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SNETTERTON STORIES

From the Club Chairman...

This nearly got blown away! With four Club crews entered, and a team of 18 Officials and Marshals plus a couple of MCAC members servicing it was looking good until a couple of days before the event.

Storm Eunice was predicted to cause havoc – but we were lucky eventually as the Rally was able to run as planned. The forecast was being closely watched and we woke up to South Wales and London being in Red Zones with no travel being advised by the Met Office.

An early phone call was discussing – do we leave early to be ahead of the storm or wait until it has passed and follow it. Other clubs were setting up their sectors – we had our jobs around safety and the service area and with signage. The decision from me was the advice “Travel when you feel it is safe to do so”. During this I had a phone call with a familiar Welsh voice on the end of the line. Alistair Roberts, the Managing Director of Vital Fuels who were contracted to supply racing fuel to about three quarters of the entry.

“We’re in a Red Zone and the weather is bad at the moment.” After checking the Met Office forecast the belief was it was moving east so later his truck followed the storm. Fortunately the damage from the storm on their route to Snetterton meant a trouble free trip, for them and us. Also the set up team on site were only inconvenienced as opposed to having to cancel the event. It was dry and wind-free all Saturday Morning until a heavy shower just after lunch and a wet afternoon.

Results were:

34th Jeremy Packer / Chris Gilbert, EDSL prepared Ford Fiesta

35th Chris Keys / James Riley, Peugeot 205 GTI

48th Paul Quinnell / Alexander Quinnell, Peugeot 295 GTI

49th Adam Ripper / Ray Ripper, Nissan Micra

Thanks to Alex Waterman of EDSL for introducing Jeremy and Chris to the club. Chris Keys pointed out that the gearbox in their car is probably worth more than his 205!

And the marshals team – a real mixture!



Jeremy Packer & Chris Gilbert



Josh Smith & Maddy Fairbrother chat with Pete Nathan about 00

Alan Goodrick and partner Hazel Hughes – Alan is a long serving member of the Club, having joined in April 1977.

Andy and Brett Murray – helping in the Service area on Friday then trackside on Saturday with Pheebe and the rest of the Fletchers.

Josh Smith with Girlfriend Maddy – on their first event – who are both registered marshals and had a good introduction to Rallying – something that Josh has had a passion for, for quite a while. We’ll see him out on other events and I understand he’d be a good service crew member!

The usual suspects also – Max Maxwell, Pete Farmer, Brian Catt, Chris Comley looking after the Service Area, Paul Duckmanton in his Response unit, Steve Spooner doing a Media thing, Paul Jeeves with Pete Nathan in the 00 car, myself and nephew Mark as Event Safety Officers, and last but definitely not least Pete Walters in charge of the Gate team – he is also an MCAC Member but usually wears a rather fetching Herts County AAC hat!

It was a good event – slightly down on numbers – but enjoyable all the same.

From the Co-Driver...

Hi all,

Ray Ripper has very kindly asked me to write a few lines about my first experience as a co-driver for my Dad at the Snetterton Stages...

A bit of background, my name is Alex Quinnell, my Dad is Paul Quinnell and he drives a Peugeot 205 GTI. I am 19 and studying at the University of East Anglia, currently I drive a Subaru Impreza.

After the mega storm Eunice which Dad battled through to get there, I joined him at Snetterton on the Saturday morning. Luckily I knew the circuit, as I have driven a novice track day there in dad’s Peugeot 205.

The car had been scrutineered and processed, so all I had to do was sign on, after this Dad introduced me to Ray Ripper to run through



Paul & Alex Quinnell ready for the afternoon session

the finer details of co-driving and the important job of merges and splits!

Stage 1 raced up and we were away, it went in a flash and to be fair went well with no shouting or screaming at all, The morning stages were dry and apart from a few small issues the car went well.

After lunch everything changed.. a few gear linkage issues were frantically adjusted just as the rain came, the afternoon stages were really challenging with the off-road sections really cut up and the track really waterlogged, we pushed on with a lot of crews going out, having hung in there, we came 48 out of around 77 starters which we were both pleased with.

The stages were very intense and go really quickly... the splits are tough but you have to rely on your notes on the map to not miss the lap count.

It was a fun day with the old man and I look forward to doing a few more. If you get offered the chance, please take it, as I found with Ray and Adam, there is plenty of excellent advice from all our club members to help you.

Again, many thanks to Ray, Adam, Mike Chris, and Dad for a super day,

Cheers, Alex.

