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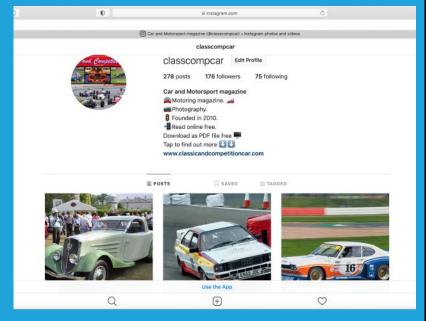
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### **Maidens Touring Car victory.**

History was made over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend at Oulton Park. Jessica Hawkins became the first female racing driver to win a major Touring Car race in the UK. Jessica, driving a Cupra TCR, took outright victory in the second TCR UK Touring car Championship race on Easter Monday.

From East Hampshire, Jessica currently competes in the W Series as well as the British Touring Car Championship. She started her racing career in 2014 in the British Formula Ford championship for a one off event where she twice finished in the top ten. She then contested half of the 2015 MSA Formula championship. In 2016 she switched to the Volkswagen Racing Cup series, then switched to the Mini Challenge in 2017. Returning to the VW Cup in 2018 as well as working as a stunt driver on Fast and Furious Live.

In 2019 she made her debut in the women only W Series and in 2020 joined the BTCC grid.

#### **Diamond Jubilee at Ellesmere Port.**

Vauxhall's Ellesmere Port Plant in Liverpool is celebrating 60 years of manufacturing. The Diamond jubilee comes as the Ellesmere plant looks ahead to producing the next generation of battery electric LCV and passenger car models. Parent Group Stellantis is investing £100 million to transform the plant to electric vehicle manufacturing by the end of the year.

The celebrations took place as the final Vauxhall Astra rolled off the production line, with more than 4 million built at Ellesmere port across seven generations. The Plant opened in 1962 as a production facility for the Vauxhall Viva. It went on to produce the Vauxhall Chevette and successive generations of the Vauxhall and Opel Astra. More than 5.2 million vehicles have rolled off the production lines over the past 60 years.

Ellesmere Port will become the first Stellantis plant to produce solely battery-electric models from early next year.



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#### Caterham launches Cater-Ham Sevenses.

Caterham has announced on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April the long-awaited next step in its brand evolution - The launch of a DIY snack kit.

It has been developed to keep avid Seven enthusiasts fuelled throughout the course of their vehicle build, powered during a race weekend or topped up on a road trip.Cater-Ham Sevenses bring you the basic eating experience, allowing buyers to enjoy the pure exhilaration of ham, cheese and crackers. While the average Caterham car kit contains over 870 separate parts, a pack of Cater-Ham Sevenses needs just 3. All ingredients are locally sourced from supermarkets within a two mile radius of Caterham's Dartford production facility, before being hand-stamped into the shape of the iconic Seven sports car and repackaged by a team of dedicated Cater-Ham workers. Burning one litre of petrol produces around 35 Megajoules of energy, while lab tests reveal that a single 95g pack of Cater-ham Sevenses contain enough calories to power an adult human for around 24 hours. There is little chance of a pack of Sevenses adding lightness to anyone who eats it, but it does leave customers with more time to build and drive their Caterham cars.

The initial offering is ham and cheddar, though future plans will reflect the cuisines of some of Caterham's significant export markets. French customers can look forward to ham and brie, Dutch customers will get ham and gouda, Japanese owners will get ham and sakura and in the USA it will be ham and a mini can of artificially flavoured spray cheese. **BEST APRIL LAUNCH OF 2022.** 

#### Correction.

In last months issue on page 30 we showed a Mazda MX5 as Jamie Moffat's car, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in class C at the Cannock & District Cart Club Windy Oaks AutoSolo event at Curborough at the end of February.

This was incorrect.

Jamie Moffat did finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in
Class C but was driving a Ford
Fiesta. We apologise for the
error in picture, and show him
here in action on the CDCC
Windy Oaks AutoSolo at
Curborough





Aston Martin Vantage 50th WEC victory.

The Aston Martin vantage claimed a 1-2 finish in the GTE-Am class and a maiden Sebring success at the opening round of the 2022 FIA World Endurance Championship. The NorthWest AMR Vantage GTE driven by team owner and 2017 World Champion Paul Della Lana from Canada, works driver Nicki Thiim from Denmark and David Pittard from Great Britain ran at the front for most of the 8 hour race before it was red flagged to an early finish due to local weather conditions. This gave them victory in GTE-Am and Aston Martin their 50<sup>th</sup> class win in the FIA WEC.



Hennessey Venom F5 wins RED Dot design award. The International Red Dot Award recognises outstanding design achievements and product innovations. Hennessey, the Texas based hypercar manufacturer and high performance vehicle creator has won the prestigious 2022 Red Dot design award for its Venom F5 hypercar. It features an all new carbon-fibre chassis and extensive use of lightweight material. The in-house developed 6.6 litre twin-turbocharged V8 engine develops 1,817 hp gives

experience. The development team have already achieved a top speed in excess of 270 mph. All 24 Venom F5 coupes have already been sold, and production is expected to be around 12 vehicles a year.



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#### **Lotus Emira First Edition.**

The Lotus Emira is the last petrol engined car from Lotus before switching to full electric production. The new four cylinder Emira is powered by a bespoke version of AMG's M139 direct injection engine. It is manufactured specifically for the Lotus Emira and includes hardware changes to aid mid-mounted integration and new software to give it a true Lotus character. It is the World's most powerful four cylinder engine homologated for road use, up to 208 bhp per litre. Using cutting edge technology, it delivers outstanding performance for comparatively low emissions. The twin-scroll turbocharger with roller bearings is optimised for fast spool-up and minimum lag. The exhaust system is designed by Lotus and is unique to the Emira. The engine produces 360 bhp.

A first for Lotus is the standard fit 8-Speed dual-clutch transmission (DCT) with paddle-shift. It is a bespoke rearwheel drive variant of the transmission developed by Lotus in collaboration with AMG.

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The First Edition offers a high level of standard equipment and is available with a variety of 'n0-cost' optional finishes and materials to allow customers to tailor the car to their own style.

The car uses 20 inch ultra-lightweight V-spoke forged alloy wheels, diamond cut to create a premium two-tone finish. Silver or gloss black versions are also available as a no-cost option. Tw piece disc brakes come with branded callipers in either red, black, yellow or silver. There is also a Tyre Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS).

It will be available in a choice of colours: Seneca Blue, Magma Red, Hethel Yellow, Dark Verdant, Shadow Grey and Nimbus Grey. LED lights are fitted front and rear, and other exterior details include titanium exhaust finisher heated power-fold door mirrors and rear parking sensors. The front bumper air blades, front splitter side sills and rear diffuser are all finished in gloss black.

The interior is available in a choice of seven colours and includes heated seats with 12-way adjustability and 2 memory presets. Climate control, cruise control, keyless start, voice control and selectable drive modes are all included. An integrated satellite navigation system is available in selected markets. It is accessible through a 10.25 inch centrally mounted touch-screen with driver feedback through a 12.3 inch TFT instrument cluster ahead of a multi-function steering wheel. It includes DAB radio. The First Edition will cost £71,995. The entry level Emira will cost £59,995



# **The Marshals Post**

Action from the BARC Race meeting at Silverstone, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Club Corner.













Motorsport UK, the governing body of motorsport in the UK held their inaugural Open weekend at their new headquarters at the beginning of April. Located at Bicester Heritage, the Open weekend was holding an exclusive viewing of Photographs by renowned artist Indira Flack's Great British Racing Drivers exhibition. Running between 9am and 2pm, the public was invited to tour the building and explore the History of British Motorsport mural which





spreads around all the inside walls of the reception area. The mural was designed by Peter Allen, the creative talent behind Magneto magazine. It high-lights key events and



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figures across the decades with key years represented with driver and car images to reflect the UK's prestigious sporting heritage and icons of motorsport.





The Great British Racing Drivers Exhibition was fresh from being displayed at Silverstone Interactive Museum. It is a unique collection of photographic portraits celebrating more than 100 of Britain's iconic and inspirational drivers from the past and present. It represents drivers from karting, circuit racing, rallycross and rallying in a variety of different settings.





Visitors were also able to try their hand in state of the art Base Performance simulators, which normally allow Academy members to test their skills behind the wheel in Karts, circuit racing and rallying events. During the open weekend, visitors had the chance to try the simulators using a British F4 Gen 2 car around Silverstone circuit, or try their hand on a rally stage.













Over the weekend, several of the other 45 specialist businesses and organisations located at Bicester Heritage opened their doors and put on some displays for people to admire within the heritage site. The HERO Rally organisation is located next door to Motorsport UK and had a lineup of historic rally cars outside for people to admire.





Just across the way, the Motor Shed Ltd had a lineup of vintage and classic vehicles outside and the workshop was open to see the vehicles inside.





The Supercar Drivers Club were also holding an event onsite, but unfortunately this was behind closed doors and no one was allowed to see the cars on track, but you could see the super cars as they arrived through the site.







Towards the end of March, Shenstone & District car Club held their annual members practice day at Curborough. Using the traditional single lap layout, members were able to test their cars against the clock before the new season started. Although times were recorded, there was no competition. Setting a very fast time was Stuart Bickley in his 1 litre Jedi Suzuki TDF. Enjoy our Photo Gallery from the day.













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The 2022 Legend Fires North West Stages

Being seeded at number 1 for his home event was a

dream come true for 2019 **European Champion Chris** Ingram with Craig Drew in their Škoda Fabia Rally2 evo. Now competing in WRC2 in the World Championship, they was using the event as a test before the next WRC round in Croatia. It was also a chance to get to know his new co-driver Craig Drew, replacing his long-time partner Ross Whittock. His Skoda Fabia Rally2 evo was prepared as usual by German team, Toksport but

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Paul MacKinnon & Paul Beaton Ford Fiesta Rally2 en route to 2<sup>nd</sup> place



came with plenty of provenance as it was the car used by team mate Andreas Mikkelsen to win the WRC2 category

in Monte Carlo and Sweden so far this year. It was quite a surprise to find that Ingram's last UK event was the 2013 Sunseeker, all of nine years ago!

Seeded at number 2 was all-rounder and multiple Historic and Asphalt champion, Jason Pritchard & Phil Clarke who used the event as a shakedown for his first rally in an R5 car, a Melvyn Evans VW Polo GTI, before a British Rally Championship campaign.



