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Front cover: Ashley Davies and Freddie Hewitt on the Snetterton Stages

(Photo by Peter Scherer)

Editorial/Club Sec News

The Snetterton Stages nearly didn't happen with the approaching storm, Dennis, threatened, in the end we survived and nothing made it to the North Sea. At the end of the day you got just stand up and it was an interesting journey home for those with high vehicles. See can read Ashley's write up in this issue, who had a late entry and nearly matched his number of 10, finishing 11th and 1st in class.

The Annual Awards Dinner on the 29th February was a tame affair due to the lack of award winners etc. Having heard that other club's have cancelled their Dinners is it time to find another way to present awards or not have any?

Coronavirus could have a major effect on motorsport and life in general. For now we will continue planning our events as normal until the Government or Motorsport UK tell us different.

Last Sunday, 8th March, John Davie, Richard Warne and I attended a Motorsport UK Seminar aimed at Club Officials and event organisers to update us on changes and to take us through the planning of an event and what to do if something goes wrong, eg serious injury etc in terms of processes and paperwork. Unfortunately this has happened to us some years ago, but it is good to prepare yourself and hopefully it won't happen again.

The AGM is due to take place on Wednesday 22nd April at the Old Owens, agenda is elsewhere in this issue. Please come along to support your club committee.

For some time there's been talk of a closed road Stage Rally and hopefully it will happen, called the Herts Stages, run by Middlesex County AC and Herts County Aero & Auto Club on the 12th July. GBMC has been helping where is can. One of the Stage commander is Graeme Frary for the Little Hormead to Braughing stage, so we need all club helpers to sign up for that stage, more details will be available on the website, facebook etc when it is available.

David Hughes it looking to run a couple social events and needs to know whether you are interested, so please get in touch with him.

Chris Deal

Free MOTORSPORT on TV

F1 on C4 (only GB GP live), WRC on ITV4 and Red Bull TV on the web, BTCC on ITV4 (live with support races), British Rally Championship - BRC on C4 (highlights on Saturday mornings the week after), Goodwood events on ITV4 (highlights), Formula E on I-player. Don't forget there are loads of videos on the internet and some live stuff on youtube.

Motor Museums

Bicester Heritage, Bicester, Oxon (soon to be the home of the Motorsportuk HQ) Brooklands, Weybridge Surrey

Cotswold Motor Museum, Bourton on the Water, Gloucester

Coventry Transport Museum, Coventry, Warks

David Sutton Rally Car Museum, Daventry, Northants

Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon, Warks

Haynes International Motor Museum, Sparkford, Somerset

Ipswich Transport Museum, Ipswich, Suffolk

London Motor Museum, Hayes, W London

National Motor Heritage, Beulieu, Hants

Whitewebbs Museum of Transport, Enfield

Club Diary

22 April – Annual General Meeting

24 June - BBQ and Concours D'Elegance

Event dates

Key

(ASMC) – events run by Anglia Motor Sports Clubs which can be entered using our GBMC club card and RS Clubmans licence.

(AEMC) – events run by clubs of the Association Eastern Motor Clubs and GBMC is invited to and normally you need a competition licence.

(BRC) – British Rally Championship 2020

Provisional dates, shows are in red, events in blue cancelled/postponed

March

- 12-15 Rally Mexico (WRC)
- 14 Malcolm Wilson Rally (BTRDA)
- 14-15 West Cork Rally (BRC)
- 14-15 Agbo Stages Rally at Weston Park, run by Owen MC
- 15 Donington Stages, run by Dukeries MC (AEMC/MN CRC)
- 15 Australian GP, Melbourne
- 20-21 North West Stages, (Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship)
- 21 Chinese E-Prix (TBC)
- 21 Training Day (Pratical) at Cambridge (AEMC)
- 22 Bahrain GP, Sakhir
- 22 Trial at Wattisfield, run by West Suffolk MC (AMSC)
- 26-28 Azores Rally (ERC)
- North Wales Stages (British Historic Rally Championship)/(2WD)
- 28-29 Donington Park (National) BTCC race
- 28-29 Members Meeting at Goodwood