AND AT DONINGTON...

What a marshal!

On duty at Snetterton was the young, but brilliant, Pheebe Fletcher. Accompanied by her dad Andy until he had to 'abandon' (Pheebe's description) his post to sort out an issue on the start line, Pheebe was the one person Arrival Time Control, faultlessly seeing through 83 cars. Andy said 'she'd nailed it' while other comments were 'Time Control Ninja Pheebe' and 'What a legend!'

The most pertinent observation came from Les Sansom "Well done Pheebe Fletcher, a very stressful post at the best of times and only a few know how bad that can be, the others stand on corners with mates and watch the cars, but without the control staff there would be nothing on stage, so very well done."



LONDON TO LISBON 2022

This bi-annual rally is an enthralling 10 day event over some 2,000 miles (3,500kms) with a blend of about 30 regularities and 8 tests.

The 2022 event began at Brooklands, Surrey and took a different route from previous London to Lisbon rallies, heading through central France, with the added spice of a fifth country by exploring the delights of Andorra and its breathtaking passes that cross the Pyrenees into northern Spain. Three days adventuring Northern Spain via the Picos de Europa guided crews into Portugal and onto the finish in Lisbon.

Flying the flag for MCAC was Dave Maryon and navigator Andy Ballantyne in their Class 2 1955-1968 MG-B Sports Car. And in the same class was Graham Samuel, sitting aside driver Tom Ryan in Tom's recently rebuilt Triumph TR4.

Progress along the rally route was as follows:

MG-B

Day 1-Position 13/2-11/3-8/4-9/5-8/6-6/7-8/8-7/9-8/10-8

Triumph TR4

Day 1- Position 38/2-37/3-36/4-34/5-33/6-31/7-29/8-29/9-30/10-29

Out of 45 entries, 38 cars finished and congratulations to Dave and Andy who finished 2nd in class, 8th overall and also to Tom and Graham, 7th in class and 29th overall.

If you want to see more of Will Broadhead's superb photos showing the variety of entrants' cars, [visit the HERO site here.](#)

Next on the calendar are three events at Bicester and one in Lincolnshire, two of which are at Introductory level, so if you fancy testing the water, you can [find out more here.](#)



"Just made it to Andorra - lots of snow over the Pas de la Casa at 7000 feet, but roads clear."

RIPONIAN RAMBLINGS

Those of you who read my report of the Roger Albert Clark Rally will know that it didn't turn out as planned due to my original driver Tony Williams coming down with Covid just before the event.

Fortunately, he is now much better so we decided to contest the RAC Rally2 Gravel Championship this year, the first round being the Riponian – my local rally.

After his long drive up from Dorset to North Yorkshire, my 15 minute journey seemed a bit embarrassing but as I told him, that's the penalty you pay for not living in God's own County! Fortunately he arrived early, as the scrutineering queue grew and grew through the rainy afternoon, something I find hard to fathom as all the safety equipment and car details are now included on the original entry form.

Sunday morning was dry and all seemed perfect for our new partnership to get off to a good start, with no pressure on me as I didn't even need the roadbook, as many of the forests we were to visit are either on my local dog walking or mountain biking list!

Stage 1 at Wass Moor is a little used forest and I was trying to think when I had last competed there; the answer was probably the mid 80s on either an RAC or a National Breakdown/Cartel Rally.

Our strategy was to get to the end of the day without too many incidents and gaining some championship points, so we were somewhat surprised to catch the car in front. Unfortunately

use who decided to play pinball with the trees on both side of the road. Fortunately the crew were ok but discovering the incident cost us yet more time.

Back to Cropton and the apex bumps were getting bigger as expected but the surface did appear to have more grip than in Wass. That was other than the last two straights before the flying finish – flat out in top gear there seemed to be no grip at all.

The final stage in Gale Rigg was again a lottery of playing find the grip but was all going well until we lost all drive and spun. The gearbox appeared to be locked in gear but we bumped it and eventually found 3rd, enabling us to limp out to the stop board but another couple of precious minutes had been lost.

The 40 mile road section was the next issue with a choice of just 3rd gear or 4th if you didn't mind the sound of broken teeth and an impending BANG about to happen. Fortunately the section was long enough to stay with the quieter 3rd gear option as we limped to the finish.

So whilst it had been an enjoyable event, the result of 24th overall and 5th in class was not quite what we wanted but we did get some valuable championship points. Hopefully circumstances and seeding for Rally North Wales next month will favour us more and we can have a good, clean run.

