

# Clwyd Vale Motor Club

Newsletter

February 2005

- Established 1966
- MSA Registered
- Affiliated to The Welsh Association of Motor Clubs and The Association of North Western Car Clubs
- [www.cvmc.org.uk](http://www.cvmc.org.uk)

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## Virtual Rally - Club Night

Second in a series of three Virtual Rallies put together by Richard Birch and Alun Hayward.

An ideal opportunity for a pint and a chat. I know one or two people would like to chat



about stage rally timing so I will

Wed 16/02/05

bring along a stage rally road book to discuss in the background.

As usual the venue will be The Kings Head, Llanrhaeadr. From 8.00 pm.

No entry fee, just a bit of fun for all.

## Night Navigational Exercise Friday 18/02/05

Gwyn Reynolds-Jones will be at the helm for this months Night Nav. The start is on the yellow road that goes over Moel Arthur. The route is all on map 116.

**Start: Map 116 / 147.5 658**

**Time: From 7.00 pm**

**Finish: Black Lion, Babell, details on route card**

Finish to be no later than 10.30

pm.

**Entry Fee: £3 per crew**

**Status: Closed to Club, open to Clwyd Vale members only.**



## What's On

Feb 12 / Feb 13 - Valentine Novice Road Rally ( Clubman ) Road Rally ( Anglesey ) Caernarvonshire & Anglesey MC - Paul Morris, 78 Bro Emrys, Talybont, Bangor, Gwynedd, ( 01248 362985 ) *NOTE: No turbo or 4WD cars*

Feb 19 - Quarry Challenge Autotest/PCA ( Clubsport ) Autotest & Production Car Autotest ( Bwlchgwyn Quarry, Gaerwen )

Feb 19 - North-West Stages ( National B ) Multi-Venue Stage Rally ( Preston area ) Motor Sport NW - Mark Wilkinson, 0161 432 3490 *ANWCC Stage Rally*

Feb 26 - Tolpott Keeton Winter Stages ( National B ) Multi-Use Gravel Stage Rally ( Sweet Lamb )

Mar 05 - Malcolm Wilson Rally ( National B ) Multi-Venue Forest Stage Rally ( Cocker-mouth, Lakes Forests )

Mar 06 - Jon MacKenzie Autotest ( National B ) Autotest ( Curborough Sprint Course, Lichfield )

## Club News

### Situation Vacant

Dyfrig Roberts has relinquished the position of Newsletter Editor at the AGM so the position is now vacant. If you would like to know more about what the position entails contact Club Secretary, Ian Marshall 01745 583941.

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### New Layout

To keep things a bit neater I am only going to use two pages per newsletter for Club Championship tables this year. To do this I will be printing the top 30 or so, or as many as fit into the new layout boxes. Full lists are available on request.

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### Open Committee Meetings

Following the AGM we now have 4 Committee Meetings open to fully paid up members as follows-

*The March, June and October meetings of the Committee shall be open for any Club Member to attend but without any voting rights and taking no part in the proceedings unless agreed to by the Committee. However, any item considered by the Committee to be private shall be discussed by them "in camera".*

If you have a topic you would like the Committee to discuss then ask a Committee member or Club Official to raise it.

### Club Night Dates

I do come in for a certain amount of criticism with regard to the timing of Club Newsletters. In particular because of the short time between some newsletters and Club Nights. I would like to remind everyone that the dates for Club Nights are easy to work out. Club Nights are the third Wednesday of the month. This does not change and has been the same for the last 5 years or so. In addition the Venue for the foreseeable future is the Kings Head, Llanrhaeadr. Was that easy or am I missing something?

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### Club Website

I have learned recently that the company who have been hosting the Clwyd Vale website for the last few years (at no cost to the Club I might add) are withdrawing the service in the near future. We are looking at alternatives, at the lowest or no cost preferably! This means that the website will not be updated as from now. You can of course find dates etc in the newsletter.

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### Woodcocks Winter Warmer...