The rally boasted a ceremonial start in Garstang on Friday night, the whole entry crossing the start ramp over three and a half hours and entertaining a massive crowd. Prospective closed road events organisers should note of the tremendous atmosphere and the likely income to the



town and area.

Ingram & Drew were fast out of the blocks, winning stage one and going on to win every stage to take the rally victory. Paul McKinnon & Paul Beaton followed them, 2nd on every stage driving SP 7700, the Fiesta R5 hired from Steve Petch which Steve used in gravel setup on the Malcolm Wilson the previous weekend!



The battle behind the two leaders was more interesting with Pritchard & Clarke, Neil Simpson & Michael Gibson in a Skoda Fabia Rally2 evo (Simpson's Skoda being one of the major rally sponsors) and David Wright & Paula Swinscoe in a Ford Fiesta R5 squabbling early on. GT race ace Frank Bird with Jack Morton in a Ford Fiesta Rally2 were up there too, Bird's brilliant record over the last couple of seasons on tarmac rallies making him one of the favourites, but a spin on stage one lost him 15 seconds.



Stage two, Long Knots, lasted for 26 cars until the unfortunate Paul Wedgbury & Neil Dashfield in a Skoda Fabia Proto had a very high speed collision with a tree. We hope Neil Dashfield is out of hospital now. The stage





was stopped and crews diverted to stage 3, where Simpson & Gibson overtook Pritchard & Clarke and Wright & Swinscot remained 5th.

Stage 4 caused bit of shake-up after another high speed crash, this time for Pritchard & Clarke (no injuries), Wright





& Swinscoe retired off the road, Neil Roskell & Andrew Roughead in a Ford Fiesta R5 who had been 7th dropped 98 places with fuel pump problems and the stage was cancelled again after problems for car 20, the Ford Escort RS1800 Mk2 of Chris Ford & Matthew Daniels.

So at 1st service, held at Myerscough College as usual, the order was Ingram, McKinnon, Simpson followed by Mark Kelly & Neil Colman and Steve Wood & Dale Bowen in Ford Fiesta R5 and Ford Fiesta WRC respectively.

The short 4km Lewth stage didn't allow for any significant time gaps but Wood dropped enough time to let Simon Bowen & Richard Robinson through to 5th in his Ford Fiesta S2000 Turbo.

Ingram increased his lead on stage 6 but dropped time on Long Knots stage 7 after spinning and



crunching the front end, sine duting bits as he went past me. With the major delays on two stages, the sensible decision was made to cancel the short Lewth stage to get the rally back on schedule. Instead of a projected 90 minute delay for Long Knots stage 12 which meant there was a strong

chance that the final 2 stages would be curtailed due to the 7pm road closure order, the stage started only 20 minutes late. Places over the remaining 4 stages remained fairly constant. So Ingram & Drew took victory in the Skoda Fabia Rally2 evo by fifty two seconds from MacKinnon & Beaton in the Ford Fiesta Rally

Kelly & Colman in the Ford Fiesta R5 had taken 3rd place by 1 second from Simpson & Gibson in the Skoda Fabia Rally2 evo on stage 11 and Bird & Morton





had recovered from their first stage spin to take 5th, from

The Constantine brothers, Andrew & Mark, won Class A in their Vauxhall Corsa

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Bowen & Robinson. Wood & Bowen were 7<sup>th</sup> and Joe Cunningham & Joshua Beer in a Ford Fiesta R5,2 litre took 8th. Then event title sponsor John Stone & Tom Woodburn in the VW Polo GTI R5 and Jonathan Mounsey & Richard Wardle in a Ford Fiesta

Rally2 rounded out the top ten.
In 11<sup>th</sup> place was Class E winners Wayne Sisson &
Peredur Wyn Davies in a Mitsubishi Lancer Evo X.
Class D was won by Kyle Adams & Steven Brown in a
Ford Escort Mk2 in 14<sup>th</sup> position overall. Following on in
15<sup>th</sup> was the Hyundai i20 of Neil Wearden & Mark Fisher
who won Class C. The class winners were coming thick
and fast now. The Class B winners were next to the finish,
with Bradley Howlett & Nick Vandevenne finishing 16<sup>th</sup> in



their Peugeot 208 R2. The next class winners were Mike Sipson & Dale Gibbons in a Ford Escort RS1600 Mk1 who finished 35<sup>th</sup> overall, winning class H. The final class winners were Mark & Andrew Constantine in a Vauxhall Corsa B who won class A in 39<sup>th</sup> overall. The organisers did a great job keeping the rally on schedule after quite a number of incidents. The enthusiasm for the rally on social media was quite something and big crowds are guaranteed again for next year. The organisers felt it was best for them to decide not to be part of the National Tarmac Championships this year after inclusion (before cancellation of all rallying) in 2020 and 2021 but surely they'll be featured in 2023. Bring it on!

# Archive Photo of the Month By Pete Austin

The world of motor sport suffered another loss last month with the death of Sid Taylor at the age of 89. Sid will perhaps be best remembered as the entrant of Lola T70 GT and Formula 5000 McLarens' in the familiar livery of white with green stripes. Here Peter Gethin is shown in the Sid Taylor entered F5000 McLaren M10B leading Mike Hailwood in the Epstein-Cuthbert Lola T190 at Brands Hatch on March 30th 1970. They would finish the two heat race in that order with Gethin going on to win the championship for the second year running

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The latest Footman James Coffee & Chrome Breakfast meeting took place at the scenic Prescott Hill Climb course in Gloucestershire at the beginning of April. It attracted a 'sell-out' crowd for the free event, with an impressive array of vehicles attending.

I think there were possibly more Lotus owners present than any other brand, but all types of vehicle were represented. The original Lotus Elan was probably the most famous Lotus sports car ever built, driven by Formula 1 World Champion Jim Clark in the day, and



appeared in the popular TV series 'The Avengers' driven by Diana Rigg as Mrs Peel in the show. It was the first Lotus road car to use a steel backbone chassis with a fibreglass body. It was was built between 1962 and 1975, powered by a 1.5 or 1.6 litre Lotus twin-cam engine driving the rear wheels. The 1.5 litre engine was only used for the first 22 cars before the 1.6 litre engine was introduced. The Elan had disc brakes all round, rack and pinion steering and 4 wheel independent suspension. The S2 version replaced the original Elan 1600 in 1964. In is believed that over 12,000 of the original Elan model were built.

The Lotus M100 Series Elan was launched in 1989. Designed by Lotus, it used an engine and manual transmission from Isuzu and was built with the testing and development resources of General Motors, as they had bought Lotus in 1986. It featured a fibreglass composite body over a rigid steel backbone chassis, the same as the original Lotus Elan. The 1.6 litre front mounted engine drives the front wheels, the only front wheel drive car ever built by Lotus. The car could have either a normally aspirated engine or a turbocharged version. The Turbo version produced 162 bhp and could accelerate from 0-60 mph in 6.5 second, while the normally aspired version produced 130 bhp. Prices started from £17,850 but initial sales were disappointing, probably due to the launch of the Mazda MX5. Only 3,855 Elan's were built between 1989 and 1992, including 129 normally aspirated versions. Only 559 were sold in America. Two years after the initial production run was ended, a limited edition Series 2 was launched, with only 800 manufactured. Due to the requirement of a catalytic converter, power was reduced to 155 bhp and 0-60 mph increased to 7.5 seconds.





There were numerous modern Lotus models present with the Elise and the Exige. The Lotus Elise was produced between 1996 and 2021, during which over 35,000 were built. The two seater targa top roadster had a transverse mid-engine driving the rear wheel drive. The fibreglass body is bonded to an extruded aluminium chassis. It utilised the 1.8 litre Rover K Series engine producing 118 bhp. This gave it a top speed of 150 mph and accelerate from 0-60 mph in 5.8 seconds.

The Series 2 Elise ran from 2001 to 2021. General Motors offered to fund the project in return for a badged and GM





engined version of the car, the Vauxhall VX220m and Opel Speedstert. All three models, Lotus, Vauxhall and Opel, were built on the same production line at Hethel. They all had the same chassis but different powertrains and transmissions.

The Exige was originally a souped-up coupe version of the Lotus Elise roadster, it first appeared in 2000 and production continued until 2021, during this period around





10,500 were produced. It is a rear mid-engined, rear wheel drive sports car. It was originally powered by the 1.8 litre Rover K Series engine in VHPD (Very High Performance Derivative). This produced 177 hp, with an optional 'Track Spec' version producing 190 hp. It had a top speed of 136 mph and could accelerate from 0-60

mph in 4.7 seconds. The Series 2 ran from 2004-2006 and used a naturally aspirated 1.8 litre, 16 valve DOHC Toyota/Yamaha engine which produced 190 hp. Externally it had a front splitter, a fibreglass hardtop roof with a roof scoop, a rear engine cover and rear spoiler. These aerodynamic additions increased the downforce to 100 lbs at 100 mph compared to just 13 lbs downforce ion the Elise. In 2005 a limited run of 50

Exige using the Toyota engine supercharged. This increased power to 243 hp. They were only available in yellow or black and were badged 240R. It had a top speed of 155 mph and could accelerate from 0-60 mph in 3.9 seconds.

The Exige S was announced in February 2006, fitted with a supercharged Toyota engine producing 220 hp. It had a top speed of 148 mph and could accelerate from 0-60 mph in 4.1 seconds.

The Exige Sport 240 followed in 2007, with just 6 built for the Australian market. It also had a supercharged 1.8 litre Toyota engine, now producing 240 hp. This gave a top speed of 155 mph with a 0-60 mph time of 4.2 seconds. In 2008 the Exige S was replaced by the Exige S 240. This had a 9% increase in power to 240 hp. This reduced the 0-60 mph time to 4.0 seconds. It also had upgraded AP Racing brakes from the Exige Cup 240 and a larger roof air scoop.

The Exige S 260 ran from 2009 and had a 7% power increase to 256 hp. Weight saving carbon fibre reduced the vehicles gross weight to 2,020 lbs compared to 2,077

lbs for the S 240. After 2009, both the S240 and S260 both received new and enlarged rear spoilers mounted on the rear claminstead of the motor bay cover.

