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Cover picture: 2024 Rose and Crown winner Steve Rackley, collecting the club's top award of the season. Other award winners detailed in the [2025 SDMC Yearbook](#), available on the club [website](#).

# Editorial

By Toby Galbraith, Editor



March has come and gone and it has been another busy month. We really have had some beautiful weather for motorsport (and life in general), let's hope it isn't our only sunshine of the year!

We're at the point of the year where the winter events like navigational rallies are petering out, and the longer days and warmer temperatures allow other types of motorsport like circuit events and grass autotests to come out of hibernation. Finishing off the 12 Car rally season we had two events in March, run by our friends at Bexley and Blackpalfrey. More friends at Maidstone and Mid-Kent ran the second round of the Autosolo season at Ashford on 15 March, while the first round of the Insite Graphics Sevenoaks Speed League took place at Cadwell Park on 29 March. Details on all of these later in this issue.



Ready for the MGCC SE scatter rally on 23 March

Mixed fortunes for my efforts in March, with a decent second place in the Bexley 12 car event followed by a DNF on the Blackpalfrey rally, ending up in a ditch about a mile from the finish with a bent wishbone! In between there was the MG Car Club scatter rally which I persuaded my (13 year old) son to navigate on. He did a great job and we finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall, with Alex getting the 'best novice' award for his efforts. Even if we hadn't done well, it was great to get out in the lanes with him and have some fun. We are looking forward to the Lands End trial over the



Easter weekend, but in the meantime he's off to Portugal for a school rugby tour! And I've been busy in the garage getting the car ready...

After being towed back onto the road after the final 12 Car I had to leave the car overnight and come back the next day to collect it. After unloading and jacking it up, it seemed like it really was just the wishbone that took the brunt, plus the wing and bumper on that side. I took the wishbone off, swapped the bushes into a spare one I had in the garage and fitted that, and then was able to drive it up into the garage to get a proper look. There were a few other bits that needed 'persuasion' back to where they should be, but overall not too bad (and no injuries for Andy or me, or anything else).



It is supposed to be flat...

So not quite the relaxed start to the sprint and hillclimb season I was hoping for! I've been thinking about preparing a spare cylinder head with individual throttle bodies ready to fit later in the year, will see how that goes as I'm also trying to get on with the Isetta!

I've put in entries for two sprints in April, one in May and one in July so far, hoping to do the weekend at Mallory Park in June (never been there) and fitting all that around family life and full-time work can be challenging sometimes, as I'm sure many of you know. Looking forward to seeing what the season brings.

Cheers, Toby

# Chairman's Chat

As I chat, my thoughts this time are with my recent illness, and how this became an over-ruling matter, therefore the first part of this chat must be to sincerely thank all the medical team who looked after me during my stay in Guy's Hospital London. I'm home now and slowly recovering, thank you for all your kind wishes.

With thanks to Christine my wife driving me to the AutoSolo, I was able to spend a little time at Brands Hatch in February. It was a great event, the Club can be extremely proud of the team of organisers. We spent some time watching Paul Hebden, and Kim Charnell busy preparing the paddock test stage timing equipment ready for the afternoon session.

I'm sure that you will all be looking forward to our AutoSolo to be held at Valence school on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May. This year, it carries the new title of [Festival of Motoring](#). Our professional organisers are working flat out to make it another great day of club level motorsport.

All is very well with our Club and I would like to thank all our committee members and associated event organisers for so many very successful events. The Club continues to implement initiatives in running new events.

Sevenoaks and District Motor Club events coming up for your diaries:

- Committee meeting via Zoom, Wednesday 7 May (please let me know if you would like to attend, members are invited)
- AutoSolo Festival of Motoring Valence Sunday 18 May (please note not part of series)
- Evening grass AutoTest at Brands Hatch, series start Thursday 22 May
- AutoSolo at Brands Hatch Saturday 5 July (all day event)

Best regards and enjoy your club motorsport!