AKA, Clwyd Vale's Production Car Autotest. Regulations are enclosed with this newsletter. There are limited

places on offer so "book early" as they say. Keen observers will observe a financial penalty for late entries.

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### Roving Reporter...

Richard Birch has been good enough to put pen to paper for this months newsletter and produced several interesting accounts of local events. Many thanks to Richard.

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### The Emerald Isle...

Is calling for Eddie Blackwell again. The newly purchased Subaru is being fettled in readiness for Mar 19/20 when the West Cork Rally marks the start of the Southern 4 Championship. A series of 5 rallies, only in Ireland! It looks as though half the Club will be there in one form or another.

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### Gareth Hall Winter Challenge

This road rally was well supported by Clwyd Vale members but I have still not seen a set of results, despite being a Club Steward! It's a case of "**Get Well Soon**" to David Broom who ended up in hospital with a broken foot after a "bit of an Off"

Clwyd Vale members have until 23/02/05 to claim points if they haven't done so already.

Ian Marshall

# DSOing Gareth Hall Winter Challenge

**Crew – Driver – Eddie Blackwell. Co called Navi – Birch, Catrin & Will Rowlands**

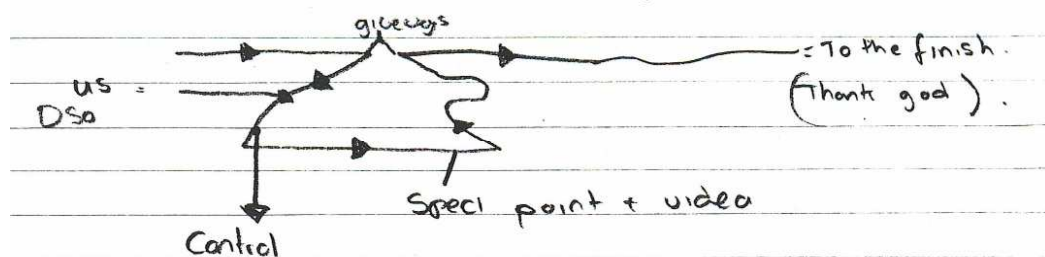
Snow and ice was the forecast for the evening and cold. And cold it was. Eddie picked me and Catrin up and it was up to Bala for the start. When we arrived we knew how a match felt in a match box, everyone was under each others feet but the atmosphere was great having a chat with everyone about the conditions. The impression I got of everyone was “I should have stayed at home” attitude.

Being that first car was away quite early was good and it was of to the first spot. Who says D.S.Oing is boring? When car 7 pulled up and says car 6 was off down the road me and Will were on an adventure to get them out. With a load of huff and puffing she come out. Being a van it was great we had a lift back to our spot, well what can I say we where in a Escort and sideways was the plan. To find out more ask Eddie or Catrin because it was quite naughty what we did.

The second spot was on the outskirts of Llandrillo Forest just an average spot to do our job of DSO, by this time everyone was everywhere and we had a slight chance to find out how it was done from a drivers view which is quite good because you don't usually get that being a speci.

By the third spot just above from the start was a tricky little number because the cars had to stop twice at two give-aways and once with up us but a country lane width apart was all it was it looked like this –

Tricky as you can see but not as tricky as I thought because it be used often because all the top boys knew about it.



After a cold but good night it was good to see people having smiles on

there faces as if to say “I've made it”. I've only ripped a bumper off and bent two wings and lost one spotlight. Credit where due, you're all nuts but if I was to do it I would of ended up on the wrong side of the dry stone wall, well done everyone.

Birchy, Eddie Blackwell, Catrin Morris, Will Rowlands, Top D.S.O's

**Birchy**

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## Farrington Road Rally

**Pug 106XSI, Clock Car: Richie Birch / Stev Mez**

Drafted in on Friday morning after offering to do clock car, “it was on”, In my road car not a problem, well it was the exhaust fell off and it ran three cylinders four half of the first selective 50 of course. It was pack up an go home and pack up at the end of one.

