

Ford RS Owners Club : Kent Group



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Welcome

Well the nights a drawing in and many a RS is locked away for the winter or for projects work to start on them, but there are a few important events that as a member of the RSOC and a Ford enthusiast you maybe interested in.

RSOC AGM : NOVEMBER 5th White House Hotel, Kegworth
Donnington Spares day : NOVEMBER 12th 10am -5pm
Quaife Tour : (Date TBC,)



Quaife Engineering tour

We have a fantastic opportunity for 25 people to be involved with a visit/tour around the factory of Quaife, so if your interested in how a gearbox works or how a ATB diff goes about it business this could the ideal chance to some of the worlds best transmission, get your name and contact number down on the list with one of the committee members tonight and we'll let you know the final arrangement. Their factory is in Sevenoaks and we'll let you know what date this tour will take place on.

WANTED !!!!

Your Views & feedback!!!

We want stories about you or your car to put in the forthcoming issues of **YOUR** newsletter.

Got an interesting story?.....Been to a rolling road shoot out??.....Has your car got an interesting history???.Do you have any upgrade tips you could pass on????.....Or just send us in some pictures of your pride and joy.....

We know we have some special Ford kit out there in the car park, this is your change to tell the rest of the group what's special about your car.

Please feel free to contact: stuart@sockent.co.uk – Newsletter Editor

Welcome Gareth and his RS to the Group

Hi folks,

I am Gareth Wheeler and I am new to the RS Owners Club. I've only been a member for 2 months. My car is a 1992 Mk 5 Escort RS2000.

I bought the car because it is one of the Fords I have always wanted, because they look different from the rest of the cars on the road and they are very underestimated, also fun to drive. I bought K904 NOW back in July as a replacement for the car I used to have, a MK6 Escort 1.6 SI I had had for 2 years it was a nice car and I had done quite a lot of work to it but it was too slow!!



I had seen K904NOW last year. When I first saw the car I thought, 'what a nice car', then I looked closer and I said to myself 'Bloody hell, it's an RS2000!!' The car was on sale for £2,995, and due to my financial circumstances, I couldn't afford it. Six months later I was looking on the internet and I saw the car again, so I went to the location where they said the car was. I walked up the forecourt, saw one of the salesmen and asked to look at the car. When I looked around the car I couldn't believe the condition of the car, it was immaculate! I asked why the car had been there so long and he said 'people just think it's an old K reg escort and no one was interested in it

I part exchanged my SI with £700 and I was a proud owner of a RS2000 for £2,300. The owner of the car sales originally bought it for himself but let it go because he was after an RS2000 of the MK 2 Escort variety. The car has had 1 owner from new and has full Ford Dealer History from 1992 to 2005! The original owner bought a fleet of RS2000's from Hendy Ford for his printing company in Watford, but he liked this one so much he kept it for 12 ½ years!



So far the car is relatively standard. The RS five spoke alloys have been colour coded and diamond cut, it has clear side repeaters because I don't like orange ones! I have put a new sound system in the car consisting of Sony Xplod head unit, Pioneer door speakers, Infinity 6 x 9's, JBL sub and toxic 500w amp. I have just put a set of toyo proxes performance tyres on which grip like chewing gum to a blanket and also make the wheels look better as well. I have also just fitted a Mongoose cat back performance exhaust which sounds really nice and

also makes it more responsive. I plan to do more to the car in the future, I love this car because it is fun to drive and it is also a pretty fast car, not to mention a good looking one as well. Thank you for taking your time to read this feature, and I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Cheers

Gareth [41376]

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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Next year !!!

How can we make next year a bigger and better year for the Kent Group, Let us know.

- Is there a classic car show you would like to attend and get involved with?
- Is there a Motorsport event on in your local area ?
- How can we improve on last years efforts

Please let us know your views and ideas.

Website www.RSOCKent.co.uk

We are continually 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!

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

Any first time visitors here tonight ?

Thought you might like to know, The group prides itself on being an approachable friendly club, we holding a monthly meeting throughout the year that is always well attended even through the winter months. There are many members whose interest in the club goes beyond just owning an RS car. Many take part in track days and we even have a few concourse entrants who regularly do well at the RS Owners Club National Day & regional events.

