

# DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

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Are we done?? Phew, that was literally a racing year in 6 months. Surprising what you get used to though, I found myself on a few occasions wishing for the season to end to free up some time to do normal life stuff, but now that it's here I realise that this is our normal life! and we just want to get going again. Is that what an addiction is? Oh well, there are worse things, I guess.

I hope you'll agree that the events that the club have put on this year have been some of the best, ever! A big statement, but it's true. Record entries and spectators for Clubman Rallycross, Sprints, Trackdays, and the feedback I have personally had about Lord of Lydden, and the 5 Nations British Rallycross Fireworks Weekend has been incredible.

The club had some new challenges this year. LHMC left Lydden for the first time to run two other British Rallycross events at Pembrey and Knockhill. An interesting learning curve, but a great success. And now, as it has turned out, with the cancellation of both Spa and Mondello, this means LHMC ran every British Rallycross event this Season.

We have some new additional events planned for 2022. We are exploring the possibility of an LHMC race day to include circuit racing for intermarque silhouettes, tin tops, pickups, and a couple other grids which will run alongside the Custom Cup, and we are also working on getting Autosolos back. I might even try one myself. I've only seen it once, and I know it will be one of those disciplines that looks simple enough, but is actually extremely difficult!

Thank you to everyone that has supported the brilliant team at LHMC to make these events happen; I think you will agree that it's been a great season despite being a little hectic with the late start. And also to say that this is our club, for all it's members. So, if you have any ideas, questions, or time to help, please do get in touch. We like to have a dynamic and diverse club, so the more input we have the better.

Happy Christmas,

Yours Faithfully  
Tristan Ovenden  
LHMC Chairman



# 2021 CHAMPIONS



MSUK BRX - Derek Tohill

MSUK Supernational - Jason Bleasdale

MSUK Junior - Max Langmaid

Super 1600 - Craig Lomax

RX150 - Patrick O'Donovan

Swift Sport - Max Weatherley

Retro - Simon Hart

Super Retro - Barry Stewart

Group B & 4WD - Andy Grant

BMW Mini - Stephen Brown

All4 Mini - Martin Hawkes

Electro - Daniel Welch

Lord of Lydden - Tom Ward

Sidecar Burn Up - Tim Reeves & Kevin Rousseau

Junior Lord of Lydden - Ethan Sparks



# MARSHAL MATTERS

## MARSHAL OF THE YEAR



"Chris is a very loyal marshal to Lydden Hill always supportive and ready to go above and beyond his duty. Very knowledgeable and always happy to share his knowledge and comments with others."

"Great energy, supportive of the circuit, always happy to here "

"I feel he works really well under the stresses and pressures but stays calm and helps in anyway possible. Also very good with the radio."

**As voted by his peers, Chris Humphreys is awarded Marshal of the Year for 2021. Well done, Chris! #ThanksMarshal**



### Marshal Post

A few weeks ago I gave notice of my intention to resign as Chief Marshal at the end of the season. My last event was the final weekend of the 2021 5 Nations Rallycross Championship.

In the late 60's my Dad used to take us to Lydden to watch the Rallycross and Motocross most Saturday afternoons. In those days it cost you a few quid to take a car and as many people as you could to fill it. I can remember it was always very cold so we would arrive and leave early so that we could watch the highlights on BBCTV before the Final Score with Murray Walker commentary. I preferred it to the Wrestling on ITV.

Very little did I know that 50 years later I would end up as Chief Marshal at the circuit. It was not my intention but my predecessor John Stevens asked me to assist him back in 2019, but soon took over.

It has been interesting and much more involved than I thought it was going to be. Marshal Recruiting, Post Allocations, Lydden Hill Motorsport Club (LHMC) Committee Meetings, Report Writing, Working closely with Circuit Managers, Clerks of the Course and MSUK Stewards.

I have met many of the 5 Nations Rallycross drivers along the way and travelled to other circuits with them to share their triumphs and defeats. What a friendly bunch you are.

I enjoyed my times on Start line and Assembly at other circuits with the 5 Nations Team and hope to be able to carry out similar roles in 2022 if you will have me.

