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EDITORIAL

Now we have said goodbye to all those who are not re-joining, at least in terms of magazine circulation/readership perhaps we should again consider what we all want from our Club, I know you all put it on a form when you paid your subs. but where were you all on the 6th January!! A real poor turnout for our Autotest at Wakefield and certainly no just reward for all the organisers who, as always, put in a lot of effort. I can see the time coming when people won't put an event on as nobody will turn up - a real chicken and egg situation, and one which we must resolve - so please endeavour to give your Club support and I am sure that, if you have any ideas for events, either social or competitive, any Committee member will be only too pleased to listen to your suggestions and if possible get you to organise something along the lines of your suggestion!!! Just because the nation is in a mess doesn't mean we should follow.

Ed.

ON THE COVER

This month sees Ken Goodall/Hugh Edwards featured. Not sure of the event or result but it is obviously a long time ago - all the panels appear to be straight.

REFLECTIONS - FEBRUARY 1971

Affiliation all but 'nailed on', postal strike causing communication difficulties for correct documents etc. to Belgrave Square. Club ran it's first ever rally on 20th/21st February, won by no less than Dave Lawton/K. Blakey in a Triumph 2000 - Dave had been hillclimbing and sprinting a Sebring Sprite with considerable success before this outing, which as we all now know, launched him in the direction of just about every solid object on the rally routes of our area. Some other familiar names appear in the results of that event! 5th Ken Goodall, 7th Steve Mills, 11th Frank Stuart Brown (Navvi). Also this month the 7 Dales (now Mintex) took place and we had a stage at Wombledon Airfield.

GOSSIP COLUMN

Ron Mackinnon has sold his RS2000! - to Mike Elliott of High Moor M.C. and has also acquired a well modified Midget, from the same Mike Elliott! The car swop (with £ adjustment in Hon Sec's favour) suited both parties very well as Mike is wanting to have a go at rallying as well as autotests and Ron, it seems wants to get his hands on a possible F.T.D. machine that suited his experience of R.W.D.

John Bean is now the proud father of a jumping Bean called Robert. Mother performed very well on 4th January under the watchful eye of P.C. Bean. Mother and Son are in excellent health - not so sure about John though! - Congratulations.

GOSSIP COLUMN contd.

A letter recently landed on the editorial desk from founder member Steve Lloyd and family, just to let us know he is still in circulation, though for the next 12 months or so he has taken the family to Kuwait - obviously feels that camel racing is a future worldwide sport. They wish to be remembered to all their friends in Trackrod and I am sure we all wish you well, Steve, Mary and children - we look forward to seeing you when you return with all that Middle Eastern loot!!!

To Ronnie & Yvonne Moore - a bonny bouncing girl, Bryony Louise (5lbs 15ozs.) born on 17th January - Congratulations! Mother and daughter are both very well.

FUTURE COMPETITIVE EVENTS

- 3rd February - Sue Wilding Photographic, Bramham Park Rally, Single venue stage rally. Start 11.00 am approx. Alwoodley and David Brown M.S.C. Co-organising.
- 9th/10th February - Beverley & D.M.C. - Night Owl Rally.
- 12th February - Shell League Quiz - Come and cheer our team on at the Lawnswood Arms.
- 22nd/24th February - Mintex International, De Lacy M.C. Our stage along with High Moor M.C. Saturday 23rd February. Marshals required for latest 4.15 a.m. at MR 100/7954943. First car due 5.15 a.m. see Ron Mackinnon for further details re marshalling and Rod Parkin for other relevant information.
- 24th February - Closed joint autotest by US. Organiser John Renny, to be held at WAKEFIELD.
- 1st/2nd March - Wakefield & D.M.C. Diplomat Rally (Novice) 100 miles map 110.
- 8th March - Tyreservices Dukeries National Rally. Start from the Post House Sandiacre, Nottinghamshire. ESSO BTRDA Gold Star Championship Round 1. - Marshals wanted contact Jeff Parker Tel. 06234-3595.
- 15th/16th March - Glossop M.C. Burgess Bowl Rally, Maps 110, 118, 119.
- 15th/16th March - Thompson Trophy Rally - Lindholme M.S.C. Maps 111, 120 and 121.
- 23rd March - Trackrod C.J. Autotest - Organisers wanted.
- 29th/30th March - THE SHELLSPORT COSTA DI PLENTI RALLY our event, marshals wanted see Derek Lee.

