



# Maidstone and Mid Kent Motor Club Newsletter

January 2022



## Editors Ramblings.

After the problems of cancelled events over the last couple of years January 2022 has got the year off to a good start with the Brands Hatch Stages and the 12 Car both attracting full entries and local crews. We are back to our normal calendar for 2022 which hopefully will not be disrupted by weather. Our next event is the Annual Awards Evening on 15<sup>th</sup> March where we present and congratulate last year's winners. We are currently looking for a suitable venue local venue and encourage all members to come along and enjoy what is also a social evening. Closely following this on the 19<sup>th</sup> March, is our first Autosolo for a couple of years to be held at Ashford Market with Ben Dawson acting as Clerk. The end of March will be rounded out with the Tyrwhitt Drake Car Trial back to its usual spring slot on 27<sup>th</sup> March.

So here's hoping we will see more of you in person, starting with the Awards Evening where you can check that last year's winner have polished their trophies before handing them back to Lyle.

## *Bruce*

### Up and Down the A20

- With the increasing number of people buying EV's, power companies are putting up their off peak tariffs even before the price hike due to threatened by OFGEM.
- As it is no longer MPG, does anybody know what mi/kwh looks like?
- It looks like the January Club social meeting at the Penenden Heath Bull was disrupted by road closures and fog? It's not only the M20 that gets closed then?
- With Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency considering holding driving tests in the evening, will winning a 12 Car be considered a pass? One downside is they will not let you take your test in a dirty car! So, all you youngsters out there better be brushing up on you cleaning skills as well as your driving skills.
- Apparently, car production in the UK in 2021 was the lowest since 1956.
- With the declining (£35billion) revenue from VED, the MP's Transport and Select Committee has recently produced a report about the future of road pricing. They have come out in favour of the idea first put forward (and dropped) by the Blair government a few years back. The belief is that smart phone technology, like the current black boxes installed by insurers, can be used to track our movements and charge us for the miles we drive rather than the current flat rate system, or nothing in the case of EV's. I wonder what the system would make of an autotest or autosolo? One can see the internet being full of ways of installing defeat devices as there are currently estimated to be 1million untaxed vehicles on the road!

## WEALD MOTOR CLUB - MMKMC 12 CAR 21 JANUARY 2022 RESULTS

The MMKMC has not organised a rally for some time so it was good to see the club back in the frame with the first 12 Car of the year. Liz Jordan and Toby Groves put a lot of work into the event which had been held over from the previous year due to the 2021 Lockdown. As with all rally's a good number of marshals are needed to make the event run smoothly and it was pleasing that enough volunteers turned up on the night to man the controls.

With only 12 entries available it was good to see a full entry and a number of different clubs represented. With a start and finish at the Sugar Loaves in Hollingbourn village, competitors were treated to a circular route running south to Headcorn, Frittenden and across country to Paddock Wood via Staplehurst. Back roads around Laddingford, Collier Street, Hands Cross and Chart Sutton formed the easterly part of the route, before passing through Chart Sutton, Langely and Leeds on the way back to the finish.

Liz obviously gave everybody an easy time as three competitors had clean sheets at the finish and the result had to be decided on engine size.

After all the confinement we have all suffered over the last couple of years it was good to see some old faces and the event with good marshalling support allowed a lot of catching up to be done. A great addition to the Club calendar and well done Liz, Stanley and Toby for all the hard work that is always associated with this type of event.

