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Cover picture: Tim Jeffrey blasts his Alpine Renault GTA LMP around Lydden Hill at the Ray Heal Memorial Sprint, 12 July.

Editorial

By Toby Galbraith, Editor



Another great couple of months has passed and the summer is over! I hope you've been able to get out and enjoy some of the club's activities. This issue has been delayed first by my summer holidays, and then by a very busy period at work, please do accept my apologies. I also need **your input** to give the members better reports on autosolo and autotest events, which are very popular, but nobody ever tells me about them!

I was able to get out for a few sprint events – the weekend at Mallory Park near Leicester, the fabulous Lydden Hill sprint, and another event at North Weald. The season is hotting up though with newcomer to the club Dean Spurr currently in the top spot just over halfway through the season. More on this in the Speed News section – and even though I have attended some of these events, and received some words from a few competitors I'd still appreciate it if more people could send me their thoughts, photos and stories.



In action at Lydden Hill (photo by Andy Manston)

In the garage I investigated the outcomes of my end of rally season excursion, which left some damage to the end of the chassis leg on the passenger side which puts the front bumper and headlamp mounting points a little away from where they should be. Something to tackle over the winter perhaps, along with some potential engine work – and that should be easier as I've picked up a rally car to use this season.

I wasn't really looking but happened to see a cheeky little K11 Nissan Micra on eBay, which had been prepared for road rallies. It turns out that the car is fairly well known in rally circles and has a large SDMC badge stuck to the front, so it seemed like fate when my surprisingly low bid won the auction!



Since it doesn't currently have an MOT it needs a bit of recommissioning to be ready for action, and I'm trying hard not to fiddle with it too much so that I can use it for the rally season without interruption.

Our friends at Bexley Light Car Club are putting on a season-opening 20-20 rally (a format championed by the much missed Chin) and it should be a good shakedown event to get us set for the 2025-26 Weald 12 Car Championship. The only downside is that Andy and I are now classed as an Expert crew following some good results last season, so it's going to be quite a challenge...

Cheers, Toby

Chairman's Chat

I'll try and hope to be forgiven for getting breathless with this month's chat, so much is going on. For example at the same time I received a reminder from our Editor Toby to send him my Chat I was watching the lionesses playing Italy – what a match! Bring it on for the final.

The Club's Annual General Meeting passed without drama and I'm pleased to report, with special thanks to our Treasurer and Secretary, that your Committee remains the same, and most important our accounts are good for the future. I understand that quiet AGMs are usually the most successful.

Before I sign off please take note that a number of changes are being made to the AutoTest Supplementary Regulations, mainly in the section covering minimum age and pre-event driving experience. Keep an eye out for new regulations.

Sevenoaks and District Motor Club Ltd Events coming up for your diaries:

Evening Autotest on grass at Brands Hatch Thursday 28 August

All day Autotest on grass at Brands Hatch Saturday 20 September

Best regards and enjoy your Club Motor Sport

David

Calendar

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



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

Interim points update of the main club championship, the Rose & Crown trophy – this is the current top ten:

Name	Points	Qualified
Nigel Newman	377	Y
Chris Penfold	360	Y
Steve Hammond	255	Y
Steve Rackley	184	Y
Steve Burles	98.5	Y
Daniel Mead	90	Y
George Zippo	80	Y
John Massey	79.5	N
Cristean Muntean	74.5	N
Sue Gibbard	64	N

To earn points in the Rose and Crown, or for any other trophy, your marshalling and competition results need to be known to the Trophy Records Keeper (TRK). All of your results in SDMC organised motorsport events are automatically recorded, but for other events you need to submit your results using the form at the link shown here:

<https://sevenoaksmotorclub.com/trk>

Further details are at the end of this issue.

Autosolo News

From the SDMC Autosolo Organising Team



The 2025 SDMC Autosolo series had just one event during the summer (round 3 at Brands Hatch on Saturday 5 July). This was headed by co-Clerks of the Course Nigel Newman and Steve Hammond, giving back their time to the series (while still earning valuable championship points).



Steve and Nigel making it look easy (photo by Colin Shipway)

For the competitors, there is always added pressure when you are at the top of your game. However, presently Mathias Hansen is taking it in his stride, still pushing the limits as a cone penalty on each of his paddock tests shows. With no further misdemeanours he managed to score eight clean fast runs across the four tests. Mathias achieved the fastest time of the day (FTD) by a clear 7 seconds, so we all now know who has the target on their back and what is needed to beat him to the coveted FTD.

