



# ALLSORTS MOTOR CLUB

Newsletter June 2017

**NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**May at The Cricketers,  
Alresford**

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## **NEWSLETTER.**

### **The UK's new speeding fines explained.**

Speeding fines to increase Fines for the most serious speeding offences are set to rise in order to better reflect the gravity with which the courts view them. Currently the minimum penalty you can expect to receive for speeding is a £100 fine and 3 penalty points added to your licence, but from April 24, 2017, magistrates in England and Wales are being directed to apply a Band C speeding fine for the most serious offenders. What does that mean if I'm caught speeding? Band C speeding fine.

A Band C speeding fine means that anyone speeding at 51mph or above in a 30mph limit - for example - faces a fine equivalent to 150% of their weekly income, and 6 penalty points on their driving licence, or disqualification from driving for up to 56 days. If you're disqualified for 56 days or more you must apply for a new licence before you're able to start driving again. For anyone earning £25,000 a year, a speeding fine equivalent to 150% of their weekly income means handing over a minimum of £720 - no small amount.

Band B speeding fine. You might receive a Band B speeding fine for doing between 41-50mph, in which case you'd face a fine equivalent to 100% of your weekly income (£480), and 4 penalty points on your driving licence, or disqualification from driving for up to 28 days..

Band A speeding fine. A Band A speeding fine would be appropriate if you are caught speeding between 31-40 in a 30mph zone, and you can expect to receive a fine equivalent to 50% of your weekly income (£240), and 3 penalty points on your driving licence.

By way of comparison, the average speeding fine handed out in 2015 was just £188.

Disqualification from driving vs penalty points If you get caught driving at a speed that will land you with a Band B or C speeding fine, the magistrates may believe your speeding is too serious for penalty points. In this case, you may be disqualified from driving for a period of time instead of being given penalty points. You might wonder if you're better off being disqualified from driving for a short time, rather than taking the 6 penalty points on your licence - especially if you've already racked up a handful of points with previous motoring offences. In some instances you'd be right, especially if the addition of 6 penalty points would take you over the 12 point limit, as this would attract a six month driving ban rather than up to 56 days. However, magistrates are aware of this potential 'loophole', so odds are that they would be reluctant to ban you for a short time in lieu of penalty points, especially if

you have been consistently driving at dangerously high speeds. If this is the case, perhaps you should be asking yourself exactly why it's so important for you to get where you're going so quickly, and consider rethinking your attitude to the laws that are, essentially, there for everyone's safety...

#### New speeding fines calculator

Speed limit (mph)	Recorded speed (mph)		
	<b><u>BAND C</u></b>	<b><u>BAND B</u></b>	<b><u>BAND A</u></b>
20	41 and above	31-40	21-30
30	51 and above	41-50	31-40
40	66 and above	56-65	41-55
50	76 and above	66-75	51-65
60	91 and above	81-90	61-80
70	101 and above	91-100	71-90

#### **Points/disqualification**

BAND C	Disqualification for 7-56 days OR 6 points on your licence
BAND B	Disqualification for 7-28 days OR 4-6 points on your licence
BAND A	3 points on your licence

And whilst you're trying to avoid a speeding ticket, don't be tempted to reach for your phone... Mobile phone penalties to double. From March 1, 2017, anyone caught using a mobile phone behind the wheel faces six penalty points on their driving licence and a fixed penalty fine of £200. This means that new drivers, who already face a driving ban if they accrue six penalty points in the first two years of their driving career, could find themselves banned after being caught just the once. The rest of us will lose our driving licence if we reach 12 penalty points.

Are the new speeding fines unlimited? No. The speeding fine is to be capped at £2,500 for those caught speeding on the motorway, and £1,000 everywhere else. This means that anyone earning more than about £50,000 a year probably won't be asked to pay any more than this, a situation that leaves poorer drivers disproportionately disadvantaged. Is there scope for variation in the new speeding fine? Yes, magistrates are instructed to take any mitigating or aggravating factors into account. A mitigating factor, like speeding because of an emergency, for example, and receiving a Band C fine, could see the speeding ticket reduced to 125% of the driver's weekly income.

However, the presence of an aggravating factor could see a Band C speeding fine rise to as much as 175%. Aggravating factors include things like being a persistent offender or speeding while towing a trailer or a caravan. Magistrates can also sentence outside of the guidelines if they feel that the interests of justice would be best served by doing so.

