



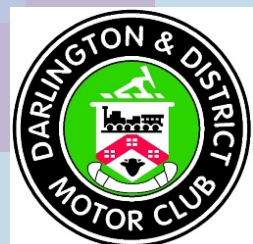
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The Club News Magazine Of The Darlington & District Motor Club

**Christmas Club Night Friday 10th December
Copper Beech Darlington
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**Seasons Greetings
To
All Our Members
From
The
Darlington & District
Motor Club**





December (Christmas) Club night

Christmas Club Night Friday 10th December Copper Beech Darlington

Quiz, Food and all for the princely sum of £0 per person, yes that's right zilch, nought, absolutely nothing at all.

So where is the catch, well if there is one we have yet to find it, the only stipulation is that you must book your place by e mail or telephone so we know how many we are catering for 1 member 1 free place guests can come along for a small charge, how much we hear you say, well we don't know yet but we promise change from a fiver.

**To book your tickets please contact Paul Griffin
either by phone, on 07882 340567
or by e-mail**

secretary@darlington-motor-club.org.uk

**there will be a choice of supper either Lasagne or
Corned Beef pie, both served with salad and chips.
Please book by 8th December so meals can be
ordered.**



**There will be quizzes but not too
serious, so come along and enjoy
this social event.**



Chairman's Chat

There you go once again we have waited and waited and lo and behold it's on the horizon again, what am I on about, well here is a clue we all go to temples that have bright and sparkly things all around and we donate to the collection with cash and credit cards in the hope that we get other people what they want and they get us what we want, got it yet "YES" you are right it's the Annual Rat Race called Christmas, all I can say is thank goodness the shops all enter into the spirit of the religious side of things by taking as much money off as many people as possible and brightening up the dark days of December.

Anyway don't despair too much as January is only round the corner and you can all blow the cobwebs off and come and help the club on it's first event of 2011, the 12th running of the Jack Frost Stages Rally, once again for the 3rd year we have the support of Cartersport Press & Media Services.

If you are able to assist in the lead up to the event please contact me for further details.

On the rallying front please read the following letter,

Open Letter from Steve Perez

Unique Chance to Co-drive in the Lancia Stratos on the Premier Stages Rally

Dear Rally Colleague

Earlier this year on the Dukeries Rally, a fellow competitor, Martyn Lewis, was very sadly killed. Some money was raised after this tragedy for his wife Catherine and his young son, Charlie. However, they kindly donated the full amount of over £3500 to the Rally Air Ambulance.

I am competing in the Premier Rally on November 20th, also organised by the Dukeries Rally Club, in my Lancia Stratos. I will be auctioning off my co-driver seat for this Rally on EBay in order to make a new donation for Catherine and Charlie to keep for themselves. You are all very welcome to bid! Please follow this link to see the auction and place your bid before the closing date of Friday 12th November.

<http://cgi.ebay.co.uk/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=220691494997&ssPageName=STRK:MESELX:IT>

However, if you do not wish to sit in the co-driver seat, you are still able to make a donation to the cause. In order to boost the fund, I am requesting suppliers to contribute a minimum of £100, by cheque, credit note or by parts, fuel or tyre donation for the Stratos for which an equal value cash donation will be made by myself to the Lewis family fund. All contributors will receive a decal on the car for the event and will (unless specifically requested not so) be individually publicised in a "thank you" advert after the event.

As an additional bonus, the organisers of the Premier Rally have agreed to re-donate the Rally entry fee of over £300.00 to the collection.

Please be aware that all funds raised will go directly to Martin's family, this is not a charity appeal.

Many thanks, in advance, for all your support!

Steve Perez

The club is supporting this initiative and has made a donation of £100 to the fund.

The club was recently involved in running the Rallycross Superprix at Knockhill, after a difficult year with the folding of the Open Championship the club had decided not to continue it's involvement in this particular branch of the sport however when it became clear that this event had the backing for it to run at no risk financially it was decided to be involved and the club permitted the event with myself as Clerk of The Course and a few other club officials involved to ensure that it ran correctly, the event struggled for entries and finally with 31 entries we had an enjoyable day out I however find the actions of some people within the sport of rallycross abhorrent with attempts to scupper the event by telling drivers not to bother entering as it would probably be cancelled any way and going to such lengths that even apparently using the words "legal" and "action" to convince people to stay away, to any one that got involved in this disgusting carry on then "shame on you".

