

# HIGHWAY

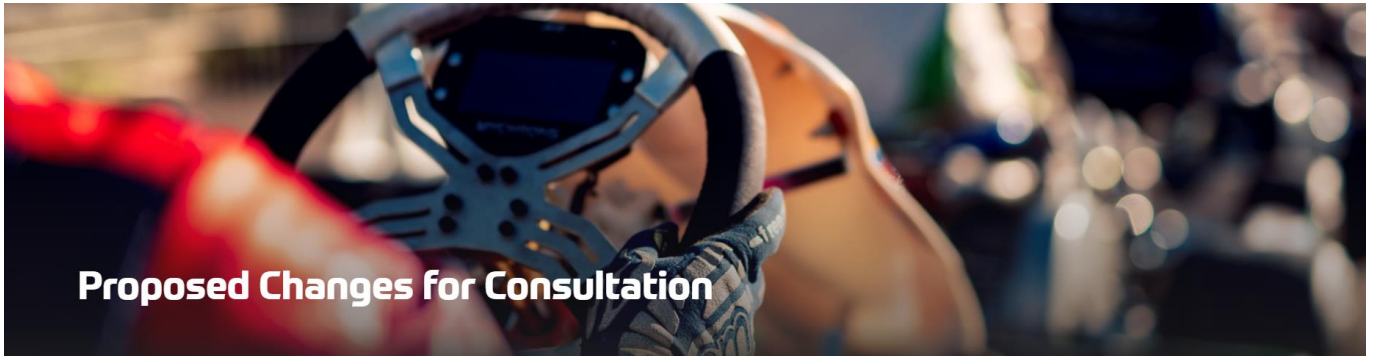
**August 2024**

*Blackpalfrey Motor Club of Kent*



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*The home of Historic Road Events in the South East*



## Proposed Changes for Consultation

Motorsport UK has announced a series of proposed rule changes for Historic Rallying for the 2025 season.

Details on the consultation are available here: <https://www.motorsportuk.org/the-sport/regulations/proposed-changes-for-consultation/>

The proposals (which are quite extensive) can be viewed at the links below (or via the main Motorsport UK link above), and the consultation will close on **9<sup>th</sup> August**.

It is likely the HRCR will be responding to them however you can send your feedback and comments as detailed below, or via Phil Smith, Competition Secretary, BpMCK, [phil.blackpalfrey@gmail.com](mailto:phil.blackpalfrey@gmail.com)

Consultation	Link to document	Email address for comments
Historic Committee	<a href="https://bit.ly/4cFb3rE">https://bit.ly/4cFb3rE</a>	<a href="mailto:historicconsultation@motorsportuk.org">historicconsultation@motorsportuk.org</a>
Rallies Committee	<a href="https://bit.ly/3z14Uw6">https://bit.ly/3z14Uw6</a>	<a href="mailto:ralliesconsultation@motorsportuk.org">ralliesconsultation@motorsportuk.org</a>

# Chairman's Chat

Well, summer has finally arrived and at last we have seen the sun! Hopefully, August will stay fine for the school holidays, and everyone can enjoy the copious activities going on around the county.



Our visit to Patrick & Pam Watts' to see their car collection and extensive workshops went down very well, thanks to Grahame Standen for organising this. We were made very welcome, and Pam laid on a superb buffet supper after they had regaled many tales of their epic Peking to Paris Rally adventure.

August is a quiet month for rallying, but there are still auto tests and autosolos going on in the South-East, so dust off your memory and see if you can find your way around the complexity of the tests. I must say, I find it impossible to remember all those manoeuvres without referring to the test diagrams. So, I admire those who look at these and confine all to memory!

The Hughes organising team has had its first meeting with a small delegation of Weald members and several of the posts have been filled. Hopefully, by the time of our next meeting the remainder will have been filled. Route planning is already under way, and if you are not competing why not put your name forward to marshal or help in any way you can.

Entries are now open for the Tour of Kent which takes place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October, see page 8 for details and page 3 for the call for marshals! We usually have a full entry so get yours in as quickly as you can.

We have now had our Weald meeting and set the provisional dates for the Friday evening 12 car rallies, the first one being in October. There have been several changes to the Regs, which will be published soon.

I've just seen an advert on Facebook for Lydden Hill's first Rallysprint on 7<sup>th</sup> September. Two cars start together, but not racing side-by-side, over a course combining the race circuit and the main track. Could be a fun day.

Over the coming months we will be putting on our winter rally navigation school aimed at newcomers into the sport. This time it will be slightly different. Weald have agreed to run a series of these rather than include beginners in the Friday night 12 car rallies. It was suggested these should comprise a short time in the "classroom", then a short run out to put their learnings into practice. These will not be timed, and it is hoped that an experienced navigator can be in the car to help with any issues that arise.

Jack Stewart and Mark Watson are going to put together a series of social events so keep an eye on the web site and Facebook page where they will keep us up to date with future events.

In the meantime, we are in full flow with numerous car shows, a list of which Sue has included in this newsletter. So, there's plenty to keep us busy over the next few weeks – have fun!

*Dick*

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# Your Club Needs You...

## Tour of Kent



**Are you available on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October?**

Would you like to help make this year's Tour of Kent a success?

Are you able to help us raise much needed funds for Demelza House?

We would love to have your help marshalling this year's event.

To register your interest or for further details, email:

[trevor.blackpalfrey@gmail.com](mailto:trevor.blackpalfrey@gmail.com)

## Hughes Rally – Get involved!

This event has been running for many years with the support of other local clubs and huge thanks are given to all who have helped and participated.

