



Maximum Attack

June 2008

Dear Member,

Rather a short issue for this month. Nobody seems to have been willing/brave enough to have submitted any articles for inclusion, so it's been down to yours truly to provide a (hopefully) entertaining feature on the Weeton Camp Stages from 8th June.

To those of you out there competing, marshalling, officiating or just plain spectating please keep your articles (with or without accompanying photos) coming in as we'd love to hear about your experiences – good, bad or downright bizarre!

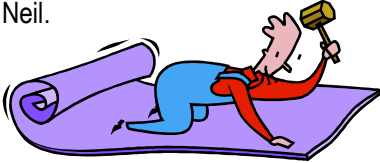
Cheers,

Andy

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MEMBER FOCUS – Steve Timewell

Steve has been a Club member for a number of years, and through the darker months of the year can be found out and about competing in his self-prepared Vauxhall Nova road rally car on various local night rallies with fellow WMC member Neil.



To earn his living, Steve is a time-served carpet fitter – although isn't a big fan of the modern day fad of laminate flooring!

If Steve maybe able to help with your carpet-laying troubles, call him on 07733 052907.

WEETON CAMP STAGES – 8TH JUNE

Nev Astbury & Andy Elliot

So, the first outing for this particular driver/co-driver pairing and at a venue that neither of us had competed at for a while in a car that had only recently been finished. Nothing to worry about then. After a horribly early start, we picked up our service crew of Andy Creer, loaded the Mini onto the trailer and headed off in the motorhome. The weather seemed promising early on, and turned out to be a gloriously warm and sunny day. We were by no means the only Wallasey crew competing, and so it proved to be when we arrived into the service area and were greeted by numerous familiar faces.



Fortunately, our position in the service area meant that we were right by the start line for half the stages so were able to watch the top cars catapult off the start line before having to get ready ourselves. The first couple of stages were as much about getting used to the car and the handling of it as they were about getting used to each other. And we didn't succumb to the early carnage of the first few stages, which resembled something akin to Wacky Races with the shape some cars were arriving back into the service area in. Most unfortunate incident of the day had to be the Mk2 Escort that was, according to the driver's version of events, demolished at the front by a Metro 6R4 falling out of a tree! They say money doesn't grow on trees, but 6R4s??

As the day wore on, my note-calling got better, and Nev's confidence in the car was definitely growing – as shown by a few sideways moments, but always in complete control.....! Some parts of the stages were getting quite rutted and gouged out, in addition to the infamous kerbs, so I was trying to warn Nev of any impending canyons in the road. There

was also a “watersplash” in the middle of the stage, which had almost caught out several people earlier in the day but with the sun out it had mostly dried up by the afternoon – or been dispersed by those choosing not to avoid it.

Right up until the end of the day, the car had been pretty much faultless with the only problem having been a detached air filter which was soon re-attached via several cable ties. Halfway round the last stage, there was a loud banging coming from the front of the car which was making it judder along so we decided not to risk damaging the car and cruised round to take a stage maximum, all the while trying to figure out whether it was a broken driveshaft, suspension or something else. It was only when we crawled back into the service area, jacked up the car and took the wheels off that we found one of the brake callipers hanging off with one bolt missing which had been hitting the inside of the wheel and also contributing to the juddering when braking. Just Sod’s Law it had happened on the last stage, when we’d been looking to consolidate our place but with the stage maximum we actually dropped about 4 places to finish 47th overall.

Thanks have to go to Andy (Creer), who did a great job servicing for us during the day. Roll on the next event!

FORTHCOMING ANWCC-QUALIFYING EVENTS

When	What	Where	More info
5 th -6 th July	AFG Rali Mon Road Rally	Anglesey	Caernarfonshire & Anglesey MC
5 th July	Quinton Stages & Historic Stages Stage Rally	Mid-Wales	www.quintonstages.org.uk
6 th July	Sprint (<i>non-qualifying</i>)	Three Sisters Circuit	www.longton-dmc.co.uk
12 th July	Wood Building Supplies Old Ranges Stages	Ranges Motorsport Centre	Aberystwyth & District MC
12 th & 13 th July	Loton Hillclimb (<i>non-qualifying</i>)	Loton Park	www.hdlcc.com
13 th July	Scammonden Hillclimb	Scammonden Dam	Mid-Cheshire MRC
19 th -20 th July	Drystone Historic Road Rally	OS maps 119/110	www.mid-derbyshiremc.co.uk/Drystone.htm
19 th July	Swansea Bay Rally	South Wales	www.swanseabayrally.com
20 th July	Opposite Lock Rally	Manby Showground	www.slaithwaitemc.co.uk
26 th & 27 th July	Loton Hillclimb	Loton Park	www.hdlcc.com
26 th -27 th July	Morecambe Road Rally	OS maps 97,98 & 102	www.morecambecarclub.co.uk
27 th July	Coracle Stages & Historic Stages Rally	Sweet Lamb	Epynt MC

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Just as summer is starting to show signs that it’s here (cloud, rain, wind etc.) Steve Noble is proposing to put in an order for some winter coats! These will be embroidered with the Wallasey Motor Club logo, and potentially other customisation if required.

If you are interested, see Steve on a Monday evening or email him on StephenMNoble@aol.com.

Payment is required up-front, so no money = no coat!

SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

When	What	Where
Monday 7 th July	Noggin & Natter	Queens Royal, New Brighton
Monday 14 th July	Noggin & Natter	Queens Royal, New Brighton
Monday 21 st July	Motorsport DVD night	Queens Royal, New Brighton
Monday 28 th July	Noggin & Natter	Queens Royal, New Brighton

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Wallasey Motor Club currently meet most Monday evenings at The Queens Royal, Marine Parade, New Brighton starting around 9pm. However, please check on the Club website in case of any change.

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