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***** WANTED , WANTED *****

NAVIGATOR WANTED FOR WAKEFIELD & D.M.S.C.
DIPLOMAT RALLY (NOVICE)
1st/2nd March, 1980
Contact - Richard Moran, Tel. BFD. 665368 or at any club night.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

- February 12th..... Slight change of plan here, its the first round of the Shell League Quiz at the Lawnswood Arms so come along and support your Trackrod team.
- February 19th..... Duke of Wellington at East Keswick sharpen your pencils for another indoor rally.
- February 26th..... Yes its only a four week month and we're back to our friends at the Shoulder of Mutton at Kirkby Overblow.
- March 4th Square and Compass at North Rigton for a Noggin.
- March 11th..... Duke of Wellington at East Keswick
- March 18th..... Promises to be one of the best attended events on the Motor Club calendar - a Scaletrix evening at the Lawnswood, you do'nt have to spell to be fast.
- March 25th another four week month and its back to the Shoulder at Kirkby Overblow.
- April 1st Noggin at the Square and Compass North Rigton.
- April 8th..... We're at the Lawnswood Arms again and there may just be a Film Show, for which you'll need your club cards and 20 pence.

SEC'S PIECE

Well Hello again, I hope you all enjoyed the Dinner Dance at the Mercury, I think it was one of our best yet, certainly many people said so on the night. The food was excellent especially at the price, the speeches were entertaining and Wendy Peters was as good as ever. If any of you who didn't go are feeling that you may have missed out, well you did, so try and make it next year.

So, on to competitive events so far this month. First of all was the Wakefield Autotest which saw a rather limited entry list, perhaps you were all recovering from Christmas hangovers. Anyway Ed managed another F.T.D. with Bingley first in class and myself first in my class.

Then on Saturday 26th/Sunday 27th saw the first Shell League round, the Three Swans Rally which was organised by Selby and D.M.C. Our lads did very well. Ian Gurnett and Jack Coulthard came storming in with first overall - well done lads, keep it up, and with the other results we eventually finished 2nd in the Shell League only $1\frac{1}{2}$ points behind Ilkley. Lets see if we can maintain this level of achievement throughout all the Shell League rounds.

See you all at the Quiz
Thats all for this month

Ron Mac (Hon Sec)

NEW MEMBERS

We wish to extend a warm welcome to the following new members, we hope their association with the club will be one which is long and happy:

Mark Tierney	26 Moseley Wood Drive, Leeds 16
John Hudson	27 Glebe End, Elsenham, Bishop Stortford
Richard Moran	1 Moorland Road, Pudsey, LS28 8EN
Phil Short	22 Hall Rise, Bramhope, Leeds
Colin Linley	73 Prince Rupert Drive, Tockwith, York.

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE 25th January

Once again a great bunfight, held at the Mercury Motor Inn, but a lot of members were absent! Consider this: Our major annual social function and out of our membership of 200+ only 91 people attend, deduct wives/girlfriends/boyfriends/guests and what have you got, maybe 50 members (including those wives who are members) if you're lucky!!

Is £6.50 too much for a ticket??? if so let's prepare you now it will be more in 1981.

1980 INDOOR RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Results of round 2.

1st	J. Thirsk/J. Bean	22
2nd	M. Robson/G. Tumber	20
3rd	J. Westmoreland/M.R. Knowles	17½
4th	R. Dobney/T. Ward	16
5th	B. Wainwright/N. Masterman	15
5th	G. Waters/V. Fletcher	15
7th	D. Sayers/D. Sayers/P. Noon	6

After the 2nd round of the series we have two joint leaders in M. Robson/G. Tumber and J. Bean/J. Thirsk with J. Westmoreland in 3rd place. The competition is certainly close and thanks must go to the event organisers; Ronnie Moore/Derek Lee and Tony Longstaffe.

Round 3. organised by Nick Leuchars will use Map 100.

Round 4. organised by Jack Coulthard will use Map 110 (2nd series).

