

# Mid Derbyshire Motor Club

## Spotlight Newsletter

### January 2020

Welcome to the January edition of Spotlight. The first one of 2020. The club has a lot to look forward to. Many of these will be mentioned in detail later on but in summary there are 2 Twyfords - Stage and Targa -, The Yorkshire Motorsport Festival, the remaining rounds of the Winter Championship and Winter Series, the inter association autosolo is scheduled for the day after the targa at Twyford and of course our 70th Birthday Celebration. Hope you've all got the hang of the new license regulations. There has been some discussion regarding how smooth the transition to the new system would be. It would appear that there is some confusion! However there are benefits from holding a license either for competing or marshalling, <https://www.motorsportuk.org/membership/member-benefits/> .

Also, as it is January, we need to be reminded that club membership is due!

The new series of Top Gear begins on Sunday 26th. Look out for some familiar faces.....maybe!

Apologies regarding the lack of photographs in this edition but there have been 0 contributions. I could just pop in a few random ones but decided not to. Perhaps if you are taking part in an event, be it a 12 car, autosolo or WRC round, please remember to take a photo or two for the newsletter.

Have a fantastic 2020 and please feel free to share your achievements with us in a future newsletter! (You can also share when things don't go according to plan but I understand the reluctance to do this.)

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# The Yorkshire Motorsport Festival

## June 26th-28th 2020

For those of you that do not know about this event, the organisers describe it like this on FaceBook

"The Yorkshire Motorsport Festival is the perfect day or weekend out for all the family. There will be rare and exciting cars for the dedicated petrol head, fast hillclimb racing, a huge range of new and classic car displays and traditional Yorkshire trades. Covering over 80 acres of wonderful Yorkshire countryside the Festival has something for the whole family.

It's the perfect family fun day out!"

It really does look like it will be an exciting weekend. The fact that Mid Derbyshire Motor Club have been asked to share their knowledge and experience speaks volumes for our organisation and reputation. If you are not a FaceBook user, there is a website that gives a lot of information. Click on the button below.

The event has been driven forward by Michael, the man behind the Bakewell event that we all enjoyed attending. If you would like to know more about this then contact a committee member or pop along to Lumb Farm when there is a matter on.

Entries are now open for this event. I think it is fair to say that Mid Derbyshire Motor Club have done a huge amount to ensure that this festival takes place. It has substantial local authority backing.

It would be useful to know who can attend the festival and when. There is an invitation/availability form later in the newsletter. However please let Lee know if you wish to attend. There will be space for MDMC members to camp either in a tent or caravan. **We really do need to know numbers.**

**[Yorkshire Motorsport Festival](#)**

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## Club News

- Our next meal on **Thursday January 23rd** has had to be postponed. Hopefully we can get together on Thursday February 20th. Please put the date in your diaries, more details to follow regarding a venue.
- Please remember to let Dennis Cooke know of any events you have marshalled on.
- Membership fees are due this month.
- Club clothing - it is likely that we will be placing an order in the near future.

**EMAMC Brake Depot Road Rally Tables**

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## Club calendar

- 23rd January - natter at Lumb Farm - possibly a targa meeting?
- 25<sup>th</sup> January - Donington Winter Series - Round 3
- 30th January - natter
- 6<sup>th</sup> February - Winter series - Round 6, 12 car (organised by Tom Henman and Jake).
- 13th February - committee meeting at The Amber Hotel
- 20th February - hopefully a meal, maybe a Chinese.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Donington Winter Series - Round 4
- 27th February - natter at Lumb Farm.
- 5<sup>th</sup> March - Winter series - Round 7, 12 car (organised by Sam and Reg).
- 12th March - committee meeting at The Amber Hotel
- 19th March - TBA
- 26th March - Natter
- 2nd April - re scheduled scatter

- 9th April - committee meeting at The Amber Hotel

Please keep it in mind that some of the matters may well become meeting regarding club events. Check in following newsletters and on our website.

Further ahead

16th May - Twyford Targa

20th June - MDMC 70th anniversary celebration at Lumb Farm

26-28th June - Yorkshire Motorsport Festival

12th July - Twyford Stages

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## **2020 Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship**

20/21 March....Legend Fires North West Stages

11 April....Rallynuts National Tour of Epynt

15/16 May.... Manx National Rally

30/31May....Jim Clark Rally

18 July....Tyrone Stages Rally

6 September....Hills Ford Three Shires Stages Rally

27 September....Ford Parts Cheviot Stages Rally

The BRC and BTRDA dates were in last months newsletter.