Richard Wise



despite copious use of the horn and flashing headlights, he refused to pull over and cost us around 45 seconds, smashed headlights and lots of stone damage to the front – not a good start!

North to Cropton and Gale Rigg next two stages with completely different characteristics to Wass. Cropton is very fast, slippy, bumpy and would no doubt dig out on the corners for the second run in the afternoon. Gale Rigg is more exposed but fortunately ice wouldn't be a problem despite the occasional snow flurries, but the surface is rockier and the organisers were imaginatively using a stretch of closed road tarmac to extend the mileage as they had also done in Wass.

Cropton was negotiated without incident but in Gale Rigg we approached a '1 Left' with too much speed and the resulting moment probably cost us around 20 seconds – good photos though thanks to Colin Green!

After service it was another loop of the same stages and as we headed out through Helmsley town (site of one of the most atmospheric service areas I have ever witnessed on the 85 RAC) it was snowing heavily and settling.

The stages had already been very slippery but the white stuff now made things even worse as was discovered by the car in front of

SPANISH STROLL

The much-travelled navigator Richard Wise was again a knight in shining armour as he responded to a posting on the Rally Clásico Isla de Mallorca facebook page requesting an English-speaking co-driver who knew the Mallorcan roads well.

Having been out to the island to watch the event several times previously, Richard took the plunge and took the spare seat in car 74, a Mk I Ford Escort driven by compatriot John Sheldon.

The Rally Clásico Isla de Mallorca has some brilliant stages including the truly spectacular Sa Calobra stage, shown below.

[Watch the video of the event here.](#)





Wow, so much more than I ever imagined!

I said this was to be a learning curve and boy, was it? Right from the word go on Saturday morning we found that this was a different gravy from anything I had done before.

We had luck with a late start and no penalty but set the tone for the morning and the tension in the car with me high without boiling over.

We got back to service where we had time to take a step back and have a look at what was going on around us. And to be honest, our times were not as bad as we were expecting. Seeing us 3rd in class 1400C at this stage. This settles the crew down!

The car is as good as gold, it never misses a beat it's just the driver who needs to learn!

During the afternoon loop, there was a better feeling in the car as we now moved around the classic Wales stages for the final time of the day. Myherin is the most daunting stage I have ever done. It's fast but I was not fast enough in there this time.

We made it to the final stage and the finish was the event objective, but these forestry stages bite and once again we got lucky. We managed to slide off the road and get beached – and just as you think you're out – the bodies appeared out of the trees and begin to push you out!

This would see us take a stage maximum but we were going to finish the event.

This car is great I can not believe this nearly homebuilt car has now clocked up 9 out of 9 event finishes. This time we made 4th in class 1400C – 106th overall

For my first taste of a BTRDA Rally event/ championship the result was never the expectation. The finish was – we got that (somehow) – so it was a win for the team.

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Brett Murray



Sustainability with substance



Following on from the carbon offsetting article in the January issue of RRR, we received this feedback from Paul Glass of Carbon Positive Motorsport:

“Brett has been super enthusiastic and supportive about what we are doing – we will continue to support him where we can on events. We are in that phase of trying to create a wide impact and awareness, not just in rallying but for other disciplines too.

We see more and more that the greatest impact will be through working directly with events and championships – we have done some experiments on different approaches with the East Riding stages and with the Snowman rally.

As ever it's starting with education and raising awareness on the need to act – this we hope leads more to activating people to adopt offsetting as their natural behaviour.

Bringing Highland Carbon in as a partner has been a real win... not only do we access one of the UK's leading providers who are enthusiastic about motorsport, but we secure far greater supply stability and regional diversity of projects than we could achieve on our own.

We also see the ability to provide offsetting in various countries where events run, something we want to do in the future, and overall it will help us provide high value from our prices and the quality of the projects used. All of course UK based and creating greater environmental benefits than offsetting alone.

As ever it's really great to see the active approach you are all taking – fantastically professional. Well done MCAC!”

Find out more at [Carbon Positive Motorsport](#)



Whether you are an Official, Competitor, Marshal or Event Organiser, [The Motorsport UK Learning Hub](#) aims to provide an easy to use and time-efficient online learning experience that will help you enhance your skills and prepare you for the role you have chosen to undertake.