The 2025 Hughes Rally will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> April, and will be based once again in East Kent, with Manston being the site of the Tests, etc. The rally will start and finish in Canterbury.

In order to run this event, a large organising committee is needed along with volunteers on the day. If you are interested in being involved in the organisation, please email [dick.blackpalfrey@gmail.com](mailto:dick.blackpalfrey@gmail.com) or any member of the BpMCK committee.

If you would like to help with marshalling the event, all welcome whether experienced or first-timers, we will be putting out a call to register, later in the year.

For marshals who will be handling the clocks at Time Controls, there will be full training provided ahead of the event.

Please help us to continue this long-running Historic Regularity Rally!

**Copy for September HIGHWAY to be submitted to [sue.blackpalfrey@gmail.com](mailto:sue.blackpalfrey@gmail.com) by 24<sup>th</sup> August**

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# Cotswold Historic Rally, 30 June 2024

## Dick Athow updates us on the latest round of the HRCR Clubmans Championship

One week after The East Anglia Classic, I was out again on the next round of the HRCR Clubmans Championship, this time with fellow club member Graham Banks in his Volvo Amazon. The rally was based in Cirencester and was a fairly compact route never moving too far away from the start at the local rugby club.



We had entered in the Clubmans Rally along with 19 others and seeded 63. Mike Cochrane was navigating Angus McQueen in their Mk1 Cortina GT seeded at 12, and Rupert & Carole Burne were in their lovely MGA at number 42. Leading the field away were Paul Crosby & Ali Proctor in their Mini Cooper S, followed by Dan Willan/Niall Frost in the Volvo PV544. The entry list was full at 75.

The route was available to plot from signing on, so there was plenty of time to look at where we were due to be going. As we were running in the Clubman Rally, we had a simplified road book with mainly tulips, but Regs 3 and 6 were slightly different versions of Jogularity. Being tulips with distances, not all the junctions were listed, so trying to plot the route onto a map was not easy. In fact, it was not necessary as long as you remembered only to turn at the designated mileages!

Those in the main event had simple navigation. The first of the 6 regularities was a list of 22 tulips with 8 speed changes in 18 miles, so kept everyone busy. We had only travelled about 1 mile to the first turning into what turned out to be a local “rat-run”. We must have encountered more than a dozen cars going the opposite way in a single-track road, so lost a considerable amount of time there. Luckily, once we were through that road, the roads became wider, so Graham could put his foot down and we quickly returned to our scheduled time.

The second was 8 miles via grid lines, with 6 speed changes. From there we went to the coffee stop with some truly scrumptious homemade cakes before heading out to regularity 3 which was 15 miles long with 7 speed changes, defined by compass directions. This caused a few navigators to scratch their heads until they got to the instruction “SW + WSW” which then clarified what was required - directions of departure from junctions. We regularly encountered another classic car event travelling in the opposite direction to us. Sometimes there were 6 – 8 cars in convoy, and this caused some times to go astray for us. But, for one of them it all got a bit too much and he verbally abused one of our lady marshals until her husband intervened. All of their cars carried numbered entry plates and there were about 200 in total! I don't think they had sought permission for their event from MSUK, and as a result caused some chaos in the narrow lanes.

A short run took us to the first of 2 runs at a test at Kemble airfield which was all tarmac/concrete. It was very tight for the Volvo, in fact too tight for the larger cars. On the first run Dan Darkin in a Mazda MX5 beat the bogey time whilst John Haygarth was next in a Mini only 2 seconds behind. However, 3 cars beat the bogey on the second run.







From here we went to Charlton Park where there were two gravel tests, both very dusty and rough in places, so much so, that stop/go boards were placed just before the worst bits. Then it was off to lunch at Crudwell Village Hall.

Back out on the road again we had regularity 5 where the main event competitors had been given the first half of the route at signing on, and the other at the 2nd time control. The first part of the navigation consisted of 5 map extracts whilst the second handout had 4 more extracts. Part of the route went off OS map 163 onto 162 for about 1½ miles before going South onto 173. Additionally, the instructions said “CRO plus byways open to all traffic”. This meant using part of the Fosse Way which was rough to put it mildly!!

*As illustrated left for both Dick & Graham in ‘Olga’ and Rupert & Carole Burne.*

Although it was just under a mile long, the average speed for that section was still set at 18mph when it should have been about 10! The potholes were larger than any seen in our part of the country, probably 6-8” deep in places and more than a yard square. In fact, this track would not be out of place on the One & Only Preston. Soon after the start of this track we spotted a trail of oil and assumed it must have been from one of the other crews, but nobody dropped out as far as we can tell. Speed changes were, once again, in proliferation with 4 on the first handout and 7 on the second!

Regularity 5 was 13 miles long defined by a herringbone. Again the “CRO plus byways open to all traffic” instructions led us to a smoother track, through a ford, which luckily was almost dry, and nobody fell foul of this. Another 6 speed changes here took us back to Charlton Park for a re-run of the two tests before heading back to Kemble. Here the test was almost a reverse run of the morning one, but with a few subtle changes.

Then it was off to the final regularity which was defined by a mixture of spot heights and map symbols. This time there were even more speed changes – 13 in 20 miles. Navigators certainly had a busy day keeping to time.

