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2026 CLASSIC TOUR OF WALES

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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hello and welcome to the November magazine,
The month of October was quite busy for the club and also towards the end of September.
On the 21st – 24th September, we had 11 cars, 22 people visit Wales for a touring few days. Peter Young one of our long-standing members will be doing a write up on this event, but I would like to thank all who went and of course our hosts in Wales for a fantastic time. All club members got together each evening for our evening meal and drinks and I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say it was a fantastic few days away.
On the 3rd October we had a Breakfast Meet at Henstridge Airfield, eventually we had 22 people turn up, everybody said they enjoyed the food and there was no hurry to move on.
On the 10th October we were out at Pipers for our monthly meet, very well supported by Yeovil Car Club members and we are still attracting new members to the club.
The Christmas Meal this year is now being organised by Jeremy Veale. The menu is on our website & is also shown later in this magazine. The food at the Sidmouth Arms is always excellent, so if interested please contact Jeremy.

All the best, stay safe.

Mervyn Dawe

VICE CHAIRMAN'S NEWS

Hi All,
First of all, I would just like to say a huge '***CONGRATULATIONS'*** to Mason Turner, our youngest club member, who recently became the Dunkeswell 2026 Lightweight Champion. Another trophy to add to his growing collection. I would like to wish him success in his karting and future racing career.
I recently had a conversation with a club member who is thinking about selling his classic. It was suggested that perhaps he should consider selling his registration plate first and had been offered a good price for it. I read a letter in the press recently from a couple who restore historical vehicles. They sometimes sell the original cherished registration plate to fund the restoration. Would you frown on this or do you think giving the car a new lease of life is the better option? Please share your thoughts on this in the next edition of Tyre Squeals.

And finally….. a few people have mentioned the New Year's Day meet and have asked me "when is it?" I've looked at them in total disbelief, so for those of you that asked the question, it's on the 1st Jan 2027, so don't forget to put it in your diary!

Until the next time,

Paul Vallis

THIS MONTH'S COVER PICTURE

As Merv mentioned in the Chairman's Chat, 22 people from the club embarked on a tour of Wales in September, basing themselves at Llanerchindda Farm, a farm that stands on a hillside overlooking the hamlet of Cynghordy. The hamlet has it's own railway station halt which stands on the Heart of Wales Line across the Afon Bran Valley between Swansea & Shrewsbury. The Cynghordy Viaduct, completed in 1868, is an 18-arch, curved Grade ll listed structure standing 31m (102ft) high above the vally floor. It is 260m (850 ft) long and was built from sandstone and brick by Scottish Railway Engineer Henry Robertson (1816-1880). The picture was taken by Peter Young & is the view of the viaduct from the patio at the farm.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

Don't forget the club has a good range of shirts, polo shirts, fleeces, sweatshirts and hats plus many other items in club colours & with the club logo, all at reasonable prices. The majority of items are now shown on the website which can be accessed here. Please contact Sharon & Alan Miller for further information & to place an order. Their contact details are shown inside the front cover of this issue.



YCC EVENTS 2026 **(Note! The green shaded lines show the ones planned for this month).**

Date		Event	Contact
January	1	New Year Meet at Pipers, 10am-2pm	Jeremy Veale
February	7	Car Meet at Pipers, 9am-12pm	Merv Dawe
	14	Valentine's Breakfast Meet	Merv & Liz Dawe
	18	Evening talk at P&R Hurt	Chris & Joan Jones
March	7	Car Meet at Pipers, 9am-12pm	Merv Dawe
	8	Club Lunch	Chris & Joan Jones
	18	Film Night at P&R Hurt	Chris & Joan Jones
April	4	Car Meet at Pipers, 9am-12pm	Merv Dawe
	15	AGM at Westlands Centre, 7.30pm	Merv Dawe, Ian Wernham
	26	Drive It Day	Merv Dawe
May	2-3	Abbey Hill Steam Rally	Alan & Sharon Miller
	2	Car Meet at Pipers, 9am-12pm	Merv Dawe
	16	Breakfast Meet	Jeremy Veale
	25	Sherborne Country Fayre	Graham Dewar
	30-31	Andersea Classic & Vintage Show	Merv & Liz Dawe
June	6	Car Meet at Pipers, 9am-12pm	Merv Dawe
	7	Bennetts Water Gardens	Merv & Liz Dawe
	21	Salisbury Motor Show	Jeremy Veale
July	4	Hardington Street Fayre	Paul Vallis
	11	Car Meet at Pipers, 9am-12pm	Merv Dawe
	11-12	Powderham Castle Crash Box Classic	Chris & Joan Jones
August	8	Car Meet at Pipers, 9am-12pm	Merv Dawe
	9	Picnic at Gary Wragg's	Merv Dawe
	16	Summer Run	Nigel Edwards, Liz Dawe
	29	Halstock Fete & Flower Show	Mike Kanter
	30-31	Honiton Hill Rally	Merv & Liz Dawe
	31	West Coker Fete	Diane Howes
September	6	Haynes Car Show	Merv & Liz Dawe
	12	Car Meet at Pipers, 9am-12pm	Merv Dawe
	18	Fish & Chip or Pie Night	Paul & Carol Vallis
	21 - 24	Llanerchindda Farm	Merv & Liz Dawe
October	3	Breakfast Meet Henstridge Airfield	Merv & Liz Dawe
	10	Car Meet at Pipers, 9am-12pm	Merv Dawe
	18	Autumn Colours Run	Rod & Evelyn Coleman
November	14	Car Meet at Pipers, 9am-12pm	Merv Dawe
	19	Cream Tea at Broadwindsor	Ian Wernham
December	12	Car Meet at Pipers, 9am-12pm	Merv Dawe
	12	Christmas Meal	Jeremy Veale

