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Plymouth Motor Club Diary 2020

March 2020		
6th		AGM 7:30pm for 8:00pm Al's Cafe Thornbury Rd, Plymouth PL6 7PP
13th		Scatter Contact Simon Heywood About Entry Start: Sportsman Inn Exeter Rd, Ivybridge PL21 0BQ
14th		Wheels & Meals 9:00am Al's Café Thornbury Rd, Plymouth PL6 7PP Everyone Welcome, Bring Along Your Classic or Competition Car As Well
27th		Austin Cup Round 1 Heywoods Heating & Plumbing 12 Car Series Organised By Alan Frame Contact Kev Moyses About Entry Or Facebook Event Start: Hunting Lodge Ivybridge PL21 9JN

Werrington Hillclimb 3rd/4th May

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

Another Month, one word to describe it. Coronavirus. Not only has many events around the world been cancelled due to it including the Six Nations Rugby, MotoGP and the Geneva Motorshow which is the biggest event in a car manufacturers calendar.

Talking of Geneva, the cars that have been released so far are not only incredible to look at but technological marvels that push the boundaries of what people once thought we're possible.

I'll start with my current favourite car manufacturer of all, Koenigsegg. Not only have they been producing some extra ordinary machines but they do so without all the glitz and glamour of all the other companies. The first car was a variant of a car that they released at the Geneva motorshow last year, the Jesko Absolut is aiming for a mind blowing 500km/h in a bid to prove once and for all that they are the top speed king.



The other car is a departure from the norm for Koenigsegg, it's a 4 four seater. Not just any 4 seater though, naturally for the manufacturer that produced the worlds first Mega car (Defined as a car that produces 1 Megawatt of power equivalent to 1,341hp) its first array into the 4 seater



market is with a Mega GT. This car, if you can actually call it that produces a mind blowing 1,700hp and an insane 3,500nm of torque. This is achieved through three electric motors that work in tandem with a 2.0L 3 Cylinder petrol engine which produces over 600hp.

Mclaren, my second favourite car manufacturer in the world right now released there third car in the modern Mclaren era to wear the coveted LT nameplate. Welcome, the Mclaren 765LT. It's the car that essentially replaces the 675LT which was and possibly still is the Mclaren to own these days in an affordable (term used loosely here) price bracket. Big shoes to fill then, but on the surface the 765LT seems to be on the right track to it, even if in my mind it loses some of the subtleness that its younger sibling was adored for.



Formula 1 is meant to be kicking off this month as well, with the tests in Barcelona going ahead but the rest of the season up in the air with the aforementioned Coronavirus causing large travel disruptions for teams. The Chinese round has already had to be cancelled and there are talks of others being called off if the infection numbers continue to rise at the current rate.
In my opinion we should just crown Mercedes as Constructors champions now because of there innovative and genius DAS system which allows the toe on the front wheels to be reduced by the driver pulling the steering wheel and associated column towards him which not only gives an aerodynamic advantage on the straights but in theory it should also help cool the tyres as the amount of

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friction on them is considerably reduced. Williams seem to have stepped over there problems with the car seeing lots of track miles and lap times looking promising. Hopefully the year of them being a backmarker team is behind them.

Finally, I competed on my first Stage rally at the weekend with Ben Parker in Pinky the Honda. He gave me my first rally accident, my first rally finish and a surprise to both of us a 3rd overall which means my first rally podium. Alf Chanter was also competing with Simon Heywood navigating, they had they're own accident and issues (read missed split) I'm sure a Novel from Alfie will arrive in my inbox soon. Hint,hint. Mine is currently being written so that should be present in the next mag or the mag after depending on the length.

Until next Month, Goodbye.

Rob Selley

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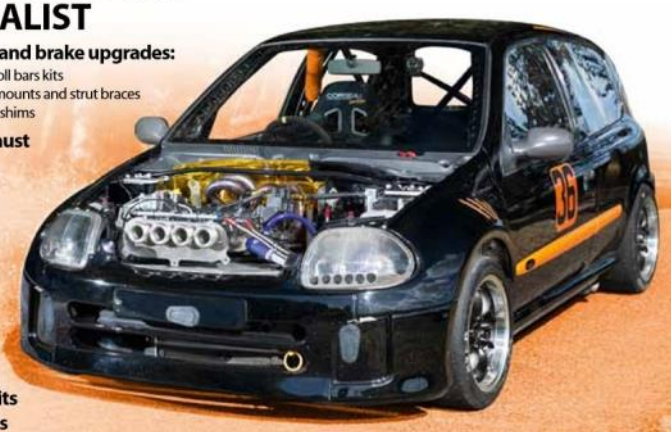

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2020 – Season underway!

The 2020 season has just got underway with the Valentine rally, 7 starters and 6 finishers after a little indiscretion with lots of water on someone's part! However, a good event, and one held in good humour by all involved. I hope Bev is talking to you again now, Brian…

Werrington… It's closer than you think! News alert – PMC gets modern! We will be selling spectator via the website in advance of the meeting this year. Tickets on the day will be £6 for over 14's as usual but you will soon be able to buy them via our website at £5. Thanks to James for his hard work in making this happen. We also hope to get even more up-to-date by being able to take card payments on the gate – watch this space for more news! We have nearly finished the event regs & documentation and we hope that entries will open during the first week of March, please use the online entries system at www.enteronline.org.uk as this is easiest for our Entries Secretary, Chris Pearce. Rich Brooks is on the lookout for more marshals, if you are willing to help please let him know at tiggerpilot@hotmail.co.uk. Keith and I were supposed to be starting the construction of the new paddock entrance road tomorrow but the recent wet weather has put the kybosh on that for now, hopefully we can get it finished before the event – it looks like we are going to need it more than ever. However, spare a thought for those who are going to Shelsley Walsh at the start of the season – the trailer and motorhome field is probably under a foot or more of water as I write this!

Planning has started for this year's Watergate Bay hillclimb too. They are desperately in need of a Chief Marshal at this time. Contact me if you are interested or want to know more.

Last month I mentioned that we were looking to someone to co-ordinate the scatter rally series. Simon Heywood has stepped forward to do this – thanks Simon – so please support him to make this series a big success. 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. Werrington 2020 stickers are available, email me or call me on 07850 743951 if you would like some.



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



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