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# Plymouth Motor Club Diary 2018

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| **March 2018** | | |
| 30th | | Austin 12 Car Rally<br>(Organiser Mr Kevin Moyses 0780079373)<br>Start Hunting Lodge Ivybridge |
| **April 2018** | | |
| 1st | | South Hams Charity Autotest<br>(Venue Morrisons Plymstock) |
| 3rd | | Committee Meeting |
| 13th | | Comus Cup<br>( Start Shaugh Bridge contact Chris Pearce on 01752 269232 to confirm entry ) |
| 27th | | Barton 12 Car Rally (Organiser Darren Stevens) |
| | | |
| **Werrington Park Hillclimb 5th/6th May 2018** | | |

# Series Dates 2018

**Scatters:**

9th February,
9th March,
8th June,
12th October,
9th November.

**12 Car Dates:**

30th March,
27th April,
25th May,
29th June,
27th July,
28th September,
26th October,
30th November.

**Comus Cup:**

13th April,
11th May,
13th July,
19th August,
14th September.

# Editorial

Another interesting month has gone by with another round of snow but now the clocks have gone forward lets all cross our fingers that the weather is on the up.

Having attended the first Treloy Sprint of the season yesterday on a sunny Sunday it was nice to catch up with lots of people who have been hibernating over the cold and what seems to be extremely long winter we've had this year.

The cars all looked fresh and ready for an exciting and challenging season that lies ahead of them for this year.

Now that the season is underway it means that competitors will be twiddling their thumbs on a Saturday evening during events which in my opinion would be the perfect time to recap on that days motorsport for this very magazine. And if your staying over on Sunday night even better because that means you can finish it off before you even get back home.

Until Next Month, Good Bye. ***Rob Selley***

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# Chairman's Chat

Here we are and another month! I will apologise for it being a little short this month We have moved house so a few days without internet, everything in boxes etc etc etc.

We had our AGM on 16th March, well done to all who have been re-elected. A big thank you to those who have "retired" either posts or from committee in general, for all their hard work and support for the club. Which brings me quite nicely to..... we have spaces on the committee for YOU to fill. This is YOUR club so why not help out on the committee and help run it! If you want any details then please contact either myself or a committee member.

The Motorsport News has written a fantastic article about the Watergate Bay Hillclimb which we are co-organisers in. This following on from the MSA announcement of the permit and front page of the MSA Extra magazine. The profile of the event is definitely being raised!

The 12 car series for 2018 is being headed by Kev Moyses as point of contact and his role will be a "competing co-ordinator" so Kev will oversee after most parts of event planning however the route and navigation will be submitted to and checked another body/s, so Kev can still compete without any conflict of interest or unfair advantage.

Werrington is nearly upon us so don't forget to volunteer to help set up and pack away, many hands make light work! And telehandler and driver (yes we have one again this year) makes even lighter work!!!! But we still need people to help.

Apologies it hasn't been a fuller production this time but there will be more next month.

Don't forget if you need or would like to talk to me, for either PMC business or something you'd like raised at our regional association (ASWMC) please don't hesitate to contact me email is: chairman@plymouthmotorclub.co.uk or 07867 86094 is my mobile number.

**Jay Brown**
**Chairman**

# Competitions Update – March 2018

Let's start at the top again this month – Werrington. We now have a track licence & permit and, at the time of writing, we hope to open entries in a few days. By the time that you read this I'm hoping that we will be full & entries will be closed. An optimist – that's me! I don't know why I'm an optimist after last Saturday when only a small handful of people turned up to help with jobs in the storage barn. Many thanks to those who did turn up and to those who contacted me to say that they couldn't be there. The optimist in me says that those who weren't there last Saturday will be turning up in force on Friday 4th May to help set up the venue for our weekend of hillclimbing…

We (Chief Marshal Jay that is!) are also seeking marshals for the weekend. They tell me that we didn't have an over-abundance of marshals last year – the first time for some while – so Jay is making every effort to ensure that isn't the case this year, aren't you Jay! Those who marshal on Saturday are entitled to a free barbeque on Saturday evening, this year orchestrated by Liz in the absence of Psycho – in addition to free lunch and lots of giveaways, goodies and sweets. Please do come along & help, it's more like a rest cure than hard work and, often, a good laugh too.

The 12 car series starts on Friday 30th March (Good Friday) with the Austin Cup at the Hunting Lodge from 07:30. Following that we have something new for 2018. In an attempt to breathe new life into our social evenings, we are holding them at the finish venue of either the scatter or, in this case, Comus treasure hunt each month so that there's a welcoming crowd when the competitors return from their endeavours and a rent-a-mob when the results are announced. As I don't know the finish venue of the Comus treasure hunt I can't give you the complete picture but the

details will be on James' RSS a-like newsfeed on the Club website for sure.

More news next month.

