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Editorial

Welcome to the April edition of the Woolbridge Motor Club magazine. Thanks to all of this month's contributors.

We actually have a calendar of events this month so things are looking up. However, please check on the club web site for the latest up to date event information because, as I'm sure you're painfully aware, things can change rapidly at the moment.

It looks like all events that are going ahead are going to be extremely popular and so make sure to get your entry in as soon as possible to avoid disappointment (see the latest edition of "St. Ursanne or Bust" in this issue).

STOP PRESS: Since writing my "St. Ursanne or Bust" column I have just noticed an update on the ASWMC Facebook page saying that there are problems with the enteronline web site that is being used for entries to the Wildlife Wiscombe event. Whereas the Torbay event, which uses the same site, announced that entries were open after they went live (I believe), the Wildlife event organisers announced several days in advance that entries for that event would go live at 9am on Sunday morning. So, rather than a steady flow of people entering, it looks like a few hundred people all tried to logon at exactly 9am and the site couldn't cope with the demand.

From reading the comments section it sounds like these events are oversubscribed at the moment due to a lot of rally drivers entering because of a lack of rallies to enter. If this is the case then hopefully by next year when things are back to normal (please!) then speed events won't be so popular!

Well, that's all for this month.

Steve Chaloner

Cover Photo: *In the absence of any club action recently, this month's cover photo is from the Sopot Grand Prix Hillclimb in Sopot, Poland. I took this when I visited the event in August 2018 and I plan to return as soon as possible and hopefully one day compete in the event.*

Woolbridge Calendar of Events

For full and up to date details please check the Woolbridge website

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- 4th Woolbridge – South Dorset Trophy Car Trial – Hogcliff Hill
- 18th Woolbridge 4x4 Trial – Hogcliff Hill
- 24th Woolbridge – Wiscombe Park Hillclimb
- 25th Woolbridge – Wiscombe Park Hillclimb

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- 2nd Woolbridge – Car Trial – Venue TBA
- 8th 500 OA Wiscombe Park Hillclimb
- 9th VSCC Wiscombe Park Hillclimb
- 15th Torbay MC – Wiscombe Park Hillclimb
- 16th Wildlife – Wiscombe Park Hillclimb
- 30th Woolbridge – Golden Springs Car Trial - Crewkerne

**DUE TO COVID-19 PLEASE
CHECK THE CLUB WEB SITE
FOR THE LATEST
INFORMATION ABOUT CLUB
EVENTS**

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT – APRIL 2021

Well, some good news at last, I can tell you about some upcoming events! As most of you will know by now, the Government's Roadmap allows outdoor sports to commence on 29th March and that is the date from which MSUK will issue event permits.

So, in chronological order, we hope to run the following events over the coming weeks. We start with the South Dorset Trophy Car Trial at Hogcliff on 4th April. Entries are already filling up for that and Dave Hiscock would be delighted to hear from you if you are available to marshal. On 18th April there will be a 4X4 Trial, also at Hogcliff, so go to our website to find the online entry form if you wish to enter that event.

We then head to Wiscombe for the weekend of the 24th and 25th April. Regs for this event were published at the end of February and entries for both days filled up within 24 hours with about 30 reserves for each day. Unfortunately, we won't be able to have spectators, but if you would like to marshal then please contact Worth Birkill.

There will then be another Car Trial on 2nd May, the venue for which will be confirmed. The Golden Springs Trial, which is a round of the National Championship, will take place at Crewkerne on 30th May and, as always, it would be good to have as many marshals for that event as possible. Please contact Mark Hoppe if you are available.

We were then due to run 2 days of hill climbing at Manor Farm, Charmouth on 5th and 6th June. However, for understandable reasons given the uncertainty around the holiday season and campsites re-opening, the landowner has asked that we don't run the event in June, but we hope to be back at Manor Farm in September as usual.

