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Cover Picture: Ryan Pickering and Lisa Marshall on their way to winning the 2012 East Anglian Classic

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From The Editor's chair



Well the 2 week delay in publishing Spotlight has this time extended to almost a month. My excuse is I've been on holiday and now I'm back refreshed and ready to bring you a top notch issue.

I hope you all received the interim bulletin Spotlight Special and enjoyed the Winter Series Awards Night and Barbecue.

The East Anglian Classic came and went, and as Clerk of the course I would like to thank my team for all their efforts both leading up to the event and on the day. I would like to particularly thank 'Mr & Mrs EAC' Gavin and Jacqui Leech, who have been involved in the running of this event since its inception, and have indicated that 2012 will be their last East Anglian Classic.

Thanks also to Tony Burchnall, Tony Michael, Bob Blows, Dave Thompson and all the competitors and marshals who made the day so enjoyable. The only downside was the relatively low entry, even with the addition of the EAC Run for those with classic cars without competition licences. We are exploring options for next year with a view to increasing the entries.

In other news, the JJJ Gymkhana at Woodbridge went well and plans are coming together for the prestigious Hutton Kitchens Brands Hatch Stages on Bank Holiday Monday.

Later on in this magazine you will find a questionnaire about club social events. Please take time to complete this and send to Vice Chairman Jim Bowie. Your committee need your feedback to inform our decisions.

Enjoy the mag and please let me have any items for the next issue due out in September.

Paul

Chairman's Chat By Richard Nel



July 2012

Its been quite a busy couple of months for Chelmsford MC. On a sad note I have to record the passing of one of our brightest young members, Gregg Mint, who lost his life in a car accident on 21st May. On behalf of the club I offer condolences to Mike and Mandy and all his family and friends.

On the competition side we have had the East Anglian Classic, ably run by Paul Brewerton and his team. I spent the day with Dave Thompson in the equipment van, and everyone seemed to be having a good time. We have also had the JJJ Gymkhana, which this year was part of the National Motorsport Week challenge together with the Eastern Counties/West Suffolk Waterbeach Autosolo/Autotest. The best combined score on these two events, which were at the beginning and end of the MSA's National Motorsport Week, earned the trophy donated by CMC and the runners up and third place received trophies donated by ECMC. Results will be found elsewhere in the magazine.

This was a great initiative for National Motorsport Week and shows two great strengths of our club: firstly our commitment to grass roots entry level motorsport, and secondly our support for and co-operation with other local clubs.

Looking forward August is traditionally a quiet time for motorsport, being the holiday season, but this year we are organising the Hutton Kitchens Brands Hatch Summer Stages on Bank Holiday Monday. If you aren't involved or away on holiday I urge you to come along to marshal or spectate. You don't often get the chance to watch Stage Rallying without travelling to Wales so take this opportunity.

The August club night will be a table top rally, which will be the first round of the 12 car winter series, so get your pencils and romers out!

That's all for now.

Richard

The East Anglian Classic 2012 - A competitor's view from Brian Jaggs



After 5 years of being Chief Marshal on the East Anglian Classic, I decided to take the plunge and in 2002 I bought a 1973 Mk1 Escort Mexico and compete myself. Gordon Popperwell agreed to drive the car and undertake the lions' share of mechanical and vehicle preparation. Since then we have competed on this event 9 times (10 if you include the Gymkhana) and finished 7 times. Our overall results have been 7th 18th, 6th, 5th, 5th, 8th and now 3rd, included are 4 first in class. Compare this with the Hughes rally in Kent which I have done 4 times and best result was 16th. I put this down to the fact that the Hughes usually comes before the EAC so practice on that event puts us in the right frame of mind for the EAC, well that is my excuse and I am sticking to it.

2012 was no exception finishing 16th on the Hughes with 4 major navigational errors, so confidence for the EAC was not great. We started well by confirming a trip meter that

was measuring exactly same as the organisers had intended. The start at Barnham Broom was the normal high standard, hot bacon rolls is always a good start to any event in my view.