Why are the speeding fine changes being implemented? Consultation last year showed that many magistrates and criminal justice professionals felt the current sentencing guidelines "did not properly take into account the increase in potential harm that can result as speed above the speed limit increases". Anything else you need to know about the new speeding fines? The imposition of a speeding fine is just one weapon in the magistrates' arsenal. They can still issue higher fines, impose a driving ban, or sentence you to a prison sentence.

Hundreds of thousands of British motorists will face fines for speeding in Europe under new rules coming in on Saturday. For the first time UK drivers who get caught by speed cameras going too fast on roads in countries including France, the Netherlands and Belgium will face fines of up to £640.

However a quirk of the European law will create a "one way" system in which Europeans caught speeding in the UK cannot be pursued by British police. It comes just as millions of British families are preparing to set off on summer holidays around Europe.

In just one year an estimated half a million UK motorists will face prosecution for driving offences in France alone.

Under the new rules EU governments can access vehicle ownership records held by other countries, which are then used to prosecute offences carried out in foreign-registered cars. In at least 14 EU countries, including France, the vehicle owner is ultimately liable for fines, even if they were not driving at the time of the offense.

But conversely in the UK the responsibility lies with drivers rather than registered car owners. This means UK police will not be able to fine drivers from the EU.

Breaking speed limits by more than 31mph can result in fines of up to €750 under the reforms, which came in 2015 across much of the EU. The rules were introduced in 2015 across much of the EU, although the UK, Ireland and Denmark were given a two-year exemption.

Until May 7th the UK has been exempt from the rules but now they will be enforced. Estimates show that speeding fines by foreign drivers cost the British Government more than £2 million a year in lost income.



## **THE CAPE TO CAPE 2017.**

Well what a trip with a huge variety of both roads and temperatures with snow in the mountains and 28C in the plains, what more could one ask for, well we got it whether we asked for it or not unmade roads and a motorcycle race track.

Let's start at the beginning James was going to co-drive, this is a job that he has never done before so there was a certain amount of prep to be done with a driving session before we left round the Hampshire lanes – passed successfully if not slightly slower than I had hoped but getting used to the car was a learning curve and things were sure to im-

prove.

Secondly route following, some like to plot the route on a map each morning as we were given the days route, Jane and I used to not do this but followed the route instructions and only looked at a map if we thought we were lost. James is a walker and is used to following a map so this was the way it was going to be, however we do travel some roads/tracks which aren't shown on the maps and this caused us a problem.

We started in Bilbao having spent time getting lost driving from the ferry in Santander, some in more modern cars had travelled down from Caen or Roscoff taking 3 days getting to the start. The Bay of Biscay was like a millpond and it was great watching the porpoises and dolphins but unfortunately no whales to be seen. We had a day to kill in the town and decided that the best way to see it was on a tourist bus where one could jump on or off at will if an interesting site was available such as the Guggenheim Museum which is just awesome.

The event itself was starting at 8.31am on Monday morning from Cape Machichaco some 25 miles from Bilbao. We did find it, it was down a 2 mile unmade road which certainly set the mindset for the rest of the event. One does get a great surge of enthusiasm starting an event like this knowing that we are going to travel some 1250 – 1500 miles of roads that we have never been on before through magnificent countryside in cars which probably should only be driven on nice smooth tarmac.





We spent the next few days travelling in a South Easterly dir-



ection arriving in Tortosa where we were told we were spending two nights, surely not a day off! No, we were going to visit a motorcycle track but had no



idea as to what we were doing on it some said we were going to try to do two circuits in identical times others that we were going to do a series of driving test. On arrival at the start point in the pits we discovered that we were to drive the circuit (unviewed or walked or in fact with no knowledge at all) in 1 minute 40.08 seconds with penalty points if we were more than 2 seconds out either way. The answer by most was to drive it flat out and to hell with the penalties and the cost of such (1 penalty = £1 to Macmillan). I took this attitude and drove the Jaguar as hard as I could and in error got a time of 1m. 42secs so no penalties. John from Essex in his 3litreV6 Ford Capri engine MGC got the FTD in 1m18secs and a large fine but he said it was worth

every penny. In the photo the turns don't look to bad but in a car with no PAS it was bloody tight to say the least.

