



Kent Group Ford RS Owners Club June 2006, Issue 6

Kent Track Evening at Brands hatch 19th April 2006

It was around 3`o clock on Wednesday 19th April when I left home to start my journey to Brands Hatch after I had checked my Mk5 Escort RS2000 all over to make sure all looked tight and secure.

20 minutes later I arrived at Brands Hatch to find a larger selection of RS members already there, watching the last few sessions of the Performance Ford track day. All I could hear was the screeching of the tyres of some powerful cars going around the Indy circuit, what a feeling knowing that within 90 minutes that it will be me giving it large around the Indy circuit myself, bussing with joy and can't wait. First I had to sign in and have my divers briefing with the instructors.

Once all the drivers had been given the briefing, it was time for us to have our practise laps in the Brands Hatch mini buses. Two laps later and a few more race lines learnt were all getting itchy feet to drive.....

The first lap out was gentle but taking the racing lines to get used to the circuit ready for some harder laps, thus allowing the car to warm up. The feeling of going around the Kent race track is amazing. I couldn't wait to get some faster laps in. By the end of my first 6 laps I was on a high and it was time to do a few gentle laps to enable the car to warm down and have a rest in the pits, its to easy to allow the red devil in us to take over.

Through out the night I completed 6 to 7 sessions and have a completely superb time, just wished it could have lasted all night. (Don't think the old Mk 5 would of though!!) But it's still kicking now and doesn't miss a beat even after a trip to *THE 'RING'* last month. Yippee!!!!

This was my second visit at Brands and its Indy circuit; I had done the track evening last year in September. I really enjoy the Indy circuit as it allows me to push the car to the limits!!!! Or mine, not to sure? Since last September I have done a few modifications to the car which include suspension, cossie brakes and track day tyres. (Thanks bruv) These completely changed the way the car handled and performed around the circuit, the tyres were unbelievable and highly recommend to any one!!!!!! Enjoy tonight's track evening and I might even see you out there!!!!

Many thanks to everyone, Mark (Track Mule 4)

Website www.rsocket.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.

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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RSOC National Day 2006 - 20th August 2006

- Entry Tickets are available for purchase; a form is available in the recent issue of Rallye News.
- Camping Tickets are also available.

All tickets can be purchased via the Ticketweb website www.ticketweb.co.uk or call them on their 24^{hr} phone line **08700 600 100**.

Many of us are planning to camp at site within Donington and we would love to see you there we'll have a few beers and a BBQ going, even just to pop in for a **Beer & Burger**, you cant miss the Kent group thanks to the new flags. Many people will be joining us from other parts of the club as last year was a laugh.

Tickets for National Day 2006 on 20th August 2006

Just in case you haven't received your copy of Rallye News for any reason tickets are on sale via the on-line service Ticketweb.co.uk

http://www.ticketweb.co.uk/user/?region=gb_midlands&query=detail&event=166052

£12.50 per person + booking fee + postage, details for camping to follow.

Dorset Regional Day 2006

Oh shock the Dorset Regional day sprung up out of the blue, great planning that one. Anyway, 11th June 2006 was the Dorset regional day at Lulworth castle near the south coast between Poole & Wareham. 320 ish mile round trip . Bit of a rush planning this one as I had been away on holiday to sunnier parts of this world. During the week before I managed to secure a space for a handful of cars. Texts, E-mails & posts on the RSOC website were made to see who would be interested in going to the show. Understanding it was quite short notice we managed 4 cars, although one had to drop out on the day. The day started at a 5am meet at the usual meeting point at J4 of the M20 meeting up with my fellow Mk2 Escort RS2000 owner Arron, en-route we had plans to make the trip down a bit more fun, first pit stop was to meet Paul with his stunning Red 1990 RS Turbo & a few of the guys showing their cars on the RS1600i tour stand, next stop Fleet services to meet up with other RS1600i Tour attendees. The drive down was nice (as nice as it can be in a 27 year old bone shaker).