BOXING DAY AUTOTEST

The event organised by Hon. Sec Ron Mackinnon and his good lady Lindsay, was mentioned briefly in last month's Sec's Piece but perhaps a more detailed report would be more appropriate, though some of you may think it to be history, or were you too hung over to even remember it.???

Ron's organisational ability (or lack of it) managed to squeeze 8 tests out of the Crest car park for the 11 competitors - all within about 2 hours.

Such were the entries, that there were just 2 classes, front wheel drive and rear wheel drive and when the competition got underway it was clear that neither of the classes were going to be a walkover. The F.W.D. class saw Sue Broadbelt

BOXING DAY AUTOTEST contd.

(Fiesta), Graeme Bradford (Mini) and Ed (1275GT) up against one another and Ed fell foul of the Clerk of the Course on test 4 and collected a very dubious washout - obviously Ron Makinen wasn't having a good Christmas and was determined to spoil mine too!!! A 30 second penalty when someone like Graeme Bradford is in front is just too much to make up in four tests and Graeme's talent has improved no end in 1979 - he has now got passed the pylon bashing that might have helped me to recover some of the lost ground!!

The 'other' class saw new member John Mason in his ex. A.E.Powell Escort 1600 on his first ever event, really getting to grips with things and impressing many, even though he did collect a couple of pylons and a washout, - definitely a man to watch in the coming months. Alan Powell (RS2000) was struggling without the benefit of an L.S.D. and finally paid the penalty when he hit a tree trying a 360° spin at the bottom of 'the ramp', creasing the rear wing in the process!! 2nd in class, however came Paul Glover (Mexico), also minus L.S.D. who was making his now customary annual competitive appearance and as usual collected a pot - Can't understand why he doesn't set his stall out and upset the rest of the Escort men throughout the year, seems a waste of a competitive car/driver to me. The class was won by Ken Goodall in his RS2000 which he shared with Bob Stoker for this event. Ken capitalised on the errors of others and it seems as though the car, which has seen much successful competition, is now in danger of being retired.

To finish off the event, a festive '10p thrash' was held which saw Ed (definitely hung over) turn the event into a P.C.T. by wrong slotting and ending up on the site of the bonfire! Graeme Bradford won that as well.

ED.

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NEW YEAR AUTOTEST

Brian Wainwright and Neil Masterman, aided by Nick Leuchars produced a super event for a massive entry of 8, three of which came from De Lacy.

For the second time in two weeks the classes were merged into just F.W.D. and R.W.D. and Graeme Bradford was out to try repeat his Boxing Day success - that is until he couldn't find reverse on tests 1 and 2 and eventually pulled the lever out!! Once fixed all was O.K. but he couldn't catch you flying Ed who was back on form without Ron Mackinnon to contend with as Clerk of the Course. Graeme did however win the class fairly comfortably from the Renault 5 TS of David Holmes, 3rd was D. Copley of De Lacy.

In the other class Ron Mackinnon had things all his own way and try as he might John Renny just couldn't make up for his car's lack of cubic capacity. Gez Waters took part in his first autotest for a long time in his RS2000 and soon started collecting washouts - however things improved when he started following fellow competitors who were walking the correct route just in front of Gez's car! Martin Schofield was the fourth competitor in this class and found his Capri a bit big beside the two faster Escorts and he finished 3rd in class.

The event finished with a rather long 10p job but try as they might the competitors couldn't keep the massive crowd of spectators (well 3 anyway) interested when a huge custom Mick Truck pulled into the forecourt of the Red Brock Cafe!! Definitely a 'Breaker-one-ninah' merchant - probably one of Piggy Bank's eyeball mates!! (Those who know will understand).

Thanks again to the organisers who were determined that the event should run after all their hard work, a great pity that they weren't rewarded with the size of entry that the event deserved.

ED.