Back at the finish at the Cirencester Rugby Club, results were swiftly produced which showed Dan Willan/Niall Frost winners in their Volvo P544, second was James Griffiths/James Howell in the 1275 Mini GT, and Matt Fowle/Ryan Pickering 3<sup>rd</sup> in their Escort. Angus & Mike were 8<sup>th</sup>, Rupert & Carole 36<sup>th</sup> whilst we were 10<sup>th</sup> in the Clubman’s event, or 50<sup>th</sup> overall.

It was a busy day for the navigators – 50 speed changes in 90 miles of regularities. No wonder I was tired at the end of that!

*All photos courtesy of Andy Manston – M&H Photography*



# Dates for your Diary



## Brighton and Hove Motor Club

**Goodwood Eagle Sprint**  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2024

<https://bhmc.club/goodwood-sprints/>

ENTRY LIST FULL

## Maidstone and Mid Kent Motor Club

### Evening Autotest Series

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August: 18:00 – 20:30

Register here or enter or marshal this event:

<https://www.mmkmc.co.uk/index.php/events/164-evening-autotest-2024>

### John Ashwell All Day Autotest

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August: 09:00 – 16:00

Headcorn Aerodrome, Shenley Rd, Ashford TN27 9HX

Register here or enter or marshal this event:

<https://www.mmkmc.co.uk/index.php/events/169-jaadat-2024>



## Sevenoaks and District Motor Club Ltd

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August: 18:00 – 20:00

**Evening Autotest Rnd5 at Brands Hatch**

For all Sevenoaks and District Motor Club events, check out their calendar:

<https://sevenoaksmotorclub.com/calendar/>

70 years of Club Motor Sport

## Next Club Night: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August

### RUN OUT TO



Battery Road, Dungeness, Lydd-on-Sea TN29 9NJ

COME AND JOIN US

IF YOU WANT TO EAT, I WILL BOOK A TABLE FOR 7:30PM

**TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE AT THE TABLE PLEASE LET ME KNOW  
BY WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 19:00**

Chairman Dick – [dick.blackpalfrey@gmail.com](mailto:dick.blackpalfrey@gmail.com)

07-917-097-595



# LHMC Sprint



**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September: From 08:00**

Lydden Hill Race Circuit, Wootton, Canterbury, CT4 6RY

Full details and booking link: <https://lyddenhill.co.uk/events/lhmc-sprint/>



## Rally for the Ages

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September: 08:00 – 18:00**

Bicester Heritage, Bicester, OX27 8FY

Second annual event aimed at encouraging young people and newcomers to the sport, or anyone who would like a refresher!

The day includes scrutineering, registration, drivers briefing and tutorial, four regularities around Oxfordshire and Northamptonshire and two runs on the HERO-ERA Headquarters Test Track.

Classic rally cars available to hire, café open throughout the day and crews with a combined age of less than 70 at the time of the rally will be eligible for a full refund of the entry fee provided they start the event.

Full details and registration here: <https://www.hero-era.com/rallies/2024/09/rally-for-the-ages-2024>



## Streetcar Festival

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

Bicester Heritage, Bicester, OX26 5HA

This year Motorsport UK will host a first of its kind event at the Motorsport UK Bicester HQ.

The StreetCar Festival is set to be a fun and competitive day of motorsport for all, and a perfect opportunity to experience StreetCar for the very first time.

Check out all the details:

<https://streetcarmotorsportuk.com/streetcar-festival/>

# Kent Car Shows in August

When?	Where?	What?
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> August 10:30 – 18:00 each day	Hever Castle Hever, Edenbridge, TN8 7NG	<b>Supercar Weekend:</b> Stunning cars with a stunning backdrop. With a special car reveal at 12:30! Check the link for activities and timings: <a href="https://www.hevercastle.co.uk/whats-on/supercar-weekend/">https://www.hevercastle.co.uk/whats-on/supercar-weekend/</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> August 10:00 – 17:00	Lullingstone Castle Eynsford, DA4 0JA	<b>PATINA Festival for the Unpresentable:</b> A celebration of unrestored classic and vintage cars. PATINA features beautifully preserved cars that have never been restored along with regularly used classics that ooze with character. <a href="https://patina.events/">https://patina.events/</a>
10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> August 10:00 – 18:00 each day (last entry 16:00)	Leeds Castle Broomfield, Maidstone, ME17 1PL	<b>Motors by the Moat:</b> Popular classic cars show. Full programme including live stunt shows, parades and hundreds of vintage, high performance and classic cars. <a href="https://leeds-castle.com/events/motors-by-the-moat/">https://leeds-castle.com/events/motors-by-the-moat/</a>
18 <sup>th</sup> August 10:00 – 16:00	Penshurst Place and Gardens Parkland TN11 8DH	<b>Classics at Penshurst:</b> Classic car event including trade stands and auto jumble. <a href="https://www.classicsatpenshurst.co.uk/">https://www.classicsatpenshurst.co.uk/</a>

## Member Benefits

Two new offers have arrived on the Member Benefits section of the website:

**Don Barrow Rally Navigation Equipment** has offered free UK postage for Blackpalfrey members. For more information, please visit the Member Benefit section of the BpMCK website: <https://www.blackpalfrey.club/don-barrow-navigation-equipment>

### Extra 5% Discount at Dash4it!

We are excited to announce a new exclusive benefit for Blackpalfrey Motor Club members. Dash4it, a leading online retailer of maps and outdoor gear, is now offering our members an additional 5% discount on all purchases made in their online store.

Whether you're looking for the latest Ordnance Survey maps, travel guides, or high-quality outdoor equipment, Dash4it has you covered. This special discount is on top of their already competitive prices, ensuring you get the best deals on the market.

