



KENT GROUP FORD RS OWNERS CLUB AUGUST 2006, ISSUE 8

CHAIRMANS CHAT:-

Stephen Booth "Lushman"

Huge thank you to all of you for turning up tonight to the Kent group's meet here at Brands Hatch. Hopefully there will be some new faces, who will like what they see here at Brands and come along again. This is our 3rd track night of the year and there will have been plenty of entertainment and not any expensive casualties! The aim of the Kent committee is to welcome everyone, whether you have an RS or not. The Kent group is a modern group that enjoys all cars whether they are standard road going cars, old skool, modified cars or even Jap (ask the wife, she's the one with the red Scooby)!! We are all basically petrol heads, and the more cars the better, after all Brands do have a huge car park and it would be a shame to waste it!

Please support the club by buying a newsletter and or raffle tickets, they're only a quid so they ain't gonna break the bank and all money raised by the sale of the newsletters and raffle tickets goes back into the club. That way we can buy bigger and better raffle prizes and also invest (hopefully) in a new Kent gazebo, for anyone at Castle Coombe rally day, you'll now why!

Our original one may be shower proof, just about, but when the heavens open you are better off standing out in the rain!

Please feel free to approach any of the Kent committee with any ideas that you may have to make the Kent Group better, it is run by its members for its members and we need your support and ideas. Also if you need any technical advice or even parts ask us, if we don't know then we will point you in the right direction, we are here to help if we can.

Drive carefully and see you next month on Sept 20th.

Lush
The New Kent RSOC Chairman
Stephen Booth

CAR OF THE NIGHT JUNE 2006

Escort RS1600i A403JCE

I've owned the car for 6 1/2yrs which only had 49,000miles on it when I bought it. In the following summer after purchasing the car the underside was fully stripped, cleaned and painted with all nuts and bolts plated and a few items replaced where necessary. With the majority of the shell and parts living up to the expectation of just 49,000.

The car came with a Janspeed manifold and system of which the manifold remains coupled to a mongoose system, along with a K&N air filter and a few other tweeks which help release some of the engines true potential.

The car was put on the rollers and produced 132bhp (may be a little optimistic) but it's always gone very well and keeps coming back for more with out any problems

I still manage to run the car on original Dunlop D4 tyres which have so far been ok for the summer use and the odd parade lap at Castle Coombe (some parade lap, as the 16i on tour people will tell you after this years lunchtime ride out) with a few more in stock just in case.

All panels on the car are original, along with unmarked trim, original wheels, grill, etc etc.

I have been fortunate enough to have the car used in magazine articles in Practical Classics and Fast Ford which is the same magazine where I first saw the car advertised at the RS Specialist in Nottingham when they were doing a buyers guide article back in May 1997.

The car has always been a joy to drive and is something that I have no intension of selling

Thanks to all those who have offered kind comments over the years and given help where needed, you know who you are.

Russell

Website www.RSOCKent.co.uk

We are still looking for your cars for the Kent members' area. We have a nice little selection of these but I want MORE! Please email me with photos & spec, RSOC Members' cars all are welcome and YES if you are an associate RSOC member please let us know your drive! (like a yellow Mk1 Escort I know of).

If any of you have photos of past shows that show the Kent group stands I would love this for the website.

RALLY DAY CASTLE COOMBE – 22ND JULY 2006

The day started with thunder and lightening and the German Shepherd's nose in my face as she's terrified of storms so she had bolted up the stairs to take refuge under the bed. But hey that was cool as the weather man had assured me that at Castle Coombe it would be cloudy but no rain.

After packing the lunch up and trying to get all of the crap in the car necessary for a car show it was time to wake the neighbours up and start the Beast Form the East, the Red Bull Rally car! If I had to be up at 4.45am then they could be woken up at 5.30am!!

We had the drive down to Clackett Lane and to our major surprise Johnny Kack was already there! We pulled in next to a very pleasant Dutch family who were trying to get some sleep in their car, whoops! Tickets and wristbands were all dished out and we nearly left on time as per the schedule of 6.15am. It was still raining at Clacketts but this was not a problem as we would be leaving the rain behind us!!

