



# THE VIRTUAL SPORTS-CAR CLUB

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### *From the Library:*

Bulletins for 1961 No. 70 to No. 73 are now uploaded in the [Bulletin section](#).

Articles include:- How Not to Buy a Vintage Car,  
How to compete without actually winning

## **It's nearly Friday night and the VSCC Quiz night**

Hosted this week by

**Tania Brown**

Supporting this year's  
Charity



Friday night is Quiz Night!

Either join on Facebook Live at  
8pm via our Facebook page or  
the Zoom meeting link below:

[Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 821 2183 8680  
Passcode: 287211

Join us for a  
evening of  
VSCC facts,  
people and  
entertainment





# Club news

## A CAUTIOUS AWAKENING

August has already seen positive steps in the shape of the Prescott Track Day; a triumph which saw adversity spawn a new innovation which is already making its case for a claim on the VSCC calendar 2021 and beyond.

Of course, the non-competitive track day was forced by the constraints of lockdown but the benefits are already being felt. The relaxed, non-competitive ambiance was more than enough to draw first-timers out onto the hill, as well as proving a more than adequate testing ground for lockdown fettling projects; the consensus was that a social, non-competitive track day should certainly be something to be discussed as the ideal opportunity to bring on younger and more inexperienced members in future.

The 75 entrants received around 9 runs each with James Baxter on hand to offer advice to those who wanted it, I think a comment he made sums the day up:

*There was a slack handful of die-hard Sports car hill climb drivers, raving about the opportunity of 10 runs in one day, to try new things. All were smiling. Then approx half the entrants were spectators who had jumped over the fence and were fulfilling their fantasy of driving the hill, with absolutely NO pressure and few watching and gazing. They all had big silly smiles as well. Then the rest were members with a slightly wrong car, or classic car, or a new to them car, or anything they could find to have a nice day out. Yes, they were smiling too.*



# Club news

## Mallory Park Race Meeting - 23 August

Late August will see the Club's racing calendar resume at Mallory and we will be enjoying the particularly exciting spectacle of no less than three generations of the same family on the grid.

The Cawley family will make history as Dougal, Andy and Wilf take to the track *en famille*. In a remarkable gesture of generosity and placing a very real stake in the future of vintage racing at the very difficult time, the family business, Longstone Tyres, sponsors of VSCC, invite any under-30 year old VSCC member (with the relevant competition license) to enter this fantastic event and Longstone will pay for an additional race of their choice.

In an extract from a Q&A we had with Dougal he offered these pearls of wisdom (of course, he is right!):

*If we don't let the younger generation thrash our cars, and learn what they are about, they will end up a sad memory and a pointless investment in an underground garage somewhere.*

*People only know they want to drive a vintage car after they have done it.*

*The VSCC I would suggest has been one of the biggest contributors to the movement of pre war cars, offering us a forum and playground to enjoy our hobby. How many vintage cars would still be drivable without the VSCC?*

*The VSCC also offers some of the cheapest racing available. This should be celebrated. You can't afford not to come racing with the VSCC.*



Back racing at Mallory Park - 23rd August 2020  
Visit the [website](#) for more information



## Club news

### Cheshire Rally - 24 October

We hope you have enjoyed the Table Top Rallies and are ready to put all you have learnt into practice!

This year's Cheshire Rally follows a similar format as the 2018 Bowland Rally. It is a different event that should appeal to a wide range of abilities. The aim is to provide a less intense, more relaxed, day out for all (but the experts) with straight forward instructions and time to socialise.

There will be several options as follows:-

**The Trophy Class** - Is open to any fully paid-up VSCC member in an eligible car that has a 'Buff-Form'. This class is aimed at experienced rally crews who want a 'full-on' rally. The winner of the 'Northern Jug' can only come from this class. Instructions will be as explained in 'Finding Your Way'. Entrants in the Trophy Class will get 15 minutes plotting time.

**The Clubman Class** - Is open to any fully paid-up VSCC member in any pre-war car (Buff-Form not necessary). This class involves straight-forward map reading and is aimed at those with some rally experience. Instructions will ONLY take the form of grid references, tulip diagrams and map features (as found on the key). There will be 30 minutes plotting time for entrants in the Clubman Class.

