

Editorial

December 2008

The November Club Night discussed the report from Blue Dolphin and agreed to take forward the search for a new meeting venue as a way of attracting new, and younger members to the Club, along with updating our Website and general image.

This month is the Christmas Buffet at Ellindon starting at 7.30pm and is on the **THIRD** Monday of the month on the 15th, rather than the second. It will have a new and improved image organised by Rosalind Brierley, who, we hear, is currently undergoing some investigation in Hospital. We all wish her a speedy and effective recovery.

Next month's meeting (January 2009) is probably going to be at our new Venue, which may well be agreed at the Buffet. Our Annual Dinner is on 31st of January, and is being held at the Ramada this year, for further details and tickets, please see the last page of the magazine.

Finally, we would like to extend our thanks to Norman Manser, who has stepped down from his position as Club President, and from the Committee, for his years of work put into the Club.

Once again, if anyone has further suggestions as to what the Club can do to recruit new members/get more publicity/have more interesting Club nights/etc., please contact Alan.

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Calendar of Events

Date	Event/Organiser	Location	Type
December			
4-7	Wales Rally GB	Wales	MV
15	PMC Club Night	Ellindon	Buffet
2009			
January			
12	PMC Club Night	Ellindon	Natter
31	PMC Dinner	Ramada	Dinner
February			
22	PMC Sporting Trial	Tilton on the Hill	Trial

Norman Manser - an Appreciation

Norman joined the Peterborough Motor Club in 1953 and quickly became involved, competing in Driving Tests, Rallies, etc., with success particularly in Sporting Trials. He also organised and marshalled on many events. Norman was eventually elected Chairman, a role he filled with skill and vigour for some eight or nine years. During this time he acted as Clerk of the Course at our Silverstone Meetings, as was the usual procedure in those days.

When Dr. Bob Smith pioneered an electronic timing system, Norman was soon involved and a small team timed events, both our own and some for neighbouring clubs. After the untimely death of Bob, he took over the running of the team and oversaw the purchase of state-of-the-art equipment. The team were able to take on more work, mainly Motorsport events but also prestige events like the London Marathon, Burghley Horse Trials and a real highlight, the Barcelona Olympics. This all meant considerable income to club funds, the result still apparent in our accounts.

With the gradual reduction in the number of willing timekeepers it became difficult to fill all obligations, and Norman found it necessary to pass on some of the work to other clubs, helping to train their members.

I cannot recall any member of PMC present or past who has worked so tirelessly and put it so much effort on the Club's behalf.

Norman has now retired from the committee and has relinquished his position as President but will continue to time a few selected events. His will be a very hard act to follow.

On behalf of the club members I wish Norman a happy and relaxed future and hope to see him at some of our events.

Norman Bradshaw

The Johnson Trial - Sunday, 23rd November, 2008

On listening to the weather forecast we knew at sometime we were in for some bad weather!! On setting out, the instructions were, think where to put a pole, then move it out a yard.

The total ages of the setting-out team was over 420 years and I don't mean 10 42 year-olds! Thanks go to Tom, Lynn, Curly, John Ward and Margaret.

Arriving on Sunday, we entered the field quite well, with a few flurries of snow (it's a long time since we saw snow at a PMC trial) with NO non-starters. The crux came when we could not muster sufficient marshals, other than reducing the field to eight sections, which meant rehashing the running order. Tom and Elizabeth withdrew their entry so as to run hills 9 and 10, forfeiting their chance of qualifying points for the Championship (this I feel most strongly about, as Lynn already forfeits his changes at our 3 trials to keep them in the Championship).

With the bleak weather and open sections, we made a start. After the first round 3 were on 3 and 3 were on 4 – but don't panic! How do we split them? It was done with slight tweaks at the 1s and

2s and the competitors did the rest! Julian Fack got a 12 on David Catling's hill and at lunchtime we saw John Fack on 6, Roland Uglow on 13, Steve Courts on 18 and David Rance (Blue Class) in 5th on 19.

Then the sun came out to finish the day off. On the last round John Fack went round on an astonishing two, making him the outright winner, with Calvin Kneebone all the way from Cornwall second on 25, Roland Uglow (also from Cornwall) on 26. Steve Courts came fourth on 28, what a close event!

Our thanks go to all the Officials and Marshals for making this event possible. Special thanks go to Lynn (paperwork), his friend Tim for the scores, and the "Ladies' Friend" (Norman Bradshaw) for the essential loos!

At the AGM I noted the names offering support to our future trial, thanks to only Andrew Faux for keeping his promise.

The next Trial is the Pollard Trial on Sunday 22nd February, 2009 at Tilton on the Hill – just off the A47.

See you there!

Brian Stapleton.

RESULTS

		<u>Score</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>Johnson Cup</u>			
Overall & 1 st Red Passenger	John Fack Maxine Fack	8	1
2 nd Passenger	Calvin Kneebone Brian Wall	25	2
3 rd Passenger	Roland Uglow Laura Wilks	26	3
<u>Simon Thornton Trophy (Blue Class)</u>			
1 st Passenger	David Rance Chris Clements	34	7
2 nd	Richard Gowen	43	10
3 rd	Andy Wilks	50	12
<u>The Titman Trophy (Green Class)</u>			
1 st Passenger	Bill Sherras Kate Sherras	74	21
2 nd	Mark Seward	74	22
3 rd	Mike Baker	139	26

The tie break between Bill and Mark was decided by the greatest number of 4's, as they were equal on 0,1,2 and 3.

