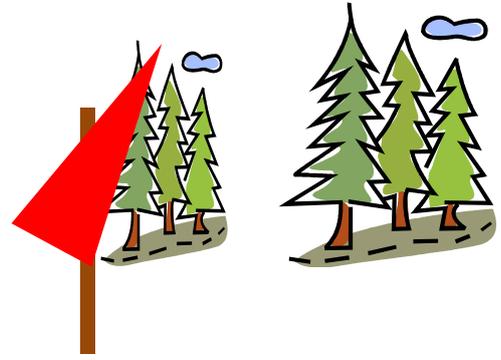




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## The Monthly Newsletter of Carlton and District Motor Club

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Simon and Alistair Crook have given me a great excuse for publishing an Opel Manta picture – they currently lead Class AH2 on the RAC Championship and are featured in some great footage on Motors TV.

### **Editorial and Committee News**

The formalities of The Annual General Meeting have been completed, this year without the drama of being let down by the planned venue! Held in the comfortable surroundings of the Star Inns Whisky Bar, the meeting was declared Quorate at 8.35 when your Editor finally arrived, having been delayed by a family crisis (apologies to all concerned).

John Ellison, the clubs Chairman, was the first speaker and he apologised for being in India last year, thanked all organisers of the varied events put on by the club last year, welcomed the contribution of competitors and the return of the Huntsman this year for which volunteers would be required. He noted the contribution made by the club to the Welsh International and thanked the club secretary for keeping the paperwork in order and the Star for providing a welcoming new home for club nights.

The Treasurers written statement was read out to the meeting by the Secretary which reported that the Club was running a deficit which needs to be reduced.

Two fresh new faces were elected to the committee – Les Davey and Glyn Byard, I'm sure their vast experience will make a welcome contribution.

A full list of Committee members and responsibilities will be published in the May newsletter.

The Huntsman Rally organisation is progressing well with Richard Ogan and Vince Orme being the prime movers, one important post which remains to be filled is that of Chief Marshall and the Organisers would be pleased to receive the help of an enthusiastic member for this most important responsibility.

The Winter Series of twelve cars was brought to an end on 26<sup>th</sup> March and the Club is grateful to the Martins for stepping into the breach to replace Richard Ogan who's new job is his main priority at present. The event continued last years format and was well received – the editorial crew were going well until the last section where brain fatigue set in when presented with an unfamiliar navigation technique! The code board we missed dropped us out of the placings (Again!), but we nevertheless enjoyed the event.

Rob Lowe and Stephen Shephard ran well on the Woodbridge Stages, leading for a while, but had to settle for Second and a class win. (Picture is from a previous event!)



April sees the last Winter meet take place at Ruddington Heritage Centre next Sunday and the popular Drive it Day classic car run starts from the same venue. Organised by Richard English, Bryan Hodges and Andy Smedley, the Drive it Day event will see several Carlton Classic cars being given an airing.

Finally let us all pity poor Colin Martin – imagine having to miss Thursdays 12 car to be in Malaysia, working with the Touring car F1 support race!

## Out of season meet Ruddington Transport Heritage Centre 1<sup>st</sup> March

Well done to Robert Stewart for turning out throughout the winter to encourage Classic owners to use their cars (they only fester if left unused for too long!)- this meeting coincided with a popular local fun run and parking was very tight but Robert squeezed us all in!



## The Four Rivers 12 Car – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Report by Anji Martin

With the Huntsman confirmed and taking up much of Richard Ogan's time, Clive and I were coerced into running the Four Rivers 12 car – there has to be a first time for everything! Firstly we had to change the date as there was not enough time to sort out the route and get the permit changed. Once we had a rough route, Clive and I drove it early one Sunday morning to check everything was ok, look for suitable places to site code boards & controls and check mileages. Then it was time to work out the clues, with limited time some of you might have spotted that the first two legs MTC1 – TTC2 from Willington Services to Tatenhill and TTC2 to STC3 were the same as a couple of years ago, a mixture of spot heights and grid lines.

From STC3 the route changed with a short neutral (along the A515) to NTC4 and the next two handouts, 25 tulips out of order including 5 NAMs and a further couple of Tulips to take you round the outskirts of Abbots Bromley to NTC6.

At NTC6 the final handout was given – with avoid spot heights, and a pre-plot black spot bottom half of 0532 to keep you off the A518 – listening to the banter in the bar it seems like several competitors ignored the black spot but with not enough marshals to police the route they got away with it!!

NTC8 to STC9 – Uttoxeter through to Marchington woodlands caused a few headaches and discussions in the bar later, with only the colours and the number of roads at a junction as clues, the junction just after the last control YGYBGY was also given as a guide plus the fact you were to join the A515 back to the Boars Head Hotel, all crews (bar 1 with technical problems) made it.

## Results

1	Mark Fletcher & Nathan Marriott (Eastwood)	1 min
2	Dave Fox & Mark Manning (LOCC)	10 mins
3	John Taylor & Peter Haynes (CDMC & Matlock)	11 mins
4	Kevin Hardwick & David Bennett (LOCC)	14 mins
5	Roger Marriott & Bill Granger (CDMC)	15 mins
6	Neil Simpson and Stephen Shephard(CDMC)	16 mins
7	Harry Shephard & John Simpson (CDMC)	17 mins
8	Dennis Cook & Dan Tribe	Retired

As a tie break (but not actually required in the end) although the rally was called 'The Four Rivers' we actually only crossed over three of them and the names were requested at the bottom of the timecard - The Dove, The Blithe and The Swarbourn – although you had to trace this back several miles to realise it is actually a river and not a brook.