As we move to end the year it only leaves me to say, if you want to keep getting this news letter then it is time to pay your subs for 2011 still a bargain at just £15. A membership application form with your details on is enclosed so all you have to do is sign it and write a cheque out.

In the mean time we wish one and all a happy festive season and that you get what you want out of it.

See you in January
Steve Gibson



NSSCC 2011

Date	Rounds	Circuit	Organising Club
23rd & 24th April	1 & 2	Croft	DDMC
21st & 22nd May	3 & 4	Cadwell Park	MSVR
3rd July	5 & 6	Knockhill	SMRC
23rd & 24th July	7 & 8	Croft	BARC
13th August	9 & 10	Oulton Park	BRSCC
10th & 11th September	11 & 12	Croft	DDMC
24th & 25th September	13 & 14	Croft	BARC

The above dates for NSSCC 2011 are still provisional at this time due to the possibility of date changes at venues we do not expect any changes, but you never know.

Once the regulations for 2011 have been approved by the MSA we will be posting them to all 2010 registered competitors.

Thanks for all the support in 2010 and we look forward to an exciting year to come.



Christmas Quiz

1. What date is St Stephen's Day?
2. In Charles Dickens' novel A Christmas Carol, who was Scrooge's dead business partner?
3. The song White Christmas was first performed in which 1942 film?
4. London's Trafalgar Square Christmas tree is traditionally given by which country?
5. In the song The Twelve Days of Christmas, '...my true love brought to me nine...' what?
6. Name the original eight reindeer from the 'Twas the night Before Christmas' poem.
7. Which Christmas carol includes the lyrics '...To save us all from Satan's power, when we were gone astray..'?
8. The character Jack Skellington appears in which 1993 Tim Burton film?
9. What colour are the berries of the mistletoe plant?
10. In the inspirational 1946 film, It's a Wonderful Life, what's the name of George Bailey's guardian angel?
11. What are the names of the three wise men said to have brought gifts to the baby Jesus?
12. What is New Year's Eve called in Scotland?
13. What Christmas item was invented by London baker and wedding-cake specialist Tom Smith in 1847?
14. In what year was Band-Aid's Do They Know It's Christmas the UK Christmas chart-topping record?
15. Which country did St Nicholas come from?
16. Who wrote How the Grinch Stole Christmas?
17. From which country does the poinsettia plant originate?
18. Who wrote Auld Lange Syne?
19. How many points does a snowflake have?
20. What is the name of the cake traditionally eaten in Italy at Christmas?

Answers on page 9



Helmet standard labels

All British Standard labels are uniquely numbered, yet the MSA Technical Department has been made aware of six helmets that have been presented at scrutineering bearing the same serial number. Competitors are advised to check BS stickers carefully when purchasing helmets to avoid forgeries.



