

The Sixty Minutes

The news sheet of the
Sixty & Worcestershire Motor Club Ltd.

February 2026 Edition

7th. February 2026 Awards Night

To be held at The Sergeants Mess

First events for 2026

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Autosolo/PCA 14th. March

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2025 AWARDS NIGHT

SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2026

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Chairman's Chat

I can't quite believe January is almost done,
At the beginning of the year, I managed to get up to Much Marcle for the VSCC gathering, a good turn out with some fantastic machinery, and no rain!
Bulth Wells show ground stages, first rally of the year, has happened, unfortunately I didn't manage to get out and marshal, but, I believe club members were out and about,

2026 F1, I know it's not everyone's cup of tea, new regulations, new cars, some of the teams have now released their cars, I think we are in for a few surprises this year

WRC, as i type Monte Carlo is coming to a conclusion, a new pairing of Oliver Solberg and Elliot Edmonton, are looking at the first win this year

As February is just round the corner we have our awards evening fast approaching, held again this year at the Sargents Mess, please check website for more details, hope to see you all there

Kind regards

Will Tindal

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Marshal Mutterings

January has come and nearly gone. WRC has started with Monte Carlo. The club has got event dates sorted out for the year, Pete and team are sorting the first Auto Solo and PCA at Defford on Saturday March 14th. Pete's Classic Tour is coming on well with most venues sorted. He still needs help so get in touch with him if you can help. Phil Price Rally School Woodpecker Rally is slow going at the moment, but we are getting it sorted. IF you can help please contact Jason Bull, Chief Marshal. After many years on the team Jeremy is standing down, we thank him for all the hard work he has put into the event over the years. I have been asked by the VSCC to gather names for radio operators for the

forthcoming Herefordshire Trial on the 21st/22nd March. It is a bit different but they are a great bunch of people.

7th/8th Feb Club South Hams MC Event Primrose Road Rally Venue Devon

Contact TBA

14th/15th Feb Club Bath MC Event Bath Festival Targa Venue Castle Combe

Contact TBA

21st/22nd February Club Beverley & District MC Event EAST Riding Stages

Venue East Riding Contact TBA

1st March Club Garstang & Preston MC / Pendle & District MC Event Lee Holland Memorial

Venue Anglesey Circuit Contact TBA

7th March Club Knutsford & District MC Event Tour of Cheshire Venue Cheshire Contact TBA

7th/8th March Club Lampeter & District MC Event Rali Bro Caron Venue West Wales Contact

14th March Club 60& Worcestershire MC Event Kick Off The Year AutoSolo/PCA

Venue Defford Contact Pete Wood

21st/22nd March Club Harlech & District MC Event Rali Lyn Venue Harlech

Contact TBA

22nd March Club Owen Motoring Club event Agbo Stages Venue Weston Park

Telford Contact TBA

22nd March Club Port Talbot MC Event Kath Curzon Memorial Rally Venue

Pembrey Racing Circuit Contact TBA

28th March Club Wolverhampton & South Staffs Car Club Event Rally North

Wales Venue Welshpool Contact TBA

Stay Safe All Alan Corns Chief Marshal 07778599111

A very important date
Coming very soon
19th. March
Our clubs
Annual General Meeting
To be held at
Whittington Community Hall
Come along and help
With the future of our club
Or just enjoy
A chat with like
Mined friends

Brecon Motor Club Car Show 24th January

It was a miserable wet morning, typical rallying weather. So Pauline and I set off to see the Brecon Motor Club Car Show featuring the “Tour of Epynt”. As I did the very first event in 1965 and have rallied over the Artillery Ranges many times I was quite looking forward to it.

It was held in the Market Hall in the centre of Brecon where there were about 20 cars lined up, although not all rally cars. There were some very famous cars on show such as Roger Moran’s hill climb Skoda, and the Juha Kankkunen/Nicky Grist WRC Toyota Celica.

There were also a lot of well known faces from the world of rallying such as Nigel Hughes, Bill Pardoe, Roger Moran, Les Forsbrook, Martin Leonard, and Paul Lawrence, to name just a few.