In 2007 the Exige GT3
prototype arrived with the
supercharged 1.8 litre Toyota
engine now producing 271
hp fed through a C64 6Speed close ratio gearbox,
with uprated clutch and open
differential. It had a top
speed of 160 mph,



electronically limited, with a 0-60 mph time of 3.9 seconds. The Series 3 was unveiled at the 2011 Frankfurt Autoshow. The Exige S V6 and Exige S V6 Roadster both feature a supercharged 3.5 litreToyota V6 engine, rated at 345 hp. It had a top speed of 172 mph and could accelerate from 0-60 mph in 3.8 seconds, 3.9 seconds for the automatic. It was produced from 2012 to 2015, while the roadster ran from 2013 to 2016.

The Lotus Exige Sport 350 ran from 2015 and was the replacement for the Exige S and was the ultimate version of the Lotus V6 coupe. It was lighter and faster than the Exige S. The Toyota 3.5 litre supercharged V6 remained the same, still producing 345 hp, but weight was stripped wherever possible, loosing 51 kg. This reduced the kerb weight to 1,125 kg. The manual gearbox was also heavily revised, providing more precise and quicker shifting. The Roadster version was revealed at the 2016 Geneva Motor Show.

The last of the Lotus models of the past decade is the Lotus Evora. Bigger than the Elise and Exige, it offered a practical road car to appeal to the mass-market. It was launched at the 2008 British International Motor Show. It was based on a whole new vehicle platform, the first from





Lotus since 1995, which was originally scheduled to be used on three new models. The aim was to build2,000 cars a year, at a price between £45,000 to £50,000. At the time of launch, it was the only Lotus to offer a 2 +2 seating arrangement. It has a mid-mounted transverse supercharged Toyota 3.5 Litre 24 valve, V6 engine with either a 6-Speed manual or automatic gearbox. The car is constructed on a lightweight aluminium tub with additional front crash structure also made of aluminium. The rear subframe that holds the drivetrain is made from steel. The double wishbone suspension is forged aluminium with Bilstein high performance gas dampers and Eibach

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coaxial coil springs.









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An interesting car was this 1972 Vauxhall Firenza. The original Firenza model was built between 1971 and 1975, fitted with a range of engines going from 1159cc through to 2279cc. But that was not enough, so this stunning example has been modified and had a 6.2 litre Chevrolet V8 engine fitted.















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1991 2.6 litre Rover Sterling 24V

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1331 2.0 little Rovel Sterling 24V



The 1963 Fiat 500 3 door estate is based on the iconic small Fiat 500 saloon. The 500 was initially launched in 1957. This estate or Giardiniera is the longest running model. The air cooled engine is mounted under the floor. The vehicle also features front opening 'Suicide' doors





1950 Alvis TA14 Sports Saloon.

The Alvis TA14 was the first model produced by Alvis after the Second World War. It was built for Alvis by Mulliners of Birmingham. Powered by the 1892 cc Alvis straight four engine with a single SU side draught carburettor. The engine produced 65 bhp. It is connected to a 4-Speed manual gearbox. The car had a top speed of 74 mph and could accelerate from 0 to 60 mph in 22.2 seconds.



May 2022 1965 Alvis TE21









1955 3.2 litre Ford Thunderbird

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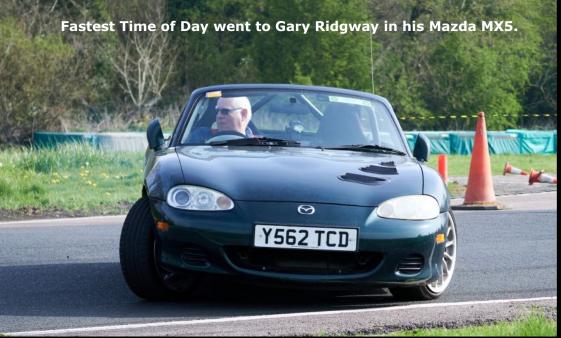






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Cannock and District Car Club held their Easter Bunny AutoSolo on Easter Sunday at Curborough, near Lichfield. Although it was a Bank Holiday weekend, they still attracted a good entry to tackle the two tests laid out around the sprint course. Each driver would drive each test six times against the clock. The test around the main part of the track went in the opposite direction to the tests the previous time they were here to add some variety for the drivers.

The Mazda MX5 seems to be the weapon of choice for these types of events, with 20% of the entry driving the popular sports car. It was also the winning model, with Gary Ridgway claiming victory for the event with the



fastest time of the day in his Mazda MX5. His total time of 540.4 seconds was over nine seconds faster then his nearest rival. Providing an MX5 1-2 result was 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Jamie Yapp in his Mazda MX5 Mk1 Eunos Roadster in a time of 549.7 seconds. He also got the award for 1<sup>st</sup> in Class E. It was a close fought battle for 2<sup>nd</sup> as James Nicholls in a Vauxhall Nova was only two tenths of a second behind in 3<sup>rd</sup> place on a total time of 549.9 seconds. He took the award for 1<sup>st</sup> in Class C.



In 4<sup>th</sup> overall was Eddie Martin from Rugby Motor Club in another Mazda MX5, taking the award for 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class E. Taking the award for 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class E was 5<sup>th</sup> placed Thomas Allison, continuing the Mazda MX5 domination at the event.

Rounding out the top six was Alistair Leggett in a BMW 318 Ti, who only lost out on 3<sup>rd</sup> in class by just 0.6 of a second behind Allison.

The award for 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class C went to Tom Bishop, driving a Nissan Micra. His total time of 560 seconds placed him 7<sup>th</sup> overall.

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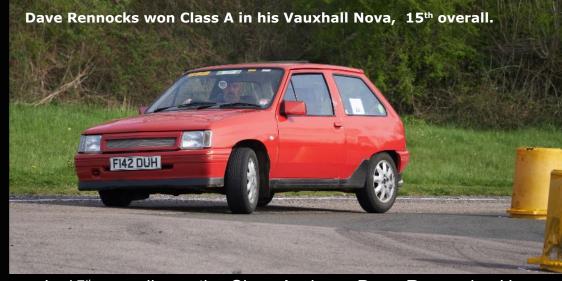
Class F was won by Stuart Gilks in the shared Westfield Aerorace, 9th while Louise Gilks finished 41st.

The next class winner was 9<sup>th</sup> placed Stuart Gilks in a Westfield Aerorace. He took the award of 1<sup>st</sup> in Class F with a total time of 567.6 seconds.

Continuing down the field, Tomos Boon representing Loughborough Car Club took the award for 1<sup>st</sup> in Class B with a total time of 585.8 seconds. He was 13<sup>th</sup> overall in his Toyota Yaris.



On an equal time of 585.8 seconds was Jamie Moffat in a Ford Fiesta, who took the award for 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class C.



In 15<sup>th</sup> overall was the Class A winner Dave Rennocks. He completed the event in his Vauxhall Nova in a total time of 586.4 seconds.

The award for 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class B went to Dan Lister from Owen Motoring Club. Driving his Renault Clio, he achieved a total time of 586.9 seconds to finish 17<sup>th</sup> overall.

The Class D winner was Lewis Allen from Owen Motor Club, driving a Honda S2000. His total time was 596.4 seconds gave him 18<sup>th</sup> overall.



Class D winner was Lewis Owen in his 18th placed Honda S2000.

The award for 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class A went to Matthew Geary in the VW Lupo. He was 21<sup>st</sup> overall with a total time of 603.4 seconds.

He was followed home by Tom Aleksandrowicz who was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class F in his Fiat Punto, taking 22<sup>nd</sup> overall with a total time of 609.5 seconds.

Taking 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class B was Charlotte Evans from LOCC. Her Peugeot 206 Gti was 23<sup>rd</sup> overall with a total time of 616 seconds.



The Fastest Novice award went to Sam Harbour in a Mazda MX5, who was 24<sup>th</sup> overall with a total time of 617.8 seconds.



The award for 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class A went to Rachel Faulkner in a Nissan Micra. She finished 25<sup>th</sup> overall with a total time of 618.1 seconds.

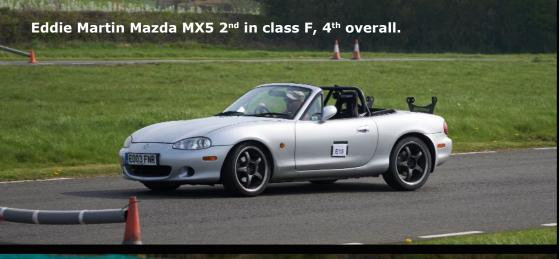
Class F saw Emma Bennison from Notts Car Club continue the success of the lady drivers, taking the award for 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class in a Nissan Micra. She was 31<sup>st</sup> overall with a total time of 628.5 seconds.

With drivers only being able to win one award each, the Fastest Lady award went to Olivia Holt from WSSCC. She finished 35<sup>th</sup> overall in her Mazda MX5 with a total time of 642 seconds.

Finally, coming to the Junior awards, Oscar Fletcher in a Fiat Seicento Sporting took the award for Fastest Junior with a total time of 714.1 seconds in 49<sup>th</sup> overall.

The award for 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior went to Chloe Burgess from Mid Derbyshire MC, driving a Nissan Micra. She was 50<sup>th</sup> overall with a total time of 789.7 seconds.



























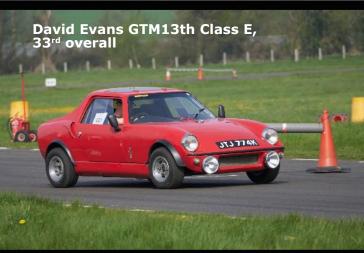
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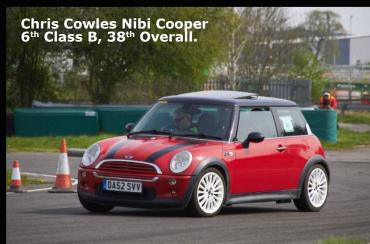
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## **British GT - Easter at Oulton Park**

The 2022 season of the Intelligent Money British GT Championship, returned to its traditional first round at the

picturesque Oulton Park circuit in Cheshire over the Easter weekend. After Formula One, these cars are amongst the fastest racing anywhere in the UK at the moment and with eighteen GT3's and thirteen GT4's entered for the first race of the season, 2022 sees the British GT Championship stronger than ever.