#### How to Claim Your Discount:

1. Visit the Dash4it website. <https://dash4it.co.uk/>
2. Shop for your favourite products.
3. Enter the unique discount code provided to members at checkout.

This is just one of the many perks of being a Blackpalfrey Motor Club member. Happy shopping and enjoy your adventures with Dash4it!



# June Reg Run

## Sue Watson reflects on the latest Reg Run

The final Regularity Run of the season was on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and Mark and I hadn't participated since the February event, so were feeling a bit rusty. To get prepared Mark had picked up a new copy of the required OS map which we quickly realised was an 'all-weather' version – great if you are hiking in the rain but less helpful if you actually want to write on it! So, another map was purchased (we should look at getting shares in Ordnance Survey) and when the instructions came through, we were eager to get started.

As Matt & Jack were organising, we knew the route would be close to home and thought it may be beneficial to have some familiarity of the locations when plotting... however, sometimes a little knowledge is a dangerous thing as it can make you question instructions that wouldn't occur to you if you are simply following the map. In our case, Reg A indicated that all roads were fair game and so when the possibility of a shortest route through a private estate presented, that Mark had used in years gone by, it caused a lot of head scratching, until we inevitably had to ask if that was what was meant (it wasn't).

Once we had got to grips with Reg A, we decided to leave the rest of the plotting until the Friday. We generally plot together as that works best for us, however I am completely terrible at herringbones so having been out doing chores on Friday morning, I returned home to find the herringbone section had been plotted (he is very good to me!) so we sat down and finished up Reg B together and got together our nav bag and fuelled up the Mini so we were as ready as we could be.

Sunday morning arrived and the other benefit of a local event is not having to be out at the crack of dawn. Folkestone Garden Centre was a new starting venue for us and a good little spot with very nice coffee! So caffeinated up – times and distances noted – we were ready for the off.

The first challenge is turning right onto the main road once you are off ... fortunately the traffic gods were on our side, and we were away. Pretty early on we encountered a pack of cyclists which (along with horses and dog walkers) is par for the course, however, with the morning being a bit drizzly it did mean we didn't encounter too many obstacles in Reg A. As we progressed, I was starting to get my head back in the game, although an uncalled-for questioning on my directions almost led to us retiring early ... I won't go into details, but I was correct 😊 – once we established the driver is supposed to drive and allow the navigator to navigate equilibrium was restored, until I made a schoolgirl error and said we needed to go right then left across the A2 ... when we needed to go left then right – so now we had both apologised and got ourselves back on track!

Reg A took us through the eastern edge of the Kent Downs, along the boundaries of Hawkinge and Alkham, heading up through Lydden and in amongst the old mining villages going through woodland, the valley and across the more open Old Downs where there are a network of small local roads where it is easy to

miscalculate a turn... we approached the end of this Reg with the final cut through across the business park – which had some mighty fine speed bumps with the potential for maps, pens, etc to go flying as we attempted to make up time following a horse-related delay.



Mulling over Reg A during the coffee stop!

The coffee stop was another new venue; Betteshanger Country Park <https://www.betteshanger-park.co.uk/> where we were able to refresh ourselves in the Lamp Room, Kitchen & Bar – a lovely little spot with indoor and outdoor seating areas and a relaxed vibe. There are some great walks and biking trails around the park, but no time this visit so we will be making a note to come back!

A short drive to the start of Reg B and we were ready for part 2 of our Longer Way Round East Kent! The country roads around Betteshanger are an interesting mix of sharp bends and lots of roads converging – so care was needed to ensure we were on the correct route from the off, and we spotted a couple of our fellow competitors who were getting back on track during the course of the run.

This Reg was a lot of fun, and I knew the area well so could anticipate most of the twists and turns. There were also some sections on roads that are quite fast locally, so keeping to time was challenging. We were pretty much on track as we approached Preston and the final push, however at this point we ended up behind the archetypal Sunday driver, who was determined to crawl along at around 10 miles an hour for what seemed like forever, which put us quite behind and with only a mile and a half to the finish trying to make up the time was impossible, Mark did try though and I think quite enjoyed going flat out through the bends ... me not so much!

When the results came through, we were stunned to have come in first place, congratulations to Nigel & Rosemary Mead in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Duncan & Chas Davies in 3<sup>rd</sup>. We ended the run raising a glass overlooking the River Stour at the Grove Ferry Inn. With huge thanks to Matt Davies & Jack Stewart for organising and to Peter Boyce, Simon Ingarfield, and Avril & Tim Ovenden, who marshalled on the day – we couldn't run the events without the volunteers who give up their Sunday to enable us to participate. **Thank you all!**

Blackpalfrey Regularity Run - RESULTS			Date: 30th June 2024											
Pos	No	Driver / Navigator, Car	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	PC/WD	Total
1	3	Mark & Sue Watson	18e	14e	42	16	0x	6	37	21e	60	0x	0	214
2	6	Nigel & Rosemary Mead	12	15	15	12	0x	16	47	49	75	0x	0	241
3	7	Duncan & Chas Davies	1	60	13e	32	0x	10	30	0	66	0x	100	312
4	1	Mick Rose & Phil Smith	8e	12	1	61	0x	16	74	4	49	0x	100	325
5	5	Gavin & Bob Pilcher	74	41	61e	62	0x	25	31	60e	52	0x	100	506
6	2	Archie Pelling	80	14	56	61	0x	5e	64	1	62	0x	200	543
7	4	Chris Welch & Norman Garland	79	73	65	100	0x	60	52	4e	85	0x	100	618

## Tour of Kent 2024

This year's Annual Tour for Classic Cars supporting Demelza Hospice Care for Children event will take place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October; entry details and full regulations are now available on the website: <https://www.blackpalfrey.club/about-1>

Start/finish is the Great Danes Mercure Hotel close to junction 8 of the M20. This year the Tour will take us to the southwest of the county, revisiting Romney Marsh.

