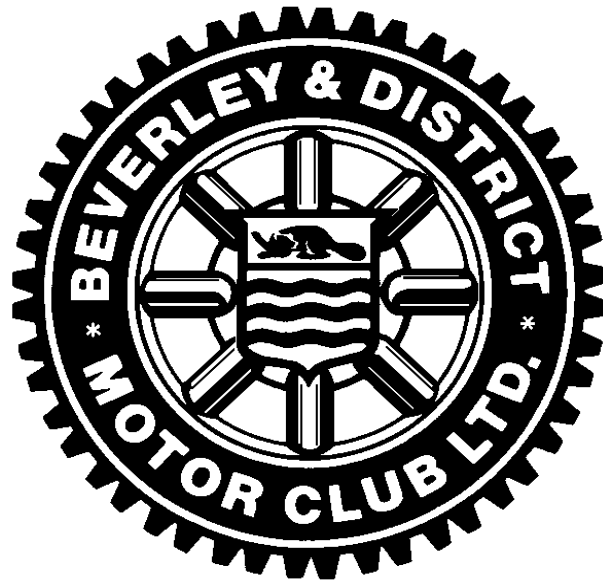


Wheels

July 2010



EDITOR'S RAMBLING (isn't he always) July 2010

By Howard Everingham

No, you didn't read that wrong. I'm back in the chair again by dint of Petchy (and Mrs Petchy) discovering that his two jobs plus the new studying he'll have to carry out as a 'Mature Student' do not allow sufficient time to collate, edit and type a regular magazine. No, this is a job for someone with absolutely nothing better to do! Many thanks on behalf of the Club go to Mike and Lorraine for the many hours they've put in since I vacated 'The Chair' in November 2006. It's generally a thankless task and they provided us with an interesting and informative read.

So, what can you expect from the old Sod? Well, not too much this month as the current Mrs Everingham and I will be heading off to annoy the French at the end of this month with our new acquisition – a caravan! Yes, I have seen Top Gear and am *still* a fan of Jezzar Clarkson. Sorry about the cover photo, this was a trial run to 'The Somme' (Harrogate), at Easter where I learned a whole lot of new skills – erecting awnings (no, I'm *not* holding it up in the photo!) and emptying the dreaded Thetford toilet! The decision to stop working before it killed me (I'm still shying away from the word 'Retirement'), was taken earlier this year, fully intending to get a proper job. Fortunately or unfortunately, as Mark Cresswell will confirm, that's not as easy as it might seem. When I was turned down for a job as a Cycling Instructor (yes, go ahead and laugh) it appeared someone was trying to tell me something. So here I am, a 'gentleman' of leisure and Petchy saw an opening!

Naturally I'll be hassling you for details of whatever you've been up to (competing, of course), with photos wherever possible. There'll be a list of forthcoming events pertaining to the type of events our Club Members support, followed by results of those who've taken part. There will also be a 'Club Noticeboard' for any item or piece of information the Committee or a club Member might want to add or if you have an item for sale (no 'Massage Parlours' *please!*). There will be some old favourites, one of which Gibby was kind enough to provide a 'Quote' for at the last Committee meeting!

It's my intention to try and produce a Mag on a regular basis (though I'm not making any promises!), some of which may only contain forthcoming events and a Club Calendar. I'm hoping this will encourage members to supply reports, which will be published very soon after the event took place. This will then remove the situation where a report is published some months after the event, rendering it 'History'. The regularity of the Mag might also restrict reports from our Illustrious Chairman, Potts, as he may not have the time nor the information to provide for every issue.

The holiday in France includes a stop-over near Le Mans for 3 days before heading across to the west coast, so I'll try to get some piccys of the track (no, there won't be any cars on it! - that was June) and museum for the next issue.

If you have any news or special requests for items you'd like to appear in the Mag, please see me at the Club (from 19 August onwards) or email me at howard@heepy.karoo.co.uk
I would be interested in hearing how you would like to receive your Mag i.e. printed form/email etc. With Matthew's help, the Mag will always be available archived on the Club website.

Sadly (for me anyway), no Autotest report from the MSA/BTRDA/ANCC event last Sunday (25 July) as the steering wheel stopped 'talking' to the rack on Test 6, courtesy of a stripped spline. Power steering and Mini components not seeming to have the longevity I require!

No matter, I've got my stripy 'T' shirt, beret and onions ready, so au revoir for now.

Chairman's Chunterings

Welcome to the latest edition of *Wheels*. It seems to have been a long time since we had a magazine.

Howard has now taken on the mantle of magazine editor as he now has a bit more time on his hands since taking a well earned rest from working. I would like to thank Mike and Lorraine Petch for producing the magazine over the last 3½ years. Mike cannot continue with the magazine as he is now undertaking a college course for the next 2 years to enable him to become a qualified lecturer at night school.

As Howard may have already told you, this will now come out on a monthly basis (What! – *Ed.*) and will give information on what has happened and what is coming up.

It would be nice to get any reports from anyone competing no matter how short this may be. We don't require War and Peace, a couple of paragraphs will do.

