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# Huddersfield Motor Club March 2019 Newsletter

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## Electronic Newsletter E54.

Sun is shining, Events are happening, no more excuses get out there and doing! Membership renewal now due, Renewal Form is to be found on page 9, or on the website.

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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  
Map 110: 203191 every Monday at 9.00pm.**

## **Monday Night Events**

11<sup>th</sup> Feb 'F1' Race Night 1st Joe Taylor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jack Johnson, frs John Harrison;  
11<sup>th</sup> March Scatter from Const Club, St. Paul's Rd, 7.00pm (Gavin Wright);  
April TBA; Stadium A/Ts – 13<sup>th</sup> May, 10<sup>th</sup> June, 8<sup>th</sup> July & 12<sup>th</sup> Aug; Golf Simulator  
to be investigated (T&PC);

## **Hillclimb News**

### **Harewood**

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 17<sup>th</sup> Aug  
Pendle.

Marshals are always needed – contact Stuart Holland.

## **Huddersfield Autojumbles**

20<sup>th</sup> Jan; 17<sup>th</sup> Feb; 24<sup>th</sup> March; 21<sup>st</sup> April; 29<sup>th</sup> Sept; 27<sup>th</sup> Oct with Town  
Centre Rally; 24<sup>th</sup> Nov; 29<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.

## **Blyton KPMS Nat. B Sprint.**

Our Annual Sprint, co-promoted with York MC takes place on Monday 27<sup>th</sup>  
May. Details will be on the website shortly. Marshal, are needed.

**Don't miss the Constitutional Scatter  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7-00pm.**

## **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.

### **2019 Listings will follow 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.

23/3	N W Stages.
23-24/3	York MC Classic
14/4	Ilkley Jubilee
21/4	Warcop Stages. NHMC.
27/4	Pirelli
11/5	Plains.
25-26/5	Barbados Hill
27/5	KPMS.
31-2/5	Barbados Rally
8/6	Carlisle Stages.
23/6	Red Kite.
28-9/6	Ypres.
13/7	Nicky Grist.
14/7	Caves Classic Run. NHMC.
4/8	Tyneside.
28/9	Trackrod
3-6/10	Wales Rally GB
7-11/11	Rally of the Tests.
21-25/11	Roger Albert.
7-10/12	LeJog

**Ted.**



Halifax F1 Podium – Well done chaps.

WINNING

## HOW TO WIN... A HILLCLIMB

*If you were at Prescott in 2015 when the all-time vintage record was smashed by ERA R4A, you will remember that spine-tingling feeling of watching history being made. Here, **JAMES BAXTER** explains how he did it.*

Hillclimb preparation can be divided into two main areas, principally that of getting the car ready, and equally importantly also getting the driver ready. Ultimately we are seeking to optimise everything, because every detail of the system needs to work at optimum efficiency in order to gain the small improvements which eventually add up and stretch an advantage over our class mates.

Aside from the need to pass scrutineering, an area which we will cover later, we need to ensure the brakes are good, because slowing down is just as important as speeding up. Ideally we should have little car body roll, so that the car becomes nimble. Stiffen the car suspension at the front end, leaving the rear softer so that the driven wheels are left to do their job of finding grip with near equal weight applied.

Lots of sports cars can be seen leaving Pardon with the inside wheel spinning, so we must seek to minimise that.

Tyres must be good, and it's surprising how old tyres harden with age, so put a set of tyres on your Christmas list, or birthday if sooner. The car needs to be as light as possible, which is a help to all aspects of car handling, benefiting acceleration, cornering and braking, so it gives great return for effort. And finally, last in the list, over-rated by many and expensive to improve, we need lots of power. Or do we need torque? The truth is we need a healthy amount of torque and power and of course they are interlinked.

As the old adage goes, horse-power sells cars, torque wins races. Never is that more true than in hill-climbing. I can count on one hand the number of visits I have had to a rolling road. However, brief trips round the block to test a modification are plentiful and my weighing scales get plenty of exercise.

But aside from the car, the area of biggest neglect is oneself, or the nut behind the wheel. It's worth 50% of the final result of the system, yet personal pride and previous years of driving experience persuade us that we already know how to do it. Preparation starts by visiting a venue and watching cars of similar performance. Stand on each corner and watch a whole class of cars tackle the course and often the difference in line, speed and attitude is vivid. Trials drivers could also take a lesson here and spend a day marshalling, observing the staggering differences in driver techniques.

Walk the course, even when spectating, say at lunchtime, especially on arrival if you are competing. A hill-walk is worth the same as a timed run and we are always wishing we could have one more go! Right? Talk to drivers of similar cars to yours, especially the fast ones. Then watch YouTube videos, especially in-car, of a car slightly faster than yours. Get used to seeing the scenery pass, because the more you watch, the slower it appears to get. Hill-climbing is all in the mind - like many sports, it is more psychological than we first realise.

Be ready to slide your car, because it might slide and you need to deal with it. Go and play in a gravel car park, or grassy field. Drive in circles, trying to slide on purpose then drive trying to defend against sliding. Learn what causes it, and what prevents it. Then drive in a figure-of-eight, doing the same and see how the previous corner effects the next.

*James Baxter*



Scrubbed-Up and Happy.

Richard Burden went to the Dinner, and won a Trophy.

# Huddersfield Motor Club



## Membership Application Form

Please Write in Block Capitals

### Personal Details

Full Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Membership Fees

Annual Subscription	Single	£12.00	<input type="text"/>
	Family Membership additional	£6.00	<input type="text"/>
	Joining fee (first time members)	£1.00	<input type="text"/>
	Total fees due	£	<input type="text"/>

Membership fees are renewable on January 1st annually.

A 50% reduction in annual sub. applies to NEW members joining after July 1st

### Guarantee

I understand that Huddersfield Motor Club is a Company Limited by Guarantee and agree to pay the sum of £1 should the company be placed into liquidation or receivership.  
I agree to be bound by the Memorandum and Articles of Association and Bye-laws of the club.  
I have read and agree with the HMC Privacy Policy relating to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Membership No.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Completed forms should be returned along with your remittance to  
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**Website** The HMC website is one of the best motor club sites around and continues to get better, see [www.HuddersfieldMC.co.uk](http://www.HuddersfieldMC.co.uk), If you have anything of interest, please mail it to the Webmaster via the site or see James Hargreaves.

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**Mentioned in this Newsletter?**

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If a mate has shown you this Newsletter, and you're wondering why you don't receive it – please make sure we have your up to date email.

Likewise for committee members, if you don't advise a change of email address, your Minutes can't get through.

Martin Walker has written an informative article about his building of a Strip LED Tacho/Shift light for less than £15. It's a large file, so if you'd like a copy, please contact the Acting Editor.

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