28-29 New Sprint event by Farnborough DMC (TBA)

- 29 BTRDA RX at Blyton
- 29 Targa at Wethersfield, run by Chelmsford MC (AMSC)

April

- 3 12 car rally run by Boundless by CMSA on 166 map
- 4 Rome E-Prix
- 5 Vietnamese GP, Hanoi
- 5 Abingdon Sprint, run by Sutton & Cheam MC (AEMC)
- 11-12 Brands Hatch (Indy) BTCC race
- 11-12 Easter Sprint at Blyton Park, run by BARC Mids
- 11 Tour of Epynt, tarmac rally (Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship)
- 12-13 Rallycross at Lydden Hill

16-19 Rally Chile (WRC) Cancelled

- 18 Rallynuts Stages (BTRDA)
- 18 Paris E-Prix
- 18 Goodwood Sprint, run by Bognor Regis MC
- 18-19 World RX, Barcelona, Spain
- 18-19 Autocross at Kilmington, run by Torbay MC

19 Chinese GP, Shanghai

- 19 AutoSolo at Debden, run by West Suffolk MC (AMSC)
- 19 Spring Car Trial at Ivinghoe, run by Falcon MC (AMSC)
- 19 Cambridge Classic runs by Cambridge CC, starting and finishing at Duxford
- 25 Kielder Forest Rally (British Historic Rally Championship)/(2WD)
- 25-26 Tendring & Clacton Stages, run by Chelmsford MC (BRC/AEMC)
- 25-26 Silverstone (National) BTCC race
- 25-26 BTRDA RX at Pembrey
- 26 Hethel Sprint, run by Herts County (AEMC)
- 30-3 Rally Argentina (WRC)

May

- 1-3 Donington Historic Festival meeting
- 2-3 World RX, Montalegre, Portugal
- 3 Dutch GP, Zandvoort
- 3 Seoul E-Prix
- 7-9 Canaries Rally (ERC)
- 9-10 Autocross at Sugworthy, run by North Devon MC
- 9 Goodwood Sprint, run by Brighton & Hove MC
- 10 Spanish GP, Barcelona
- 10 Debden Sprint, run by Herts County (AEMC)
- 10 Dimanche Sprint at Rushmoor, run by Farnborough & DMC
- 10 South Suffolk Classic Run, run by ECMC & West Suffolk MC
- 15-16 Manx National Rally (Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship)
- 16-17 Thruxton BTCC race

- 16-17 World RX, Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium
- 16 Plains Rally
- 17 Wethersfield Targa, run by Kings Lynn & DMC (AMSC)
- 21-24 Rally Portugal (WRC)
- 24 Monaco GP, Monte Carlo
- 24-25 Motorsport at the Palace, Crystal Palace
- 29-31 Rally Latvia (ERC)
- 29-31 Jim Clark Rally (Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship/British Historic Rally Championship)
- 30 Berlin E-Prix
- 30-31 British RX at Lydden

Possible Outings

The first I hope to be able to arrange, but it will be subject to an entry fee and numbers, is to Studio 434 in Potters Bar. This is the private car collection of Roger Dudding (owner of Dudrich Holdings which is a name probably familiar to residents of south Hertfordshire and north London). His collection runs to something like 450 vehicles, including some vintage motorcycles, although not all are on show at any one time. This business also operates indoor storage for vehicles owned by private clients although many of these are kept under dust covers and are not available to view.

The second outing I am thinking of arranging is a trip to Farr Brewery, Coleman Green Lane, Wheathampstead - probably on one of their open days in the summer - 25th July (Hopefully it will include live music, beer festival and barbecue). But if we are too late to book for this trip we might postpone until 19th September when they say they will have the same activities.

I invite interested to parties to email me on membership@greenbeltmc.org.uk or contact me by any of the other usual means so that I can gauge interest. It goes without saying that if these suggestions meet with the usual level of disinterest in club outings I will not proceed with organising them - at least not on behalf of GBMC.