A Over View on Malcolm Wilson

Malcolm has almost 20 years experience of rallying at world championship level, much of it with Ford. He drove for three factory teams in the world championship and spent several years as Ford's chief test driver, developing new rally cars. As a driver he won two British national titles in the late 1970s and achieved a long-held ambition by winning the British international crown in 1994, all at the wheel of Escorts. Under his guidance, M-Sport (formerly Malcolm Wilson Motorsport) has become one of the world's leading private teams with a string of international titles and rally wins to its credit. As director of the Ford Martini team, Malcolm has full responsibility for Ford's championship programme. Malcolm Wilson met his wife after he went along to purchase her father's rally car which he says was the most expensive vehicle he ever bought. The M-Sport company now employs over 170 people and has come a long way from a Ford dealership which Malcolm ran in the late 1970's. As director of the BP-Ford World Rally team at its magnificent Dovenby Hall headquarters in the heart of the English Lake District, Malcolm has responsibility for Ford's world rally activities, including the development of the Fiesta Junior World Championship car, for a tenth season.

World Rally Championship Results

<i>Pos</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Rally</i>	<i>Codriver</i>	<i>Car</i>
12	1977	Great Britain	Ron Palmer	Ford Escort RS2000
R	1978	Great Britain	Ron Palmer	Ford Escort RS1800
15	1979	Great Britain	Terry Harryman	Ford Escort RS1800
R	1980	Great Britain	Terry Harryman	Ford Escort RS1800
R	1981	Portugal	Terry Harryman	Ford Escort RS1800
R	1981	Greece	Terry Harryman	Ford Escort RS1800
R	1981	Great Britain	Terry Harryman	Ford Escort RS1800
R	1982	Portugal	Terry Harryman	Ford Escort RS1800
10	1982	Great Britain	Mike Greasley	Audi Quattro
13	1983	Great Britain	Phil Short	Ford Escort RS1600i
R	1984	Great Britain	Nigel Harris	Audi Quattro A1
R	1985	Sweden	Nigel Harris	Audi Quattro A1
R	1985	Great Britain	Nigel Harris	MG Metro 6R4
R	1986	Monaco	Nigel Harris	MG Metro 6R4
R	1986	Sweden	Nigel Harris	MG Metro 6R4
R	1986	Portugal	Nigel Harris	MG Metro 6R4
R	1986	France	Nigel Harris	MG Metro 6R4
10	1986	Finland	Nigel Harris	MG Metro 6R4
4	1986	Italy	Nigel Harris	MG Metro 6R4
17	1986	Great Britain	Nigel Harris	MG Metro 6R4
R	1987	Great Britain	Mike Broad	Opel Kadett GSI
8	1988	Sweden	Ian Grindrod	Opel Kadett GSI 16V
R	1988	Greece	Ian Grindrod	Vauxhall Astra GTE
R	1988	Great Britain	Ian Grindrod	Vauxhall Astra GTE
13	1989	Sweden	Ian Grindrod	Vauxhall Astra GTE
3	1989	New Zealand	Ian Grindrod	Vauxhall Astra GTE
6	1989	Australia	Ian Grindrod	Vauxhall Astra GTE
10	1989	Great Britain	Ian Grindrod	Vauxhall Astra GTE
R	1990	Finland	Nicky Grist	Ford Sierra RS Cosworth 4x4
R	1990	Italy	Nicky Grist	Ford Sierra RS Cosworth 4x4
R	1990	Great Britain	Nicky Grist	Ford Sierra RS Cosworth 4x4
7	1991	Monaco	Nicky Grist	Ford Sierra RS Cosworth 4x4
R	1991	Portugal	Nicky Grist	Ford Sierra RS Cosworth 4x4
5	1991	France	Nicky Grist	Ford Sierra RS Cosworth 4x4
R	1991	Greece	Nicky Grist	Ford Sierra RS Cosworth 4x4
10	1991	Italy	Nicky Grist	Ford Sierra RS Cosworth 4x4
R	1991	Great Britain	Nicky Grist	Ford Sierra RS Cosworth 4x4
9	1992	Great Britain	Bryan Thomas	Ford Sierra RS Cosworth 4x4

R	1993	Sweden	Bryan Thomas	Ford Escort RS Cosworth
R	1993	Finland	Bryan Thomas	Ford Escort RS Cosworth
3	1993	Great Britain	Bryan Thomas	Ford Escort RS Cosworth
6	1994	Greece	Bryan Thomas	Ford Escort RS Cosworth
9	1994	Italy	Bryan Thomas	Ford Escort RS Cosworth
R	1994	Great Britain	Bryan Thomas	Ford Escort RS Cosworth
R	1995	Great Britain	Bryan Thomas	Ford Escort RS Cosworth