After we completed this a very good lunch was laid on by the circuit followed by a photocall by the owner. The 3 XKs, 2 150s and I decided to hang back and do as we have done before have the red, white and blue photo at the back of the grid but the owner insisted we came to the front of the group which caused a certain amount of cat calls and even ruderey driving passed the lined up ensemble. Never mind we knew the owner had taste and had put the best cars at the front.

The next day we started our travels west slightly north of Madrid and then north into the Spanish Pyrennees and completely unmade roads in fact rough dirt tracks for some 16 miles, we could do no more than 20mph down this road, one of the more brave E Types tried and ended up with a holed sump. The scenery was stunning, the drop to our nearside was awesome, the navigator was nervous and the driver kept his eyes on the road (well most of the time!). After this section the road shown in the following 2 photos was a doddle if we didn't meet anyone.



We finished that evening in Sos del Rey in the middle north of Spain, the parador there is a hotel that strangely enough Jane and I have stayed in before, it is beautiful with wonderful views all round. Only one more day to go, slightly euphoric about the event, large sums raised both by begging and the internal auction that takes place where my offer of a seat on my “little” Adler on this year’s London to Brighton raised £1000.



In the morning up bright and early for we had a 270 mile journey to the Cabo Machichaco and then about 30 miles to our hotel in Bilbao. Key wouldn’t turn in the ignition lock, “oh bugger!” no ignition so fiddled around for a bit before calling in the travelling mechanic Bob. Bob is a lovely chap who with his wife follows the event sorting out mechanical problems, however Bob is no electrician and admits such but thought we could hotwire the car. The wire he produced for this end was too thin and kept on melting so we abandoned that idea before the car caught fire! The alternative can be seen



We were then collected by a taxi who took us some 100 miles in the wrong direction south not north but explained that here was the only car hire company open for business in Spain, we arrived at 3pm to wait until 4.30pm for the office to open and then had a 280 mile drive to Bilbao to get there for an 8pm dinner and presentations, we arrived at 8.15pm having broken, I think, every speed limit in Spain.

The dinner was great and certainly required as we hadn’t eaten anything that day, so onto the prize giving. I knew we hadn’t won anything as with the few navigational errors we had already accumulated 18 (£18 to Macmillan) penalty points and the fact that we didn’t complete the last day added another 20 points to the tally. However I had had made a trophy made by Jim Stokes of JSW in Waterlooville called The Pist-On Trophy in memory of Jane, I found that talking about the times that Jane and I had enjoyed or is it endured on previous Cape to Capes was too much for me and I had to retire for a smoke and fresh air outside. Whilst out of the room it was declared that we had been awarded the Spirit of the Rally Award which to me was a great honour as it is awarded by the organisers and participants together. Subsequently I understand that we came 4<sup>th</sup> in the event for raising the amount of money we had raised, so even with a breakdown a successful trip – now where is the car as I am driving it to the South of France at the end of May some 2000 mile round trip!!!

The money raised by the 40 entrants with donations, penalties, the auction and Gift Aid has yet to be finalised but will exceed £100,000. Not bad when one is also having fun at the same time.

## **Showcase – Classic & Sports Car Gala – Cowdray Park – 7<sup>th</sup> May by Neil Simpson**

This was a brave new venture for Chichester MG Owners Club. Very few Clubs have guts enough to financially



put their heads on the block in order to put on a thoroughly professional and full programme event as this was. The rented Venue was fabulous. There was an optional Drive Out in the morning in which well over a 100 cars took part. All participants got a numbered rally plate and an A4 glossy programme and route. Other cars arrived to exhibit in the showground.

There was a vast choice of catering on site including a classic Bedford Ice Cream Van. Entertainment included two separate stages for bands and a retro girls singing group.



The double Gold Medallist Joanna Rowsell Shand MBE was there to talk to people about the Alopecia Charity that she supports, pose for Photos with visitors and participate in interviews. There were also a series of other fund raising activities.



The objective was to attract a complete range of cars and this was well achieved. A couple of cars that caught the imagination was a DB5 pre owned by Paul McCartney and rumoured to be worth well over a Million. Also there was an A35 modified for racing that I have been told is a regular at Goodwood and can be seen beating up Lotus Cortina's, Jags and also 5 litre saloons.