Double-driving a loaned Tiger R10 (Caterham-esque), Kacper Potyra drove hard, coming to terms quickly with his introduction into the RWD world. Given a few more hours in the car, he may have gained those 7

seconds required, although the car was in the invitation class so not eligible for the FTD award. 2nd overall was a well-deserved result.

George Zippo's rapid rise within the club, despite being a relatively new member, is truly commendable. Using the car he had available, the Golf R Estate, he has taken on the challenge and showed us all what can be achieved with a different angle of attack. Congratulations on an excellent 3rd place overall.



Overall podium finishers (L-R): Kacper Potyra, Mathias Hansen, George Zippo

The next event in the series is on 18 October at Ashford, with round 4 run by our friends at Maidstone & Mid-Kent Motor Club, and we look forward to more fierce competition then!

Paul Bernal-Ryan



I am sorry to report the passing of Paul Bernal-Ryan earlier this year. A lot of club members would know Paul as he was a regular supporter of our organised speed events with his elderly but competitive yellow modified MG Midget. Paul had competed in this car for many decades in virtually all South Eastern events and was also a regular circuit racer at Brands Hatch and Lydden Hill circuits. He joined our club in 1990 but had already been a long standing member of Maidstone & Mid-Kent Motor club. A highly respected competitor and one of the true gentlemen of our sport. Always smiling and helpful and we shared so many fun times while sprinting and racing over 40 years within the modified classes of speed eventing. We were informed of his passing by fellow MG Midget racer Steve Luscombe.

When you can't see people anymore they become memories. But those memories soon become treasures and those treasures stay with you forever. Rest in peace Paul and thank you for all the happy times you shared with all your many motorsport friends and colleagues.

Chris Judge

Speed News



70 years of Club Motor Sport

Sevenoaks Speed
League 2025



The 2025 championship is well underway, but it's not too late to join in! Regulations and entry form are 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	Cadwell Park	Sprint
2	13/04/2025	Hethel	Sprint
3	26/04/2025	Regis Sprint — Goodwood	Sprint
4	26/04/2025	Wiscombe Park	Hillclimb
5	27/04/2025	Wiscombe Park	Hillclimb
6	11/05/2025	Debden	Sprint
7	11/05/2025	Dimanche Sprint — Rushmoor	Sprint
8	07/06/2025	Abingdon Motorsport CAR nival	Sprint
11	21/06/2025	Mallory Park	Sprint
12	22/06/2025	Mallory Park	Sprint
13	12/07/2025	Ray Heel Memorial Sprint — Lydden	Sprint
14	20/07/2025	North Weald	Sprint
15	02/08/2025	Gurston Down	Hillclimb
16	03/08/2025	Gurston Down	Hillclimb
9	16/08/2025	Blyton Park (rescheduled)	Sprint
10	17/08/2025	Blyton Park (rescheduled)	Sprint
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

Abingdon CAR-nival sprint, 7 June 2025

This popular event on the airfield adjacent to Dalton Barracks was back with the 'long course' sprint of just over 2 miles being run as part of a motorsport weekend also including an autosolo and single venue stage rally.



With rain coming after the first timed run the results in most classes came down to that first run. Dean Spurr finished 5th of 18 competitors in class A4, for 2WD cars under 2000 cc. In class A5, last year's champion Alex Peters in his Jaguar F-Type R was up against stiff competition from Howard Barnard in his turbocharged Mazda MX-5, and this time Howard came out in second with Alex third in class – both beaten by a 4 litre Porsche Boxster GTS. Brian Knox had a single timed run in his Caterham-like MK Indy RR and finished third in his class. The footage from the event is available on [Youtube](#), including when another competitor went off course and had a heavy

impact with a trackside building – a reminder of what they always say: "Motorsport can be dangerous!". Thankfully the driver was OK.



(L-R) Brian, Alex, Howard and Dean at the damp Abingdon track.

Mallory Park sprint, 21 and 22 June

By Toby Galbraith

My wife was away for the weekend so the kids and I decided to make a camping trip out of this two-day event run by Sheffield and Hallamshire Motor Club, at a circuit we'd never visited before. My family briefly lived on the western edge of Leicester when I was a baby, and my Dad mentioned that he used to ride to the circuit to watch Barry Sheene and co racing motorcycles around Mallory! The circuit is very interesting, with the sprint starting from the pit lane and finishing just before Edwina's chicane on the second time around. There's one very (very!) long right hander which tightens towards the end, a tight chicane and an even tighter hairpin, so plenty to focus the mind.

