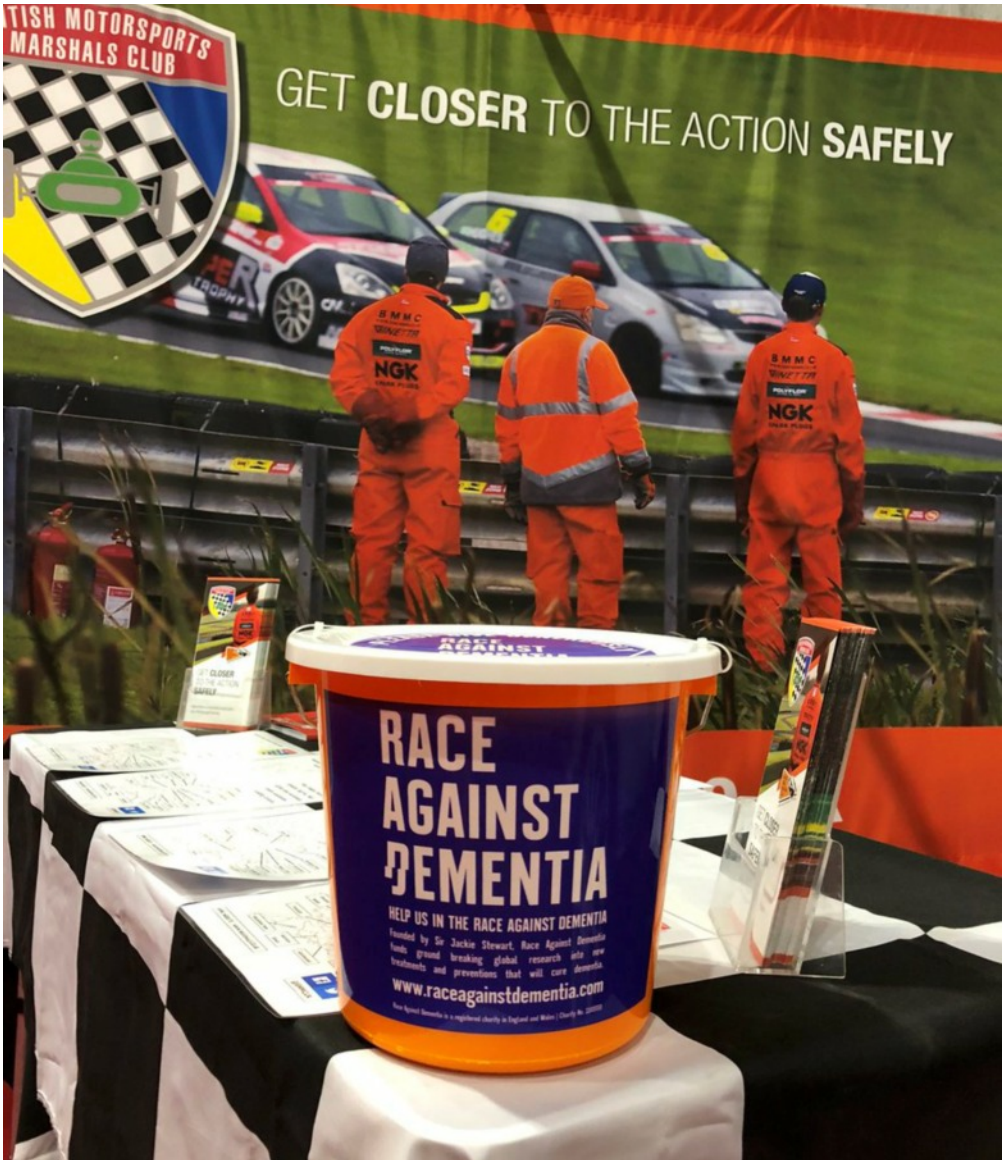


# OUTPOST

The North West Region Newsletter

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## A CHAIRMAN'S PERSPECTIVE

Now that Christmas has been and gone, perhaps it time to look forward to the 2020 racing season. There are quite a few mouth-watering events to look forward to this year including F3/GT at Easter, BTCC in June, CSCC at May Bank Holiday and not forgetting the HSCC Gold Cup in August. Along with the regular club events at the circuit, it promises to be a busy year!

Anglesey promises to be exciting as well with Time Attack, BRSCC, BARC and 750MC all taking their respective championships there.

Oh and don't forget the speed events, hill-climbs, karting, rallying, trials, auto-tests and regularity runs in the region as well. There will be something for everyone this year.

The caveat for all this is to make sure that your training and grading remains relevant to your objectives this year. Training gives you the opportunity to brush up on skills, learn new ones, make sure that the wardrobe pixies have not shrunk your overalls, buy some regalia, and to renew friendships amongst colleagues. So, please make sure that you respond to Bill Gray with your training selection at the end of February 2020 at the Fogarty Moss Centre at Oulton Park. Jon Rush and his team have generously opened the doors to us to use their excellent facility to get involved with both classroom and practical training. Remember, you have to attend a training day at least every two years to maintain your grade. So, don't get left behind! PS don't forget that the regional and national awards will be presented that weekend. Are you a winner?