### RESULTS

|      | <b>Driver</b>     | <b>Club</b> | <b>Navigator</b> | <b>Club</b> | <b>Class</b>  | <b>Car No</b>      | <b>Car</b> | <b>CC</b> | <b>Penalties</b> |
|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------|------------|-----------|------------------|
| 1st  | Sterling Ernstzen | SDMC        | Richard Pashley  | GMC         | Expert 1      | Citroen C2 1587    | 0 Fails    | 0 Mins    |                  |
| 2nd  | Toby Galbraith    | SDMC        | Andy Mucklow     | SDMC        | Novice 10     | Subaru Legacy 1994 | 0 Fails    | 0 Mins    |                  |
| 3rd  | Wug Utting        | CDMC        | Bob Stokoe       | CDMC        | Expert 2      | Mini 1998          | 0 Fails    | 0 Mins    |                  |
| 4th  | Derek Arnold      | SCC         | Simon Fudge      | CMC         | Semi-Expert 6 | Citroen Saxo       | 0 Fails    | 1 Mins    |                  |
| 5th  | Richard Graham    | BPMC        | Steve Thompson   | BPMC        | Semi-Expert 7 | Fiat Punto         | 0 Fails    | 4 Mins    |                  |
| 6th  | Dave Bushby       | B18         | Kevin Ablitt     | CMC         | Expert 3      | MG ZR              | 0 Fails    | 5 Mins    |                  |
| 7th  | Mick Rose         | B18         | Roger McKenzie   | B18         | Semi-Expert 8 | Citroen C2         | 0 Fails    | 10 Mins   |                  |
| 8th  | Andrea Sterry     | MMKMC       | Si Kellow        | MMKMC       | Novice 11     | Nissan Micra       | 1 Fail     | 1 Mins    |                  |
| 9th  | Paul Wickes       | SDMC        | Tim Loftus       | CMC         | Expert 4      | VW Golf            | 1 Fail     | 12 Mins   |                  |
| 10th | Tim Smith         | EMRC        | Graham Child     | SDMC        | Expert 5      | Vauxhall Corsa     | 1 Fail     | 17 Mins   |                  |
| 11th | Joe McCann        | SDMC        | Tom McCann       | SDMC        | Beginner 12   | Nissan Micra       | 3 Fails    | 2 Mins    |                  |
| 12th | Geoffrey Russell  | NWKMC       | Philip Bird      | NWKMC       | Semi-Expert 9 | Ford Fiesta ST     | 3 Fails    | 20 Mins   |                  |

## Roger Holmes Production Car Trial.

January is the start of a new trials season but the weather is nearly always against us. The first Car Trial of the year was held near Cambridge on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January, about eighty seven miles from my base. It was the Roger Holmes Car Trial organised by the Cambridge MC at Harlton. In previous years it has snowed, been frozen or completely waterlogged, causing it to be cancelled on a number of occasions. This time the weather was in our favour, turning out to be a dry day but with a chilly wind.

The event was held in a sloping field which looked like it was used for grazing. They had a maximum entry of forty five so the event started sharp at nine thirty to try and make sure it finished before dark.

They had three rounds in the morning followed by a lunch break giving time for the organisers to change the route of the hills round. There were another two rounds in the afternoon.



Dennis Usmar and Dave Fleck on Hill 1



Chris Judge on Hill 2

Cambridge MC were trying out the cloud based Sapphire Trials App for the first time for the scoring which fortunately seemed to go without too many hitches. They had plenty of marshals at hand manning the hills which considerably helped the smooth running of the event.

Dave Fleck and I were the only two people entered under the MMKMC banner this year, both in Class C for 1400cc front wheel drive cars.

The dry day created plenty of tyre grip without too much mud flying around, unlike like in previous years. At the end of the day we had no breakages on the car and scored some low marks but unfortunately not good enough to win an award. Thanks go to Cambridge MC for a well organised days motor sport.