Then came an idea “I will meet you in petrol”, “what in” Mez pipes up, “don't know see you there”. On the phone to Eddie Blackwell “can I use the van?” after explaining what happened to the car and after he called me an “old tosser” thanks Ed.

So agreed with Guy at petrol to leave one hour before first car so there will be no heroics in the van Mez says “Now where you are going?”, “yes all local knowledge to me” I replied. So the second half in the van and me and Mez had scream and a good crack with Phil, Helen, Gwyn, Nob and Eifion. Made my night a lot better after early dramas.

All in all one good night event, in fact excellent. Hat's off to Guy Woodcock, nice one.

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# Race of champions December 2004

Crew = Richard Birch, Eddie Blackwell, Rhys Jones, Al Griffiths, Efon Griffiths, Gwyn Griffiths, Will Rowlands, Pete Mesham, Al Hayward, Steve Mez (What a gang)

## Friday Evening:

In the airport a good handful of us were fed up of waiting and just wanted to get to Paris whilst the other half propped the bar in the airport.

On the take off I popped up and said "are all these people on this plane going to Paris" to Steve Mez well the walking microphone shouted out to the worlds worst piss taker, Eddie Blackwell. I hoped Will would come out with something daft he didn't so everyone just ripped it out of me, oh well what's new.

Landing in Paris was a laugh when it was time to collect the luggage. Al Hayward collected the most flowery bag in North Wales. "Top tip Al – don't use your Mums Bag". On to the outside where it was a lot bloody colder and busier than Liverpool. From out of the blue Rhys finds a Taxi man and Blackwell joins in a discussion on how to get 10 people to Strade France, keeping in mind that this chat was in the taxi rank and these fella's taxi's were not mmmmm! Into the car park amongst all the other of hundred cars came these two so called taxis, so split down the middle 5 in each, and off right up the arse of another car this fella pays to exit the car park & raise the barrier and we drive straight behind him and out, avoiding paying "what a service from a taxi driver, yeah right doggie or what"

Arriving at the hotel was quite a challenge we couldn't get bloody in walking around the bloody place like a load of spares. Bugger it, straight through the restaurant "we got in that's what counts"

It did not stop there, we were all checked in and up to the rooms to find all of us had double beds "ah shit". Back downstairs to sort this problem out with a woman and man who could hardly bloody speak English. Well we knew we were backing a loser but they admitted it was there fault and they would try and get a refund (Still waiting). After all that we all got merry nah!!!! I am lying we all got pissed as arse holes, what a night, Steve Mez fell down the stairs, the other lads went on a wild goose chase to find an Irish bar which proved to be in vain after an hours walk.

## Saturday:

An early start in the morning to go sight seeing in Paris, wee for the other eight as me and Mez slept in whoops!!! and we met them at the breakfast table and they had eaten "sorry guys".

On to the train station where things got difficult with none of us speaking French. It was a mission to find which way Paris was. Getting off at Notre Dam we thought was a good move and would be somewhere near the Eiffel Tower, wrong, but we did find the Notre Dam Cathedral, and it was out with the maps, well a good handful of us are navigators but on this day were complete novices. So deciding on which way to go "which was left" for a walk to find the Eiffel tower anyway the way we had chosen was wrong and got the conclusion after walking half an hour the wrong \*\*\*\*\* way. It was back to the train to get lost again but at the end it all, we were at the Eiffel tower, looked at it and decided to go to the pub and get some grub.

A belly full of beer from 3 pint Stein and good food. Things are looking up. No drama on the way back to the hotel, which was right, near the race of champions. The plan was throw a jacket and hat on, and off to the race. Remember my comment on the plane? Well Will Rowlands went and topped it, it was this after two hours into the race of champions. **Mez** – "Will where's your jacket & hat?" **Mesham** – "I offered him a fleece jacket" **Will** – "*It was alright in Denbigh when we left*"

This topped it off and me and Will came up trumps.

Back at the hotel before the end of the race of champions, because we all did get bored and cold and we were hungry and thirsty for beer, an early night for all for the mad rush home on Sunday which was a complete success.

