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**Whickham & District Motor Club**  
**50th Anniversary Evening**  
1963-2013

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Here's to the next 50 years for WDMC

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## 50th ANNIVERSARY for WHICKHAM AND DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB - 26/10/2013

2013 - a BIG year for WDMC as we begin our 50th with a bang: the anniversary party at Beamish Hall. It's the start of another half centenary for the club and a new era as the club continues to increase with new members as well as drive forward. The AGM in February will see a new Chairman, along with other posts appointed to take the club from strength to strength.

## MULL RALLY - ISLE OF MULL - 11-13th OCTOBER

Now Then, Now Then, Now Then. Mull 2013. There may not have been an invasion by Senor Saville and his rabble this year but there was an invasion of WDMC members on this years event. Competitors, marshals and service crews were there in great numbers and the invasion didn't stop there. The top ten positions on the overall leaderboard were also dominated by club members with 3 top ten finishers. All were amazing feats in their own rights, Peter/Drew Gibson rounded a great year with 9th O/A in the Evo and showed a continued increase in pace. Tristan Pye/Andrew Falconer yet again finished in the top five, 5th O/A, and continued a strong finishing record on the Island event. The Subaru man was only 41s off the final podium place which, after 160 competitive miles, is very close and excellent form and speed. Topping the Whickham crews however, in a remarkable 2nd O/A were Peter Taylor and Andrew Roughead in the Focus WRC. Couldn't quite manage overall victory ey? Well the boys managed 5 stage wins, set a record on the infamous Gribun Rocks stage and were only nipped to the post by local lad and Tunnocks's backed, John MacCrone/Stuart Loudon in the Fiesta S2500. The pair were never far behind however, damper issues on the final leg dropped them further behind MacCrone....



Photo by Bruce Hoyle



PETER TAYLOR/ANDREW ROUGHEAD  
2nd O/A MULL RALLY

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# EDITORS REVIEW

Many, many, many things have been happening over the past month or so, and many of you will have received emails regarding the resignation of three valued members; Paul Hughes (Chairman), Colin Salkeld (Vice-Chairman) and Steve Nesworthy (Secretary) have all retired and they will be missed. I would like to say huge thanks to them for all they have done over the years.

With all these big things happening at Kibby and WDMC, it's all go and the future is looking bright. The club is beginning the year of its 50th in existence, a year in which we will be trying to put lots of events on and its starts with the 50th Party (today) and concludes with a Touring Assembly at the end of next summer. The club have also submitted a 'Club and Volunteer of the Year Award' to the MSA for its annual accolade. Based on the year we have had, the theme being 'Year of the Volunteer' and after the success of the MSA Training weekend, I think we have a great chance for this, and if we don't then Steve Miles does for the exceptional hard work he put in to make that happen for us! Fingers crossed for recognition there and here's to the club going from strength to strength.

November also sees the final stint of events for the 2013 season and competitors or marshals are always welcome. Of particular note is the WDMC Autosolo which we are running in conjunction with Road Respect for their Young Driver of the Year, a great opportunity for our newer members to have a go or marshal. There is also the Hexham Historic and John Robson – a great event which I would be at if Mountain Rescue duties weren't pencilled in already...Damn it!! There will also be a club night navigation event by myself and Karl, the date of which is to be confirmed either for November or early December – just need to sort it out now.

## MCRAE STAGES - ABERFELDY AND LOCH TUMMEL - 5th OCTOBER

AFTER a small incident on the Jim Clark International Rally earlier in the year, Ronnie Roughead and Matthew Keeson were back in the Fiesta R2 to tackle the brilliant stages that Aberfeldy and surrounding areas offer. With the stages in fantastic condition Ronnie/Matthew found the pace finishing 36th O/A and 5th in CI 4. The class battle was tight and they were only 1s ahead of 6th and 10 in front of 7th. Despite the stages being sparse with marshals, it was an excellent event. David Bogie was the overall winner and in doing so claimed a staggering 5th SRC Title beating the arguable favourite, Euan Thorburn.