Nita and I helped with the Marshalling and were impressed that the whole day worked well as it was a first time event and despite the water main burst that closed off one of the roads on the drive out.

I really hope that Chichester MG Owners Club have come out on top. I also hope they run a similar event in 2018 as it is bound to grow in size, stature and monies raised for charity. I strongly recommend all readers of this to attend in 2018.

## **DRIVE IT DAY 2017**

It appears that no Allsorts members did this event or if they did are unwilling to write about it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

## **THE BEAN CAR CLUB DAFFODIL RUN**

The same as the above obviously no one went to Stockbridge and watched or even participated in the event – SHAME!

## **THE SOUTHAMPTON MAGNA NEW FOREST RUN 2017.**

OUCH!! The same applies as the two above, what a shame.



## **THE BENJAFIELD SOCIETY SPRINT**

Well as you can see I attended, by invitation, The Benjafield Society Sprint at Goodwood on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

The invitation came from Martin who was on the Cape to Cape with an Alvis TD21 Saloon, a very beautiful car with a very weak waterpump which failed on day 3 of the event. However he also has a fully rally prepared Rover 3500 P6, a magnificent, very fast machine in which I was collected early on the Saturday morning. His brother Gordon was to be our driver, well I had met Gordon before, he lives in America and their speed limits are less than ours, he comes over here I think to get his driving adrenaline every now and then, unfortunately it means that his passengers receive the same amount if not more adrenaline as I am sure he forgets he isn't running moonshine for the "good old boys". We had a very quick trip from Kilmeston to Goodwood.

We were met by Nigel (Martin & Gordon's cousin and ex Cape to Caper), Gordon's daughter, her husband and his sister who had never been out of Virginia before let alone the US of A and had never been to a car race track ever – her education went up leaps and bounds with 4 enthusiastic "old buffers" filling her with information – her eyes only glazed over once that I saw.

But what an event with £500,000 Bentleys being flung around the circuit trying to get fastest time of day which in fact was achieved by a modern Porche (2017 reg!) followed by Nick Swift in the pale green Mini.

As can be seen there was a great variety of motor cars present from 6R4s to Talbot 90s to HRGs to Riley MPHs to Chrysler 75s to Ford Falcons and it seemed everything between.





More competitors than spectators – what a day!! - NOW FOR THE DRIVE HOME – tighten your chastity belts boys off we fly!!!!



## Gil's May Drive Out Bluebell Run 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017 by Neil Simpson



If you went down to Micheldever Woods on the 11<sup>th</sup> you were in for a big surprise. If you went down to Micheldever Woods on the 11<sup>th</sup> you



would never believe your eyes. For every Allsort there ever was gathered there because today's the day the Allsorts were off to the Pub

There were trees, there were Bluebells and there were silly people

There were also grumpy old bears who went straight to The Northington Arms:-

But everybody had a lovely time. Thank you Uncle Gil



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

**Fougeres Rally, Brittany. Around 300 miles of gentle touring of the Saumur and Loire Valleys. Open to pre-69 cars. Lots of Brits take part. Contact Patrick Rollet email – [prkconseil@free.fr](mailto:prkconseil@free.fr) website [www.rallye-fougeres.org](http://www.rallye-fougeres.org)**

