

Welcome to our second Club Bulletin. The winter period is usually the quietest time for the year for the club, a lack of shows to attend and there aren't many meets planned. However, plenty had been going on behind the scenes and every member should have received their renewals last month, a full update of club news can be found on the reverse side. I hope everyone received their Autumn edition of Jellymould, it was posted before the Christmas rush so there shouldn't have been too many arriving late, but you never know with a mail service.

I wish everyone a happy new year and all the club officials hope to see you out and about at FSOC events this year.

Jon Luck
Press Secretary

Renewal Update

Just a quick note to remind you about membership renewals. These were all sent out before Christmas and the deadline for these to be returned is 31st January. After this date, memberships and member access on the forum will be deactivated.

This year, as far as I'm aware, is the first year the club has had professional cards printed up; so quite an occasion!! We're also in the process of getting some 'inside' stickers printed so in 2007 you will have a choice of which you prefer on your car. I'm hoping to get these in enough time to be sent out with the aforementioned membership cards.

If anyone has any problems or queries regarding your renewal, please feel free to contact me via Private Message on the forum, or by email to:

secretary@fordsierraclub.co.uk

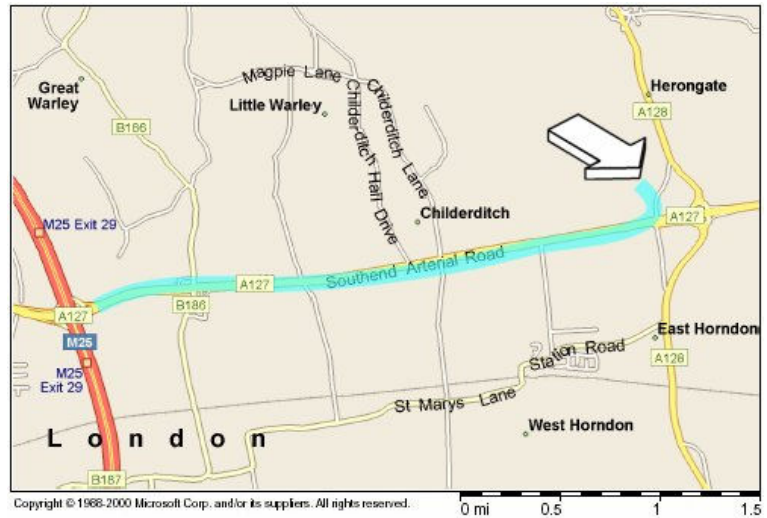
Karen Davis
Club Secretary

Pub Meets

There are 2 pub meets scheduled over the next couple of months.

Halfway House - 28th January

The first will be at the Halfway House in Essex on the 28th January. People will start to get there from 12ish. It is located on the A127, a couple of minutes east of J29 of the M25.



The address is:
The Half Way House
Southend Arterial Rd
Brentwood
Essex CM13 3LL

New Chimneys - 4th March

Hopefully following on from a good turnout at the Halfway House on the 28th January, and the fact that there is never a pub meet South of the River Thames for SE members (other than the Jail during summer) there will be another pub meet on Sunday 4th March at the New Chimneys Pub / Restaurant in Ashford, Kent.

The address is:
New Chimneys
Loudon Way
Ashford
Kent
TN23 3JJ
01233636871

Basically, it is 3 minutes from the M20, Junction 9. Arrival is from mid-day, and anyone is welcome to turn up. There is parking for almost 200 cars and apparently the food is delicious and the drinks free-flowing.

We hope to see some new faces at each meet!

Club Update

Discounts

We had an opportunity for discount batteries but as we didn't much interest on the forum we are not going to bother to follow it up for the moment, we may try again in the summer. There is a guy named Stewart Boon in Northampton who runs a mobile diagnostics firm named ADS, specialising in ECU fault finding, ABS, traction control and service light resets. He has offered our members a discount and can be contacted by email at ads.sboon@virgen.net. For those of you who collect car automotive memorabilia related bits and pieces we have two internet based dealers who will give you a deal. RetroRetro.com have several Sierra brochures and pictures for sale as well as other Ford merchandise. They can also be contacted on 020 7870 8255. The other company is automobiliaforsale.co.uk who sell pretty much the same sort of items. They can be contacted on 077669 22944. Drivebuy.co.uk are another company offering members a discount. They run a website similar to Autotrader and will give you a discount if you decide to advertise your car with them.

Area Reps

At long last it is starting to happen The reps are in place and have their areas designated by postcode. A dedicated email address has been set up for each area rep so they are easier to contact, a phone number is also available for each and every one of them. Details will be out in the Winter issue of Jellymould (due March). An "Area Rep of the year" award (presented at the Natontional day at Billing) will go to the individual who does the most for his area during the year, so expect to be dragged kicking and screaming to your local pub meet.

Membership Renewals

Hurry up and get the forms back to us. Cheques, Paypal, cash or good old fashioned family heirlooms are accepted. Current members have until the end of this month before we cut off your members forum access.

Membership Cards

The membership cards have once again been changed to keep with the long standing FSOC tradition of a new style card every year, you will be hopefully impressed with the new cards when they arrive.

Club Stickers

When you renew you will also receive a new style car sticker to whack on your pride and joy, these ones you can apply to the inside of your windows. We will keep in stock both types, both inside and out, so let us know if you have a preference. Extras are available, send us £1.50 and we send you a sticker.

Monthly Bulletins

Those that took the time to return the form or have contacted us will receive the monthly updates, if you didn't then you won't be reading this! It cost around £45 to get everything printed, addressed and sent out, let alone the time of those who put it all together for free. Plus the ink /electricity/caffeine and nicotine etc. We only do it for you the membership and our time is free, but we don't like to waste it.

Jellymould

The next one, as already mentioned, is due out in March. If you have any contributions don't hesitate to get in contact with the club or Jon directly.

Behind the scenes

I just want to thank all the officials and forum admin/moderators for their valuable help and assistance in the running of the club and forum over the last few months. Its a hard, long and thankless task that we endure to make everyone happy and make everything run smoothly. I spend around 4 hours a day on the forum and around 3 hours a week taking phone calls during the day and late at night, some of the officials turn in more hours. And we do this for free. And then silently thank everyone for all the time and effort we put in to make this work.

Paul "Sidibear" Elliot
FSOC President