The roots of the current British GT Championship

date back to 1993, when the inaugural Sports GT Challenge race took place at Donington Park, with seven Porsche's competing. This year sees the 30th season for the British GT Championship, with 318 races held and 14,091race laps run.

Easter Saturday saw both final practice and qualifying for the GT's, with lap records being set in both GT3 and GT4 classes. Shaun Balfe in the new Audi R8 Evo 2 set two fastest laps, either of which would have given him and the new car on its debut, pole position. Richard Neary in the Team Abba Racing Mercedes took second fastest with two McLaren's 720S's and the very brightly coloured Mercedes of James Cottingham rounding out the top five. Race 2 pole went to AMG star Jules Gounon in the RAM Racing Mercedes, with Adam Carroll in the Balfe Motorsport Audi also on the front row, Gounon's pole time being almost half a second quicker than anyone else. Richard Williams in the Steller Motorsport Audi R8 GT4 taking pole for race one, with Darren Turner in the Century Motorsport BMW M4 securing pole in race two in a new

lap record time, eight-tenths inside the previous GT4 lap record time.

The first race on Monday saw both pole-sitters take first place in each class in what turned out to be an excellent first race of the season. In its debut race in the championship, the Balfe Motorsport Audi of Shaun Balfe and Adam Carroll survived late pressure in race one to win what was described on the day as an





epic race. With multiple lead changes throughout the one hour race, the start saw Balfe in the Audi fall from pole to sixth place at the end of lap one, with Richard Neary

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Tempesta Mercedes
AMG GT3, early days
in what looks to be
like a busy season for
the team. Third place
in race two was a
good result for the
weekend

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taking the lead in the Abba Racing Mercedes at Old Hall, and Graham Davidson following through in the Team Rocket RJN McLaren at Cascades, not the start the Balfe team had been hoping for, but as always in the British GT's, this was not a sprint race. Just before the pit window, on lap 12, the leading two clashed at Knickerbrook with the McLaren retiring after serious damage was caused when it hit the tyre barrier at Clay Hill. Team Abba's Mercedes was given two stop-go penalties for causing the accident with the McLaren,



effectively ending the Mercedes Team's victory chances. The 2-Seas Mercedes of James Cottingham should have then been favourite for victory but another pit stop penalty again ended their challenge. That left Adam Carroll in the Audi, and AMG factory driver Jules Gounon in the Mercedes to fight for victory. A stunning drive from Gounon over the last few laps closed the gap to the leader down to less than half a second after 37 laps of racing, but an even better defence by Northern Irishman Carroll,



secured the teams maiden victory for the new car. Fox Motorsports McLaren 720S of Nick Halstead and Jamie Stanley finishing third, seventeen-seconds behind the

leading two.

Despite incurring a penalty for a short pitstop, Steller Motorsports Richard Williams and Sennan Fielding took GT4 class honours from a pole position start, helped along the way by several other teams also incurring the same penalty. From the start, Williams in the Audi battled with Benji Hetherington in the Valluga Racing Porsche Cayman, with the racing in GT4 remaining steady until the

pitstop window. After the pit-stops, a number of the GT4 teams suffered pit stop penalties and the Steller Audi team continued the race in 2nd place, behind the Valluga

Local team, Michael Igoe and Phil Keen in the WPI Motorsport Lamborghini Huracan

Porsche of Ross Wylie. With a third of the race to run, Senna Fielding in the Audi passed Wyllie's Porsche to regain the lead, which he held to the finish. Wylie fought hard in the Porsche but eventually lost second place to Josh Miller in the R Racing Aston Martin Vantage AMR. At the end of the race the Aston Martin pairing of Josh Miller and Jamie Day became the youngest driver pairing to feature on a British GT podium, with a combined

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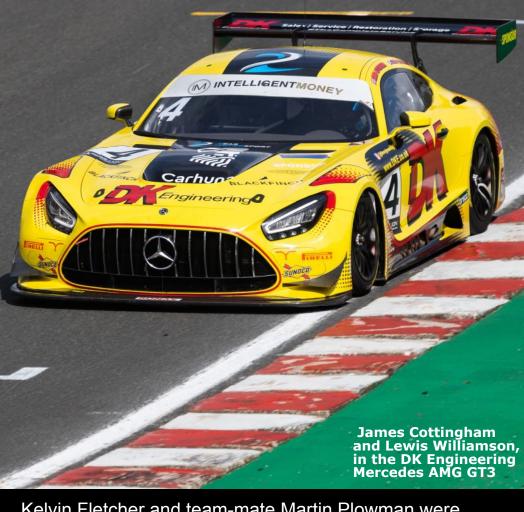
age of 33 years and 14 days old.

In comparison to the first race, the second was dominated by events around the race rather than the on track action itself for the GT3 result. Although it finished third in the race, the Paddock Motorsport McLaren of TV celebrity

rounds

victory and a fifth place for the





Kelvin Fletcher and team-mate Martin Plowman were awarded the race victory on the day due to the after race penalties given to the top two race finishers. Winners on the road were the RAM Racing Mercedes duo of lan Loggie and Jules Gounon, after the finish they were given a post race penalty for a short pit-stop. Second place finishers Shaun Balfe and Adam Carroll finished second on the road but were likewise penalised after the race for a short pit-stop. The result, at least on the day was a



provisional victory for third place finishers Fletcher and Plowman. After the race, an appeal was lodged by the RAM Racing Team about the penalty applied and the result of the race remains provisional.



The second race was a hit fragmented, half way through

The second race was a bit fragmented, half way through, the race was red flagged due to a sudden downpour. This adversely affected some teams because it was mid way through the pit window. After a bit of thought the race was restarted after a 30 minute delay, with all teams starting a second half race with the second driver in the car with no further pit-stops required.

Race two for the GT4 class was won by Matt Topham and Darren Turner in the Newbridge Motorsport Aston Martin





Vantage, beating the Steller Motorsport Audi of Sennan Fielding and Richard Williams into second place. The Audi pairing actually finished ahead in the race but success and team penalties applied after the race gave victory to the Aston Martin. These penalties would normally be applied during the round of pit-stops, but with these being effectively ruled out due to the red flag, the penalties were applied post race.

The championship moves on to the Silverstone circuit for the Silverstone 500 3 hour race, with championship standings currently being withheld until the outcome of the RAM Racing appeal from Oulton Park. The first appeal has been turned down, but the RAM Mercedes Team have used their right to appeal to a higher authority.







TCR UK 2022 - Round One at Oulton Park

The Easter weekend saw the rapidly growing TCR UK Touring Car Championship arrive at Oulton Park for the first two rounds of this years championship.



With an ever increasing number of entrants to the series, the weekend saw 25 cars entered from seven different manufacturers in what has been designed to be a cost effective option for teams and drivers wanting to enter the world of competitive touring car racing. Launched in 2014, the TCR concept was designed to allow heavily modified under two litre turbo charged saloons and hatchbacks, to race all over the world with similarly specified cars. TCR UK started racing in 2018, in 2022 there are 15 races planned over seven race meetings at five different circuits.



The Oulton Park meeting featured two TCR races on the International circuit, each race being twenty five minutes in duration. Fastest lap times in qualifying are on a par with lap times of the GT4 class in the British GT Championship, for example an Audi R8 LMS GT4, the TCR cars are clearly no slouches in the right hands. Qualifying saw ex BTCC driver Chris Smiley take pole position in his Honda Civic Type R ahead of Isaac Smith in his VW Golf GTi and Bruce Winfield in a Cupra TCR.



Unlike many other championships, TCR worldwide awards points to the top six qualifiers giving all drivers the incentive to qualify well.

Race one saw pole sitter Chris Smiley in his Honda take







Race two saw history made in UK motorsport, with Jessica Hawkins becoming the first ever female to win a touring car race. Starting from second on the grid, she made a strong start and led to the chequered flag in her Cupra TCR, winning at the flag by just a quarter of a





second from Max Hart's Hyundai. Two safety car sessions during the race meant that effectively Hawkins needed to negotiate three race starts, all of which she completed successfully on her way to the historic victory. As the drivers left Oulton Park on their way to the Donington Park GP circuit for the next rounds at the end May, Max Hart led the Championship by three point ahead of Chris Smiley, with Isaac Smith a further nine points behind. Jessica Hawkins is in fourth place a further nine points behind.







Situated near the Welsh border and in the west of the Forest of Dean, the Gloucestershire market town of Coleford held their 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Carnival of Transport on Easter Monday. The Market Place and town centre was closed off and the roads were filled with vintage, classic and modern sports and supercars. At the top of the town the massive car park by Coleford Railway Museum was also full of display cars.

The town has an estimated population of around 10,000 and it looked like most of them were in town enjoying the cars in the Easter sunshine. Located round the Market place in the centre of town were most of the vintage and

classic cars. One of the oldest was The Comet, a Road Coach from the 1890s, which would have been powered by four horses. Moving forward a few years and past the horseless carriage, we had a 1925





Chrysler 56 Sedan Roadster imported from Australia. The Chrysler marque started in 1924, so this would have been one of the first models built by the American manufacturer. Chrysler also pioneered the

ornamental radiator cap, styled by Oliver Clark and shaped like the wings of Mercury, to symbolise

speed. Most cars of the period had a temperature gauge built in to the radiator cap, but Chrysler put a temperature gauge in to the dashboard.



The original MG Y saloon first appeared in 1947. The YB was introduced in 1952. It had a new Lockheed twin leading show braking system along with smaller 15 inch wheels and a modern hypoid type back axle. To improve handling it was fitted with an anti-roll bar at the front. Stronger shock absorbers were also fitted. It was powered by a 1250cc XPAG 4-cylinder engine with a single SU carburettorThe mode finished production in 1953, with 1,300 built. It was replaced by the MG ZA Magnette in 1954.





1950 Panhard Dyna 120 X86.

One of the most unusual cars on display was this 1950 Panhard X86, believed to be one of only six remaining in the UK. When the car was manufactured there was a steel shortage, so Panhard bought an all aluminium design from

Jeane Gregoire, pioneer of front wheel drive. The aluminium body gives excellent power to weight ratio. The car has a flat twin air cooled 745cc engine with torsion bar valve springs. It produced 32 bhp and had a top sped of 81 mph. This drives

the front wheels through a 4-Speed gearbox with synchromesh on the top 3 ratios. It has all round independent suspension and rack and pinion steering. The car is very light-weight at only 10 CWTS.