**Sunday 21st May 2017  
Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> May**

**Classic Cars, Cakes and Coffee at Bill Rawles Workshop, Four Marks  
Allsorts Meeting at The Cricketers**



<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Allsorts Motor Club Visit to Haynes Motor Museum</b>
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Haslemere Classic Car Show and Tour open to pre-1977 cars <a href="http://www.jamesewing.co.uk/hccs">www.jamesewing.co.uk/hccs</a></b>
<b>Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Spring bank holiday</b>
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Winchester City Classic Bike and Car Breakfast Show 8am til noon</b>
<b>Fri 2 – Sun 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Beale Park Boat &amp; Outdoor Show – Vintage &amp; Classic Cars &amp; Boats, Pangborne</b>
<b>Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Gordon Bennett Trial in Ireland open to all cars upto 1983. If you haven't been to Ireland you really haven't lived especially in an "old" car!!! <a href="http://www.gordonbennettclassic.ie">www.gordonbennettclassic.ie</a></b>
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Alton Crotch Coolers American Car Meet at The Departure Lounge, Basingstoke Road, Alton</b>
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Classic Car Show and Autojumble, Queen Elizabeth Country Park, Horndean</b>
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017</b>	<b>Bishops Waltham Show – Pete Yeoman</b>
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017</b>	<b>Classic Cars, Cakes and Coffee at Bill Rawles Workshop, Four Marks</b>
<b>Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Allsorts Evening Drive Out – Mike Gillott and Laurie Clarke</b>
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017</b>	<b>Shedfield Fete – Pete Yeoman</b>
<b>24-25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Bicester Heritage Flywheel Day – Wings and Wheels</b>
<b>Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Allsorts Meeting at The Cricketers</b>
<b>Thurs 29 June to Sun 2 July.</b>	<b>Goodwood Festival of Speed</b>
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017</b>	<b>Alton Crotch Coolers Classic Car Meet at The Departure Lounge, Basingstoke Road, Alton</b>
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017</b>	<b>Re-enactment of the 1<sup>st</sup> recorded drive by a petrol driven motorcar by The Hon. Evelyn Ellis from Micheldever Station to Datchet – go and watch!!!</b>
<b>Sat 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Classic Cars at Swanmore Carnival &amp; Fete</b>
<b>Fri-Sun 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> July 2017</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of the Circuits des Ardennes</b>
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017</b>	<b>Waltham Chase Village Hall Breakfast Meet 9.00am - noon</b>
<b>Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Allsort Motor Club Evening Drive Out – Robert Sloane – details to follow</b>
<b>15-16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Show of Classics at the Castle, Sherborne, <a href="http://www.classicsatthecastle.co.uk">www.classicsatthecastle.co.uk</a></b>
<b>Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Allsorts Meeting at The Cricketers</b>
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Alton Crotch Coolers French &amp; Italian Car Meet at The Departure Lounge, Basingstoke Road, Alton</b>
<b>Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Summer bank holiday -</b>
<b>Sat 12<sup>th</sup> – Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>Jaguar Enthusiasts Club, Isle of Wight Show at Sandown Airport</b>

Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2017	Waltham Chase Village Hall Breakfast Meet 9.00am – noon
<b>Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>Allsort Motor Club Evening Drive Out</b>
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	Vintage & Steam at Weald & Downland Open Air Museum, Singleton, England, PO18 0EU
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> August 2017	Classic Cars, Cakes and Coffee at Bill Rawles Workshop, Four Marks
<b>Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> August</b>	<b>Allsorts Meeting at The Cricketers</b>
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Beaulieu International Autojumble
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Alton Crotch Coolers Classic Car Meet at The Departure Lounge, Basingstoke Road, Alton
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Twyford Waterworks Vintage Car Mee
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Annual Vintage Vehicle Meet – The Hinton Arms 10am -4pm
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Waltham Chase Village Hall Breakfast Meet 9.00am – noon
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> September	The famous Isle of Wight Charity Classic Car. Saturday - the show will be located at the characterful Newport Quay. Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> - the show will be held on the beautiful and exotic Ryde Esplanade. Both days are FREE to attend!!! Anyone wishing to display their vehicles MUST register in advance with the organisers on 0208 439 7871
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Classic Cars, Cakes and Coffee at Bill Rawles Workshop, Four Marks
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Basingstoke MGOOC Doughnut Run – Allsorts Invited</b>
<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Allsorts Meeting at The Cricketers</b>
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2017	Bicester Heritage Sunday Scramble Open Day
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Alton Crotch Coolers Oldtimer Ocktoberfest – for German Cars only at The Departure Lounge, Basingstoke Road, Alton
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	Waltham Chase Village Hall Breakfast Meet 9.00am – noon
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Rawles Motorsports Open Day and BBQ Froyle from 10am
<b>Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Allsorts Meeting at The Cricketers</b>
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Waltham Chase Village Hall Breakfast Meet 9.00am - noon
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Waltham Chase Village Hall Breakfast Meet 9.00am - noon

If you have some dates for the diary please let me know ([john@hankinsoil.co.uk](mailto:john@hankinsoil.co.uk)) and I will add them

**FOR SALE** – 1936 Standard 10 – chassis & engine done, bodywork needing to be completed. Details from Howard Bagley 01962 734026