David

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# Calendar

[Sevenoaks & DMC](#) organised/promoted events



Date	Event
<b>Fri 10 Jan</b>	The Acorn 12 Car rally
<b>Sat 22 Feb</b>	Awards Evening, Brands Hatch
<b>Sun 23 Feb</b>	Autosolo Series round 1, Brands Hatch
<b>Sat 15 Mar</b>	Autosolo Series round 2, Ashford (run by MMKMC)
<b>Sun 18 May</b>	Valence Festival of Motoring/Autosolo, Westerham
<b>Thu 22 May</b>	Evening autotest round 1, Brands Hatch
<b>Thu 12 Jun</b>	Evening autotest round 2, Brands Hatch
<b>Thu 26 Jun</b>	Evening autotest round 3, Brands Hatch
<b>Sat 5 Jul</b>	Autosolo Series round 3, Brands Hatch
<b>Sat 12 Jul</b>	Sprint, Lydden Hill (with TWMC and B19)
<b>Thu 31 Jul</b>	Evening autotest round 4, Brands Hatch
<b>Thu 28 Aug</b>	Evening autotest round 5, Brands Hatch
<b>Sat 20 Sep</b>	All day autotest round 6, Brands Hatch
<b>Sat 18 Oct</b>	Autosolo Series round 4, Ashford (run by MMKMC)
<b>Fri 14 Nov</b>	The Chin Memorial 12 Car rally
<b>Sun 23 Nov</b>	Autosolo Series round 5, Brands Hatch

Please check the [club website calendar](#) for updates, and keep an eye out for announcements for when entries open.

## Club Award Winners 2024

A summary of the awards presented at the club's Awards night in late February, compiled by Chris Judge. The history of the many named trophies can be found in our [2025 SDMC Yearbook](#).



Clockwise from top left: Steve Hammond, Dave Rayner, Sue Gibbard, Chris Penfold, Tom McCartney, Sterling Ernstzen, Steve Rackley, George Zippo, Steve Hammond (again!)

## Section 1 – Club Volunteers

**The C.E.White Trophy** is awarded for scoring the most marshalling points across all our events. CE White stands for Cyril 'Chalky' White who was a founder member of the club. **The winner is Lola Bailey.** Lola remains the youngest ever winner of this award.

**The Marvic Trophy** – Awarded to the female member scoring the most points while marshalling. The award is named after Vic and wife Mary Elford – hence Marvic. Vic Elford is our most famous member who drove in 13 Grands Prix in the 1960s and also gained considerable international fame in rallying and World Sports Car Racing. He always had the Sevenoaks club badge on his helmet and always supported the club. Vic passed away in March 2022 at the age of 86. **The winner of the 2024 Marvic Trophy is our club's Social Secretary Megan Williams.**

**The Basil Elkington Trophy** is awarded to the person who has done the most to promote the club either with the magazine or social media. Basil Elkington was our club Secretary and worked absolutely tirelessly for many decades. He passed away in 1997. **This goes to Paul Hebden.**

**Trog Trophy** – Awarded for doing the club most organising across all our events. **This goes to Megan Williams.**

## Section 2 – Competition Trophies

**Mark Dawson Trophy** – This is awarded to the member who best represents the spirit with which the late Mark Dawson approached his club motorsport. Mark died in 2004 and was a highly respected club member. **The 2024 winner is Steve Rackley.**

**Uniroyal Steel Claw Trophy** – Awarded to the member scoring most points across Autosolo, Autotests and Car Trials. **The winner is Steve Hammond.**

**The Basil Tye Trophy** – This is awarded to the person doing the most competing at any event regardless of performance. Basil Tye was also a founder member of the club. **The winner is Robert Woods.**



### Section 3 – Committee Awarded Trophies

These are awards that the committee have voted on.

**The Elford Bowl** – This award was donated by Vic Elford and is given to the member who was most successful in international competition. **The winner is Tim Jeffrey.**

**JGF Tankard** – This is awarded to the person who has taken the best photo of anywhere around the world that features our 'Acorn Magazine'. For 2024 the award goes to **Tony Short (who also won it in 2023!)**

**Junior Award** – This is awarded to the highest points scoring Junior in our Rose and Crown Championship. **The winner is Rebecca Challis**

**Ron Cottrell Trophy** – This is awarded to the person for the most determined performance against adversity. Ron suffered with cerebral palsy but despite this served the club for many years including being a flag marshal at Brands Hatch. Ron passed away in 2017. **The winner for 2024 goes to Phil Bailey.**

**Batturd Cup** – This is awarded to the person who had the most unfortunate performance (which can cover a multitude of things!) and historically has many candidates, but we are glad to say appears to get fewer every year....or people have got away with it! **For 2024 this goes to Alex Peters.**

**Bent Conrod** – Awarded to the worst mechanical disaster during any of our events. This is another one of our awards which usually has many candidates! **For 2024 it goes to our current President and Acting Chairman David Balderson.**

**The President's Trophy** – Awarded to the member in the opinion of the committee who made the most outstanding performance in Motorsport from the club in 2024. **The winner is Tyler Baker.**

**Trenham Cresswell Trophy** – This is awarded to the person the committee think made the most outstanding contribution to the club and did the most to forward the interests of the club overall. **This goes to David Balderson**

## Section 4 – Rally Awards

We normally we have a number of Rally awards, but unfortunately nobody has sent their results to Steve Rackley our Trophy Record Keeper! So this is a reminder to do so for 2025!