Gulliver Travels

Ah well that's it for another season I can take a rest now and just bring all my paperwork up to date, or so I thought, I then got talked into doing my (again) last meeting of the year of at of all places Brands Hatch for the Truck Superprix the Idea being that I would surprise my mate Roger (Brands Chief Marshal), so I arranged with Andy McLeod to go down on the Friday meet up with him and Norrie Netzlof who looks after the Truck Paddock and go to Brands first thing Saturday morning which meant being up for 4 o'clock in the morning (yes there are two 4 o'clocks in one day), the original idea was that I was going to go to signing on stood behind Andy and he was going to say he had another Trainee for him to sign on and see what his reaction was when he saw me, unfortunately the accommodation that Norrie had "arranged" didn't work out so I had to ring Roger and ask him to put me up for the Saturday night so the surprise element was not going to happen, however it also backfired on Andy and Norrie as there wasn't a room at the Portabello for them either but the owner who is also one of the Truck Racers arranged alternative accommodation elsewhere which also included a room for me by which time it was to late. When it comes to manning I had for the BTCC about 180 names for 19 posts, Roger had for the Truck Fest 282 names for 14 posts and 400+ for the BTCC on the short Circuit the meeting before, fortunately on all occasions not everyone turned up. As the last time I was at Brands was for the GP in 1982 I expected things to have changed a bit and they certainly had, where we camped in a field next to the Circuit was now a Motorway, the Grandstands and new buildings where impressive but where we signed on in the Hailwood Suite would look good at Croft, the Circuit itself was of course unchanged and I was put in charge of Post 3 the top of Paddock Hill Bend and the point that vehicles seem to go straight on, and they did!, we had apart from the Trucks, Steve Hill and his Legends, Pickups, Mini Se7ens, Miglias and the SE Saloon c/ship, with being on Post 3 I also had to look after the gate on to the Circuit as this was the only place that the trucks could get onto the grid (there could have been a bit of a problem getting them through the tunnel), there was a full grid of 18 trucks and as they went passed me onto the Circuit I disappeared in a cloud of smoke, in fact had I been a smoker I would have had enough of a fix to last me a fortnight, for safety's sake no posts are manned during the Truck racing just as well as in the first practice one went straight on at Druids through the gravel and flattening two layers of Armco which took about 40min to rebuild and in the last race one spun hit the Armco broadside on and wrecked about 40yds of Barrier and Tyre wall but they then had the rest of the week to sort that out. I only had to call for the Safety Car once but apart from two races over the weekend it was required at the rest, I met lots of friends I hadn't seen since Zandvoort, UAE and France as well as Circuits in this country, if I had to moan at all it would be at Andy who was Safety Car/Truck Observer, he gets a big Scania and a BMW M3!! Tony and I get Fiat 500s??. All in all though a very good meeting even if I don't get to go back there until 2038?.

Christmas Quiz Answers

- 1 26th December
- 2 Jacob Marley
- 3 Holiday Inn
- 4 Norway
- 5 Ladies dancing
- 6 Comet, Cupid, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Donner, Blitzen (or Dunder and Blixem). The poem is alternatively titled A Visit from St Nicholas. 'Twas the night Before Christmas' is the first line. The poem was first published anonymously in 1923 and is commonly attributed to Clement Clarke Moore, although some believe Henry Livingston was the true author. Rudolph was created later in 1939 by copywriter Robert May for the Montgomery Ward department store chain, as the main character in a free Christmas promotional story, which extended the 1923 poem, and was subsequently turned into the popular song Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. Incidentally Donner and Blitzen mean Thunder and Lightning in German.
- 7 God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
- 8 The Nightmare before Christmas
- 9 White
- 10 Clarence (Oodbody)
- 11 Balthasar, Melchior, Caspar (or Gaspar) - (Interestingly the Bible does not state their names, nor even the number of wise men: "...there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem... and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh..." from Matthew 2:1 and 2:11.)
- 12 Hogmanay
- 13 Christmas cracker
- 14 1984
- 15 Turkey
- 16 Dr Seuss
- 17 Mexico
- 18 Robert Burns
- 19 Six
- 20 Panettone



I stayed on at Andy's for a couple of extra days as I wanted to go to Brooklands for a look around, well worth doing as it is a very good museum with cars, bikes and aircraft including the Wellington Bomber they salvaged from Loch Ness which is now almost complete as well as aircraft engines etc, I also went down to the Sammy Miller Motorcycle Museum where there are some 400 exhibits almost all of which have been fully restored, I hadn't realised how many British Manufacturers were developing 3 and 4cyl bikes even older makes like Scott and Villiers as well as BSA and Triumph's, there was also a 5cyl Rotary Piston engine machine from America thought to have been used in Board Racing??.

I also found this Morris Minor which was obviously designed before they thought of putting an "A" Series engine in to it??, it may well of made a bit of a difference to they way we now use Motorways



Marshalling Matters

As we move into 2011 I will be handing over all the Chief Marshal administration to Dave Lea, the contact for general marshal enquiries such as grading or registration enquiries will still be Bob Wright, for event queries you should contact Dave Lea.

