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*There's always a chance to expand you literary career  
and submit some words of wisdom.*

*A page could be reserved just for YOU!*

**See you at The Flower Pot WF14 8NN  
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## **Monday Night Events**

[Watch this space.](#)

## **Hillclimb News**

### **Harewood**

The final weekend featuring MGs, Westfields & 500s. Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Sept, James Baxter in 5E ran 2<sup>nd</sup> O/A in the Gould GR55 with a 52.25 with Ftd taken by Oliver Tomlin (a regular top12 runner) in the Pilbeam MP97 on 51.16; On Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Allan Scott in the Mini Gem topped 6C with a 74.82, Ftd was JB's Gould in 51.82.

2019 – Sun 24<sup>th</sup> March Practice Day; Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> April; Sat/Sun 11/12<sup>th</sup> May (Nat); Sat/Sun 1/2<sup>nd</sup> June with Vintage on the Saturday; Sat/Sun 6/7<sup>th</sup> July (Nats); Sat/Sun 3/4<sup>th</sup> Aug; Sat/Sun 14/15<sup>th</sup> Sept.

### **Scammonden**

2019 – Sun 19<sup>th</sup> May MGCC; Sun 21<sup>st</sup> July Mid Chesh; Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Aug Pendle.

Marshals are always needed – contact Stuart Holland.

## **Huddersfield Autojumbles**

28<sup>th</sup> Oct - Commercial Rally, 25<sup>th</sup> Nov, 30<sup>th</sup> Dec - Xmas Do.

## **Blyton 2019**

All Mondays – 29<sup>th</sup> April (After Easter), 24<sup>th</sup> June, 29<sup>th</sup> July & 16<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**Long time stalwart of HMC, Colin Hayes  
sadly passed away in the early hours  
of Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at the age of 82.**

Pics from Blyton YAA Challenge.



Pics, Courtesy Jackie F.E.

Thanks once again to all those that helped – DB.

## Rally Marshals Column.

Want to help on a motor rally ?? Easy ! Anyone can become involved, and without prior training, but the MSA does provide local-ish training for those who wish to become more proficient in the sport. Motor sport will not continue without the help and support of ordinary club members throughout the country, who have the time and interest to personally assist in running motor sport in the UK. If you would like to be involved, all you have to do is drop me an email, and I will take you through it.  
tedandpat@tedandpat2.plus.com

Any further info on any of the following events can be obtained from either me, the rally web site, or the stage commander requesting the assistance. The following may not be in date order. If anyone needs any further info, please email me at **tedandpat@tedandpat2.plus.com** or ring 07778 241170.

### 2018 Listings below:

Please remember that I have taken these from various other fixture lists, and that it is possible that some dates may alter, so please check for alterations before booking time off etc.

Club events in red.

Marshals previously attended in green.

Oct

4-7/10 WRGB WRC

12-14/10 Mull Rally

20/10 Devils Own Classic. N Lances

28/10 Cheviot. Otterburn

Nov

4/11 Malton Forest

8-11/11 Rally of the Tests Classic

Dec

1/12 Grizedale.

? /12 Le Jog Classic.

Ted.

**Michael McErlain is seeking  
an HMC Metal Badge for a badge bar.**

## **When it all goes wrong!!**

I arrived at Aintree on the Friday evening and pitched my tent next to Leon Frank's motorhome in readiness for Saturdays sprint. Over a few beers and a fantastic bbq we chatted with fellow competitors John Loudon and Nigel Fox about the season's sprints and our performance so far. I didn't know at this point that 18 hours later I would have experienced the most extreme and frightening crash of my 30 years of motorsport.

The weather on Saturday was warm and dry with the prospect of some quick times in class 2A. Leon, Bill and Carol Stephenson were also on the list of 2A competitors.

Practice was uneventful with everyone posting quick times especially Leon who had the lead on me. After the first timed run was complete I was pleased with my time and position behind Leon.

Out for the next run and I queued behind Leon on the approach to the start line. I knew I had to push on as Leon is one quick driver.

The marshals lined me up to the start line and I awaited the green light. On green I dumped the clutch and I was off, up through the gearbox into third, a quick dab of the brakes to settle the car, back on the power and into Country Corner, a left hand bend, the car drifted out to right on the exit which was the norm for this. On to the straight and gradually moving back to the left of the track for Village Corner, now in fourth gear and aiming for the late apex. No dramas as I clipped the apex and the car moved over to the left. With the long straight of Valentines Way ahead of me I kept the power on full and shifted up to fifth gear, as you can build up a lot of speed on this section. I kept over to the left to prepare for entering Beeches Bend, the apex being a fair way around the bend. As I entered Beeches the shift light lit up bright red so I knew I was travelling quickly, I aim to hold the gear and throttle at this point. There is a dip in the track on the bend and I try to keep the car steady over this, once passed this and with the curve of the bend opening up, I normally shift up, bury the throttle and hunker down in the cockpit to reduce the drag on the very long Railway straight. Not today!

