

SOUTH WALES GROUP

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PERHAPS it was an ill omen to choose April 1st for the first Hill Climb date, because our hoped for venue died on us. All is not lost, however. We have been offered a site on which we could construct a road. The Committee are enthusiastically, but cautiously, probing this proposal. Our first need will be for a surveyor to give technical advice, and if anyone can assist I should be grateful if you will contact me. Indeed, I shall be glad to hear from anyone who is interested either as a competitor, constructor or financial supporter.

Competitively we have been in something of a turmoil owing to the exit of our Competition Secretaries. Every cloud has a silver lining, though, and while time limits have made life difficult, the Committee Members have established themselves as a bunch of workers determined to keep things going.

"Around the Beacons" on 8th April proved an enjoyable trip with quite a few surprises. Navigation for the first part was by mileages and signposts: the second half was by tulip-style route and produced a fine run through the Towy and Cothi Valleys. Mine host and Group member Crewe Lumley-Smith welcomed us to the finish at the "Bridge End", Crickhowell, where the winner proved to be a new member from Cardiff, C. Hill with his 14 year old son as navigator!

Derek's Dawdle on 2nd May produced as neat and twisty a route as one could wish for. This trip finished at the newly opened Rally Bar at the Vine Tree, Llangattock, where our Chairman now reigns as landlord. Winner on this occasion turned out to be the landlord himself, navigated by yours truly. Incidentally Don and Sandra (M.R. 141 215180) asked me to thank you all for the many good wishes sent on their marriage.

Our 2nd Annual Driving Tests Meeting on 20th May was marred by rain. A disappointingly small entry

thoroughly enjoyed the event, and our thanks go to the marshals, Mrs. D.R. Radford, Brian Giles, Albert Wells, Derek Holley and others, who gallantly braved the rain and wind. The wet surface made things more "interesting" for the drivers and excellent performances were forthcoming. Special mention goes to Len Westgate who drove his Sprite into second place at his first attempt at this type of competition against stiff opposition from Duncan Atkinson 1st (Mini) and last year's winner Waldo Edwards 3rd (Alfa Romeo, Sprint).

Forthcoming Events

June 23—Tramps Barbecue.
June 29—Dance, Llansantffraed Court.
July 2—Summer Madness. Evening Social Run.

Vic Hesketh