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Brakefast AutoSolo

21st March 2010

Chris Keys – Peugeot 205½ GTi

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



Derek Webb/Archie Pelling
Ford Escort MkI RS2000
Monteberg Rally Sprint, Belgium
2nd May 2010

Graham Samuel/Tony Phillips Ford Escort MkII
Rallye de Wallonie, Belgium
23/25th April 2010



Pete Farmer and Andy Greenland receive the Tracker trophy from organiser John Boother
13th June 2010



Motor Sport at the Palace - 30/31st May 2010





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CLUB NIGHT IS EVERY WEDNESDAY

1st & 3rd Wednesdays at

GERRARDS CROSS SPORTS CLUB

7 Dukes Lane, off Dukes Wood Avenue, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, SL9 7TZ
(off the A40, between the pillar box and pedestrian subway opposite The Apple Tree)
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2nd, 4th (&5th) Wednesdays at

The Toby Carvery, Oxford Road (A40), Tatling End,

(Between Gerrards Cross and Denham Roundabout, near the A413 junction).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

23 rd June	Club Night	20.30	NATTER AND NOGGIN (TOBY).
30 th June	Club Night	20.30	NATTER AND NOGGIN (TOBY).
4 th July	Rally	09.00	ESSEX CHARITY STAGES. MCAC are again running one of the stages so, if you can assist on the day, please contact Peter Nathan on 020 8906 0803 for details and directions.
7 th July	Partner's Club Night	20.30	PARTNER'S EVENING - BOULE COMPETITION (GXSC). Hopefully, the weather will be kind to us so that we can enjoy a fine evening and have a light-hearted competition on the sports field.
14 th July	Club Night	20.30	NATTER AND NOGGIN (TOBY).
18 th July	Autoshow	09.00	UXBRIDGE AUTOSHOW. Please support the Club and bring your competition vehicle to Uxbridge to display on the Club Stand. Contact Brian Catt to book a place and get your entry pass.
21 st July	Club Night	20.30	VIDEO / DVD NIGHT (GXSC). Recent events from the World Rally Championship and other motoring mishaps.
28 th July	Club Night	20.30	NATTER AND NOGGIN (TOBY).

1 st August	Fun Run	12.00	FOTO-GEN-IC FUN RUN AND BBQ. Bring the family out for the annual treasure hunt around Buckinghamshire, starting from Pinkneys Green and finishing at White Mark Farm with a BBQ and silly games. Full details available later at Club and on the website but reserve the date now!
4 th August	Partner's Club Night	From 17.00	PARTNER'S EVENING – CLASSICS ON THE GREEN. Tonight we return to the annual event on Croxley Green where we will have a display of Club member's cars. Lots of interesting vehicles - well over 2000 last year – and a couple of local pubs to keep you interested for the evening. Peter Nathan is also preparing the BBQ for us, so contact him on 020 8906 0803 to book your place.
11 th August	Club Night	20.30	NATTER AND NOGGIN (TOBY).
18 th August	Club Night	20.30	VIDEO / DVD NIGHT (GXSC). Catch up with recent occurrences on the rally scene.
25 th August	Club Night	20.30	NATTER AND NOGGIN (TOBY).
1 st September	Partner's Club Night	20.30	PARTNER'S EVENING - KEV'S KRAZY KWICK KAR KWIZ (GSXC). Kevin is devising a simple (?) car quiz tonight to see how well you know your cars.
8 th September	Club Night	20.30	NATTER AND NOGGIN (TOBY).

Motor Sport at the Palace

The last time the roar of engines was last heard at Crystal Palace - the first race track in London – was 10 years ago and it has taken Sevenoaks & District MC about 6 years of planning to put the bank holiday weekend's event together.

It was a cold dull start at 7am on Sunday as I went to sign on at 8am, not really knowing what to expect as most of the once race circuit has now disappeared. I was asked if I could Marshal a section of the course after the chicane and, as I walked to where I would marshal, I looked around and talked to the other Marshals, who said that I had been positioned in the best place!