Given the huge demand for entries for our April Wiscombe, we are in negotiations with Wiscombe Ltd to see if we can run there on that same weekend of 5th/6th June. It is far from certain at the moment, and we won't know whether this is going to be possible until late April, but we have booked all the contractors and services in the hope that the event can run. It just depends on whether there will be enough grass available elsewhere for the sheep, which would usually be in the paddock then, so save the date and we will update you as soon as we can.

Thank you to those of you who have supported these events by entering them or offering to marshal and we look forward to seeing many of you over the coming weeks.

Sarah Forsyth

Chairman chairman@woolbridge.co.uk

PRESIDENT'S

PONDERINGS

Yet another month goes by and still no current motorsport to talk about. It must be something like being on a starvation diet, although I wouldn't know anything about diets!

However, the horizon looks better as our Chairman reports in her 'Chairman's Chat'. I am certainly looking forward to spending time at our spring and summer events.

In the near future the club's storage container, presently residing at 'Robin's Barn', Church Lane, Frampton, has to be moved to make way for other developments on the site. Consequently, work has been in hand preparing a suitable site adjacent to our barns at 'Whispering Heights', Frampton. More details next month.

Having avidly read both Worth's and Merv's "Meet the Committee" articles it seems that I didn't produce what was expected with my submission in the October 2020 magazine. I thought it was to be a curriculum vitae and not a fully blown motorsport history. I shall attempt to change all that in a future issue. Editor – beware!

So, I look forward to seeing many of you competing, marshalling or helping at Wiscombe later in the month. At present spectators are still not allowed.

In the meantime, keep distanced, stay well and look to the brightening future.

Colin Pook.



Nigeria News

After the C19 disappointment of last year when we had no flights out of Kano and quarantine waiting for me if I did get back to the UK, my race season was a total washout. I had booked flights and made event entries 2 times, but had to cancel all and face the inevitable in the end, so my Jedi Kawasaki race car sat in my 20' storage container all year and it will be 2 years untouched if I do get back by early August this year. Unless things change I have at least a 10 days isolation on arrival back into the UK and by the time I get back it will need a little work to bring it back to life again, drain stale fuel and possibly replace batteries, plus a full nut and bolt check over.

A group of 10-12 geriatric old farts had planned taking race cars down to Sicily for a once in a life time hillclimb that takes place on the old Targa Florio race course, with a second weekend in Malta after a short ferry boat trip, but due to all the C19 and Brexit restrictions am not expecting this to happen any time soon, if at all!

While I have been stuck in Kano, with the aid of a friend we have been planning changes to my Jedi. A new and unusual power unit is being constructed, which will create something very different from what is normal in this type of car. The

engine has been on a dyno and giving out good numbers, just to cover my bets I'm hoping to keep all the Kawasaki ZX10r installation intact as it came out of the car and retain all the engine mounting points, so that it could be re-installed if the experiment did not work out!

While I'm away I have even had work done on my Land Rover TD5 tow car to make my racing weekends away a bit more comfortable in the rear "hospitality" department. We now have storage lockers and water storage tanks each side of the left rear wheel arch. Although Defenders are quite a large lump, imagination is needed to store things. The easy way is to fit roof racks, but I don't like adding weight high up, plus the security problem of stuff being blown off on the motorway or "liberated" when parked up somewhere! The rear is fitted out with fold up dining table, sleeping for one and with a 2-burner gas cooker for looking after the needs of the inner man. Split charging system with an extra battery has been bought but not fitted. Oh, and an electric cool box, not the Hilton but quite comfy for a weekend away!

Here in Kano my GTM build is progressing, but from just before Christmas it has been solving problems rather than progress. I had removed the body off the chassis and had it sprayed, then when refitted had all sorts of problems getting doors to fit that fitted before. Next problem: the new front screen was quite a different shape to the shape of the hole in the body, tight across the middle, from which I could remove fiberglass, but gaps each side on the screen pillars where I had to bond inserts into place to fill the gaps. Then the edge of the front section had big gaps to the edge of the doors, again cured by bonding in filler strips, that will need to be sprayed again sometime in the future.

