

OUTPOST

The North West Region Newsletter



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JOTTINGS FROM THE CHAIR

Our first committee meeting of 2021 was held on Zoom on the 19th January 2021. It was a lively meeting, with plenty of discussion on how and when and to whom to deliver training, the 2021 calendar which seems to be altering daily and how to deliver an online social event. Needless to say, we have come to some agreements and over the next few weeks, we will share this information with you all, setting out our plans for the year.

As ever though, our plans are subject to receiving guidance (and confirmation) from MSUK along with hopefully, the relaxation of some restrictions. We are still awaiting clubs to finalise their calendars for 2021 as well. The volunteering website has not been completed yet because of the ever changing dates from clubs, it's a matter of being patient for now. As soon as everything is confirmed, we will let you know so that you can get your dates in.

I have tried to remain positive throughout the last few months during the lockdown and Tier system as hopefully these restrictions now will enable motorsport to resume sooner rather than later. There will be guidelines we will have to follow to keep us all safe.

You will have seen various announcements from BMMC National and our National Chair who are continuing to work behind the scenes, making sure that our collective voices are heard, working with sponsors, MSUK, organising clubs, promoters and circuit owners for the benefit of members. We are not sleeping - just waiting!

Paul Newns and I attended Gordon Knights' funeral at the end of December 2020. Whilst only 30 people were allowed to attend inside the church, there were a number making up an informal guard of honour to the church entrance. The minister gave a moving speech to everyone stood outside in the pouring rain then moved in for the service itself. As mentioned before, as soon as they are allowed,

the family will be arranging a memorial service for Gordon so that we can all pay our respects.

Finally, please continue to look after yourselves, stay safe. Do keep in touch. We are not just a club, we are a community.

Mike Broadbent - North West Chair

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**SPEED OF SIGHT.**



The UK's only charity providing the gift of driving to blind and disabled people.

An insight into what your Chairman gets up to when not marshalling at a circuit.

I had heard about Speed of Sight as Mike Newman - founder and CEO, (like me) is a motorsport mad enthusiast - was making the local news breaking speed records. However, what I did not realise was what was the driving force behind the record breaking.

My first meeting with Mike was in a professional capacity. Mike as a business owner and me as a relationship manager for a well-known bank. We spent ten minutes talking bank business and another hour talking about motorsport and Mike's passion for his charity - Speed of Sight - and his vision for the future. The only difference between Mike and myself was that Mike is blind. So, how can a man overcome obstacles like that and hold speed records on land, on water, in the air, in a truck, and on a lawnmower?

There is one word - Passion. Mike is passionate about speed. In his words - 'To drive is a rite of passage and should be enjoyed by everyone. Unfortunately, people who are blind or have a disability don't have the opportunity

to experience the freedom, adrenaline and excitement that driving can bring.'

Speed of Sight was borne out of this passion. The desire to share his vision saw the charity evolve from his dream into reality. The charity's goal is to give everyone, of any age or ability access to exhilarating driving experiences via exclusive driving day events.

The charity is devoted to changing lives through driving experiences., Mike is living proof that just because you have a disability, it does not mean you are unable to live life to the full. There are no barriers regarding age, gender, ability, in a wheelchair or able bodied. They will get you behind the wheel of a car, to drive in a controlled environment, at a circuit.

It was not just a matter of turning up with a car on a trailer at a circuit, whizzing round and then packing up to go home. Cars have had to be purchased, modified, maintained to road standard, stored and delivered to venues UK wide. Then there are the instructors - who are all licenced (and approved) and have the necessary skills to work alongside people with challenges which limit their abilities behind the wheel of a car. There are also the volunteers who work both behind the scenes and at events. Yes, we do have marshals (where Brigitte and I come into our own). We also have greeters, admin, car cleaners, (working to Covid standards). In fact, there is a job for anyone who turns up to help.

Mike Newman is a hands-on guy - he is the one strapping drivers into the cars, whilst conducting a last -minute briefing for them (Brigitte is there as well, acting as Mikes' assistant in the pit lane). It is Mike who is in charge of coordinating the day, in contact with key people via radio communications.

Coupled to all this is John Galloway, who is the

co-founder and director of Speed of Sight. His is a larger than life character who is hands on at events, promoting the charity and motivating everyone. John talks to everyone, attending getting feedback and posting on social media throughout the day.