**The Champagne Class** - Is open to any fully paid-up VSCC member in any pre-war car (Buff-Form not necessary). This class is ideal for newcomers, beginners and those who want an enjoyable drive in beautiful countryside. Instructions will be in the form of a straight forward Road Book containing clear TL, TR instructions, tulip diagrams and a marked up map. Hints will be given with timing. Champagne entrants will get 45 minutes to familiarise themselves with their instructions. We can (virtually) guarantee you will not get lost!

*Classes 2 and 3 are ideal for both those who are new to rallying and also for those who have tried rallying before but are anxious about moving into the competitive Trophy class.*





## Club news

### Curborough Staffs CYP Charity Sprint - Monday 31st August

*Club member David Leigh writes:*

Following the success of the Oakamoor Hill Climb Revival and ever hopeful that the current easing of the Covid-19 lockdown will continue, we are pressing on with preparations for a charity demonstration sprint at Curborough Sprint Course near Lichfield. Entries are now open, follow this link: <https://scypsprint.mfestreg.com/signin>

The event is scheduled to take place on Monday, 31st August 2020, for up to 120 cars and motorcycles (eligibility 1900 to 1980). As a demonstration event, runs will not be timed, but will nonetheless provide a great opportunity to have some fun on the figure-of-eight course.

So please save the date and like our [Facebook page](#).



All proceeds go to Staffordshire Clubs for Young People: [www.staffscyp.org.uk](http://www.staffscyp.org.uk)

Sadly due to Covid-19, it is highly probable that this year's event will have to be closed to the public but we are looking at ways of transmitting live action throughout the day and event highlights.

### Table top rallies

Last week's rally with the Birstwith Maze gave some challenges, so well done if you got it right. The correct route and answers are available now, along with some notes on the maze solution and interpretations of staggered junctions.

This week we have a new Clerk of the Course (but old rally hand) Peter Booth. Rally 13 is centred on Churchinford in Somerset and has some innovative instructions, making the most of the area, but we don't think it is too difficult or controversial. Give it a go and remember to send any feedback to [Annabel@vscc.co.uk](mailto:Annabel@vscc.co.uk).



Find the rally [here](#)

## You Tube Finds



[Brooklands](#)



[A Tour of Switzerland](#)



[Brooklands again](#)

### A message from the Radnorshire Arms Hotel

We would like to ask if any of your members would have any copies of old photographs which we could frame, of hill climbing or other memorabilia relevant to either Presteigne or your club they would be willing to loan to preserve the club and hotel history.

We have a close family friend who is the granddaughter of Harry Spence from Yorkshire who was a life member of the club, they have kindly offered a winners cup won during a trial at Presteigne for display in the Lockable cabinet in our main reception, we would like to utilise this and remaining wall space for anything in connection with the Club.

We would also like to take this opportunity in offering a warm welcome to Club members by means of a direct booking discount of 10% should they ever need to stay at the hotel (01544 267536). We are hoping to open in 2 to 3 weeks.

Yours sincerely  
Lee Rivers



## Club Heroes - Mark Garfitt

Is there someone you think should be featured on the Club website as a Club hero - past or present? Please do let us know by emailing [tania.brown@vscc.co.uk](mailto:tania.brown@vscc.co.uk).



Another hero we would like to talk about is Mark Garfitt.

Mark joined the VSCC on 7th July 1971 and since then has become a Club stalwart. Mark is most well known within the club for his outstanding organisation of the Herefordshire Trial which he has been running and organising for over 6 years.

He runs the famous New Year's Day Meeting and numerous pub meets throughout the year. Mark was awarded Honorary membership in February 2018 for all his hard work.

He is very often out at events being a scrutineer, Clerk of the Course, or a marshal and also regularly competes. For his marshalling, organising and general commitment to all the Club holds dear, we are ever so grateful.