I had removed the 1400 Mini engine at the end of last year to solve an oil leak from the gear selector fulcrum in the middle of the gearbox casing, much more difficult to access in my gearbox than normal, as I had extended the gear selector shaft to pass out through the front of the box for mid-engine use, rather than the usual GTM passing the linkage underneath. But at least we now have a leak free gearbox.

Having refitted the power unit, time to bleed the brakes and clutch, topped fluids and pressed the clutch pedal only for something to break in the Mini pedal box that that I had converted to a bias bar dual circuit long ago when it was fitted in my Twinni Mini. At the time I fitted the peddle box there was no screen fitted and I had easy access. Now it is a case of lay on your back and crawl into the foot well to remove everything, the good news (sort of), it was a B-L weld that broke not my modification for the bias bar system. Now it's being re-engineered to a

more usual Mini pedal box and the bias bar dual cylinders will be remotely operated with a push rod above the pedal box, easier to get at and adjust, just takes more time making the bits that I could easily buy off the shelf in the UK. But 1st off I have to make the bias bar system. Over in the UK I would have bought something off the shelf, but getting it here would be a lot of costly hassle, so having already got the pair of master cylinders and bias bar I had to construct a frame to hold it all together mounted above the hole where a normal Mini master cylinder is supposed to fit with a push rod coming up from the brake peddle, through the hole to operate the bias bar system.

As of end of February weekend my new bias bar brake system is installed. Now to find a place to fit the brake fluid pot, but think the first thing I have to do is make the outlet to have an elbow. The original nipple out of its base and a hose held on with a clip would make it too high for the front section to close, I have brought all the bits into work with a load of fittings to see how I can make it work.

Saturday and Sunday we had the Oz special saloons from Mt Panorama, what a super track that looks, plus Formula E from Saudi, very competitive but lacking “the noise”. Whistling electric motors just don’t light up the adrenaline like a bit of combustion!!

I can’t see this year’s racing season starting on time and am expecting it to be later, then condensed a bit like last year. The big worry for me is the possibility of enforced quarantine in a hotel. Twiddling my thumbs at the cost of £1750 for 10 days hospitality is not a joke, ironic when you consider Nigeria’s C19 deaths compared to UK, the risk of me catching it in the UK would appear greater than my bringing it in with me to infect others!

If the 10 Days isolation is still in operation a racing friend has a holiday cottage for rent, that is quite isolated and is willing to trail my car and trailer there before my arrival so my isolation can at least be useful prepping my car and doing a few more mods to my L-R Defender with bits made here I have ready to bring back with me.

So, fingers crossed and I hope to get back into the driving seat to test out the new installation.

Keep safe

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13 February 2020

Dear Louise,

On behalf of Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, I would like to thank you and members of the Woolbridge Motor Club for your very generous gift of £250.00.

The cost of an average mission is approximately £3,000 and the Charity requires funds of over £4 million to continue our vital service so your donation is very much appreciated. The helicopter and crew are in operation 365 days per year and since our launch we have carried out thousands of missions, helping those in need across Dorset and Somerset who are in life threatening situations.

Our aim is to continue providing our service and as we receive no direct Government or National Lottery funding; we rely on the generosity of people such as you.

If you would like any further information on supporting Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01823 669604 or email us at info@dsairambulance.org.uk

Thank you once again for your support and for thinking of Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

Yours

Bill Sivewright

Bill Sivewright
Chief Executive Officer

Thank you and very best wishes to all those concerned for everyone at DSAA.

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Meet The Committee

GARY MORRIS

Awards Secretary

So how did I end up joining Woodbridge motor club? That was down to Garry Arnold back in 2011. He talked me into doing the Hardy Classic. I then did my first 4x4 trial in the January of 2012 at the old Crossways site and definitely caught the bug. I've competed in every season since.

I've done some grass autotests in a few different vehicles including a Saab 95 which has to be the most unstable car ever. The real problem though is I'm useless at remembering which way to go around the cones, so I'm terrible at it!