As the day unfolded some great cars race past, although about 6 went the wrong way in the practice session. The sun eventually showed itself and it started to warm up by which time the crowd started to descend in the park. We had a few cars that sprung &

took the straw bales out and, as the afternoon went on, I took some time out to go for a walk in the Paddock. I was amazed the amount of people attending the Sprint event – they were about 3 or 4 deep to the barriers most of the way around the course.

On the bank holiday Monday, signing-on was again at 8am and I was allocated the same spot as Sunday. However, while Sunday was Club Racing, the Monday was Classic Day so there were lots of different cars, including some really great cars from the 1950's. Although it wasn't quite as warm as Sunday, the crowds still turned up to witness some good action.

Many thanks to Phil, Chris & all those involved in the Motorsport at the Palace 2010.

Darren

WHAT'S ON ?

JUNE

18/19th	Motorsport Midlands	Midland Rally	(B) BTRDA/MSATarmac
18/20th		Donegal International Rally	(I) Irish
20th		Mid Wales Stages	(A) BHRC
24/26th		IRC Ieper Rally	(A) IRC/BelgHRC/EHRC
27th	Bournemouth & DMC	Smearthorpe Stages Rally	(B)
27th		European Grand Prix, Valencia Spain	(I) WC

JULY

2/4th	Goodwood RRC	Goodwood Festival of Speed	(I)
4th	Wickford AC	Essex Charity Stages	(B) AEMC
8/11th		Rally Bulgaria	(I) WRC
9/10th	Rally Isle of Man Ltd	Rally Isle of Man	(I) BRC/BHRC
9/11th		Rouergue Rally	French
10th	Mull Car Club	Rally of Argyll	(B) 205Scot
10th		Quinton Stages	(B) BTRDA
11th		Sligo Rally	(A) MSA
11th	IMS Ltd	British Grand Prix, Silverstone	(I) WC
15/17th		Azores Rally	(I) IRC
17th	Port Talbot MC	Pro Art Signs Swansea Bay Rally	(A) MSAGravel
17th	Mid Derbyshire MC	The Drystone Road Rally	(B)
17th	Bath MC	Azimghur Stages, Colerne	(B) R2010
18th		ALMC Stages	(B) MSATarmac
18th		Oudenburg Rally	Belg
18TH	Rotary Club of Uxbridge	UXBRIDGE AUTOSHOW	(-)
25th		German Grand Prix, Nurnburgring	(I) WC
25th		Coracle Stages	(B)
29/1st		Rally Finland	(I) WRC/S2000
31st	Tavern MC	Fat Albert Stages, Keevil	(B) R2010
31/1st		Harry Flatters Rally	(B) BTRDA/BHRCashalt

AUGUST

1st		Hungarian Grand Prix	(I) WC
1st		Tyneside Stages	(B) MSATarmac
4th	Watford V&SCC	Classics on the Green, Croxley Green	(-)
5/7th		Rally Madeira	(I) IRC
6/7th		Lahti Historic Rally	(I) EHRC
14th		Red Dragon	(B)
14/15th	Kings Lynn DMC	Richard Burns Memorial Rally	(B) AEMC
19/22nd		Rally Germany	(I) WRC/S2000
20/21st	Ulster MC	Northern Island Rally	(I) BRC/BHRC/Irish
21st	Southern CC	Wugging Stages, Colerne	(B) R2010
27/29th	Kemmel Historic Committee	Flanders Fields Classic Tour	(E) Belg
27/29th		Zin Rally	(I) IRC
29th		Belgium Grand Prix, Spa Francochamp	(I) WC
29th		Mewla Rally	(B) MSATarmac/BTRDA

SEPTEMBER

2/4th		Mont Blanc Rally	French
3/4th		Alpi Orientali Historic Rally	(I) EHRC
4th	60 & Worcester MC	Woodpecker Rally	(A) MSAGravel/BTRDA/Eng
5TH	MIDDX CAC / Green Belt MC	????? BOMB-ALONG STAGES ??????	(B) MIDDX/R2010/AEMC
9/12th		Rally Japan	(I) WRC/S2000
10/11th	AC Midden Vlaanderen	9th Omloop Van Vlaanderen	(A) BHRC/BelgHRC
11th		Promenade Stages (New Brighton)	(B)
11/12th	Wexford MC	Wexford Rally	(B)
12th		Lindisfarne Rally Otterburn	(B)
12th		Italian Grand Prix, Monza	(I) WC
18th		Castle Combe Rally Day	(-)

Chairman's Chat

A total of around 18 members attended the recent AGM and almost everyone had something to say about the running of the Club. Some useful suggestions were put forward but, again, there were no volunteers to actually put the ideas into practice. One suggestion that we would like to take forward is to produce a dvd to promote the Club. However, although we have a collection of past videos, dvds and other information, we do need a volunteer with the necessary expertise to collate all the information and produce the finished article. If you can help in this respect, please let me know.

