

# SCCON Spotlight

The Newsletter of the Sporting Car Club of Norfolk

May 2015

SPORTING CAR CLUB OF NORFOLK

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

WITH

PRIZE GIVING

SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015

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7.00pm for 7.30pm, Carriages at 12.00

£30 per person

3 Courses, Coffee & Disco

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## Downloads available:

(via website or contact David Bell for a paper copy)

[AGM Notice](#)

[Dinner Dance  
Booking Form](#)

[Midsummer Classic  
Regs & Entry Form](#)

# Norwich Forum Display

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2015

# The Latest ...

## Social Events

Howard – Social Secretary:

Phone Howard on 07917 060052 if you have any ideas or venues for social events

## Club Nights

Do not forget that current club nights (unless stated in these newsletters) are at the **White Horse**

Please join us at the White Horse on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May** for the AGM

## Diary Dates

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May  
Management Meeting

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May  
AGM at the White Horse,  
Trowse

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May  
Annual Dinner Dance & Prize  
Giving at the Old Rectory Hotel,  
Crostwick

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Wethersfield AutoSOLO**  
**West Suffolk Motor Club**  
**AMSC AutoSOLO**  
**Challenge Round 1**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May  
Norwich Forum Display

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Management Meeting

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June  
Club night at the White Horse,  
Trowse

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June  
East Anglian Classic  
Elsenham

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June  
Midsummer Vintage  
& Classic Car Run  
Watton

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June  
Wonderful Watton

## Marshalling

Marshal Points:

Have you been out marshalling on any club or invited events?? Then you need to claim your Championship points by contacting Maggy Bateman.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May  
Middlewick Stages  
MOD Woodbridge  
Green Belt Motor Club  
Wickford Auto Club

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May  
Wethersfield AutoSOLO  
RAF Wethersfield  
West Suffolk Motor Club

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[White Horse, Trowse NR14 8ST](#)



| 2015 Dates                          | Event                               | Champ.   | Contact(s)                |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------|
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> January    | New Year Treasure Hunt              | Clubmans | Julian & Sara Riley       |
| Thursday 15 <sup>h</sup> January    | Club night                          |          |                           |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January     | 12 Car                              | 12 Car   | Jonathan Stimpson         |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> February  | Club night                          |          |                           |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February    | 12 Car                              | 12 Car   | Mark & Lorraine Annison   |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March       | March Hare                          |          | David Bell                |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March     | Club night                          |          |                           |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March       | 12 Car                              | 12 Car   | David Bell                |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April     | Club night                          |          |                           |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May       | AGM                                 |          | David Leckie              |
| Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May       | Dinner Dance                        |          | Lorraine Annison          |
| Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> May       | Norwich Forum                       |          | David Leckie              |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June      | Club night                          |          |                           |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June        | Midsummer Vintage & Classic Car Run |          | Martin & Christine Newson |
| Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June        | AutoSOLO                            | Clubmans | Martin Newson             |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July      | Club night                          |          |                           |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> August    | Club night                          |          |                           |
| Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> September    | AutoSOLO                            | Clubmans | Martin Newson             |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September | Club night                          |          |                           |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September   | 12 Car                              | 12 Car   |                           |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October   | Club night                          |          |                           |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October     | 12 Car                              | 12 Car   |                           |
| Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> November    | Car Trial                           | Clubmans | David Leckie              |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November  | Club night                          |          |                           |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November    | 12 Car                              | 12 Car   |                           |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December  | Club night                          |          |                           |

## Editorial Chair

Martin Newson

## Chairman's Reporting May 2015

You might have noticed the club's newsletters are coming thick and fast, this is for two reasons. The first one we started to get later in the month by the time I had my bit ready for Dave Bell to draw together to make the newsletter ready for me to print. Secondly (and Main reason) I /we are trying to encourage you the club members to come out and support your club on events we organise for you.

I know that we all have commitments to do other things during our weekends off work but it would be nice if you could come along and support your management team at the events listed below without your support we will not remain as one of the leading car clubs in the area. So if you all could please turn out for the AGM, Dinner and Prize Giving, The Forum Gathering, Classic Car Run and Autosolo that would be great and I will not be able to worry about a thing.