David Hughes

Green Belt Motor Club Grand Prix Karting @ Harlow

The Motor club is planning to host a Karting session one evening at Harlow Karting indoor circuit, if you are interested please get in touch Richard 07958 632082 or email Richard.warne1@ntlworld.com to book a place, **See below for details**



Go Kart racing format is fast paced, challenging and the ultimate experience for individual racing in a group. Only the most determined and fastest drivers will make it to the final so get ready to go full race mode!

Who can race?

Adult karts only. Minimum age is 14 and all drivers must have a minimum inside leg measurement of 29 inches. At most tracks the minimum group booking is 16+ drivers but this may be more depending on track capacity.

What's the format?

Once your group has been signed in, into your race-wear and watched our short safety briefing everyone will head trackside to be split into groups. In groups, drivers will head out onto the track to compete in a series of heats, alternating between one another. After the series of heats, determined by lap times, all drivers will then compete in semi-finals. Only the fastest drivers across the board will proceed to the grand final whilst the rest can cheer on from the trackside. The driver to cross the finish line first at the signal of the chequered flag is the winner and will take the top spot on the podium for a trophy presentation to finish alongside 2nd and 3rd place!

What's included?

Race-suit and helmet hire, Safety briefing, Exclusive track use & Trophy presentation

How long is the experience?

We ask all parties to arrive 30 minutes prior to the on track time and to allow a minimum of 2.5 hours at the venue.

How much does it cost?

Prices £40pp + balaclava purchase

Social Column

Saturday 29 February saw the annual Green Belt Dinner and Dance return to Crews Hill Golf Club. 32 club members and guests enjoyed an excellent evening.

The evening went well and all had an enjoyable time. The food was generally very good although the parma ham was a little dry and the fish overcooked. That having been said, when I complained about the fish on behalf of those on my table, more was provided that had not been overcooked. The disco was excellent, as always.

I do feel the need to say that it is a shame that more award winners did not attend to collect their trophy(ies). The club awarded a total of 34 awards to a total of 27 people. Of those, only 10 awards were collected by 9 people. We no longer announce those awards where the winner has not attended, so the awards presentation must have lasted no more than 3 minutes. The event is put on to present these awards and celebrate the award winners. To put it in perspective, the committee put on a 5 hour event for the sake of 3 minutes.

Most of the attendees were social members and guests. For those that work hard to put on this event, it is discouraging that more people cannot spare one evening to collect their award. That having been said, it is always lovely to see so many of our social members and their guests.

Upcoming events include the AGM and the summer Concours d'Elegance and barbecue. I hope you see you at one (or more) of these events.

Mel Camp



President Speech at Awards Dinner 29th February 2020

Ladies & Gentleman and honoured quests and members of the Green Belt Motor Club on behalf of the Committee I welcome you to the clubs 55th Annual Dinner and award's night.

During 2019 we sadly loss our Club co- founder Tony Strong who dedicated 30 plus years as secretary, he will be sadly missed.

Standing here tonight I can think back to the first time I met Tony it was a Wednesday night in October 1971 at the Turrets Public house in New Southgate. Tony as I remember was very welcoming at the time this being my first visit to the motor club with John Silvester that some of you may remember. Within the region of 40-50 club members present it was overwhelming, with so many enthusiasts in one place. Tony had so much enthusiasm for the club, whether a 12 car rally, film night, quiz night, or organising the Mad Hatter Rally. Tony always had time for you?

How things have changed during the last few decades to the club night we have now.

Our thanks must go to our committee members keeping our motor club alive with Malcolm as Chairman, Ed as Treasurer, Chris as Secretary & Association delegate, John Davie as Comp Sec & marshalling co-ordinator, Melanie keeping the social side alive with the Summer Barbecue and Concours d'Elegance at Old Owens in Potters Bar and our Christmas Dinner at the Two Brewers in Northaw, Robert as Press Officer, not forgetting David Membership Secretary and a new post last year the Social Media co-ordinator has been busy spreading the news of club members in motorsport on the internet Mark Goddard and Ashley Davis have moved with the times to get Green Belt out there on the web.

Love it or loath it Face Book has widen the audience of the Green Belt Motor Club and, has brought in more club members.

With of course the Wayfarer magazine with its colour format stands out amongst other clubs thanks to Chris for keeping this publication going.