Many thanks to Glynn for all his guidance and special thanks to John Ellison, Les Davey, Sean Baxter, Graham Philpot, Richard & Rowan Ogan, Steve Brew and Glyn & Jack Byard for coming out to marshal. Also thanks to the Boars Head for putting on chip cobs for us at the end.

Now we have organised a 12 car we really appreciate how much work is involved before and during the event learning a lot along the way and we were grateful when Richard offered to collect the boards back in the next day as we didn't have enough marshals for a course closer.

Anji Martin

PS A grey Thinsulate woolly hat (in good nick) was found in the carpark at the Boars Head after the event.

### The Cadman Construction Woodbridge Stages

Report by Stephen Shephard

After a winter rebuild we were looking forward to the first event of 2015 in the 555 Subaru at RAF Woodbridge near Ipswich.

A strong field of various machinery including a 306 Maxi Kit car at 1 and another ex works Subaru WRC of Kankunen at 14, was assembled for 6 challenging 10 mile stages on good tarmac and concrete.

On the way to stage one it was dry, but as we entered the MTC it began to spit with rain. The first half lap we were all over the place with the slicks not getting up to temperature, resulting in a half spin in the twisty complex section. The second lap was a bit better as the temperatures came up but then the rain came down harder and we were back to sliding around.

For stage 2 we fitted the wets and went 30 seconds faster than stage one, even though it was much wetter! This lifted us to 2<sup>nd</sup> place 18 seconds behind the leader. Stage 3 we improved again with Bob confidently power sliding the well balanced Impreza round the corners taking 18 seconds out of the 306 Maxi (car 1) to be joint leaders. By stage 4 the leader had realised he had a challenge and upped his pace, so we were only able to take a further 2 seconds from him to edge into the lead.

The battle was set for the final pair of stages, however the weather dried a little, but still damp which swung the balance back to the lightweight fwd 306 Maxi as he managed to take enough time back over the last stages to finish 11 seconds ahead.

A good start to the year with no damage or problems, except Bob wants more power!

The next event is at MIRA on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### Results

1 <sup>st</sup> Chris West/ Keith Hounslow	Peugeot 306 Maxi(Class C)	1:01:41
2 <sup>nd</sup> Rob Lowe/ Stephen Shephard	Subaru Impreza (Class E)	1:01:52
3 <sup>rd</sup> Ross Daniels/Paul Mankin	Subaru Impreza	1:02:32

#### Classes

A	Jaime Turner/Georgina Clark	MGZR	1:06:04
B	Rob John/Scott Ayers	Toyota MR2	1:08:36
D	Tony Wales/Julie Wales	BMW Compact	1:10:49

**WHATS ON - CARLTON AND DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB EVENTS** Carlton and District Motor Club meets on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at The Star Inn, Middle Street, Beeston. Please make the effort to come down, it's a great "Real Ale" pub with a full calendar of quizzes, open mic. nights etc and meals and pub snacks are now available. The access problems caused by the tram works are beginning to ease and free parking concessions are still available in adjoining car parks and on surrounding roads.

#### **Sunday 4<sup>st</sup> April**

Final Out of Season meet at Ruddington Heritage Centre with our friends the Stewarts. 10:30 to 4:30, bring and show, talk and café open.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April**      **Horiba D'Isis Stages Rally**      **Multi use rally at MIRA, no spectators**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April**      **The Drive it day Classic Tour**      **110 Mile Touring Assembly -**  
**Simple navigation by Tulip Road**  
**Book· Half way halt at a place of**  
**interest Open to cars 20 years old**  
**or more. Catering (booked extra**  
**in advance) available at finish.**  
**£15 per car with souvenir rally**  
**plate.**

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**Other events of possible interest to members:**

- 4th April**      **Circuit of Ireland : Belfast ; FIA European Rally Championship + Junior Rally**  
**Championship**      **Tel 02890 426262**
- 4th April**      **MCC Lands End Trial : Devon & Cornwall**      **Tel 01308 420706**
- 3/4th April**      **The Devil's Tour Devizes + DMC**
- 10/11<sup>th</sup> April**      **Aldershot Rally for Heroes : Brooklands Museum,Weybridge**  
**Tel 0208 773 3404**
- 11/12<sup>th</sup> April**      **Winter Challenge North Wales MC**
- 12<sup>th</sup> April**      **Ilkley Jubilee Historic Rally + Ilkley Jubilee Rally [www.jubilee-rally.org.uk](http://www.jubilee-rally.org.uk)**
- 12<sup>th</sup> April**      **Kyrle Classic Trial : Forest of Dean**      **Tel 01989 763403**
- 17/19<sup>th</sup> April**      **The Flying Scotsman Reliability Trial : Harrogate to Gleneagles, Endurance**  
**Rally Assoc'n**      **Tel 01235 831221**
- 18<sup>th</sup> April**      **Somerset Stages : Minehead : REIS-Ravenol BTRDA Rally Series**  
**Tel 0845 095 1381**
- 18/19<sup>th</sup> April**      **Kick Energy Rally of Derbyshire Matlock MC**
- 19<sup>th</sup> April**      **Corinium Run : Cotswolds [www.cirencestercarclub.com](http://www.cirencestercarclub.com)**
- 19<sup>th</sup> April**      **Tuscany Spring Tour : Dover to Italy**      **Tel 01253 884361**
- 25<sup>th</sup> April**      **Aintree Sprint Liverpool MC**
- 25<sup>th</sup> April**      **DCC Stages Rally : Edinburgh, North of England Rally Championship**  
**Tel 08450 560547**
- 25<sup>th</sup> April**      **Morecambe Tour : Lancashire & Cumbria**      **Tel 07824 991845**

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