We had good seeding in being car 10, and set off for the first regularity which was pre-plot spot heights, 4 timing points and we were late on all, 6, 2, 4 and 3. Test 1 and 2 were on Preston land at Larks Hall, a bit rough but worth going for, we were 4th fastest knocking 12 seconds off on our second test. Regularity 2 was map references departing junctions and lady luck intervened here after we wrong slotted but found the section cancelled due to an error in the navigation handout. Thing is, I took us the way Paul intended! Again single figures 1 early, 3 late and 2 late.

Lunch followed a test at Old Buckenham airfield where we hit a cone on the first test and got a 5 seconds penalty plus time spent reversing this lost us another 5 seconds. Still a commendable 6th fastest. I was very surprised when we left to find we were provisionally leading but later found this was due to the penalties of the other crews due to the navigation error they all arrived around 2 minutes early. So, not much pressure to be error free in the second half!

But somehow we were, all the regularities fell into place, for the first time ever I seemed to be in control, I even forecast the locations of 5-6 timing points. RSC saw our first zero plus a 2 and 3 late, RSD 2, 3, and 4 and RSE both 2 late. Gordon was mastering the average speed, a difficulty when the speedo moves about 20mph when trying to be constant.

The tests at Thorpe Abbots, the old war museum, were probably the best, especially the third test which was the length we like and gave us the opportunity to catch and pass the car in front of us.

Overall out of regularities our worst time was 6 seconds early and average was 4th; our test times showed an average of 4th which meant a 3rd overall, 1st in class again. I can honestly say that with the exception of the section that was scrubbed I really do not think we could have done any better. The clues were the right level of difficulty to sort out those who miss plot and the speed schedule and timing changes were sufficient that my level of concentration had to be constant; in fact I have never been so busy in the 'office' side of the car.

Gordon is well pleased and is even considering us doing the HRCR championship in 2014, by which time he will have recovered financially from putting two daughters through university, if you ever do recover that is.

I could be picky and find some things that the organisers could improve on but to be honest, I do not have the time or inclination or desire to do so. In my view they got the balance between tests and regularities about right, the test venues were all good, even Larks Hall we thought was OK, but most importantly the regularities were straight forward. No-one cleaned them all and many gained low penalties that I believe will provide them with confidence to do another one. In my view, there is nothing worse than doing any motor sport event that is so difficult you have to guess navigation or timing and then end up with massive penalties. We need to encourage involvement in all aspects of motor sport especially this low cost sport so my plea to the organisers, do not change anything and lets' see more people out doing this event next year, apart from anything else I want to improve on 3rd!



Brian's wasn't the only white Mexico on the EAC. Great to see Richard and Karen Preston out on the Run!

Javalin's Jumbo Jymkhana 2012 - by C of C Brian Jaggs



Unfortunately I do not have time to write a decent update for this event, but I will find time to thank all those marshals and those who helped on the day and during set up and set down. I know I thanked some of you on the day but a big thank you, the competitors appeared to have a great time, the weather held up and I got home by 7pm with everything tidied up, a great result all round.

As CoC I was disappointed that I did not get round all the tests on the day but in a way, overseeing most of the skill tests brought me into contact with every competitor. Everyone approached the event with the same attitude that I saw at the first gymkhana 10 years ago at West Raynham; in fact some commented on it. Drivers and co-drivers were without exception in good spirit, you all approached the skills tests as a bit of fun and recognised these as being a necessary requirement for this sort of event. Your attitude

helped make my day thoroughly enjoyable even if Carl and I did not get a break.

Finally can I give special thanks to Carl Brown for helping me on both set up and on the day, Tony for doing what he does so brilliantly well i.e. results and Paul Barrett for being the real CoC. PS: John Vallance, our event sponsor was chuffed as well even though he could not make it on the day.



John Conboy enjoying himself in his newly acquired mini-scamp

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<http://www.twitter.com/chelmsfordmc>



Additionally, a number of our events have their own Twitter accounts to keep you up to date.