## Section 5 – Rose & Crown Championship

**The 1200 Trophy** – Goes to the person scoring the most points in a car under 1400cc. This goes to **Stephen Mitchell**.

**The MG Trophy** - This goes to the highest point scorer driving any MG. The winner is **Tom McCartney**.

**Consolation Cup** – Effectively the runner up position in the Rose & Crown championship. This goes to **Chris Penfold**.

**The Des Quinn Bowl** – This goes to the member who attended most club organised events either as a competitor or marshal or organiser. We actually have a three way tie for 2024 which is **shared by George Zippo, Steve Hammond and Steve Rackley**

**The Jim Bate Trophy** – This goes to the committee member scoring most points in the Rose & Crown Championship. Jim Bate was our loyal Treasurer for many decades and rally navigator on the RAC Rally. **The winner for 2024 is Steve Rackley**

**The Tyrrell Fleming Speed Trophy** – which is awarded to the member scoring most points across all speed events either our own or invited, and goes to **Dave Rayner**.

**The Boadicea Bowl** is awarded to the highest placed lady member in the Rose & Crown Championship. **For 2024 this goes to Sue Gibbard** who has now won it 6 times in a row, a new record!

**The Tyrrell Fleming Non-Speed Trophy** for most points scored across all our off road and invited events including rallies. **For 2024 this goes to Steve Hammond**.

**MX5 Trophy** – Awarded to the highest point scorer driving a Mazda MX5 in the Rose & Crown Championship. **2024 winner is Steve Hammond.**

### **Special Award**

Lifetime membership awarded to **Sterling Ernstzen.**

### **Rose and Crown**

And finally our overall winner of the Rose and Crown Championship for 2024 is **Steve Rackley.**

### **2024 Insite Graphics Sevenoaks Speed League awards**

**Overall Speed League Champion – Alex Peters**



**Tourist Trophy** – Awarded to the driver scoring most points in their best 5 rounds of the Speed League held outside the South East of the UK, other than the overall winner of the Championship. For 2024 this goes to **Brian Knox**.

**Muller Cup** – Awarded to the highest placed saloon car driver, other than the winner of the championship or the Kentish Times Trophy. 2024 winner is **Robert Woods**.

**Kentish Times Cup** – goes to the highest placed driver of a road legal car, other than the winner of the Speed Championship or the Muller Cup. In 2024 this goes to **Toby Galbraith**.

**Hill Climb Trophy** – the Neil Davison Memorial Shield is awarded to the driver scoring most points in the hill climb rounds of the Speed League, other than the overall winner. For 2024 it is awarded to **Dave Rayner**.

**Polkacrest (Local) Trophy** – goes to the driver scoring most points in local rounds of the Speed League held in the South East of the UK. Awarded to **David Judge**.

**Historic Speed League Trophy** – for cars built more than 25 years ago, for 2024 awarded to **Andy Webber**.

Position	Name	Total (best 10)
1	Alex Peters	116
2	Dave Rayner	110
3	Andy Webber	97
4	Robert Woods	96
5	Brian Knox	96
6	Toby Galbraith	61
7	David Judge	56
8	Jim Giddings	51
9	John Rawlins	48
10	Adrian Wilkinson	44



# Autosolo News

From the SDMC Autosolo Organising Team

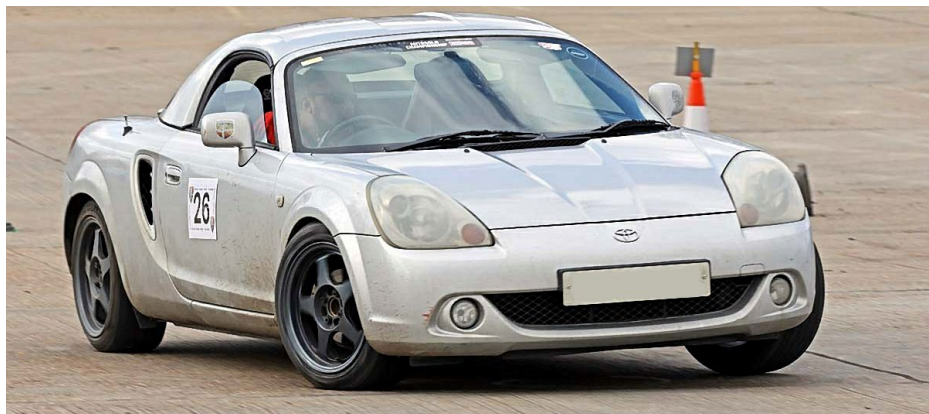


## 2025 SDMC Autosolo series



The MMKMC Autosolo, held on 15 March, was round two of the Sevenoaks 2025 Autosolo series. This series is becoming known for its challenging courses, fierce competition, and expansive appeal. The top four drivers come from different motor clubs; rounds are fast becoming a highlight of the organising clubs' motorsport seasons.

