



## Sporting Bears Motor Club



Driving for Charity

# POLAR NEWS

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### FROM YOUR EDITOR

Many thanks to Tony and Iris Woods who have donated a black cartridge. Thanks also to Jim Harris for some photos, Nigel Atkins for insurance news and Chris Glaseby for a letter - it all helps to pad out this issue! --- Helen

### REACT PRESENTATION

The money from the Polar Bears' lunch raffles and the sale of all those bears (thanks Sheila!) at Selkirk was rounded up by the SBMC committee to £1,000 and presented to Mo Grant, a React trustee.

React (which began in 1989) is a charity nominated by Fiona and relies entirely on voluntary donations from individuals, companies and charitable trusts. React aims to give a caring, fast response to families facing the difficulties of looking after a seriously ill child who is likely to die prematurely. The constant

care needed often means a parent giving up work with the loss of income just when it is most needed. React is the only charity in the UK able to give financial grants quickly and without fuss to help any family in need. The grant may help with an item of specialist equipment or with extra travel costs incurred to receive medical treatment. For example £50 could contribute towards the family's travel costs for hospital visits, £1000 could buy a Symetrik chair for a child with muscular dystrophy, £2000 could pay for an electric bed for extra comfort and mobility and £3000 could cover the cost of an electric wheelchair.

React also provides short breaks for families with four holiday homes around the UK. These mean that over 150 holidays a year can be given for families who may never again have the chance to spend special time

away with their child. A £250 donation could give a family a week's holiday.

### INSURANCE NEWS

Good news about insurance - now there is a phrase you don't hear often. The good news is that children's charities can be helped when you take out insurance. This opportunity comes from very long standing Bears' sponsor - Firebond - familiar to you as they appear on the back of Bear Facts. Firebond offer "that every insurance cover placed with Firebond PLC through the SBMC affiliate scheme, automatically places a commission split donation to SBMC's account. The account is monitored monthly and a cheque raised once the account reaches the £100 mark."

So, if you are in the market for car or home related insurance, then contact Firebond and quote the Sporting Bears and this could not only help you, but also contribute to children's charities via the club. Quote Sporting Bears and contact Firebond on 0870 444 0556 or [www.firebond.co.uk](http://www.firebond.co.uk).

### WELCOME

Welcome to new Polar Bears Martin and Angela Kent from Plawsworth, Durham and Archie, Marion and Jenny Hamilton from Annan, Dumfries - hope to meet you all soon.



Mo Grant accepts a cheque from Tony with (left to right) Polar Bears Bill, Keith and Brian in support



**March 5th** - Polar Bears Lunch at Auchen Castle Hotel. Important meeting to get our Dream Rides organised. Contact Tony at 0131 445 2908.

**June 4th** Thirlestane – see Dream Rides paragraph.

**September 17th** - Selkirk Show. We need to start collecting bears to sell.

### CELEBRATIONS

Bill Niven, Tony Woods and Rod Davies are all Birthday Boys this month.

### DREAM RIDES

June 4th at Thirlestane Castle - the Polars are planning to do Dream Rides at the BVAC car show so keep that date free and let Tony know if you can help in any way.

July 16th:

### LETTER

Dear Polar Bears,  
It has been many years since Pat and I last entered a Bears' tour in the Polar region.

Rumours department: a) Is it true that Philip may be buying another classic Alfa Spider and b) perhaps Jim may get to drive the new Bugatti - courtesy of J. Clarkson!

Polar Bears is the only really active Sporting Bears group at this moment - have a great 2006!

On the PR front - may I get a plug in for THE SHIRTS (big, bold and deeply yellow) - as per Bear Essentials.

Any comments on PR, please email [cg@accs.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:cg@accs.freeserve.co.uk)

Regards,

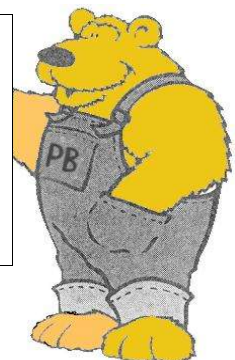
Chris Glaseby



Brian Kirkness celebrates his 50<sup>th</sup> with a giant Baked Alaska and a Coke Float.

"That's the last of that sort of thing, Brian, you're grown up now." said Helen.

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Bill Niven tucks into a nice "salad" sandwich in the buffet car.  
"Chips? What chips?"  
(His other weakness is shortbread.)



Kimbolton County Fayre and Charity Classic - Contact Mike Norton at 07774 167105 or visit the website for more details.

### **TRIPS ABROAD**

July 7-9th - Classic Le Mans III:  
Contact Andy Mitchell at 01527 592282

Sept. 10-20th - Pyrenees Tour 2006: Tour the Pyrenees, then to Angouleme for Circuit des Ramparts and then back through the Loire Valley - cost £735 per person. Contact Ray Guiver at 01805 603454.