SHELL LEAGUE THREE SWANS RALLY

On 26th/27th January, 1980 the Shell League got under way with the Three Swans Rally from Selby & District. This is a very fast growing event and Selby & District were inundated with over 200 entries, Trackrod managing to get six entries for the event and all were willing and able to compete for us. The six entries were; at 3 Ian Gurnett/Jack Coulthard, 18 Alan Larkin/G. Whittaker 26 Gez Waters/Vince Fletcher, 31 John Palmer/Charlie Palmer (alias wrong slot) 101 John Stephenson/John Bownass, 115 Tom Whittaker/? . Unfortunately only five members are allowed to be in the team so Tom Whitaker had to be dropped, but I hope that this won't deter him from entering in further Shell League events as I would hope to give everyone a chance of competing for the club and would like to thank him for entering in the spirit of the the club.

The rally itself was again a well organised affair with a very good route. The conditions though, were very icy so care had to be taken. By the halfway Trackrod were doing extremely well with Ian and Jack four seconds behind Ilkley's new flyer Graystone and 5 seconds up on Trevor Pulford. Alan Larkin was taking things steady and laying around the 20's, Gez Waters was finding that Escort power and an LSD on ice need treating with great caution but was holding a good class position. John Palmer was complaining of Hot Dog wagons and other slow objects holding him up and was suffering with electrics but was still doing well in class. John Stephenson was going well on the ice and again holding his own with his class.

The second half saw the departure of John and Charlie with electrical faults but the rest of the team all finished a tough nights rallying with only a very few scars, although it was suggested that Gez took up off road events as every time anyone saw him he as visiting the scenery.

The only result known at the time of writing was that of the winner which I am pleased to say was our own Ian Gurnett and Jack Coulthard, a fine performance by him and also all those who competed for Trackrod.

Total Club Scores

1st	Ilkley & D.M.C.	347.0
2nd	Trackrod	345.5
3rd	Selby & D.M.C.	344.5
4th	North Humberside	286.0
5th	Ripon	269.5
6th	Wakefield	241.0
7th	York	131.0

John Renny
TEAM CAPTAIN

1979 AWARD WINNERS RESULTS

<u>Shell League Trophy</u>	
R. F. Ineson	361.2
J. Renny	263.5
K. Goodall	259.3
R. Mackinnon	245.3
G. Bradford	143.7
R. Moore	138.2

<u>Off Road Events Trophy</u>	
R. F. Ineson	892.7
R. Mackinnon	808.6
R. Moore	701.4
C. Miller	331.0
H. White	208.8
G. Bradford	203.1

<u>Rally & Speed Autotest Trophy</u>	
R. F. Ineson	41
G. Bradford	41
B. Stoker	34
J. Renny	26
K. Goodall	20
S. Broadbelt	19
A. Powell	18

1972 RALLIES contd.

P.C.T. Trophy

R. Moore 17
B. Scoresby 17
J. Renny 10
V. Spurdens 9
C. Miller 8
A. Roddy 6

Spy 44 Trophy

R. Moore 386.8

Novice Trophy

G. Bradford

Marshals Trophy

D. Lee 60
V. Spurdens 55
N. Drayton 40
R. Moore 40
M. Ogden 35
J. Lee 35

Service Crew

Trophy
N. Gledhill 55
J. Wilson 15
P. Glover 15
G. Bradford 10
G. Ellingworth 10
G. Kellett 10

ANCC Rally Driver

K. Goodall 566.3 -6events
M. Watkins 558.8 -6 events
S. Wood 493.8 -6 events
J. Bean 248.1 -6 events
M. Kemp 103.5 -2 events
R. Sutcliffe 90.7 -1 event

ANCC RALLY Navigator

M. Tempest 566.3 -6events
N. Leuchars 558.8 -6events
R. A. Spensley 421.5 -6events
R. Beamish 145.5 -4events
S. Mills 103.5 -2events
R. Moore 101.2 -1event

F.S.B. Rally Driver

M. Watkins 90 -8 events
K. Goodall 85 -8 events
G. Waters 61 -8 events
S. Wood 60 -8 events
J. Bean 51 -6 events
D. Ashford 47 -6 events
J. Stephenson 44 - 8 events

F.S.B. Rally Navigator

N. Leuchars 90 - 8 events
M. Tempest 85 - 8 events
V. Fletcher 54 - 7 events
R. Moore 52 - 5 events
R. Spensley 47 - 6 events
J. Bownass 44 - 8 events