Motorsport is one reason why enthusiasts join the Motor Club our events may currently lack in quantity for 2019, but exceed in quality.

Last February the club supported Anglian Motorsport in organising another successful Snetterton Stages with myself, Chis and John Davie taking up key roles. This partnership of working with other motor clubs within the Association in organising events is probably the way forward, as we are finding it increasingly difficult in getting the required support.

July saw another Tams Packaging North Weald Sprint with support from Harrow Car Club and attracted 50 competitors.

Noticeable success from club members was Rob Choules class win, Chris Jones class win in his Subaru and yours truly in the Car Spares Escort a class win and 6th overall.

September saw us again assisting Anglian Motorsport this time with the Wethersfield Stages near Braintree, the same weekend we were back to North Weald Airfield in helping Harrow Car Club with their Sprint.

Robert Taylor was busy in the Autumn keeping the Treasure hunt alive around the Hertfordshire lanes.

It is encouraging that there are members that have returned to the sport after being out of the seat for a couple of decades, 3 members come to mind :-

Mark Goddard acquired a Sierra Sapphire an ex Robbie Head stage car and competed on 3 Stages Rallies, slowly getting back in to the sport.

Martyn Andrews got his hands on a Subaru Impreza competing on selected BTRDA stage rally events with Steve Greenhill.

And finally Andy Wishart who rallied a Vauxhall Chevette in the 80's then acquired the ex Paul Solby / Tony Strong Mk2 Red Mk2 Escort which had been sitting in a Bayford barn for well over 20 years and you can imagine the amount of Rat droppings were there, not a pretty sight. After a total rebuild during 2018 was competing again on selected Motorsport News Circuit Rally Championship.



Photo - Christine Matthews

We are here tonight to celebrate the success of members of the Green Belt Motor Club during their busy year of 2019.

Noticeable achievers and commiserations but not all.

On the Autocross front John Rigden our only representative in this sport competed on 8 events in the Association of South Western Motor Club Autocross Championship.

Good news for 2020 and thanks to Anthony Ashwell we will be back to Old Park Farm for round 13 & 14 of the SW Autocross Championship on 22nd & 23rd August.

Martyn Andrews had a fairly good year on selected Forest Events in Wales with Steve Greenhill driving his 4WD Subaru Impreza, gaining a 4th overall and 2nd in Class on the Red Kite Stages in the forest of South Wales.

The Blackmores Mark & Mat in their Vauxhall Nova had a 2nd in Class on the Clacton Closed Road event last April.

Ashley Davis moved from Competing on the BTRDA Stage Events and joined the Burton Power Performance Team, in the Ford KA Mk1 Enduro Racing Series and managed a race win at the Donnington Circuit last April.

Ashley didn't have it his own way on the Clacton Stages in a borrowed Ford Escort from Steve Finch, as his Escort was not ready, at the end of the 1st stage after the flying finish the prop-shaft broke in two, end of rally.

Also not so fortunate was Gavin Pink in his Sierra Cosworth after a two year sabbatical building his car restoration business up, and last time out on the Carnival Stages 2017 near Oxford the engine gave up on Stage two and retired.

Last year with the engine rebuilt was again not so lucky and retired on the same event and again on Stage 2 this time the differential cried, and they lost drive and retired what bad luck.

And Finally, our Chairman competing in the Burton Power Blue Oval Saloon Series in the Sapphire Cosworth with numerous top 5 class positions, but not too many podiums.

For 2019 we had a good motorsport year and look forward to another successful year in 2020, especially with assisting on a new Closed Road event **The Hertfordshire Stages** based in the Stevenage Area.