Put in four passengers and you double the weight of the vehicle! It had competition success in the Alpine Rally,

Monte-Carlo rally and the Mille-Miglia.



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It was hard to miss this bright yellow 2001 Raffo Belva. This British kit car, created by John Raffo, was produced bracing bars. The body is a single piece tub moulding with separate bonnet and boot. Ground clearance was 5 inches.

The standard engine option was a 2 litre Ford Zetec 4 cylinder engine which produced 135 bhp, and transverse fitting. This would

give the car a top speed of 150 mph and could accelerate from 0-60 mph in under 6 seconds. A striking feature are the double-skinned gull-wing doors, hydraulically lifted. It has fully independent suspension all round, with alloy cast uprights and double round tube, nylon bushed, wishbones on the front, and steel uprights and double wishbones on the rear. It also has disc brakes on all four wheels and Ford Sierra rack and pinion steering with just 2 turns, lock to lock.

The total weight was 1680 lbs with a weight distribution of 38% Front and 62% rear.



















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# BARC Race meeting 26th-27th March 2022 Silverstone International circuit By Simon & Janet Wright with additional photos by Stuart Yates of Motorsport Imagery.





The British Automobile Racing Club held a two day race meeting featuring the Classic Touring Car Club (CTCC) along with several other saloon and sports cars series. Using the Silverstone International circuit from the Wing Pits, the races started on Saturday afternoon with a 15 minute race for the CTCC Pre 66 and Pre 83 saloons. Qualifying saw Malcolm Jeffs fastest in a Pre 83 Volkswagen Golf GTI Mk1. The fastest of the Pre 66 cars was the Ford Mustang of Robert Gray, in 5th position on the grid. Stephen Primett in a Ford Escort Mk1 took the lead from the start of the race, pursued by Gary in the



Mustang. By lap six, Mark
Thomas in a
Ford Capri had moved in to 2nd and 37 had dropped a couple of places, to 4th.
11 led from start to finish, winning by over tenseconds from the class P83 B winning Ford



After a spin at the end of the first race, Alan Greenhalgh took the Pre 66 victory in the second race.

Capri of Mark Thomas. A distant 3rd was David Osborne in a Triumph Dolomite Sprint. The Pre 66 cars were certainly not out-classed but heir more modern opponents, with Phil Bullen-Brown coming 7th overall in his P66 C class winning Mini Cooper S. Making it a Mini 1-2 in the Pre 66 class was Jonathon Page in another Cooper S in 8th place. In 9th was class P83 A winner Nigel Garrett in a 5.7 litre Chevrolet Camaro Z28. The next class winner was 16th placed Nigel Cox in his Ford Lotus Cortina who was 1st in class P66 F. Despite a formal reprimand for



contravention of Motorsport UK regulations regarding flag signals, Steve Yates still took 1st in class P83 D in his 19th placed Ford Escort RS1600. The other three Pre 66 class winners were James Ibbotson in his Hillman Imp Super, 1st in P66 E, Nathan Berrisford in a BMW 1800ti,



28th and 1st in P66 B and finally Luc Wilson in an Austin A40, 29th and 1st in P66 D. A final note, Robert Gray in the Ford Mustang finished 4th on the road but was disqualified after the race for contravening the Championship regulations.

The second race was on Sunday, race 8 on the programme. Primett started from pole position, while Robert Gray was allowed to start from the back of the grid having been changed to the Invitation class. Osborne in the Dolomite Sprint made the best of the start from the second row to lead the majority of the race, with Thomas in the Capri on his boot lid. On the penultimate lap Thomas dropped back to 3rd, allowing Primett in to 2nd place. The drama was kept for the last lap as Thomas retired and Primett snatched the win from Osborne by just 0.755 of a second. Osborne claimed his second class win of the meeting in P83 C. With Thomas out, the P83 B



class win went to 4th placed Nic Strong in a Ford Capri. Next was Alan Greenhalgh in a Ford Falcon Sprint, who finished 7th overall and 1st in class P66 A. Jonathon Page made up for his disappointment on Saturday by taking 1st in class P66 C with his Mini Cooper S finishing 9th overall. Garrett took his second P83 A class win of the meeting in his 10th placed Chevrolet Camaro Z28. Gray also made up for his disqualification on Saturday by finishing 11th in his Ford Mustang and 1st in the Invitation Class. The P66 F class was taken by Pat Kenneally in a Ford Lotus



Nigel Cox Ford Lotus Cortina won Pre 66 Class F in the first race

Cortina in 15th position overall. Yates took his second class P83 D win of the weekend in his Ford Escort RS1600 in 19th overall. Class P66 E also had a new winner at this meeting, with Douglas Heale finishing in 23rd place overall in his Hillman Super Imp, 1st in class P66 E. To complete the race, Luc Wilson took his second class P66 D win of the weekend, finishing 26th overall, in his Austin A40.



















Dave Griffin BMW E36 M3 won both Pre 93 races.



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Race two was for the Laser Tools CTCC Pre 93 combined with the Berkshire Jags Jaguar Challenge. After qualifying, pole position went to Dave Griffin in his BMW E36 M3 while the fastest of the Jaguar challenge cars was Tom Robinson in a Jaguar XJR6, 7th fastest and only 0.122 of a second faster than Colin Philpott in his Jaguar XJS. The first race was a walk over for Griffin leading from start to finish. He was initially chased by Michael Dugdale in a BMW E36 M3 for the first three laps before And Cripps in another BMW M3 moved through in to 2nd but he was still dropping back from the leader. The race was red flagged on lap nine after Simon Lewis went off at club in his Jaguar XJ6 and got stuck in the gravel in a possibly dangerous position on lap eight. Griffin won by over eight





seconds from Cripps, with Dugdale right behind in 3rd. In 13th place Ian Knight in a Volkswagen Golf GTI was 1st in the Pre 93 class C, while the last Pre 93 class winner was Byron Aldous in his Volkswagen Corrado, who was 17th overall. The Jaguar Challenge part of the race was dominated by Robinson who finished 6th overall to take Class D in the Jaguar Challenge. Philpott was 7th overall to take Jaguar Class C, while Derek Pearce in a Jaguar XK8 in 11th was 1st in Jaguar Class B. The final Jaguar class winner was Tim Mordant in a Daimler Series 1 XJ6, 16th overall and 1st in Jaguar Class A. The final class

winner was Morrant, taking his second victory of the weekend in the Daimler Series 1 XJ6. The second race gained

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Jaguar Challenge Class B winner Derek Pearce Jaguar XK8 in first race.



an additional entry, Steve Walden in a BMW E30 was added to the back of the grid in the Invitation class. Griffin started from pole position and dominated this race like the first one, leading from start to finish. He was again pursued by 33 and 51 but slowly edged away from both of them to win by over eight seconds again. Cripps took his second 2nd, with Dugdale taking his second 3rd of the weekend. Knight also took his second class win of the weekend in 11th position. A different winner in Pre 93





Pre 93 Class D winner Bryon Aldous Volkswagen Corrado first race Class D was Andrew Sheraton in a BMW 325i E30 in 23rd, while addition to the race Steve Walden was 1st in the Invitation class in 28th overall. In the Jaguar Challenge, Robinson took another victory in Class D, 5th overall in the race. Philpott was 6th overall to take his second class win of the weekend in Jaguar Class C. Jaguar class B had a different winner in this race, Mike Seabourne in a Jaguar XJS took class honours in 10th.





Race three saw the youngsters out for the first Junior Saloon Car Championship race of the weekend. They raced for fifteen minutes plus one lap in identical Citroen Saxo VTR hatchbacks. Harry Hickton was fastest in qualifying for both races and in the first race he led from the start until the red flag bought the race to an early finish. Hickton won by over ten seconds from Harvey Dent, who had been in a close battle with Connor Duncan, 3rd, Daire Flock, 4th, Maximus Hall, 5th and Travis Chapman 6th.

The second race on Sunday managed to go full distance, and Hickton scored his second victory of the weekend. This time he was just over two seconds ahead of Travis



Harvey Dent Citroen Saxo VTR was  $2^{nd'}$  in the first Junior race and  $3^{rd}$  in the second.



Chapman, with Dent right behind in 3rd. Hall improved on his first race 5th place with 4th in the second race, while 5th went to C J Morgan who was not classified in the first race as he was not running at the time of the red flag. Taking 6th place was Jack Ruddell.





Anthony Reid Nissan Primera won the second Super Tourers race

Race four was the high-light race for a lot of the spectators with the CTCC Laser Tools Super Tourers Championship and Burty Haulage Pre 2003 Touring Car Championship out for their first fifteen minute race of the weekend. With two former BTCC champions in the race, it was Jason Minshaw that grabbed pole position in the Volvo S40 by just 0.303 of a second from Anthony Reid in a Nissan Primera. It was Reid that made the most of his front row start to lead the first couple of laps in the Nissan. Minshaw took a turn in front on lap four before Reid retook the lead, which he held for another couple of laps before retiring. This handed the lead back to Minshaw, who then had former BTCC champion John Cleland pop in front on lap eight in his Vauxhall Vectra. Next lap it was Minshaw back in front with Cleland in close pursuit. Then with just two laps to go, Cleland retired from the race. Then on the penultimate lap, former champion Colin Turkington driving a shared MG ZS also retired. Minshaw took the first race victory, over seventeen seconds ahead of Tony Absolom in a Vauxhall Cavalier. Darren Fielding made it a second Cavalier on the podium, in 3rd place. The only other Super





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Tourer to finish was 6th placed Andrew Strachan in a Ford Mondeo. The Pre 2003 field started from a separate grid, two rows behind the Super Tourer grid. On pole position for the Pre 2003 field was Gary Prebble driving a Honda Civic EG. At the finish he was 4th overall and 1st of the Pre 2003 cars, claiming 1st in Pre 03 class D. Over six seconds behind was the second Pre 03 car, Chris Southcott in another Honda Civic EK3, who was 5th overall and 1st in Pre 03 class C.

The second race was on Sunday, race twelve on the programme. Minshaw started from pole position but was beaten away from the start by Cleland in the Vauxhall Vector who led the first lap. Minshaw took the lead on the second lap to only loose it to Anthony Reid in the Nissan Primera on the next lap. Minshaw then re-took the lead only to be passed by Cleland. The lead was swopping between Reid, Minshaw and Cleland, all having turns being in front. At the flag it was Reid who took victory in the Nissan Primera by just 0.270 of a second from Minshaw in the Volvo. Only another 0.628 of a second back in 3rd was Cleland in the Vectra





















Darren Fielding Vauxhall Cavalier 3<sup>rd</sup> in first race.