## MULL RALLY CONT - ISLE OF MULL - 11-13th OCTOBER

...ending up 3m57s behind the event winner. As mentioned, 160 miles run competitively is some distance so to stand on the second step of the podium is a brilliant reward for excellent driving and navigating. Surely the best result for the pair to date. Another consistent run from Tony Thompson/Paul Hudson in the scoby was rewarded with 46th O/A and 20th in Class D, the class which accommodated the top 9 finishers showing the opposition Mr T was up against. Unfortunately Jack and Phil couldn't make it due to a prior appointment at the hairdressers for Morton Jnr, so hopefully next year there will be a few more WDMC crews on the entry list to try increase the dominance on the results, that said, it'll take a fair bit to beat what the members did this year!! There were also a number of regional competitors out and many from the southern areas of England, it shows how amazing this event really is and the social side that goes with this one is up there with the best of them too.



Photo by Bruce Hosie



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## TRACKROD RALLY - YORKSHIRE FORESTS - 27/28th SEPTEMBER

Another strong finish on the Trackrod was evidence that Jack Morton has had a very successful year, in a diverse range of machinery with a number of different drivers. Taking the final step of the Podium in the BRC Challenge Rally, Jack and Gareth White, in the Citroen C2, were only 16s off 2nd place Richard Sykes and 1m08s off leader Russ Thompson. They maintained a good pace and charged to the final podium spot by 10s from the crew in 4th position. The car had been out of action for a while so to jump back in together and finish the penultimate BRC event so strongly is very noteworthy. Well done.

## CHEVIOT KEITH KNOX STAGES - OTTERBURN ARMY RANGES - 20th OCTOBER

NY 87219910 - a place for controversy! It shows how fierce the REIS asphalt championship is (and how petty some people are) but we always seem to get some debate up at Otterburn. That aside, what a great event: *Two Winners. Two Losers (both at the same corner). Lots of smiling faces.* The Taylor/Hughes Focus crew were fighting for O/A victory before the car left the road, by some distance I must add, but there didn't seem to be too much damage. Laffey/Morton (below) excelled in wet conditions finishing 6th O/A and 1st CI A7. Mark Thompson/Phil Kenny in the Peugeot 206 seemed quick after a disappointing Pendragon outing and were 17th o/a and 3rd CI. Phil Morton/Jo Hind made an appearance in the Datsun and climbed up to 23rd o/a and 2nd in their class, entertaining many of us at post 10/11 as they went. Massive thanks to all who marshalled, organised, folks at Hadrian MC and of course those who competed. It was an excellent event yet again with continued drama and toys out of prams, a must on our calendar! Thanks also to UTS kindly support it.



Photo by Alastair Knox

## CLUB AND VOLUNTEER OF YEAR OCTOBER 2013 - WDMC / STEVE MILES

At the beginning of October, a team from WDMC submitted, what we believe is, an excellent bid to become the MSA Club of the Year, as well as nominating Steve Miles for Volunteer. The Training weekend is a testament to the hard work the club puts in towards marshalling and Steve enormous effort for organising and continually being out on events will hopefully be rewarded. Good Luck all!!!