*"When  
Reliability  
Matters"*

Norfolk Classic and Sportscars was born from a lifelong passion for motorsports and classic cars, and was established with the aim of providing a reliable and complete service for classic and sports cars, including on event servicing for motorsport events, as well as general servicing, repairs and rally preparation work.

The founder of the company, Robert Kitchen, has been providing on event support for the Endurance/Classic Rally Association since 2000, and has worked on most of their long distance endurance events over the last 11 years. Therefore Norfolk Classic and Sportscars is ideally placed to prepare vehicles for this type of event, as Robert has travelled many of the routes and experienced first-hand the kind of problems encountered by classic vehicles on these types of event.

The company also carries out restoration work, with workmanship undertaken to a meticulous standard. You can see examples of previous commissions in the Projects section. We are always happy to discuss your individual requirements, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

This is a small selection of the events that Robert has provided mechanical support on:



Well it is here May 2015 quite a busy month for us this year

**14<sup>th</sup> May SCoN Annual General Meeting. White Horse PH, Trowse, Norwich**

This is the car club's business meeting where you can air your views about the current state of the club and motorsport in general. If it is the details of the club business you want to discuss please let Dave Leckie know if it is general things about motorsport there will be a discussion after the

main meeting. Dave Leckie, 296 Holt Road, Horsford NR10 3EG [dleckie@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:dleckie@tiscali.co.uk)

### 16<sup>th</sup> May Prize Giving Dinner

We have the Prize Giving Dinner on May 16<sup>th</sup>, have you won an award in the 2014 season or for the 2014/15 twelve car series? Please make an effort to come to this event we need your support to make this another event to remember. You will find another entry form in this newsletter fill it out now and if possible phone / email Lorraine Annison and tell her you are coming we need at least 45 entries to this

### 16<sup>th</sup> May (Afternoon) RACE FOR LIFE

Is a fund raising event held throughout the country during the year, and this year it is being held at the

Royal Show Ground just outside Norwich this May. Christine Newson, Maggy Bateman and Suzanne Newson have been taking part on the fund raising day for the last three years or so. They will be entering again this year, will you? They would like you to join them this year and enter a team from the Sporting Car Club of Norwich to raise money for cancer research. We have a just giving page on the Race for Life website Check with Maggy for details for you to make a donation. The "RACE" is not really a race, you can walk, jog, or run the 5 or 10 kilometre route.

Do you think you are up to the challenge? If you do please contact to register your interest in joining the team with

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## 30<sup>th</sup> May Display outside the Forum Norwich.

**Have you signed up yet to be part of the SCCON team at the Forum? We need as much help as possible to put a good show on to bring the public up to date with motorsport in this our 64<sup>th</sup> year. We need your cars and your bodies to man the stand during the day, advising the public you don't need to spend a fortune to get into our chosen sport/hobby.**

Please step forward and contact one of the management team or Dave Leckie

## 21<sup>st</sup> June Watton High Street.

**For SCCON this is the "big event" for this year, we need all of your support this year as the Eastern Daily Press will be joining**



### Automotive Performance Tuning

APT began in 2004, when Gary Hayward identified a demand for a knowledgeable specialist in the tuning and maintenance of Japanese performance vehicles in the Norfolk area.

Having completed training and with several years experience working with vehicles in a main-dealer environment and more recently managing the workshop for another local specialist tuning company, Gary decided to adopt a more dedicated approach. What followed was to become not only a success in the Norfolk area, but a Nationally recognised company with customers travelling often hundreds of miles, in fact our customer base now stretches into Europe too. Our existing customers seem to appreciate our honest and informative approach, along with our 'small company' attitude.

Our facility, based just outside Norwich is equipped with the latest equipment to allow us to carry out tuning of performance cars to a very high standard and taking into account the customers budget.

We have the ability to map most of the major aftermarket management systems, including MoTeC, Apexi, Autronic, HKS and are agents for the **EcuTeK** remapping system for Mitsubishi Evo vehicles.

Gary is proud to have been involved with various projects over the years, including customers such as RosSPORT and Mosler Europe, for whom we have mapped several of their road and race cars.

