



KENT GROUP FORD RS OWNERS CLUB MARCH ISSUE 3

***WELCOME FOLKS TO YOUR NEW LOOK NEWSLETTER
FROM YOUR NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR.***

CHAIRMANS CHAT:-

Stephen Booth "Lushman"

Already it's the third meet of the year and thanks to all of you turning up tonight and for putting your hands into pockets and buying a newsletter! You don't need me to point out the obvious, but the nights are slowly getting lighter and hopefully the drier, warmer weather will soon be upon us (ok so now I'm pushing my luck!) Even on a dam cold Feb night last month we had loads of cars turn up for the monthly meet, so the summer should be something to look forward to.

In case you need reminding next month will be a big night as it's our track night here at Brands and also Performance Ford will be here during the day. Our evening will kick off at 17.00hrs. We will be having a raffle as usual, but the prizes will be bigger and better than usual. M Sport has donated a prize along with Simon Lester of Woodford Garage.

Just a reminder, as you enter the gates your number plates are being recorded. Any roaring around or driving like a twat will not be tolerated by the Kent RSOC, Motorsport Vision or your fellow members. You will be banded from all of the circuits owned by Motorsport Vision - so be warned!

Enjoy yourselves this evening, respect the venue and roll on next month! If you've got anything to say about the Kent group, good or bad come and speak to anyone of the Kent committee and air your views- it's your club so it's up to you to air your views and ideas. If you don't tell us what you want or don't want we can't help, we're not telepathic! These will be in print in the following newsletter with answers to your questions, whether they be good or bad.

Lush

The New Kent RSOC Chairman
Stephen Booth

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:-

Richard "Blob" Harryman

Position Held: Vice Chairman

I have been a member of the Kent RSOC for just a couple of years now but an RS enthusiast all of my life. Although I always lusted after so many of the RS models (especially the 3-door Sierra, Series 1 Turbo and RS1600i) they were usually just out of reach... 2005 saw a change in that position for me and not wanting to do anything by half, I have gone from no RS's to 2 of them. My daily drive is a MKVI RS2000 4x4 affectionately known as the "Mule" (bought as a road car and track donkey). In October last year, I finally managed to get my MKII RS2000 in Signal yellow and was featured in Rallye News a couple of months later.

I joined the Committee over a year ago as the Newsletter editor and my commitment and enthusiasm for the club has grown from there. It is the aim of myself and the rest of the committee to carry on and develop further all of the hard work and effort put in by the previous committee and to raise the profile of the Kent group further still.

Stuart Coppard

Position Held: News Letter Editor

You may all be thinking that as I'm fairly new to the Kent RSOC group and the newest member of the committee, that I've only recently been converted to the RS brand. Well in actual fact I was a full member of the main club for three years from 96 to 98, when I owned an ERST S2 as my daily drive. I was just as enthusiastic then as I am today, which is why last year I purchased my 3dr Sierra Cossie. At the time of writing this I've just 'up-graded' my 3dr to an Escort Cossie! I'm just waiting for the call to go and pick it up. I did also take delivery of a new Focus RS in Sept 03, but as my wife didn't like the ride, it was sold shortly afterwards.

I look forward to meeting you all.

Mark Jennings:

Position held: EVENTS ORGANSIER

I've been a member of the RSOC for 6 ½ years now and been a committee member for just over four years helping all you RS enthusiasts getting to your shows throughout the year.

Six years ago I bought my dream car a 4x4 Cosworth and since then been a complete RS nutter, going to all the shows possible and getting my friends well involved. The Cossie was featured in Rallye News Feb 2004 with my brother, who is due back to the UK at the end of April. In August of 2005 I bought my second RS which is a MK5 RS2000 and use it hard every day of its poor life. I'm also part of the growing crowd who do track days and trips to

Germany. (Not to sure which number **mule** I am, but mk5/6 escorts RS2000`s make great track donkeys.)

