

Mid Derbyshire Motor Club Spotlight

Newsletter December 2019



Welcome to the December edition of "Spotlight" the last one for 2019. The club can be very proud of what it has achieved this year. A successful winter series and winter championship yet again. Our stage event at Twyford continues to prosper. MDMCs very first targa was warmly welcomed by many people including competitors and the authorities at Motorsport UK. We have helped with some TV production and The Yorkshire Motorsport Festival has asked for the benefit of our knowledge and experience. Members have been successful in various areas of motorsport. We were well represented on The Preston both in and out of the cars. MDMC have had success on stage events. Members were recognised with best in show awards at the Chesterfield Motorfest. The committee has had a major shake up and yet we continue to go from strength strength. Here's to a happy and successful 2020!

The Preston 2019

MDMC was well represented at The Preston. If I've counted correctly there were 14 members competing and a significant number marshalling. As it was only 3 days ago all the stories haven't yet filtered back from the depths of East Anglia.

I've pieced together some details although I'm more than happy to accept my interpretation may not be 100% accurate - apologies if I've got things wrong! Mark Slatcher and Ali Leggett finished a very strong second more than 11 minutes ahead of the 3rd placed car. Richard Oxley and Andrew Lowe finished 6th putting the 2018 event well behind them.

Justin and Emily Chapman had a good run to 16th despite drowning out in "a lake".

Other finishers included Kev Bell/Alex Laidlaw and Tom Henman/Wayne Langthorne,

Less fortunate retirements were Lee Burgess/Jake Simms, Craig Bellworthy/David Smalley and Richard Holdsworth/Yvette Holdsworth.

I'm not 100% sure who was able to get there to help with marshalling but I suspect Dennis Cooke and Jason Simms were amongst the MDMC volunteers. If you have any tales to tell from The Preston please let me have them to include in a future newsletter.



Preston results

Club News

- The meal in November was well attended. Plans are now taking shape for our next meal on **Thursday January 23rd**. 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 will be due in January.
- Club clothing - it is likely that we will be placing an order in the new year.

[EMAMC Brake Depot Road Rally Tables](#)

Club calendar

- 19th December - Walk about (Christmas jumpers!)

2020

- 2nd January - natter
- 9th January - Winter series - Round 5, 12 car (organised by Tom and Dennis).
- 16th January - Committee - **Please note this will be at The Amber Hotel**
- 23rd January - meal
- 25th January - Donington Winter Series - Round 3
- 30th January - natter
- 6th February - Winter series - Round 6, 12 car (organised by Tom Henman and Jake).
- 13th February - committee meeting
- 22nd February - Donington Winter Series - Round 4

- 5th March - Winter series - Round 7, 12 car (organised by Sam and Reg).

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

30/31 May....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.

STAGE RALLY (* Multi-venue)

- Feb 8 Jack Neal Clitheroe &
DMC
- 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

FOREST STAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

- Mar 14 Mull Mull CC
- May 2/30 Targa Scotland
061 MC
- Feb 5 Targa Knutsford &
DMC
- Feb 9 Ripon Hayride MSC
- Mar 17 Targa Ripon MSC
- Mar 17/18 MG - this is likely
to change MC
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
- 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](#)

Winter championship round 4

The TRIMAN 12 Car **Thursday 5th December 2019**

Results.

- 1st. Colin and Anji 0.00
- 2nd. Dennis and Jake 0.00
- 3rd. David and John 0.00
- 4th. Tom and Ash 0.00
- 5th. Wayne and Richard 0.00

6th. Mark and Jack 2.30

7th. Alistair and Lisa 3.00

8th. Tom and John 5.00

Thanks to the organisers Richard and Dan. Also thanks to all who helped in any way.

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/>.

Some of our highlights 2019









Winter Championship

I have been asked to include the winter championship regulations again.

Mid-Derbyshire	Motor	Club	Ltd
Winter	Championship	Series	Rules

Announcement

Mid-Derbyshire Motor Club Ltd will promote a Winter Championship Series from September through to April the following year. The Championship will be called the “Winter Championship”.