Additionally to this, we are also equipped to carry out tuning to modern Petrol and Diesel road-cars. Healthy power gains are available by optimising the vehicles operating parameters, but more significantly, fuel economy can be improved on Turbo-Diesel applications. Please click the Evolution Chips logo on the left for more information about this great service.

Our own Mitsubishi Evo 7 has continued to evolve and has become widely regarded as one of the leading Evo vehicles in the country. It provides a useful test-bed for new innovations and can be seen at various MLR events across the country. It features an APT-built 2.3 stroked engine, RosSPORT Garrett T04Z turbo, Drenth Sequential transmission and aggressive body-styling. It produces in excess of 700bhp and now also includes a NOS system. Look out for it at a trackday near you!!

**Rob Kitchen from Norfolk Classic and Sports Cars in supporting this event this year. We expect that because of the publicity generated there will be even more public in the High Street (and there were over four thousand during the day last year). This year we are planning to have some remote parking areas which are quite close to the town, but there is one on the old Watton airfield there will be the opportunity to have a ride in to town in a vintage coach and while you wait watch an Autosolo demonstration and even have a ride in one of the cars. So please come along to help and join in the fun, as a marshal you will be given breakfast vouchers.**

**28<sup>th</sup> June - Autosolo, our first go at organising an autosolo for a few years on a new venue details will be in the June newsletter and web pages very soon.**

**Events from other car clubs in the area:**

### **10<sup>th</sup> May - South Suffolk Classic Run**

This year there will be a choice of two routes and only one intermediate control. The shorter route encompasses 65 miles, the longer route 110 miles - the last 30 miles are common to both routes. The shorter route will give you more time at the South Suffolk Show. The longer route will give you a drive through some of the very pretty parts of the East of the county as far as the coast, returning to join the short route before the intermediate control. The time schedule will be flexible enough for participants to decide for themselves whether they wish to take their time and enjoy the facilities of the checkpoints or motor on and get to the Show in time for more of the attractions there.

**10<sup>th</sup> May - Middlewick Stages** will be held at RAF Woodbridge and is being promoted this year by Green Belt Motor Club and Wickford Auto Club. Regulations and Entry Form (Download or On-Line) are now available from the website.

**17<sup>th</sup> May - Autosolo** at Wethersfield run by West Suffolk Motor Club  
Further details to follow on their web pages

**7<sup>th</sup> June - Targa Rally** at RAF Debden run by West Suffolk Motor Club. These events are getting very popular with a full entry on the last one at Wethersfield. Designed for cars up to Road Rally spec as there are no modifications required, for cars to take part. Cars must be taxed, insured, and have an MOT, they should not carry sign writing or have a vertical handbrake fitted so it is standard road cars they are designed for.

### **What have we been up to this month?**

Well as normal we have been quite busy again. I am trying to do some more updates to our rally car as well as meeting regarding motorsport in the region and the things for our club and events in our area.

19<sup>th</sup> April - the Marshal team were out in force at the Targa rally at Wethersfield. The entry for this one was full with 80 starters. As before we were in the bomb dump area, covering the area outside as well as the actual dump. It was a very busy day. Most of the drivers did behave themselves we did not have to run around too much. One driver did manage to hit a cone they were meant to do a 180 and the car ate the cone meaning I did have to run around a little bit. Andy Lawson and Dale were having a good go in their MGZR Enduro prepared car, Dale seemed to be driving very smoothly and quite quickly on the other hand Dad Andy was pushing on and making one or two mistakes in front of us. Geoff Bateman and Rob were also having a good day with the new to him Peugeot 205 GTI completing the day with no car problems

25<sup>th</sup> April - Christine and I drove over to the MIRA car proving and testing site. We were there to help our friends Andy Egger driving his dads Nova and Neil Dodd driving a group N MZGR on the Horiba D'Isis Stages Rally. It was quite a good rally with a full entry. Andy was giving his Dad's (some might know Richard Egger) a real good thrashing, it has not been out for a while so some minor problems did show up. Andy was doing really well and was inside the top 20, enjoying a good run and using the day as a test making changes to the suspension to make the little Nova turn into the corners better. With the car returning to the service area smelling of petrol because of a serious fuel leak in the pressurized fuel rail he had to retire. Neil on the other hand finished despite losing second gear on the last test he finished 41 overall and third in class which is a good result considering his car was properly the car with the least power

### **Motoring News- Lorries**

NEW higher speed limits for Lorries have now been introduced in a move welcomed by truckers but criticised by road safety campaigners.

