

December 2023



In Tune



GUILDFORD MOTOR CLUB

Social Calendar

December

12th Clubnight 20:00 - The Fox at Fox Corner, Worplesdon GU3 3PP

19th Committee Meeting

27th Pubnight 20:00 - The Fox at Fox Corner - **Note this is a Wednesday.**

Goodwood Events - December

2nd Dec Southdowns Stages

Brooklands Events -

1st January 2024 - New Years Day Classic Gathering from 10am

Competition Calendar

December

2nd December Southsea and Bognor MC's Southdown Stages Goodwood.

8th December FDMC Gwyn Jones Memorial 12 car. Starts Upper Faringdon.

15th December SMC Christmas Pudding 12 car. S&F Angel Hotel Privett.

15th December Cranleigh MC Cranleigh Yuletide Gallop Scatter. Loxwood Rd, Ifold.

Mini Tempest stages at Rushmoor is CANCELLED

Guildford Motor Club - Events 2024

The Printemps Touring Assembly 5th May

David Roscoe Memorial Dimanche Tour 18th

Other events to be announced

Editorial

Welcome to the December edition of the magazine.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Immediately after the newsletter is published on the 2nd December is the Southdowns Stages at Goodwood. Again the GMC marshalling team is out helping on the event. They have opted to marshal out on the circuit where they hope it will be a bit quieter than running the stage start! Report and pictures next month.

What else do we have for you? Mark reports on the London to Brighton Veteran Car Run and Robert provides some pictures. He also provides some more Out and About pictures.

We also have a few words by Mark of the death of a former member, Mike Waldock. My personal memory of him is that he had a wonderful sense of humour (he laughed at all of my jokes - Annette) and a true competitive streak when we took part in a home-made raft race. A great loss.

Welcome to another new member this month, Ken Hunter who has been a regular on the Printemps and David Roscoe tours.

Any reports, anecdotes and articles always gratefully received.

Annette & Robert Clayson

Sad News

It is with a heavy heart that I must break the sad news that Mike 'Wally' Waldock, passed away recently after a long illness. Mike Joined GMC way back in 1980 and quickly made his name as a true clubman. He would readily turn out to marshal on all types of events, organised several social events and most of all, navigated me on many, many scatter, 12 car and road rallies. His unflappable nature and good humour made him popular with all who knew him and whilst he dropped out of club activities, he regularly checked up on us via the website.

I'm sure those of you who knew him would like to join the club in passing on our sincere condolences to Nicola, James, Grace, and family.

R.I.P. Mike (Wally).

Mark.



Guildford Motor Club Touring Assemblies 2024

These events have no competitive element and are intended as an opportunity for you to drive your 'Pride and Joy' through picturesque parts of Surrey and Hampshire with other like-minded enthusiasts.

The Start and Finish of both the events will be at The Fox, Fox Corner, Worplesdon and with a halfway halt. Each event will take a different route.

You will be given an easy to follow tulip road book to take you along our carefully designed meandering routes. If you have never used this sort of instruction before, help is on hand at the Start.

We welcome any type of car; old and new, petrol electric or diesel, sports estate or saloon.

These events are low cost and fun for all the family and you don't even have to be a member! (But we would like you to join!)

For more details visit our website : www.guildfordmotorclub.org.uk



The Printemps Touring Assembly 5th May

David Roscoe Memorial Dimanche Tour 18th August

A date for your diary

If you are looking for something to do between Christmas and New Year which is Motor Sport related, this might be the answer. A sporting trial run by the 750 Motor Club. I have visited several past events and it is an enjoyable day out. Competitors undertake a number of tests climbing up a marked course. Clearing the test you get 0 points, with the winner decided on the crew with the least points.

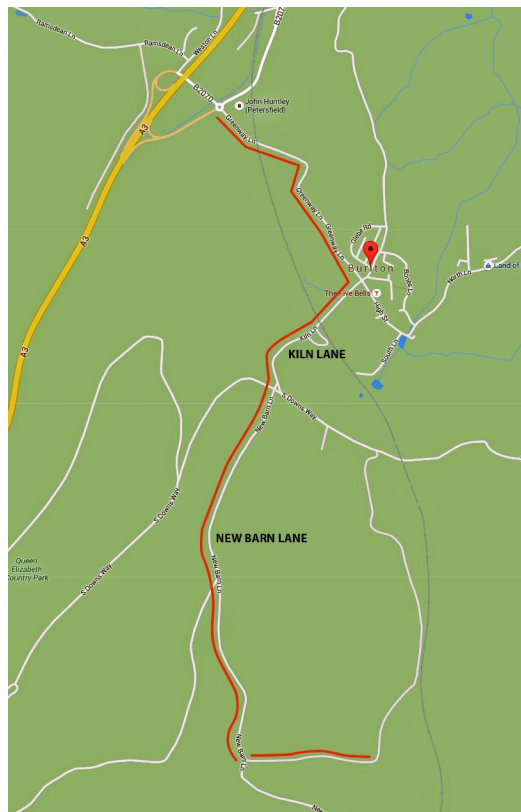
Things get underway around 10am with a break for lunch and the event winds up around 3pm. Access is good but be sure you are not actually walking or standing on the test! One bit of advice wellington boots or good walking shoes are best! The ground is often steep and uneven so take care.