Richard Warne, Club President

2019 Award Winners

Gerry Thurlow Memorial Trophy (formerly the Trent Park Trophy)

1st – Malcolm Wise 2nd – John Rigden 3rd – Sam Fordham

Single Venue Stages Driver

1st – Ashley Davies 2nd – Mark Blackmore

3rd – Aaron Rix

Single Venue Stages Co-Driver

1st – Sam Fordham

2nd – Matt Blackmore

3rd – Rob Cook

1st overall Trophy shared between Driver and Co-Driver, donated by R. Warne

Multi Venue Stages Driver

1st – Martyn Andrews 2nd – Richard Warne 3rd – Mark Blackmore

Thatcher Trophy (Autocross)

1st – John Rigden

Bowyer Trophy Driver

Not awarded

Clubwomans Trophy

Not awarded

Warner Celnik Memorial Trophy

1st – Melanie Camp / Georgina Parkin

Greta Taylor Memorial Trophy

1st – Donald Berry/Desmond Meldrum /Felicity Brown

Glover Trophy (GBMC events)

1st – Chris Jones

Multi Venue Stages Co-Driver (donated by M. Wise)

1st – Steve Greenhill 2nd – Chris Deal 3rd – Preston Ayres

Chalk Trophy (Sprint)

1st – Rob Choules 2nd – Chris Jones 3rd – Glenn Picket

Bowyer Trophy Navigator

Not awarded

Clubmans Trophy

1st – Ashley Davies

Lucy Jane Tammadge – John Davie Ross McNeil Trophy – Gavin Pink Enthusiast Trophy – Mark Goddard Jackson Trophy – Malcolm Wise Marshals Trophy – John Davie Bangham Trophy – Chris Blyth /Kevin Hugill

Smee Trophy – Chris Payne

If you didn't attend, please make contact with Chris Deal arrange to collect your award.

NOTICE OF THE 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Notice is hereby given that the 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Green Belt Motor Club is to be held at the Old Owens Sports & Social Club,
Coopers Lane, Potters Bar, Herts., EN6 4NF on Wednesday 22nd April 2020, commencing at 21:00

The business of the meeting shall be:

- 1. Welcome and (approval of register of meeting attendees eligible to vote), proxies and apologies for absence.
- 2. Approval of the minutes of last year's Annual General Meeting.
- 3. Business arising from those minutes, if any.
- 4. Secretary's report of the Club's past twelve months activities.
- 5. Treasurer's report including financial statements.
- 6. Question time.
- 7. Election of officers to the Club's committee.
- 8. Announcement of election results.
- 9. Ballot on any motions/resolutions put on notice.
- 10. Re-appointment of the Club examiner.

Refreshments may be served at the conclusion of the meeting so please plan to stay for a short while after the meeting finishes.

2020 Snetterton Stages

2020 Snetterton Stages was cold wet and slippery as storm Dennis was looming.

First of the GBMC rally finishers was Sam Fordham alongside Steve Finch in the Fiesta, they had a great day been held up a couple of times but were doing their best Ken Block skids around most corners pleasing the crowds! They finished 6th overall and picked up 2nd in Class.



Next up was Ashley Davies and Freddy Hewitt in the Peugeot 205 having placed a late entry were hoping for wet conditions, they got them at the start of the event and enjoyed that along with the gravel sections pulled a good lead in the class and were staying in the top ten. Then it dried slightly and lost some places overall, then the gravel sections were removed for the last loop and the bigger power cars could stretch their legs so again lost their advantage. Then steamed into the last loop pulling out a 1 minute and 30 second lead in the class and just missing out on Top Ten finishing 11th killing the front brake discs and nursed it through the last lap. It seemed the commentary guys loved the way they attacked the chicane on the start finish straight and keep interviewing Ashley throughout the day.



Next up were Aaron Rix and Rob Cook, they were hoping for a repeat performance of last year where they went extremely well but the wet conditions didn't suit them and Aaron driving his dads valuable escort choose a more sideways for smiles approach for the rest of the day and didn't put a mark on the car. Entertaining the crowds everywhere. Finishing 37th overall 10th in class.



Finally Rob Clark and Tudor Davies made their debut in Robs freshly re built Mk2 escort. He was struggling with the brakes all day and lost confidence as he didn't want to damage the fresh car which is totally understandable. He did have smiles when he had had a good stage, great to seem them back out enjoying it and shanking down the car for some brake improvements and adjustments sure we will see them back out soon and climbing up the leader board they finished 53rd overall and 18th in class.



Thanks for Richard Warne/John Davie on their Assistant Clerk of the Course Duties, Paul Jeeves safety officer and Peter Nathan, Chris Deal and Neil Munro.