I am pleased to say that all last year's Council members agreed to re-stand for election and also that Pete Farmer was suffering from withdrawal symptoms and volunteered to return to the Council – as long as he didn't get the Magazine job, which is a shame as he did it so well. He did, however, agree to take over the job of Championship Secretary from Rob, whom we thank for undertaking that role from afar for the last few years.

At the AGM it was also suggested that we reposition our finances and try to obtain a better rate of interest on our money. Mike has been doing his homework but no-one seems to want Club or company money – they are only interested in that from individuals! However, he has managed to find a 2-year bond offering a better rate of interest than we are currently enjoying and a large proportion of our money will be transferred to that bond.

Andy's draft minutes from the AGM are included elsewhere in this issue for your information.

I think it is true to say that Gordon showed the best expertise on the Scalextric track in April (thanks to Kevin and Paul for the large layouts), although the May Boule competition didn't materialise due to a dark evening, cold weather and only a couple of potential participants! Thanks to Mike for organising the June Treasure Hunt and for the bottle of wine, won by Val and I, with Pete and Malc 2nd.

The MiddleWick Stages in early May ran successfully and produced a surplus for the Club, despite very poor support from

members. Other than the usual stalwarts on the organising team, those that bothered to help set-up or marshal on the day could be counted on one hand! Where were you all?

A similar lack of support meant that we had to cancel the planned display at the Enfield Pageant of Motoring as it seems that no-one, other than Kevin and I, was willing to display their cars for the bank holiday weekend.

For the July Partner's Evening we will have another attempt at the Boule competition and hope that the weather is fine for the evening, while the Uxbridge AutoShow is on Sunday the 18th. The August Partner's Evening is the annual 'Classics on the Green' event at Croxley Green, where Peter Nathan will again organise the BBQ. PLEASE let us have a bit more support for these events as they are the only local opportunities to publicise the Club and your chance to display your competition vehicle. Contact Peter Nathan (020 8906 0803 or 07979 817654) regarding Croxley and Brian Catt concerning the Autoshow. We have booked spaces for 10+ cars at each show, so please bring your cars along and help us to fill the spaces and publicise the club.

The Bomb-Along Stages should be taking place in early September but the MoD have withdrawn their permission to use Debden, so we are again on the lookout for an alternative. If anyone is aware of a suitable venue, please let us know as soon as possible.

Graham and my exploits improved in April, finishing 6th Historic / 1st in Class on the TAC Rally and 5th Historic / 3rd in Class on the Rallye de Wallonie. Val and I had a wedding celebration to attend in May and so Chris Parsons sat in with Graham for the Sezoens Rally, netting 3rd Historic / 2nd in Class (and Best (only!) Brit) in the process and picking up the first awards of the year! Trust me to miss that one! Next up is the Ypres Rally at the end of June and then a break until Flanders in September – both in the same area of Belgium and worth a trip if anyone fancies spectating.

Happy and Safe Motoring

Tony Phillips

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT 2100 ON WEDNESDAY 21st APRIL 2010 AT GERRARDS CROSS SPORTS CLUB

Present:-

T. Phillips (Chairman), President J. Williams, Vice President Mrs. C. Poxon; B. Catt, P. Farmer, K. Fowler, A. Greenland, M. Hurst, D. Pike and 9 other members.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for Absence were received from Vice Presidents D. Baker, A. L'Estrange, G. E. Samuel and T. Ryan; P. Duckmanton, M. Farmer and G. & M. Phillips.

2 MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 22nd APRIL 2009

The Minutes of the previous AGM held on 22nd April 2009 were read by the Secretary. They were agreed as a correct record, proposed by Mrs. C. Poxon, seconded by P. Hopkinson and passed unanimously.