The Learning Hub will enable you to read articles, watch videos, complete knowledge exercises, interactive modules and much more. Motorsport UK recognise that learning and development is key to members' enjoyment of the sport – and it is imperative that the appropriate knowledge and skills are provided in order to carry out your chosen role to the best of your ability. Content is specific for Marshals, Event Organisers and Competitors. Simply [log in to the Motorsport UK website](#) and follow the instructions.



The Motorsport UK Learning Hub

The Printemps Tour



Guildford Motor Club will organise a touring assembly for Classic, Modern and even Electric cars on Sunday the 8th May 2022. The event has no competitive elements and will start and finish in Guildford. The route will consist of some 45 miles of roads and lanes through the Surrey hills AONB.

The event will start at 10:01 and whilst there is no scheduled road timing, all crews should be back at the finish by 13:30.

The start and finish venue has space for trailers, should you bring your car on one. It is within easy walking distance of the town centre for post event refreshments.

The event is suitable for all cars, from vintage, through to moderns, including electric. Additional passengers are welcome. You will be given an easy-to-follow tulip road book to take you along our carefully designed meandering route.

[You can download the Regulations & Entry Form from here.](#)

On Sunday May 15th, the 2022 Chiltern Hills Vintage Vehicle Rally takes place at Weedon Park, Aylesbury HP22 4NN. With an auto jumble, many trade stands, refreshments, bar and live music on offer it promises to be a lively event. Turn up on the day with your own classic, from 10am to 5pm, admission is £8.50. [See more here.](#)



AutoSolo & Autotest



Cambridge Car Club are organising the Coulson Building Group AutoSolo and Autotest on 8th May. As for the last few years it will be at Debden near Saffron Walden in Essex.

We will again be sharing the venue with Herts County Auto & Aero Club's Sprint event.

All Anglia Motor Sport Clubs are invited, [entries available here.](#)



WRC Rally Sweden

Kalle Rovanperä ignited his World Rally Championship challenge by securing a comfortable victory at Rally Sweden.

The Toyota driver clinched his third career WRC victory with a margin of 22 seconds over Hyundai's Thierry Neuville, while Esapekka Lappi on his return to the factory Toyota team claimed the final podium in third.

Opening the road, Rovanperä grabbed the lead of the rally after stage 3 but became embroiled in at times a six-way tussle for the lead on Friday, as only 8.9s separated the cars after stage 5.

The Finn managed to overturn Neuville's 4.3s overnight lead on the first stage to mark the fifth change of lead with Lappi, Evans and Ott Tänak all enjoying brief spells in front.

Once ahead, Rovanperä was pushed hard by Evans through Saturday as the fight for victory developed into a two-horse race. However, the latter made an error at the final corner of Saturday night's spectator stage in a wild finish over a snowbank.

The unorthodox finish resulted in a 10 second penalty that effectively put the Welshman out of the fight before he then crashed on Sunday morning and then retired with an issue with his hybrid system.

From there, Rovanperä, who won six stages, was able to cruise to victory to take the championship lead in the event his father Harri Rovanperä recorded his only WRC win in 2001.

Neuville ended the rally with a flourish to claim third on the power stage to bag three extra points along with those for finishing second overall.

Lappi claimed third overall, 30.6 seconds adrift, on his return to the WRC having shown strong pace throughout including a stage win on Friday.

Toyota's Takamoto Katsuta brought his Toyota GR Yaris home in fourth having been delayed by 39s earlier in the rally after a run in with a snowbank.

After the Monte Carlo heroics, M-Sport endured a difficult rally with Gus Greensmith the only car to complete the full rally distance in fifth, having lost time to a gearbox and hybrid issue on Friday.

Craig Breen was forced out of the rally twice. The first a crash on stage 3 before a technical issue put him out on Saturday. He returned on Sunday to snatch a point on the power stage. Team-mate Adrien Fourmaux exited the rally from sixth after an electrical issue on Saturday night.



@ the Ace Cafe

Saturday 4th June, 18:00 - 23:00

Our annual evening visit to the Ace Cafe. MCAC will holding our annual evening meet at the Ace Cafe.

Please get in touch if you are planning on bringing your car(s) this year via stevec@mcac.co.uk

Look forward to seeing you there!



Christine Poxon Fun Run 2022



Sunday 19th June, 10:00 - 18:00.
Aylesbury/Leighton Buzzard area

We are pleased to announce that the CP Fun Run will be back in action on Sunday 19th June running entirely on OS Map 165 – Aylesbury and Leighton Buzzard area.

Plug this into your diary for a great day's clue hunting in the countryside. More details to follow closer to the event.