Search for @TRSBandsStages, @CMCBandsStages, @HoningtonStages or @HKWBridgeStages

Of course our own club website <http://chelmsfordmc.co.uk> is also available on mobile devices

R.I.P. Gregg Mint - words by Rich Baker, pictures provided by Ed Scott



With great sadness I have to announce that Gregg sadly passed away on Monday 21st May in a road traffic accident. He was a passenger in the vehicle, and died at the scene, in Crow Lane, Romford. My deepest condolences go out not only to Mike and Mandy, but also to the other families who are suffering at this time.

I'm sure you will agree that this is a great loss to us all. Greg started attending events, aged ~13, in the company of Mike Thomas and one of several Peugeot 205's. In 2010 he won the Club's annual Autotest Championship and the Junior Clubman's Championship (a great improvement on his 2009 award). In more recent times he was competing the Gymkhanas with Mike, and the 12 car series in the company of Pat Tierney. He was also regularly seen around the pits crewing and helping wherever he could - always with a cheeky grin / never with a bad word to say.

Greg was 17, was studying Motorsport at the Thames Gateway College, and was planning his driving test. I'm sure he had a very bright future ahead of him.



The last Two Months in Pictures - EAC and JJJ



EAC Pictures Courtesy of Andy Manston of M & H Photography. mandhphotography.co.uk

Questionnaire - Club nights

Your committee has been concerned over the relatively poor attendances at our club nights, especially since the change of venue. Please take a couple of minutes to answer these few questions. Either print this page, complete the questionnaire and post it to Jim Bowie, 36 Park Road, Thundersley, Essex, SS7 3PP, or complete it on your computer, save the page and email to iimbowie555@vahoo.co.uk

1. How often have you attended a club night since the change of venue to Chelmsford Rugby Club

Never

Once or Twice

Regularly

2. How often did you attend club nights when they were held at the Regiment Way Golf Club?

Never

Once or Twice

Regularly

3. Which club nights do you enjoy?
(tick as many as you like)

AGM

Awards Night

Barbecue

12 car Rally workshops

Beer and Chat

Tabletop Rally

Special Events

4. If you have attended less frequently since the venue change please tell us why.

Access Issues

Parking

Atmosphere

Other (please specify)

5. Would you attend more frequently if the club nights were

At the Golf Club but on a different night of the week

At the Rugby Club on a different night of the week

Somewhere else on a Thursday

6. Do you know of any other suitable venue for our club nights.

Yes No

7. If you have any comments concerning Chelmsford MC club nights please put them in the box below.

Club Championship Tables as at 30th July 2012

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Clubmans	Kevin Ablitt 36	John Peterson 30	Ian Mephram 24	Gavin Rogers 23	John Conboy 22
12 Car Driver	Kevin Ablitt 42	Mike Bishop 40	Eddie Call 34	Dave Thompson 30	Tony Burchnall 24
12 Car Navigator	Adrian Bragg 34	Darren Armitage 29	Jarrold Thompson 29	Graham Robinson 27	John Conboy 25
Road Rally Driver	Owen Turner 59	Graham Child 51	Gavin Rogers 49	David Lobb 47	Jamie Turner 39
Road Rally Navigator	Kevin Ablitt 105	Lizzie Pope 82	David Smoley 32	Brian Jaggs 27	Ken Larking 20
Stage Rally Driver	Pete Rayner 101	Tony Michael 44	Kevin Jarvis 30	Alan Thistlethwaite 30	Stuart Cadman 28
Stage Rally Co-Driver	Elliott Edmondson 83	Richard Bonner 72	Paul Barrett 38	David Church 30	Louise Earthy 30
Gymkhana	Rob Henchoz 40	Alan Coombs 36	Andrew Bainbridge 36	Ding Boston 36	Peter Zytkeiwicz 32
Autotest	John Plant 54	Richard Nel 46	John Peterson 3	Ian Mephram 20	Owen Turner 20
Autosolo	Ian Mephram 60	Peter Zytkeiwicz 60	Tomasz Marciniak 58	Andrew Bisping 51	John Peterson 32
Sprint	Andrew Bisping 67	Matthew Brewerton 55	Dean Clayton 28	Derek Rogers 12	Mike Thomas 12
Autocross					
Trial	John Plant 45	John Peterson 36	Glyn Heighton 1		
Junior	Robert Dudley 39	Martin Lane 16	Gregg Mint 12		
Marshals	Gary Maddocks 13	Brian Petty 13	Anne Still 12	Brian Hemmings 11	David Everett 11