Contact numbers for the event organisers can be found inside the front cover of this magazine.Please note! Some events **not** organised by YCC are also advertised in this edition.

EDITORS NOTES

Hi All,

Welcome to the November edition of Tyre Squeals.
You are receiving this a little earlier in the month than usual as I will be heading for some Autumn sunshine on the 22nd. I did plan on putting this together when I got back, but that would have meant its unlikely you would have received anything until the first week in October, so here you are, an early treat!! 😊 .
You may recall that last month I gave you a date for your diary (12th Dec) for the Christmas meal. Jeremy has now provided the menu which I have included along with an order form on pages 12 & 13, so please complete & return this to him as soon as you can.
Amongst the regular features of this magazine, there are a couple of very interesting articles for you this month, Clive Cooper has provided an update on the progress he has made with his Staride & Peter Young has penned a report on the club visit to Llanerchindda Farm – I hope you enjoy reading them.
As we approach the winter months & the associated reduction in outdoor events, I'm guessing some of you will be servicing or carrying out repair / restoration work on your vehicles ready for the Spring. If you feel like sharing your experiences (good or bad!) on how those jobs went, they may help other members so please do send them in.
That's all for now, thanks to all of this months contributors & to our advertisers for their continued support.

Take care

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A WELSH ADVENTURE

(Antur Gymreig) - September 2026

With children back to school after their summer holidays, it was time for another Yeovil Car Club organised break. Planning had started before Easter. Merv and his trusty crew had received some very good reports of Llanerchindda Farm just north of Llandovery, offering accommodation, excellent food and hospitality with a choice of well-planned car tours of the area; a short stay in Wales was duly booked.

11 couples arrived at the 'farm' on Monday afternoon to be greeted by the hosts with tea and cakes. A welcome reception (with Pimms) followed at 7pm before we sat down to the French style of a set three course meal. The venue has run as a family business for 22 years built from a once rural farm into a modern guest house, set in 50 acres with spectacular views overlooking the Black Mountain and the Brecon Beacons. Unfortunately, a few weeks prior to our stay a large area of pine forest nearby was destroyed by fire, but little damage to dwellings was caused and no loss of life, thanks to the valiant efforts of several fire crews, (and a helicopter) many of whom slept and ate at the farm. The smell of burnt wood in the air was still evident although very little was visible from the house.



Following a hearty breakfast Tuesday morning's briefing outlined the day's tour route with a warning of the speed restrictions in force throughout Wales, (there are blanket 20mph zones in most towns and villages, 30, 40 & 50mph zones on main roads as well as the dreaded potholes with which to contend). The suggested route of almost 100miles took in the Elan Valley (Cwm Elan), Devils Bridge (Pontarfynach), Tregaron (Fe wnaethon nhw gwtogi) and the Llyn Brianne Reservoir (Cronfa Ddŵr Llyn Brianne).

Most crews were able to navigate without error or decided to deviate from the road book but some, as usual, got lost! and realised when meeting others coming in the opposite direction. At least the road book contained a number of points along the way to reset tripmeters back to zero, making navigation straight forward once more. Returning to the farm we enjoyed tea and home baked cakes. A three-course meal in the evening, a couple of drinks from the bar and it was time for bed.