Berkshire Motor Show

Sunday 3rd July, 10:00
Prospect Park, West Reading

We are pleased to be part of this event and will have a stand to show MCAC members' cars. If you are interested in bringing your car along or helping out please get in touch with darrenp@mcac.co.uk or mikeh@mcac.co.uk.

More detail closer to the event.

[Link to event itself here.](#)



July Social Night – Natter & Noggin



Thursday 7th July, 19:00 - 23:00
The Boot, Sarratt WD3 6BL

July's opportunity to meet up, we have now confirmed the rear car park of [The Boot in Sarratt](#), a venue that we used successfully in 2018, 2019 and last year. An earlier start is suggested to make the most of the light and an opportunity to grab some food.

Classics on the Green 2022

Sunday 7th August, 10:00 - 16:00
Croxley Green, WD3 3HN

The annual Classics on the Green event at Croxley Green, run by the Watford & District Classic Vehicle Club.

We have an invitation again this year and Peter Nathan will be co-ordinating, more info will be published closer to the event. Plenty of time yet to get your car ready and buffed up for the show!



WRC Rally Croatia

Kalle Rovanperä snatched an extraordinary Croatia Rally victory on Sunday afternoon as a downpour turned the event on its head in the final kilometres. The Finn led from the start of the 3-day rally in the hills around Zagreb in his Toyota GR Yaris, only for a storm in the penultimate speed test to wipe out his hard-earned advantage.

A resurgent Ott Tänak, whose gamble on softer Pirelli tyres gave his Hyundai i20 N a performance edge on the streaming asphalt, grabbed a 1.4sec lead.

The pendulum swung back towards Rovanperä as drier roads in the closing Wolf Power Stage offered hope, but the odds remained firmly in Tänak's favour as mud and dirt littered the final 14.09km.

Rovanperä threw caution to the wind and remarkably overturned the deficit to claim back-to-back FIA World Rally Championship wins by 4.3sec. Victory extended his points lead to 29 after three rounds of the 13-event season.

He had dominated the early stages of the event and was almost 90sec clear until falling into Tänak's clutches following a puncture on Saturday morning. He rebuilt his lead to half a minute until the deluge set up a breathtaking finale.

"I was sure we could not be so fast with these tyres, but it's amazing," smiled Rovanperä. "We pushed really hard and I think we deserve it this weekend. For sure, it was the toughest win of my career."

It was a disappointing outcome for Tänak, whose victory drought dates back to February 2021. "I didn't take any risks but Kalle obviously did a good drive," he said. "We were fighting for the win, but only because of clever decisions and tyre choices."

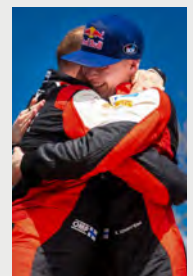
Tänak was edged out in the closing kilometres. The Estonian finished 2min 16.7sec clear of team-mate Thierry Neuville who overhauled Craig Breen on the final morning to claim a podium despite a torrid weekend that would have forced many to give up.

He and co-driver Martijn Wydaeghe were on the point of collapse after pushing their car for 800 metres into service on Friday after stopping with alternator problems.

Time penalties and speeding fines knocked them further back and they almost gave up a podium within sight of the finish after hitting a bank and almost rolling.

Breen survived an overshoot and a spin to take fourth in a Ford Puma.

The Irishman fended off a closing Elfyn Evans, whose fifth place marked a first points finish of the year for the GR Yaris driver.



World Motor Sport Meeting – Key Decisions Made

The World Motor Sport Council convened today for the first meeting of 2022. The meeting was chaired by FIA President Mohammed Ben Sulayem with FIA Deputy President for Sport Robert Reid and WMSC members joining in person and via video conference.

The event was staged in the Kingdom of Bahrain and hosted by his Royal Highness Salman Bin Hamad Al Khalifa and organised by Sheikh Abdulla Bin Isa Al Khalifa, the President of the Bahrain Motor Federation.