SDMC was well represented for a 'flyaway' event, with Brian Knox, Dave Rayner, Andy Webber, Dean Spurr and myself across various classes on the Saturday, joined by Howard Barnard for the Sunday too.



My pit crew hard at work

The weather was in the high 20s so good for the sticky tyres, but on the Saturday there were a few incidents with competitors going into the barriers, so we only managed practice and one timed run. The day was cut short because the on-site paramedics needed to take one competitor to the hospital, leaving no emergency cover at the track so we had to call it a day. We decided to go for a nice walk across the countryside to a pub for dinner, which turned out to be a great choice!

With a different class structure to South East events I went into the 'sports cars under 2000 cc' class, which was never going to end well in my 1600 cc Mazda, so I finished fourth in class, behind Dean and two others, all with cars of 2 litres!

On the Sunday we were promised as many runs as possible to make up for it, and I requested to be moved into class 6A, for 'classic sports cars' built up to 1995, of any capacity. I was the only car in my class so I did get more points towards the Speed League championship than on the Saturday, but also because we had more runs, my times improved as well. On the second timed run I span out, and on the fourth timed run I heard a 'clunk' and lost the ability to change gear – one of the bolts holding my clutch slave cylinder in place had fallen off, so the clutch stopped working. Luckily I coasted back to the pits and was able to roll right up to the trailer to load the car for the way home!



Plenty of drama braking for the chicane!

The only SDMC competitor to find success on the Sunday was Dean Spurr, winning his class; everyone else was beaten in their classes, and Howard Barnard had even worse luck with a loss of drive and terrible noises coming from his car. I towed him out of the circuit to where he could be recovered, and having feared big engine troubles it turns out that it was the gearbox that was in pieces. Running 250+ bhp with a Mazda gearbox designed for more like 120 is a risky game, but at least replacement gearboxes are only £50!

Ray Heal Memorial Sprint at Lydden Hill, 12 July

By Chris Judge (photos by Toby Galbraith)

The combined clubs of Borough 19, Maidstone, Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks held their annual sprint at Lydden Hill on Saturday 12 th July. Although a combined effort from all clubs, the actual event running on the day is virtually all Borough 19 members with the other clubs backing the financial costs of putting on this event to ensure it's a success. Circuit hire alone is over £10,000 so you can imagine the final budget once we have paid the MSUK permit fees etc. Our own club involvement this year produced just one marshal who assisted the very important start line team. However, the club did provide 15 entries so our combined effort gave £2,925 in entry fees, so you could say that was our main contribution. At Lydden the layout is one and three quarter laps over the one mile course and you usually get 4 timed runs and a practice.



Aston Martin Owners Club competitors waiting for scrutineering

Moving onto the event itself, this was held in beautiful summer sunshine so a good day was planned. Class A1 for standard road cars had Bruce Aitken take his customary win in his black Citroen Saxo VTS. He appears to be dominating this class which has suffered from a lack of entrants this year. Class A3 for road-going modified cars had myself in my Ford Fiesta, Toby Galbraith in his Mazda MX5 and Adrian Wilkinson in his beautifully restored red TVR Vixen. After practice I was leading, but dropped to third during the final timed runs after Mike Edwards came through in his modified Swiftune Mini following

previous engine issues. Toby improved on the final run to overtake me for second in a close battle. Adrian is a little outclassed with the TVR and will need to do more to be fully competitive but that would involve changing a lot and that may be detrimental to the originality of the car. When you see his car go and check it out. The restoration is a credit to his superb presentation.

Next Sevenoaks member to compete was Dave Rayner in his lovely green Caterham Supersport in class A7 who finished second in class and winning the Best Sevenoaks award for being fastest club member.



Dave Rayner skirts the gravel coming out of Paddock Bend

Class A4 road-going up to 2300cc had Tony Sanders finishing 13th in a massive class in his Ford Fiesta although the class times proved pretty close below the first three places. The Electric class had Joe Baguley and David Baddeley in Tesla Model 3 Performance cars, with Joe topping the table not far ahead of David. They may be lacking engine noise, but the Tesla does not lack speed – Joe finished 28th overall on the day, and considering 21 single-seater race cars were also on the list, the times are very impressive!