About 5 years ago I bought an old Alfa 147 and thought I would try car trials. I did one event in it and found out they don't have a great steering lock. So, the week after a Corsa popped up for sale and my enjoyment of car trials really started. I've been runner up in the car trial championship two years in a row now. I'm now on my second Corsa and competed in the BTRDA car trial championship last year and managed to win the bronze star award. I've been told I'm the first disabled driver to win a trophy in its eighty-two-year history. I'm going to do the MSUK and BTRDA championship this year.

The awards secretary at the time, Andy Webb, said he was standing down and I offered to take it over from him in 2018. I've now done one awards event in 2019 but COVID has stopped the 2020 event happening so far. Hopefully we can get together for a belated 2020 event soon. I joined the Woolbridge Motor Club committee in February 2020 and have enjoyed helping in the day to day running of the club.

Woolbridge Motor Club
Membership Report as at 28th February 2021

The fully paid-up membership at the end of this month stands at 440
This comprises 322 full members, 103 family members, 9 honorary members and
6 life members.

We had 11 new members during January and 14 renewals.

New members are

Trevor Courtney	Dorchester	Trials
Rob Clarke	Cheltenham	Hillclimbs
Nigel Varney	Ringwood	Hillclimbs
Adrian Crawford	Saltash	Hillclimbs
Simon Cox	Didcot	
Giles Head	Bath	Hillclimbs
Matt Hannon	Taunton	Hillclimbs
Keith Seume	Lostwithiel	Hillclimbs
Victoria Laakkonen	Coombe Bissett	Hillclimbs
John Fordy	Saltash	Hillclimbs
Dave Moore	Saltash	Hillclimbs

A warm welcome to you.

Tim Gray

Membership Secretary

MCC John Aley Summer Trial

Saturday 26th June

Having lost an Exeter Trial, an Edinburgh Trial and two Land's End Trials to Covid-19, the MCC are pressing ahead with a new one-off event this summer. It is named after John Aley, who passed away recently at the age of 90. John was a leading light in the MCC, holding most of the senior positions over the years. He spent his later years in West Bay and Bridport, and was a WMC member at some point. Some years ago now, he joined Win Percy and Charles Barter in a chat show at Rex Ireland's holiday park at Charmouth, telling us about his exploits in the European Touring Car Championship in the 1960s. He actually drove his mini around the continent to take part!

The trial is a mix of Exeter and Land's End; motorcycle No. 1 starting from Chard at 00.01am on Saturday 26th June, using some early Exeter sections, and switching to Land's End sections beyond Exeter. We have been asked to run 'our' hill, Norman's Hump from about 1:00am. At that time of year, close to the summer solstice, we might even see the sun rise and see some action in daylight.

Marshals will be required of course, so offers of help to me please.

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“AS IT WAS”

APRIL 2010

I was President with Vic Fancy as Chairman, Peter Chantler, Vice Chairman and Sarah Forsyth, Secretary. Merv Brake looked after the books and Dave Hiscock Competition matters helped by 4 Asst Comp Secs. The Magazine was in Colin Rolls hands helped by our current Editor Steve. Membership was dealt with by Myrtle Stevenson whilst Tony Freeman looked after the Internet.

In his Editorial Colin congratulated Merv Brake and myself on an excellent Golden Springs Trial held on 7th March at Hogcliffe Hill. He noted that many of our members in the Clubsports part of the event had recorded better scores at the end of the day than competitors in the National Championship competition.

The Club Calendar for April was busy with a Car Trial on 11th, Wiscombe Hill preparation day on 17th, a 4X4 Trial at Swanage on 18th, a Natter ‘n Noggin at the Saxon Arms, Stratton on 21st, and our Wiscombe Park Hillclimb on 24th and 25th.

In those days we published the Club Calendar not only for the current month but for the rest of the year as well.