Wednesday morning's route briefing followed breakfast with instructions for car parking at Aberglasney Gardens for those wishing to visit. By now fuel was required by most and a list of suitable outlets were noted in the route books along with places of interest and 'comfort' stops. There were however very few garages offering E5 petrol and the few requiring this had to divert from the suggested route. Having waited for almost 10 minutes at a garage for a number of motorbikes to fill up, one crew found that the garage had in fact run out of petrol altogether! (the garage was not listed in the route notes).

The route followed a figure of eight course south from the farm taking in the Epynt Ranges (live firing by the Army as we safely drove through), a vast military training area since 1940 ranked as the 3rd largest facility in the UK. On to the Usk Reservoir and wonderful views of the Black Mountain range which forms the western edge of the Brecon Beacons National Park. A few miles further on was the option to take a deviation up the Brynamen Mountain road, much loved by Jeremy Clarkson as one of the best mountain roads in Wales. It did not disappoint. Returning to the route we all took a lunch break at Aberglasney Gardens.



Aberglasney was made famous by the BBC television series “A Garden Lost in Time” which followed its restoration. Today it is quite simply one of Wales’ finest gardens, and at its heart lies a fully restored Elizabethan Cloister Garden that is the only surviving example of its kind in the UK today. Beyond this, visitors can explore 10 acres of over 20 different garden styles from formal to woodland, right through to exotic and modern along with the fully restored ground floor of Aberglasney’s grade II listed mansion offering a stunning venue for exhibitions and events. Uninhabited, neglected and vandalised, Aberglasney was on the brink of collapse when it was rescued from oblivion in 1995. The house and gardens were bought by the Aberglasney Restoration Trust, the money donated by an American benefactor – Frank Cabot. Now fully restored it offers a myriad of garden settings in which to stroll, with a tea room selling Welsh treats as well as more traditional ‘English’ food.

Leaving Aberglasney the route passed through Llangadog and Llandovery where the first Black Ox bank was established by the enterprising local, David Jones, this becoming Lloyds Bank in the 20th century. Arriving back at the farm we were again welcomed with tea and cakes and later our evening meal. Drinks from the bar and much light hearted chatter preceded bed time.

Thursday morning, we all gathered on the patio, after breakfast, for the obligatory group photo and as we bade farewell to our hosts who had looked after us so well during our stay, we were able to reflect on a few days spent with friends, some old some new, but all joined by one common hobby, the motor car and the Yeovil Car Club. Mid Wales has some spectacular views and winding country roads interspersed with tiny hamlets and villages, similar to the West Country, but somehow different; it is after all sheep country!



A special mention to Merv Dawe and his merry band of helpers for arranging this brilliant short break in Mid Wales.

Diolch a ffarwel

Peter Young

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NOTES ON UPCOMING EVENTS



Yeovil Car Club Christmas Meal 12th December 2026

This year's Christmas Meal is to be held at

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Christmas Menu

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Roasted Parsnip Soup (GFA)
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Venison Terrine (GFA, DF)
Pickled blackberries, tarragon mayonnaise, croutes

Salt-Baked Celeriac (GF, VE, DF)
Pickled shimeji mushrooms, apple and walnuts

MAINS

West Country Turkey Breast (GFA, DFA)
Pigs in blankets, sage and onion sausage meat stuffing, seasonal vegetables, roast potatoes and gravy

Roast Sirloin of Beef (GFA, DFA)
Yorkshire pudding, seasonal vegetables, roast potatoes and red wine gravy

Confit Duck Leg (GF)
Pea purée, pancetta, sautéed potatoes, baby gem and brandy-green peppercorn sauce

Stone Bass (GF, DFA)
Wild mushrooms, Tender stem broccoli, potato gnocchi and thyme jus

Wild Mushroom and Cream Cheese Risotto (GFA, V)
Chestnut pesto

Chef's Homemade Nut Roast (GF, VE)
Seasonal vegetables, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding

DESSERTS

Warm Christmas Pudding (VEA)
Brandy custard

Christmas Trio (GF)
Double Chocolate Délice, Cranberry white chocolate & pistachio cheesecake, Mulled Wine Eton Mess

Double Chocolate and Salted Caramel Délice (GF)
Hazelnuts and vanilla ice cream

Cranberry, White Chocolate and Pistachio Cheesecake

Complimentary homemade mince pies & tea/coffee to follow

Two courses £30.00

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SOMETHING NEW FOR 2027

Two of our loyal club members have suggested something new for 2027, it would be Dorset Blind Association Motor Show 2027. It would be a club stand of 15 vehicles at Lulworth Castle on the 16th May 2027. The cost would be £18 per car and driver, to be in position by 10.00am and remain in the showground to 4.00pm. Additional passengers £18 per person, price to include breakfast refreshments between 9am and 10 am and showground display 10.30 to 4.00pm, best car awards at 3.30 pm.