Matters under discussion and the decisions taken were related to the following topics:

FIA Formula One World Championship
Update on the implementation of Remote Operations Centre
FIA World Rally Championship
FIA World Endurance Championship
ABB FIA Formula E World Championship
FIA World Rallycross Championship
FIA Single-Seater Commission
Formula 2 Championship
FIA Formula 3 World Cup
Formula 4
FIA Rally Commission
FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship – Asia Cup

FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship – Pacific Cup
FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship – Final
FIA NACAM Rally Championship
FIA European Rally Trophy – Alps Rally Trophy
FIA European Rally Trophy – Balkan Rally Trophy
FIA European Rally Trophy – Celtic Rally Trophy
FIA European Rally Trophy – Central Rally Trophy
FIA European Rally Trophy – Iberian Rally Trophy
FIA Touring Car Commission
2022 FIA World Touring Car Cup (WTCR) calendar
FIA Cross-Country Rally Commission

FIA Off-Road Commission
FIA RX2e Championship
FIA European Rallycross Championship (RX1)
FIA European Rallycross Championship (RX3)
FIA European Autocross Championship
FIA European Cross Car Championship
FIA Cross Car Academy Trophy
FIA Karting Commission (CIK)
FIA Drifting Commission
FIA Land Speed Records Commission

You can read in more detail about the areas of motor sport that interest you here.

SAVE THE DATE!

Proposed Tour, September 2022

Chief marshal Darren Pike is arranging a Tour, beginning in Windsor, Berkshire travelling through to Godalming or Guildford, Surrey. The event is in support of specialist charities that deal with Pancreatic Cancer. Darren currently has the support of Action for Carers, Pancreatic Cancer UK and the Princess Alice Hospice, plus a number of local charities at a number of venues that the Tour be visiting. More information to follow in later issues.

FUNNIES...



It must be Spring - the tulips are out in the garden again!!



MEMBERSHIP

Recent new members and revisions are:

Chris Gilbert *Beech, Hants*
Jeremy Packer *Beech, Hants*
Ms Maddy Fairbrother *Abbots Langley*
Paulius Degutis *Dagenham*

Life Membership bestowed upon:

John Gibson
Alan Goodrick
Tony Hill
Hazel Hughes
Stephen Spooner
Keith Ward

A very warm welcome to our new members and a big thank you to those who have renewed.

Better Together

Laura Cooledge, AMSC Club Development Officer, has had a busy time promoting her 'Better Together' initiative.

Two slots on channels BBC Radio Norfolk and BBC Radio Suffolk gave Laura the chance to outline the gender differences that exist in motorsport and how we can all do things to make the sport more inclusive to all.

A visit to the Coventry Transport Museum later in the week to attend the Women in Motorsport exhibition saw Laura's work given some great exposure, being writ large on exhibition panels and projections.

And continuing on the theme, it seems that attitudes are changing, even in unexpected places. The Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge finished with the all women's team of Annie Seel and Anette Fischer taking the honours, and placing 5th in the T3 class and 4th in the World Championship.

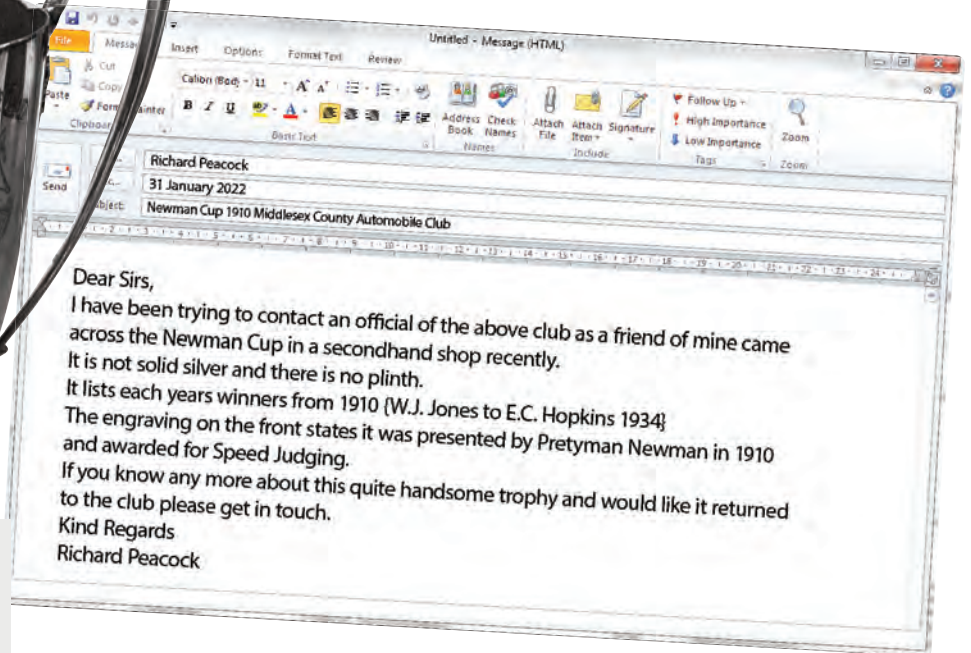
Following on, Annie then paired up with Mikaela Åhlin-Kottulinsky (left of picture) to take on the all-women Rally Jameel in Saudi Arabia, the first event of its kind. This was a roaring success for the pair, becoming the first winners of the event.