In ‘Chairman’s Chat’ Vic reported on his busy past month, mainly working with other motor clubs. First at Brean Leisure Park and then on the Rallye Sunseeker followed by the ASWMC Awards Presentation.

My Ponderings contained the sad news of the passing of Ray Briant who had been very involved with the club over many years. I wrote a full Appreciation of Ray on page 7 of the magazine.

On Saturday 14th August we were to hold the 50th Anniversary Dinner and Dance at the Crown Hotel, Blandford and Heather Gale, as Social Secretary, penned an article about the event. The menu was to be *Fanned Melon, Salmon Mousse, Chicken Forrester, Mascarpone*

Cheesecake, Cheeseboard, Coffee or tea and mints. Tickets would be £35.00 per person.

Club Membership stood at 408 with 3 new members joining during the previous month.

Merv Brake reported on the February 12 Car Rally which started and finished at the Crown Inn, Wiinterbourne Stickland. Keith Grant and Merv were the winners on 772 penalties, with Guy and Jamie Livingston 2nd on 2 fails 195, and Duncan Stewart and Nick Jones 3rd on 2 fails 1016.

Thanks were received from the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance for a recent donation of £200 to their funds.

Our photograph centrefold totalled 18 photographs. These pictured the Golden Springs Trial by Mike Furze and Merv Brake and the Loscombe Farm 4X4 Trial on 10th February by Tony Freeman. This latter trial was also subject of an article by John Kirby. 18 drivers had competed with John Tite carrying off the Overall win losing 40 points.

On Page 20 appeared a letter from Headway Dorset thanking the 4X4 contingent for a recently donated £500.

Marshals Coordinator in 2010 was Damien Evans who produced 'Marshals Mouthpiece' dealing with all matters marshalling and this month he was looking at ideal apparel for the well turned-out marshal.

On Saturday 17th April it was to be our Wiscombe Park preparation day and Mike Furze was drumming up interest and trying to calculate the right number of doughnuts to bring along!

Finally, John Kirby documented a Green Lane weekend which had taken place in February in Mid-Wales. Three WMC members and their partners had taken along 2 Landrover Discoveries and a Range Rover. They had stayed on a farm and spent the days green-laning in some precarious situations. It sounded interesting!

Colin Pook.

Wiscombe Notes

The big news from Wiscombe is that REIS Motorsport Insurance is sponsoring the venue in 2021. If you need insurance for a competition car or modified road car, then please check them out. If you go to their website, please use this link: -



https://reis.co.uk/?utm_source=Wiscombe2021

This will ensure they log Wiscombe as the source of your interest. It needn't be a hillclimb car, they cover rally cars and have only recently discovered speed events. If you mention Wiscombe hillclimb in your dealings with them, you will gain 15% discount on the premium.

Wiscombe wasn't able to have the usual clear-up day last November because of the lockdown, and there is now limited time to get the hill ready for the first event of the season, the Woolbridge double-header on 24th & 25th April. By the time you read this, a small group of Wiscombe WIMPS will have been down to see what needs doing, and started work to repair the barrier at Bunny's Leap and raise the height of the barriers at some of the marshal's posts. The tree surgeon has been booked to remove some upper foliage and allow daylight to reach the track surface, and a mechanical road-sweeper will be used to remove the winter's accumulation of debris from the track. There remains much trimming of undergrowth and general tidying and setting up. The track is quite 'green' in places but otherwise in good condition.

If you have some spare time, there will be the usual Wednesday working parties, and some Saturday gatherings for anyone who can't make the mid-week dates. All subject, of course, to the easing of the lockdown, social distancing, etc. Keep an eye out for announcements on the Wiscombe and Woolbridge Facebook pages and websites.

Merv

A day out in the forest

In October (2020) I was lucky enough to get the chance to get out into the forests again.

Day 1

An early start took me up to Grizedale forest to meet up with other people, marshals radio, rescue and safety crews to help out in the production of a part of the Top Gear series, due to be aired early 2021. This would comprise of the three presenters competing, along with the “Stig” of course, around a short rally stage based in the northern part of the forest.

