

MAY NEWSLETTER

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The chairman was not in the mood for a chat, so I thought I'd take the reigns and shoot the breeze. With the government's announcement on the 22nd of February we were finally able to get back out on track with the first event of 2021 being a rallycross test day on the 14th of April.

With a mixture of rallycross cars from both the 5 Nations British Rallycross Championship and the BTRDA Clubman's Championship all taking advantage of the 6 hours of open-pit lane format practice.

It was an ideal event to start the season off with as drivers had the opportunity to brush off the cob webs and work out any mechanical kinks, and the club's officials could test out the new online system and refresh their memories with the procedures involved in running race meetings (Although that might sound concerning, don't worry, we got this!)

We were fortunate enough to have STARD down to test with us, as well as to provide an EV workshop to our marshals, recovery team and officials ahead of the first round of the 5 Nations set to take place at the end of May.

Looking ahead, we will be hosting an awards evening for our 2020 5 Nations BRX Champions as we unfortunately missed the opportunity to do this last year due to the national lockdown. It won't be as formal as the evenings have been in the past, but we are so grateful to all of our competitors for their support during the difficult 2020 season that we felt it was absolutely crucial that, although different, it wasn't missed out completely. We understand that there is a team

behind the driver, but with current guidelines, we are limited to a maximum attendance of 100 people and will be required to comply with all relevant government and council guidance. If you will be attending, you may bring with you one person

Award winners will be given priority, however we will include as many of our 2020 5 Nations BRX Championship competitors as possible. Further details on how to register attendance will be published in due course.

To touch base on Lord of Lydden, 2020 was a difficult year with not only the loss of Alf Whisker, whom Tristan was kind enough to pay tribute to in our last newsletter, but also Lindsay Greenroyd. Lindsay's passing has left a huge hole in our team and everything Lord of Lydden related. Lindsay had a very clear vision of where he wanted the event to go. This year we would like to welcome Shaun Knox and John Webb back to both the Lord of Lydden technical team and committee which marks a step in the right direction for the event, as we intend to see Lindsay's vision through.

We look forward to seeing you all soon!

Simone
Club Secretary

ELECTRICALLY CHARGED



- inclusion of STARD ERX supercars and Elimen electric Fiat 500s

Competitor; volunteer and staff safety is our number one priority therefore we have included some extra precautions to facilitate the safe inclusion of electric vehicles in the British Rallycross Championship. These additional precautions include a fire truck with on board thermal imaging equipment to detect the potential start of thermal runaway on batteries, an isolated cooling zone for EV's following any potential incident, qualified EV specialists, etc

A marshals EV training workshop was hosted by STARD before the start of rallycross testing on the 14th of April. A second workshop will be hosted on May 29th at 07:30, which will include a run-through of the Elimen EVs, and is mandatory for all officials and marshals working the event. All marshals and officials are also required to complete the Motorsport UK electric vehicle course (EV1).

LHMC is working with STARD to ensure their ERX vehicles are appropriately restricted to ensure fair competition throughout the season



CIRCUIT RACING, 24TH APRIL 2021

Sixty-three drivers filled Lydden Hill's paddock when the 2021 season began in fine style behind closed doors.

The Classic & Modern Motorsport Club Southern brought four categories to Kent on Saturday, April 24: Tin Tops, Super Saloons, Intermarque Silhouettes and the Classic Challenge.

They were joined by the Modified Ford Series, which had previously played a starring role at the BHP Performance Show.

Local racers starred throughout the day - including Pluckley's Warren Johnson who claimed a win and a second-place finish in the Tin Tops.

The self-employed plumber had previously raced his lightweight Peugeot 205 in the early 2000s and returned to Lydden following a full rebuild.

He raced wheel-to-wheel with Honda Civic pilots Dave Hutchins and Dan Fisher, but the latter was forced to retire from race one when he crashed heavily on the Canterbury Straight.

In Super Saloons, West Kingsdown's Rod Birley dominated proceedings - despite struggling with low oil pressure during the early part of the day.

The Ford Escort ace cut through the field from 12th on the grid to triumph in race one, beating West Malling's Andrew MacKenzie (BMW M3) by 6.6 seconds.

Birley started the second encounter from pole thanks to his race one win and won by more than 14 seconds.

Lydden Hill maintenance manager Matt Bennett made his racing debut in the Super Saloons, driving an ex-Trackday Trophy VW Golf.

The 25-year-old from Folkestone got to the finish in both races - enjoying close tussles with Formula 1 digital media video editor Alex Baldwin (Honda Civic) on his way to 11th and ninth.

The Intermarque Silhouette Series produced two thrilling races, with Colin Smith (Vauxhall Tigra) and Ray Harris (Ginetta G40) claiming the spoils.

A strong 16-car field took part in qualifying, with polesitter Harris lapping the one-mile circuit in 43.224 seconds.