*If there is anything you would like to see included in the newsletter, please send it to the Club Secretary ([tania.brown@vscc.co.uk](mailto:tania.brown@vscc.co.uk))*





# VSCC MERCHANDISE

## *Unique to the Club*



## GREETINGS

*A fabulous set of six unique quality greeting cards designed for the club by Anna-Louise Felstead.*

*Blank so you can use for any occasion*

## BADGES

*VSCC Traditional Logo badge designed to be ironed or sewn on to any item of clothing.*

*Flameproof Speed and Formula Vintage Badge conforms with the ISO 15025 Includes sewing kit with Nomex thread for fixing to race overalls*



## REUSABLE

*Choose from a VSCC Thermo mug to keep refilled with Tea or Coffee - great for late nights in the garage.*

*Or a metal a drinking bottle with an extra attachment to secure to your backpack - Both designed for the VSCC*



From the STD Register :  
1000HP Fund

Those of you who take *The Automobile* may have already read the article about the fundraising efforts being made. Please see the fundraising appeal below.

Objective.

To help raise funds in order that the restoration of the engines from the 1000HP Sunbeam land speed record breaking car can be completed so that the car can run under its own power.

The fund will raise money for a specific item and once that target has been achieved a decision will be made on whether or not the fund continues. If it continues a new item will be nominated and the fund will try and achieve that target and so on.

Target number 1.

Raise £6000 to enable the National Motor Museum to have the dismantling of engine number 2 and the reconstruction of engine number 1 filmed so that there is a documented record of how these engines are assembled. The target date for handing over the money to the NMM will be June 22nd 2021 at the STD National event.

Background.

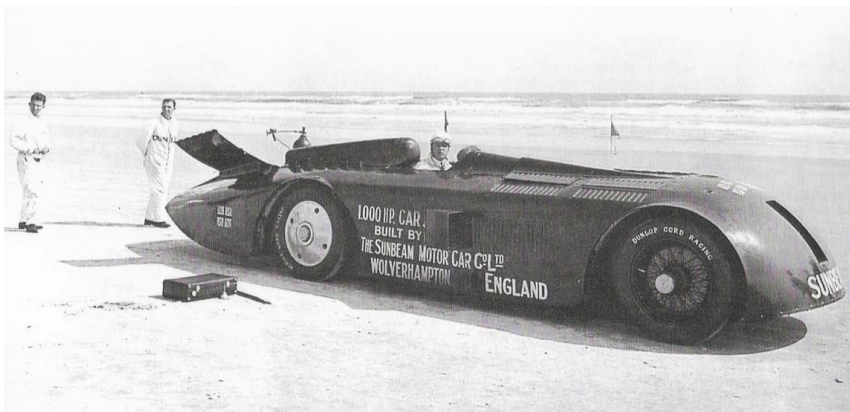
The car was the first car to exceed 200mph when Sir Henry Segrave broke the land speed record at Daytona Beach in Florida on March 26th 1927 achieving an average speed of 203.792 mph. The car has two Sunbeam 22.5 litre V12 Sunbeam Matabele aero engines rated at 450HP at 2000rpm. The engines were positioned in line, with the driver sitting between the two. The engines are referred to as the rear and front engines.

The National Motor Museum have had the car in their collection since 1958 and endeavour to ensure all of the engines in their care are turned over and kept in the best possible condition. Part of this process is to survey the mechanical well-being of vehicles they know are not capable of running. The 1000HP Sunbeam is one such vehicle.

In 2016 Doug Hill the Museum's Chief Engineer embarked on a project to restore these two engines with the aim of getting the car to move under its own power once again, which can be achieved with just one of the engines working.

The STD Register already has a history of assisting the NMM with the sourcing of spare parts for the restoration of the 350HP Sunbeam and by holding an event at Beaulieu to raise funds to help towards the cars restoration costs. As THE club for pre war Sunbeams it is very much in the Register's interests to see this wonderful car driven again under its own power.

Therefore I would ask that STD members and others rise to this challenge and make a donation to the STD 1000HP fund.



Donations can be made by cheque or bank transfer:

Please send your cheques made payable to the STD Register  
to: Dudley Smith, The Ridge, 15E Copse Hill,  
Wimbledon, London, SW20 0NB marked  
1000HP fund.

By bank Transfer: STD Register.  
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