The return of an old friend



At the end of January, our Secretary, Steve Casey received an email from Richard Peacock, Consultant Director of the Anglesey Circuit, North Wales:



The Newman Trophy

The presenter of this trophy, John Robert Pretyman Newman was born in Cork, Ireland in 1871. Educated at Charterhouse and Trinity College, Cambridge, he was also MP for Enfield and then Finchley and served as a Major in the 17th Battalion Middlesex Regiment during the Great War. Coincidentally perhaps, Newman's first wife was born on Anglesey, where the trophy was later 'rediscovered'.

Further investigation in Adrian L'Estrange's invaluable tome about the MCAC reveals that the Newman Trophy was first presented in 1910 by Colonel J. R. Pretyman Newman for the Best Performance in Speed-judging Competition. It was continually presented up until 1934 when the last recipient was E. C. Hopkins, who was given the trophy outright. Mr Hopkins then presented a replacement trophy to the club, the Hopkins Cup, (subsequently renamed the Finchley Cup), which was itself 'lost', or more likely stolen as a subsequent insurance claim was filed and a receipt secured from the insurers for the princely sum of £20!

Presumably the Newman Trophy found its way to the second hand shop in Wales via a house clearance, possibly E. C. Hopkins himself or maybe a relative. [Ed: There is an engineering firm in the Midlands trading under E. C. Hopkins since 1920 that lists its original activities as 'Wholesale trade of motor vehicle parts and accessories'. Could this be linked at all?]

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Current category leaders are:

Off Road Driver: **vacant**
Road Rally Driver: **vacant**
Road Rally Co-Driver: **vacant**
Stage Rally Driver: **Adam Ripper (22pts)**
Stage Rally Co-Driver: **Richard Wise (27pts)**
Night Trial Driver: **vacant**
Night Trial Navigator: **vacant**
Marshal: **Peter Cox/Max Maxwell (10pts)**
Service: **Nigel Banks (4pts)**
Organiser: **vacant**

Junior: **vacant**
Most Active: **vacant**
Most Competing: **vacant**
Most Active: **vacant**

Remember to log your points within 30 days of the completion of an event. There's a sumptuous array of historic cups and trophies just waiting to adorn your sideboard or trophy cabinet!

Good luck for 2022 and all the Championship rules can be found on the [MCAC website](#).



CLUB CALENDAR...



2022	Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
June	Saturday	4	Evening	MCAC Annual Visit to the Ace Café	Ace Café, North Circular Road, London NW10 7NN
	Saturday	11	All day	S&CMC Abingdon CAR-nival Sprint	Abingdon Airfield, Abingdon Oxon
	Sunday	12	All day	S&CMC Abingdon CAR-nival Stages	Abingdon Airfield, Abingdon Oxon
	Sunday	12	All day	Dukeries MC Flying Fortress Stages	Grafton Underwood, Northants
	Sunday	12	10am – 4pm	Classics on the Crick	Naphill, High Wycombe, Bucks
	Sunday	19	All day	MCAC Christine Poxon Fun Run	OS165 Aylesbury and Leighton Buzzard area
	Thursday	23	Evening	Harrow CC Concours – 1944-1994 cars	Ace Café, North Circular Road, London NW10 7NN
July	Sunday	3	All day	MCAC Berkshire Motor Show	Prospect Park, Reading
	Thursday	7	7pm on	MCAC Concours Social Night	The Boot, The Green, Sarratt WD3 6BL
	Friday	15		MCAC 12 Car/Scatter No 2	TBC
	Sat/Sun	17		AMSC Stage Rally	TBC
August	Sun	7	TBC	Classics on the Green	Croxley Green, Hertfordshire
	Sat/Sun	20/21		Green Belt MC Summer Autocross	Old Park Farm, Much Hadham, SG10 6EQ
	Wednesday	24	Evening	Harrow CC Concours – 1970-2020	Ace Café, North Circular Road, London NW10 7NN
September	Sunday	4	All day	Tour 2022	Berkshire/Surrey
	Thursday	7	8pm on	MCAC Social Night	TBC
	Sunday	11		AMSC Debden AutoSOLO	Debden Airfield, Essex
	Saturday	17		MCAC Subsidised Karting	TBC
	Sunday	18		Falcon MC Grass Autotest	Sywell Aerodrome, Sywell, Northants NN6 0BN
	Sunday	18	All day	Cheltenham MC Three Shires Rally	Ledbury, Herefordshire
October	Sunday	2		MCAC History on Wheels Museum Visit	Common Road, Eton Wick, Windsor SL4 6QY
	Thursday	6	8pm on	MCAC Social Quiz Night	Uxbridge Golf Club, The Drive, Ickenham UB10 8AQ
	Friday	14		MCAC 12 Car/Scatter No 3	TBC
November	Thursday	3	8pm on	MCAC Social Night	TBC
December	Wednesday	14	Evening	MCAC Social Christmas	Ace Café, North Circular Road, London NW10 7NN
2023	Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
January	-	-		-	-
February	-	-		-	-
March	-	-		-	-
April	-	-		-	-
May	-	-		-	-