3 MATTERS ARISING

None.

4 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The Report of the Directors had been previously published in the magazine.

A major factor in income was the reduction of interest, from £1300 to virtually nil. There are no real opportunities for business to invest significantly, hence a small loss. Rockingham Stages had a slightly reduced entry, resulting in a smaller profit, while the MiddleWick Stages at Woodbridge broke even. The Bomb-Along at Debden ran well and made a profit. The use of new venues was due to the efforts of P. Nathan. Membership remained at 280, and the Club had donated £600 to charity. P. Hopkinson asked whether entry fees could be raised, and a short discussion followed on reduced entry numbers. J. Wilson said money could be put into a bond, subject to fund availability; the Treasurer will investigate the options.

The acceptance of the report was proposed by C. Keys, seconded by P. Nathan and passed unanimously.

5 ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2009

The Accounts had been previously published in the magazine.

The Chairman reported that the Accounts had been satisfactorily scrutinised by Messrs Coopers.

There was a short discussion on the un-insured losses at Rockingham, P. Hopkinson questioning when the MSA will require competitors to have their own insurance.

M. Hurst considered that the Club should run events even if making a loss was anticipated.

The adoption of the Accounts was proposed by P. Farmer, seconded by P. Hopkinson and passed unanimously.

6 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

6.1 ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

The Council had nominated Mr. J. M. Williams for the position of President, and with no other nominations being received, he was duly elected unopposed.

6.2 ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENTS

The Council had nominated Mesdame C. Poxon, Messrs D. Baker, A. L'Estrange, G. E. Samuel and T. Ryan as Vice-Presidents and, with no other nominations being received, they were duly elected unopposed.

6.3 ELECTION OF SECRETARY

The Council had nominated A. Greenland for the position of Secretary, and with no other nominations being received, he was duly elected unopposed.

6.4 ELECTION OF TREASURER

The Council had nominated M. Cawthra for the position of Treasurer, and with no other nominations being received, he was duly elected unopposed.

6.5 ELECTION OF COMPETITION SECRETARY

The Council had nominated K. Fowler for the position of Competition Secretary, and with no other nominations being received, he was duly elected unopposed.

6.6 ELECTION OF COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

Messrs P. Brown, B. Catt, P. Duckmanton, M. Farmer, M. Hurst, T. Phillips and D. Pike were standing for re-election. A Valid Nomination had been received for Peter Farmer. As there were 8 candidates for the 15 vacancies, they were all elected unopposed.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 P. Nathan explained that availability of airfields may be restricted by the MoD from next year.
- 7.2 VP C. Poxon suggested that the Annual Dinner be held at the Club, which will be actively considered. M. Wooster suggested a format change (e.g. casino night).
- 7.3 P. Nathan said the club needs to promote itself using 21st century technology. It was accepted that the club should spend some monies. C. Keys considered the Club had a good website, but that a DVD was not necessarily the way to go. The President stated that (younger) new blood is needed into motorsport. A discussion followed on track days and other entry level events. P. Hopkinson also considered the need to target young new blood, and the subject of videos etc on YouTube. The President said the next magazine should find someone to volunteer to produce a dvd for the Club.
- 7.4 The Chairman explained the Council's decision to withdraw from the Tempest Stages, with any potential profit being retained within the event and motorsport, and not passed to the Clubs concerned.
- 7.5 There was a suggestion to explain navigation in the magazine, and also to send out stickers in the magazine and other publicity.
- 8 There being no other business, the Chairman thanked the members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 2252.

Castle Combe Rally Day

The UK's Biggest Rally Show

Saturday 18th September 2010

Castle Combe Circuit Rally Day

10th Anniversary Show

MCAC will again have a Club display at this event, so please let me know if you are able to display your car on the Club Stand.

Track Sessions Available - £25 Each (Max 20 Cars)

If you would like to attend, please let me know so that I can co-ordinate the Club response and display for the best possible impact on the day.

Darren Pike:

Email: pike536@btinternet.com

Tel: 07780-761779

MONTERBERG RALLY MAY 2010

Derek Webb & Archie Pelling gave their 1972 Ford Escort Mk 1 its first outing on the Belgium Monteberg Rally Sprint, with continuing support from Gavin at The Rye Tyre Centre.