*Dennis Usmar*

## MMKMC Club Driver of the Year 2021

|    | Competitor / Event Type | Grass Autotests | Trials | Tarmac | Road Rally Driver | Targa Rally Driver | Stage Rally Driver | Sprints | TOTAL |
|----|-------------------------|-----------------|--------|--------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------|-------|
| 1  | Brian Sharpe            | 175             | 0      | 26     | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 201   |
| 2  | Lloyd Covey             | 130             | 0      | 12     | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 142   |
| 3  | Richard Olsen           | 61              | 0      | 47     | 0                 | 10                 | 0                  | 0       | 118   |
| 4  | Des Crocker             | 102             | 0      | 10     | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 112   |
| 5  | Alan Scott              | 79              | 12     | 18     | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 109   |
| 6  | Alan Steadman           | 104             | 0      | 0      | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 104   |
| 7  | Chris Smith             | 65              | 0      | 11     | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 76    |
| 8  | Josh Smith              | 61              | 0      | 12     | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 73    |
| 9  | Ian Mephram             | 28              | 0      | 40     | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 68    |
| 10 | Ryan Howatson           | 61              | 0      | 4      | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 65    |
| 11 | Drew Kellow             | 58              | 0      | 3      | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 61    |
| 12 | Tom Grant               | 30              | 10     | 10     | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 50    |
| 13 | Dennis Usmar            | 0               | 41     | 0      | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 41    |
| 14 | Cameron Ferris          | 40              | 0      | 0      | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 40    |
| 14 | Emma Olsen              | 30              | 0      | 9      | 0                 | 1                  | 0                  | 0       | 40    |
| 14 | Katie Smith             | 28              | 0      | 11     | 0                 | 1                  | 0                  | 0       | 40    |
| 17 | Christopher Newton      | 39              | 0      | 0      | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 39    |
| 17 | Toby Groves             | 4               | 0      | 26     | 0                 | 9                  | 0                  | 0       | 39    |
| 19 | Toby Cook               | 38              | 0      | 0      | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 38    |
| 20 | Jamie Gorham            | 37              | 0      | 0      | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 37    |
| 20 | Brian Grant             | 24              | 6      | 5      | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 35    |
| 22 | Steve Stringer          | 32              | 0      | 0      | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 32    |
| 22 | Dave Cook               | 30              | 0      | 0      | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 30    |
| 24 | David Fleck             | 0               | 29     | 0      | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 29    |
| 25 | Steve Groves            | 12              | 0      | 6      | 0                 | 9                  | 0                  | 0       | 27    |
| 26 | Ben Sinclair            | 21              | 0      | 2      | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 23    |
| 26 | Si Kellow               | 13              | 0      | 10     | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 23    |
| 28 | Ricky Sinclair          | 20              | 0      | 2      | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 22    |
| 29 | Anthony Newton          | 20              | 0      | 0      | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 20    |
| 30 | Peter Byles             | 17              | 0      | 0      | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 17    |
| 31 | Peter Gorham            | 16              | 0      | 0      | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 16    |
| 32 | Andrea Sterry           | 6               | 0      | 4      | 4                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 14    |
| 32 | Royston Carey           | 14              | 0      | 0      | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 14    |
| 34 | Chris Young             | 0               | 13     | 0      | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 13    |
| 34 | Jamie Upchurch          | 8               | 0      | 5      | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 13    |
| 36 | Les Rayfield            | 0               | 12     | 0      | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0       | 12    |

|    |                  |    |      |      |      |      |      |      |    |
|----|------------------|----|------|------|------|------|------|------|----|
| 36 | Ryan Gilley      | 11 | DN/A | 1    | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | 12 |
| 38 | Jim Pullar       | 10 | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | 10 |
| 39 | Austen Laing     | 9  | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | 9  |
| 40 | Robert Ferris    | 8  | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | 8  |
| 41 | James Leggett    | 7  | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | 7  |
| 42 | Bridge Carey     | 6  | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | 6  |
| 42 | Liam Carfrae     | 6  | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | 6  |
| 44 | Anthony Hoskins  | 5  | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | 5  |
| 44 | Rebecca Groves   | 1  | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | 4    | DN/A | DN/A | 5  |
| 46 | Kamila Zielinska | 4  | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | 4  |
| 47 | Millie Groves    | 1  | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | DN/A | 1  |

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|-----------------------|---------------|
| Club Driver Winner    | Brian Sharpe  |
| Club Driver Runner-Up | Lloyd Covey   |
| Club Driver Third     | Richard Olsen |