Ford's History in Rallying

Rallying in the 1960's

The Zephyr was replaced by the light but versatile and rugged Cortina

- 1964 Won the East African Safari
- 1966 Success on the Acropolis and RAC Rallies
- 1968 Roger Clark's Lotus-engined car narrowly missed out on winning the London-Sydney Marathon

1968 Launch of the Escort and the beginning of Ford's finest chapter in rallying history, winning the Circuit of Ireland, Tulip, Austrian Alpine, Acropolis and Scottish rallies in an eight-week period and then Finland's 1000 Lakes Rally to help Ford secure the World Rally Championship for Makes

1969 Ford won the world title again

Rallying in the 1970's

The day Escort RS1600 took over from the Twin-Cam

1970 Special overhead-valve engined cars dominated the 16,000-mile London to Mexico World Cup Rally, finishing first, with Finn Hannu Mikkola taking victory, as well as third, fifth sixth and eighth.

1972 Mikkola won the East African Safari and Clark entered the history books of British rallying by winning the RAC Rally

1973/1974 Timo Mäkinen won RAC Rally

1975 Timo Mäkinen won RAC Rally in the new-style Mk2 Escort RS1800.

1976 Clark won RAC Rally and with Mikkola and Sweden's Bjorn Waldegard spearheaded the official Ford team's international charge over the course of the next few years as the Escort became virtually unbeatable

1977 Waldegard won three punishing world championship rallies: the East African Safari, the Acropolis and RAC events.

1979 Escort swept the board in the championship, winning the manufacturers' title and the drivers' crown for Waldegard, who edged out team-mate Mikkola

Rallying in the 1980's

From turbocharged RS200 to Ford Sierra

1981 Another Finn, Ari Vatanen, continued Ford's success with victories in Greece, Brazil and Finland the first, and only, privateer to win the world drivers' title.

1986 The introduction of the turbocharged RS200, which won 19 international rallies in the season before more rule changes led to the introduction of the Ford Sierra

1988 Frenchman Didier Auriol scored his maiden world victory on the Tour of Corsica

Rallying in the 1990's

The RS Cosworth and the final Escort World Rally Car make way for the Focus

- 1990/1991 The new turbocharged four-wheel Escort, the RS Cosworth won in Spain
1992 The Cosworth won in Britain
- 1993 Five world championship rounds won by François Delecour, Miki Biasion and Franco Cunico. Delecour finished second in the drivers' championship and Ford were runners-up in the manufacturers' series
- 1995 Victorious in 25 European Championship rounds, as well as national titles in Africa and Austria, Switzerland and Portugal, Finland and Turkey
- 1996 Final world rally success came in Indonesia in with Carlos Sainz at the wheel
- 1997 Ford evolved the Escort World Rally Car. Sainz drove it to victory in Greece and Indonesia as the team finished second in the manufacturers' championship
- 1998 The end of the season marked the end of the Escort's career as an official Ford-entered rally car with a remarkable 46 world class wins
- 1999 Introduction of the Focus as the most technically-advanced rally car ever built, winning only its third event, the demanding Safari Rally, with Colin McRae, who also won the following Rally of Portugal

Rallying in the 2000's

The wins continue into the new century

- 2000 McRae won in Spain and Greece. Sainz victorious in Cyprus. Ford runners-up in the manufacturers' championship
- 2001/2002 The team was second again as McRae and Sainz get another six world rally wins
- 2003 Introduction of a radical and revolutionary new Focus RS World Rally Car which took rally car design and technology to new frontiers. The car was a huge success and Markko Märtin claimed victories in Greece and Finland
- 2004 Markko Märtin won Rally Mexico. A new evolution was unveiled in April 2004 on Rally New Zealand and Märtin took that to victory on the final two asphalt events of the season in Corsica and Spain
- 2005 50th consecutive points finish in the FIA WRC. Since 1973 and 411 world rallies, no other manufacturer has scored in more than 36 consecutive events.

Kent Merchandise

As promised we have ordered some more of our 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 (the colour of Kent) stripe across the shoulders. We have a stock of the following items, so please become an active member of the Kent Group and purchase a jacket, polo shirt or T shirt. And look Christmas is just round the corner !!!!

- 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





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Wanted on behalf of Paula Booth (Mrs. Chairman)

Escort RS1600i

- Int trim (all parts considered)
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Parts Wanted

Mk2 Escort RS parts

- RS alloy gearbox bell with clutch fork
- RS2000/mexico sump pickup pipe
- RS Alloy alternator bracket & Arm
- 2.0 injection pinto (sierra) head

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

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Aka Steve Booth the chairman

******* 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 - £

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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

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