

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

25/08/2021

So, it's August at last. Feels like it's been in the distance forever. Life is mostly back in full swing and so is the racing calendar. Now we have a problem that hasn't been a thing for a while. So many great events and so little time, makes you wonder how or even why we all do so much. Well, we all know what curve balls life can throw at us, particularly with the terrible incident at Brands downing one of our amazing marshals, without whom none of this would be possible of course, and the recent passing of Bernard Cottrell. The club sends it's sincere condolences to their families and thanks them for the invaluable input they have had to motorsport. These unfortunate events remind us all that as the saying goes....One Life - Live It !

It seems that the racing fraternity is certainly living by that motto, as pretty much all the clubs' events, whether it be sprint, circuit racing or car tests, have all been at capacity. Great news indeed, and the social side of all this is much

more enjoyable now as well, which I think has as much to do with the full entries as the on-track action. Like most sports and Clubs, it's a community thing and just as much about a cup of tea and chat about a common interest(well nearly , it is a race after all).

As I write this, we are in anticipation of the next round of the 5 Nations Rallycross Championship over the Bank Holiday weekend at Pembrey. The Welsh fans are going to have the wonderful experience of an August Bank Holiday Monday Rallycross that Lydden has enjoyed for many years. It feels a bit like we are all going on a holiday! You never know we might even get the weather! Here's Hoping

Yours Faithfully

LHMC Chairman



The Holiday Inn (old Leaf/Ramada Hotel) are offering 15% discount on rooms to all members. Contact them on reservations@holidayinndover.co.uk and state 'Lydden Hill rate' and your member number to take advantage of this offer



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HRDC Classic Alfa Challenge for 750-116 Alfa Romeos

- 16 James COLBURN
Alfa Romeo Giulia Sprint GT
- 77 Alex JUPE
Alfa Romeo Alfetta GTV
- 36 Chris WHELAN
Alfa Romeo Alfasud TI

HRDC Liqui Moly Jack Sears Trophy for Touring Cars 1958-1966

- 155 Nathan HEATHCOTE
Mini Cooper S
- 77 Andrew JORDAN
Austin Mini Cooper S
- 65 Dan LEWIS
Austin Mini Cooper S

HRSC Dunlop Allstars for pre 66 Sports GT & Touring Cars

- 121 Ben COLBURN
Lenham Sprite GT
- 77 Mike JORDAN
Austin Mini Cooper S
- 15 Andrew PRILL
Pandora SP

HISTORICS ON THE HILL

Meet **BARRY MORRIS**

Hi Barry - Thank you for agreeing to do a question and answer session so that members of LHMC can learn a little bit about your personal and your motorsport background. Firstly, when did you decide to join the marshalling fraternity and what prompted you to take this step?

I started about 1980. Prior to this I used to go to Brands Hatch by train and bus from Battle in Sussex and spectate. Once I had a car it seemed a good opportunity to become a marshal and watch motor racing close up.

Can you tell us a little bit about your progression through the marshalling ranks that finally resulted in you becoming a National Race and Speed Clerk.

My first day at Brands, to my great surprise, I ended up as a Track Marshal on Post 3 (entrance to Paddock Hill). I progressed from Track Marshal to Fire Marshal, Flag Marshal and Post Chief. Also during that time I qualified as a member of the Rescue Unit and subsequently became Chief Rescue for BRSCC South Eastern. I went on to become Chief Incident Officer at Brands Hatch running the Emergency Services radio system. One of my colleagues then suggested I train to become a Clerk of the Course, which I did, and the rest as they say, is history. Some years later I was talked into becoming involved in sprints, run at that time mainly on very cold disused airfields, and I gained my Clerk of the Course Speed licence.

What highlights can you recall from your motorsport career?

There have been some "perks" which I have been given when I have been officiating at meetings.. For instance at the Silverstone Classic meeting I have been privileged to be able to drive Maseratis and Aston Martins, something I would never have dreamed of when I first started marshalling all those years ago.

What is your favourite series?

I have two favourites. The British RallyX championship and the MSVT Enduro KA for which I am the permanent Clerk.

And your favourite all time driver?

It has to be Jim Clark.

And your favourite circuit?

Lydden. It is a lovely circuit where you can see everything and everyone is part of a great, friendly team.

I believed you marshalled at the last GP at Brands Hatch in 1986. What was your role at this event?