The National committee have been busy behind the scenes and some of you will have seen the relaunch of the BRMC's new logo. It certainly looks more relevant now and there is a groundswell of renewed vigour amongst the rallyists. Autosport International Show seemed to be another sell out and my thanks go to all those who manned the stand, visited the stand and talked enthusiastically about our hobby.

The 2019 National AGM saw the launch of the new EAP (Employee Assist Programme) which is being made available at no additional cost to BMMC/BRMC members. This is a new concept amongst the voluntary sector even though the majority of employers offer it to staff. We are proud to offer this excellent confidential service to members as sometimes, it can get difficult out there, situations can be challenging and we don't want you to have to face it alone. Details of the plan will be sent out with your membership renewals.

The subsidy for overalls has increased (again) to £86.50, so get your orders in for the latest in orange fashion, showing all our generous sponsors.

I shall be at the training weekend on both days, as will most of the committee. We want to hear your feedback, comments, suggestions, grumbles et al so come and find us. We may not have all the answers immediately, however, we will endeavour to help where we can. This is a shared hobby, a true community and above all, a family. Let's share it together. See you at the end of February.

**Mike Broadbent**



## **BRITISH RALLY MARSHALS CLUB LAUNCH NEW LOOK TO MARK ITS' 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

The British Rally Marshals Club (BRMC) unveiled a new identity at the Autosport International Show today (9<sup>th</sup> January, 2020) as it embarks on a celebration of its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.

The new look logo has been designed by club member Kim Durose following a competition open to all members to create a design that reflected a fresh, new, innovative and modern look for the BRMC.

Joining BRMC Chair John Jones for the official unveiling today was Malcom Wilson, Managing Director of M-Sport, who helped formally reveal the new club logo.

Speaking after the launch John Jones said: "We were delighted with both the response we received from club members to the competition and the quality of entries.

"The committee particularly liked Kim's submission and with a few tweaks at the graphic design stage we're really pleased with the end result that we are launching today.

"Motorsport at every level relies heavily on the support of the volunteer marshals

so it's important we present a modern, innovative and forward-looking image to the wider public at events such as this when our key objective is recruiting new members.

"We look forward to celebrating the rest of the BRMC's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year and welcoming others to our club."

**John Jones - BRMC Chairman**



**Sunday Crew for the BMMC stand at the Autosport Show International**

**RENEW YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP**

## WILLIAM THE ST-XR CONQUEROR AND HIS PINK PIG!



In 2019, a new name appeared on the Hypedrive ST-XR Challenge roll of honour which has a lineage which goes all the way back to the 1980s. This was Will Heslop who swept all before him, especially in the latter part of the season, to take no less than 3 titles. A very impressive feat, not least because this was only his second season as a racing driver.

However, the North West-based Ford hot-hatch series wasn't the only category Heslop has been competing in over the past couple of years as he is also involved with the Porsche Classic Restoracing Championship.

This was launched in 2018 to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the original Porsche Boxster. It was contested by the marque's dealerships who were invited to field examples of this model in classic liveries. When Porsche Centre Wolverhampton decided to submit an entry for the debut season Will, who works as one of their technicians, was the natural choice to be their driver because, at that time, he had already done a number of Track Days.

For the livery, they decided to be daring and use the "Pink Pig" design from the 1971 Porsche 917/20 which had an extra wide body in an attempt to find an aerodynamic breakthrough. The factory's engineers decided to have a bit of fun with the colour scheme of the sports car that was raced at Le Mans and painted it in the format of a butcher's diagram illustrating the joints of meat on a pig - complete with labelling in German!

During the Summer of 2018, the livery returned to 24 hour Enduro at La Sarthe where it was carried by a factory-entered GTE Pro Porsche 911RSR which, to the delight of Will, won its class.





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Heslop's passion for motor sport began at the turn of the Millennium when he was living in Cyprus and was able to witness first-hand Colin McRae and Richard Burns doing their stuff as the island's biggest rally was part of the WRC in those days.

Some 18 years later, Will became a racing driver in two categories through work and family connections. In the same year that Porsche Centre, Wolverhampton invited him to drive the uniquely decaled Boxster, the fact that his father-in-law is related to Mike Heath and Justin Roberts who are leading lights in the Hyperdrive ST-XR Challenge led him to enter that series in a Class A Fiesta XR2 previously raced by Steve Clapton. In contrast to the Porsche, this car is plain white!

For 2018 Heslop undertook a "toe in the water" campaign in the Fiesta, although he still took part in 4 of the 6 meetings. Will's performances were respectable from the outset with a brace of fifth places at Oulton Park's opening Double Header and, by the end of the season, he was mixing it at the sharp end of the grid to such an extent that he twice finished in the runner-up position when the season

closed back in Cheshire.

The Tarporley track was once again the venue for the opening two races of the 2019ST-XR Challenge. Changes to the XR2's suspension over the Winter gave Heslop additional speed and meant he was a championship contender from the outset, taking his maiden win in the second round.

He followed this up with a brace of class victories at Croft where only the Fiesta ST of Mark Upton, making his only appearance of the season, finished ahead of him on the road. Steering failure prevented Heslop from completing the Class A hat-trick in this Triple Header.