Coffee halt will be at New Romney Station with lunch at Hole Park.



Please join us to help raise funds for a very worthy cause – whilst enjoying a grand Tour round the Garden of England!



# Old Git Hits 50 – Not Out!

**Bill Cook shares his experience of the Tour of Epynt last month**

2024 was a milestone for this Old Git as it marked the 50<sup>th</sup> year since I first held a competition licence. Having started by spending Saturday nights as a co-driver or navigator on road rallies I've spent the last 49 and a half years competing in all manner of events at all levels and even won the BTRDA Allrounders Championship back in the eighties.

So, a plan was hatched to do the Manx National Rally, but regular left hand man Rob Thompson had other commitments and so Carrol Soanes was drafted in to read the pace notes. However, due to the number of championships included, together with it being a double header event (2 days with each day counting as a separate event for championship points) it was so oversubscribed it was untrue.

Hence – Plan B. The Tour of Epynt on 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> July. Elevated to a championship round for 2024 with 2 days and 80 miles of stages over the infamous military ranges. However, Rob had already booked a family holiday in Spain and so once again it was Carrol Soanes in the hot seat, and, together with Steve Hodgson and Simon Soanes along to service, the event was on.

We arrived in Llandoverly on Friday afternoon to find Steve waiting in the Castle Hotel, and we unloaded and got set for Scrutineering. Co-driver Carrol and husband Simon were rather later to arrive having had a lost phone and credit cards to deal with before they merged with the Friday afternoon traffic on M25 and M4, eventually arriving just in time for Carrol to get her helmet and overalls checked by the scrutineer. It was then off to the holiday cottage for a somewhat late evening meal and rather later than ideal bedtime.



Next morning arrived just a few hours later and Carrol and I were back in Llandoverly for signing on only to find it had not opened. So, it was up onto the ranges for the recce instead using Simon's Audi. Run in convoy it's not an ideal way to do a recce as there is no time to pause or reverse to check anything, plus forward vision is not great due to there being a car, or even a van, in front blocking the view. Anyway, it was just a case of checking the pre-purchased notes and for Carrol to be able to understand and read them. It was then back to Llandoverly for signing on, made more complex due to the fact that process cards were not available when we started the process on Friday evening. This meant we went to sign on in the Castle Hotel to find we needed to go and seek a process card from the scrutineer, who directed us back to the noise test, then, back to the scrutineer for his signature and then to join the signing on queue.



Eventually, when everything was complete it was back up onto the ranges where the service crew had set out their pitch with the rally car then return to Llandoverly, fully kitted up in the rally car for the start. First car was off at 3pm and we set off at 3:47pm for a short 2-mile stage back up on the ranges, but by now it was raining. Hard. Caution was required as I was unfamiliar with the Pirelli wets borrowed from the ex-Steve Stringer tyre store, and Carrol's reading of the notes. We made that without any drama and were on to stage 2. Just over 10 miles and it was raining even harder, so the cautious approach was still the order of the day. Despite this we still arrived a bit hot into the corner, where Grahame Standen versus huge boulder saw the end of his Mk2 Escort, but we slithered round and got away with it. Our caution saw us caught just before the finish by the car that started 30 seconds behind us.





We then had an hour's service before repeating the same 2 stages without the rain. The roads were still wet but the confidence had improved and so we were somewhat faster. It was then back to service for a new set of brake pads followed by a chilli and a beer in the service area before retiring for the night.

Next morning it was dry and so after a change of rubber it was off for a 13.5-mile stage which was made up of the 2 stages from Saturday joined together. With dry roads it was starting to be more fun. There is one section which is downhill and quite undulating that was noted as "350, straight crest, 300.,," but the crest is completely blind and even though this was the third run at it I was feathering the throttle as we approached. After an hour's service we tackled the same stage again, and, at the 4<sup>th</sup> attempt we crested the blind brow at 102mph!

The last pair of stages were a reverse of the 13.5 miles but unfortunately the last stage was cancelled after an accident resulted in the driver of a Darrian being taken to hospital. So, disappointingly, we drove the stage rather sedately before returning to the finish in Llandoverly where we did a quick U-turn and loaded up to set off for home. As it was such a lovely summer's evening, we only went as far as Breacon before pulling on to a

caravan site for a chilled evening of beer followed by a leisurely Monday morning before sitting in the congestion on the M5 caused by the need to land the air ambulance.

## Mike Jordan Remembered

Not the ex-American Basketball player, nor even the ex BTCC driver turned historic racer but the larger-than-life autotest driver and devout Maidstone and Mid Kent Motor Club member well known for his immaculate Escort Mexico and Mk1 RS 2000.

Starting from the Pepperbox public house near Harrietsham, The Mike Jordan Tour saw 26 crews head out for a scenic tour of southern Kent including Romney Marsh and even ventured into Sussex on one of the few summer days of the year. With cars seeded by age, first away were Avril and Tim Ovenden in their 1931 Morris. Sadly, they did not get very far and any attempt at repairs were interrupted at minute intervals with the following 25 crews stopping to check if they could help.