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Jamie Winrow Caterham 7 Sigma won both Sigma 135 races, here passing Myrton Wood who was 25<sup>th</sup> in first race.

Race five was the longest race of the day ay twenty minutes for the Caterham Graduates Racing Club - Sigma 135 class. Tom Power started from Pole position in his Caterham 7 Sigma 135, just 0.035 of a second faster than Marc Noaro. Power led the first lap from Jamie Winrow and James McCall, all less than one-second apart. By the second lap Winrow was in-front and remained there until the end of the race, with Power on his tail the entire race. They finished 0.137 of a second apart at the flag, after sixteen laps of racing. A distant 3rd, over five-seconds behind was McCall, followed by Noaro with Robin Webb 5th and Paul Farrell in 6th.

Their second race on Sunday saw Noaro start from pole position, but it was Power from the second row, who led





the first lap, with first race winner Winrow almost attached to the rear of his car. For lap after lap this pair swopped the lead, never more than ½ a second apart for the entire race. At the chequered flag it was Winrow who took a second victory with Power only 0.808 of a second behind in 2nd place. Webb improved his position to finish 3rd, only 0.196 of a second further behind. Farrell took 4th, also part of the leading train. Slightly further back was Ben Wheatley in 5th and Alaric Barney was 6th. Pole man Noaro retired on the first lap.





The final race on Saturday saw the CTCC Blue Classic & Historic Thunder Saloon & Blue Oval Saloon Series race close the days action for their first fifteen minute race. Pole position was claimed by Andy Wilson in his 7 litre Holden Monaro, just ahead of Jason West in a BMW E46 M3. The Fastest of the Blue Oval cars was the Ford Escort Mk2 of Malcolm Harding in 12th position. With Wilson failing to take the start, it was Andy Robinson in a 7 litre Ford Falcon that took the initial lead but was soon passed by Jason Davies in a 2 litre Ford Sierra Cosworth and Jason West in a 3.2 litre BMW E46 M3. Davies slowly opened up a gap in front, winning by five seconds from West after thirteen laps. Robinson took 3rd overall and 1st in Class CT A. Colin Voyce in a Ford Escort Mk1 was 4th, taking 1st in class CT H3. The next class winner, in CT C, was Frazer Huntley in a Nissan Primera who finished 8th





Classic Thunder Class H3 in both races won by Colin Voyce Ford Escort Mk1

overall. Moving down the order, Simon Collier in a Vauxhall Tigra was 1st in class CT S, 17th overall and just two places ahead of Paul Eaton who was 1st in class CT H1 in the Holden VH Commodore.

First of the Blue Oval runners was Malcolm Harding, 6th overall and 1st in class B driving a Ford Escort Mk2. The 2nd Blue Oval runner was 10th placed Mike Manning who took 1st in class S driving a Ford Sierra RS500. Finally, Class D was won by Chris Brown in a Ford Fiesta XR2, who finished 22nd overall.

The second fifteen minute CTCRC Classic & Historic





#### Classic Touring C winner both races Frazer Huntleu Nissan Primera

Thunder Saloons & Blue Oval saloon race took place on Sunday afternoon. First race winner Davies started from pole position in his 2 litre Ford Sierra Cosworth but he was immediately passed by West in the BMW. It took until the fifth lap for Davies to get in front and then he opened up a slight lead all the way to the chequered flag. His winning margin in this race was 3.134 seconds ahead of West in the BMW. In 3rd place and winning class CT A was Andy Wilson, who had started this race from the back of the grid and had worked his way through the field in his 7 litre Holden Monaro finishing only seven seconds behind West. Voyce in the Ford Escort Mk1 took a second class



Blue Oval S winner both races Mike Manning Ford Sierra RS500

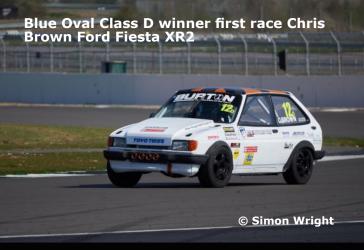


Classic Touring S 1st Simon Collier Vauxhall Tigra first race 17th

CT H3 win in 6th, followed by class CT C winner Huntley, also taking a second class win of the weekend. Another driver making it two out of two class CT H1 wins was Paul Eaton in the Holden Commodore. Class CT I was won by Robert Salisbury in a Honda Accord, who was 19th overall.

First of the Blue Oval cars was Martin Reynolds in a Ford Escort Mk2, winning class B in 12th position. He was followed home by Manning taking his second class S victory of the weekend in the Ford Sierra RS500. The final class winner was James Dunkley in a Ford Fiesta XR2, who was 1st in class D, 18th overall.









Blue Oval Class D winner second race James Dunkley Ford Fiesta XR2











Classic Touring Class A Neil Argrave Ford Sierra 2<sup>nd</sup> in class first race 5<sup>th</sup> overall.



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Sunday racing started at 9am with the second Caterham series race, but this was for the Sigma 150 & Sigmax classes. Race seven on the programme, it saw Harry Senior claim pole position in his Caterham 7 Sigma 150. The split grid saw Max Haynes in pole for the Sigmax class. At the front it was Stephen Clark that headed a three car train with Senior and Ben Winrow holding position behind. At the line the order remained the same for the first five laps then Senior and Clark were swopping the lead over the line, with Winrow dropping back a couple of seconds. For the last couple of laps Clark held the advantage but it all went wrong on the last lap and Senior



took the win from Ben Winrow, with Clark out, not classified as a finisher. Jamie Elwood finished 3rd, Allan Curtiss was 4th, Chris Skillicorn 5th and Geoff Newman rounded out the top 6. The Sigmax class was won by Max Haynes in his Caterham Sigmax who was 18th overall. He was over nine seconds clear of Glenn Burtenshaw who was 2nd, 23rd overall, Neil Sturgess in 3rd, Will Rayson in 4th, Andy Molsom 5th and Kevin Barrett in 6th. The second race, seventeen on the list, later in the day saw Senior start again from pole position. However it was Clark that led the first thirteen laps with Senior right behind. By lap fourteen Senior took the lead and the two



swopped places several times. At the finish, Senior took his second win of the day, just 0.147 of a second ahead of Clark at the flag. Winrow took a distant 3rd, over five-seconds behind. Ellwood was 4th this time, Curtis was 5th and Harry Cramer was 6th. Haynes took a second Sigmax victory, this time from 16th overall. Molsom improved to 2nd in class, just ahead of Burtenshaw who had dropped to 3rd in class. Rayson took another 4th in class, with Bartlett improving to 5th in class and Sturgess dropped from 3rd in the first race to 6th in the second.













Angus McClaine was 12th in the second Sigma 150 race.



Rupert Deeth won the first Mini Miglia race.

Following the second CTCC Pre 66/ Pre 83 race it was time for the first Dunlop National Mini Challenge - Miglia Championship supported by Mini Spares race. In qualifying the first four were covered by under a second with Rupert Deeth fastest. From the start it was Aaron Smith from the front row who took the initial lead and for the first few laps, Smith and Deeth took turns in leading, battling nose to tail. By one third distance Deeth managed to lead across the line for lap after lap, but the two were always together. At the flag, Deeth won by just 0.171 of a second from Smith. They had pulled well clear of 3rd placed Chris Morgan who was nearly ten seconds behind. 2013 BTCC Champion Andrew Jordan was 4th, with Jeff Smith and Colin Peacock rounding out the top six. The Libre class was won by Dan Lewis in his 1293cc Mini Libre from Craig Cox and Huw Turner.



Dan Lewis won the Libre class in the first Mini Miglia Race



The second twenty minute race saw Ben Colburn start from pole position with the top eight finishers from the first race reversed in order on the grid. In the separate Libre Mini grid, the top five were reversed, putting Les Stanton on pole position. From his front row position Ken Astin lead the first lap, but it was Andrew Jordan that had moved from 5th on the grid to 2nd on the first lap, that took the race lead on the second lap. The lead was being contested by a three car train, Jordan, Deeth and Astin, with Deeth and Jordan taking turns to lead. At the flag it was victory for Jordan by just 0.3 of a second from Aaron Smith with Deeth 3rd. The top five were covered by less than a second, with Jeff Smith 4th, Peacock 5th and

Morgan 6th. The Libre class was won by Craig Cox, with Huw Turner 2nd and Philip Harvey in 3rd.





After the second CTCC Pre 93/Jaguar race it was time for the first of two Kumho BMW championship races during the day. After qualifying James Card in his BMW E36 M3 was fastest to claim pole position for the first twenty minute race. In the first race he led from start to finish, being chased enthusiastically by Brad Sheehan in an E46 M3 for the first eight laps before he dropped back to 5th. This left Michael Vitulli in an E46 M3 in 2nd place, where he finished, just over nine seconds behind at the flag, also finishing 1st in the Invitation class. Sheehan had worked his way back to 3rd at the finish. Russell Dack in an E36 M3 was 4th, Jason West in an E46 M3 was 5th and Bryan Bransom was 6th in an E46 M3 after receiving a 20 second penalty for causing a collision. Class C was won





by Kevin Denwood in a BMW E46 Compact in 8th overall, while class B was won by Ronan Bradley in a BMW E36 M3 in 10th overall. The Mini class was won by Zac



Blackwell in a BMW Mini R56, while the final class winner was Michael Pensavalle in a BMW E30 318is, taking class D in 16th position.

The second race was a repeat of the first with Card leading from start to finish, winning by over four seconds



from Sheehan. Right behind at the flag was Bransom in 3rd and West in 4th. Vitulli took another Invitation class win in 5th. Bradley took a second class B victory in 8th, with Denwood doing the same, winning class C in 9th. The



Kevin Denwood BMW E46 Compact won Khumo BMW Class C in second race.



Mini class also saw a repeat performance by Blackwell taking victory in 11th. However, class D saw a different winner, with James Ford taking 1st in class D, 16th overall.



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Mike Jordan Mini Se7en won both Mini Se7en races seen here battling with Joe Thompson who retired on lap 4 in the first race.

