

South Downs News

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Editor's

Column

Apologies firstly for being early with this the third newsletter but we just had to invite you all to our annual Xmas dinner on the 10th Dec. Menu and details included on the attached sheet.

Its also been a busy time for the SDG with our AGM full details included in this newsletter. I think the next year will be an exciting time

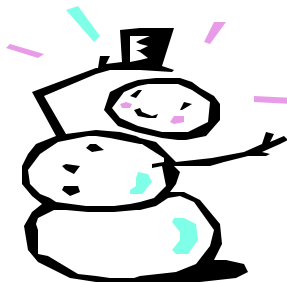
Jane

Worsfold

Our AGM took place at the Royal Oak in Barcombe on the 27th October. Despite the publicity it was generally a poor turnout with only 18 out of 182 members present. Graham Mowbray opened the meeting.

First item on the agenda was group funds. Chris Spear who was our group Treasurer for many years stood down formally at the meeting due to ill health. We wish him well. Our current funds are small and it was felt that we should make better use of the TR registers allocated group allowance trying to avoid subscription costs for the newsletter. Fundraising could be a possibility to raise current balance in the future.

We then had the annual reports from the three other elected members. One of which was the group leaders report which Graham used to announce that he was formally standing down at this meeting. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all our members for thanking Graham for all the hard work he has put into the group, holding it together through the last few years. His successor is Ian May some of whom will remember was the very first group leader SDG had. A small committee made up of 6 members Ralph Haffenden (Treasurer) Graham Mowbray (Deputy Group Leader), Roy Hunnisett, Chris and Jane Worsfold joins him. Ian emphasised that enthusiasm of all members is the key to the success of a local group, with the



Exciting times

committee acting as the nucleus to organise events and maintain interest. We want you all to be involved in the running of your local group and any ideas will be considered by the committee. Just let us know.

Our website is now well on the way to being re-established with the help of another of our willing members Jenny Broome-Smith. So watch this space for details.

Another important change for the New Year, which was decided upon at the AGM, was a change of venue. Following on from our visit we have decided that the **Ansty Cross pub** is not only more central to all our local members but it would also cater for a wide range of activities at future monthly club meetings. You will find details in the next issue of the TR Action and we plan to

move there from our very **first meeting in 2003, Jan 14th.**

With this newsletter you will receive details of our annual Christmas meal (i.e. enclosed green leaflet instructions overleaf) This year we are revisiting one of our old haunts the Five Bells at Chailey. Hope you can join us. If not have a really good Christmas and New Year.

Xmas Dinner
Tuesday 10th Dec 02
7.30pm Five Bells
Chailey

Events Evenings

November 12th

Chris Darwin

Track days

Speaker

December 10th

Xmas Party

See attached sheet

January 14th

TBC

February 11th

TBC

March 11th

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Dates for your diary

May 5th 2003

Bexhill 100

25/26/27 July 2003

International
weekend

10th August 2003

Battle Abbey

25th August 2003

Hellingly Festival of

Transport

Next Newsletter

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Want to compete in a TR

For many years Arthur Massey has been flying the flag for the South Downs group in his TR7 in the various championships, and has won a few trophies in his time too. We want to encourage others in the group who have an interest in competing, but have been too afraid to try. What a better way to start than on a track day at Goodwood. Chris Darwin has organised these events for charity for a number of years and will be speaking to our members at the November meet.

Drivers are able to put their own cars through their paces and give passenger rides. They are not designed as a competitive event, but a chance to enjoy driving the circuit with novices receiving tuition. Passengers can make a donation to experience for themselves the thrill of being driven round the historic motor circuit. Drivers wishing to drive two laps at a moderate speed are able to do so at the start of the morning and afternoon sessions again following a donation. They intend to repeat the day for Combat Stress at Goodwood Motor Circuit on Saturday 29th March 2003. So if you are interested why not pop along to our November meeting to find out more or contact c.darwin@virgin.net.

Another Track day that is taking place solely for novices of TR's, which is being organised by our very own TR register, takes place on the 22nd May 03 at Mallory Park. Tuition will be provided as well as mechanical support to those unfortunate to need them. Look out for further details in the TR Action early next year.



Please find enclosed a menu for our annual Xmas dinner to be held on the 10th of December at the Five Bells.

If you are interested in coming then please phone Graham (numbers in the leaflet) with your menu choice and send a £5 deposit to him by the **22nd of November** to secure your place.



October Quiz Night

Our regular Tuesday meeting involved a quiz during October. It was made up of 5 sections and none were about cars. To the disappointment of some. The different sections included general knowledge, true and false rounds as well as pot luck, TV and sports questions. Some entered as individuals and others were not so brave and entered as a team. Prize money was at stake. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the questions even if some of them were extremely hard. In the end there were two winners with 15 correct answers each; Paul Cannon and Jenny Broome-Smith. We plan to repeat this night in the new year so why don't you join us and test those brain cells. I'll try not to make it so hard next time

Have you got a story to share perhaps a restoration project or an event you've attended or even want to sell something.

Then we loved to hear from you.

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