30th December

The Plum Pudding Trial

Head Down, Queen Elizabeth Country Park, Nr. Buriton, Hampshire.GU315SN

Exit the A3 just south of Petersfield for Buriton and there are usually 750MC trial signs directing you in the village. It is single track and the final left turn takes you up a track. Parking is on the side of the track.



Out and About - Swifttune Track Day



Revolution

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London to Brighton Veteran Car Run, 2023.

After last year's rain-fest, we were hoping for a nicer day this year. Obviously not tee-shirts and shorts, but a few hours of dry weather would be nice. As it turned out, we had a superb sunny day.



In addition to what seems like the entire fleet of RAC mobile repair vans, the L2B has a few crews assisting the veteran cars on the steeper and longer hills. This year GMC were part of that team. Talking to Ashleigh White of Hants & Berks MC at the RAC summer run, he mentioned that he was running the towing assist team at Clayton Hill on the South Downs, and would I like to help. Given the odds that it could easily be as wet as last year, but this time I'd be inside the car, I readily agreed.

In October, all the towing assist drivers were invited to an evening of briefings and presentations at the RAC clubhouse in Epsom. They'd estimated about 30 people would turn up, but only had half that number attended. As refreshments had been laid on, it seemed wasteful not to polish off the plates of sandwiches and savoury nibbles. As the Run had over 400 vehicles entered,



the consensus was that we would probably get to help at least 3 or 4 cars each, based on the last couple of events.

Bearing in mind these cars are quite delicate and have, at best, mediocre brakes, I invested in a 6 metre kinetic towrope. The idea being that the stretch in the rope would give a gentle start to the tow and the 6 metre gap between them and me would give them a decent chance of stopping before they hit the Landy's tow hitch when we got to the top of the hill.

A couple of weeks before the run, we had an email telling us of a change of plan. Due to several people dropping out, the GMC team were all to report to Hammer Hill just South of Crawley. A longer, but less severe hill.

Tony, the section leader, had numbered each marshal post and issued radios to each post. Should a veteran car stop on the hill, the marshal would contact him, and he would then radio Francis at the foot of the hill to send a Towing assist crew up. Francis was delighted at the power he had been given and eagerly awaited the opportunity to swing into action at a moment's notice. He had eight cars standing by, ready to provide help in getting up the hill.

It was about 10:15 when we heard the first veteran chugging round the bend and approaching us. We were astonished at the speed at which he sailed past us, 4-up and obviously on a mission, they tore up the hill. I reckon they had a table booked in Brighton for 11:00 and were well on target to get there on time. After that early excitement, we had to wait 10 - 15 minutes before the next car, then in dribs and drabs the cars went past.



The crew speeding their way to an early lunch!

Some more elegant than others, but nearly all making it up without any fuss. Francis had a few calls to send up help, but Jon and I weren't needed until about 13:00 when a Renault had stopped just round a bend. By the time we got to him, he'd already started to resolve his problem, fuel starvation I think it was, and he was cranking the old car over for all his worth. He was desperate to get to Brighton under his own power and really didn't need any help from a modern, thank you very much. As he was on a blind bend, I told him we'd have to move him if he couldn't get it started, but by the time we'd got the rope ready to connect to his front axle, he'd coaxed the engine into life. The crew all jumped aboard as Jon and I pushed him a few yards to get him going. We then followed at a respectable distance to make sure he got to the top.

We made our way back to the foot of the hill to await our turn for the next customer, but that was it, no other cars failed to climb the hill.

The frequency of cars, cycles and motorbikes gradually dwindled, and the number of RAC vans increased, indicating that it would soon all be done and dusted for another year. The course closer came past at about 15:30 and collected our equipment, so we retired to the pub just around the corner in Staplefield, for a quick pint.

Well done to the GMC team of Francis as Towing assistance controller, Jon as my Towing assistance assistant and commiserations to Barry, who unfortunately went down with 'The Covid' two days beforehand, but he's OK now.

Mark





Owners of Classic Cars like to bring their cars out on the roads that the Veterans use, here is a selection of vehicles which passed by me.

Robert



Goodwood Marshals Track Day

Held over two days and organised by the Goodwood Marshals in aid of their nominated charities. I managed to go on the sunny day!!



GMC - Goodies

The following GMC Goodies are available from Mark Feeney, just phone him or speak to him at Clubnights

Car Badges (Enamel)	£30.00
Windscreen Sticker	£1.50
Club Badge (Self Adhesive)	£1.00
GMC Leather Key Ring	£1.50
GMC Mugs	£2.00
GMC Polo Shirts (White)	£15.00
GMC Sweat Shirts (Green)	£20.00
Romers, Clear or White plastic	£6.00
GMC Ice Scrapers	£2.00

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GMC - Membership Fees

Full Membership	£15.00
Family Membership	£20.00
Associate Membership	£2.50
Pro-rata Membership for new members joining after 1st July	
Full Membership	£7.50
Family Membership	£10.00

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