We arrived 8:30am as planned (GPS Satnav is a wonderful thing, proved my speedo is out by 10mph), found our little area for the show & set to setting up the stand & cleaning the cars from all the suicidal bugs we had on the cars. Weather was a bit overcast, but suited cleaning process. During the day there the sun had burnt away the mists and the show opened. There are many attractions at the venue, you could look round the castle try your hand at archery (Arron had a go), there seems to be a zoo/farm area and there was an inter-regional group 5 aside football match, it looked like a good place to take the younger kids for a day out if you are near the area. There were some very fine examples of our beloved RS's there on show



but the car of the show for me was the appearance of one of the rarest RS cars there is, Dave Robinson the club Escort RS1800 registrar had turned up for the show and shine event in his Escort RS1800 this is one special car! not only had it only done 100 miles since its restoration & MOT but it had been in the process for 17 years & no one really believed it existed. This car was one of the only 2 RS1800's that Ford sold in RED out of the 108 built (remember Top Gear), it is believed that the 2nd red car caught fire many years ago. For a Mk2 Escort fan like myself this is the holy grail. To top the day off for us Arron won the award for 'best car on stand' with his white RS2000 Mk2.

All in all this is a fun show and one I personally will do again in the future and hope you will too, 'It's worth the trip'

No comments about the 5 ½ to 6 hour drive home.

Thanks
Kelvin

June Show Session 2006

Hello, we're now halfway through the show session, with July and August being completely rammed full with shows for all of us to participate in. From local events at the Hop Farm (Paddock wood) to Rally day at Castle Coombe race circuit, come and see me to book your places!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

As the first part of 2006 has been real quite show wise, we are planning to do the following shows and would love to have your support. The Kent Group are planning to visit the following shows in the next 2 months:

- 8th July Bristol/Swindon RSOC at Castle Coombe.
- 9th July Goodwood Festival of Speed.
- 9th July Durham/Derby RSOC group at Croft Race Circuit.
- 22nd July Rally Day at Castle Coombe Race Circuit.
- 6th August Ford Fair at Silverstone Race Circuit.

Other shows which can be visited but I've had no interest in are as follows:

- 2nd July Lancashire RSOC at Towneley Hall.
- 30th July Somerset RSOC at Haynes Motor Museum.
- 3rd September Trax at Silverstone Race Circuit.
- 10th September European Ford Show in Holland.

I NEED TO BOOK CASTLE COOMBE AND RALLY DAY SHOWS THIS MONTH, ALL CARS AND PEOPLE WELCOME.

If you require further details then contact me Mark Jennings on 07743862201 or email me at: mark@rsockent.co.uk. Everybody is welcome to show there RS's, if used as an everyday toy or a full blown concourse car. The shows are about a group of car enthusiasts who want to have a fun day out, represent Kent on a stand and enjoy the cars, atmosphere and sunshine. (Fingers crossed)

Thank you for your support, Mark

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
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RS ADVERTISER

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

Pair of M16 brake calipers for vented discs, ideal for Kit car or Mk2 Escort £30

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 078-151-38814

Lushman Autoparts Parts to clear

1 x Saff 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

2 x Black RS 3 spoke steering wheels with horn push (motorsport) £60

1 x 2wd engine bay loom £80

1 x Escort Cosworth front diff £50

1 x Mint 3dr original stereo + amp £50

4 x Saff doors complete with glass + locks, in grey £40

Plus loads more just ask if I can help I will

Lush

0790 0024 777

Aka Steve booth the chairman

Wanted

On behalf of a fellow RSOC Member, I'm on the look out for a Ford Escort MK2 Mexico or RS2000 Standard or Modified but the shell must be in good condition. If you know of any such car please contact me on 01634 3789174 or Kelvin@rsownersclub.co.uk



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RS Owners Club - into the future



Donington Park
Sunday 20th August

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