

Since the last magazine was published two events have been held, and both I think were very successful.

The first was the Annual Dinner at the Dorothy, when about 150 members attended, which constitutes a '50 Club record. Many well-known names were present, including the Mayor, Mike Hawthorne and Ken Wharton. The meal was good, speeches short and amusing, and the dancing that followed spirited, to say the least of it. This was undoubtedly the most successful dinner we have held to date and those of you who didn't attend really missed something.

On the 20th February we finally held the Winter Rally. This had been postponed for a month because the weather was bad on the week-end in January when it was originally planned, with the result that February produced conditions very much worse, so that of the 22 starters only 3 reached the end in time to be classified as finishers. This also must constitute a record. The rally had been organised by Philip Witherow, who had set out to make it difficult but fair, and a real test of navigation. The accent was on navigation and so gave the owners of the saloon cars an opportunity to make up for their possible lack of performance. This they certainly did to no mean extent and took 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, while sports car crews were still groping in the snow. We felt a bit sorry for some of the newcomers to the Club who were competing in what, in many cases, was their first rally. The Committee realises that until some experience has been gained these events can be most bewildering, so don't worry if you didn't do well last week - at least you weren't alone, for a good many other folks, like the writer, who have no such excuse, were just as lost. Anyway, just to make amends, in the March Rally on the 20th novices and experts will be given different average speeds, so that it should be fair for all. Incidentally, this event will be organised by Dick Jackson, who not only was the navigator in the car that came second last month, but is the organiser of both the Sporting Trial and the Midsummer Night Trial. I am assured, however, that this time competitors will neither be expected to race down

an impossible road nor catch a railway train.

Final results on the 20th February were:-

1. Harry Norman / B. Pike Sunbeam Talbot
2. R.H. Moore / H.A.F. Jackson Standard
3. R. Rand / R. Sandford Morris

MARSHALLING AT EVENTS

There are many people in the Club who, although very interested in Motor Sport, do not wish to compete themselves. May we suggest that these members would derive considerable pleasure and interest from marshalling at Club events. At every meeting we organise numbers of willing helpers are needed, both during the actual event and often before, as in the case of Speed Trials and Autocross meetings, when there is considerable course preparation necessary. So when you read about events being planned in the future why not get in touch with the organisers and offer your help if you are not able to compete?