Under the new regulations, speed limits in England and Wales for heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) over 7.5 tonnes have risen from 40mph to 50mph on single carriageways and from 50mph to 60mph on dual carriageways. The ones overtaking on the A14 were going quicker than this!!!!!!!!!!!!

## Anyone for a V8 haircut?



I spotted this unusual table in a new barber shop that's just opened in Wymondham. A wash, cut and dry will cost you £13.50, or a full chest waxing £16-50..... ouch! See [www. McQueens barbers.co.uk](http://www.McQueensbarbers.co.uk)  
The cylinder block is from a current Jaguar V8 - and no, I couldn't identify it either!

Jimmy

## Plug for the club's regional association



The AEMC website has had a serious makeover and is well worth a look.

Why not register and make use of the Forums to promote your activities as well as the clubs?

 [www.aemc.org.uk](http://www.aemc.org.uk)

Percy



# **Sporting Car Club of Norfolk Limited**

## **Annual General Meeting**

**Thursday 14th May 2015. Commencing at 8:30pm at the The White Horse PH,  
Trowse, Norfolk.**

### **AGENDA**

- 1 Welcome and introduction**
- 2 Apologies for absence**
- 3 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 15th May 2014**
- 4 Chairman's Report – M Newson**
- 5 Competition Secretary's Report – A Lawson**
- 6 Treasurers Financial Report and Presentation of Accounts – L. Wellbelove**
- 7 Re Election of Auditors**
- 8 The Election of Club President and Re Election of Club Vice Presidents**
- 9 Re Election and Election of Members of the Council of Management. In accordance with the Articles of Association all Members of the Council of Management are to retire and are eligible for re election**
- 10 Any other business**

**David Leckie. Company Secretary. Sporting Car Club of Norfolk Limited**



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3 Courses, Coffee & Disco

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Please complete the booking form & return with full payment to:

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Rooms available, contact The Old Rectory direct

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## **SCCON - Back at the Forum**



**2011 was the Sporting Car Club of Norfolk's sixtieth anniversary year and as part of the celebrations we had a great static display of vehicles at the Forum in Norwich and thousands of people saw our cars. We think that it's a great venue and it's the right time to promote SCCON as a club and all aspects of MSA recognised motor sport.**

**So on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May we are planning to assemble another great range of vehicles covering as many aspects of motor sport as possible such as rally cars, race cars and single seaters. The main purpose is to promote SCCON as a club, to attract new members and raise public awareness of motor sport in general.**

**We hope to draw as many vehicles as we can from SCCON members and hope that the owners will be on hand throughout the day to talk to the public about their vehicles and chosen sport.**

**Please make a note in you diaries and if you would like to display your car please contact David Leckie or Martin Newson**

# Marshals Post

*Upcoming club events – Norwich Forum Display, Midsummer Vintage & Classic Car Run*

*Other clubs:*

*Middlewick Stages on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May at MOD Woodbridge (nr Ipswich) organised by Green Belt Motor Club & Wickford Auto Club*

*Wethersfield AutoSOLO on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May at RAF Wethersfield (nr Braintree) organised by West Suffolk Motor Club*

*East Anglian Classic on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June based at Elsenhall Golf Club (nr Bishop’s Stortford) organised by Chelmsford Motor Club*

*Wonderful Watton on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June based in Watton organised by Watton Town Team*

*Further information (if any) available from Maggy Bateman on 01379 783142 – there are also links on the Marshalling page on the club website ([www.scon.co.uk/html/marshalling/marshal.html](http://www.scon.co.uk/html/marshalling/marshal.html)) for any readers that are interested and have internet access*

*There are also links to event sites that may be of interest to club members on the Other Club Dates page on the club website ([www.scon.co.uk/index.html](http://www.scon.co.uk/index.html))*