Title and **Jurisdiction**
 The Mid-Derbyshire Motor Club Ltd 20xx-yy “Winter Championship” is organised and administered by Mid-Derbyshire Motor Club Ltd (referred to as MDMC) in accordance with these Championship Regulations.

Officials

Championship Secretary: TBA

Eligibility

Entrants must be in possession of a valid Club Membership Card.

All vehicles must comply with the current Motorsport UK road rally regulations and all Supplementary Regulations issued for individual rounds.

Invited

Clubs

All members of a Motor Club that is in the East Midlands Association of Motor Clubs are invited to compete on MDMC Winter Championship Rounds, but must be a current fully paid-up member of Mid-Derbyshire MC to score points. Current Club cards must be shown at signing-on.

Registration

Registration is free to all fully paid-up members of Mid-Derbyshire Motor Club.

Championship

Rounds

The Winter Championship will comprise of no more than 7 events, a combination of 12 car, navigational scatter rallies and table top. There will be a maximum of one round per calendar month, between September and April.

Championship

Scoring

Points for each round will be awarded as follows:

Place	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
Points	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Competitors who do not finish will be awarded 1 point.

Organisers (who are also registered for the Championship) will be awarded 15 points for the first event they organise in the Winter Championship and 12 points should they organise a second event.

Marshals (who are also registered for the Championship) will be awarded 12 points for marshalling, but may only count this score for two events. Organisers may also Marshal on Championship Rounds but can only count a maximum of two scores (from their combined organising/marshalling efforts) towards their final score total.

An organising team may comprise of a maximum of two Championship registered competitors. To be eligible to score points the competitor must compete on a least one event.

Scores	will	be	counted	as	follows:
7	rounds	–	best	6	to count
6	rounds	–	best	5	to count
5	rounds	–	best	4	to count
4	rounds	–	best	3	to count
3	rounds	–	best	2	to count

Any less than 3 rounds, the Championship will be declared null and void.

Classes

Competitors will compete in four classes, using the following criteria:

Class 1 (Beginners): Competitors having not competed on more than three 12-cars and / or navigational scatters.

Class 2 (Novice): Competitors having not finished in the Top 20 on a 'National B' Road Rally.

Class 3 (Semi-Expert): Competitors having finished in the Top 20 (but not in the Top 10) on a 'National B' Road Rally.

Class 4 (Expert): Competitors having finished within the Top 10 on a 'National B' Road Rally.

Classes will be applied only to a Competitor's chosen discipline. For example, an 'Expert' driver (who has finished in the Top 10 on a 'National B' Road Rally solely as a driver) may enter as a Class 2 Novice Navigator if he / she has not finished in the Top 20 on a 'National B' Road Rally as a navigator.

A competitor's class will be determined by results up to and including August at the start of the championship for that year. Once a competitor registers for the Winter Championship Series, they shall remain in that class for the duration of the Championship, irrespective of any subsequent results obtained whilst competing on 'National B' Road Rallies.

Results

Championship results will be published on the MDMC Website and Forum, and / or by magazine / club newsletter, as soon as possible after each round. Copies of intermediate results may also be obtained by contacting the Championship Secretary.

After the final round of the Winter Series, the onus is on the competitors to point out any discrepancies with the Championship results (by email or in writing) to the Championship Secretary within 7 days of the Championship results being declared 'Provisional'. Should no queries be received within this time, the Championship results will be declared 'Final'. The Championship Secretary will endeavour to publish Provisional results within 14 day of the final round of the series.

In the event of a tie, a 'tie-breaker' decider will be applied: firstly by the greatest number of '15 point' scores, then if still not resolved, by the greatest number of '12 point' scores, '11 point' scores....and so on until a 'winner' is established. In the event there is still a tie, the competitor with the least 'pre-Winter Championship Series' driving / navigating experience will be declared the 'winner'. The Championship Secretary will adjudicate on this 'ultimate' tie-breaker decider and his / her decision will be final. NB: Engine capacity cannot be used as a tie-breaker for the final Championship results, as a driver may use different cars during the series and a navigator may navigate for different drivers....and doesn't have an engine CC!