So if you need any help will your RS or just want a chat don't be shy and contact me or any other committee member.

Claire Hurst

Position held: Treasurer

Like my hubby I've been involved with the RSOC and Kent Group for nearly 4 years. Although I don't own an RS at the moment (I've got a Focus ST170) I'd love to have a 1600i one day (when Chris builds me a garage to keep it in!) and I'm more than happy to drive the 3-door or the track mule when I'm allowed.

I'm an accountant by trade so volunteered for the Treasurer's role a little over a year ago.

Please feel free to say Hi at the next meet.

Claire

Nicola Harryman

Position held: Secretary

I have only recently joined the committee as Secretary but I have been involved with the Kent Group for about 3 years now. I spent the first year going to shows as a passenger, and as we all know happens, I got the bug! At one National day, I was persuaded to get an insurance quote on a mk6 RS2000, and then found that I could realistically afford to do it, I could own an RS! Two years down the line I still have her and have no plans to get rid of her, she is a comfortable daily drive and pretty good round the track too! I am now saving for the dream car, an Escort Cosworth, so watch this space!

CheeRS

Chris Hurst:

Position held: Helper

I have been a member of the RSOC and the Kent group for nearly four years, I joined just before buying my 3 door Cosworth which I still have, I've also more recently bought a MK6 RS2000 which I'm using as a daily driver and track day tool.

I can be seen at most of the shows during the summer and nearly all the Kent meets. I have been helping out for some time now so a natural step was to volunteer to make it official!

Feel free to come and have a chat at any of the meets

Chris

Martyn Batstone

Position Held: Helper

I have been a member of the RSOC and Kent Group for 8 years or so now with various RS's. I have owned an RS1800 Fester, S1 RS Turbo, Focus RS (RIP) and for the last 2 years a small turbo Escort Cosworth. As I am sure you all no I have stepped down as Chairman of the Kent Group as I have taken up a post on the main club committee of insurance officer which now takes up a lot of my free time. I am at most of the Kent meets and show up and down the country and also just a phone call away should you need advise or help with anything RS related.

RAFFLE – TONIGHTS SPONSOR IS:-

Our first new feature from the new committee is in the area of the raffle. Each month we intend to hold a raffle that is sponsored by a different company. These companies will donate the prizes, usually from their stocks.

This month the raffle is being sponsored by

“Xpress Drivers Ltd”

They are a Tunbridge Wells based driver agency and an on-the-spot courier firm. They supply mainly LGV drivers to large national distribution companies to local companies who operate small fleets of vehicles. They also own and operate a fleet of vans offering a local and national same day courier service.

So if you or your company has a need for any adhoc LGV drivers or the services of a courier firm, than please give them a call on **(01892) – 522131**.

Please note we intend to draw the raffle at every meet at 9pm, so make sure you purchase your tickets in time.....

ON YOUR SOAP BOX, GET SET, GO..... CAR OF THE NIGHT

This is where we will feature a car from the club meet each month, along with pictures and an extensive history write up.

So if you would like your car featured then please feel free to approach any member of the committee. Don't worry we will help you with the write up and picture taking and remember its track night on the evening of the April meet!!

DID YOU KNOW ??????????

This is where we intend to feature a small selection of interesting facts on RS cars. We plan to focus on one particular model per month. So if you have any knowledge on any model and would like to pass it on to everybody else just let a committee member know asap.

FORTH COMING EVENTS:-

SHOW SESSION 2006

Hello to everyone, 2006 has started and another action packed year is ahead of us. There are plenty of shows organized throughout the year for you **all** to partake in.

There is something for everybody from full-blown concourse to showing your pride and joy on the Kent stand at many events during the year. Then, for you petrol heads and speed demons there are organized track events at Brands Hatch and other tracks countrywide. This is not just for those who are experienced but also for those of you who are beginners, so please come along and see the action for yourself. With the option of tuition on most track days for novices and the peace of mind that safety and fun are of paramount importance there is nothing to stop even the most inexperienced driver getting the most out of their car and seeing just how far they can push it!

