

# **SELBY AND DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB**

**NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2003.**

## **PAST EVENTS IN 2003**

### **18 July – Annual General Meeting**

We had a meeting where all members were invited to discuss the future of the Club. We are facing a big decision forced by the following facts:-

1. We have only £1800 in our various bank accounts.
2. We have a total of 28 members including 5 wives but a lot of these members are no longer involved nor have the time to have an interest in the Club.
3. We stopped paying insurance for the clubhouse because if we hadn't the money would have run out before now.
4. Average attendances per week are maybe only 5.
5. Bar receipts are currently minimal.
6. Too few people doing too many jobs.

The lack of committed members was discussed, which given the low membership overall is not surprising. There are clubs with much bigger memberships than our's which only have a handful of hands-on organisers. I commented that we should have done something about this two or three years ago and we have probably let things go too far.

Some members present suggested that we should advertise in the local papers, possibly organise a Rallying for Beginners series like we had done in previous years, and the fact that we had missed out on an entry in the Blue Book was also mentioned. As I pointed out, these administrative jobs however need to be done by somebody. Some members are doing more than one job for the benefit of the Club; John Roberts as Chairman is also Secretary as no one else wants to take it on, and not only that he is also currently Treasurer as Clive Smith no longer wants to do that job. I am Vice Chairman and Newsletter Editor but would gladly give up both jobs if there was someone to take them over. Out of this discussion Jason Turner kindly offered to be the Treasurer.

I know that many members see the clubhouse and premises as an invaluable asset but I pointed out that the reason the clubhouse was in its current tidy state was down to John Roberts coming in early and sorting it out himself. Although we own the clubhouse it should not be down to an individual or very few people to maintain it. I, like a lot of men, don't see dirt or can ignore it, but I have to say that any guests who come to the clubhouse must wonder at the cobwebs, mouse and rat droppings etc. There are all the other chores like cleaning up on a Friday night, taking away the recyclable cans, buying new gas bottles for the Super Ser heaters, turning on the water for a club night, getting rid of rubbish, washing glasses, cleaning the toilets, washing the towels, and not least serving behind the bar. John Roberts has looked after most of these items lately with some contributions from others. Tim Elcock kindly gets new supplies for the bar and this year I mowed the grass. That probably just scratches the surface of the jobs but those people that regard the clubhouse as an asset should remember those jobs are to do week in and week out. As for the building itself it has been neglected for some time.

A discussion followed on the possible sale of the clubhouse. Colin Barnes, an original founder member, said the Club had been in dire straits before and had had similar discussions. He asked what the Club would do with the proceeds and some members reasoned that if the clubhouse was not there to look after then we could put all of our efforts into organising the Club and our motorsport. Given that we could expect to get something for the clubhouse then we would have the means to pay our way for another meeting place should we need it, or have a bank balance that would help to organise events to attract new members. There are currently few lady members and it was agreed that the clubhouse because of its isolation and condition was probably not a very appealing venue for them. Ladies may prefer a pub venue for a social occasion. One or two members present agreed to look into the charges for rooms in pubs in Selby or thereabouts and report back at the next meeting.

Rosemary Jackson works for a commercial property estate agency and she agreed to ask her boss to take a look at the clubhouse and provide advice. Rosemary is also in touch with East Riding Council to see if we can get a reduction on our business rates which are £600+ per year. We worked out we would have total outgoings of at least £30 per week (including the rates) if we were paying insurance.

The following is an extract from our Constitution and I provide it here so that we can remind ourselves why we exist:

**“OBJECTS**

The objects of the club shall be:-

- a) To further interest in motoring and motorsport.
- b) To provide members with information, advice and assistance on matters connected with motoring.
- c) To watch the local administration of the laws and regulations affecting motoring and motor vehicles and to report any proposed action or scheme to the Motor Sports Association Ltd.
- d) To promote motor competitions in accordance with the requirements of the Motor Sports Association Ltd.
- e) To arrange tours, lectures, discussions and social and other meetings.
- f) To afford members such benefits and privileges as it may be possible to arrange.
- g) To provide a meeting place where suitable refreshments and amenities are available.”

We agreed to hold another meeting, which would be a Special General Meeting, in two months time to talk more about the future of the Club, so let's have this on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Can someone please check on charges for rooms in Selby so that we know what we are letting ourselves in for. **Come along and take the opportunity to have your say. All are welcome.**

**23/24 August – The 3 Swans Road Rally**

The event went ahead successfully despite the Bank Holiday weekend giving us a worry about marshals numbers. The Chief Marshal's phone line was glowing following an appeal and it did the trick. Well done to our small but perfectly formed organising team especially David Coggins who was the Clerk of Course and manufactured most of the paperwork, John Thornton who was responsible for the route and route instructions, Jon Neal who was pressed into action deputising for Jason Turner and Alastair Crosby who were unfortunately working away right up to the event, John Roberts who accepted and banked all of the entries, Colin Barnes for preparing the awards and taking that job off me as I was trying to sort the time cards out, Neill Carman for doing results, etc etc. Altogether on the night 15 members were involved despite it being Bank Holiday weekend. Thanks to you all. Ralph

## **Minutes 3 Swans 2003 Debrief meeting 28<sup>th</sup> August 2003**

Present: D Coggins, R Jackson, A Crosby, J turner, J Roberts, J Neill, A Stapleton

Apologies: J Thornton

### 1. Control Boards

It was felt that there were some boards in need of repair. However there was a general opinion that reflective boards were not needed.