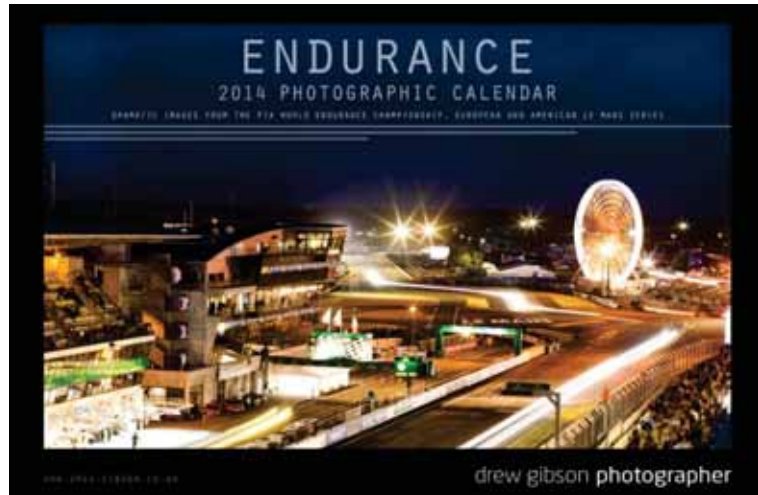
Photo by Steve Miles

We also have the Champs and Chumps league drawing to a close with four rounds left – Dansport seems to have ran away with this year's title. It needs to be decided if we are still doing the charity suggestion, which will no doubt be of his choice – fiver an entrant, but at least we've had a good laugh leapfrogging each other if nothing else!

Here's to the start of fantastic anniversary year for WDMC and the beginning of new, happy and successful era for the members and friends of our beloved club. But first - Party Time!

See you before Christmas!

Ollie



## DREW GIBSON PHOTOGRAPHER - NEW 2014 CALENDAR - ENDURANCE SERIES SHOT OF THE MONTH - LOEB'S FINAL WRC RALLY

'Endurance' 2014 photographic calendar brings together some of Drew's favourite images from the 2013 sportscar season in this stunning large format wall calendar.

Each month features a creative image of the quality expected from one of sportscar racing's top photographers, taken during the 2013 FIA World Endurance Championship, American and European Le Mans series. Drew has carefully selected images that show the varied nature of endurance racing, as well as capturing the speed, atmosphere and emotion that endears this genre of motorsport to so many fans across the world.

The calendar is A3 in size (420mm x 297mm) and is printed on heavy grade satin paper, using premium quality inks, producing the highest quality finish to every page. The large print format gives each image the space it deserves for maximum impact and makes this calendar a great edition to the wall of any fan of motorsport or photography.

To see a preview of the calendar, visit <http://www.drew-gibson.co.uk/gallery/endurance-calendar>, and to purchase click on the link on the page. A great Christmas present for the motorsport fanatic in your household!



Photo by Drew Gibson



Please visit the club website if you would like to become the owner of a Renault Clio or Currie's 106 Targa/Road Rally Car Fish?Different?Of?Kettle?



## DOON AT KIBBY CLUB THIS MONTH...

### 26 October - WDMC 50th Anniversary

30 October - Telephone Rally

6 November - Quiz

12 November - Committee

13 November - PlayStation

20 November - Scalextric

24 November - AutoSolo (in conjunction with Road Respect)

27 November - TableTop

TBC - Navigation Event [Wednesday Night]

4 December - Noggin n Natter

10 December - Committee

11 December - Christmas Quiz

18 December - 2013 WDMC Awards Night

### OTHER EVENTS....

2 November - Kingdom Stages / Devils Own Hexham Historic and John Robson

3 November - MEM Malton Stages - Dalby

### 8-10 November RAC RALLY

14-17 November - Rally GB - emm Wales

23/24 November - Illuminations, Morecambe

### PURE CLASS-IFIEDS.....

### WDMC T SHIRTS AND POLO SHIRTS

Please contact Mark Jose if you are wanting WDMC T Shirt - lots of sizes and colours!!!! [social@wdmc.org.uk](mailto:social@wdmc.org.uk) or see him at the club what better time than after the 50th party too...



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## WHAT'S REVVVVVING MY ENGINE



Lots going on @CroftCircuit..... AutoSolo - fast approaching... Championship protests - again!!