The only PMC members were Kim Warwick and Margaret Stapleton who came 20th and suffered mechanical problems.

Brian.

Marshals required

Rockingham Stages

Rockingham Stages Rally will take place over the weekend of 13th/14th December at Rockingham Raceway. This will be the 5th time this even has been run and it is expected that there will be about 10 stages of 8-11 miles each which are fast, flowing and non-damaging (providing you miss the concrete walls). Food and drink will be available and there will be a party on the Saturday night with admission included in the entry fee of £295. Scrutineering etc. will be on Saturday morning and some of the stages will be in the dark on Saturday.

Further details can be found on the website www.rockinghamstages.co.uk.

Further adventures of Kitty

Last month I told you about taking Kitty up to Glasgow to the BBC there, well, this month I have to tell you about bringing her back!

About a week after driving all the way to Glasgow and flying back to Stansted, I got a phone call from the Buyer for the series, a lady rejoicing in the name of Sumo - although she looks nothing like a wrestler – saying that the BBC had decided to pull the plug on the forth-coming series before it got off the ground. She was ever so sorry, but could we come and collect the car sometime before the end of November as they had to clear everything by the end of the month. She sounded very depressed, as well she might, now with no employment over Christmas. I suppose the credit crunch must have bitten the Beeb.

After much thought and juggling of commitments, Tony and I managed to get a couple of days off to do the trip in reverse, but this time with trains involved as well as the BBC wouldn't be paying for a taxi to Glasgow Central railway station. It was train to Stansted, fly to Prestwick and then two more trains, one to Glasgow Central and the second to Dumbarton Central (a very small station) where Sumo met us with her car. The train journeys at either end each took longer than the flight!

We picked up the car keys (complete with 2 new spare sets!), checked the car over and took it away. The next day we drove home initially through pouring rain (which isn't always ideal for the car, as rain gets into the door pockets) and then through intermittent periods of sun and rain, arriving back at about 16:30. The only problems we had were caused by damp and cold and were cured by a liberal dousing of WD-40!

On Monday, Tony flew out to Moldova – a trip which had had to be moved back a week because of the need to bring the car back. On Tuesday, I got into my car to go to work as usual and found the heater wouldn't heat, so I went home again where I found a puddle of water in the passenger footwell – the heater matrix had given up the ghost! Having been to work for three days by train, I'm starting to be tempted to take Kitty to work On second thoughts, no, the car park isn't a suitable place for her and I'd have even more trouble scraping the ice of the centre the screen!

PETERBOROUGH MOTOR CLUB

ANNUAL DINNER

to be held at the

Ramada Hotel Thorpe Meadows Peterborough PE3 6GA

on

Saturday 31 January 2009

19h00 for 19h30

Cost £10.00 per person

Please see attached menu
and

choose 1 starter, 1 main course and 1 dessert per person

Please send your menu choices and payment (cheques payable to Peterborough Motor Club Limited) to David Catling to arrive by 15 January 2009

Menu choice reminder - please bring with you to the dinner

Name	Starter	Main Course	Dessert

Please detach and return to David Catling with your payment by 15 January 2009
David Catling, 21 Stokesay Court, Longthorpe, Peterborough, PE3 6SL

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Please choose 1 starter, 1 main course and 1 dessert

<p>STARTERS</p> <p>SOUP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Cream of mushroom <p>COLD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Chicken & liver pate with toasted brioche accompanied by sage & apple jelly◆ Smoked duck with cherry tomatoes & a sun dried tomato dressing◆ Smoked salmon & prawns with a cucumber salsa◆ Duo of melon & paw paw with a wild berry compote (V)◆ Rocket & dolcelatte salad with a balsamic & olive oil dressing (V) <p>WARM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Grilled mushrooms with bacon & Stilton served with a pesto dressing◆ Goats cheese & basil filo wrap (V)◆ Chicken yokataki with minted yoghurt	<p>MAIN COURSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Roast Sirloin of beef & Yorkshire pudding with a rich red wine sauce◆ Supreme of chicken with a Chasseur sauce◆ Roast turkey with all the trimmings, drizzled with a red currant jus◆ Poached salmon fillet with a herb crust◆ Grilled tuna steak served with tomato salsa <p>VEGETARIAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Roasted red pepper, cherry tomato and goats cheese tart (V)◆ Wild woodland mushroom risotto with asparagus finished with parmesan cheese (V)◆ Ratatouille vegetables baked in a tortilla basket with a spinach & tomato sauce (V)◆ Roasted baby vegetables, spinach & mascarpone lasagne with garlic bread (V)◆ Baked Mediterranean cous cous with rocket & black olive cream sauce (V)
	<p>DESSERTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Truffle au chocolate◆ New York style deep baked cheesecake◆ Trio of chocolate◆ Raspberry pavlova◆ Mango & passion fruit delice◆ Fresh fruit salad in a brandy snap basket◆ Peach Schnapps cheesecake