We were all there to report back on the progress of the cars through the stage, and to hopefully prevent any stray cyclists and walkers from venturing onto the stage during the filming. Apparently the Forestry Commission had put out warning signs saying this section of the forest was closed to the general public but as we know we don't always take notice of such signs, particularly when it was such a lovely day and people had



driven long distances to enjoy some exercise in the break after lockdown. On the first day I think there were about 45 marshals to man

start/finish control, all the roads and footpaths that would come onto/cross the rally stage. I was positioned along with three other people at the road junction which leads to one of the radio towers.



The sound of three Escorts was great to hear again as the presenters were taken round the stage by the owners of the Escorts to familiarise them with both the cars and the stage setup and route.



Chris Harris



Freddie Flintoff



Paddy McGuinness

This happened several times with the owners driving and then the presenters driving, escorted (that's not a pun) by the owners.

Of course we then had the "Stig" on his familiarisation runs in a 6R4.



The faster and then proper timed runs commenced and undoubtedly the fastest presenter by a country mile was Chris Harris. He was really trying.



I have been asked several times who the "Stig" is/was but I do not know. Most of us never got to meet any of the presenters as we were positioned in the forest before they arrived and they left before we finished.

As I was one of the people who was lucky enough to be able to stay for the second days filming I decided to stay in the lakes and left for my accommodation in Hawkshead where several other marshals were having a meal. A brief chat with them, followed by a meal and a couple of drinks were in order before retiring for the night.

Day 2 (Another glorious day)



Day 2

As early a breakfast as possible was had and off into the forest again for another glorious day weather wise.

Today's marshalling involved a lot more filming in a completely different format. There were only about six crews today and we were again involved in manning the footpaths and road junctions. The differences were that we began at the start of the stage and moved forward covering what footpaths and junctions we could man and the cars, not driven by the presenters, came through at speed being filmed for the action by the camera crews both outside the cars and from inside. A couple of cars had cameras fixed onto the outside of the cars. Drones were also being used. Just visible above the car in this shot.

We then moved around the stage covering different sections as the filming continued till the producer was satisfied that he had enough content.

So two days filming resulted in ten minutes on the television which was slightly disappointing but a very interesting event seeing how these shows were filmed and its end result.

Please note all filming/marshalling was done between lockdown periods and social distancing was observed. All these photo's and any videos were taken under the instructions and permission of the producers. There are more photo's and video on the Pendle District MC Face book page.

Alan Shaw





Well, my comment about Wiscombe entries being like Glastonbury tickets wasn't far from the truth. The first I knew that entries had opened was one evening after work when I noticed a Facebook post saying that both days were full. I then found a Facebook post saying that entries had opened which had been posted late the previous evening. I believe both days had filled in less than 24 hours. Admittedly I hadn't yet registered for any championships and so didn't get the "heads up" from those, but I know of at least one championship contender who failed to get an entry for either day, despite entering a few hours after entries went live.

Hopefully it's just a build up of demand due to the many lockdowns but if this popularity continues then maybe something needs to be put in place to make it possible for more people to have a go. Not everyone is able to immediately logon and enter online as soon as entries open. I leave for work at 6:20am and don't return until 7:30pm and am unable to access the internet during this time.

I have two ideas that could make the process fairer. These are just ideas for discussion and I'd be interested in your views. The first idea would be to have a period of time (say 7 days for example) during which people can enter online. At the end of the 7 days, if the entry is oversubscribed, then a lottery process could take place to select those that are accepted. The second idea would be for events that are double headers (Sat & Sun), which in the ASWMC is most events, to initially confirm just one of the days for competitors who want to enter both days, until everyone that wants to enter has got an entry. Then, once this has happened (after a period of time, e.g. 7 days), then any places left can then be allocated to those that want to enter both days (either on a first come first served basis or a lottery process).