FLAT OUT

TICKING OVER

NOT GOING ANYWHERE

## CASTROL EDGE GP PREDICTOR UPDATE - WDMC CHAMPS OR CHUMPS LEAGUE

RANK	TEAM NAME	POINTS
1	Dansport	682
2	BritneyWiddersMotorsport	600
3	GemmaC	587
4	Prof.Pat.Pending	586
5	Racing_snakes	576
6	Team.Bucho	573
7	The.winner	563
8	GSL.Racing	549
9	T80ADB	546
10	Mighty.midgel.kickers	543
11	NKC78	540
12	Tuners.Cafe.F1	538
13	Virtuoso.Racing	449
14	TMB	435
15	Mar2492	416
16	Tackle.touching.TIMMY	403
17	RALLY	348
18	JM.Rallying	329

## BRITISH RALLYCROSS - CROFT CIRCUIT, DARLINGTON - 19/20th OCTOBER

Kevin Procter in a Ford Focus won the thrilling MSA Rallycross Grand Prix at Croft, following a superb battle with the Peugeot 208 of Andy Scott. Third was the Citroën DS3 of Pat Doran with the Ford Fiesta of Julian Godfrey fourth. The Retro Rallycross cars were out in force with 6R4's and Lancia Delta Integrale's blasting round, as snapped below by TC.



Photo by Trevor Cousins Photography

## RAMBLINGS PART TWO - DEUX - ZWEI - DUE - DOS AND TOINEN (NOT TOIVONEN) by TeeCee

A second story involving foreign languages and translations. Apart from English and "Anglo-Saxon", my knowledge of French is "schoolboy", and German is limited to technical helicopter stuff, all nouns and no grammar, a smattering of Italian, and some exceptionally rude words in Malay. And on to fun in Finland.

One of the more unusual junk foods in Finland is the "potato-dog". Basically it's a hot dog length of amorphous pink meat (animal source unknown), thinly covered in potato mash with a breadcrumb outer, then quick fried, and served up in a cardboard cone with mayonnaise. And so we were, sitting in the grandstand at the Killeri stage awaiting the cars for Rally Finland. Do you fancy a "potato-dog?" to Helen. Go get two then. And as I bit into it, the centre was solid, frozen solid with a potato outer as hot and clingy as Napalm. Now having experienced fish soup (with bubbles rising to the surface!) and white butter (lard), I didn't want to sound like the moany Brit abroad, so I had this bright idea to complain in German. I figure that as Fritzland was at least 3 countries away their knowledge of German would be worse than mine. If you speak German, my apologies. If you don't, then read on. "Enshoud a gouten, mein "potato-dog" ist kalt". OK, I will get you some new ones. Try these, are they hot enough? "Ya, ist gut, das hund ist heiss, danke". Enjoy your stay in Finland before you return to England. How did she work that one out?

I relate the story to Helen, who bursts out laughing and calls me some very nasty names. "German grammar is critical, it must be used correctly with any noun otherwise it means something else" So bearing in mind that "heiss" is hot or excited, and "kalt" is cold, here's what my end of the conversation actually meant. "Excuse me, my potato-dog is frigid", and the masterpiece reply, "Thanks, my dog now has a big horn-on because of you". You couldn't make it up.

## PENDRAGON STAGES - WARCOP RANGES, CUMBRIA - 19/20th OCTOBER

After claiming victory on this event in 2012 from pre event favourite, William Stobart, the Taylor/Roughead pair set off as number one seed and took back to back wins on the Warcop Ranges event. The beat the ever improving Ollie Mellors/Reg Smith in the adapted Proton, which this time out was hiding a 2.5 Millington under the bonnet, although some of it was actually sticking out of the bonnet! The gap to second was 35s and Darren Atkinson/Phil Sandham in the Mk 2 Escort were 2m12s behind the winning pair. Other running out from the club were Mark T/Phil Kenny who had bad luck retiring with car issues mid event. Ronnie Roughead was using the sharp pencil trick in the Subaru of Euan McCluskey and finished 17th o/a and 9th in Cl. There were other members out spectating, marshalling and servicing who all, I'm sure had a good day watching the high attrition rate with fifty percent of the top 20 seeds retiring at some point during the day! Will 2014 see the hat trick for the Focus crew??



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