The Escort Mk 1 replaces the 1976 Porsche 911 that Derek used last year and this event was to be the first test for the car.

First practice was very wet and slippery and Derek was trying hard not to put the car off the road on its first run, while co-driver Archie Pelling was getting to grips with the new pace notes as the Special Stage had been changed this year for the first time in 28 years.

Second practice was faster with the roads drying out a little but the wet tyres were just not getting any heat into them and we were sliding all over the place.

The First time run started at 2pm and with the roads drying out we fitted some new moulded slicks and it proved a good choice as the time

was 5.48.21 over the 9.75 km Special Stage and the car was not giving any problems. So with some confidence now building in the car on the next stage we set a 5.44.12 which was to be our best time of the day.

The third run was quite eventful as Derek had now decided to try and push the car harder just to see how fast we could go without going off, Archie kept reminding me that it was just a test for us and I should not go all out at 10/10ths, just as well as we came over the brow the car locked up and we nearly went straight on at a downhill hairpin left, then up through a muddy section the car started to slide from side to side getting closer and closer to the high banks but as luck would have it Derek used all his skill, shut his eyes and hoped for the best! We finished the stage without any damage and proved that the Escort could be more competitive on its next outing with all the lessons learned .

MSA launches its Manifesto for Motor Sport

The Motor Sports Association – governing body of UK motor sport – has unveiled a manifesto that will form the basis of the MSA's Public Affairs activity for this year. The manifesto highlights three key issues that the MSA will be looking to discuss with government during 2010 at private meetings, high profile events and the party conferences in the autumn.

The three issues for discussion are closed road events; planning laws; and motor sport as an environmental test bed.

The MSA is now calling on its 50,000 members to sign an online petition to support the call for Closed Road events on mainland Britain without the need to resort to an Act of Parliament to suspend the Road Traffic Act at www.petition.co.uk/MSA.

The manifesto has been launched publicly in order to provide guidance and information for those members of the motor sport community who may wish to discuss the sport with Prospective Parliamentary Candidates (PPCs) in the forthcoming general election campaign.

The MSA manifesto is available online

at www.msauk.org/manifesto along with a draft letter that can be downloaded and sent to PPCs or MPs to make the case for motor sport. Also available online are the combined manifestos from the other members of the Motorsport Alliance – the Auto-Cycle Union and the MIA – providing a consolidated guide to the needs of four- and two-wheeled motor sport and the associated industry.

Colin Hilton, MSA Chief Executive, said:

“The MSA has made great strides in the past 18 months with its Public Affairs campaign, raising the profile of the sport and highlighting our development programmes to key ministers and shadows. The 2010 manifesto sets out our strategic priorities for the coming year, but can also be a useful tool for any of our members that might like to make the case for motor sport to their MPs and PPCs. We would particularly encourage everyone to demonstrate the level of support for closed road events by signing the petition at www.petition.co.uk/MSA.”

(This Manifesto was released prior to the General Election but is still relevant – Ed)

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3rd October 2010



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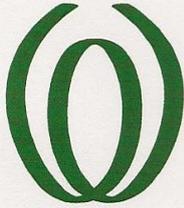
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Middlesex Challenge 2010

Current positions, after the MiddleWick Stages are:

	ROUND		1	2	
	Name		B'fast	M'Wick	Total
1	Rob Rolston		100.00	0.00	100.00
=	Richard Upton		0.00	100.00	100.00
=	Paul Bareham		0.00	100.00	100.00
=	Ross Daniels		0.00	100.00	100.00
=	Paul Mankin		0.00	100.00	100.00
6	Harvey Edwards		98.36	0.00	98.36
7	Jon Senior		98.26	0.00	98.26
8	Holly Bailey		0.00	95.71	95.71
9	Chris Keys		93.88	0.00	93.88
10	Stuart Cogger		0.00	93.44	93.44