By close networking, negotiation, promoting and securing sponsors, Speed of Sight is scheduled to deliver events in 2021 and with more events in the pipeline at new venues, we are going to be able to make more dreams come true. However, as with any motorsport event, it relies on volunteers to make it happen.

I have found the experience of helping Speed of Sight life changing and fulfilling. It has given me the opportunity to share my skills as a marshal and my passion for motorsport. I have been enabled to give back something to a cause I believe in. I can honestly say that after spending a day at a driving event for Speed of Sight, both Brigitte and I feel that we have done something positive with our time, having fun and meeting incredible individuals. It is unbelievably humbling to witness the change to peoples lives when they sit behind the wheel of a car.

For more information about Speed of Sight, please visit <https://www.speedofsight.org/>

**Mike Broadbent**

**Photos courtesy of DAI Media and**

**Nik Broadbent**



## OYEZ! OYEZ! OYEZ! CRYER WINS CNC TITLE



Photo by John Leck

The BARC North Western Centre's CNC Heads Sports/Saloon Championship, an integral part of motorsport in this region, had a very popular winner of its 2020 title in the shape of Jamie Cryer who has been a stalwart of the series for the past decade.

Taking the crown was a very special feeling for Jamie as he believed the accolade was as much for all the family and friends who support his on-track endeavours as it was an honour for himself. His father, Kevin, competed in the championship from 2003 to 2017 and so has a wealth of knowledge to pass on to Jamie - they are a Dad & Lad Team in the truest sense of the term.

They do most of the preparations themselves on Jamie's racing car - a Ginetta G20 which runs in Class E of the CNC Heads-supported Championship - with the help of a few close friends and people they have known for years. Jamie's mum and fiancé are also heavily involved.

The overall CNC title is decided by who has scored the most points in each of the 6 individual classes. Following the Covid-induced delay to the start of the series, the action got under-way with the first of 4 Double Header meetings at Cadwell Park in July. In race 1, Cryer inherited

the Class E laurels when a plug lead came adrift on Ollie Allen's engine although Jamie believed he would have overtaken the Fiesta driver before the finish anyway. Allen then crashed at the start of round 2 following contact with another competitor.

Cryer recorded further maximum points hauls at Donington Park and Oulton before the series returned to its home track in Cheshire for the finale at the end of October where Jamie was only too well aware of how close he was to the overall title which he had missed out on by just 4 points in 2018 when he was winner of Class E.

Conditions were very wet for qualifying so Cryer decided to take a cautious approach and look after his car which, like its driver, is not at its happiest in the rain. The weather hadn't improved much when race 1 got underway and, during the course of this particular contest, there was a twist to the story of the championship when Cryer spun at Cascades!

"(The spin) definitely added some pressure," recalls Cryer. However, more than anything, he felt frustration as he had been going so well in terrible conditions. Furthermore, Jamie was sorry that his run of 2020 Class E wins had come to an end but at least his worst score could be



Photo by Marvin Hall

Oulton Park - March 13 - mnpic



Photo by Graham Saul

dropped. He says, "So, it was a case of being relieved to escape without damage and knowing exactly what I needed to do in the last race."

At the best of times, Cryer is a bundle of nervous energy before going out on to the race-track therefore, prior to the deciding round of the Championship, his anxiety levels were ramped up to the maximum.

There were no dramas in his final outing of the year however as, having been in the thick of a midfield battle, Jamie finished second in Class E - just behind Ben Griffiths' Honda Civic - which was all he needed to take the title. Cryer says, "Emotions were definitely running high when I crossed the line and knew I'd done enough. It would never have been possible without the support of so many people. It might not be F1 but it's just as special to us."

Kevin, Cryer's Dad, was a fan of motor-sport long before Jamie was born thus he began taking his son to Oulton Park when he was very young and, even in those days at the start of the 1990s, they used to look forward to meetings featuring the

BARC North Western Centre's Sports/Saloon Championship. At that time, it was sponsored by Lynton Trailers. The family's affinity with the series runs very deep.

Indeed, Jamie still has all the Oulton Park programmes he collected during his childhood. His love of motorsport stretches beyond the club scene and embraces the WRC, MotoGP, Formula 1 - anything with wheels and an engine!

