

# **SELBY AND DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB**

**NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 1998.**

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING?**

IF YOU NOTICE ? AFTER AN EVENT'S DETAILS THEN APART FROM A MENTION IN THE BLUE BOOK I HAVEN'T HAD CONFIRMATION THAT IT IS ON, IF YOU KNOW

DIFFERENT LET ME KNOW.

**18<sup>th</sup> December CLUB DINNER DANCE to be held at the Railway Inn at Bickerdyke tonight. If you haven't got a ticket ring John Roberts immediately. The cost will be £9.95 per head for the Carvery menu. It would be appreciated if everyone that is to attend could bring a raffle prize of some sort. You know the sort of thing that bottle of booze left over from the foreign holiday or that present you got last year that you don't know what to do with or even something Motorsporting.**

### **1999**

- 8<sup>th</sup> January**                      **Committee meeting**
- 9<sup>th</sup> January**                      **Autosport International Show at the NEC.     Ring John Roberts if you want to join the band that is going down for the fun.**
- 15<sup>th</sup> January.**                      **Tabletop Rally on map 100 by Alastair Crosby.**
- 17<sup>th</sup> January.**                      **Workparty at the Clubhouse to sort the Water and the Electrics. If you are available please bring a shovel and some Wellies. The more there are the easier this task will be. Of course I'll be trying to get involved in the skilled work!**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> January**                      **Clubnight.**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> January**                      **Witchway Road Rally which is the first round of the ANCC Road Rally Championship. It is on maps 98, 102 & 103.**
- 29<sup>th</sup> January**                      **Navigational Scatter by Ben Lawrenson and to add some interest to the event we will try and invite a few other motor clubs to take part.**
- 5<sup>th</sup> February**                      **Committee meeting.**
- 12<sup>th</sup> February**                      **Quiz by John Roberts.**
- 19<sup>th</sup> February**                      **Tabletop Rally by Ralph Jackson.**
- 26<sup>th</sup> February**                      **Playstation Sprint by Richard Glew. It's very realistic and fireproof overalls may be required.**
- 13 MARCH**                      **YORK MC RIDINGS STAGES ON ELVINGTON??**
- 25APRIL**                      **TRACKROD RIDINGS STAGES ON MELBOURNE.**

4 JULY

BEVERLEY RIDINGS MULTI VENUE.

### **MARSHALS REQUIRED**

We receive requests for marshalling assistance from various clubs. If you want to get involved and get some experience that may stand you in good stead when you start competing then please get in touch with Alastair Crosby our Chief Marshal.

### **PAST EVENTS**

#### **Bonfire night with Pie and Peas..**

Thankfully this year the night passed off with no one getting set upon by fireworks although one of the Cookers did try a good attempt at self combustion. However there was another Cooker and the food went down very well indeed. Thanks to John Roberts for organising the purchase and cooking of the food and thanks to all those that turned up and those that supplied their choice of fireworks.

### **MEM Gravel Sprint by Malton Motor Club**

Plenty of the club members got involved in this event which was a first for the area and below is one competitor's thoughts.

#### **SUCCESS OR SHAMBLES?**

The event was a milestone in British motorsport. Just like the super specials of the Race of Champions and the Rally of Australia were new concepts that might just catch on, the gravel sprint could be one avenue to branch out into for rallying.

Others have failed. The Clipstone rally sprint failed to attract the necessary entries to run the event in August. Another attempt in October fell on its behind. But Malton managed to run an event so it's a big hats off to the organising crew for getting that far at least.

#### **The Course**

The service area or paddock was in the quarry in Dalby Forest. An ideal service area spoiled only by heavy and persistent rain for at least three months prior to the event. A three and a half mile anticlockwise circuit in Dalby calling at Derek Bell's Bend, the Woodyard and the twisty ascent of Flax Dale proved to be an excellent stage with the hairpin left uphill finish into the quarry.

#### **Format**

The idea was great! A convoy run to introduce the competitors to the course and eliminate the need to pacenote it. One timed practice to get used to the conditions and then in to the competition proper. Each competitor's fastest run of the day counts towards overall honours and a total of six attempts at the stage were offered. Value for money that's not bad. Twenty-five stage miles for eighty-five quid in the Yorkshire Forests Anita bad really.

#### **Marshalling**

Marshals were to have line of site coverage of the whole stage. A nightmare for both organisers who had to source the marshals, and the marshals themselves, who were to face a long, hard day possibly out in the cold, wind and rain and for most, be separated from their cars for the day. A red flag system was in operation to warn competitors of hazards they may be approaching like broken cars or scattered junctions etc. This system was to be the major stumbling block of the whole event albeit a necessary precaution.