Class B9 for full race cars had John Rawlins' Davrian Mark 8 sports car take the class win, with Thomas Kebbell in his Morris Mini finishing third and double driven family member Ian Kebbell coming in 5th place. Check this car out folks, as again the preparation is first class and a real credit to both of them. Moving onto the up to 2-litre fully modified in

class B10, we had young Daniel Burgess driving the family Ford Escort Mk 2 belonging to Roger Burgess. Daniel had only just returned from abroad and had not driven the car for some time, so after settling in he gradually moved up the class order to finish a credible 2nd – well done!



The Burgess Escort driven by Daniel

Another club member who does an absolutely superb job of preparation is Brian Knox. He was competing in class B13 in his self-built black and yellow MK Indy RR Seven Style sports car. He came 2nd behind Stephen Whiting in the supercharged Opel Speedster sports car on this occasion but is normally a front runner and doing well on the speed scene. Another long-standing club member Tony Gomis was out in his Mercadier CanAm white sports car. Unfortunately he was the only one entered in this C14 class and the engine was not running right with popping and misfiring at various intervals, which appears to be an ongoing issue, unless it's only at Lydden!



Tony Gomis in the Mercadier CanAm

Moving onto the single-seater classes we had Peter Ashwell in the Formula Ford white Sparton FF82 take the win in class D18 with double driver Stuart coming third. If I've missed any club member I can only apologise as I checked on the entry list for Sevenoaks club entries and may not know new members.

The day had few incidents but various issues with noise. The track operating procedures state that if noise complaints are received we have to stop competing! This affected the British Sprint Championship runners who were noisy which meant they had to run singularly at various times. Not ideal and this could be a real issue for future events. Discussions are ongoing but it's annoying when people move near to a race circuit and then complain about noise..... despite aircraft going over their roofs on a regular occasions and living near to a busy motorway! This appears to be the case at many circuits around the country. Anyway, Borough 19 and the entire organising team need to be congratulated yet again on putting on a first class event which remains the premier sprint in the South East. Well done all.

Chris Judge.

North Weald Summer Sprint, 20 July

By Toby Galbraith

Every year we hear that the North Weald airfield will be closing to motorsport, and somehow here we are again for another sprint! This event, run by Green Belt Motor Club, is usually fairly low key but still good fun despite the limitations of the venue. Seven SDMC members competed along with me: David Judge, Chris Judge, Adrian Wilkinson, Dean Spurr, Dave Rayner, John Rawlins and Brian Knox. All were in different classes except for Chris, Adrian and me in A3, and we were joined by Matt Endean from Chelmsford MC in his targa rally MG ZR, and a vintage Riley TT Sprite.

Before the first practice run we had a decent soaking of rain, which made things...interesting! I span on my way to the second corner, and I wasn't the only one; after a long dry spell and plenty of use for driver training there was plenty of rubber and oil residue to make a nice skidpan once it got wet. During the practice runs another competitor went off the track and hit something underneath his engine, so when he came back onto the track it duly dropped its oil all over the straight.



As if it wasn't slippery enough already... [photo by Nick Cook]

After a bit of a delay we went into the first timed run and I was getting wheelspin in third gear along that part of the track, and almost nobody improved their times from practice. Gradually the day dried out and times started coming down such that timed run 3 was set to be our best chance of making improvements. However, while we were queuing to start the clouds gathered again, and about 15 cars into the run, the heavens opened! The early classes (A1/2/3) completed their runs while it was dry, and I gave it my best shot to catch up to Chris's target time, but of course he also had a dry run and ended up beating me by 3 seconds, with Matt in third and Adrian not far behind in fourth place. Dean Spurr was first out in class A4 and his run was mostly dry, taking about 10 seconds off his previous best time, but others in the class were not so lucky and nobody else improved, so Dean ended up winning the class – another great result for one of this year's front-runners in the championship table.