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Marshals Training Day 2011

This years date is the 20th February at Croft Circuit

Sessions will be held for all levels of expertise and as usual refreshments will be provided including lunch, all free of charge.

Whilst we get a good turn out we also see the same people every year and a number of people we don't see at all, go on make a change and come along, you never know you might just learn something you did not know or even pass something on that others might like to learn.

Please complete the enclosed form and return to;

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Pie chart (my life)



As age takes it's toll I thought I would work out where time went. I think I may have the onset of craft.

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Club Charity Fund

From the beginning of this year the club will set aside 10% of the profits made at events along with any funds raised from raffles and such like, these funds will be used to support local charities and good causes.
 We need the help of the membership to find causes to support.
 So if you have any ideas please get in touch and we will consider all nominations please remember that donations will normally be to a maximum of £250.



Trials News

Club Trial Round 7	31st Oct	Woodyard
Club Trial Round 8	21st Nov	Fremington Edge

Championship Round entry fee is £12.00 for members, and £15.00 for non-members, to qualify for points you must be a member on or before the date of an individual round you cannot score points in rounds ridden before joining.

TO QUALIFY FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP 5 OUT OF 8 ROUNDS MUST BE RIDDEN.

PLEASE NOTE THE KEITH BURNICLE MEMORIAL TRIAL ON THE 12th SEPTEMBER IS NOT A CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND.



Marshals Regalia

Anyone requiring overalls etc see Paul Griffin at any race meeting where supplies will be available, or if you have any queries e.g. sizes, or availability then I can be contacted on 07882340567 or via e-mail

secretary@darlington-motor-club.org.uk

Why not have your items personalised, for a small charge you can have your name embroidered onto your overalls.



Club Nights

DDMC club nights are held on the second Friday of every month at the Copper Beech Nesham Road in Darlington why not come along and join us



And then the fight started

It all began with an iPhone.....
March was when my son celebrated his 15th birthday, and I got him an iPhone. He just loved it. Who wouldn't?



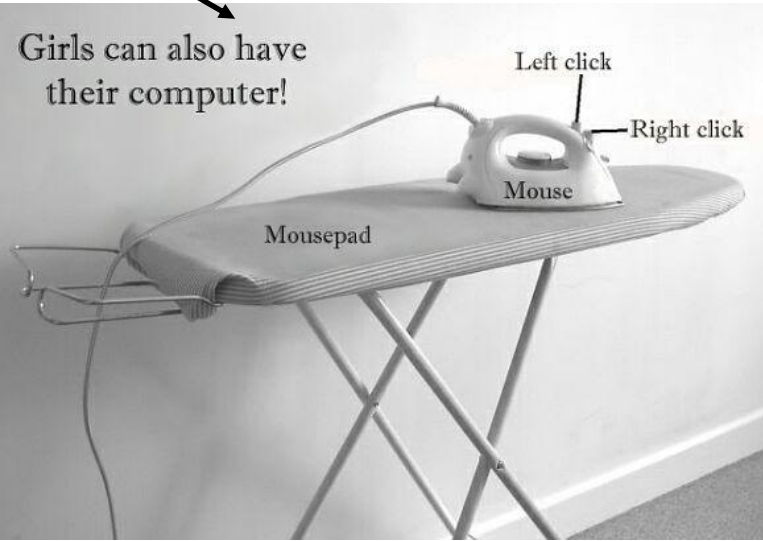
I celebrated my birthday in July, and my wife made me very happy when she bought me an iPad.



My daughter's birthday was in August so I got her an iPod Touch.



September came by so for her birthday I got my wife an iRon.



Girls can also have their computer!

What the wife failed to recognise is that the iRon can be integrated into the home network with the iWash, iCook and iClean. This inevitably activates the iNag reminder service



Caption Competition



A bit of fun, no prizes but we will print a selection of replies to the 3 photo's.

To have your answers printed send them to news@darlington-motor-club.org.uk

And keep them clean. You don't need to do all 3 just mark your answers as follows

1 Marshals

2 Trains

3 Plane