### How Did It Go?

The question on everybody's lips!

Quite well actually. As the first event of its type that I know of there was always going to be a few mistakes. Time was a deciding factor and it was taking much longer than expected to get the sixty-five or so cars through each stage. Even when thirty second starts were adopted it was still a long and drawn out job. As a competitor it is easy to criticise but in my view the majority of delays were caused by over zealous marshalling. I personally made three attempts at a practice run being red flagged on my first two due to stalled cars. On each occasion, the cars in question had been re-started and were on their way again before the following car would have arrived. Perhaps the flags should only be used in emergencies and not waved for trivial reasons. Does the red flag situation have to be transferred all the way back to the start? With line of sight marshalling, surely the red flags could be deployed in the sectors preceding the incident only and the stage stopped only due to blockages as per a normal stage. Marshal's instructions and training evenings/days could be used to educate the less experienced marshals.

The tracks stood up pretty well to the pounding of constant use. Better than most expected with the exception of a few areas. This was a major worry before the start. It was still possible to pick lines and throw the car about even towards the end of the day. The slippyness may have been a helping factor as with no grip whatsoever it is difficult to dig deep holes really.

### Conclusions

Pre event publicity and organisation by the promoting club allowed a brilliant event to be run. The disappointment of only having three competitive, unaborted runs will hopefully be addressed and next year, all the teething problems will be ironed out and the event will run super smoothly. I plan to do very few events next year but will certainly enter this one and hope that Malton Motor Club is sufficiently encouraged to do it again next year. Perhaps the introduction of a navigator or service crew member to hold the paperwork will cut down on the peg bill.

Article by Dave Hemingway of Wakefield DMSC.

**Following attending the De Brief Neill might also have some constructive comment to make about this event next month.**

The Motor club doesn't necessarily agree with the content of any of the articles in the newsletter, some of it is put in for fun and some is there to create lively debate.

## **RAC RALLY (OF WALES AND THE MIDLANDS).**

We had some competitors out on this one, our very own Charles Gabb GB and Jonathan Riley in a Ford Sierra Cosworth 4x4. Now I believe they retired but we need to know all of the gory details so Charlie and Jon, come on, own up, **what happened?**

## **BEVERLEY BEAVER ROAD RALLY. HOYLES CLEANING SERV. NRRC**

Well another win for two of our members as according to Motoring News "Smith and Ogram make Evo 4 stick" with their Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 4 losing just 10 seconds over the entire night.

**Well this is another one that is just begging for an in depth report?**

### **Re. Last Months article entitled "An Alternatave Guide To The RAC Rally!"**

I would just like to refute the connection that my wife made between one of the characters called Tom and our very own Tom. No, the writer was not Colin Barnes, honest.

### **ESCORT FOR SALE**

E REG. 1.3 POPULAR 4 DOOR, 84,000 MILES, RED, TAX JAN 99, MOT FEB 99 £475.00 TEL 01757 705353

**SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW WELL OVERDUE**

**SO WILL MEMBERS PLEASE NOW SEND A CHEQUE TO CLIVE SMITH TO PAY THEIR MEMBERSHIP AND TO SAVE THE CLUB COSTS.**

If you would like to join our club the rates are: £10.00 for full membership and £12.00 for joint membership (one newsletter to one address). However after the 1st June membership rates until the year end on the 30th September are halved.

If you are interested or if you are rejoining then fill in the Membership application form below and send it to Clive Smith the Treasurer of Cottage Farm, Beningbrough, York, YO30 1BZ.

. The name and address entered will be used for sending you your club information and may be stored in computer held records, in accordance with the Data Protection Act. You may object to this method of storage, please indicate below if you object).

I OBJECT TO MY NAME & ADDRESS BEING HELD ON A COMPUTER. [ ]

NAME.....OCCUPATION.....

ADDRESS.....

TOWN.....POSTCODE.....

TELEPHONE.....DATE OF BIRTH.....

FEE ENCLOSED.....(Cheques payable to Selby & DMC)

**Please also sign this declaration.**

I WISH TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP OF SELBY AND DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB AND IF ELECTED, AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE RULES OF THE CLUB AT ALL TIMES.

Signature.....Date.....

If joining at the clubhouse, insert name of proposer here.....

**CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.**

Neill has done a print out of how the championships stand so far. If you see anything amiss give him or a committee member a ring. Also don't forget to put those claims in for Best Selby awards, the MG Morgan trophy and anything else you can think of. We are also thinking of a venue for the Christmas party/Prizegiving. If you know of anywhere decent give a committee member a call.