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| Senior Club Driver | Dennis Usmar |
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| Young Club Competitor of the Year | Ryan Howatson |
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## MKMC Marshal of the Year 2021

|    | Competitor / Event | Evening Autotest Otham - 02/06 | Evening Autotest Otham - 16/06 | Evening Autotest Headcorn - 14/07 | Lydden Sprint - 17/07 | Summer Slalom - 01/08 | Wings Autotest Headcorn - 22/08 | Tyrwhitt Drake - 26/09 | TOTAL |
|----|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| 1  | Nigel Watson       | 10                             | 10                             | 10                                |                       | 10                    | 10                              | 10                     | 60    |
| 2  | James Muir         | 10                             | 10                             | 10                                |                       | 10                    | 10                              |                        | 50    |
| 2  | Janet Barlow       |                                | 10                             | 10                                |                       | 10                    | 10                              | 10                     | 50    |
| 2  | Stanley Graham     | 10                             | 10                             | 10                                |                       | 10                    | 10                              |                        | 50    |
| 2  | Tim Mewett         | 10                             |                                | 10                                |                       | 10                    | 10                              | 10                     | 50    |
| 2  | Tom Thompson       | 10                             | 10                             | 10                                |                       | 10                    | 10                              |                        | 50    |
| 7  | Dennis Usmar       |                                | 10                             | 10                                | 10                    | 10                    |                                 |                        | 40    |
| 7  | Harry Mewett       |                                |                                | 10                                |                       | 10                    | 10                              | 10                     | 40    |
| 9  | Andy Jenner        | 10                             | 10                             | 10                                |                       |                       |                                 |                        | 30    |
| 9  | Emma Olsen         | 10                             |                                |                                   | 10                    |                       |                                 | 10                     | 30    |
| 11 | Dave Fleck         |                                |                                |                                   | 10                    | 10                    |                                 |                        | 20    |
| 11 | Richard Olsen      |                                |                                |                                   | 10                    |                       |                                 | 10                     | 20    |

|    |                  |    |  |    |  |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|------------------|----|--|----|--|----|----|----|----|----|
| 13 | Andrea Sterry    |    |  |    |  |    |    | 10 |    | 10 |
| 13 | Brian Sharpe     |    |  |    |  |    |    | 10 |    | 10 |
| 13 | Bruce Jenkins    |    |  |    |  | 10 |    |    |    | 10 |
| 13 | Garry Williams   |    |  |    |  |    | 10 |    |    | 10 |
| 13 | Helen Crocker    |    |  |    |  |    | 10 |    |    | 10 |
| 13 | India Best       |    |  | 10 |  |    |    |    |    | 10 |
| 13 | Janet Mewett     |    |  |    |  |    | 10 |    |    | 10 |
| 13 | Kamila Zielinska |    |  |    |  |    | 10 |    |    | 10 |
| 13 | Liz Jordan       |    |  |    |  |    |    | 10 |    | 10 |
| 13 | Mark Best        |    |  | 10 |  |    |    |    |    | 10 |
| 13 | Niamh Howatson   | 10 |  |    |  |    |    |    |    | 10 |
| 13 | Si Kellow        |    |  |    |  |    |    |    | 10 | 10 |
| 13 | Stephen Watts    |    |  |    |  |    | 10 |    |    | 10 |
| 13 | Toby Groves      |    |  |    |  |    |    | 10 |    | 10 |
| 13 | Tom Grant        |    |  | 10 |  |    |    |    |    | 10 |