I was a little disappointed to find that they had not put on much of a show about Epynt except for some cars that had competed there, but I did buy a book about the Roger Albert Clark Rally. An interesting few hours talking to people, some of whom I had not seen for many years.

Dood



Some of the cars on show at Brecon Motor Club’s exhibition

Kicking off the year

With an

Autosolo/P C A

To be run on

14th. March

At our usual place

Defford

contact

Pete Wood

To help

Or to enter

Measham Rally 17/18th January 2026

The VSCC Measham Rally is said to be the 3rd most difficult rally in the world and I cannot disagree with that. This year was my 31st attempt at it, having come 2nd overall seven times previously. I was entered with my son Matt in my Cooper “S” and we were hoping to get further than we did last year (we retired!).

The event started from Mountsorrel a few miles south east of Loughborough and attracted 36 starters. It is organised by the Vintage Sports Car Club and is primarily for pre-war cars, but there is a class for pre 1967 cars. There were some superb cars taking part such as a BMW Frazer Nash 328, Alvis 12/50, Vauxhall 30-98, and Aston Martin. Amongst the invited Classic cars were several Volvo PV544s, a Lancia Fulvia and a Lotus Cortina as well as two Minis.

We knew we would struggle to do well as the navigators of the first two cars on Le Jog were taking part. It had rained heavily in that part of the world and we were issued with an amendment even before we left the start, due to a flooded road.

The route was given out as all map references, 30 in the first half and 29 in the second half. However we were only allowed 15 mins plotting time. I managed to get about 75% down before we had to leave each time. The first half route went eastwards from the start with 6 changes of map on three maps, so there were pieces of paper flying about all over the place. The event is total regularity with secret controls and different average speeds between each time control, and route boards to prove you have been the right way.

We were going well until about halfway through the first half having dropped just 4 mins when we had to use a very rough and rutted white road. We caught the exhaust and pulled it off the manifold. It took us 15 mins to jack the car up and re-fit it lying under a very muddy car! The other Mini became beached and had to be towed out. It was a bit like the Safari.

We managed to pull back 3 mins before the next control and then cleaned the rest of the first half, putting us in 10th place overall.

The second half was longer but slightly easier, with only two changes of map, however we banged the exhaust again and pulled it off for a second time losing another 15 mins. We pressed on determined to finish this time. When the results were announced we were 10th overall which considering our problems was not too bad.

If you like a challenge then this is it.

Results

1 st	Alex Bevan/Kelvin Phipps	Volvo Amazon	7 mins
2 nd	Paul Heaney/Sandra Heaney	Lancia Fulvia	15 mins
3 rd	Paul Dyas/Martyn Taylor	Lotus Cortina	15 mins
4 th	Nigel Woof/Sally Woof	Volvo PV544	16 mins
5 th	Martin Payton/Andrew Duerden	Volvo PV544	19 mins
6 th	Alan Pettit/Mike Cochrane	Volvo Amazon	21 mins
7 th	Andrew Isherwood/Dave Middleditch	Frazer Nash	27 mins
8 th	Gareth Frank/Iain Tullie	Lea Francis	39 mins
9 th	John Potter/Henry Carr	Alvis 12/50	43 mins
10 th	Matt Pearce/Dood Pearce	Cooper “S”	52 mins

36 starters , 22 finishers

Dood



The Mini (left) lined up at the start

Club Accreditation

In December, the motor club were delighted to receive Sustainability Accreditation from

Motorsport UK.

This achievement was key to ensuring the club could continue to operate events under governing body permit and required a clear commitment to minimising the footprint our activities have upon the environment.

We'll be sharing more on our plans as the year progresses and there's also a new award to recognise the best contribution from a club member.

Glyn Thomas

Cliff Wright

I am sad to report that Club Vice-President Cliff Wright has died at his home in France. Cliff was an avid supporter and follower of motorsport and his knowledge of the sport was exceptional.

He was Chairman of the club in 1975-76 and a Vice President for 50 years. I navigated for him on several events, the most notable being the Exeter Trial in 1985. He had entered in a VW Beetle, but the engine expired the week before. Not to be beaten he went out and bought another one for £25 (not the engine, the whole car). I was a bit apprehensive as we set out for the start in an unprepared car. Neither of us had done this National event before and didn't really know what to expect. We failed to get off the line on the first hill and it soon became obvious that this was more difficult than we thought. Things got better, and although we didn't win any awards we did get a finishers certificate. By the time we arrived back in Worcester we had covered 500 miles.