The Autosolo took place at the Ashford Cattle Market venue. Even though we have had a wet winter, the grass area adjacent to the course could be used as the paddock, which gave greater scope for some slightly longer courses being able to use both ends of the venue with the challenging sloped bend at one end with its boundary concrete wall giving little room for error and rewarding the brave.



Mathias Hansen in action at Ashford (photo by Colin Shipway)

The battle for top honours and FTD did not disappoint; with four drivers in with a shout, it could not have been closer. Ultimately, it was round one winner Mathias Hansen, a Coalville Car Club Member, driving his silver Mk3 Toyota MR2 who showed versatility and pulled off the win on a different course and surface. It was a well-earned reward for his travel down from the Midlands to contest the event.

Lloyd Covey kept him very honest by driving his classic 1380cc mini into second place, a great result from the host club member who finished only 0.8 seconds behind. In third place, just 2.8 seconds behind, was Patrick Horrocks, a Farnborough member recently collecting the 2024 Sevenoaks 70th Anniversary Autosolo series overall Trophy at the recent awards evening. The reigning champion was driving his Fiat Cinquecento and having won at this venue before was one of the starting favourites. Daniel Mead, an SDMC member, completed the top four positions in his Skoda Fabia Turbo. He was only 1 second further adrift, leaving these first four covered by just 4.5 seconds, a genuinely epic result. Daniel is improving with each event, and it will not be long until he takes that coveted FTD himself.



L-R: Lloyd Covey, Patrick Horrocks, Dan Mead (photos by Colin Shipway)

For drivers to have a chance of a good end-of-season result, they will need to volunteer at a round. The series offers maximum points for this, which can be gained one time during the series. With only five rounds in the series, scoring well at each round will probably be necessary to come in one of the top ten award positions. All the organisers and fellow drivers will greatly appreciate the volunteers. Without their participation, club motorsport can't function; please consider which round you can help!

# Speed News



70 years of Club Motor Sport

Sevenoaks Speed  
League 2025



We have received our MSUK permit so can now accept entries for the 2025 championship! Regulations and entry form are now available on the club website <https://sevenoaksmotorclub.com/speed-league/>

Follow the links below to enter a round!

Rd	Date	Event	Type
1	29/03/2025	<a href="#">Cadwell Park</a>	Sprint
2	13/04/2025	<a href="#">Hethel</a>	Sprint
3	26/04/2025	<a href="#">Regis Sprint – Goodwood</a>	Sprint
4	26/04/2025	<a href="#">Wiscombe Park</a>	Hillclimb
5	27/04/2025	<a href="#">Wiscombe Park</a>	Hillclimb
6	11/05/2025	<a href="#">Debden</a>	Sprint
7	11/05/2025	<a href="#">Dimanche Sprint – Rushmoor</a>	Sprint
8	07/06/2025	<a href="#">Abingdon Motorsport CAR-nival</a>	Sprint
9	14/06/2025	Blyton Park	Sprint
10	15/06/2025	Blyton Park	Sprint
11	21/06/2025	Mallory Park	Sprint
12	22/06/2025	Mallory Park	Sprint
13	12/07/2025	<a href="#">Ray Heel Memorial Sprint – Lydden</a>	Sprint
14	20/07/2025	North Weald	Sprint
15	02/08/2025	<a href="#">Gurston Down</a>	Hillclimb
16	03/08/2025	<a href="#">Gurston Down</a>	Hillclimb
17	23/08/2025	Snetterton	Sprint
18	24/08/2025	Snetterton	Sprint
19	07/09/2025	Hethel	Sprint
20	14/09/2025	North Weald	Sprint
21	20-21/09/2025	Sandown Sprint – Combined result	Sprint
22	27/09/2025	Goodwood	Sprint
23	28/09/2025	Debden	Sprint
24	05/10/2025	Sprint Royale – Eelmoor	Sprint

# Cadwell Park sprint, Speed League 2025 round 1

Report by Dean Spurr

My first ever sprint event was on 29 April at Cadwell Park, a track I last raced at about 15 years ago, and is such a great place. Was nice to get there early and walk the track on a glorious sunny morning, to bring back a lot of happy memories.



