



# BRISTOL GROUP NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome to the March Meeting

### This Evening

Tonight's meeting is the every popular Mega Quiz , run and presented by Simon Drake , and we will also try to bring you the ever popular raffle , HOWEVER this may change if Simon is about to have increase/addition his family , so in that case the events planed for this month will be run into the April meeting.

### Last Month Meeting

Last months meeting was our AGM as required by the National RSOC , the only change in the local group committee was that Chris has stepped down due to other commitments and Mark Bowkett has now taken on the role of Show co-ordinator .

In last months meeting clothing was the talking point as we are about to spend our £250.00 from the RSOC on polo shirts , however if you have not ordered one then speak to Ian NOW .

### Next Months Meeting

The April meeting will consist of the annual Indoor Games extravaganza , run and arranged by Simon D ( he really loves it , that's the attention ) with prizes for the winners and a raffle will be also run , making this a brilliant evening not to be missed .

### Events and Shows

The 2006 show season is just waiting in the wind and will be upon us before we know it , a show calendar is embedded on the next page of this newsletter , but note ... a few of the dates are now full and we need all the names down for everyone wishing to take part in this years shows , so far the numbers are great , but we now have to start paying for the passes , so act now or it may be too late .

Castle Combe 2006 application forms are now ready and are available from Ian and the web site is now up and running

... Well done Alex .

\* New show added , Sat 9th Sept ,

Eurofest Action day at Castle Combe , we are able to apply for club display , however spaces are very limited .

## ARPIL meet

19.4.2006

Indoor Games

### Ford News

#### Ford Leads UK's Annual Vehicle Sales Charts

26th January, 2006

Ford cars have been the favourite choice for buyers in Britain for 29 successive years. The iconic Ford Transit, which celebrated its 40th anniversary last year, enabled the Blue Oval to secure four decades of consecutive commercial vehicle market leadership.



Ford secured car market leadership for the whole of 2005 after selling more than 347,550 units to seal 14.2 per cent of the market, placing the Blue Oval in front by over

30,000 cars.

Ford's commercial vehicle range topped 88,800 sales, accounting for 23 per cent of registrations in this sector. The second-placed commercial vehicle manufacturer was more than 36,000 units behind. The success of Ford Transit and Transit

Connect helped the Blue Oval sell around one in three medium-sized commercials on the road.

This follows a dominant sales performance in December when Ford led the pack with a 14.8 per cent share of the car market – beating December 2004 by almost 2,500 units. Ford commercials were 22.5 per cent of their market in December 2005.

"The ongoing success of the Ford Focus as the UK's top selling car is especially pleasing," said Paul Thomas, Ford of Britain managing director. "It is an accolade the model has held every year since the original Ford Focus went on sale in 1998."

More than 145,000 Ford Focus cars were registered last year – 4,000 units up on 2004 thanks to soaring sales of the latest model.

Other 2005 sales successes for Ford of Britain according to figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders released today include:

- Three Ford cars in top 10 – Focus (1st), Fiesta (5th) and Mondeo (8th)
- Clear retail market leader – ahead by almost 43,500 units
- Fiesta was retail favourite among private buyers and Focus third

- Focus was bestselling diesel car and Mondeo second
- Ford's diesel volumes up on 12 months ago

## MAY meeting 17.5.2006 Outdoor Games

- In its city car segment Ka sales are more than 2.5 times those of nearest rival
- Transit Connect goes from strength to strength with rising volumes in medium commercial segment

"Almost 30 years of car market leadership and a staggering 40 years of success for the Ford Transit have put us in prime position," said Paul. "Ford has made a flying start to an exciting and busy year which will see us launch five new products. The 2006 Ford Fiesta and Fusion now on sale will help this retail favourite celebrate 30 years of supermini success since the first Fiesta model arrived on UK roads in 1976."

Nigel Sharp, Ford of Britain's incoming sales director, said: "The 2006 outlook for Ford is good although the market will remain very competitive – so it's a great time for customers to buy. The combination of our future products and the pace already set by sure winners such as Ford Focus ST mean I'm looking forward to the challenge."

**WE HOPE YOU HAVE ENJOYED THIS EVENINGS MEETING AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN ON WEDNESDAY 19th MARCH**

### Show Diary for 2006 RSOC Bristol

Sat 22nd April ..... Performance Act Day CC  
Sun 23rd April ..... Central Day  
Sun 7th May ..... Devon Reg Day  
Sun 21st May ..... Leics Reg Day  
Sun 10th June ..... Bristol Mt & Leisure Show  
Sat 17th June ..... Classic Action Day CC  
Sat 17th June ..... Liandown Wales RS Day  
Sun 25th June ..... Cornwell RS Day  
**SAT 8th JULY ..... CASTLE COMBE 2006**  
Sat 22nd July ..... Rally Supercar Day, C C C  
Sun 30th July ..... Somerset Reg Day, Haynes  
Sun 6th Aug ..... Ford Fair, Silverstone  
Sun 13th Aug ..... Margum Park  
Sun 20th Aug ..... RS Owners club, Nat Day  
Sun 3rd Sept ..... Trax's 2005, Silverstone  
Sat 9th Sept ..... Eurofest Action Day CC  
Sun 1st Oct ..... Malvern Classic Show

If you wish to take part in any of the above listed shows, then please speak to Mark Bowkett our Show Co-ordinator

N/B, P = Provisional date at present  
V = no date issued for 2006 as yet  
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