If interested in the first instance, please email or phone me and then I will pass on your details to the person organising.

As a club our responsibilities will be that all participating vehicles have a valid and current insurance, a valid MOT certificate where applicable and that those documents are carried by each driver on the day.

Merv Dawe

CALLING ALL MG OWNERS!!

Found this old garage last week in Cambridgeshire which was an MG Dealership back in the day! It is still full of original MG spares from body panels, engine parts to a warehouse full of wheels. I bought a very usable wheel from him.
The guy I dealt with said it was his late father's garage & he had sold many MG cars to Airmen who had been stationed in the area.
If any club members would like the owners contact details, please feel free to contact me as they may also be interested in enquiring about parts.



Kind Regards

Jeremy Veale

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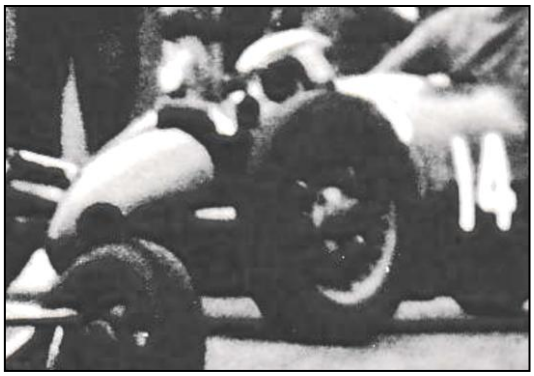
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Resurrecting a 1950s F3 500cc Race Car

Part 3

It is now 5 years after first starting my search for a F3 500 project car and almost three years since I returned it from north of Newcastle to Yeovil. So, my intention now is to bring you more up to date with the build.



But firstly, more information on the car's history has been unearthed via an unpublished period photograph kindly supplied by another interested party, Philip Barak. It shows his coming together with his friend Goff Burnard at the August Bank Holiday meeting at Mallory Park in 1956. It was taken from the opposite side of the track to the one in 'Autosport' at the time, and clearly shows the rear with very distinctive round ventilation exit holes in the rear cone of Goff's.



This design of tail is not as fitted by the Erskine factory in Southampton, but it precisely matches mine as one can see here. So I now have written proof and photographs confirming ownership by Bill Horseman / Goff Burnard covering some six events between Jul 1956 to late 1957 and Peter Howarth's 13 events from 1958 to late 1960.

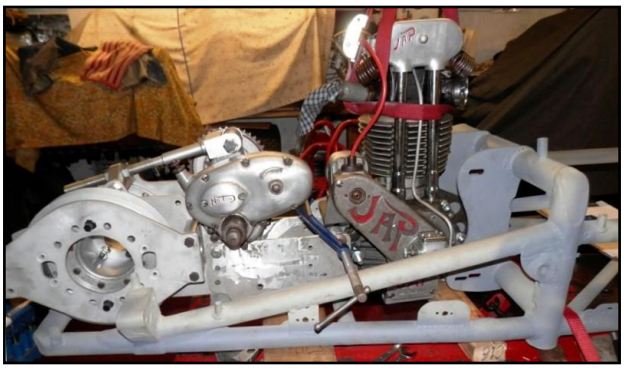


The wheels are now painted after sand blasting and all the corroded spokes being replaced, they certainly look very different to the rusty ones in the previous picture on the day I collected the rolling chassis!

The rusty rolling chassis did not have a gearbox, but I had several Norton 'lay-down' ones of the correct early 1950s type to hand. These have now been stripped and where necessary bearings and consumables obtained - here is the view of parts as assembly commences.