Soon be back to what I love, being on the Bank with other marshals at home and abroad. I have missed the banter and my friends that I have travelled with to other circuits.

Time to experience other UK circuits I have never marshalled at and plan to return to Spa, Le Mans and who knows other European Venues.

Thank you to my fellow Marshals and New Recruits. Josh, Barry & Juliet Morris, Tony and Anne Richardson in Race Control, and the Lydden Hill Team, Simone, Hannah, Clare, Matt, Ruben and Barry for your support. It has been Fun but I have learnt a lot.

Finally I would like to thank Pat Doran for Lydden Hill, My Home Circuit. Soon be able to walk there and back.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Stay Safe. Have Fun.

Andrew

# What's New For 2022

## LHMC SE RACE DAY

Although still in the planning stages, the event is likely to feature Pickups, Intermarque Silhouettes, Super Saloons, and Tin Tops. This event is expected to run alongside The Custom Cup non-prep sprint in July 2022 and will see all classes running 1 x 15 minute qualifying session and 2 x 15 minute races throughout the day.

## RETURN OF THE AUTOSOLO

LHMC are working alongside MMKMC (Maidstone & Mid-Kent Motorsport Club) on the revival of Autosolos at Lydden Hill Race Circuit, and the potential arrangement of Autotests. Keep an eye out on our website & Facebook page as any developments will be announced there.



### CAROL GLENN

Although new to LHMC, Carol is by no means a new face to motorsport. Carol is a race and speed clerk, ex track marshal, secretary of the meeting, sits on the MSUK Women in Motorsport. Also founder of Next Racing Generation. Carol has recently applied for her probationary interclub speed licence which will allow her to clerk for interclub level rallycross events once her training is complete. Welcome to the team, Carol



### BRIAN HOPPER

We would like to say thank you to Brian Hopper who has been an instrumental part of our team. Brian has been scrutineering for us since LHMC started in 2008, and has organised the scrutineering teams for our events for the past 3 years. September saw the last event under Brian's brief as a senior scrutineer and the last where he would be organising things in the background. Brian will now be concentrating solely on Stewarding going forward.

## BETTER TOGETHER

LHMC proudly supports the Anglia Motor Sport Club Better Together initiative and champions inclusivity within our Club and events. Better Together aims to knock down barriers, raise awareness of issues in motorsport and challenge discriminatory behaviours and attitudes, with the long-term goal of making motorsport more inclusive and accessible for all.

We need to give motorsport a future. Let's make motorsport accessible to all!

#WeAreBetterTogether





# 2022 PROVISIONAL CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE	CIRCUIT	CLUB(s)
Training Day	20th February	Lydden Hill	LHMC
LHMC AGM	17th April	Lydden Hill	LHMC
5 Nations BRX	16th + 18th April *	Lydden Hill	LHMC
BHP Show	2nd May	Lydden Hill	LHMC
5 Nations BRX	14th/15th May	Pembrey	LHMC
BTRDA	21st May	Lydden Hill	LHMC/BTRDA
5 Nations BRX	4th/5th June**	Mondello	MPSC
Historics on the Hill	3rd July	Lydden Hill	LHMC/HRDC
B19 Sprint	16th July	Lydden Hill	LHMC/B19
LHMC SE Race Day	23rd July	Lydden Hill	LHMC
5 Nations BRX	July - TBC**	TBC	TBC
5 Nations BRX	27th + 29th August *	Pembrey	LHMC
Lord of Lydden	22nd/23rd October	Lydden Hill	LHMC
5 Nations BRX	5th/6th November **	Lydden Hill	LHMC
<b>* Racing will take place on Saturday &amp; Monday (No track activity on Sunday)</b>			
<b>** Date subject to confirmation from local organising clubs/ASNs</b>			
<b>All dates remain provisional until publication of the relevant Championship/Series regulations</b>			

2022 5 Nations BRX Championship Registrations And LHMC Membership Applications Open 1st of January 2022 And Will Be Made Available To You Through Your Online Profile

<https://lhmc.alphatiming.co.uk/profile>









# LORD OF LYDDEN



## Weekend Recap

2021 Saw an astonishing 203 entries for the Lord of Lydden, 73 entrants up from 2020

Tom Ward dominated at his home circuit and reclaimed the coveted Lord of Lydden title. The final Lord of Lydden race saw Ward start from row five of the grid as it was a reverse grid, although only the front five rows were reversed for safety reasons.

