

MVT AREA SUBMISSION – NORFOLK AREA

A short and sharp report this time I am afraid, caught me on the hop as I was sure it was still the middle of winter outside?

The year started without our traditional attendance at the Norwich Showground. This has been on our agenda for many years but unfortunately became a victim of the times! Never mind, we still had the equally traditional coach trip to Stoneleigh, thanks to Alan Edwards negotiations and logistics, with the luggage area as always being filled with that elusive part or just something to decorate a shelf on the garage for a number of years before being passed onto someone with the: 'I will never know quite why I did buy that thing'! Mind you, the trip was a bit touch and go what with the white stuff that threatened to call a halt before we even got on the road.

Our first opportunity to try out new purchases, or just give the old models a leisurely outing, came in the shape of our 'Spring Road Run' organised again by our Rally Secretary Richard Edwards, ably assisted by brother Allan. Richard was taking his newly acquired Pontiac for its first real airing, while Sue Elderton negotiated the country lanes for the first time in the Plymouth. Sue was having a great time but husband Ray, now sitting in the passenger seat kept on seeing the white line disappear under the front wing with screams 'of move over' being totally ignored. A stiff double coke was most welcome at Alby Crafts where we all met for a very enjoyable and welcome roast dinner. The weather for the event was fine although many had a wet journey home!

Our first rally proper was the Daffodil Day at Langley School, which is always a very pleasant start to the season proper. With a filling rally programme and our Normandy Tour rapidly looming it has all the appearances of an action packed year.

Winter restorations are progressing at different rates including our trio of Humbers. David Skinner still keeps trying to convince himself and everyone else that it is still too cold to venture out into the garage; hence the Snipe PU still awaits his attention. Bill Purchase's Snipe on the other hand is now in the 'trim shop' following which fitting out is on the books with hopefully some proving runs as the season progresses. The ever optimistic John Morter must however take the prize for progress as he is still working through the small task of trying to build a body onto the Heavy Utility in time for Normandy.

On talking of Normandy I must close now wishing you all a very happy rally season and try and put the finishing touches to our Tour Pack.

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