I have now taken over the Competitors Championship and will be sending out regular emails to get your results. It is important that you reply so I can update the tables on a regular basis and publish them when *Wheels* is issued.

Please also let me know if you are going to compete on an event so we can let everyone know. Who knows, someone may come out and support you either by spectating or marshalling. Stranger things have happened.

12 Cars

We now have organisers for the next four 12 cars, that will take us up to the end of the year.

They are:-

7th October - Andy Stewart

28th October - Graeme Potter

11th November – John Turnbull

2 December – Mike Ogram

I know that a few of you have not been happy at the way the navigation has been presented in the past. We now have in place a check list to ensure that the organisers comply with the club rules re navigation, as well as ensuring that the events are organised effectively. So please forget the past and come and support the above club members who spend a lot of time putting these events together at no cost to the club.

Don't forget that there will be an entry fee of £5.00 per crew on top of the £15 insurance fee if your own policy does not cover you for rallying.

You may be asking why the introduction of a fee – this was voted on at the AGM. The club incurs costs for every 12 car that is organised as a permit fee of £19.00 is charged for every event. Also your insurance is subsidised by the club to the tune of £1.28 per crew.

That's it for this first edition of a more regular magazine.

Gunner

Treasure Hunt
15 July 2010

Dog dab

By Howard Everingham

If it hadn't been for a call from the East Riding Business Network, asking Matthew if they could join our Treasure Hunt, it would have been a rather sparse evening, not to mention the absolute guarantee of not finishing lower than 2nd. They asked Matthew how much it would be to enter. The foolish boy fessed up that it was free! No matter, they still charged all their members a fee for the evening's entertainment!

Potts, Mrs Potts and Dog Potts turned up just as I'd started, so a team was formed on the proviso that Dog Potts didn't stick its nose on my bare leg, me being brave enough to wear shorts on a British summer's evening and being allergic to most animals.

Potts was very keen to show the new people how to find the clues and did so for one particular couple hovering nearby – he would later regret this impulsive act of kindness.

The mainly dry meander around Beverley was interesting and the clues challenging, despite 4 of them 'disappearing' and two typo errors. Some were easier to find by the presence of Thomas Atkinson (one of their many children) as he'd helped Matthew to prepare the clues and couldn't help but hover around them – kids just can't keep a secret can they?

As dusk drew in and the scantily clad young ladies of Beverley appeared out of the woodwork, we gathered to hand in our result sheets. One of the numerous Atkinson children was sent to reccy the local pubs to find the quietest one. "Got a shillin' for a pint mister," cleared most of the punters from the Green Dragon and we all repaired to the lounge bar for refreshments. Our pleasure was short-lived however, as the barman informed us that children and dogs were not allowed on the premises. Dog Potts was duly bundled into the car for the remainder of the evening, happy that she'd managed a brief, but satisfying nose-dab on that inviting bare leg when no-one was looking. The Atkinson children were herded into a suitable agricultural vehicle, with a bottle of pop and bag of crisps to lighten the journey back to the Ponderosa, leaving Matthew to sort out the scores.

The results were not completely surprising. We drew equal first with the couple who Potts had been kindly helping out at the beginning (Doh!), although I hold my hand up to inadvertently crossing out a correct answer that would've secured us an outright win (Double Doh!). Even the super-duper Rog & Co were stuffed by two of the 'visitors' teams – we need to watch them next time out.

The results are as follows;

1 st =	27.5 points - Howard, Graeme, Janie & Dog
1 st =	27.5 points - The Hebdens
3 rd	26 points - Jo & Co
4 th	24.5 points - Roger's Crew
5 th =	23.5 points - Copperknobs
5 th =	23.5 points - 2chefs.co.uk
7 th	22.5 points - 'No Idea' (Their words)
8 th	21 points - The Harvey's

CLUB NOTICEBOARD

CLUB MEMBER'S PAGE

The Committee have suggested that those of you who've used the Member's Page on the club website might want to enhance it further by adding more content. This could take the form of an overview of the driver/crew with past results/championship positions being added. Anyone chasing sponsorship could then use this as part of their presentation. If you need any help with the content or setting out, please ask any member of the Committee. Matthew Atkinson will then add your content to the web-page.

NUMBER PLATES/LETTER-BOARDS

Just a reminder that we need new number plates to use as letter-boards on our 12 Car Rallies. If you have any old ones lurking in the back of your garage, the Club would be grateful if you could donate these as they are increasingly difficult to obtain.

COMPETITOR'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Another reminder that Gunner is now looking after the above championship and all your results should be given to him as soon as you receive them.

CLUB CALENDAR

30 September 2010	Table Top		
7th October 2010	Grovehill Rally	Andy Stewart	01924 431665 (W) 07770 934113 (M)
21st October 2010	Table Top		
28th October 2010	Westwood Rally	Graeme Potter	01482 708790 (H) 07767 005242 (W) 07968 269649 (M)
4th November 2010	Table Top		
11th November 2010	Cottingham MOT Centre Rally	John Turnbull	01964 625671 (H) 07846 190108 (M)