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# **STAGE RALLY**

## **(\* Multi-venue)**

- Feb 22 Ormco Stages Manx  
AS
- Mar 1 Lee Holland Pendle  
DMC
- Mar 1 Questmead Warrington  
& DMC
- Mar 7/8 Tour of Epynt Port  
Talbot MC
- Mar 14/15 AGBO Stages  
Owen MC
- Mar 21 NW Stages \* Motor  
Sport NW
  - Apr 4 Anglesey Stages  
Stockport 061 MC
- Apr 11 Tour of Epynt Port  
Talbot MC
- Apr 12 Warcop N Humberside  
MC
- Apr 19 SMC Stages Stockport  
061 MC
  - Apr 25 Rally D'Isis Quinton  
MC
- May 10 Cetus Wigan & DMC
- May 15/16 Manx \* Manx AS
- May 17 Anglesey North Wales  
CC
- Sep 4 Promenade Wallasey  
MC
  - Oct 10/11 Mull \* Mull CC
- Oct 11 Adgespeed Wigan &  
DMC
- Nov 6/7 Pokerstars \* Manx  
AS

- Nov 7 Neil Howard Bolton-le-Moors CC
- Nov 21 Hall Trophy Clitheroe & DMC

## **TARGA RALLY**

- May 2nd 061 Targa Stockport  
061 MC
  - May 16th - Twyford Targa  
supported by Geoff's  
Plumbing and Heating
  - June 27th - Oaks Trophy
  - November 29th Knutsford  
Targa based at Three Sisters

# FOREST STAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

- Feb 8 Cambrian North Wales  
CC
- Feb 9 Riponian Ripon MSC
- Mar 14 Malcolm Wilson Kirkby  
Lonsdale MC
- Mar 28/29 Rally N Wales  
Wolv & S Staffs CC
- May 16 Plains Knutsford &  
DMC
- Jun 27 Argyll Mull CC
- Jul 5 Greystoke W Cumbria  
MC
- Jul 11 Nicky Grist Quinton MC
- Sep 5 Woodpecker 60 &  
Worcestershire MC
- Sep 26/27 Trackrod Trackrod  
MC
- Nov 7 Wyedean Forest of  
Dean MC

## ROAD & NAVIGATION RALLY (\* Clubman)

- Feb 29/1 Bro Caron Lampeter  
& DMC
- Mar 14/15 Llyn Harlech &  
DMC
- Apr 4/5 Primrose Clitheroe &  
DMC
- Apr 4/5 Bro Preseli \* Teifi  
Valley MC
- Apr 25/26 Night Owl  
Aberystwyth & DMC

- Sep 19/20 Clitheronian  
Clitheroe & DMC
- Sep 19/20 Mercian Road  
Rally
- Oct 31/1 Cilwendeg Teifi  
Valley MC

**Please note many of these dates  
are provisional. They are taken  
from the ANWCC website**

[MDMC website](#)

[Forum](#)

[Revolution -Motorsport Uk magazine](#)

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## **Winter championship round 5**

### The SELSTONIAN 12 Car Thursday 9th January 2020

#### **Results.**

1. Richard Henman and Jake Simms
2. Alistair Leggitt and Mark Slatcher
3. Tom Fenton and John
4. Dave Quinney and John Haslam
5. Dan Tribe and Alex Laidlaw
6. Nick Tyler

Apologies for not having the full names for all crews.



Thanks to the organisers Dennis and Tom. Also thanks to all who helped in any way.

### Winter Championship Tables

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## Motostop Belper

Motostop, in King Street, Belper, have kindly offered a discount to club members. All you need to do is present a current club card. The discount will increase as more orders are placed. Motostop can source a wide variety of parts for most vehicles. Further information will be provided in the following newsletters. In the meantime, why not have a look at their website <https://www.motostop.co.uk/>.

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## Marshalling

The following events have asked for help with marshalling.

### **In no particular order**

2 events in 2 February, **The Alan Healey Memorial Rally at Cadwell Circuit** and **The Jack Frost at Croft Circuit**.

If you are able to assist could you please contact:-

Andy Hill for the Alan Healey Memorial at [chiefmarshal@bordermotorclub.co.uk](mailto:chiefmarshal@bordermotorclub.co.uk)

Bob Wright for the Jack Frost at [bob.wright1@virginmedia.com](mailto:bob.wright1@virginmedia.com)

### **LDV Vans rally at Donington - March 15th -**

Signing-on will take place in "Garage 39" which is the circuit

Diner/Bar/Café between 07.00hrs and 07.45hrs on the day of the event. The marshals briefing will also take place in the same location at 07.55hrs. All

marshals and radio crews will be issued with a free programme, which includes the stage plans, information necessary for them to carry out their duties and a food and drink voucher which can be used in Garage 39 during the day. If you can volunteer, please fill out the marshals registration form which is available on the event web site. Having the form completed helps with the administration, but should you have difficulty with the form, please let us know the relevant information via email: - Name, contact details including phone number, experience, MSA number and if you are accredited or not.