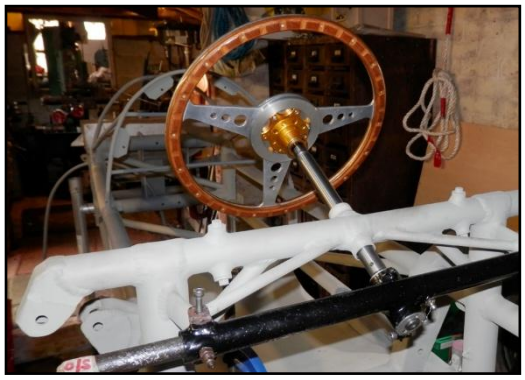
The original alloy plates holding the gear box to the Jap motor are seen here repaired and service bolted into the chassis, with the centre section of the rear drive live axle also assembled to a gear box. This allowed me to draw up and make the mating front engine plates thereby completing the 'drive train'. A suitable ex F'Junior aluminium fuel tank has been obtained, together with an oil tank - both needing work.





After much work on the front brake hubs / uprights / cooling intakes (before example on the left), the assembly of them is now underway on the right.





Left we see where I have offered-up the 'period' steering wheel to the stripped / reconditioned originally rusted rack, with steering column still over length. This will be reduced once my driving position has been determined.

I had to sort the original bent rear bodywork and take them to have a light sand blast to remove the paint & corrosion. This regrettably resulted in them being used as 'patterns' due to excessive corrosion & numerous cracks in the ancient vibration hardened aluminium.



But during this sort out of horse hair and old canvas sheeting I discovered the original alum seat back serviceable after it was returned to its correct shape following much 'hand work on the sand bag'.

To keep costs under control the tubular suspension parts connecting the rear wheel radius arms to the single cross spring, have been powder coated rather than copper / chrome plated as I had done for the four front wish bones and the rear radius arms.



Much work remains to be done and not having a nose with the rusty rolling chassis means I need an 'English Wheel' as mentioned in Part 2. I had a bit of luck on EBay obtaining a s/h set of wheels and have designed / constructed one....





I have started to practice on some 18g alum off cuts.....to be continued !!

Bye for now Clive

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MOTORSPORT RADIO LINK NEWS

Anyone wishing to go out on the following events, contact me ASAP on 01460 61224 or at e-mail enricostone8@gmail.com. I will do my best to contact the organisers and get you a place for the event.

If you have found an event you are interested in, that's not on the list, please also let me know.

If you would like to join us at a rally to see how it works of if you would like to learn the ropes, feel free to contact us.

November 2026

7th Nov	Castle Combe Stages	Castle Combe, Wilts
8th Nov	Castle Combe Stages	Castle Combe, Wilts
14th Nov	Wyedean Stages	Forest of Dean
14th Nov	Challenger Stages	Bovington, Dorset
15th Nov	Challenger Stages	Bovington, Dorset
29th Nov	Caerwent Stages	Caerwent, Chepstow Area

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BREAKFAST MEET AT VANTAGE PARK



The following photo's were taken at October Breakfast meet at the club's Headquarters in Sparkford. Despite a couple of small showers, this event again proved very popular with a good mix of cars on display. If you've yet to make it along to one of these mornings, the next will be held on November 14th.










