 7:30** for 8:00pm. There will also be a raffle with great prizes.

So, if you fancy a curry and a good night out and would like to support the lads, why not contact WSR racer Ian Hook on 01452 856926 or email him at ian.hook@blueyonder.co.uk to make your booking or for further information.

We at Cheltenham Motor Club wish the lads the best of luck in March. Go for it!

New Website

Cheltenham Motor Club now has a new website, which was recently launched, giving details of motor sport and social events, contacts, some of the organisations who meet at the club and much more.

You can check out the new site for yourself by going to: <http://www.cheltmc.com/index.htm>

So, what have you got to say for yourself then?

Well, this is the sixth edition of the newly re-vamped newsletter and again I am making my usual plea to all club members and readers to join in with the spirit of things a little and help Rich and I to fill up valuable newsletter space.

Many of you may have spent numerous years participating in motor sport, working in the motor trade, or just generally propping up the bar and supporting the motor club in other ways, but no matter what, I am sure some of you *must* have some interesting tales to tell that perhaps you would like to share with the rest of us.

If you have something you would like to tell us about, or maybe even have the odd advertisement for your business, please contact us by either dropping your item into the club, or by emailing us at:

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