I was supposed to be using my MX5, but certain issues meant I couldn't use that, so rather than cancel, I decided to use my daily driver, a standard Audi S4 estate. Fairly fast in a straight-line, but not the best going around the twisty bits, as it's just too soft and the steering lacks feel.

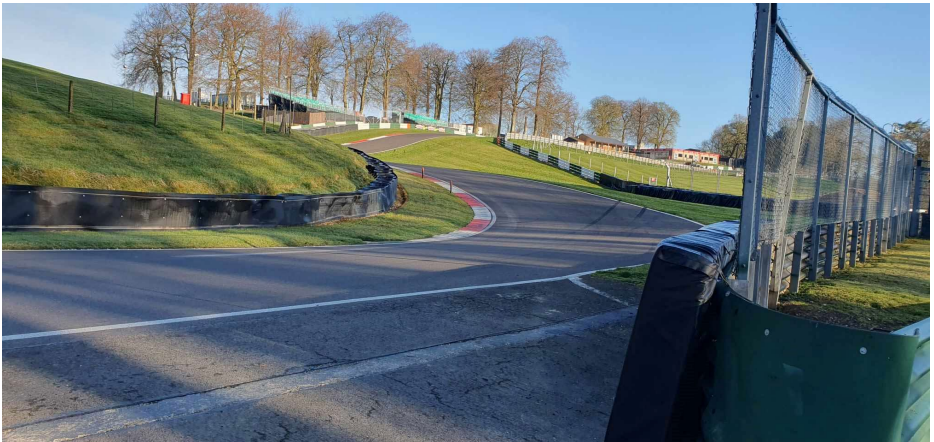




The practice run highlighted that I needed to adjust my driving style to allow for the fact that the car was sluggish to turn-in, but in the end, the car did me proud. There were only two in my class unfortunately, my fellow competitor being a very nice chap in a fettled GR Yaris who used to do rallying.

My times were: Practice – 108.89, Timed Run 1 – 103.73, Run 2 – 102.44 Run 3 – 101.24

This was enough to take the class win by about 4.5 seconds, though I think the car was capable of a sub 100 second lap, but I was slightly wary under braking at the end of the lap, as they were fading. Was a shame not to get a 4th timed run, due to a few delays, but overall it was a good day out, if a little long (up at 2.30am, home at 10pm!).



Looking forward to Hethel on 13 April, and especially visiting some old haunts later in the year, like Mallory, Lydden & Snetterton. Hopefully more people give it a go; once you have the safety kit you need, the events are an easy way to drive competitively at some fantastic venues.

# Autotest News



Autotests are a perfect introduction to competitive motorsport, with short tests and relatively simple routes, and many chances to get it right! They are a great way to learn car control in a low speed, low risk environment. Juniors can also compete, with a supervising adult.

The calendar for the 2025 series, held in the large grass area behind Brands Hatch, is complete and very similar to last year. Please keep an eye out for entries opening!

<https://linktr.ee/sdmcautotest>

Thursday 22 May (evening)	Round 1, Brands Hatch
Thursday 12 June (evening)	Round 2, Brands Hatch
Thursday 26 June (evening)	Round 3, Brands Hatch
Thursday 31 July (evening)	Round 4, Brands Hatch
Thursday 28 August (evening)	Round 5, Brands Hatch
Saturday 20 September (all day)	Round 6, Brands Hatch

Three local clubs (Sevenoaks, Maidstone&Mid-Kent and Tunbridge Wells) have come together over the winter to align autotest calendars, so there are fewer overlaps on event dates, and fewer 'fallow' weeks with none – in fact the longest gap between autotests is under 2 weeks from May to September!

Calendar: Subject to amendments by the clubs, weather etc, please enter and check before attending:

Date	MMKMC	SDMCs	TWMC
Sun 4 May	HC Taster Day		
Wed 14 May	Otham Evening		
Tue 20 May			Evening
Thu 22 May		Brands Evening	
Wed 28 May	HC Evening		
Wed 4 Jun	Otham Evening		
Thu 12 Jun		Brands Evening	
Wed 17 Jun			Evening
Thu 26 Jun		Brands Evening	
Wed 2 Jul	Otham Evening		
Wed 9 Jul	HC Evening		
Tue 15 Jul			Evening
Sun 27 Jul	HC SUMMER SLALOM		
Thu 31 Jul		Brands Evening	
Wed 6 Aug	Otham Evening		
Tue 12 Aug			Evening
Wed 20 Aug	HC Evening		
Thu 28 Aug		Brands Evening	
Sun 7 Sep	HC ALL DAY AUTOTEST		
Sun 14 Sep			ALL DAY AUTOTEST
Sat 20 Sep		Brands ALL DAY AUTOTEST	

