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Plymouth Motor Club Diary 2020

February 2020		
14th		Valentine Rally Contact Alf Chanter For Entry Start Al's Cafe Thornbury Rd, Plymouth PL6 7PP
27th		12 Car Meeting 7:30pm To discuss rules/regs for this years championship Al's Cafe Thornbury Rd, Plymouth PL6 7PP
March 2020		
6th		AGM 7:30pm for 8:00pm Al's Cafe Thornbury Rd, Plymouth PL6 7PP
13th		Scatter Contact Simon Heywood About Entry More Info Coming Soon
14th		Wheels & Meals 9:00am Al's Café Thornbury Rd, Plymouth PL6 7PP Everyone Welcome, Bring Along Your Classic or Competition Car As Well

Provisional Series Dates 2020

Scatters:	**12 Cars:**	**Autotests:**	**Comus Cup:**
13th March,	27th March,	To	10th April,
12th June,	24th April,	Be	8th May,
9th October,	29th May,	Announced	10th July,
13th November.	26th June,		11th September.
	31st July,		
	25th September,		
	30th October,		
	27th November.		

Editorial

2020, the year of change some may say but the speed that the months fly by definitely haven't. Although being busy with Motor Club events, Car relatedevents amongst other things certainly does help to speed up the passing of those 24 hours in a day.

The first weekend of the year saw me turn 20. I'm getting old now apparently, says the ones who are hitting 60+.

The weekend after was the Autosport Show, we'd never been before but the executive decision was made that it was now or never. We booked tickets for both days so we had plenty of time to look around. And then Motorsport UK decided to spring it upon us that an Electric Vehicle Forum was occurring on the Friday morning, cue getting up at 4 in the morning to get up there in time to have breakfast and attend the Forum. To cut a long story short, after 4 years of trying we finally have some regulations to work towards for next season, so hopefully the Polo will be out in anger next year.

Autosport wise, it was great weekend and nice to see a variety of different machinery as well as companies attending. There was a big Virtual Motorsport presence as well, something that I will hopefully cover in more detail later on in the year.

The weekend after was the Awards Presentation Evening which was a great fun filled evening, with good food and company. Congratulations to those that won awards, I've heard through the grape vine that Nigel Swan is looking for storage for all his. Please enter events this year to stop him doing the same again.

The weekend after was thankfully a free weekend, although clever me decided to go on holiday for it, as the saying goes it really is all or nothing sometimes.

In between these events, the Motor Club Facebook Group has received some new colourful and bold advertising material whilst also releasing a new Plymouth Motor Club Facebook Page which means that posts can now be shared out to Friends and other car enthusiasts to raise the profile of the club and hopefully attract new members to join in with our events or help organise new ones.

The last weekend in January followed the same theme as the rest, busy. Saturday was the first Plymouth Motor Club Wheels & Meals Event at Al's Café designed to bring everyone from not only the motor club but also other car communities together on neutral ground. It was a great turn out and I'm very grateful to everyone that turned up to show there support for a new Plymouth event. Sunday, saw some of our Committee travel up to Exeter for the 2020 Seminar Series which will aid them in the changes that have come in this year and also to make it easier for you as members and volunteers. Overall, it was a really worthwhile day to learn more about the changes and also for me as someone just starting out in the process of running events/organising them.

Bringing us up to date is the second weekend in February, we held another Wheels & Meals event for those that couldn't attend our launch event the previous week and this was also well attended with more competition cars present which was nice to see and something we want more of at future events hopefully. The events are going to be held on the 2nd Saturday of each Month with the next one taking place on 14th March.

Finally, congratulations must also go to Helen Pitt for winning the British Women Racing Drivers' Club Shell Hillclimb Trophy.

Until next Month, Goodbye.

Rob Selley

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2020 – What's not to like?

2020 – what does it hold for you? An increase in Alf's competition licence for sure – he hasn't stopped moaning about it for what seems like months! For your club it means some new opportunities, more of the same stuff and (unless we can fix it) the loss of some events.

Some of the new opportunities are still under wraps at the moment, but the new RS Clubman licence and all that entails presents us with an opportunity to see who is doing what (and how often!!) so that we can better tailor our events to our members. The start of every new year always presents us with the opportunity to adjust our event rules to make our events more enjoyable, with the annual 12 car rally rules forum taking place this year on 27th February at our new meeting place – Al's Café at Estover starting at 19:30 unless Kevin says otherwise on his facebook page.

On the same stuff front, planning for Werrington is progressing – we have a track licence and the permit application will be made soon, while planning is underway for 5 Clubs Wiscombe & Watergate Bay hillclimbs.

The events that are looking "less positive" are the treasure hunt series. I did mention last month that James was relinquishing the scatter rally co-ordinator's role but we have found a replacement coordinator in the form of Simon Heywood for the Scatter Series. We have got a few weeks before we have to make a decision on the first treasure hunt of the year, if you are interested in taking part please contact Chris Pearce (treasurer@plymouthmotorclub.co.uk) and let her know so that we can see how many people are interested.

Lastly, Alf Chanter is organising the Valentine Rally on 14th February. Starting at Al's Café, Estover from 7:30, the event

promises a gentle start to the season for both crews and marshals. Contact Alf at info@achaines.co.uk for more information. Werrington 2020 stickers are now available, email me or call me on 07850 743951 if you would like some.



More news next month ***Peter Locke***



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