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With Sadness

It is with great sadness that I have to report the sudden death of Chris Pringle in October.

Chris was a leading navigator in the North East and the ANCC championship for longer than I can remember, not to mention being very successful on long distance historic events in the UK and abroad.

After marshalling and spectating on the Hexham Historic Rally , Chris complained of feeling unwell and was taken to hospital, where he past away.

My sincere condolences to Chris' partner, family and close friends in the North East.

Yours sincerely,

Iain Tullie

Dinner Dance 2007

The 2007 Dinner Dance is going to be held at Castle Grove in Headingley, on 27th January.

Caroline Marston will soon be releasing more information, such as the delicious menu and the only bad thing the price.

So keep you eyes open

Scottish Correspondent **November 2006**

Well this time I am starting to write this article on a plane on my way to Moscow, in September and have worked out I have missed the Oct magazine deadline, so will be aiming for the November one!!! How the time is flying by.

So here is a short update based on what is ongoing in Scotland, it has been a fairly busy few months all considered.

PARK SYSTEM RALLY – 9th September

This turned out to be a very good weekend. We had left our caravan at the caravan site near Dumfries so it was an easy Friday afternoon 'blast' down the M74 to get there in time for dinner. John and Margaret were also bringing their caravan up, and two Wigwams were hired for Dot/Anne/Ian and Eddie/Christine. The wigwams proved to be very comfortable and plenty of space to sleep up to 5 in each.

Saturday morning, after a few bottles of red the night before! it was a short drive across to the Clatteringshaw forest with John to 'check out the stage'. The organisers had pre setup the stage which was very good to save us a lot of time and for consistency for them, but it was then essential that we drove the stage to make sure we were aware of each junction, and make sure that everything was still in place.

Since we were a mid morning stage, SS5, then there had been a couple of stoppages on earlier stages and we felt these delays, but luckily not too long. One thing that I had mentioned in all my briefings to the team was midge repellent, and boy did we need it, they were out in force!!! The stage ran well, even though at one point we did have a herd (is that what you call a lot of rally cars together??? Or is it pack?) Arriving at the FF at one time. It transpired there had been a blockage and luckily no one was hurt.

So a great weekend was had, similar to the 'old' Scottish tradition (social wise) and one for our diary for next year.

CRAIL KINGOM STAGES – 4th November

This is usually an excellent event with usually a full entry. Weather can be unpredictable, but that is out of my control! We usually stay over the Friday evening, nice dinner in the caravan with a bottle of wine, so we didn't have to wake up too early on the Sat. morning.

The quality of the entry is usually high, everything from 6R4's to Clubman cars. Well recommended – either to compete or marshal, does make a good social event too!!! There is plenty of space for caravans.

ROGER ALBERT CLARK RALLY – 17th to 20th November

No change here, **Saturday** stages in Yorkshire, then the **Sunday** Scottish region. Route is to be a single 'extra long' Ae stage run twice, double run of Heathhall (with even more enhancements planned for the quarry 'arena'), plus Twigless and Castle O'er. In true 'RAC tradition' why not follow the event and come to Scotland for the Sunday to assist? If you are available to help please contact Dot Brown on 01369 860443 who will allocate you to a stage/SC.

So book the time in your diary, and then if you wish to do Kielder on the Monday book the time off work!!!

GALLOWAY HILLS RALLY – 3rd December

Remember my words about Wigwams that we used on the Park System for accommodation? Well we plan to use the same for this event. I already have a number of them 'sold' and we plan to have a sociable weekend again!! The event is on a Sunday, so we will travel to Dumfries on the Saturday; have a sociable evening, then run a stage in the Dalbeattie area, anyone interested? I know its close to Xmas, so how about a Turkey cooked on a BBQ on the Saturday night?!?!??!

If interested, as usual then do call and let me know!

That's it then for 2006.

Planning for 2007!!!!

RALLOY MULL FOREST STAGES – 20th January

Our accom is now booked and no spare beds!!!! This turned out to be an excellent weekend for the 1st running in 2006.

PIRELLI INTERNATIONAL – 20th & 21st April

This is an early notification for you for two reasons:

The date is in April for 2007 (was May in previous years)

Back to a Friday and Saturday format

That's all the details I have at the present, but if we are invited back to do PZero again I will let you all know ASAP.

So that's it for now.

If anybody would like more details on any of the above, then please contact me on 01259 760611H, 07793 662444 M – but not after 22:00! (E-Mail peterstanhope@hotmail.co.uk)

Safe motoring.

Peter Stanhope

Rally Yorkshire 06

Another great event, thankfully the weather held off on the day, but was a still very wet from the previous weeks down pour.

As for the competitors it was won by a Yorkshireman in Ryan Champion in the Mitsubishi Motors UK/Team Ralliart backed Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 9 in one of the tightest events so far in this years BRC. Unfortunately most of our crews didn't fair too well.

Historic Cup

ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH/MARK MIDGELEY FORD ESCORT MEXICO
Finished 23rd Overall and 3rd in class C2

DAVE DYER/GRAHAM WRIDE FORD ESCORT RS2000
Finished 29th Overall and 3rd in Class C3. They were leading the class and in 6th overall until sliding wide on the last stage and getting beached on a rock which lost them 5 minutes.

Clubman's Trophy

DARREN MOON/JOHN MCNICHOL FORD ESCORT
Unfortunately retired on stage 6 Dalby with mechanical problems

STEPHEN SANDERSON/CHRIS DOWNES VAUXHALL ASTRA
Unfortunately retired on stage 6 Dalby as well with electrical problems

For a full set of results simply log onto www.rallyyorkshire.co.uk.