Special Stage Rally Driver

D. Ashford 313.1.- 6 events
J. Renny 303.8 - 4 events
C. R. Jackson 159.9 - 3 events
A. Powell 90.2 - 1 event
I. Gurnett 52.2 - 1 event
D. Turner 48.5 - 1 event

Best Lady Competitor

S. Broadbelt 22
B. Howell 13
B. Stoker 11
L. Mackinnon 10
J. Thompson 9
V. Spurdens 9
C. Westmoreland 9

All Round Lady Member

V. Spurdens 96
S. Broadbelt 82
J. Lee 64
J. Thompson 56
L. Mackinnon 41
J. Moulson 28
J. Thirsk 21
B. Stoker 16
B. Howell 13

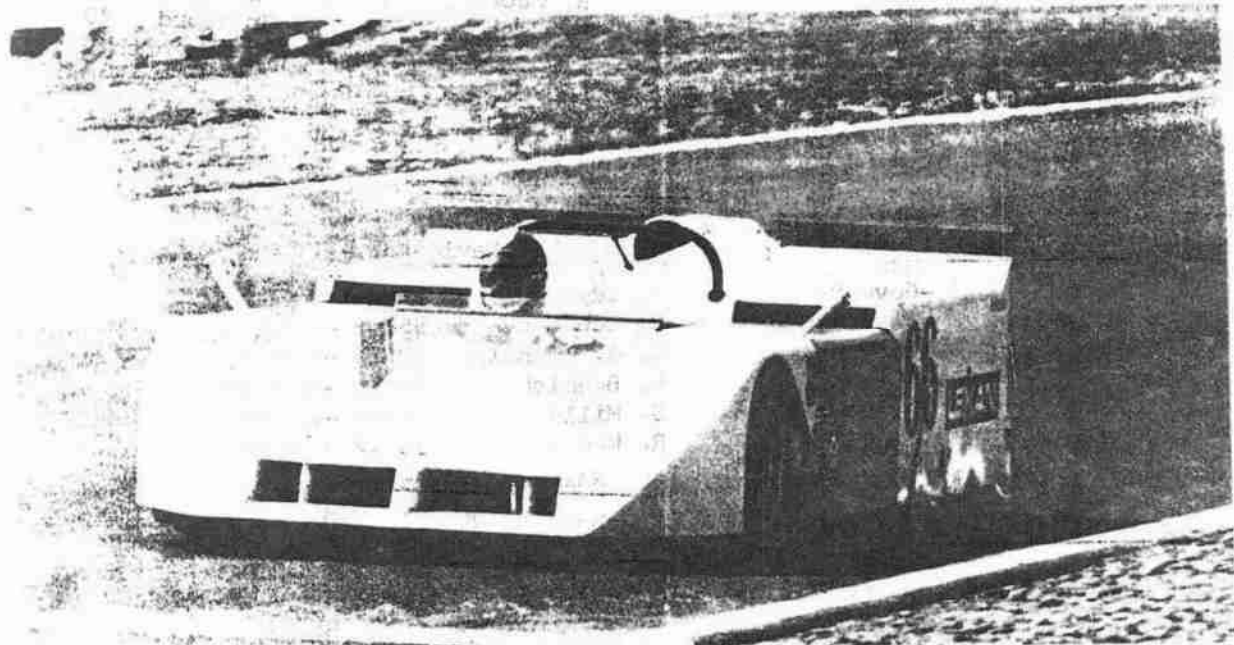
All Round Club Member

N. Leuchars 147
R. Moore 145
R. Mackinnon 140
K. Goodall 114
D. Lee 106
V. Spurdens 96
M. Watkins 96
M. Tempest 9
N. Drayton 90
S. Broadbelt 82

RONNIE MOORE

Trophy Points Secretary

PHOTO PAGE



↑ 1968 - CHAPARRAL - "GROUND EFFECT" CAN-AM CAR - - SO MUCH FOR THE CURRENT FORMULA 1 PIONEERS!



↑ 1966 - RAC RALLY AND THAT'S JIM CLARK SHOWING OFF HIS VERSATILITY!

↓ BEFORE THE MINI, WOULD YOU BELIEVE THAT THE A35 RULED!



↓ 1978 - TONY DRUMMOND WAVING AT THE RALLYCROSS SPECTATORS.



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