I was a Fire Truck driver. It was a great meeting when Nigel Mansell won. Those were the days when you actually got to meet the drivers.

Also I understand you were at the inaugural Carfest event at Laverstock. That must have been interesting. Can you recall one or two things that you particularly enjoyed there.

Driving the Bentley course car! I was also at some of the planning meetings and got to see how the fields were transformed into a superb public spectacle.

What are you looking forward to doing in the future with regard to your motorsport activities?

Continuing to work at Lydden as both Clerk and Radio Operator and helping Pat and his team attain their long term objectives for the circuit.

On a personal level - what did you do in your previous life before you retired?

I was the European Legal and Compliance Director of the asset management arm of a very large Swiss insurance company. I started my career in the motor underwriting department of a local insurance company in Tunbridge Wells and during my time there I qualified as a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries.

DONT MISS....



Borough 19 Motor Club and Lydden Hill Motorsport Club will be running an all day sprint at Lydden Hill Race Circuit on the 18th of September. We still have entries available and would like to welcome everyone for another opportunity to sprint on this iconic Kent circuit.

Entries need to be completed on line and can be found at www.borough19motorclub.org.uk
We look forward to seeing on track



Entries are open for rounds 4 & 5 of the MSUK British Rallycross Championship at Knockhill Racing Circuit.
Entries close 15th September 2021.

Supercar Round 4: <https://lhmc.alphatiming.co.uk/register/events/5468>

All Other Classes Rounds 5 & 6: <https://lhmc.alphatiming.co.uk/register/events/5467>



With just under 100 entries to date, and BSSO & Fab Racing confirmed, the 2021 Lord of Lydden is shaping up to be an action packed season finale for motorcycle racing in the UK.

<https://lhmc.alphatiming.co.uk/register/events/4583>



Rallycross, fireworks and racing in the dark returns to Lydden Hill on the 6th & 7th of November.
Entries open 15th September.



Don't forget to upgrade your Interclub licence to a Race National if you intend on competing at Spa. You will require 6 signatures from a clerk of the course in order to upgrade. Please note upgrade cards are now being signed again at each event.

Marshals' Post

Orange Army Loss

We are forever being reminded that Motorsport is Dangerous and thankfully accidents these days very rarely result in a fatality but every now and then it does and when it happens it is devastating. On Saturday 31st July the Orange Army lost one of its own.

Robert Foote was attending a BARC Club Car Championship Meeting at Brands Hatch when he was killed as a result of a car leaving the circuit.

Robert was a regular marshal and also a scrutineer at motorsport events across the South of England. He had marshalled and scrutineered at Lydden Hill.

We offer our condolences to Roberts Family at this difficult time.

As everybody across the whole spectrum of motorsport comes to terms with the loss of a member of the marshalling community, I know that some of our marshals were at Brands when we lost Robert so please do not suffer in silence. Lydden Hill Motorsport Club is available for anybody that needs support.

New Marshals

I would like to take the opportunity of welcoming Seb Ciobanu and Seb Norton who have joined the Lydden Hill Marshal Team as Trainee Track Marshal and Cadet Marshal respectively.

Have Fun Be Safe!
Andrew

Andrew Elliott
Chief Marshal



Thank you to all the marshals that came to assist us with 5NBRX at Pembrey, and to those of you that held down the fort at our home circuit.

If you wish to register for Knockhill use the link below.
<https://lhmc.alphatiming.co.uk/register/personel/events/5467/marshals>

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Fordell Firs
Fordell Firs Hillend,
Dunfermline KY11 7HQ

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Dunfermline Camping Sites
(ukcampsite.co.uk)



THE LORD OF LYDDEN

AND SIDECAR BURN UP

23-24 OCTOBER
2021



- ★ MORE THAN 30 RACES OVER THE WEEKEND FROM SOLOS AND SIDECARS CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD OF LYDDEN & SIDECAR BURN UP
- ★ CHILDRENS ENTERTAINMENT
- ★ STREET FOOD
- ★ LICENCED BAR
- ★ STATIC MOTORCYCLE DISPLAYS
- ★ PIE & PINT NIGHT
- ★ CELEBRITY APPEARANCES

For competitor entries please visit lyddenhill.co.uk/lordoflydden21 – All entries must be completed online, there are no entry forms available from the office. For any questions contact the office on 01304830557 or info@lyddenhill.co.uk