Tim Reeves & Kevin Rousseau cleared the field to take yet another Sidecar Burn Up title

1 **77** F1 1 **REEVES / ROUSSEAU** Yamaha 600 - **12** 8:38.754 83.27 **42.410** 4

Ethan Sparks, 10, dominated throughout the weekend taking not only a hat-trick, but the Junior Lord of Lydden title.

Ethan hit top speeds of 90mph and he averaged about 75mph on his way to winning the junior title.

Charlie Huntingford shattered the 70cc class lap record

Scott Wilson took 4 Desmo Due Ducati wins

1 **50** A 1 **Scott WILSON** Ducati 620 - **15** 12:13.941 73.57 **47.805** 7

Stephen Perfitt took the Supertwin win

1 **63** TW 1 **Stephen PERFITT** Suzuki 650cc - **10** 7:48.155 76.89 **45.888** 5

With support and momentum growing for the supermonos, we expect to see this group running their own grid next season. Top man Dan Ledger took third place in the supertwin class, but first place overall for supermono

3 **59** MN 1 **Dan LEDGER** KTM 650cc - **10** 7:48.890 0.735 0.309 76.77 **46.048** 10

With an uncertain future for MZ's at this event, Alex Mann headed the class for what may have been their final race as a stand alone class.

1 **69** MZ 1 **Alexander MANN** MZ 250 - **9** 7:48.461 1 Lap 3.972 69.16 **48.411** 7

Production 400 - James Seath

Although losing out on both Saturday races to Sean Morrison, local man James Seath came back strong on Sunday taking the overall win on his Kawasaki 400

F2 - Wayne Lockey and Ben Binns

1 **14** **LOCKEY / BINNS** Honda 600 - **10** 7:39.945 78.27 **45.055** 3

Classic Sidecars - Sean Hegarty & James Neeve took four of four

1 **33** **HEGARTY / NEEVE** BMW 1000 - **10** 8:19.359 72.09 **48.962** 4

BSSO Super Scooters - Justin Price

1 **4** 6 1 **Justin PRICE** Lambretta GP230 - Team DSC **10** 8:33.533 70.10 **50.375** 8

BSSO Stocks - David Bristow

1 **63** 4e 1 **David BRISTOW** Vespa Hornet 135 - Hornet Racing **10** 8:55.992 67.16 **52.406** 2



## Knockhill, Event Summary

The event saw close racing throughout the day on the championship's first visit North since the new promoter 5 Nations BRX took over. Roberts Vitols claimed victory in round four of the headline Supercar class, while in changeable weather conditions, competitors from the other classes enjoyed an action-packed day of racing with the promise of more to come.

Roberts Vitols (Citroen C4) became the first driver to win two rounds in 2021. The Latvian won his semi-final but lost out on pole for the Final to Ollie O'Donovan (Ford Fiesta) who won the other semi. On a damp track, Vitols bogged down at the start with O'Donovan losing out to Steve Hill (Mitsubishi Evo) and then taking a detour through gravel. Hill was looking set for at least a podium after joking but a spin dropped him down the order. Vitols, having managed to recover faced a clean track and drove his own race, joked on the last lap and clinched victory nearly five seconds ahead of O'Donovan.

Jason Bleasdale (Vauxhall VX220) took wins in the first two qualifying races with Slawomir Woloch (BMW M3) taking the third race win. Bleasdale claimed victory in the Final with reigning champion Paige Bellerby (Lotus Exige) second ahead of Woloch. Super Retro: Vince Bristow (BMW E36 328) looked to have thrown away his pole position, bagged by winning Q2 and Q3, when his start dropped him right down the order. Q1 winner Barry Stewart (Porsche 911) was leading just ahead of John Cross (Lancia Stratos) when Phil Collard (Renault 5) joined the battle, touching Stewart and sending him into a spin. Bristow pushed his way back to second then overtook Cross for the win.