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| 134  | Norwich & The Broads, Great Yarmouth            | 28/11/12        | D3        |
| <b>143</b>   | <b>Ely &amp; Wisbech, Downham Market</b>        | <b>25/07/14</b> | <b>D2</b> |
| 144  | Thetford & Diss, Breckland & Wymondham          | 07/11/12        | <u>B3</u> |
| 154  | Cambridge & Newmarket, Saffron Walden           | 13/08/12        | <u>D2</u> |
| 155  | Bury St Edmunds, Sudbury & Stowmarket           | 11/11/13        | D3        |
| 156  | Saxmundham, Aldeburgh & Southwold               | 28/05/13        | B3        |

## Anglia Motor Sport Club



### 2015 / 2016 AMSC Trials Challenge



| Round | Date                      | Venue          | Organising Club |
|-------|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1     | 18 <sup>th</sup> October  | Kensworth      | FMC             |
| 2     | 1 <sup>st</sup> November  | Ivinghoe Aston | FMC             |
| 3     | 15 <sup>th</sup> November | Lyng           | SCCoN           |
| 4     | 13 <sup>th</sup> December | Wattisfield    | WSMC            |
| 5     | 1 <sup>st</sup> January   | Seckford       | ECMC            |
| 6     | tbc                       | Harlton        | CCC             |
| 7     | tbc                       | Holbecks       | WSMC            |
| 8     | tbc                       | Wattisfield    | WSMC            |
| 9     | tbc                       | Ivinghoe Aston | FMC             |

### 2015 AMSC AutoSOLO Challenge



| Round | Date                       | Venue        | Organising Club |
|-------|----------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1     | 17 <sup>th</sup> May       | Wethersfield | WSMC            |
| 2     | 28 <sup>th</sup> June      | tbc          | SCCoN           |
| 3     | 19 <sup>th</sup> July      | Woodbridge   | ECMC            |
| 4     | 6 <sup>th</sup> September  | tbc          | SCCoN           |
| 5     | 27 <sup>th</sup> September | Wethersfield | CCC             |
| 6     | 8 <sup>th</sup> November   | Debden       | WSMC            |

### 2015 AMSC Targa Challenge



| Round | Date                      | Venue        | Organising Club |
|-------|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1     | 8 <sup>th</sup> March     | Sculthorpe   | KLDMC           |
| 2     | 19 <sup>th</sup> April    | Wethersfield | CMC             |
| 3     | 7 <sup>th</sup> June      | Debden       | WSMC            |
| 4     | 5 <sup>th</sup> July      | Wethersfield | CMC             |
| 5     | 5 <sup>th</sup> September | Debden       | WAC             |
| 6     | 15 <sup>th</sup> November | Woodbridge   | CMC             |

**CCC** Cambridge Car Club **CMC** (Chelmsford Motor Club) **ECMC** Eastern Counties Motor Club  
**KLDMC** (King's Lynn & District Motor Club)  
**SCCoN** Sporting Car Club of Norfolk **WAC** (Wickford Auto Club) **WSMC** (West Suffolk Motor Club)



***The Classic Run of Choice - For ALL the Family***

- Distance: **Choice of Short route 65 miles or Longer route 110 miles**
- Venues: **Stonham Barns - (places of interest on longer route) - Norfolk Tank Museum**
- Finish: **The Grand Ring at the South Suffolk Show**

This year the event start is at Stonham Barns Leisure & Retail Park. Cars will leave the start from 9:00am, taking either the shorter or longer route to the days checkpoint. The shorter route starts with 35 beautiful countryside miles and is aimed at giving you more time at the South Suffolk Show. The longer route will give you a drive through some of the very pretty parts of the East of the county as far as the coast, it returns after



80 miles to join the short route at the checkpoint below. The days only checkpoint is at the Norfolk Tank Museum. The museum has many excellent restored and working tanks



and armoured vehicles as well as good collection of period small arms. On the day the museum café will be open serving hot dogs and burgers as well as drinks. After leaving the tank museum the participants will travel another 30 spectacular miles before arriving at the South Suffolk Show at Ampton, near Bury St Edmunds. This year we will be joined by a static display of classic cars. For more information please refer to our website [www.southsuffolkclassic.co.uk](http://www.southsuffolkclassic.co.uk) or contact Tony via email [tony.burchnell@gmail.com](mailto:tony.burchnell@gmail.com) or call 01473 652262.