Once Cryer had completed university and got a job, he could afford to take up motor racing himself. It was inevitable that the category he selected to compete in was BARC(NW)'s Sports/Saloons. He began in 2010 with a Fiesta. Once he had learnt the ropes, he took the Ford to the Class F title in 2012. Having achieved that goal, he switched to a turbocharged Toyota MR2 but he never "got on" with that car and so the Ginetta was purchased.

The car was built in 2007 and, it is believed, was raced in the Ginetta G20 Challenge for one season before being hillclimbed by the previous owner. Jamie ran the car in standard specification for a few seasons before gradually developing it with a larger 2-litre engine, suspension tweaks and aerodynamic additions to the bodywork. Cryer takes great satisfaction from having made the car faster



Photo by Jamie Cryer



Photo by Danny Whalton

every year he has had it and the modifications for 2021 are already well underway- they could make it the fastest G20 in the UK!

The fitness level of the driver has also been optimised because away from the circuit, Jamie enjoys cross-country running and mountain biking - he loves to be outdoors!

Jamie and his Dad liked the Ginetta so much that in 2014 they obtained a second example for Kevin to compete in - he had been racing a Caterham in Sports/Saloons' Class B since 2003. With both Team Cryer drivers in the same model of car, it meant they were Class E rivals and often found themselves battling wheel to wheel on the track.

Kevin hung up his helmet at the end of 2017 leaving Jamie with marvellous memories of dicing with his Dad. The second Ginetta they bought has been kept as a spare chassis/parts donor.

The love the Cryer family have for the CNC Sports/Saloon Championship is clear for all to see and they have developed many long-term friendships amongst their fellow competitors. The respect is mutual as, to his complete surprise, Jamie was chosen as Driver of the Year

in 2016 (which he describes as an amazing honour) and Team Cryer took the "Spirit of the Championship" accolade two years later.

Over the years Jamie has also got to know many of the people who regularly attend Oulton Park and Anglesey be they marshals, spectators, commentators or photographers. One of the most enjoyable things about clinching the championship at Oulton was waving to all his supporters on his slowing down lap.

Like all those who race in the CNC Heads Championship, Cryer is very keen to express his gratitude for the dedication of those in orange which allows him to race. He hopes they enjoy the show the series puts on.

He certainly plans to be part of the entertainment for sometime as the Sports/Saloon paddock is like his extended family and he is sure that competing in any other category would not be as enjoyable.

**Dave Williams**

**Photos courtesy of various friends.**



Receiving the Spirit of the Championship from David Wheadon  
- Photo Peter Scherer

## NORTH WEST REGION COMMITTEE

Your North West Regional Committee met via Zoom on 19th January at 19:30.

In attendance were:

Mike Broadbent; Paul Newns; Jan Williams; Rob Murgurian; Andrew Pratt-Fryer; Ian Briggs; Duncan Fitzgibbons; John Edwards; Mike Thomason; Bill Grey; Sam Collinson; and Dave Smithson

Apologies were received from:

Eric Ridler and Mark Noble

Reports were received from:

Mike Broadbent (Chair) and Duncan Fitzgibbons (Recruitment Officer)

These were accepted by Committee.

Additional topics discussed were:

- A possible virtual social event
- Our respected colleague, Gordon Knight.
- Training - options for 2021
- Volunteering
- Rallying

The meeting ended at 21:15.

The next meeting will be held by Zoom on 23rd February.

If there are any issues you wish to have raised please contact a Committee member. Unless we are aware of a problem we can't do anything about it. Social media is not an appropriate forum to raise issues and will not see them resolved.

Details of all Committee members can be found on our website:

<https://www.marshals.co.uk/northwest/committee/> and also on the last page of this Outpost.

## 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                          | £14.50       |
| BMMC UMBRELLAS                                 | £10.00       |
| BMMC SNOOD (Orange or Black)                   | £3.50        |
| BMMC FACE MASKS (Orange or Black)              | £6.15        |

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.

For all other enquiries contact the Regional Regalia Officer, or:  
The National Regalia Officer - Eric Ridler

## NEXT NEWSLETTER

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## 2021 FORTHCOMING EVENTS?

Due to the ever changing list of events on the calendar for 2021 it has not been possible to compile an accurate list.

However dates are now beginning to be uploaded to the website but they are subject to change due to the current situation.

Please consult the BMMC volunteering database for a list of available events.

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