So with the first track evening commencing on our April meet please contact myself, Mark Jennings for all you need to know! My contact details are as below. Please be quick to see me, if you wish to come along, in order to save disappointment as places book quickly and are on a first come first served basis.

mark@rsocket.co.uk

Mob: 07748362201

The list of shows planned for 2006 are as follows:

- 23th April Centrail Group RSOC
- 14th May Cambria RSOC
- 4th June North York's RSOC
- 11th June Dorest RSOC
- 18th June Northants RSOC
- 2nd July Lancs RSOC
- 6th-9th July Festival of speed at Goodwood race circuit
- 9th July Durham RSOC
- 6th August Ford Fair
- 3rd September Trax
- 10th September European Ford Show Holland

Upcoming events which I need to book ASAP are the Central Group RSOC at Santa Pod and also have information about booking a Kent RSOC stand At the Festival of Speed at Goodwood Race circuit, but I will numbers of cars well in advance.

If you need any help or advise on your RS please don't be shy to contact **ME** or any **COMMITTEE MEMBER**.

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 the 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 be an active member of the Kent Group and purchase a jacket, polo shirt or T shirt.



- Polo Shirt £22.00
- Bomber Jacket £43.00
- Racing Jacket £40.00
- Ladies T Shirt £20
- Ladies Strappy Top £20

BRANDS HATCH TRACK DAY ADVERT



Motorsport Vision Track evening in association with Kent RSOC at Brands Hatch Race circuit on the afternoon of Wednesday 19th April 2006.

Welcome Kent RSOC and Friends

Here is your chance to join your fellow club members for an evening of track driving exclusive to the Kent RSOC and Friends! The open pit lane format will ensure you will have all the circuit time you can handle whilst developing your skills in a safe and controlled environment.

The evening will begin with a comprehensive safety briefing that will cover everything from rules of a track day through to car preparation and driving techniques.

For those of you new to track days or Brands Hatch, there will be a detailed circuit briefing in minibuses at 5 o'clock, driven by our race instructors who will show you everything they know about the track and give you a few tips before you head out in your own car.

After a few compulsory sighting laps behind a pace car you will have until 8 o'clock to really explore your cars potential as well as your own.

After track time has ended, you are welcome to join the regular monthly meet crowd for a drink or bite to eat in the Kentagon before heading home at what will seem a rather leisurely pace after 2½ hours on track.

Please book on line at www.motorsportvision.co.uk/rsoc19april

Timetable	
15:30	Arrival & signing on
16:30	Driver briefing
17:00	On circuit briefing in minibuses
17:30	Track time begins with pace car lapping
20:00	Track time ends.

Please note that there are also track evenings planned for the 21st June and 16th August 2006 so watch this space for details.

We hope you can make it on this evening, even if your not on the track but to watch on the night. All we ask is you buy a raffle ticket and a newsletter to help support us in future events that we plan to put on.

Hope to see you there

RS ADVERTISER

***** For Sale on behalf of my 'chauffer' Ricky May *****

1 x bd 14 inlet camshaft 2wd only £offers
8 x green injectors, will split into 2 e.g. 2x4. Sorry not taking the piss but
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Contact Ricky on: 078794 75036

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(None **RS** items):- 2 x 15inch Dell TFT monitor with DVI & Analog inputs,
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Main dealer demo car + 2 mature owners, Mallard Green with green hexagon
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DVD also on the Automotive Unlimited web site.



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

Cherished number plate: **RS53 STU** – on retention, all fees paid - £995 ovno
4 x S1 ERST original refurbished wheels – still in their boxes - £offers

Contact Stuart on: 078151 38814

JOKE OF THE MONTH:-



ED'S COMMENT

Thanks to all that's bought a copy of this newsletter. Should you have any feedback please feel free to let me know.

Best wishes,

Stuart Coppard