# Blast from the past

Tony Gomis sent the following from France



The main article in Issue 63 of the specialist French magazine Autodiva is about our very own (the late) Vic Elford. It would be inappropriate of me to translate the whole or large parts of the article, and in any case Vic's top-level career has been extensively covered elsewhere, so I'll focus mainly on his early days when he was competing as a SDMC member and on the beginnings of his 'works' competition career.





As the photo illustrates, his helmet carried the SDMC emblem throughout his career. That's real loyalty!

The article recounts Vic's career from beginning to end, starting with his close friendship with Alec Rhodes, whose mother won the lottery and was able to buy her son a MG TF in which they went rallying, with Vic navigating. Vic dabbled with football, dreaming of becoming a professional, but his heart lay in motorsport and, as a member of the Sevenoaks Motor Club (sic) he was fortunate enough to be taken on board as navigator for David Seigle-Morris. Together, they did several rallies in David's Borgward, his MG Magnette and then his TR3, drawing the attention of Marcus Chambers, head of BMC's competition department, who offered them a drive in a works Big Healey in the 1960 Liege-Rome-Liege rally. Vic had the cheek to ask Chambers if he too could drive the Healey and was roundly put down with a comment to the effect that 'navigators are navigators and not drivers'. Such foresight! Nevertheless, after three days and four nights non-stop, they claimed 5th place. The pair subsequently became works BMC team members, hoping to continue with the Healeys, but disappointingly were given Minis instead. They nevertheless did relatively well. On eventually leaving BMC

(somewhat acrimoniously) Vic was able to buy himself a competition Mini, at last being able to drive without managerial disapproval, and began to do rather well in local circuit races, which entailed less financial outlay than rallies. Nevertheless Vic was strapped for cash and was eventually obliged to sell the Mini and hang up his helmet.

Fortunately his exploits hadn't gone unnoticed and he was rescued from obscurity by the DKW importer. Once again, his talent and ambition won him a works drive, first with Triumph and then with Ford and his career blossomed.

I'll end by going back to the article's introduction which reminds readers that, within only a few weeks, Vic won the Monte Carlo rally, the Targa Florio and the Nurburgring 1000 kms, and later that year came 4th in his first F1 race. He had really exceptional, versatile, talent.



# Rally News



## Weald 12 Car Rally Championship 2024–25

With an all-new electronic entry system for all rounds, the Weald team have made some changes to the regulations and will provide support to each of the clubs arranging rounds for the championship. The Weald website <https://www.wealdmotor.club> provides all the information including regulations, calendar and links to the entry system for each event, which open around 6 weeks before each round.

## Weald 12 Car Rally Championship 2024–25 season complete!

March saw the final two rounds of the championship, with round 8 run by Bexley Light Car Club on the 14<sup>th</sup>, and round 9 by Blackpalfrey Motor Club of Kent on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Howard Shaddock and Keith Edwards have been on championship scoring duties for the whole season, and Bexley's event was also theirs to organise. Starting at the Chequers in South Darenth, there was a run out to the start control just north of Brands Hatch, and we were off into the night. Heading down towards Kemsing the crews explored the woods around Seal Chart and down into the Weald, before crossing back through Ightham and up onto the Downs again. Through Vigo and going past (but not using) the Luddesdown hairpin we then skirted Meopham and New Ash Green before returning to finish only half a mile from the Chequers. Only three crews were fail-free at the end, with Novices Andrea and Si Kellow (0 fails 6 mins) finally securing the win they have been threatening all season! Andy Mucklow and Toby Galbraith (Semi-Experts) were second (0 fails 17 mins) followed by Experts Wug Utting and Bob Stokoe (0 fails 24 mins).

For the last 12 car of the season, Steve Thompson and Richard Graham from Blackpalfrey had set a tricky route starting at the Sun Inn, Bredgar, near Sittingbourne. Crews had been warned that the route and navigation were going to be challenging, so it was a relief that the weather didn't add to the mix and blessed us with a dry and clear moonlit night. A very even spread between classes also had some very strong contenders, with at least five event winning crews from this season represented. Despite being Sevenoaks members, Paul Dent and

Lee Stanley travelled down from the Midlands for their third event of the championship, having got top marks on their previous two events in rounds 4 and 6. Last season's champions Wug Utting and Bob Stokoe were also out, as well as former multiple champion Richard 'Pash' Pashley with his new driver Chris Wickens. At the other end of the experience scale we had an entry from complete novice crew Millie Freeman and Lesley Knowles, with some assistance plotting by Matt Clark.