Photos by Peter Scherer

Ashley Davies

SCRUTINEERING BAY MARCH 2020

Have you looked at the new 2020 Motorsport UK Blue Book yet? Why not? There are some new regulations that you should be aware of.

Sprinting (S.10.1, page 339 onwards) has been overhauled this year; it's mainly to tidy up some of the regulations and definitions for the various classes. The definition for Standard Cars is as described in S.11.1, page 341, with no modifications allowed other than FIA/MSUK approved/homologated safety equipment may be installed, and brake friction material may be upgraded. Otherwise the car must remain as standard as from the manufacturer.

Road Cars S.12.1, page 341, limited modifications are allowed but the car must remain road legal. For Modified and Specialist Production cars to S.13.1 & 2 page 341, covers the regulations what is permitted, or not! Rally Cars have their own regulations R.46 – R.49, pages 320 -326, likewise Rallycross Cars have N.6.1 – N.9.3.2, pages 223 – 228. Sports Libre S.14.1, page 343, and Racing Cars S.15.1, page 343, have their separate regulations.

But the biggest change for sprinting is in the driver's safety kit! For <u>ALL</u> classes crash helmets to the standards in K.10.3.1 page 168 is mandatory. To help identify the standard of your crash helmet, look at page 177 to see the various labels inside the crash helmet. No change there, but the regulations for driver's clothing has changed this year. For Standard Cars, the need for fire retardant overalls is optional, but strongly recommended, but arms and legs must be fully covered! For Road Cars, fire retardant overalls to K.9.1.4, page 166 is required. For all other classes, overalls to either FIA 1986 Standard, FIA 8856-2000 and FIA 8856-2018 is mandatory. Fire retardant gloves, once mandatory, are now recommended for Standard and Road Cars, but required for all other classes.

Personally, I don't agree with the new driver's clothing regulations for sprints, an incident in a Standard or Road car is just as serious as in a Modified, Rally or Libre car. I've been told by Fawlty Towers that the relaxation of the fire retardant overalls and gloves regulations, along with the new competition licences, was to encourage new competitors to compete at club level! I just hope that we don't have a serious incident involving fire in a Standard or Road car!

If you've still got a crash helmet with the orange foil label with Snell SA2004, its life was extended last year but only if it had the silver foil label FIA 8860-2004 standard, and fitted with HANS (FHR) posts, it will no longer be valid after 31.12.20. Just a thought, if you have any old or out of date crash helmets, why not donate them to

Langley Park Rally School, Tom and Simon Clark will gladly make use of them, overalls too.

If you're purchasing new safety kit be careful where you purchase it from, there are some very poorly made counterfeit stuff about, usually available on auction sites! When purchasing a new race suit, look at the FIA embroidery on the collar, does the thread run into all the letters? Check the FIA foil homologation label in the front zip area, is it there? Is it poorly made? Does the material feel right? To help you, look on the FIA's web site for a list of race suit manufacturers and their homologation numbers. Always purchase from a reliable and reputable retailer. If it's cheap, there's usually a reason!

The same goes for seats and seat belts. I've seen some shockers! The give-away was the misspelling of the manufacturers name on the label, odd internet or web address! One set of counterfeit belts I saw after an incident, the attachment hooks were distorted and torn! Looking closer at the hooks, they were made from an alloy, not steel!

We've been reminded about the labelling of electric isolation and fire extinguisher pull-cord/switches. Remember, the electric isolator has a blue triangle with a red zigzag 12cm in size (K.8.5 page 166), and for the fire extinguisher, a red E inside a white circle, 10cm in diameter (K.3.2.2 page 162), both must be attached next to the triggering point, and the correct one too! Pulling/pressing the electric isolator and triggering the fire extinguisher will not be popular! The smaller labels are for the internal trigger points.

Did anyone notice the typo errors in the Blue Book regarding the cost of the blue Motorsport UK helmet stickers? It should be £2.50 as in K.10.3.1, page 168, obtainable from a National Scrutineer.

Any scrutineering questions my contact details are on the Motorsport UK web site. Until next month, remember, shiny side up, and have an enjoyable and safe time.