The next few seconds were a mixture of confusion and fear, the car was unsettled and I was fighting with the steering when the wheel came off in my hand! I hit the brakes as hard as I could to kill as much speed as possible but only had a short length of tarmac before I was on the grass and heading towards the famous Beeches brook fence. I remember hitting several bales of straw and these striking my helmet and blocking my view. The car bounced violently and I heard and felt huge impacts on the rear

side of the car with shrubbery hitting my helmet and body. The car then stopped abruptly and pivoted around and slammed the driver's side into more shrubbery. A large horizontal branch pierced through the side of driver's footwell and hit the transmission tunnel, with both my legs pinned beneath it.

Then there was an eerie silence.

I looked around trying to assimilate what had just happened.

As I was still braking during the several impacts my legs were straight, this action appears to have saved me from severe leg injuries. The force of the impact bent the drivers side impact bar but stopped the thick tree branch causing further deformation of the drivers side. This and the full rollcage limited the damage in the cockpit. As I looked around the passenger floor had been ripped apart, and the footwell well crushed inwards, the front nearside wheel was on top of the bonnet and the rear drivers wheel folded inwards towards my back.

I managed to wriggle out of the car and through the branches and laid on the ground, the marshals and medics were all around me and starting to check me over. I remember the phrase 'there's been an intrusion' being repeated and my legs and torso being examined. I was sure they were looking for puncture wounds on me. Finally my helmet was removed and a very reassuring medic asked if I knew what had just happened. Lots of questions about the date, where I was, and who is the Prime Minister were asked, I assume to check for concussion. My blood pressure was checked and I was told it was high, my response of 'No shit Sherlock' was taken in good faith and the medic explained he was looking for signs of low blood pressure which could indicate internal bleeding. Once the preliminary checks were completed I was placed on a stretcher and into the ambulance. I was in some pain down my right side, shoulder and neck. I was given oxygen and further checks undertaken. All the guys were very reassuring and took the time to explain what they were doing and what was going to happen next.

One of the guys said I'd 'dodged a bullet and should buy a lottery ticket'

Once back in the paddock I was asked to stay in the ambulance for a while but they allowed Leon to come in and check on me. Once he realised I was OK he gave me a good old matey slap on my injured right shoulder - thanks Leon!

I'm told the marshals had a difficult job recovering my impaled car from the trees and hedges but it finally arrived back in the paddock

unceremoniously dumped on the back of a recovery truck. It looked a bit battered to say the least.

With the assistance of my fellow competitors my car was winched onto my trailer and Richard Burden kindly offered to drive my car and trailer home.

Once home, the car was left on trailer parked on the drive and I went indoors.

The final advice from the medic, who said he'd told many competitors over the years after big crashes, 'don't try to replay what's happened and why it happened, just accept you've walked away without serious injuries'

My thought on the Saturday evening was "at the end of the day it's just a piece of metal and the day could have so easily ended in a tragedy."

I'll keep you updated on its rebuild



*The inspection begins.*

**Andy T.**

**Annual Prize Giving Dinner**  
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## Chris Leeming A/T

The Chris Leeming Autotest was again held at Acaster airfield in conjunction with York motor club, the venue is spacious with 4 test sites and gave way to 24 tests on a dry and sometimes sunny day. Lorraine set some class fastest times during the day despite fighting with a very heavy power steering that didnt work all day. Mark Sherburns Mk2 escort also had some mechanical issues mainly water pump but did finish, James Crosslands MX5 suffered electrical problems when the battery cables became detached and blew an 80Amp fuse which was difficult to replace, this then developed into non starting and alarm issues which were all fixed gaining him 1st rear wheel drive and 3rd overall. The black 1600cc corsa driven by father and son combo produced HMC's best result with Andrew Wood at the wheel, 1st front wheel drive and 2nd overall. well done guys.

**RD**



## Motorsport with David Bland.

Well, my motor sport Season for 2018 is now over. Now is the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, etc. Trouble is, I can't wait for next year at the moment. It feels like unfinished business for me.

I've had a fairly busy time this year, despite not having competed in any MSA regulated competition. I did all the Huddersfield Blyton days of course, including the Charity Challenge, and I also competed in 2 rounds (Rounds 5 and 8) of the Javelin Sprint Series. In fact, I might be the first member of the Huddersfield MC to compete in the Javelin Series. Well, it's nice to be first in something, but if anyone else can lay a prior claim, please let me know.

In case anyone else is curious to know what the Javelin Sprints are like, I'll give you an idea of what they were like for me .....

A couple of pics to wet your appetites,



DB 20Nov2018. Spector Wheels at Blyton Javelin Sprint



DB. 20Nov2018. Pheasant Magnet

**The full story next issue.**

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