2. The navigation was considered to be a success for experts, John will look at where “novices” went wrong
3. The problems with paperwork were discussed.
  - a. Wrong locations for marshals. This arose because there were two sets of locations, one for MSA and the “real” ones. It was decided to avoid problems in future to not distribute MSA locations to everyone but to keep with Clerk of Course and Assistant Clerk of course only. The problem was rectified because marshals were asked to check everything before leaving signing on  
The spraying of white paint to identify control points was thought to be a success
  - b. The wrong name of controls was also found before start of rally and rectified in time
1. There was no problem at Rally Repaints with regards to the moving of the car in reception to allow more room. A gift had been taken to Rally Repaints in appreciation.
2. Signing on for marshals and competitors went OK
3. Set up crew had requested that they have a map earlier in future. This is problematic in producing too early because of possible late changes.
4. Some code boards were apparently placed in long grass and had to be moved by course car. Set up crew will be advised of this.
5. Course closer and equipment collection is thought to be difficult for one crew.
6. Results. There was praise for Ralph and Neill for speed of results. Competitors were impressed that they received results from Time card 1 at TC 28
7. TBM cutters were happy with event
8. Charlie Gabb has donated £50.00 to present to newcomers/beginners. A trophy will be bought and decision to be made how this be presented at 2004 rally.
9. The “deliberate mistake!!”
10. PR issues. A letter has been sent to the farmer at to apologise for car 1 using the road past his farm this was a mistake. Jason suggested that if we pass in future we inform him we will put a “NO” board at the entrance to his property.
14. Macdonalds said we could go back there as a finish venue in the future
- 15. HELP NEEDED**

**If the rally is to run another year, more help is needed. Help is needed in the weeks approaching the rally, not just on the night. The mistakes made were probably due to the pressure placed on the few involved.**

**It was thought that if club members would PR the route when asked then that would leave rest of the committee time to do their allotted tasks. This is a very important area and needs to be completed as soon as route is drawn up**

**No criticism was made to Jason and Alastair for their absence. It just shows that with so few that when work pressures take people away there is not enough people left.**

**It was suggested that maybe the next rally could be a “half night” rally.**

**A meeting is suggested in a few weeks time to discuss logistics of running a rally next year. Date suggested 25<sup>th</sup> September 8.00pm**

## **2003 CLUB CALENDAR**

**12<sup>TH</sup> September (Friday) Noggin and Natter**

14<sup>th</sup> September (Sunday) York MC Autotest in the Larkspeed League, regs out, ring 01904 738631 for a set.

**19<sup>th</sup> September (Friday) Noggin and Natter.**

21<sup>st</sup> September (Sunday) Yorkshire Sports Car Club September Autotest in the Larkspeed League, regs out ring 01422 342457 for details.

**25<sup>th</sup> September (Thursday) FIRST MEETING TO DISCUSS THE 2004 THREE SWANS RALLY.** Please be there for 8pm prompt.

**26<sup>th</sup> September (Friday) Noggin and Natter.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> October (Friday)** Special General Meeting to discuss the Club and clubhouse and to discuss our next steps following the Annual General Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2003.

**5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> June 2004** Three Swans Road Rally although this date is being renegotiated as you read this.

**21<sup>st</sup> /22<sup>nd</sup> August 2004** Alternate date for Three Swans Road Rally.

**12<sup>th</sup> September 2004** Selby Multi-Use Stage Rally

Remember Friday nights are clubnights even if no particular event is planned, so come along and meet like-minded people and share your interest in motoring and motorsport. Guests are also welcome. Let's make use of our licensed premises, we also have darts, bar billiards, TV, motoring videos, and free parking!

### **MEMBERS ADVERTS.**

MAURICE POOK HAS CARGO NETS SUITABLE FOR TAKING TWO CRASH HELMETS. PRICED AT £15.00 WHICH IS ABOUT HALF THE PRICE THEY CHARGE IN THE ACCESSORY SHOPS. GIVE HIM A RING ON 01132 870777 FOR FULL DETAILS, THEY CAN BE DELIVERED TO THE CLUBHOUSE IF NECESSARY.

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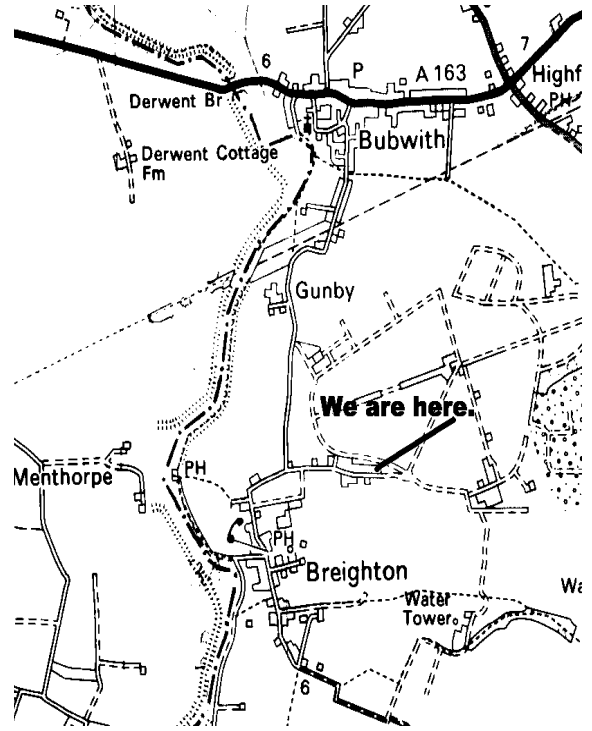
DATE OF BIRTH.....

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.....



Clubhouse Location.  
The Clubhouse is located at map 105 or 106 reference 717345 and has to be approached along a loose track. Go down the track to the premises of Tony Coatesworth which you see on the right hand side and the clubhouse is the next entry on the left.

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