We pulled into Bracknell Shell garage for the usual re-fuelling, fag break, toilet stop etc and for some reason there was steam coming from the front of the car! After opening the bonnet it soon became apparent that the top water hose had gone, oh no disaster! It would have been, except the night before exactly the same thing had happened and I had the foresight to bring spare hoses! 10 minutes later problem solved, new hose fitted and we were off again and it's been fine ever since. So why 2 in 24hours, who knows!

After the usual queues to get in the Kent group were soon set up and the buckets were out! By now it was getting pretty hot and sticky, so also time for the sun cream. Then time to go for a wander around. The first thing we saw was my main man Mr Ari Vatanen. After being pushed and shoved around I managed to get his autograph, now no matter what happened I was happy! After trailing around for ages looking at the stands it was time for food. So back to the car grab the picnic, set up and get told that the track action's about to start! So back goes the picnic in the car and it starts to spit with rain. Then it gets heavier, after standing in the rain for a while all trying to huddle under 1 umbrella we decide to try and take cover in the bushes!! By now it is torrential rain and were all soaked through to our under crackers! But then the sun breaks through again, so off to watch the track action. By now however we are all starting to get really cold as were soaked through! New t shirts are purchased and we can become the German WRC team, well they were cheap and we were desperate! After feeding our faces with the burgers and sausages that Will cooked on the BBQ we were all quiet happy. But hey more rain and lots of it. The Kent gazebo really is not waterproof, possibly shower proof but it was suffering badly with the amount of rain that was falling profusely from the sky! Everyone under the gazebo was soaked to the skin. Decision made, that was enough and it was home time! Upon re grouping at the Membury services myself and the boys, Jake and Danny had transformed into the German WRC team, proudly wearing our new dry t-shirts, shame our under crackers were still soaked!!

Rally day was a great day out and despite the weather we all had a good laugh, so roll on next year! And if you've never been or experienced rally day, then I suggest that you make a note in your diary for next year. A big thank you for everyone who made the effort to arrive on time and a big big thank you to Will for his polybushes and gudgeon pins (burgers and sausages)!!!

Mr Lush Chairman

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS:-

Feel free to e-mail your committee members about any questions, points of views, suggestions or just anything you want to get off your chest & they guarantee that you will get a reply.

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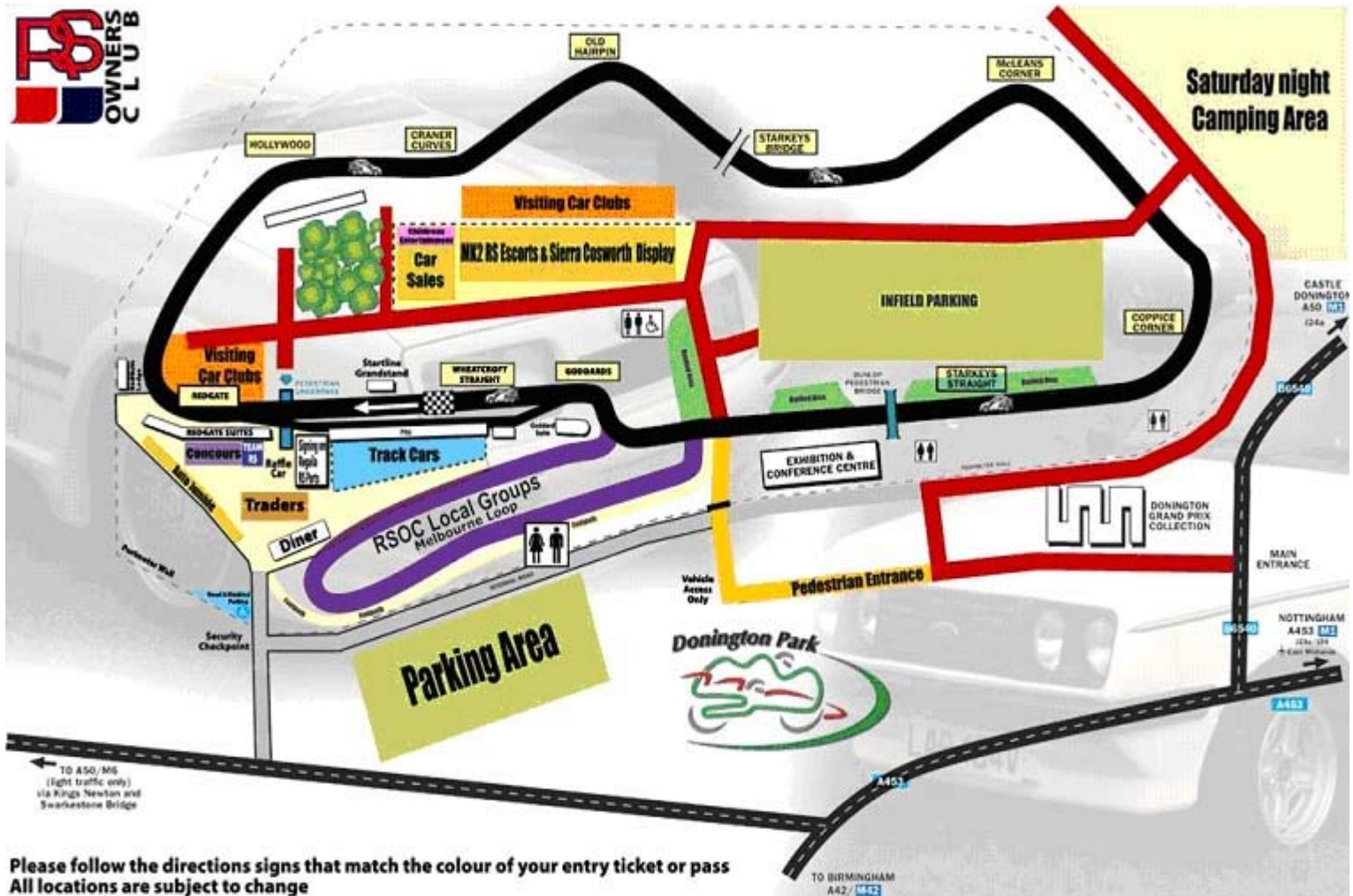
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Cheers Kelvin