**1997/1998 COMPETITORS POINTS.**

	POOL NIGHT BY JOHN ROBERTS 30/1/98	TABLETOP BY RALPH JACKSON 13/2/98	NAV SCATTER BY BEN LAWRENS ON 27/2/98	TABLETOP BY ALASTAIR CROSBY 29/5/98	QUIZ BY JOHN ROBERTS 5/6/98	TOTAL
NAME	POINTS	POINTS	POINTS	POINTS	POINTS	
RICHARD GLEW	9.43		13.00	10.50	13.00	45.93
ALASTAIR CROSBY	5.86	13.00	9.67		5.86	34.38
JASON TURNER		9.67	9.67	13.00		32.33
GAVIN SMITH			13.00		10.14	23.14
CHRIS JARVIS		6.33	6.33	8.00		20.67
GUY GLADWIN	13.00					13.00
RICHARD HEALD		6.33	6.33			12.67
RALPH JACKSON	11.57					11.57
NEILL CARMAN					11.57	11.57
BEN LAWRENSON				5.50	4.43	9.93
JOANNE STURRS			<b>9.67</b>			<b>9.67</b>
JOHN ROBERTS	9.43					9.43
JON RILEY					8.71	8.71
IAN HALL					7.29	7.29
STEVE HARRISON	5.86					5.86
TIM ELCOCK	5.86					5.86
<b>COMPETITORS</b>	7	3	3	4	7	

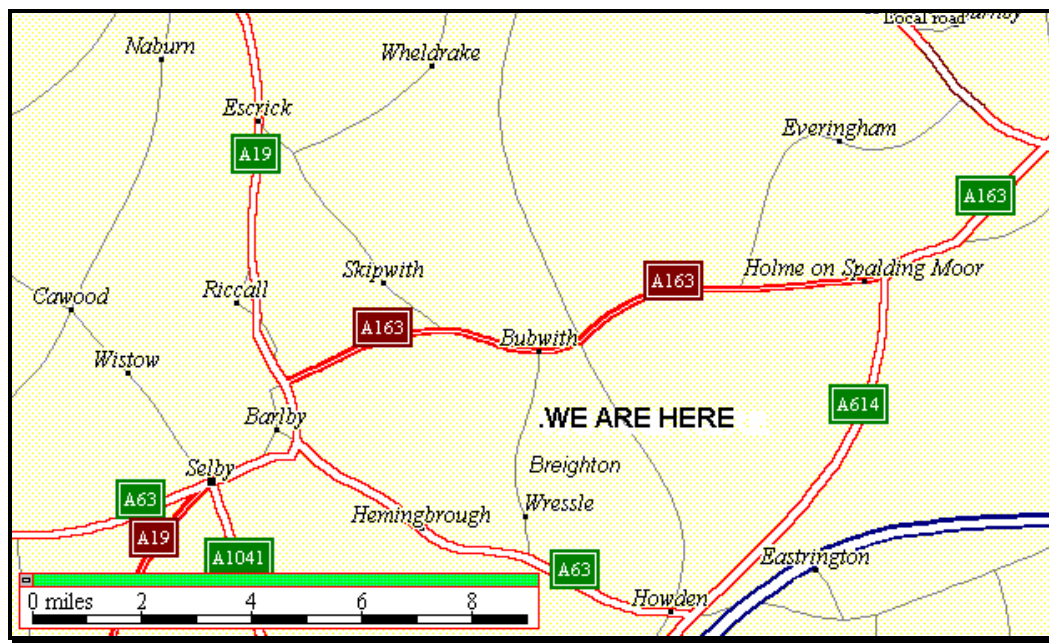
**1997/1998 TABLETOP CHAMPIONSHIP.**

	RALPH JACKSON 13/2/98	ALASTAIR CROSBY 29/5/98	
NAME	POINTS	POINTS	TOTAL
JASON TURNER	9.67	13.00	22.67
CHRIS JARVIS	6.33	8.00	14.33
ALASTAIR CROSBY	13.00		13.00
RICHARD GLEW		10.50	10.50
RICHARD HEALD	6.33		6.33
BEN LAWRENSON		5.50	5.50
NUMBER OF COMPETITORS	3	4	

### SELBY AND DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB MERCHANDISE

All of these items are available from behind the bar

COMPETITION NUMBERS.	EACH DIGIT	50p
PIN BADGE INCLUDING ENAMELLED SELBY & DMC BADGE		£1.55
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# IN REVERSE

# (WHAT HAPPENED IN THE CLUB TENISH YEARS AGO)

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