Dean Spurr optimistically running with his roof down (photo by Nick Cook)

Speed League championship table after round 14 (North Weald)

Rank	Driver	Rounds	Qualified	Total points
1	Dean Spurr	8	N	89
2	Toby Galbraith	7	Y	74
3	Alex Peters	6	N	71
4	Dave Rayner	6	Y	66
5	Howard Barnard	5	N	62
6	Brian Knox	6	Y	53
7	Andy Webber	4	N	35
8	Tim Jeffrey	3	N	28
9	John Rawlins	2	N	27
10	Adrian Wilkinson	3	N	23

With 10 rounds still to come or not covered by the table above, we will have reports from three weekend events in August (Gurston Down, Blyton Park and Snetterton) and then there will be just five more rounds before the championship is decided.

Each competitor's best ten scores are counted towards their final position, so maximising scores in every remaining round will be needed to get as many points on the board as possible. To qualify for an award at the end of the season, competitors must marshal or help run an SDMC event equivalent to 1 day of volunteering.

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!

Sadly, nobody has sent any stories of all the fun that's been had in autotests over the summer, so I can't tell you about the epic battles, embarrassing cone disasters or getting stuck in the long grass, so you'll have to make do with a couple of photos from the 31 July event!

The all day final on 20 September is coming up – please email your tales of derring do to the Editor at tobygalbraith@gmail.com!



Rob Kennedy kicks up some mud



Sue Gibbard having fun

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

2025 Grass Autotest Season

Wed 28/05/25 Otham Evening MMKMC
Wed 04/06/25 Headcorn Evening MMKMC
Thu 12/06/25 Brands Evening SDMC
Wed 17/06/25 Gabriel's Farm Evening TWMC
Thu 26/06/25 Brands Evening SDMC
Wed 02/07/25 Headcorn Evening MMKMC
Wed 09/07/25 Headcorn Evening MMKMC
Tue 15/07/25 Gabriel's Farm Evening TWMC
Sun 27/07/25 Headcorn Summer Slalom MMKMC
Thu 31/07/25 Brands Evening SDMC
Wed 06/08/25 Otham Evening MMKMC
Tue 12/08/25 Gabriel's Farm Evening TWMC
Wed 20/08/25 Headcorn Evening MMKMC
Thu 28/08/25 Brands Evening SDMC
Sun 07/09/25 Headcorn All Day MMKMC
Sun 14/09/25 Gabriel's Farm All Day TWMC
Sat 20/09/25 Brands All Day SDMC

Headcorn - Headcorn Aerodrome, Maidstone TN27 9HX

Otham - Stoneacre Farm, Maidstone ME15 8RS

Brands - Brands Hatch Circuit, West Kingsdown TN15 6FS

Gabriel's Farm - Gabriels Fishery & Farm, Edenbridge TN8 5PP



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Rally News



Weald 12 Car Championship 2025–26

As the autumn approaches, thoughts turn again to navigational rallies, and the Weald 12 Car Championship 2025–26 is due to start again on Friday 17 October for the first of nine rounds.

Regulations have been updated and released, and are available on the [Weald website](#), or for direct download from [this link](#). Entries will be opening around 6 weeks before the first event, so while you read the regulations you can already register for a '[Weald ID](#)' which will be required to enter any Weald events.

The Wits End 20/20

Weald Motor Club is excited to announce that the opener to this years navigational rally series will be a 20/20 event, running on Saturday 4 October into Sunday 5 October. This event is open to 20 crews and has 20 controls, a format championed by our late rally guru Chin and a real challenge for beginners and old hands alike.

The Wits End rally is being organised by Bexley Light Car Club on behalf of Weald MC, and regulations are available from the Weald website [here](#). Empty your diaries, and make sure that you have the weekend of the 4/5 October pencilled in!

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

FOR SALE

Ford Puma 1.7 2000

Based on a rare rust free vehicle which has only done 77k miles. MOT'd until June 2026. I have up-graded the car with Gaz Gold coil-overs. Quaife LSD. Vibra-technics engine mounts. 3 Strut braces. Braided brake hoses and is fully polybushed. Also included is a second set of Propeller wheels.



£2900



Also available is a 6 point JP rollcage (never fitted) colour coded to match vehicle. £600 cost £1100

And a third set of wheels with Rain sport tyres which have only done 60 miles, £200

Or buy the lot for £3700 ono

Call Phil Bailey on 07711 627216 for more details

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 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 (this information was not collected reliably in the past, particularly for family members).



Tony Short navigates the paddock stage at Brands Hatch, 5 July



James Northfield's beautiful Mazda RX-7 tackles the rally stage



Dean Spurr on his way to a class win in his MX-5 NC



George Zippo finds the 4WD of his VW Golf useful in the rain