FORTHCOMING MAJOR EVENT:-

RSOC National Day – 20th August 2006 – Donnington Park Race Circuit



Car of the night July 2006

S1 Escort RS Turbo B206 WHM

I have owned the car since 1992 and it was completely standard in every way.

I've done all the modifications myself, including rebuilding the complete engine and gearbox (9 years ago). I also rebuilt the turbo to my own spec.

I designed the radiator and intercooler myself and had it made to my own spec by Brise Fabrications in Dartford.

I designed and made the additional gauge housings myself, etc, etc. I even helped set up my own car on Race Power Motorsport rolling road with the help of Jim. It achieved 265bhp with 16psi of boost.

I normally do around 2 or 3 track days a year, normally around Brands Hatch. I am a regular on Bailey Motorsport's stand at shows and won 1st place at Ford Fair 2005 and 2nd place at Ford Fair 2006 in Modified Escort RS Turbo.



Engine Spec:- Scorpion stainless 3" exhaust with 5" tail pipe. Machined standard pistons (lower compression). Ported and polished head. Piper 285 T2 camshaft. Anti-pump lifters. 1600cc CVH with lightened & balanced bottom end & 220mm S2 flywheel. ARP conrod bolts. PTS chip with no boost limit. Modified fuel metering unit. MFI mappable 5th injector with cossie 803 green injector. Fuel enrichment connection to crosspipe. Samco boost hoses & S2 coolant hoses. Alloy Kent cam adjustable pulley. Cossie 4x4 T3 polished compressor housing. Heat wrapped turbo & exhaust manifold. Mini thermostat. Bailey Motorsport oil separator, cooling header tank, swirl pot. Custom designed alloy radiator 5cm thick with Nissan Skyline core. Custom designed front mounted alloy intercooler 5cm thick, superior racing core with custom fit fan. Nearside head lamp air scoop with 4" ducting to stainless Quickshift cone air filter. Cossie 2wd starter motor. In-car adjustable boost.



Gearbox:- Series one casing. Fiesta Mk2 1.6 Diesel gearing. S2 Turbo limited slip diff. Up-rated bearings. AP4 paddle clutch plate. Ford S2 Turbo clutch

cover. Burton uprated clutch release bearing. Vibratex uprated gearbox mountings. B & M shifter.

Wheels & Tyres:- Azev A 17" x 7.5J. Toyo Proxes R888 205/40ZR17 tyres.

Interior:- Full leather two tone re-trim by Touch of Class upholstery. RS 4 spoke steering wheel. Les Hicks 2.5" polished alloy roll cage. ACT Gauge.