The Dunlop Mini Challenge supported by Mini Spares - Se7en Championship supported by Mini Spares first race followed the second CTCC Super Tourers/Pre 93 race. Fastest in qualifying was Spencer Wanstall just over half a second ahead of Mike Jordan, father of Andrew Jordan. But it was Jordon starting from pole position as Wanstall got a 10 place grid drop after contravention of Motorsport UK regulations. A five car battle soon started at the front with Connor O'Brien having the initial advantage with Mike Jordan, Wanstall, Jo Polley and Joe Thompson all together. Mike Jordan and Wanstall both took turns at the front, with Wanstall having the initially advantage for a few laps, then Mike Jordan got in front and Wanstall dropped to the back of the train with O'Brien applying maximum pressure to the leader. At the flag it was Mike Jordan



taking the win by just 0.405 of a second from O'Brien, with Polly 3rd and Wanstall 4th. In 5th place was the S class winning Mini Se7en 1275 of Michael Winkworth. Taking 2nd in the S class was Damien Harrington in 7th and 3rd in S class was Ben Seyfried.

The second race had the top eight in reverse order on the grid, so pole position went to Julian Proctor, with Tina Cooper alongside on the front of the grid. The S class started from a split grid after a ten seconds delay and saw Steven Rideout having pole position with Matthew Ayres alongside. Wanstall made the most of the reversed grid to lead for the first four laps, pulling away from 76, then 87. When Wanstall went out on lap five, it was 87 now leading from 76 and 88, then 87 and 88 pulled away slightly from



the rest of the pack and swopping the lead until the end of the race. At the flag Mike Jordan took his second win of the day by just 0.436 of a second from O'Brien, repeating the first race results. In 3rd was Joe Thompson from Polley and Graeme Davis in 5th. Winning class S in 6th place was again Winkworth again from 2nd in class Harrington in 7th. In Class S 3rd went to Ben Butler





#### **Light Car & Edwardian Welsh Weekend**

The Light Car Section of the Vintage Sports Car Club was founded in 1951 for members with what were loosely defined as non-sporting vintage cars developing no more than 30 bhp and was immediately well supported. Edwardian cars, those manufactured between 1905 and 1918, joined the section in 1975 to make it the Light Car and Edwardian Section or LCES and its popularity has continued to grow. These days, the various forms of Austin 7 are the most numerous vehicles in the Section but one of its greatest attractions is the wide range of makes and models, many of them quite rare, which take part in its events and, while the competitive element is never absent, the overwhelming emphasis is on having fun and enjoying old cars.

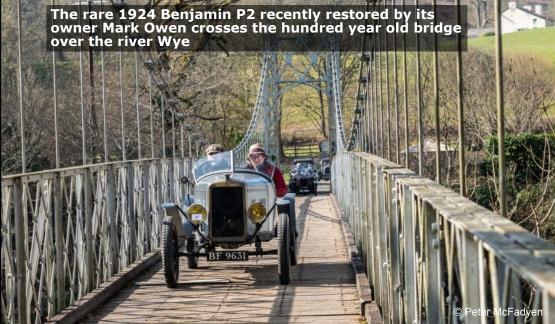
The programme each year begins with the Welsh Weekend based at the Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod Wells and featuring a scenic tour, typically 60 to 90 miles







in length, to one of the Principality's many attractive small towns for a lunch halt before driving back to base in time for the 'main event', the annual dinner and prizegiving. The Welsh Weekend usually coincides with the first day of British Summer Time so, on Sunday, after less than ideal





sleeping time, many of the drivers take part in a *relatively* gentle but competitive off-road trial before heading for home. A summer rally and autumn driving tests typically complete the LCES year, always providing enjoyable old















Ian Brough's 1929 Austin RK Saloon

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style motoring in attractive locations right around Britain.

The Welsh Weekend fell victim to Covid restrictions and didn't take place in 2020 or 2021 so this year's return to the calendar was particularly welcome. Fine spring weather added to the enjoyment as cars and their occupants drove from Llandrindod Wells via the Black Mountains to Crickhowell for lunch with a stop *en route* in the town of Talgarth before heading back northwards via the Brecon Beacons to arrive in good time for the dinner. The good weather continued for Sunday's trial and Christine Parkinson driving an Austin 7 was declared the winner of the Llwynbarried Trophy for the best overall performance over the two days. She will, of course, receive her trophy at next year's dinner and award ceremony.

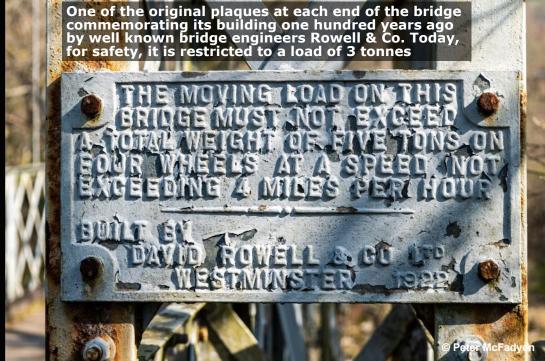


Alex Peadop's 1930 Morris Minor about to cross the hundred year old bridge over the river Wye









**George Beckett's 1923 AC Empire** 

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The first speed event of the year by the MG Car Club took place at Curborough, near Lichfield, at the start of April. The event also counted towards the Shenstone & District Car Club Curborough speed championship and had attracted a good entry.

The fastest time of the day, not surprisingly, went to Paul Webb in the OMS PR single seater with a time of 31.08 seconds. Over a second behind was Mike Hull in the Jedi Mk1 with a time of 32.17 seconds. In 3rd overall was the Radical PR6 sports racing car of David Large, with a time of 32.46 seconds, making him fastest in Class 11a. The first class, SA, was the domain of the MG ZR, with eight cars and nine drivers competing. The first three were all within half a second, with fastest time going to David Owen in his MG ZR. His time of 40.55 seconds was



enough for him to be awarded 1st in class. Only 0.31 of a second behind was 2nd in class Jack Twomey with a time of 40.86 seconds. Taking 3rd in class award was Steve Wood in his MG ZR Trophy with a best time of 40.97 seconds.



John Adams Renault Clio RS200 1st in Class SC

The next class SC saw a mixture of MG sports cars and hatchbacks taking on several Renault Clio hatchbacks. 1st was awarded to John Adams driving a Renault Clio RS200 with a best time of 38.66 seconds, just ahead of 2nd placed Paul Gough in another Renault Clio RS200 with a best time of 39.44 seconds. The best MG was Marcus Brown in an MG TF who was awarded 3rd place with a best time of 40.15 seconds.

Class 1 saw David Coulthard (not that one) awarded 1st in



David Coulthard MG ZR 1st in class 1

his MG ZR with a best time of 39.56 seconds, less than half a second ahead of Richard Froggatt in his MG ZT 260 who was awarded 2nd in class with a best of 40.07 seconds. The award for 3rd in class went to Helen Waddington in her MG ZR with a best time of 40.78 seconds.



Class 2 had awards for 1st and 2nd, with Martin Lunn claiming 1st award driving an MG Midget with a time of 40.9 seconds in just a single timed run. He was only 0.12 off a second faster then 2nd placed Roy Clarke in another MG Midget with a time of 41.02 seconds.

Class 3 only had three entries and saw 1st place awarded to Rob Bell in his MG F with a best time of 40.84 seconds.





Class 4 was another three car class with 1st awarded to Nick Walker in an MG ZR with a best time of 39.62 seconds.



Class 5 had more entries and 1st place went to Andy Walker in an MG B with a time of 33.17 seconds. In 2nd place was Rob Armstrong in a MG Midget with a time of 38.3 seconds.



Class 6a had a single entry of Dave Morris who set a time of 42.35 seconds in his superb MG TC.



Class 6b only had a single car entry as well, which was double driven. However what the class may have lacked in quantity, it made up for in quality, a magnificent MG KN

Bellevue driven by Charles and Steven McAvoy. Steven came out best with a single timed run of 41.53 seconds.



Now away from the specific MG categories, Class 7a saw Graham Harvey claim 1st in class driving an Austin Mini to a time of 28.28 seconds, with only  $\frac{1}{10}$  of a second difference between his two runs.



Class 7b had awards for 1st and 2nd with Steve Barrow in his Renault Clio 182 getting the award for 1st with a time of 38.47 seconds. In 2nd was Richard Raybould in another Renault Clio with a time of 39.65 seconds.



Class 8a saw Steve Robinson in a shared Caterham 7 Supersport be awarded 1st in class.



Class 8b was another single award class, with Simon Price getting 1st in a shared Westfield SE iW with a time of 34.62 seconds.

Class 8LA saw David Whiteley in a Lotus Elise S1 get the 1st in class award with a time of 36.39 seconds.





Class 9a was the domain of the Mini with Alan Henley taking the 1st award in a Rover Mini with a best time of 39.33 seconds.



Class 9b had a bigger entry and saw awards for 1st to Mark Williams in a Renault Clio 172 with a best time of



35.18 seconds. The award for 2nd went to Liam Ulyatt in a Peugeot 106 Rally with a time of 35.76 seconds, while 3rd place award went to Thomas Harding in a VW Golf with a time of 36.74 seconds.

The last three classes for racing cars all had just two entries. Class 12b produced the Fastest Time of Day with Paul Webb in the OMS and class 11a saw 3rd fastest overall David Large in the Radical PR6 fastest in class.

3rd fastest overall and fastest in Class 12b was David Large Radical PR6





The final class 12c was for Formula Ford single seater racing cars. Fastest in the class was loan Evans in a shared Van Diemen FR88 with a time of 36.18 seconds.



A wrong downshift blew a big hole in the engine of the MG ZR driven by Julie Coffey during practice.



Alan Fairbrother in a MG3 was 8th in Class 1



The final winter Breakfast meet for Wheels on Wednesday (WOW) took place at Sixways Stadium in Worcestershire on a sunny Sunday morning at the end of April. The lovely weather attracted a large gathering of vehicles and enthusiasts to the last winter meet on the hard standing car park, before the Wheels on Wednesday regular meetings return to Spetchley Park Gardens from 11th May. There were plenty of classic cars and supercars mixed in with modified cars from most manufacturers.