*Tim Ovenden with his 1931 Morris*

Blackpalfrey were represented by 3 crews. Barry and Ann Callen were over from Australia and had to resort to using their hired MG (easily the newest car in the field) after a deal to borrow back Barry's 1966 Arkley SS failed to materialise. Bob and Alister Pilcher were in a Triumph Stag and Old Gits, Myself (Bill Cook)/Grahame Standen were in my original Lotus Sunbeam, fresh out after at least 12 years off the road.

Our morning started with a minor panic after Grahame jammed the ignition key in the lock and we had to remove the lock and resort to using a screwdriver to start (and stop) the engine. Another casualty was James Muir/Janet Barlow who had been entrusted with Mike Jordans MK1 RS 2000 and had to be recovered on a tow rope. Fortunately, the problem was resolved, and they were able to continue although they probably won't be able to borrow that car again.

Not only a great relaxed tour but almost a culinary tour with Bacon Butties and Coffee at the start, morning coffee at Jos café on the Marsh, a lunch stop at King Johns Nursery and a meal back at the Pepperbox at the end of the day. Thanks to Liz Jordan and her team for a great day of driving and catching up with a lot of old friends.

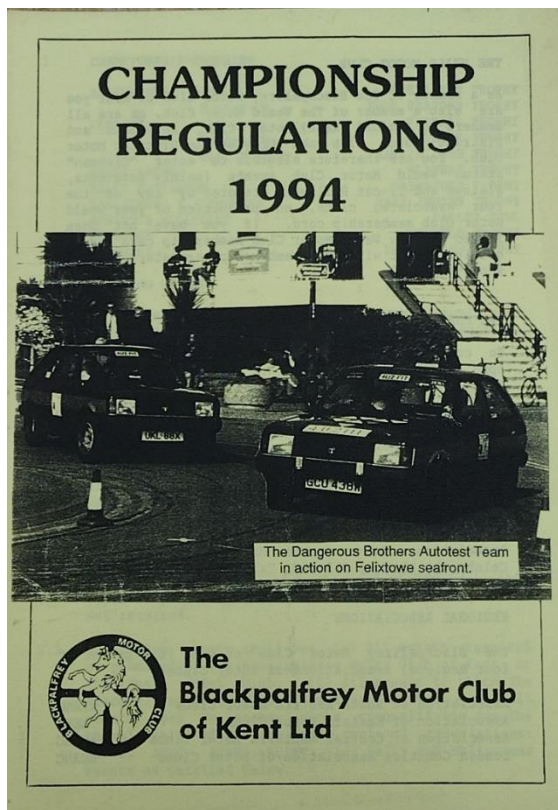
*Old Git, Bill Cook*



# Blast from the Past

## Some pictorial reminders of previous events

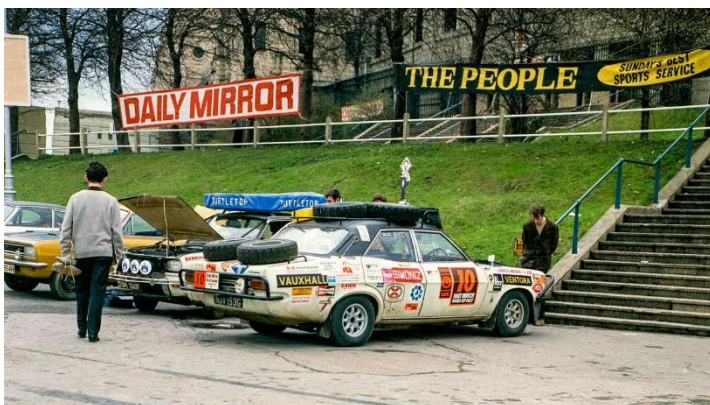
This month I have received some cracking pictures to share with you, in fact too many for one issue alone ... hopefully these will be of interest and maybe even remind you of events you have attended or participated in.



Thanks to Bill Cook for the reproduction of the cover of the Championship Regulations 1994, left.

Which he found whilst sorting out some old papers, I like the sound of The Dangerous Brothers!

The pictures below have been shared by Graham Banks; they capture scrutineering at the 1970 Daily Mirror World Cup Rally. Graham recalls he travelled by train from Bournemouth to Wembley took a few photos and got the train home ... also important to note it was not raining!



If you have any pictures or reminisces that you would like to share with club members email [sue.blackpalfrey@gmail.com](mailto:sue.blackpalfrey@gmail.com) and each month we will feature some – and perhaps jog a few memories!







# Introducing Quest Drive by Venture Bound

Where every road becomes an adventure!



Quest Drive is an exhilarating, driving-based treasure hunt adventure by Venture Bound. Designed to bring excitement and discovery to your journeys, Quest Drive combines the thrill of a treasure hunt with the joy of exploring local areas. It gives you the opportunity to visit local businesses and places of interest, all whilst solving route-themed questions with the aid of GPS directions. This engaging activity is perfect for families, friends, and colleagues looking to compete in a fun, interactive setting.

Whether you have an hour and a half to spare, just need to take your classic for a spin or a whole weekend to dedicate to adventure, Quest Drive offers flexible options to suit your schedule. The experience includes a leaderboard, encouraging participants to strive for the top spot and adding an element of friendly competition. There are a variety of quests available with 21+ routes across the UK, and the flexibility to compete anytime, as well as weekend challenges, Quest Drive promises an unforgettable journey filled with exploration, teamwork, and excitement.