SW gauges – oil pressure, oil temp, coolant temp, boost, battery voltage, air/fuel ratio (mounted in custom surround). Flamer kit with custom switch. White dials. Shift light system with controller.

Suspension

Front:- Spax top adjustable struts. Spax lowered + uprated springs. Powerflex bushes. GT Performance strut brace. ERST S2 track control arms.

Rear:- Spax top adjustable shocks. Spax lowered & uprated springs. Powerflex bushes. ERST S2 anti roll bar. GT Performance strut brace.

Brakes:- ERST S2 brake master cylinder. Modified brake pipes. Uprated servo support bar. DOT 4 plus brake fluid (500°F boiling point).

Front:- Hi-Spec monster 4 pot calipers. 335mm x 32mm cross drilled & slotted vented discs. EBC green stuff pads. Braided brake hoses.

Rear:- 2wd cossie brake callipers. 285mm cross drilled & slotted solid discs. Ferodo pads. Braided brake hoses.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU
FROM ALL THE MEMBERS OF
THE KENT RSOC GROUP
GOES TO QUAIFE FOR
DISPLAYING THEIR CARS AND
PRODUCTS AT TONIGHTS
MEET.

KENT STICKERS AND CLOTHING

As promised we did order some of our new style clothing, so you've got no excuses now!! We have also had some more window stickers made!!

These stickers are competitively priced at £5.00 per pair & look like this:-

www.RSOckent.co.uk

As you can see from the picture below all pieces of clothing has the RSOC logo embroidered alongside the Kent group logo. These are mainly white with a red ST stripe across the shoulders. We have a large stock of the following items, so please become an active member of the Kent Group and purchase a jacket, polo shirt or T shirt.



- Polo Shirt £22
- Bomber Jacket £43
- Racing Jacket £40
- Ladies T Shirt £20
- Ladies Strappy Top £20
- "NEW" www.RSOckent.co.uk mugs £3.50



THIS MONTH'S RAFFLE DONATION



A big thank you to the Matt and Ian at Sextons Maidstone who have very generously donated a Thatcham category 2 immobiliser fully installed; for this month's raffle.



The Stirling "Touch" from TOAD comes with 2 touch keys and is programmable to erase lost keys or accept new keys, (up to 4). Each key has 5 million combinations. The unit has a receptacle with built in status LED, and operation is passive, (auto arming). It comes with a 1 year warranty and will be issued with an insurance approved immobiliser certificate if installed by Sextons (at their Parkwood premises).

Please visit Sextons for all of your audio and security needs, they are approved installers for TOAD and Clifford security systems plus others. They stock, supply and install a wide range of audio equipment from all major manufacturers, (Alpine, Kenwood, JVC, Sony, etc, etc) including DVD and Sat/Nav.



Find them at:

Unit 3, The Chalklin Works
Coldred Road
Parkwood
Maidstone
ME15 9XT

******* For Sale on behalf of Kelvin Trundle *******

“Free to a good home”.....1992 4x4 standard Cosworth exhaust system.

Contact Kelvin on: 01634 – 378914

******* For Sale on behalf of Mark Jennings *******

Polished Chrome Coil cover for Sierra Cosworth 4x4 £10

Contact Mark on: 07748362201

******* For Sale on behalf of Stuart Coppard *******

Cherished number plate: **RS53 STU** – on retention, all fees paid - £ OFFERS
4 x S1 ERST original refurbished wheels – still in their boxes - £ OFFERS

Contact Stuart on: (01892) – 522131 or 078151 38814

Lushmans parts to clear

- 1 x Sapphire boot & spoiler £40
- 1 x brand new Avon zz1 225/45/zr16 £50
- 4 x TSW 7 ½.15 Ventura like the BBS split rims fitted on 3doors £250
- 1 x Escort Cosworth engine under tray £30
- 4 x ERST S1 turbo rims £40
- 1 x Escort Cosworth space saver wheel unused £30
- 1 x 2wd engine bay loom £80
- 1 x Escort Cosworth front diff £50
- 1 x Mint 3dr original stereo + amp £40

Plus loads more just ask; if I can help I will

Lush
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Aka Steve Booth the chairman

******* For Sale on behalf of Ricky May *******

Following recently breaking a 2wd Cossie Saff, he has many parts currently available. Contact him on 07879475036 to find out more details.