I did the Ross Traders Rally with him in a Mk I Cortina and also a club 12 car rally where we came 2nd overall. We both entered a PCT in his VW Beetle and he was most annoyed when I beat him. I was part of his team in a club quiz where his exceptional knowledge gained us victory.

He introduced me to the world of Vintage Rallying and arranged several drives for me. Something I have continued to do ever since. He did a lot of marshalling with his wife Hazel and won the VSCC Marshal's Trophy. He was a larger than life character and we will miss him.



Cliff Wright Climbing "Slippery Sam" on the 1985 Exeter Trial

RAC 2025

RAC 2025 was my 7th start and after two consecutive DNFs, I was keen to make it to the finish line.

Although I had other offers on the table, I was delighted to be invited to team up with Ken Sturdy in his Escort BD. We would be part of a 5 car team run by the Yorkshire based CarrPrepp concern which would include leading BHRC competitor Dan Mennell and 3 times British Champion Matt Edwards.

Roger Albert Clark Rally 2025

This year, the 5 day event would start in Carmarthen. After the traditional ceremonial start, we awoke to snow covered roads on the opening day. Grip was variable to say the least and a mid stage spin on the first test set the tone for the day. Despite this, we managed to stay on the road and enjoyed a couple of blasts around the Pembrey racetrack.

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Saturday re-start wasn't until lunchtime and would see our first experience of Kielder. Snow and fog would feature and the conditions got the better of a number of Mini Challenge competitors who were being allowed to join the front of the field for the day. Unfortunately, this caused chaos on the compact route and the day was cut short.

Sunday was a long day in the Scottish Borders. Ken and I experienced these stages on the 2024 Anglo Caledonian, so felt a bit more at home. We made good progress, but had to endure fairly rough conditions on second runs through stages.

Monday brought a return to Kielder and the final 'Bigger One' stage offering almost 40 miles of action. After a solid start, we noticed a knocking from the rear nearside. With one more stage before service, we discovered that the damper had punched clean through the turret. Amazingly, this did not seem to cost us much time and we were soon in the hands of the team who performed a strong repair before the final stage.

The final 'Bigger One' stage was one of the best experiences of my 30 plus years career. Ken and I simply did what we needed to do and the notes flowed really well throughout. There was a lot of emotion at the finish line and even more at the final control in Carlisle.

All in all, the 2025 edition delivered and now we look forward to more rally action in 2026. Many thanks to CarrPrepp for providing an amazing team and to Ken for the opportunity.

Glyn Thomas







2026 CLUB EVENTS PROVISIONAL CALENDAR

Event	Date	Venue	External Championships	Organiser
Awards Night	7 th February	The Sergeant's Mess, Norton		Jackie Harris/ Jeremy Hancock
Navex	20 th February	The Camp House Inn, Grimley		Adam Stallard
Kickin off the Year AutoSOLO/PCA	14 th March	Defford	CMSG/ASWMC(TBC)	Pete Wood
Annual General Meeting	19 th March	Whittington Community Hall		Jackie Harris
Navex	1 st May	TBC		Dood Pearce
Greenleaves Classic Tour	28 th June	Various	HRCR	Pete Wood
Autotest	July	Much Marcle	AWMMC	TBA
Grass Autotest	August	Alastair Moffat's		TBA
Woodpecker Stages Rally	12 th September	Newtown	TCH Plant Hire Challenge and Micro Challenge; Pirelli Welsh Rally; HRCR Stage Masters; ANWCC Forest Rally	Alan Corns
Corkscrew AutoSOLO/PCA	3 rd October	Defford	CMSG/ASWMC(TBC)	TBA
Navex	16 th October	TBC		Dood Pearce
Revels AutoSOLO/PCT	1 st November	Prescott	ASWMC(TBC)	
Navex	November	TBC		
Tarmac Event	7 th December	TBC		

All Dates Subject to Change

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