Retro: Tony Lynch (Toyota MR2) and Simon Hart (Ford Escort Mk1) were the sole Retro competitors in Scotland. Lynch won Q1 but a fire in Q2 ended his charge handing victory to Hart.











## Thorne wins but Tohill takes Supercar lead in 5 Nations BRX

Huge crowds, fantastic racing and drama across the board were the order of the day for the final round of the Motorsport UK British Rallycross Championship 5 Nations Trophy presented by Cooper Tires at Lydden Hill. Ten championships were contested, a magnificent fireworks display & the much anticipated return of night racing. What more could we want?

### Motorsport UK British Rallycross Championship

Series returnee, double Super 1600 Champion Jack Thorne (Peugeot 208) took a superb victory in round six of the Motorsport UK British Rallycross Championship, after a dominant performance across the qualifying races. However, it was multiple Irish Champion Derek Tohill (Ford Fiesta) who finished second to the non-registered Thorne to leap to the top of the standings, three points ahead of early series leader Ollie O'Donovan (Ford Fiesta).

### RX150 Championship

Patrick O'Donovan extended his championship lead with a dominant performance in RX150, leading home reigning champion Stephen Jones. Ewan McGuinness made a welcome return to the series and finished just behind newcomer Nick Priddy.

### Motorsport UK Supernational Rallycross Championship

Jason Bleasdale (Vauxhall VX220) claimed the Motorsport UK Supernational Championship victory after a dramatic final that saw his two main rivals Slawomir Woloch (BMW E3) and Paige Bellerby (Lotus Exige) collide on lap five. Bleasdale had been the man to beat all weekend and went into the Final having won three of the four qualifying races. The incident caused a red flag situation and at the restart he romped away to win from outgoing champion Bellerby.

### Retro Rallycross Championship

The event marked the final rounds of all the Retro Rallycross classes and the Super Retro Final provided one of the best races of the weekend with a bumper entry thrilling the crowds. Jos Sterkens took the win but it was championship regular Barry Stewart in his iconic Porsche 911 that claimed the crown with a consistent performance across the weekend.

Reigning Retro Rallycross Champion Steve Cozens took the honours in the final, narrowly beating Terry Moore and championship contender Tony Lynch. The title battle went down to the wire with Simon Hart bringing his stunning Ford Escort to the top of the table, just ahead of Lynch.

Andy Grant took maximum honours once again in his trusty Ford Focus in the 4WD class to extend his gap at the top of the points table and claim the crown. He was followed home by Steve Harris in his Ford RS200 and Bradley Sampson.

### BMW MINI Rallycross Championship

Dave Bellerby was victorious in the BMW Mini RX Championship round, having topped the intermediate standings and winning his semi-final, before going on to win a fraught final. Ben Sayer came home second, with Dave Ellis Q3 winner finishing third to put him joint top with championship leader Stephen Brown.



### All4 Mini

Adrian Turner took the spoils in All4 Mini after championship leader and reigning BMW Mini RX champion David Bell was sidelined with gearbox issues which brought about retirement in Q1. Martin Hawkes came home second.

### Super 1600 Championship

Darren Scott (Citroen C2) gave it everything he could to wrestle the S1600 crown from main championship rival Craig Lomax (Citroen C1), winning three of the four qualifying races, and the Final as Lomax was sidelined by mechanical woes. Lomax had done enough in previous rounds to take an unassailable lead. Phil Chicken brought his Citroen home second to claim third in the standings.

### Motorsport UK Junior Rallycross Championship

Max Langmaid made good his early season promise of being the teen most likely to lift the Motorsport UK Junior Rallycross Championship title, with another strong finish to his weekend. Max Watt came through to take second with Owen Robbins third.

### Swift Sport Rallycross Championship

Max Weatherley was another who dominated once again, taking victory in the Swift Sport Rallycross Championship round finishing ahead of Luke Constantine, winner of two of the thrilling qualifying races, and Tom Ovenden, winner of the fourth.

And that's a wrap for 2021!

It has been a phenomenal season, and we would like to thank each and every one of our motorsport family - from the officials behind the scenes, marshals track-side, the competitors behind the wheel, and everyone in between. We could not have done it without your support!

Wishing all our members a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year  
- We look forward to seeing you all in 2022  
From all of us at LHMC