	Name		B'fast	M'Wick	Total
11	Mark Webster		93.01	0.00	93.01
12	Christine Wooster		90.02	0.00	90.02
13	Pat Anderson		85.56	0.00	85.56
14	Ian Wilson		0.00	83.08	83.08
15	Martin Lush		82.49	0.00	82.49
16	Mike Wooster		78.97	0.00	78.97
17	Jack Tilburn		0.00	10.00	10.00
=	James Crook		0.00	10.00	10.00
=	Mathew Ockenden		0.00	10.00	10.00
=	Andy Murray		0.00	10.00	10.00
=	Brett Murray		0.00	10.00	10.00



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19 January 2010

Dear Tony

Thank you so much for the wonderful cheque for £850 that you brought in just before Christmas from the Rockingham Stages rally. As ever, we really do appreciate the magnificent support that the club continues to give to the Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre.

Thank you also for selling our Christmas cards again. It all adds up and we are most grateful to you, Val and everyone at the club.

Apologies for taking so long to write to acknowledge this donation but I've been having a delayed start to 2010, driving to Aberdeen in the snow and other antics!

With very best wishes to everyone for a truly wonderful year.

Yours sincerely

Buzz Coster
Marketing Manager

28 May 2010

Dear Tony

Thank you so much for the wonderful donation of £485 that you raised at the MiddleWick Stages earlier this month. I hope you all had a great time.

As ever, we really do value and appreciate the continued support of the Middlesex County Automobile Club so please pass on our grateful thanks to everyone for their generosity.

Hope you and Val are well and look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours

Buzz Coster
Marketing Manager

Hants and Berks Tracker 2010

The Hants and Berks Tracker is a scatter like no other. No staying up half of the night to compete in an event, those sensible people at H&BMC arrange the Tracker to take place in the daylight, a lot of the daylight as it turned out, starting at 09:00 and finishing at 18:00. It does seem strange being able to see the countryside that you are driving through.

Well organised by John Boother, this year's event took the form of a road rally in navigating without the necessity to travel the route. The event was split into two parts, the actual Tracker and a table top Tracker following the same route. To enter the tracker, answers could be found along the route on the map. The full Tracker combined the table top version added to a normal scatter where the answers could be found at various points along the route. As it happened, no-one entered the table top version.

Thirteen crews assembled at the Autoscribe offices in Riseley, where the crews were able to plot the route in comfort. The route was split into twenty four sections, crews having to answer questions from fifteen of them. Section scores were awarded according to distance to be travelled or difficulty in plotting the route. Scores varied from the high scoring 81 points for the last section down to 36 points for the first section. Section six was cancelled due to road closures but the remaining twenty three sections were out there waiting for us.

The clues were spread from Hungerford in the west to almost High Wycombe in the east, and from High Wycombe (Lane End) in the North to the bottom of OS maps 174 and 175 in the south. Andy and I managed to answer the required fifteen sections while

travelling a total of 190 miles. It made for a very tiring day!

We managed to get most of the way round answering all questions when, towards the end of the event, we hit a blue spot and could not find two or three answers.

For a change, we were able to walk into the pub at the finish rather than the frantic dash and search for the organisers hiding somewhere in the pub (the first year we entered, Andy rushed the answer sheet into the pub while I parked the car. Our answer sheet was accepted with about two seconds to spare!)

Having missed several answers and not having the same answers as other entrants, we were not too confident of success this year. Four of the thirteen crews retired so we were guaranteed at least 8th place. Announcing the results in reverse order, we waited to see who had outscored us this year.

The names were gradually read out until just Andy and I and Ashley and Sally White were left. It was announced that there was a difference of only four points separating us. John then announced that second place went to Ashley and Sally, which left us as winners for the fourth year running.

Thanks are extended to Hants and Berks Motor Club for inviting MCAC to enter the event, to Bill Bonney who supplied the regs after we were not able to download online. Special thanks go to John Boother for the obvious amount of hard work put in in organising the event.

We now look forward to next year to see if we can make it five wins in a row.

Pete Farmer

Can You Help?

Are you computer literate?

Can you help MCAC produce a DVD to promote the Club?

At the AGM it was suggested that MCAC should produce a dvd to promote the Club.

We have a lot of past videos, dvds and other information, but need someone with the necessary expertise to combine these into an interesting format. If you have that expertise and are willing to assist, please let Tony know as soon as possible.