All in all what a weekend. Could not have asked for anything better thanks lads it was excellent!

**Rich Birch & Crew**

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# Recent Results

## Drivers - Road Rally

### Gareth Hall - 23/01/05

Mark Jones (Anglesey)  
Howard Price  
Tegid Evans  
John Broadhurst

| <u>Class Result</u> | <u>Class Points</u> | <u>Social Points</u> | <u>Event Total</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1                   | 50                  | 0                    | 50                 |
| 5                   | 31                  | 0                    | 31                 |
| 7                   | 26                  | 0                    | 26                 |
| 15                  | 15                  | 0                    | 15                 |

## Navigators - Road Rally

### Pacemaker - 13/12/04

Michael Hughes

| <u>Class Result</u> | <u>Class Points</u> | <u>Social Points</u> | <u>Event Total</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 5                   | 31                  | 0                    | 31                 |

### Gareth Hall - 23/01/05

Warren Cardwell  
Frank Steele-Mortimer  
Gareth Williams

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|----|----|---|----|
| 1  | 50 | 0 | 50 |
| 7  | 26 | 0 | 26 |
| 15 | 16 | 0 | 16 |

## Play Station - 19/01/05

Liam Thomas  
Tomos Jones  
Gareth Jones  
John Broadhurst  
Stuart Jones  
Alun Hayward  
Paul Davies  
Richard Birch  
Gwyn Morris  
Ian Marshall  
Gwyn Reynolds-Jones  
Geraint Jones  
Nia Wyn Jones  
Sheila Reynolds-Jones

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Social Points</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1               | 35                   |
| 2               | 30                   |
| 3               | 25                   |
| 4               | 23                   |
| 5               | 21                   |
| Organiser       | 20                   |
| 6               | 20                   |
| Organiser       | 20                   |
| 7               | 19                   |
| 8               | 18                   |
| 9               | 17                   |
| 10              | 16                   |
| 11              | 15                   |
| 12              | 14                   |

### Gareth Hall - 23/01/05

Eddie Blackwell  
Ian Marshall  
Mark Thomas  
Peter Williams  
Richard Birch  
Stuart Jones

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Social Points</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Marshall        | 10                   |
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## Night Nav - 21/01/05

Guy Woodcock  
Phill Harrison

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Social Points</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Organiser       | 20                   |
| Marshall        | 10                   |

### Night Navigational Drivers (Expert)

Geraint Jones  
Gayle Hughes-Davies

|   |    |
|---|----|
| 1 | 35 |
| 2 | 30 |

### Night Navigational Drivers (Novice)

Andrew Brown  
John Broadhurst  
Graham Thomas  
Stuart Thomas  
Mark Thomas  
Gwyn Reynolds-Jones  
Leonard Evans

|   |    |
|---|----|
| 1 | 35 |
| 2 | 30 |
| 3 | 25 |
| 4 | 23 |
| 5 | 21 |
| 6 | 20 |
| 7 | 19 |

### Night Navigational Navigator (Expert)

Tomos Jones  
Brian Howatson

|   |    |
|---|----|
| 1 | 35 |
| 2 | 30 |

### Night Navigational Navigator (Novice)

Lynn Brown  
Gareth Williams  
Janet Thomas  
Eleanor Thomas  
Liam Thomas  
Gareth Reynolds-Jones  
Peter Williams

|   |    |
|---|----|
| 1 | 35 |
| 2 | 30 |
| 3 | 25 |
| 4 | 23 |
| 5 | 21 |
| 6 | 20 |
| 7 | 19 |