### **Riponian Rally 9th February**

I know of requests for marshals at two stages, Cropton and Wass/College Moor. If you can help out please contact Mark Williams Email: [marshals@riponian.co.uk](mailto:marshals@riponian.co.uk)

### **Malcolm Wilson Rally - round 2 of the BTRDA series, 14th March**

There has been a request for marshals. please contact the Chief Marshal Karen Spencer via e mail

[karens@silkrallyradio.com](mailto:karens@silkrallyradio.com)

On the subject of marshalling it would be interesting to know how many accredited marshals we have. When was the last time you attended a training event? Should the club put on a training night for marshals? Please let us know if you are accredited and your thoughts/preferences for a training night. It could be a general marshaling evening, or "first on scene", or radio, or first aid, or fire fighting. The training is available and we would prefer to provide what people actually want (a majority anyway) rather than what we think you want!

Just by coincidence and very short notice but.....

### **ANCC Rally Marshal's training day: Sunday 26th January, Wetherby**

To be held at The Mercure Hotel Wetherby. To register for this please use the following link <https://form.jotform.com/janb/n20>

## **Scrutineers information**

### **SAFECRAFT Racing nets – FIA labelling advice**

There has been a notice from the FIA regarding a batch of FIA-homologated

Racing Nets which have been labelled incorrectly. The notice gives details of the products affected and advice on what to do if you come across one.

### **HANS Specific harnesses**

There have been reports of Scrutineers informing competitors that a 75mm width (or 3") harness cannot be used with HANS devices, and that ONLY the narrower HANS versions are allowed. Please be aware that this is certainly not the case, all types of harnesses can be used with a HANS device. In fact, some FHR manufacturers recommend the use of a 75mm harness, as they advise the more harness on the device is far better!

### **FIA Standard 8856-2018 Protective Clothing**

The FIA 8856-2018 standard for protective clothing is now available and products are on the market. Unfortunately, due to an error, the standard does not appear in the 2020 Motorsport UK Yearbook, but we can confirm that it is eligible for use in both National and International events.

The not valid after date printed on the labels for this new standard apply to FIA International events only. For National events under Motorsport UK regulations these expiry dates do not apply, the garments can continue to be used providing they remain in good condition.

Example of the standard labels, for overalls, underwear, gloves and shoes the label will be accompanied by the FIA hologram. For socks only the label will be present with no hologram.

### **FIA 8860-2018 helmet standard**

Unfortunately, due an error the latest FIA helmet standard 8860-2018 is not listed in the Motorsport UK Yearbook regulation K10.3.1, although the labels do appear in the accompanying drawing. This Standard is of course acceptable immediately for any Motorsport UK events.

As a reminder the FIA 8860-2018 Standard is the new top-end helmet standard, which is intended to be the safest helmet standard in the world for motor sport.

It offers several improvements in relation to the preceding FIA 8860-2010 Standard. Note that there are two different labels for the 8860-2018 Standard, helmets with advanced ballistic protection have the standard number suffixed with '-ABP' and bear a yellow label. Helmets without this advanced ballistic protection have a white label, with no suffix on the standard number.

More information about this standard for Advanced Helmets can be found on the FIA website

### **Carabiner harness brackets**

A query has arisen in respect of a harness where instead of the commonly used 'hook plate', the ends of the webbing were attached to the mountings with carabiners. There are a small number of harnesses which are homologated with such systems. As always, check the harness to be sure that you are satisfied that it has not been altered and is as homologated.

### **Speed Events – competitors' personal protective equipment**

Those of you that are involved in Sprint and Hill Climb events and have taken the time to peruse section S in the 2020 Motorsport UK Yearbook will have noticed an awful lot of red text indicating a lot of changes. This is a result of the Speed events committee reviewing the Technical regulations during the last 12 months.

One of the results of this review was a number of relaxations to the personal protective equipment for the competitors which now works on a sliding scale relating to the category. The full regulations can be found in Section S.

### **Honda Cadet Technical Regulations**

The ABkC have issued a clarification concerning the new 2020 Honda GX160 Technical Regulations (v15). This clarification can be viewed here: [www.abkc.org.uk/regulations](http://www.abkc.org.uk/regulations). In particular of note is the confirmation that the clause allowing for the continued use of the older v14A regulations is intended to mean that engines prepared to a combination of both sets of regulations (v14A and v15) are compliant for this time period.

#### **IAME X30 Senior class weight**

Please note that the class weight for the X30 Senior class was incorrectly published in the 2020 Motorsport UK Karting Yearbook. An amendment to the regulations (Amendment 1) has been published to correct this and can be viewed and downloaded at [www.motorsportuk.org/resource-centre/technical-kart](http://www.motorsportuk.org/resource-centre/technical-kart).

To confirm, the correct class weight with immediate effect for the X30 Senior class is 162kg.

