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THE VIRTUAL SPORTS-CAR CLUB

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THE SUMMER THAT ALMOST NEVER WAS

Of course, Covid-19 has wreaked havoc on every aspect of our lives and the VSCC's priority throughout 2020 has been, and remains, the safety of our members and the public. Sadly, this has of course meant the cancellation of most of our events calendar and social events but August saw the salvation of both Prescott as a track day and Mallory Park as the year's only race meeting - albeit with some rather odd changes to our usual way of doing things. As we move into Autumn we look back at our somewhat curtailed summer season and forward to the rest of the year's events.



The grids were full as we convened at Mallory for the VSCC race meeting of 2020. Andrew Tarring looks back at a red letter day for the Club.

Organising a race meeting in the current situation creates a lot of challenges, but the Marshals, Competitors and Office staff came up trumps with a race meeting at Mallory Park.

With all races full and most with reserves competitors were obviously itching to get out on the track. On Saturday afternoon there was quite a queue of motorhomes and trailers to get into the paddock ahead of the racing action on Sunday.

Sunday dawned bright and dry, Marshals and Competitors had had to sign-on electronically beforehand and the only point of contact was for competitors to pick up their transponders so that the time-keepers could monitor the lap times. Practice was used for the scratch races and timings to apply grid positions and the handicappers did their magic for the handicap races.



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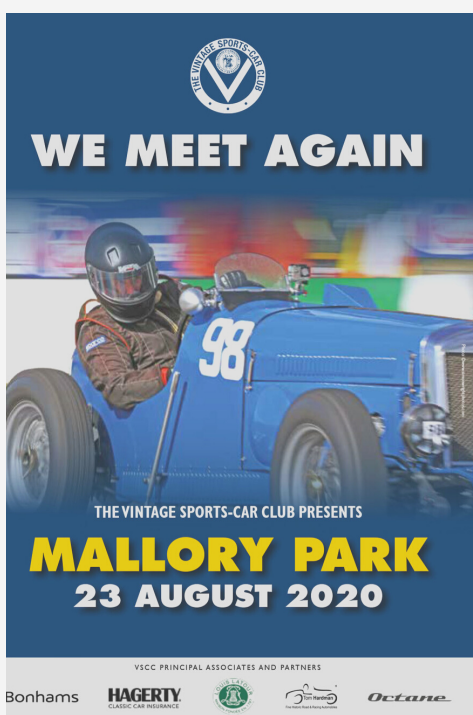
Highlights

The weather stayed dry until part way through the John Holland and Pre-61 racing car race and boy did it rain.

Sandford Andrews made the best of the conditions in Stuart Harper's 1926 Morgan Aero starting from ninth on the grid. With great skill and a fair dollop of courage he worked his way up the field passing round the outside of cars on the sweeping Gerrards bend, to finish an excellent second, beating the Kurtis Indy car and two ERAs; needless to say he was grinning from ear to ear in the paddock as he received the plaudits from fellow competitors.

The Frazer Nash race had a full grid with cars from 1921 to 1937. Justin Maeers had the hood up on his 1921 GN in the paddock and could have done with it during the race as once again it rained. Eddie Williams led until lap eight of the ten lap race when the slow-starting Patrick Blakeney-Edwards worked his way through the field to win in his 1930 Frazer Nash Supersports. Race 8 was the Allcomers handicap with the top four cars finishing within 1 ¼ seconds with James Edwards being victorious in his 1930 Super Aero Morgan, a result to please the hardworking team of handicappers.

A good day's racing; spectators, Marshals and Competitors were delighted.



Covid-19 restrictions meant that we could not produce our usual printed programme, rather a [downloadable version](#) made available for free before the day for printing at home or accessing from smartphone or tablet.

[For Provisional Results Click Here](#)

The Virtual Sports-Car Club

Quizzes

The Virtual Sports-Car Club has been a companion to many members during lockdown and a large part of this has been our Friday night quizzes on Facebook and Zoom.

A huge thanks to all of our hosts over recent weeks for their endeavours to keep the grey matter ticking over.

With restrictions easing (and with our willing hosts not having quite so much spare time on their hands!) we have decided to hold quizzes monthly rather than weekly moving forward.

Currently, the most popular suggestion for this seems to be the second Wednesday of every month but all opinions in the pot please!

And if you would like to host a quiz yourself please get in touch with TOPO!

Table-Top Rally

“This week we return to Yorkshire for a rally on the moors with experienced Clerk of the Course Sue Swales and her deputy, Jonathan. They frequently rally with the HRCR, who rarely pass up the opportunity to go the long way round!”

Go To [Table-Top Rallies](#) for the latest challenge

From Table-Top To Hillside

An Update On The Autumn/Winter Season From Andrew Tarring

With Covid 19 having put a huge hole in what would have been a busy year for the VSCC the competition department is working hard with local organisers and venues to put on events later this year.

The Long Course Prescott meeting on the 26th September will be taking place and will be a competitive event, details of entries to be released next week. The Bugatti Owners Club are in discussions with Tewkesbury Borough Council as to whether spectators might be allowed.

Castle Combe Autumn Classic on the 4th October will have two VSCC grids as well as a Frazer Nash Car Club grid, with entries opening shortly.

The Cheshire (Autumn) Rally on 24th October will be in Cheshire, Clerk of the Course Martin Jelley has been working hard to put in a Rally of approximately 80 miles.

To comply with the current Covid 19 guidance from MSUK both the Lakeland (14th November) and Cotswold (21st November) teams are working up plans to if at all possible put on these events, however they will be different from the usual VSCC trials.

The Winter Driving tests will be at Bicester on 5th December, at the moment we do not know if we will be able to allow spectators.

Further details will be forthcoming; keep an eye out on the website, Newsletters and weekly news sheets

Club News

We will be attending the Bicester Heritage Classic Car Drive-In Weekend (see next page) on September 18-20 and the theme is GNs; if you would like to bring yours along contact tania.brown@vscc.co.uk or liz.fox@vscc.co.uk We look forward to seeing you there!



This Week's Interesting Links:-

- Thanks to Colin Murrell for posting such superb photos of Mallory from the MG camp - click [here](#);
- For everyone that missed the Edwardians at this year's Mallory click [here](#) for a short clip of the Edwardian race 2015;
- If you are disappointed not to be attending the Welsh Rally this year click [here](#);
- Also - [1923 200 Mile Light Car Race](#);
- [Billy Cotton Testing His MG K3 At Brooklands](#); and
- [The 1933 Reliability Trial](#).

Enjoy!



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Drive In Movie Screening:
Adult £10 / Child £7.50

Drive In Movie and Exhibition:
Adult £25 / Child £15

We'll be sharing details of a special offer for all full club members in the coming days,
so keep an eye out across our social platforms.