**Peter Locke**

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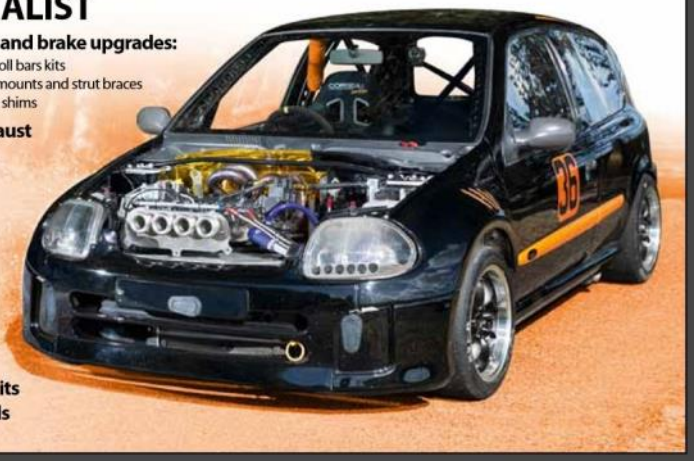

# March Scatter Rally

The second round of the Scatter Rally series took place on a rather wet and windy Friday evening. It was organised by Simon Heywood with a little help from Darren Stevens. 5 crews meet at The Oak in South Brent to be given our instructions for the evening which was go out under the cover of darkness and to search out Britain's most wanted persons.

Having preformed the usual pre-event paperwork Simon gave us a list of 20 points to visit. Having plotted them it was then out into the dark to hunt the number plates.
My first stop was at Marley Head, I arrived just in time to see Joan and Isobel Golightly getting back in to their car and disappearing off into the distance.
From there I went off towards Shorter Cross where I quickly found the next one, just as I had found it another Crew, Rick Cox and Simon Russell, appeared. I then set off in the direction they had come from but it took me several trips up and down the road till I got the next one. I then decided to look for one near Berrystone rock. It was a very interesting drive there having to traverse 3 deeply flooded sections of road. Just as I arrived a car came in the other direction- it was Rick and Simon again, they were not sure where they were so where pleased when I pointed out to them that we needed to look for a most wanted here.

Having found this one we then set off in different directions again, I headed up to Yeo Bridge but got lost and ended back at Stoney cross again! Having worked out where I had gone wrong I got to the next point and as I was looking I was joined by Lucy Wilson and Andy Hamlyn. Neither of us had any luck here so we moved on again, this time I headed off towards Totnes and Windmill Down, I had just found the plate by leaning over a fence and I had both feet in the air and I was trying to get back on terra forma when Lucy and Andy arrived and spotted where I had found the plate on the back of the fence post.

I then headed down towards Harbertonford and on to Gara bridge picking up a couple more plates and more most wanted's on the way.

From Gara Bridge I headed up to Blackdown Rings and another plate and another most wanted.
These are all roads that I know from many years of Navigating on 12 cars in the area but I have rarely driven so it made a change to drive them and not be a passenger.
It was then on to California Cross where I found Rick and Simon again, they kindly gave me the details of the plate hidden here.
Despite it being a week since we had had the snow there where Big Snow drifts on the road from here to Kittaford Cross!
And some very large puddles one of which I hit at speed and I was glad that I was in a big car as the water went over my roof!
By now it was getting time to head back to the finish at Bittaford, but I had time to hunt for two more plates. I arrived at next one just as Rick and Simon left., Having found it there was one more I could go for. Again, on familiar roads but the amount of water on them made driving tricky.
As I was searching for my last plate I could hear a car gunning it down the B3213 towards me. I had just found the plate and was going back to my car when Kevin and Christi arrived, so I had seen everyone who was out in the lanes.
Back at the Pub Simon had the job of working out who had found the most wanted people based on an inverse scoring principle.
It did not take him too long to work out the results which announced in reverse order were: 5th Andy & Lucy with 62 points, 4th Joan & Isobel 108 points, 3rd Kevin & Christ 108 points, but back in time, 2nd James 113 points and 1st Simon & Rick with 115 points.

Thank you to Simon for Organising the Event and to the other crews for turning out, it was nice to see others out on the route.

The next Scatter Rally is on June 8th, I hope to see you there.
***James Ellison***

Scatter Series 2018

| Driver | 9-Feb | | 9-Mar | | 8-Jun | | 12-Oct | | 9-Nov | | Total | Drop | Final | Cham |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Pos. | Score | Pos. | Score | Pos | Score | Pos | Score | Pos | Score | | | | |
| Simon Heywood | 1st | 20 | Org | 19 | | | | | | | 39 | | 39 | 1st |
| James Ellison | Org | 19 | 2nd | 18 | | | | | | | 37 | | 37 | 2nd |
| Joan Golightly | 2nd | 18 | 4th | 14 | | | | | | | 32 | | 32 | 3rd |
| Lucy Wilson | 4th | 14 | 5th | 12 | | | | | | | 26 | | 26 | 4th |
| Rick Cox | | | 1st | 20 | | | | | | | 20 | | 20 | 5th |
| Stephanie Russell | 3rd | 16 | | | | | | | | | 16 | | 16 | 6th= |
| Kevin Moyses | | | 3rd | 16 | | | | | | | 16 | | 16 | 6th= |
| **Navigator** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Simon Russell | 3rd | 16 | 1st | 20 | | | | | | | 36 | | 36 | 1st |
| Isobel Golightly | 2nd | 18 | 3rd | 16 | | | | | | | 34 | | 34 | 2nd |
| Andy Hamlyn | 4th | 14 | 4th | 14 | | | | | | | 28 | | 28 | 3rd |
| Sophie Buckland | 1st | 20 | | | | | | | | | 20 | | 20 | 4th |
| Christi Terry | | | 2nd | 18 | | | | | | | 18 | | 18 | 5th |
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