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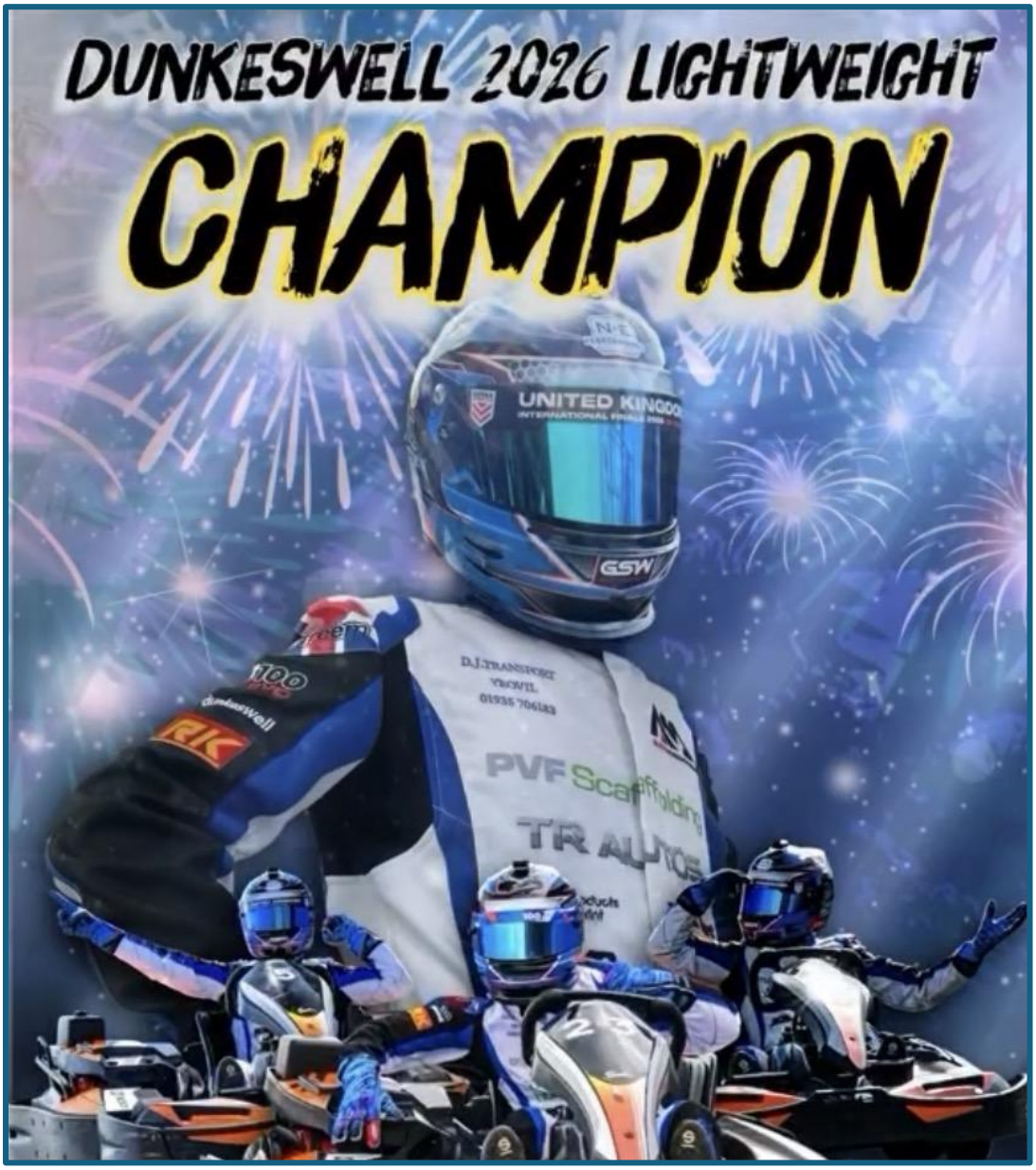
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He’s only gone & done it!!!!

As Paul mentioned in his Vice Chairman notes, a massive ‘congratulations’ needs to go to Mason on being crowned 2026 DUNKESWELL RACEWAY LIGHTWEIGHT RENTAL CHAMPION! 🏆🔥.

Its been a pleasure & very exciting to watch the progess Mason has made throughout this season, & it is a credit to him & his team that all their hard work has been rewarded with this title.

I’m sure there is much more success to come for this lad - keep up the very good work, I look forward to writing about further victories & titles in the future!



CARS FOR SALE

Ford Focus ST2 - £10500



I’m selling my 2013 Ford Focus ST2. It’s the Mark 3 version, with the 2 litre turbo engine developing 247 bhp, and a 0-60 time of 6.3 seconds.

It is a very low mileage example, with a stamped service book and MoT history to support its 29, 000 miles. It’s in very good condition, with an interior that is unmarked. It passed its MoT on 8th September with no advisories, and I had it professionally undersealed (Lanoguard) by South West Rust Proofing in February this year. It also had a day's detailing (Nine Four Eight Services, Glastonbury) in April. It drives and handles beautifully as it should.

I've enjoyed the car this last year, but I'm 75 next year, and I want to own a few more cars before I hang up my ignition keys!

Car & Classic give a valuation of £13214 (Good condition) and £17913 (Excellent), so I think £10500 is a fair price, especially as this includes the A27FST number plate!

Please contact me via email jon.baggott@gmx.co.uk or phone 07761 801772



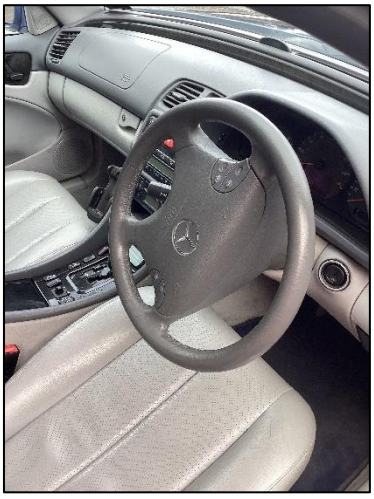
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