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Check out the latest news on our Facebook page or visit us at www.mcac.co.uk



REGIONAL AFFILIATED EVENTS

MCAC Members are entitled to enter events run by member clubs of the Regional Associations listed below.

Also, MCAC members are able to enter championships run by these Regional Associations.

Visit the websites below to see events lists and for particular events that may interest you.



ACSMC – Association of Central Southern Motor Clubs

acsmcsite.wordpress.com/



AMSC – Anglia Motor Sports Club

aemc.org.uk/events/upcoming



AEMC – Association of Eastern Motor Clubs

<https://aemc.org.uk/events/upcoming>



WAMC – Welsh Association of Motor Clubs

wamc.org.uk



EMAMC – East Midlands Association of Motor Clubs

emamc.org.uk/dates/index_dates_2022.html



NATIONAL EVENTS

National events throughout the United Kingdom and Eire events and other major international events can be found at [itsmymotorsport](https://itsmymotorsport.com)

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LICENCES

Competitive (Not Social) Club level MCAC events now require an RS Clubman Licence for Drivers and Passengers from Motorsport UK: motorsportuk.org/competitors/rs-clubman-licence/

Under MCAC Family membership rules, a separate MCAC membership is not required.

If you wish to compete in any other event, please view the Competition Licences section for more details about how to apply for a Motorsport UK Competition Licence: motorsportuk.org/competitors/competition-licences/

Competitors need individual MCAC Membership Cards, therefore individual MCAC memberships.

CLOTHING & MERCHANDISE



T-Shirt
100% pre-shrunk ringspun cotton.



Polo Shirt
50% polyester
50% cotton or Piqué 100% ringspun cotton.



Contrast Hoodie
Double fabric hood with contrast inner and flat lace drawcords. Pouch pocket. Ribbed cuff and hem.



Beanie
100% soft-touch acrylic with Thinsulate™ lining.



Lightweight Windcheater
Midseason windbreaker with tricot thermo lining. Windproof, showerproof. Full zip. Concealed hood. 3 pockets. Elasticated cuffs. Ergonomic side panels. Adjustable bottom hem.



Lightweight Softshell Jacket
Full zip. Zip closing front pockets. Chin guard. Micro fleece inner provides extra warmth. Elasticised bound cuff. Slim fashion fit.



Winter Parka
Fully taped waterproof seams. Long fit. Super warm. Quick drying. Fleece lining. Concealed 3-panel hood in collar with adjuster. Full zip. 3 pockets - fronts are fleece lined. Elasticated cuffs with reflective detail. Storm flaps. Lower back reflective tape. Adjustable bottom hem.

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Come along or join the virtual meeting for a natter and a general catch up!

OFFICIALS

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Pete Farmer

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Adrian L'Estrange
Joe Poxon

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Darren Pike

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& **Chris Comley**

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Debden AutoSOLO, Autotest & PCA 10th April 2022 - All in all a great day was had going by the feedback received. Many thanks to those competing, including 2 Motorsport UK Academy Drivers on their first taste of Production Car Autotests! And instead of trophies we managed to raise a £75 donation to DEC in aid of the Ukrainian Humanitarian Crisis.

With a huge thanks also to the supporting officials & marshals across the AMSC, without whom the event would not have run as smoothly as it did.

Many thanks,

Steve (Report for next review in progress)