Created by Elise Whyte during lockdown (part of the Whyte Sisters classic rallying team) she found a way to bring the spirit of competition and adventure to the everyday drive and an opportunity to open motorsport up to younger generations.

*"Quest Drive was initially dreamt up during lockdown as I missed competing in classic car rallies in my Standard 10 'Stanley'" said Elise Whyte "I wanted to create an experience that captures the essence of competition and exploration while making it accessible to everyone. With Quest Drive, we've turned that dream into a reality."*

Elise's dedication in creating a platform that combines the joy of driving with the excitement of friendly competition. The app reflects her passion for adventure, motorsport, and the belief that everyone deserves the opportunity to embark on epic journeys. Whether you're a seasoned motorsport competitor or a family looking to bond over exciting road trips, Quest Drive opens the door to unforgettable journeys and endless possibilities.



Quest Drive is available as a free download on [App Store](#) and [Google Play Store](#).

Take a look at the [www.venturebound.co.uk](http://www.venturebound.co.uk) to find the closest Quest Drive to you.

Start your journey today and see where the road takes you!

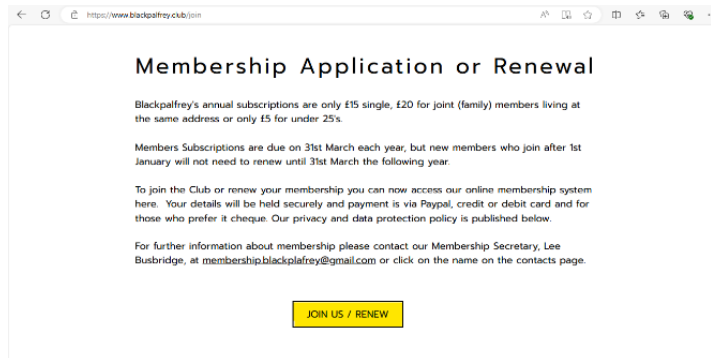
# How to Update Your Membership Contact Details

Membership Secretary Lee Busbridge gives a guide to updating your contact info

Hello everyone. My name is Lee, some of you will know me, and some will know of me as I used to rally a green Morris Marina. As you are, hopefully, aware I have taken on the role of membership secretary for the club from Tom Ash who we should all thank for carrying out this role for the last few years.

As part of this, I wanted to make sure we have everyone's details correct. So here is a quick run through of how you can check or update your contact details yourselves on our membership database.

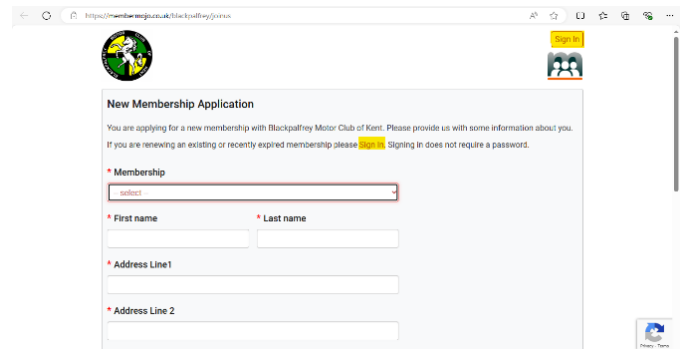
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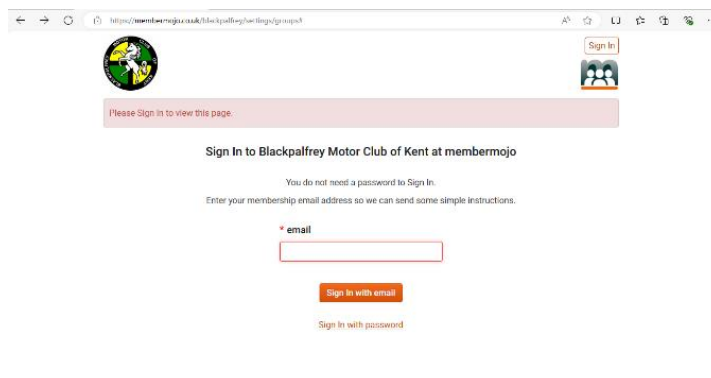
The easiest way to do this is to go to the club website and find the Join Us/Renew page and click on the box which I have highlighted.

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This will take you to our membermojo page where you will need to click the sign in box or the link which I have highlighted opposite.



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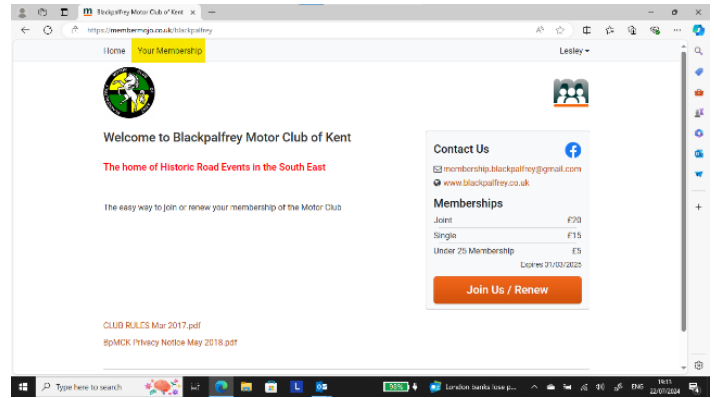
Once you have clicked sign in it will take you to another sign in page where you will need to enter your email address.

Once this has been done you will get emailed a link to be able to continue.