## Club Calendar - February, March, April, May.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u>                  | <u>Organiser</u>                  | <u>Venue</u>      |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 16/02/05    | Club Night - Virtual Rally    | Richard Birch   Alun Hayward      | Kings Head        |
| 25/02/05    | Night Navigational Exercise   | Gwyn R Jones                      | Black Lion, Babel |
| 02/03/05    | Committee Meeting - Open      | Ian Marshall                      | Kings Head        |
| 13/03/05    | Production Car Autotest       | Guy Woodcock                      | Deeside           |
| 16/03/05    | Club Night - Virtual Rally    | Richard Birch   Alun Hayward      | Kings Head        |
| 18/03/05    | Night Navigational Exercise   | Gareth Williams   John Broadhurst | Tba               |
| 03/04/05    | Dennis Wells Memorial PCT     | Pete Dale                         | Cwm               |
| 20/04/05    | Club Night                    | Tba                               | Kings Head        |
| 22/04/05    | Night Navigational Exercise   | Stuart Jones                      | Tba               |
| 18/05/05    | Club Night - Marshals Meeting | Stuart Jones   Eddie Blackwell    | Kings Head        |
| 21/05/05    | Clwydian Cars Stage Rally     | Stuart Jones   Eddie Blackwell    | The Ranges        |

**New ideas or contributions to the calendar are welcome.  
You don't have to be on the committee to organise something!!**

As a reminder the **Committee Members** are as follows: Mr Richard Birch, Mr Eddie Blackwell, Mr John Broadhurst, Mr Ian Glass, Mr Brian Howatson, Mr Geraint Jones, Nia Wyn Jones, Mrs Pat Jones, Mr Stuart Jones, Mr Richard Marshall, Mr Gwyn Reynolds-Jones, Mr Dyfrig Roberts, Mr Gareth Williams, Mr Peter Williams, Mr Guy Woodcock.

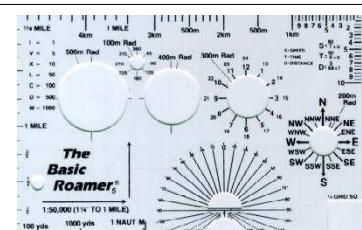
**Treasurer:** Mr Nick Lloyd, **Club Secretary:** Mr Ian Marshall, **Assistant Secretary:** Mr Peter White.  
**Chairman:** Mr Eddie Blackwell, **Vice Chairman:** Mr Stuart Jones, **Advertisements Secretary:** Mr Ian Glass, **Newsletter Secretary:** Vacant, **Chief Marshal:** Mr Richard Marshall / Richard Birch, **Competition / Championship Secretary:** Mrs Pat Jones, **Entertainments Secretary:** Nia Wyn Jones / Mr Richard Birch, **Equipment Officers:** Mr Eddie Blackwell, Mr Pete Dale, Mr Stuart Jones.  
**Fund Raising Secretary:** Mr Ian Glass, **Press Officer:** Mr Guy Woodcock. **Auditor:** Mr Geraint P Lloyd  
**Delegate to Northern Centre Welsh Association of Motor Clubs:** Mr Gwyn Reynolds-Jones,  
**Delegate to the Association of North Western Car Clubs:** Mr Peter White, **Disputes Panel:** Chairman, Eddie Blackwell. **Treasurer,** Nick Lloyd. **Secretary,** Ian Marshall.

### Roamers

In the hope of helping members sharpen up their act on plotting I now have these Roamers for sale! There are full instructions in the pack but training given free to members.

**RRP £5.00. 50p discount if bought from me in person.**

**Ian Marshall 01745 583941**



### Club Regalia For Sale

Black Woolly hats featuring club logo £5  
 Black Baseball caps featuring club logo £5  
 Club championship stickers £1.00

Available from  
 Stuart Jones  
 tel. 01352 720684

### Regular Meeting Place.

The Kings Head  
 Llanrhaeadr,  
 Denbigh, LL16 4NL  
 Tel: 01745 890278  
 Map ref 116/ 082634

Third Wednesday of every month. A map of the location can be found through the new website.

### Club Website

Check out the Club's new, easy to find location on the web. Shows dates, contact details and event details, results etc. Maybe useful if you can not find your club calendar or newsletter.

www.clwydvalemotorclub.org.uk  
 or  
**www.cvmc.org.uk**