A big thank you to all the organisers, competitors, marshals, rescue crews and other helpers. Who without the event could not take place.

Lets hope that next year it will be even bigger and better than this (if that's possible)

Thanks for a great day

Andrew Wride

RETROSPECTIVE

30 YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 1976 - Photos this month of 'Piggy' Thompson's Porsche on the 1975 RAC; Pete Germaine/ Ronnie Moore on the A&P Menston Garages Summer Stages at Melbourne and Bob Chapman/Ronnie Moore at the start of the recent Costa Di Plenti.

Chairman Richardson reported that Steve Rathbone/Frank Stuart-Brown finished 2nd on the Alwoodley run Pennine Rally after a string of non-finishes. We had 9 crews out on the A&P Summer Stages - the best performance coming from Alan Powell/Stan Peel who were 6th o/a.

Still in 3rd slot in the Shell League and still 180 points behind leaders Ilkley after a Ripon MSC PCT at Hutton Conyers - thanks to our team of Steve Lloyd ; Steve Hzedline; Tony Marshall; Richard Spurdens and Steve Waddington.

Derek and Jean Lee got married (saving the club 1 stamp every month!!)

Finally Martin Kemp/Rod Parkin won first time out in the Mexico on the Highwayman Rally - Bob Chapman reckoned he would have won but his exhaust fell off!! (We've all had one of them!!)

20 YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 1986 - Editor McNichol put together another packed issue which included his own witty contribution and the regular column from Chair MacKinnon. Also returning as a hopefully regular column was Hon. Sec. Tefal DuCros who briefly recounted the Trackrod Team's antics on the Olicana Rally.

Malcolm Jagger gave us his version of the recent Manx Rally won by Tony Pond/Rob Arthur.

Editor McNichol told us that the highlight of his motorsport life was finishing in the top 10 on our own Quip Rally alongside Phil Lilley - Don't know if he's still trying to dine out on that experience but he's not putting on a lot of weight!!!

Committee had been discussing the trophy points system - suggestions were requested from members to make things more competitive (is this 1986 or 2006??). Mr Angry was at it again - having a general whinge about competitors with lots of money but not a lot of idea about rally timing etc seems Mr angry wanted to learn about stage rallying!! (Claims he knew all about road rallies!!)

Shell League autotest in Dewsbury and our team of John North; John Bean; Derek Lee & a bloke called Ineson gained us 181 points to maintain our 4th place.

10 YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 1996 - Another slim line edition from Editor Walters and I suppose the most striking item was an anonymous letter to the Ed. saying that the magazine content was "deplorable and non-existent" among other things !! As I recall it certainly got the tongues wagging on the following Tuesday night!! Damn bad show that they hadn't the guts to put their name to it though.

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ENDS

Richard Ineson

AUTUMN WORKSHOP CLEARANCE SALE

Mk2 Escort 5spoke Revolution 15in White wheels with good gravel Tyres

Full set of Gp4 conversion nuts for use with above.

English half Shafts £50ea + many more spares.

Std Type 9 5spd Sierra Gearbox £175ono

COSWORTH Quaife 4X4 6pd Sequential Gearbox

R+D Thickwall GpA Plated Front LSD+Shafts

3.9 Rear LSD to suit above setup.

Harvey Gibbs Hi-Comp Cosworth Engine

P8 ECU ALS WATER INJ only 250miles

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Cosworth 4X4 Rear Diff + LSD £250

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Intercooler inc Water Inj nozel 2WD £250

Comprehensive Cosworth Spares package

inc.L8 ECU,Coil & All Eng Ancillaries inc starter alternator ECU etc £POA

SUBARU

GPA Subaru Eng&Gearbox mounting set £400

03WRX NAI Rear Diff LSD UK £250

03WRX NAI wider track Shafts £100

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Members Name

Competitors tick appropriate boxes below and provide evidence (results)

Event Name

Event Date

Event Type:

Autotest []

Economy Run []

Hillclimb []

Organising Club:

Trackrod [] PCT []

Other [] Road Rally []

Type of Claim:

Driver [] Stage Rally M/V []

Navigator [] Stage Rally S/V []

Marshal [] Treasure Hunt []

Service Crew [] 12-Car []

Organiser : [] Other - state type

state position

Event Status

Clubman CM [] National "B" [] ANCC Round []

National "A" [] International [] Yorkshire League Round []

Other

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RESULTS

Date received

Your Entry No

Processed by

Position Overall

Awards eligible for

Position in Class

No. in Class

ALL claims to be made within 1 month from the date of the event and must include a copy of entry list and final results sheet.

Club Nights

November 2006

- 7th Old Modernians Sports & Social Club—Cookridge
- 14th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
- 21st The Yeoman – Otley
- 28th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

December 2006

- 5th Old Modernians Sports & Social Club—Cookridge
- 12th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
- 19th The Yeoman – Otley
- 26th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa (thought I'd put it in even though its Boxing Day and we'll see everyone at the Autotest won't we)

Rolling Calendar 2006/2007

November 2006

- 11th Grizedale Stages - Cumbria
- 18th-21st Roger Albert Clark Rally - UK various
- 19th Kall Kwik Rally - North Yorkshire
- 26th The Neil Howard Memorial Stage Rally - Melbourne, Nr York

December 2006

- 10th Malton Forest Rally - North Yorkshire
- 26th Trackrod Boxing Day Autotest**
- 29th-30th Park Hall Stages - Lancashire

January 2007

- 11th-14th Autosport International Show– NEC Birmingham

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