There were another 3 races a month later at Anglesey. In Wales, it was Greg Speight who had the most pace although an engine problem allowed Heslop to snatch the opener by just 0.14 secs. Speight's speed allowed him to take the other two sets of spoils.

A break of almost 2 months followed before battle recommenced at Oulton Park. Heslop used the time away to make further tweaks to his car and these proved to be decisive as he was unbeaten in Class A for the rest of the season except for one race. Even in that encoun-



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ter Will had just taken the lead when the red flags came out and he dropped down to second on count back.

When his racing year came to a close, Heslop had won just about everything he could in the 2019 Hyperdrive ST-XR Challenge - the overall title, Class A and the Champion of Oulton. Had there been a trophy for the most points scored in the "away days" at Croft and Mallory Park, he would have taken that too!

He also received the "Driver of the Year" award in the Porsche Classic Restoracing Championship.

Switching between the front engined/front drive Fiesta and the mid-engined/rear drive Porsche certainly hasn't been a problem for Will, in fact he feels it has improved his driving skills. He has to be so smooth in the comparatively powerful Boxster, especially in the wet, that this lightness of touch has provided more speed when he got behind the wheel of the little XR2 in which maintaining momentum with no sudden movements at the controls is key.

The two championships are very enjoyable in Heslop's opinion even though they provide very different experiences not

least because Will's crew is made up of work colleagues in one and by family members in the other.

For 2020 Heslop is preparing a new car for the ST-XR Challenge and will also continue to race his Porsche in the Restoracing series which will be re-launched as the Boxster Cup so that it can be opened up to a wider range of drivers, including novices.

Furthermore, Will is planning to do some endurance racing in a Honda Civic. It looks as though he is going to have a very busy start to the new decade.

**Dave (Fasttoes) Williams**



## TRAINING 2020

The North West Region training weekend at Oulton Park will be held on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd February 2020.

All training information is now posted on the website and you should also have received an email outlining how to apply and for which day(s).

[NW Region 2020 Training Weekend](#)

## 2020 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### RACE MEETINGS

Feb 22	<b>BMMC NW Training</b>	<b>Oulton</b>
Feb 23	<b>BMMC NW Training</b>	<b>Oulton</b>
Mar 28	BRSCC NW - Fun Cup	Oulton
Apr 04	BARC NW	Oulton
Apr 11	MSVR - GT/F3	Oulton
Apr 13	MSVR - GT/F3	Oulton
Apr 26	Time Attack	Anglesey
May 09	BARC NW	Anglesey
May 10	BARC NW	Anglesey
May 23	CSCC	Oulton
May 23	BARC NW - Fun Cup	Anglesey
May 24	BARC NW - Fun Cup	Anglesey
May 25	CSCC	Oulton
May 30	VSCC	Oulton

### SPRINT MEETINGS

Mar 30	BARC Mids	Three Sisters
Mar 31	BARC Mids	Three Sisters
Apr 06	Longton & DMC	Anglesey
Apr 07	Longton & DMC	Anglesey
Apr 27	Liverpool MC	Aintree

### HILLCLIMB MEETINGS

Mar 28	Hagley & DLCC	Loton Park
Mar 29	Hagley & DLCC	Loton Park
Apr 11	Hagley & DLCC	Loton Park
Apr 12	Hagley & DLCC	Loton Park

### RALLYING

Feb 08	Cambrian Rally - Betws-y-Coed
Mar 14	Malcolm Wilson Rally - Grizedale
Mar 21	NW Stages - Trough of Bowland
Apr 11	Rallynuts National Tour of Epynt
Apr 18	Rallynuts Stages Rally
Apr 18	75 <sup>th</sup> Scottish Rally

### NW REGION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Jan 20 Blue Cap, Sandiway, Northwich

### NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Feb 16 Jurys Inn Milton Keynes

## REGALIA PRICE LIST

<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>
BMMC CLOTH BADGES, LAPEL BADGES & STICKERS	£2.00
UNION FLAG CLOTH BADGE c/w WEBSITE	£2.00
BMMC GRADING BADGES	£1.00
'HEROES' CLOTH BADGES, LAPEL BADGES & STICKERS	£2.00
LEATHER WELDERS GLOVES	£4.50
HI-VIS ORANGE WATERPROOF GLOVES	£4.50
WOOLLEN SKI HATS - BLACK or ORANGE	£4.50
BASEBALL CAPS - BLACK or ORANGE	£7.00
OUTBACK SUN HATS SP50	£14.00
BMMC UMBRELLAS (including postage & packaging)	£14.00
Catalogue and Order forms can be downloaded from the club website or from Eric Ridler, BMMC NRO	
For details of BMMC sponsored overalls, go to the Regalia section of the BMMC website.	

### NEXT NEWSLETTER

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### WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

The NW Committee would like to extend a warm welcome to the new members below. We sincerely wish you a happy and safe marshalling future.

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<b>Matthew Hatton</b>	<b>Newton</b>
<b>James Platt</b>	<b>Crewe</b>
<b>Kyle Jones</b>	<b>Walkden</b>
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