Personally, I'm not too bothered at the moment because I'm not seriously contending either of the two championships I've signed up for (ASWMC and ACSMC). The main reason I registered is so I can get notification of regs and

entries etc. If either of my ideas were to work, then the number of championship rounds that count towards the championship would need to be reduced as clearly competitors would be less likely to be able to get entries for all of the current necessary minimum number of events.

I can, however, announce that I've secured an entry to the 500 OC event at Wiscombe on the 8th May. I didn't have to "fight" for this entry, probably because a) it's not a round of the ASWMC or ACSMC championships and, b) the entry fee is £125 which is quite a lot higher than the Woolbridge rounds. As I write this, I still don't actually have a car to use but I have a couple of likely candidates lined up and hopefully will soon have something to drive. Hopefully in the next issue I can reveal my chosen "weapon"...

Steve Chaloner

COMMITTEE MEETING – MARCH 2021

		Zoom Meeting 3/3/21
SF	Present	S Forsyth (SF), W Birkill (WB), C Pook (CP), H Thorne (HT), G Blake (GB), M Brake (MB), V Fancy (VF), G Morris (GM), C Vettese (CV), Tim Gray(TG)
SF	Apologies	Mark Hoppe
SF	Previous Minutes	Minutes agreed as accurate - CR proposed & CP seconded.
MB	MCC - Summer Trial.	The MCC have requested we run Norman's Hump on their Summer Trial 26 June 2021.
SF	Re-writing the rules	SF ensured we had all read the email from the MS UK about contributing to re-writing the Blue Book. It caused a certain amount of mirth.
MB	Finance	Current A/C £2222.54, PayPal £19662.85 being mostly Wiscombe entries. Business Reserve £54749.39 incl. Feb interest 42p.
TG	Membership	441 members comprising 322 full members, 103 family members, 9 honorary and 6 life members incl. 11 new members.
GB	Events	Due to covid, no events run in Feb. With motorsport due to start again 29th March, the car trial and 4X4 trial have been moved to 4th April & 18th April respectively. Both at Hogcliffe.
SF	4X4 Trials	Nothing to report

SF	Trials	MH sent report. The Golden Springs Trial event 2nd May has been moved to 30th May and is a double header event with Windwhistle MC. This allows competitors to stay in hotels under the covid guidelines. With the 2nd May date now free, it is being considered to run an event at Winterbourne Abbas. Andy Webb is to contact the landowner.
SF	Nav Challenge	The scatter due 24th March cancelled due to covid. Keith Grant is hoping to run a Sunday PM regularity in the summer.
HT/VF/SF	Speed Events	Vf reported that the Manor Farm landowner has said no to the June event. It was investigated if it could be moved to Wiscombe, but this is not possible due to farming activity. It was also mentioned that the September event may need a higher entry fee due to the Track License fee only being used the once. The April Wiscombe days have been well oversubscribed. As pubs won't be open, the caterer has agreed to offer a takeaway service on the Friday and Saturday nights. It was suggested that maybe the club offers him a subsidy for this service. There then took place discussion over what we should do for marshals. It was agreed to carry on this year the same, ie £10 to any marshal that drove plus a gift for all. WB, over the season, to talk to marshals and get their opinions. WB also to investigate embroidered roundels for marshals.
SF	Social	VF reported that the annual karting charity event at Clay couldn't happen this year as Clay was unable to find a free weekend in their calendar.
CV	Internet/Social Media	Nothing of great importance to report.
SF	Meet The Committee	GM has agreed to do it.
WB	E-magazine	WB thought it would be a good idea to let the membership know the current committee position about the future of the paper magazine. After a fairly long discussion, it was agreed that SF include this in her next chairman's chat.
CP	Equipment Storage	CP reported that we need to remove the club store from in it's current location. He said he had space near his barn but the area needs clearing and asked for a working party to help. CP is also looking into how the container can be moved.
CR	Award	CR reported he has collected the award from John Howard.
Meeting closed at 20.52 - next meeting 1/4/2021		



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