Loyd Gerken Motorsport UK National Scrutineer

HERTFORDSHIRE STAGES RALLY

12 JULY, 2020

The inaugural Hertfordshire Stages Rally is due to run on Sunday, 12th July 2020. A closed-road multi-venue event, there will be four stage routes that will run as a three-time loop, making 12 stages in total. These will use rural roads in Central and East Herts and the competitive stage action will take place between 9am and 5pm.

Organising clubs Middlesex County Automobile Club and Herts County Aero & Auto Club expect a full turnout of a maximum 120 competitor crews for the event, so you'll need to get your entry in quickly once entry registration is open.

Scrutineering will be on Saturday 11th July.

Marshal and radio crew registrations are open now through Rally Stage Team (rallystageteam.co.uk)

The Hertfordshire Stages Rally promises to be well attended and provide spectacular entertainment for spectators as the some of the best cars in the country tackle these challenging lanes.

Likely to establish itself quickly into the rally calendar, the event brings motorsport to Hertfordshire and there are considerable opportunities available for involvement as well as for sponsorship and support.

Email the organisers if you want to participate at eventdirector@herts-stages.co.uk

The organisers aim to support three charities through this event: Diabetes UK, Prostate Cancer UK and the locally-based Hertfordshire Community Foundation.

Event Director, Paul Jeeves, comments: "The Hertfordshire Stages Rally is the biggest and most impressive motorsport event to be held in the county for many years. We have had a very positive and encouraging response from the locals living along the route with most people excited by the prospect of such a major event running past their homes. The character of the stages, whether twisting or undulating will make this a most memorable rally".









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Tailpieces

UK Virus ALERT

The English are feeling the pinch in relation to recent virus threat and have therefore raised their threat level from "Miffed" to "Peeved." Soon, though, level may be raised yet again to "Irritated" or even "A Bit Cross."

The English have not been "A Bit Cross" since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies nearly ran out.

The virus has been re-categorized from "Tiresome" to "A Bloody Nuisance." The last time the British issued a "Bloody Nuisance" warning level was in 1588, when threatened by the Spanish Armada.

The Scots have raised their threat level from "Pissed Off" to "Let's Get the Bastard." They don't have any other levels. This is the reason they have been used on the front line of the British army for the last 300 years.

The French government announced yesterday that it has raised its alert level from "Run" to "Hide." The only two higher levels in France are "Collaborate" and "Surrender." The rise was precipitated by a recent fire that destroyed France's white flag factory, effectively paralyzing the country's military capability.

Italy has increased the alert level from "Shout Loudly and Excitedly" to "Elaborate Military Posturing." Two more levels remain: "Ineffective Combat Operations" and "Change Sides."

The Germans have increased their alert state from "Disdainful Arrogance" to "Dress in Uniform and Sing Marching Songs." They also have two higher levels: "Invade a Neighbour" and "Lose."

Belgians, on the other hand, are all on holiday as usual; the only threat they are worried about is NATO pulling out of Brussels.

The Spanish are all excited to see their new submarines ready to deploy. These beautifully designed subs have glass bottoms so the new Spanish navy can get a really good look at the old Spanish navy.

Australia, meanwhile, has raised its alert level from "No worries" to "She'll be alright, Mate." Two more escalation levels remain: "Crikey! I think we'll need to cancel the barbie this weekend!" and "The barbie is cancelled." So far, no situation has ever warranted use of the final escalation level.

The Russians have said "Its not us"	
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Recently I was given soon early Wayfarers from the 1960's including issue number 2, belonging from Dave Snell. I will try pick out any interesting stuff for future issues, CD.

Gavin Pink Training courses @ the paint shop

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The courses will be a one-day basecoat and clearcoat application course with no more than 4 people at a time. They will be practical based with a hands-on approach. This will allow all participants to spend their time hands on with the guidance of Gavin and his team.

The courses will be supported by Novol, Farecla, SATA and Devilbiss therefore participants will have the opportunity to use high quality products and the chance to use the best equipment. We are also going to be offering other courses, please contact us for more details.





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