



# BRISTOL GROUP NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome To The April Meeting

We as a club will be on display , so came along  
and support your fellow members

### Tonight

Tonight's meeting it's the first of the years outdoor activities evenings here at the NBRC , However it is very weather dependant to the fact that we may be inside , and also we hope to bring you the every popular raffle .

### Last Months Meeting

In last months meeting we ran the every popular Bingo session ran by Mr Bingo (Simon D) himself , and we ran the every popular raffle.

### Next Months Meeting

Next months meeting is on Wednesday 21st May again we should then be hoping to have our evening meetings outside and we also hope to bring you the popular raffle again with fantastic prizes .

### Shows

This years show season for 2008 is now about to start , as it all kicks off from this week end , all the details are now on the spreadsheet attached to this newsletter .

It is now up to you the membership to enter your details on to the form and return it completed to Mark our show co-ordinator , if you have not yet do so as failure to do so may mean you miss that or those shows and in a few cases the cut off times are very short lead times .

### Shows and events taking place before the next meeting

- \* Performance Action Day Sat 19th April .. Castle Combe
- \* Central RSOC Day Sun 20th April ... Santa Pod

**MAY**  
**Meeting**  
*Free BBQ*  
**21.05.2008**

### Article from Castle Combe Newsletter April 208

This week we start on a serious note. The local Police have informed us that on event days here, even mid-week track days, they will be setting up speed cameras on the approach roads around the local villages. Therefore in your own interests please, when visiting us, respect our neighbours and ensure that you drive within the local speed limits. We want your visit to Castle Combe Circuit to be an enjoyable one and not starting or finishing with a fine and points on your licence.

### RS Combe 2008

The Castle Combe track and regional day event **RS Combe 2008** is to take place on **SATURDAY 5th JULY** , This Monday we held an

event meeting as planning for the 2008 event is now in full swing .

We now have all the application forms ready as this should coincide with the online booking etc which have gone live ready to take the applications and online payments which are now appearing as we speak

So put the date of 5/7/2008 in your dairies now as you do not want to miss this fantastic day at Castle Combe .

ALL the prices on entry etc have been frozen for the 2008 event .

We are planning to have a fantastic lunch time parade lap session All in the aid of charity the cars include All Escort RS models , All Sapphire Cosworth models , together with RS1600i's , and the Mondeo Owners Club to list a few .

**Parade lap spaces are NOW limited** in numbers due to the sheer number of different types of cars on the track for this fantastic spectacular , so book early and do your bit for a good cause in aid of our chosen charity this year , this part of the event may close at any Time 2,000 flyers have been printed ready for this mega show weekend so your help in distributing these would be much appreciated .

## Ford News

### "08"-PLATED FORD APPEAL DRIVES BUMPER MARCH SALES

Posted by on 07-04-08 04:32 PM New car buyers showed their enthusiasm for Ford's exciting new model range by helping to set another sales record during March's changeover to the "08" plate.

New Focus, Mondeo and C-MAX led the strikingly designed Ford cars which attracted over 67,600 customers to the blue oval brand last month. Ford's total in March, including new commercial vehicle registrations – principally Transit and Transit Connect, topped 83,600.

This sets a new record since bi-annual number plate changes were introduced in 1999, and underlines the desirability of the new 'kinetic design' models filling Ford showrooms. Dealerships are benefiting as a result of the surge in Ford sales to private customers, with rising numbers

visiting showrooms.

Almost 37,000 Ford cars were delivered to private customers last month – an increase of more than six per cent on a year ago. Ford Focus continues its reign as the UK's top selling car. Ford Mondeo models sporting "08" plates were ordered by a massive 80 per cent more private individuals than in March 2007. Ford's C-MAX, also refreshed last year, surged 27 per cent in the retail market.

**June  
Meeting  
Outside  
18.06.2008**

Roelant de Waard, Ford of Britain chairman and managing director, said: "Last month was the first true test of the public's response to the new Ford range. A record sales month is the loud and clear answer I wanted to hear – and we still have the new Ford Kuga crossover, Ford Fiesta and Ka to come."

Customers are increasingly drawn to flagship models such as Titanium and specifying high-tech options including Bluetooth for a wireless mobile-phone-to-car-audio connection. The majority of private new Mondeo sales are Titanium badged (56 per cent). One in three customers specify Bluetooth in a new Ford Focus.

Drivers looking for the greenest Fords have driven up registrations of Ford Fiesta, Fusion and Focus models with emissions under 120g CO2/km by a third. Rising demand for the cars' ultra-frugal 1.4 and 1.6-litre TDCi engines – assembled at Dagenham Diesel Centre – has prompted the wind-powered plant to order a third turbine to ensure its continued renewable energy supply.

Ford Focus, along with C-MAX, also makes up 70 per cent of Ford's Motability business with disabled drivers – another sector led by Ford last month and where Ford's latest exciting models are increasing demand.

**WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED THIS EVENINGS MEETING AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN AT NEXT MONTHS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 21st MAY.**

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