Former champion Lewis Smith was in the thick of the action in both

races - finishing runner-up in the opening event - but was forced to retire on Dover Slope in the second thrash.

In the Classic Challenge, Alan Hersey (Scimitar GTE) stopped in race one but bounced back later on, beating the Mini Marcos Mk3 of Charles Colledge.

Triumph star Roy Chamberlain had won the first race, chased to the flag by Charing-based 79-year-old Paul Bernal-Ryan (MG Midget). Both drivers failed to start the second encounter.

Adding yet more trophies to his collection, Birley starred in the Modified Ford races, leading home Malcolm Wise (Ford Escort) on both occasions.

Wise had struggled with an underpowered engine but enjoyed a great scrap with Paul Nevill and Jamie Gough in the second race.



- Dan Wright

Marshals' Post

I must say first it is so good to be back at Lydden after another lockdown and hopefully our last. Apart from a couple of track days our season got underway with 24 marshals attending the Classic and Modern Motorsport Club meet on Saturday, the 24th of April. A good day enjoyed by all including our latest recruit to LHMC Chloe Keen. Chloe is a student at Canterbury Christchurch University studying sport and exercise. Chloe has the marshal bug now and will soon become officially Trainee Marshal and has applied to the governing body, Motorsport UK with the endorsement of LHMC to gain her license. I would like to be the first to welcome Chloe to our Marshal Team here at Lydden, and look forward to working with her in the future.

How to become a Marshal?

Volunteers are the power behind UK motorsport. Whether marshals or scrutineers, timekeepers or rescue and recovery personnel, the 9,500 Motorsport UK-registered volunteers are vital to ensuring the safe and effective running of the 5,000 motor sport events that take place every year. The best way to become a Marshal is to join a club such as LHMC.

Next would be to become registered with the governing body Motorsport UK. <https://www.motorsportuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/2019-09-11-marshall-registration-form-2020.pdf> Once registered you will be sent a PRC book, to log your meeting dates duties and training. Attending regular training days and gaining further experience on the Bank all soon add up.

Apart from having the best seat in the house Marshals perform important duties such as flagging to assisting drivers when incidents occur. Of course Lydden Hill is a brilliant circuit to learn on as you can see everything from almost any post.

Safety Car

At the Classic and Modern Motorsport Club meet I was offered the opportunity of Observer in the Safety Car. My first and probably last, maybe they won't want me to do it again. We were lent a Renault Zoe. My first experience being driven in an EV by Rallycross driver Dave Halford who called it the electric toaster. The main purpose of the safety car is to enable the clearance of any obstructions to be carried out by the marshals and rescue crews under safer conditions and are usually deployed with the waving of yellow flags and display of safety car boards. Many marshals have gone on to be observer in the Safety Car in motorsport both at home and abroad.

Quote Unquote

"Unless I'm very much mistaken..... I am very much mistaken!" - Murray Walker 1923-2021

Andrew Elliott
Chief Marshal
Lydden Hill Motorsport Club



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Lydden Hill Motorsport Club will take place on Sunday 30th May, at 13.00, in the Lydden Hill hospitality suite.

All members are welcome to take part but under current Government regulation attendees in person will be limited and so to ensure you are not turned away on the day please pre-register with me no later than 23rd of May. If you have not received confirmation from the secretary before the 28th then you cannot attend in person. Under 18s must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The organisation of the AGM remains subject to whatever COVID 19 regulations and guidance are in place at the time.

Committee Member Nominations

Nominations must be made on the official nomination form and sent to the Secretary no later than 7 days before the meeting.

All nominations must be counter-signed by the Member proposing them.

The Committee nomination form is attached

Proxy Voting

In the event a member is unable to attend they can register their proxy with either the chairman or an attending member

If you are unable to attend and do not know anyone planning to attend, then you may assign your proxy vote to the Chairman of the meeting to vote on your behalf, either at the Chairman's discretion or as you specifically instruct him via the proxy form

Agenda

Any agenda items must be notified to Lhmc@lyddenhill.co.uk 7 days prior to the meeting & signed by two members

[Proxy Declaration](#)
[Committee Nomination Form](#)



DONT MISS....



BTRDA Rallycross
Lydden Hill
8th May



5 Nations BRX
Lydden Hill
29th & 31st May



Historics on Hill
Lydden Hill
4th July



5 Nations BRX
Mondello
10th -11th July



B19 Sprint
Lydden Hill
17th July



5 Nations BRX
Pembrey
29th + 30th August



B19 Sprint
Lydden Hill
18th September



5 Nations BRX
Knockhill
26th + 27th September



Lord of Lydden
Lydden Hill
24th - 25th October



5 Nations BRX
Lydden Hill
29th & 31st May



Winter Rallycross Series
Lydden Hill
4th December



5 Nation BRX
Spa Francorchamps
11th-12th December

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