## Lancia Delta HF4WD – D57 GAS

I first came across this Lancia Delta when spectating on AEMC stage rallies in the early 1990s. At that time I was a bit of an Italian car nut, specifically the Delta, in my time owning a 1600 GTie and 3 HF Turbos. The HF4WD was a rare model even then. It was only produced for around a year before the lack of wheel arch space preventing the fitment of 8J wheels (maximum then allowed under Group A rules) and a few other shortcomings prompted the quick development of the HF integrale with, amongst other upgrades, flared arches and increased engine bay cooling.

However, as a Delta fan I was amazed by this car, I so wished it was mine but knew I could never afford it! So my friends and I went to various events at places like Snetterton and Watton to watch the events and see how the crew got on. In time I stopped seeing the car out on the rallies, and I had started competing myself but always wondered what had happened to it.



Fast-forward to 2011 and I had a mk.5 Escort RS2000 16v rally car and it happened that a fellow owner was a contributor to TrackDriver magazine. He was the owner of an RS2000 originally built in the 1990s by Gordon Spooner & Mountune (like the factory F2 cars) but then finished off and given away in a competition by Max Power magazine. He linked an e-copy of TrackDriver with an article about his car in on the RS2000 16v owners' website and while looking through the other pages came across an article from another contributor, the Lancia's owner's son, about D57GAS. There was some of its history and then saw it had been in storage from 1996 until 2011. I then read that it was taken out of storage and displayed at the Essen Motor Show in a display covering 100 years of the Monte Carlo Rally, so a little internet research brought up no end of pictures. I couldn't believe seeing the car again; it looked just as I remembered it.

At that time I was just pleased to know the car was still around, given it being a rally car and the corrosion issues Lancias can suffer with. But I never imagined what was about to occur!

A couple of months after reading about it I got a 'phone call from a friend of mine who works at Omicron Engineering in Mulbarton, a firm specialising in pre-Fiat era Lancias. The owner of the Delta dealt with Omicron for his other Italian cars and had had them re-fettle the Delta back into road worthy condition and put it up for sale. My friend remembered how much I had loved this car and had owned the other Deltas and said I would be the

right person to buy it. I told him I had no space and no money for another car unless I could sell the Escort – which he said I should do!

Luckily another friend of mine was keen to have the Escort so I arranged a visit to see the Delta, which of course was just brilliant as it felt like seeing an old friend. We went for a spin in it & I knew I had to try and secure it. Thankfully the owner knew of my previous history with it and wanted to help me buy it so we struck a suitable deal which allowed me the time to sell the Escort.

I got in touch with Andy Manston (M&H Photography) and MAD videos and got some pictures from the 1990s events Andy covered & a DVD of the 1994 Watton Stages.

After buying the car I did suffer with quite a few breakdowns, something I also remembered from previous Lancia ownership! Some of them were quite a challenge like the fuel tank & system becoming full of sludge and the head gasket failing, however perseverance paid off and we worked through a list of replacement parts and upgrades to allow the car to compete again. The original seats and harness belts were sold and new dated ones fitted, a new sump guard installed, new extinguishers fitted as it still had the Halon system and so on. With the installation of a new 34mm turbo restrictor we got the new MSA logbook and were ready to go.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2015 we competed in the Cadman Construction Woodbridge Stages, the first event for me since selling the Escort, my navigator's first ever event and the first for the car since the mid-1990s. I was a little nervous having never had a turbo 4WD LHD car and still not being quite able to believe I was in this particular car. However she ran perfectly all day and we had no problems though we did take it reasonably steady, there were plenty of retirements but thankfully we were ok! We were seeded 44th out of 54 entries (though ran as car 46 as not all the numbers were assigned) and we finished 22nd overall and 8 out of 10 in the 4WD class. On the last couple of stages we were about 20<sup>th</sup> overall so I feel it bodes well for future events where we should be able to up the pace a bit.

It really was a great day (except for the weather - but 4WD helps in the wet) and she was a joy to drive. I can't wait for the next event!





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