The vehicle that probably had travelled the furthest was a French registered Renault 5 GT Turbo. This was a second generation Renault 5, the GT Turbo was introduced in 1985. It was powered by a modified four cylinder, eight valve 1397cc engine whose design dated back to 1962 in



1108cc form. It used an air-cooled Garrett T2 Turbocharger and produced 113 hp. With the car weighing only 850 kg, it had an excellent power-to-weight ratio and could accelerate from 0-60 mph in 7.5 seconds. Externally it featured plastic side skirts to differentiate it from the standard Renault 5. Suspension upgrades lowered the car by 1.5 inches at the front and 1.3 inches at the rear. It also came with disc brakes on all four wheels. In 1987 a phase 2 version was introduced which introduced water cooling on the turbocharger. With a revamped ignition system, the engine power was increased to 118 bhp. This gave it a 0-62 mph time of 7.5 seconds.

The Renault 5 GT Turbo competed in the 1987 British Touring Car Championship driven by Roger Saunders and Alex Postan. It was also the only Group N car to ever score an overall win in a WRC Rally when Alain Oreille & Giles Thimonier won the 21eme Rallye Côte d'Ivoire in 1989.

Production finished in 1991.

















































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## MCRAE WOULD BE HAPPY WITH ONE-TWO RESULT IN FIRST F5000 RACE AT SKOPE CLASSIC MEETING IN CHRISTCHURCH

A little over 50 years ago (on Sunday January 22, 1972) the late, great Graham McRae drove his then new Leda 'GM1 001' Formula 5000 single-seater to a dominant victory in the Lady Wigram Trophy race on a temporary circuit at Christchurch's Wigram Air Force Base. Today, two of his cars – the comprehensively rebuilt and race prepared original

STP pink Leda 'GM1 001' now owned by Alistair and Vicki Hey of Queenstown and driven by local category young gun Michael Collins, and a later 'production' model 'McRae GM1' (009) owned and driven by three-time former SAS Autoparts MSC NZ F5000 Tasman Cup Revival Series title holder Steve Ross from Dunedin – qualified first and second, then – after swapping the lead a couple of times a amongst themselves, a mistake by Ross

allowed Collins final pass for the lead which he managed to hold onto until the chequered flag came out. Third across the line – having spent much of the race defending the position from fellow Lola T332 driver Codie Banks – was the ever-improving Kevin Ingram. Just when Banks Jnr thought he was in with a chance, he was forced to slow dramatically then stop completely on lap 6 of 8 as his car's engine suddenly lost all oil pressure. The news wasn't all bad for members of the Banks family however, Codie's father David Banks (Talon MR1) inheriting 4th place just 5 seconds behind Ingram but a good half a minute up on F5000 class new face Buce Kett (Lola T332) who was a 'very happy man' in 5th. Like sixth placed fellow category new face Alastair Chalmers (Chevron B32) Kett said he was taking a cautious approach, and one he was already benefiting from.





Finally in the battle for Class A honours (for earlier era cars) category stalwart Tony Roberts in his recently acquired ex Kip Ackerman South African series McLaren M10B (400-08), was shadowed all the way to by Toby Annabell from Hawera in Taranaki in his similar M10B. Aucklander Frank Karl had battery issues with his McLaren M10B however and was one of three drivers who DNFed today's race.

The other two were Round 1 race winner Grant Martin (Talon MR1/A) who broke an input shaft on the first full lap, prompting an early Safety Car intervention while the prone car was moved, and Tony Galbraith (Lola T332) who had engine issues.

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#### COLLINS CAPS MEMORABLE F5000 SERIES RETURN WITH THIRD WIN FROM THREE AND HIS NAME ON LATEST SKOPE CLASSIC TROPHY

Local F5000 category hero Michael Collins (Leda GM1) capped a memorable return to New Zealand's SAS Autoparts MSC NZ F5000 Tasman Cup Revival Series at the re-jigged Skope Classic meeting at his home track in Christchurch yesterday (Sundy April 10), driving away from a top-class field to comfortably win the 12-lap F5000 feature race and be the first driver to earn the Bert Hawthorne Memorial Trophy which will now go with it. Behind the wheel of his family-run, Alistair & Vicky Hey-owned ex-Graham McRae Leda GM1 (001) Collins (27) was obviously determined to make the most of the opportunities the Skope Classic's COVID-19-inspired date-swap presented. His pole lap – a scintillating 1:18.868 – for instance, was the only sub 1:19.00 lap set across the whole

weekend, and though arch-rival and eventual feature race and event runner-up, Steve Ross from Dunedin (McRae GM1 009) was able to match and even better Collins's best laps in race trim, in terms of ultimate track speed Collins was King!

He put that fact beyond doubt in the 12-lap feature final race late on Sunday afternoon. Though Steve Ross again got the better start and held the lead – albeit briefly – through the first corner Collins had grabbed it back just two corners later and, with a clear track in front of him, quickly built up a two second buffer on Ross.

Behind the pair the race order has quickly established a pattern, with former NZ Formula Ford champion Kevin Ingram (LolaT332) circulating quickly and efficiently – albeit not at quite the same white hot pace the pair up



front were running at - in third place then another largeish gap back to series' Rnd 1 race winner Grant Martin (Talon MR1/A) in fourth, Codie Banks (taking up the offer of a drive in his father's similar car, the black ex-Jon Woodner Talon MR1, after his own Lola T332 suffered terminal engine damage in the race on Saturday) in fifth, and category new face Bruce Kett (Lola T332) in sixth. Bar the other category newcomer, Alastair Chalmers (Chevron B32) stopping on the warm-up lap with a clutch issue the rest of the 10-strong field got away to another typically unique rolling (thunder) start, the initial running order having Codie Banks in P4 and Tony Galbraith back in P7.

By the third lap however Grant Martin had found a way past Codie Banks to claim 4<sup>th</sup> place while two laps later Tony Galbraith (Lola T332) had finally managed to wrestle P6 off Bruce Kett's similar Lola.

Up front however the race for the new Bert Hawthorne Memorial Trophy was anything but over, Steve Ross

counterattacking twice between laps 3 and 11, each time reducing the margin Collins had just built on him from between 2 and 3 seconds to just over a single second. As it turned out however Collins was not to be denied completing a clean sweep of SAS Autoparts MSC NZ F5000 series races with a final margin after 12 hard'n fast laps of 3.581 seconds over Ross and 26.891 seconds ahead of Kevin Ingram who was third.

Bert Hawthorne was a talented young Kiwi racing driver from Kaiapoi, just north of Christchurch, who was killed while practising for the German round of that year's European Formula 2 championship at Hockenheim on Friday April 14, 1972.

At just 28 years of age, it was a cruel blow for his family back home in Kaiapoi not to mention the close-knit local motor racing scene where he had got his start – but 50 (22) years on, to honour his memory, the Canterbury Car



Class A Tony Roberts leading fellow McLaren M10B runner Toby Annabell.



Club and Hawthorne family put up one of his original trophies for the winner of the SAS Autoparts MSC NZ F5000 Tasman Cup Revival Series feature race at the Skope Classic from this year on.

In accepting the trophy from meeting rep Rob Cope-Williams, inaugural Bert Hawthorne Memorial winner Michael Collins acknowledged the role family – both his own and that of car owners Alistair & Vicki Hey - has on a young driver' career and said that the trophy was for them to savour and enjoy as much as it is for him.

The trophy joins the original Stan Redmond Memorial one traditionally awarded at the annual Skope Classic meeting 'to the driver who, over the course of the weekend exhibits the same sort of pace, grace, and passion for the F5000 racing that Redmond, one of the founding fathers both of the NZ F5000 Association and the now SAS Autoparts and MSC-sponsored NZ F5000 Tasman Cup Revival Series, now in its 19th year, did.

This year the trophy went to Lola T332 driver Kevin Ingram from Feilding.

Earlier in the day Michal Collins also won the second – full handicap 'lollipop' rolling start 7-lap - SAS Autoparts MSC NZ F5000 Tasman Cup Revival Series race of the weekend, after he and fellow back row starter Steve Ross, both made up their full 75 second handicaps within six of the seven laps, Collins taking the win from a fast-finishing Steve Ross, the gap at the finish line just 1.119 of a second.

Third home was David Banks, fourth Kevin Ingram and fifth Tony Roberts in the first of the Class A McLaren M10Bs

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#### Results

Michael Collins (Leda GM1) accepting the trophy from meeting rep Rob Cope-Williams.

Race 1 (8 laps Sat pm)

- 1. Michael Collins (Leda GM1 001/ChCh) 12:59.934
- 2. Steve Ross (McRae GM1/Dun) +1.047
- 3. Kevin Ingram (Lola T332/Fldg) +8.038
- 4. David Banks (Talon MR1/Ackld) +13.158
- 5. Bruce Kett (Lola T332/Ham) +42.293 +29.135
- 6. Alastair Chalmers (Chevron B32/H-B) +45.412 +3.119
- 7. Tony Roberts (McLaren M10B/H-B) +50.084 +4.672
- 8. Toby Annabell (McLaren M10B/Tara) +50.388 +0.304
- 9. Codie Banks (Lola T332/Ackld) 2 Láps 10:22.640 1:22.2 DNF; Grant Martin (Talon MR1/A/Ackld), Tony Galbraith (Lola T332/Hamp Dwns), Frank Karl (McLaren M10B/Ackld)

#### **RACE 2** (7 lap rolling start handicap)

- 1. Michael Collins 10:09.763 7 laps
- 2. Steve Ross +1.119
- 3. David Banks +7.810
- 4. Kevin Ingram +9.668
- 5. Tony Roberts +32.020

iRight: accepting the Stan Redmond Memorial Trophy from MSC NZ country manager Steve Wright is this year's recipient, Kevin Ingram.

- 6. Bruce Kett + 32.151
- 7. Alastair Chalmers +32.412
- 8. Toby Annabell +36.268 7
- 9, Tony Galbraith +1 lap

DNF; Grant Martin +6 laps

DNS; Frank Karl.

### **RACE 3** THE BERT HAWTHORNE TROPHY FEATURE 12 Laps Sun pm

- 1 Michael Collins 12 laps 16:12.702
- 2. Steve Ross +3.581
- 3. Kevin Ingram +28.891
- 4. Grant Martin +32.397
- 5. Codie Banks +45.107
- 6, Tony Galbraith +1:25.979
- 7. Bruce Kett +1 Lap
- 8. Tony Roberts +1 Lap
- 9. Toby Annabell +1 Lap
- 10. Frank Karl +1 Lap

DNS; Alastair Chalmers



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