The first part of the route was north of the M2, not something we can often say in the Weald series! After crossing south again near Faversham the rest of the route explored the hills and valleys of the North Downs and stayed entirely north of the A20. We visited classic Blackpalfrey territory at Otterden Place and the Hucking 90s, ending up back around the M2 near Bredgar. Five crews finished with no fails, and it was the Novices Lee Stanley and Paul Dent who came out on top; pre-plotting meant they could get around while only dropping 2 minutes, whereas all the Expert crews with no fails dropped at least 10 minutes plotting and couldn't make them up on the road. Chris Wickens and Richard Pashley were second on 0 fails 10 minutes, and Derek Arnold and Simon Fudge on 0 fails 13 minutes. Novices Millie and Lesley had just 1 fail and dropped 8 minutes, a brilliant performance from first timers. Sadly Andy Mucklow and Toby Galbraith recorded a DNF after skidding off in the very last mile of the event. No injuries but some car damage sustained so thanks to Si Kellow and Bob Pilcher for coming to drag them out.

A brilliant season came to a close with 23 different crews, 91 entries and 7 different winners. Remembering that only competitors who had also marshalled can qualify, the Weald 12 Car Championship awards for 2024-25 are as follows:

Award	Driver	Class	Navigator	Class
Champion	Wug Utting	E	Bob Stokoe	E
Runners up	Tim Smith	SE	Si Kellow	N
1 <sup>st</sup> Expert	Barry Shurman	E	Chas Davies	E
1 <sup>st</sup> Semi-Expert	Toby Galbraith	SE	Andy Mucklow	SE
1 <sup>st</sup> Novice	Andrea Kellow	N	Chris Reeves	N



# For sale, wanted, and free!

Your chance to buy, sell or give away motoring-related items, cars, motorbikes (or anything else with wheels). So if you have a pile of classic car magazines, are looking for a particular spare part, or need to sell your pride and joy and want it to go to a good home, this could be the place for you! Please note that the club takes no responsibility (or money) for any trades, we are just facilitating getting you together.

Please send any adverts or wanted posts (with price, location, contact details, and pictures if possible) to [toby.galbraith@gmail.com](mailto:toby.galbraith@gmail.com)

## FOR SALE.

Smart ForFour EV 2021 8700 miles. Full leather interior. 4 heated seats. Fantastic condition. Just serviced, it's a brilliant nippy local run around. £10450 ono.



Also coming soon; 2013 Jaguar XFR always fully maintained, new tyres this week. Iveco Daily van 3l with the 8 speed auto gearbox every option box ticked when new.

For more information please call Phil Bailey 07711 627216

**For sale: MG ZR, £3250 ono**



Sunburst yellow MG ZR, 1400cc, engine from my targa car (this runs a ported 3 angle valve seat head and very mild 135 cams) – it's not massively powerful and makes around 125bhp but it has a lovely flat torque curve and works a treat. Rebuilt gearbox running a plated Gripper diff with a Gripper low ratio crown wheel and pinion (this alone will cost you £1800 from Gripper).

Also includes the following bits from my 1400 targa rally car to be bolted in, 6 point Safety Devices cage, Gaz gold fully adjustable suspension, carbon fibre tank guard, 6mm alloy sump guard, 2x bucket seats including harnesses, EBC brake pads.



A well proven set up that will take everything you can throw at it! £3250 ono – Steve Burles 07767822772

### **Wanted: Car transporter trailer, £1000 or less**

Would like to find a fairly light trailer that would fit my Mk1 MX-5 for towing to speed events etc. Towing limit for my car is about 2 tons and the Mazda weighs about 1 ton so can't have a massive wooden flat bed. Don't mind if it's scruffy as long as it's functional. Please email [tobygalbraith@gmail.com](mailto:tobygalbraith@gmail.com) if you have something suitable.

