



chairman's chat

Hello again to everyone. Hope that the cold weather isn't getting everybody too down, not long until the light evenings are with us again.

As you will be aware, we are holding this years regional day at Lulworth Castle on Sunday 11th June. The venue looks superb and we are hoping to make a good impression from the outset so that the venue will become a top fixture on the RS show scene. Details on the event have been finalised recently and you will be informed of these very soon.

I'm sure that on the day everyone will 'muck in' again and do their bit to make it a success. Meanwhile, if anyone has any ideas for the show feel free to contact us.

I are glad to say that the website is now up and running. There are still a few tweaks to be made to the gallery sections which are planned for completion this month. The events page is up with dates and info of shows over the next couple of months. Karen is 'at the ready' to take orders for tickets. This year a lot more groups are asking for payment up front. No ticket?... no entry! It may seem a little draconian, but clubs no longer wish to foot the bill for 'no shows' Fair enough I think.

So, if you wish to attend any show this year please contact Karen so she can book the spaces for the Dorset group well beforehand. Letting her know as soon as possible will be great, We would like to request that all tickets requested be pay in full at the 'club meeting' one whole calendar month before the event.

Wishing you all the best for the summer ahead.

CheeRS, Tristan



This Month

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22	Performance Car Action Day (track)	Castle Combe
23	Central RSOC Regional Day	Santa Pod

Ed's chat

Hi all. Lets hope that this summer is as dry as they say its going to be and we can all enjoy some great days out.

We are going to make the new look newsletter every month over the summer months, to keep you more up to date with the group starting from May through to September. Most of the chat will be available on the website also.

As for the Dorset show in June, we have already had great interest and some confirmed bookings for the event. The show will be a static display for this first year, with other RS groups that wish to attend along with a host of visiting car clubs. On this note, can we please ask that if you know of any that would be interested in attending to contact them... more the merrier!

The entry fee for visitors will be £7 per car. This will get you access to the show, castle and the grounds. Refreshments are at Lulworth's own café, although picnics etc are allowed in the grounds.

The Lulworth team seem very 'up' for the event and have been very accommodating with our wishes, so I hope we can repay their faith in us and put on a great show

The theme for the show will be motorsport related and hopefully a 30th anniversary display of the mk2 escort...(that we all love)!!!! Again, if any one knows of this type of car then tell them of a great day out on the sunshine coast.

The posters and flyers for the show are being printed soon and everyone will have a few copies to distribute in their local areas.

On-the-day admission will be allowed with the 'gates' permission. We're planning to send a simple flyer to the local groups, entitling them to 'fast-track' admission and parking.

Just cleared with Lulworth... family and friends will be able to get in with a 'flyer' and only pay for the car and not for each person as the general public will have to.

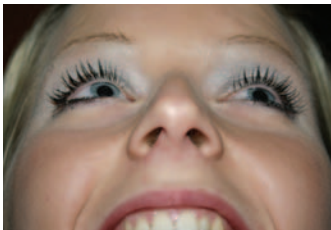
Just going back to the website, remember that if you would like your car in a show or members gallery please email to Kevin or myself the pictures

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Graeme



Rallye Sunseeker Feature Article



The winter has been a bit quiet as we all know. The only bright spark in the gloom was the Xmas meal and the recent RallyeSunseeker around the forests of Ringwood and Wareham. It was bitterly cold on the Friday evening bash through the lower gardens, but was much more pleasant the following day. Some good stages in the morning and afternoon, in glorious sunshine, gave the 21st running of the event a finish to remember with Craig Middleton's Hyundai winning in front of Steve Perez's Ford Focus.



Club News

Most of the show details will be with you very soon. But for advertising the group and the show Graeme is looking into a feature with the Echo wheels magazine nearer the event. It would be nice if we could have a 'mass' gathering for a photo shoot. Details, again, as soon as we know when

The club are purchasing a new 'feather light' gazebo for regional shows and is also looking for a new display banner. The old ones have certainly seen better days and we will try and get them ordered asap.

Merchandise will soon be on the website too. The photography is being done as soon as we've washed and ironed John's concourse example!!! The RS club also replicates any design you require on any item of clothing you wish. Again, Karen has been the only one to take the plunge with her beloved fleecy (and I don't mean her hubby!!) and the result is superb.

An intrepid gang of members are trying their hands at two very different disciplines soon. Karting and a rolling road shootout with the IOW group will be the first events of the year, along with the season opener at Santa Pod in April.

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