If there is a conflict of interest, then 3 non-affected committee members will make the decision.

Awards

The awards will be presented at the Mid-Derbyshire Motor Club 'Awards Presentation Evening' to be held at a date 'to be announced', and will be allocated as follows:

1 st overall	drive
1 st over	navigator

1 st drive	in	each	class	(ie	4	individual	awards)
1 st navigator	in	each	class	(ie	4	individual	awards)

Best 'All rounder'. (All Registered championship competitors are automatically considered for this awards, irrespective of class, but subject to having organised or marshalled on a least one event.

No competitor may win more than one award with the exception of the 'all

rounder' cup.
To be eligible for an award the competitor must compete on at least one event.

Judicial

Mid-Derbyshire Motor Club is run for the benefit of its friendly, enthusiastic and 'amateur' members. With this in mind, no protests will be entered into. The Championship Secretary's decision will be final in all arising. If there is a conflict of interest, then 3 non-affected committee members will make the decision.

A pint with.....Santa



How long have you been a member of MDMC?

I've been helping out behind the scenes, unnoticed, for decades.

Have you held any posts on the committee?

I've often thought I'd be needed to fill in the odd vacancies on the committee but fortunately the club has managed to soldier on without my assistance.

What got you interested in cars and motorsport? When?

To get around the globe in 24 hours I need to be pretty quick. This means that my sleigh is moving at 650 miles per second, 3,000 times the speed of sound. For purposes of comparison, the fastest man-made vehicle on earth, the Ulysses space probe, moves at a poky 27.4 miles per second - a conventional reindeer can run, tops, 15 miles per hour. I've had a run around the Nurburgring <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4NydSW44c50>

What do you think are the strengths of MDMC?

For a relatively small organisation I always think the motor club punches well above its weight. The club has a wide variety of talents that mean we can continue to achieve.

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

My history goes back a long way. My best results were back in the days before record keeping. I do seem to be quick on a variety of surfaces all over the world.

What is your highlight in motorsport?

I'm always amazed that I've never been tested for drinks or drugs. All those glasses of sherry and the mince pies must put me close to the limit. I'm also amazed that the sleigh passes its MOT each year.

In the interest of balance, what is your lowlight?

We had that moment with Rudolph's emissions that I'd rather not go in to any detail about.

If you could go for a drink with your motorsport hero or heroine, who would it be? Why? What would your drink of choice be?

There are all of those heroes and heroines that make up MDMC but I'd rather not single out any individual. They are all legends in their own lunchtimes. My drink of choice would be anything that isn't milk or sherry!

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

I can see electric vehicles coming to the fore. I know how much trouble this will be as the batteries aren't always included. I still prefer horse and reindeer power.

If you controlled MotorsportUK what would be the first change you'd make?

I'd make all events free

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

I do spend a lot of time with the elves making and wrapping all of those presents.

Finally, what would your motorsport motto be?

Press on regardless, a little bit of snow and ice never hurt anyone.

A report on the Twyford Targa from Jake Simms

The Geoff's Plumbing and Heating Twyford Targa

First of all I would like to say a massive thank you to all of the organisers and marshals who made the event run so smoothly and faultlessly. I originally thought I would be doing it in the puma with my dad but like all good plans that didn't happen. The offer came along from Lee to sit with him, in his newly acquired focus st, a week before the event. On the start of the first stage (one pound for the tin) my nerves where high as it was my first event in just over a year. The adrenaline soon kicked in when we set off on the first test only to find we had lost all gears after the second junction. We both jumped out to address the problem, it was soon fixed. At this point we thought we had lost the keys under the bonnet. Back into the running we stumbled across the same gear

issue again but after the quick fix by lee we were running again. Back in after the first set of test