Junior

## MMKMC Event Official of the Year 2021

|   | Competitor / Event | Evening Autotest Otham -<br>02/06 | Evening Autotest Otham -<br>16/06 | Evening Autotest Headcorn -<br>14/07 | Summer Slalom - 01/08 | Wings Autotest Headcorn -<br>22/08 | Tyrwhitt Drake - 26/09 |  | TOTAL |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|--|-------|
| 1 | Bruce Jenkins      | 10                                | 10                                | 10                                   | 10                    | 10                                 | 10                     |  | 60    |
| 1 | Liz Jordan         | 10                                | 10                                | 10                                   | 10                    | 10                                 | 10                     |  | 60    |
| 3 | Lyle Cathcart      | 10                                |                                   | 10                                   |                       | 10                                 | 10                     |  | 40    |
| 3 | Toby Groves        | 10                                | 10                                | 10                                   |                       | 10                                 |                        |  | 40    |
| 5 | Andy Jenner        |                                   |                                   |                                      | 10                    |                                    | 10                     |  | 20    |
| 5 | Tim Mewett         |                                   | 10                                |                                      |                       | 10                                 |                        |  | 20    |
| 7 | Hilary Jenner      |                                   |                                   |                                      | 10                    |                                    |                        |  | 10    |
| 7 | Stanley Graham     |                                   |                                   |                                      | 10                    |                                    |                        |  | 10    |
|   |                    |                                   |                                   |                                      |                       |                                    |                        |  |       |
|   |                    |                                   |                                   |                                      |                       |                                    |                        |  |       |



## MGJ Engineering Brands Hatch Winter Stages 15<sup>th</sup> January

Chelmsford MC Brands Hatch Winter Stages Rally kicked off this year with a number of our local crews taking part and achieving various levels of success. The event was won by Frank Bird and Jack Morton in their Ford Fiesta Rally 2. Highest placed MMKMC crew were Christopher and Anthony Newton in their Nova. Tim Mewett and Liz Jordan were 25<sup>th</sup> in their Escort and Ben and Luke Dawson were 33<sup>rd</sup> while Barney Lower and Dean Long came in 75<sup>th</sup>. Bridge Cary and Bradley Ware unfortunately had to retire.



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## 2022 CLUB FIXTURE LIST

| Event                                    | Clerk of Course               | Secretary of Meeting or Contact | Date                                      |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| 12 Car Rally                             | Liz Jordan                    | Toby Groves                     | 21 <sup>st</sup> January                  |
| Annual Awards Evening                    | Liz Jordan                    | Lyle Cathcart                   | 15 <sup>th</sup> March                    |
| Autosolo                                 | Ben Dawson                    | Andy Jenner                     | 19 <sup>th</sup> March                    |
| Tyrwhitt Drake Trial                     | Andy Jenner                   | Bruce Jenkins                   | 27 <sup>th</sup> March                    |
| Annual General Meeting via Zoom          | Lyle Cathcart                 | Liz Jordan                      | 3 <sup>rd</sup> May                       |
| Autotest Taster Day - Otham              | Richard Olsen                 | TBA                             | 8 <sup>th</sup> May                       |
| Evening Autotest - Headcorn              | TBA                           |                                 | 18 <sup>th</sup> May                      |
| Evening Autotest - Otham                 | TBA                           |                                 | 1 <sup>st</sup> June                      |
| Evening Autotest - Headcorn              | TBA                           |                                 | 15 <sup>th</sup> June                     |
| Evening Autotest - Otham                 | TBA                           |                                 | 29 <sup>th</sup> June                     |
| Mike Jordan Celebration Tour             | Liz Jordan                    |                                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> July                      |
| Evening Autotest - Headcorn              | TBA                           |                                 | 13 <sup>th</sup> July                     |
| Lydden Co-pro Sprint                     | Steve Castle/<br>Tony Perrett | Simone Cornish                  | 16 <sup>th</sup> July                     |
| Summer Slalom                            | Andy Jenner                   | Hilary Jenner                   | 31 <sup>st</sup> July                     |
| Combine Ops Show – Headcorn Parking      | Tim Mewett                    |                                 | 13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> August |
| Evening Autotest - Otham                 | TBA                           |                                 | 10 <sup>th</sup> August                   |
| John Ashwell All Day Autotest - Headcorn | TBA                           |                                 | 21 <sup>st</sup> August                   |
| Kent Forestry Targa Rally                | Dave Clark                    | Toby Groves                     | 10 <sup>th</sup> September                |
| Brian Lewis Trial                        | Tom Thompson                  |                                 | 30 <sup>th</sup> October                  |

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