The Weald Group of Motor Clubs

The motor clubs listed below make up the Weald Group. Providing you are a member of one of the clubs, you can enter any event that doesn't require a competition licence without joining the club. It's best to contact the event organiser to make sure there is space available for your entry. For a list of Weald MC events see chelmsfordmc.co.uk

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Chelmsford Motor Club Events

Club Night - Tabletop Rally	Thur 16/08/2012	Paul Brewerton
Hutton Kitchens Brands Hatch Stages	Mon 27/8/2012	Tony Clements
Priestley 12 Car	Fri, 14/09/2012	Paul Barrett
Mark Ellis Motorsport Woodbridge Stages	Sun, 23/09/2012	Dave Town
Halloween 12 Car	Fri, 19/10/2012	Paul Brewerton ,
Woodbridge Gymkhana	Sun, 11/11/2012	Tom Ward
Mick Bliss Memorial 12 Car	Fri, 23/11/2012	John Conboy/Tony Burchnall ,
The Preston	Sat, 01/12/2012 - Sun, 02/12/2012	The Usual Suspects!

See the CMC website chelmsfordmc.co.uk for further details.

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Please feel free to contact any committee member if you have a question or comment.

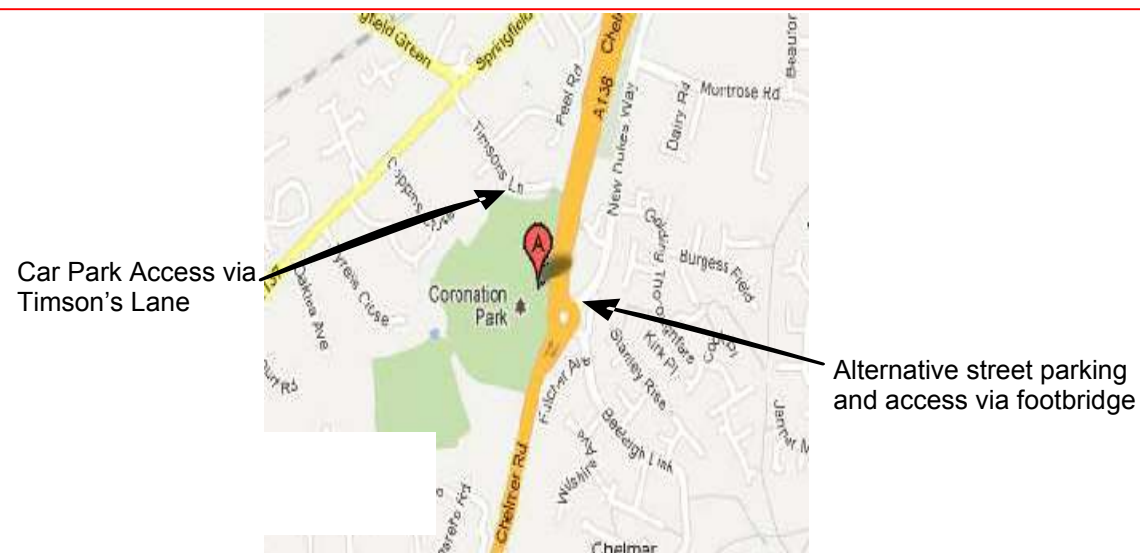
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