### **For sale: Duratec/MZR aluminium thermostat housings, £50**

The Fiesta ST150 and MK3 MX5 are popular cars for club racing and events, these long nose aluminium thermostat housings are a brilliant solution to the OEM plastic ones which can go brittle after a while. Also good for a race car which wants to run without a thermostat, these thermostat housings include the thermostat and gasket too



£50, postage is £3 although I will be attending all SDMC Autosolo events this year. Best way to reach me is [Jack432kelly@gmail.com](mailto:Jack432kelly@gmail.com)



FREE: 2003 Subaru WRX wagon bits and pieces, removed from my car when it was scrapped in 2019. Donation to charity encouraged! Strut braces, rear load cover, towing eye and wheel brace kit, driver and passenger seats, intercooler – also space-saver wheel (5x100), brake stopper and MeisterR coilovers available.

Collection from Borough Green, call Toby Galbraith on 07758 008016



# Marshal Matters



Marshals will always be needed in motorsport and you will not find a cheaper way to get involved – it's free! It is a great way to meet and make friends with likeminded people, find answers to all those missing questions you need to ask to further your interest and in some cases meet the requirements of the club championships you might want to participate in. You will also get some great views of the action!

Your club offers many forms of competition, autotests, autosolos, sprints, trials and road rallies, all of which require marshals. If you would like to join the action, contacting our Chief Marshal Glyn Williams (aka Willie) on [wilcat@btinternet.com](mailto:wilcat@btinternet.com) or call 01622 715018. This will enable him to inform you of any event where there is a request for marshals and details to be given when necessary.

By marshalling you can also earn 'Powerpoints' which can be exchanged for a contribution to your membership fees, event entries etc. Contact Willie for more information!





# TRK (Trophy Records Keeper)



Sevenoaks and District Motor club award 41 separate trophies at our annual awards dinner. All of your results in SDMC organised motorsport events are automatically recorded and used to calculate championship points towards these trophies. However, for other events you need to submit your points to the Trophy Records Keeper (TRK). This should be done by the form at the link shown below. No other method will be accepted. You must be an SDMC member at the time of the event for your results to be recorded (if your name is not on the membership list it will not be in the TRK database and therefore it will be impossible to allocate your points). <https://sevenoaksmotorclub.com/membership/>

Please go to this page to enter your results:

<https://sevenoaksmotorclub.com/trk>

All results must be submitted within 21 days of the event or they will not be recorded. All marshalling and event organisation claims will be checked against the event signing on sheets, so make sure you fill them in correctly! Please include a copy of the event results or provide a hyperlink. Don't send in claims for SDMC-organised or Speed League events though – they clog up the TRK mailbox!

## Marshalling qualification

In order to qualify for some of the championships, you must carry out marshalling or another event support role at SDMC organised events. The list of qualifying events is shown in the calendar on the [SDMC website](#), Acorn and the Yearbook.

From the 2023 season it will no longer be possible to score marshalling points whilst competing at the same event. This applies to the CE White trophy and for qualification for other championships. The change has been made so people cannot gain an unfair advantage by scoring points in two championships at once.

Marshalling activities are measured in “Chalky White points”, which are the basis for the CE White marshalling trophy and are calculated as follows:

- 1 Chalky White point is required for a rally qualification
- 2 Chalky White points are required for a Speed League qualification
- 3 Chalky White points are required for a Rose & Crown qualification

Chalky White (marshalling) points are earned as follows:

- A half day event such as an evening Autotest or 12 Car Rally will earn you 1 point.
- An all-day event such as an Autosolo, Trial or Sprint will earn you 2 points
- For pre-event work 1 point is awarded for each half day or evening work party under supervision of the Clerk of Course. (Max 3 points per event).
- All marshalling qualifications are taken directly from event signing on sheets automatically, so make sure you fill them out correctly.

## Yearbook

You can read about how to win trophies in the 2025 SDMC yearbook at: <http://www.sevenoaksmotorclub.com/yearbook>.

If you are 21 or under and want to qualify for any of the junior trophies, please send in your name and date of birth to the membership secretary at [sdmc.membership@gmail.com](mailto:sdmc.membership@gmail.com) (this information was not collected reliably in the past, particularly for family members).

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# Valence

## Festival of Motoring

A celebration of all things  
automotive, including an Auto Solo  
competition, a display paddock  
and the chance to parade up the  
traditional hill climb course.

**9am to 5pm**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**Valence School**

**Westerham**

**TN16 1QN**

**Adult spectator - £7.50**

**Child spectator - £5**

(aged 4 - 16 years)

**Family £20**

(2 adults and up to 4 kids)

No advanced booking  
required for spectators

Bring a picnic or enjoy  
one of the many food  
vans or bar + loads of  
kids activities



Do you have a vintage,  
performance or unique car  
that you wish to display in  
the paddock?

To pre book a car please email as below  
**£10 a car**  
to include up to 5 people



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