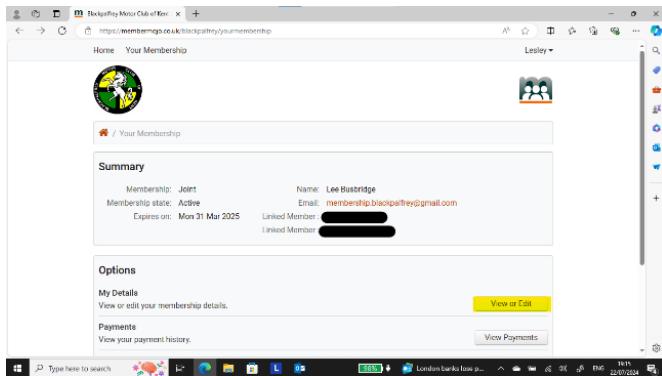
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Once you have clicked the link from your email you will be presented with this page.

Here you will need to click the 'Your membership' tab.



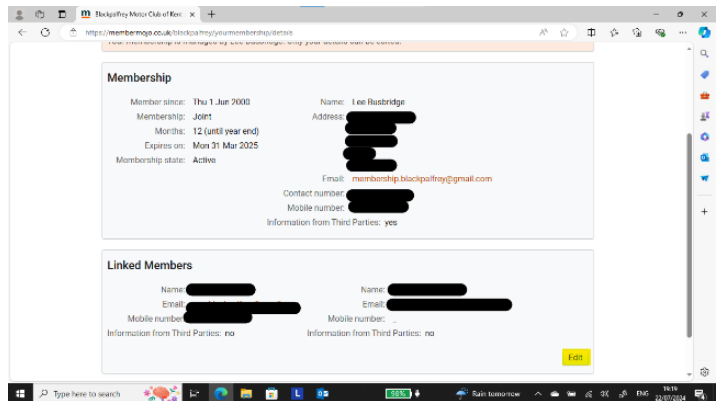
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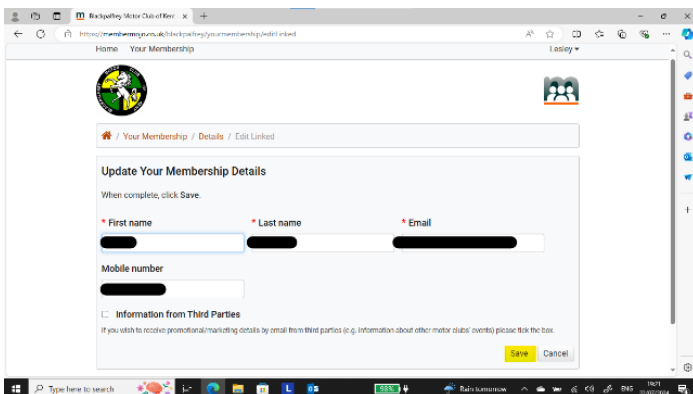
Here you will see a summary of your details, if you next click the View / Edit button.

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It will give you the next page which you will see all your details, plus those of others if you have a joint membership. If any details are incorrect, click on the edit button.



7.



Once on the edit page, change any details you need to and click save, then you are all done and can leave the pages.

Hopefully this has been useful, if you are unsure of changing anything please feel free to email me at [membership.blackpalfrey@gmail.com](mailto:membership.blackpalfrey@gmail.com) and I can change it on your behalf.

All the best Lee Busbridge



# Classified Ads

TEAM BLACKPALFREY vinyl stickers (170x74mm). BADGE (90mm diam) windscreen vinyl stickers.



Available from Grahame Standen - [grahame.blackpalfrey@gmail.com](mailto:grahame.blackpalfrey@gmail.com)

**FREE!** inc p&p

Just email Grahame, with your name & address + which and how many you want  
(please include 'Blackpalfrey Badges/Stickers' in Subject)

## Your Ad Here

If you have something to sell (car related), you're looking to navigate or drive or need a navigator or driver or you have an event to promote, contact Sue,  
[sue.blackpalfrey@gmail.com](mailto:sue.blackpalfrey@gmail.com)

### FOLLOW YOUR CLUB

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## CLUB SHOP

Show your love for your club by sporting BpMCK merchandise!

### Wearables:

- Club Hoodie: £35 *\*New Item\**
- Club Outdoor Fleece Jacket: £34
- Club Rugby Shirt: £30
- Ladies Short Sleeve Oxford Shirt: £30
- Club Short Sleeve Shirt: £30
- Club Sweatshirt: £20
- Club Polo Shirt: £20
- Club T-Shirt: £12

*All club clothing comes with the club badge embroidered. You can add your initials or name below the badge for a small extra cost.*

### Other items:

- Club Mug: £5
- Club Umbrella: £20

All items can be purchased from the Club Shop  
<https://www.blackpalfrey.club/shop>

or email: [trevor.hawkins@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:trevor.hawkins@blueyonder.co.uk)

# BpMCK: Officials and Committee

Thanks to all members who were able to attend the AGM on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024. There have been some changes to the committee and all posts are listed below:

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If you are not a member of Blackpalfrey and have perhaps come across this edition of HIGHWAY on the website, why don't you join us?

To find out more about BpMCK and what we do, to join or rejoin contact any Committee Member.

You can also check out <https://www.blackpalfrey.club/> for more club info or <https://www.blackpalfrey.club/join> to join online and to find our Privacy Notice and Club Rules



Please remember to send in your ideas, letters, articles and pictures for the next edition by 24<sup>th</sup> August