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## **A pint with.....Graham Marshall**



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Graham Marshall

**How long have you been a member of MDMC**

Approximately 4 years.

**Have you held any posts on the committee?**

No but I am currently the MDMC webmaster

**What got you interested in cars and motorsport? When?**

My father had a huge interest in rallying and I can remember being taken to the watch the RAC every year on the Sunday. I'm just old enough to remember seeing Lancia Stratos at full chat and some of my favourite memories are standing in a dark forest and hearing an S1 Quattro approaching through the trees and then seeing it go past in a flash of lights and noise. My

father then serviced for a friend doing the Astra challenge in the 80's so attended many forest rallies around the country. I also got involved in the Tour of Mull more than 20 years ago when I volunteered to help with the results service and then became a member of the 2300 Club and travelled to the island every October. Eventually became the results chief up until 2009 when the club stopped running the event.

**What do you think are the strengths of MDMC?**

Simply a love of motorsport, and in particular rallying, that means people are willing to help out when they can with organising and running events

**Do you have any history as a competitor in either seat?**

My brother bought a rally car as soon as he could afford it and I did a few events with him in the silly seat and can remember doing a rally at Aintree when I was 17 and he was just 19. Several years later his car had progressed from a Mini to Corolla GT and we then did a joint entry on an event in Lancashire where he drove with my father in the silly seat and then I drove with his then navigator with me. It was a bitterly cold day and the first few stages were sheet ice but we never stopped laughing all day. Several years later I did some autograss racing in a Mini as it was a lot cheaper than rallying. About 5 years ago I used the mid-life crisis as an excuse to buy a Formula 1000 Suzuki Swift that my then 15 year old nephew could also rally and did several events around the country. This was then sold and replaced with a 1600 Ford Fiesta which has been used for a few events but now needs some TLC before I go out again.

**What is your highlight in motorsport?**

I did the North West Stages in the Swift a few years ago and amazingly managed to win the class which meant a proper presentation with commentator and champagne!

**In the interest of balance, what is your lowlight?**

Not had a major lowlight I can think of and have managed to finish every rally I have started so far. Did manage to bend the front suspension on a kerb on the Promenade Stages but still managed to finish the event with the steering wheel at a funny angle!

**How do you see motorsport changing in the next few years?**

Unsure with the new direction of Motorsport UK. Can't see events becoming any cheaper and so the cheaper end, such as Targas, will become more and more popular.

**If you controlled Motorsport UK what would be the first change you'd make?**

I would review the current stage rally rules for the life of seats and belts and try to make more commonality in regulations between different types of motorsport.

**If you weren't interested in motorsport things, what else might you spend your free time doing?**

Love the game of basketball (yes I know I'm too short for it!) and have played it on and off since the age of 11. Now retired from playing but still involved in doing the scoring for games and so would probably be spending more time doing that.

**Finally, what would your motorsport motto be?**

"When I can afford it!"

## **Yorkshire Motorsport festival - availability**

We have been asked to distribute the following invitation/availability form

**Yorkshire Motorsports Festival**

**26,27 &28 June 2020**

Hi,

Andy Milnes here, We are looking for marshals to join us at a new event at the end of June.

In association with Mid-Derbyshire Motor Club, we are running a closed road hillclimb, only the second of this type of event since the new road closure act, on top of the hills close to Holmfirth, we need 50-60 marshals for Saturday and Sunday, with a reduced staffing level on Friday. Camping will be available.

To marshal on this event you will need to have completed the Rally Accreditation course online at MSUK and will need to bring proof with you to

signing on, this is due to the course(short video and multiple choice questions) having a section on spectator control.

If you are unable to attend all three days, please indicate below or confirm in your email.

Friday\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday\_\_\_\_\_

Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Grade:\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

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Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

Email:\_\_\_\_\_

I agree to be bound by the General Regulations of Motorsport UK.

I also, by signing below, agree to my details, as provided above, to be held by the Chief Marshal, or their representative, solely for the use of recording attendance and manpower planning for the meeting, in addition your name may be included in event promotion, which you will be notified of prior, and your email will be used to send out Final instructions and details/information about the event. No information will be shared with any third party.

Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

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**NB: Marshals must be over 16 years of age, and if under 18 years of age will need a letter of consent from a Parent or Guardian.**

If you can help us, I know some of you have already stated your intention to join us, but could you please return this form to me at;

Andrew Milnes, Chief Marshal, 187 Standon Road, Wincobank, Sheffield S9 1PH.

or

[ymsfchiefmarshal@virginmedia.com](mailto:ymsfchiefmarshal@virginmedia.com)

## **The winter series at Donington**



The next round will take place on Saturday 25th January. This will take place on the Melbourne Loop. Club members will be competing, marshalling and organising on the day. Entries for the events in the 2019-2020 series have been very healthy.

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### Winter series results