



HIGHWAY

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50th Anniversary 1965-2015

The **Blackpalfrey Motor Club of Kent Ltd (BpMCK)** is a member of the **Motor Sports Association (UK)** and of two Regional Associations, the **ASEMC** and the **ACSMC**. Blackpalfrey is also a partner club in the **Weald Motor Club** consortium. These organisations allow Blackpalfrey members to compete in a wide range of events, for both **classic** and **modern** cars, organised by many other motor clubs all over southern England.

The home of Historic Road Events in the South East



Colin and Richard chat with Ian Crammond and Andy Gibson in the 'Course' car

roads, causing a few time penalties here and there, but a good day was had by all.

I took some (what I think, were) good photos at various points on the route and the best part, for me, was to come across Colin Mackenzie and Richard Dresner down on the Marsh. Now, when they're not competing, these boys definitely know how to marshal - comfy chairs whilst waiting for the first car to arrive in the sun and I was offered a beer (only one, honest) and a pasty, which went down very well....thanks! - BJM



Just a week later, Andy was very pleased to arrive at the end of a 54 mile bike ride from London to Brighton, completed in under 6hrs (including refreshment stops) - fantastic! Well done Andy....nice knees!

Many thanks to all the Club members and Andy's many other friends from within and without motorsport who sponsored him to an incredible £3,200 for Pancreatic Cancer UK.



I really enjoyed my job as Club Steward on the Kent 100 Rally - flitting about on the route, just keeping an eye on what was going on and, as expected, there was nothing really to sort out at the finish....the sign of a well organised event. Competitors and Marshals all seemed to have enjoyed their day out - the weather was kind which, unfortunately for us, meant that there were a few farm vehicles driving slowly and blocking some narrow

Don't forget, we always want to hear your news and comments for inclusion in HIGHWAY (a few words and/or pictures, or a page or two, we'd love to hear from you) - *The Editor*.



Tour of Kent - Sunday 4th October - MARSHALS

A few more MARSHALS needed. Join in and help with the magnificent list of starters we already have - <http://www.blackpalfrey.co.uk/attachments/article/2/Tour%20of%20Kent%20Entry%20List%202015.pdf>

We need a good number of marshals to man the various venues, especially to manage car parking, and also marshals to man some Passage Checks on the route.

If you can help us for all or even part of the day, please let me know as soon as possible. It is a Tour so there is no timing to worry about. Once we have your name and contact details we can send further information in September.

Approximate times are as follows:

Start at The Moat, Wrotham Heath. 08.00 for setting up etc. First Car leaves 09.00.

Coffee Halt at Groombridge. 10.30 till about 12.00.

Lunch Halt at Bewl Water. 12.15 till about 14.00.

Finish at Hever Castle. 14.45 till about 16.30

My details are: 01303 892680. pandjboyce@btinternet.com 07731 895607 (Mob)

Many thanks

Peter Boyce



Copy for Oct 2015 HIGHWAY by 26th Sept please - have YOU got any stories, pics etc for YOUR mag?

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2015 BpMCK Diary Dates

Tues 8th Sept	Blackpalfrey MC	Club Night @ The Plough, Stalisfield Green (OS189/954530)
Sun 4th Oct	Blackpalfrey MC	Tour of Kent
Tues 10th Oct	Blackpalfrey MC	Club Night @ The Plough, Stalisfield Green (OS189/954530)

As Blackpalfrey members you can also enter any of the WEALD MC events. Details of WEALD MC and other events will be sent out to all BpMCK members, by email, whenever I receive information from the promoting clubs.

Club Nite - Tuesday 8th September @ The Plough, Stalisfield Green

it's a great pub with excellent food and drink and with good access generally from anywhere in mid-Kent. The easiest way to get there is from the Hart Hill turning off the A20 (map ref 939 503), at the bit of dual carriageway just before the A20 drops down to Charing. then carry straight on past The Bowl PH and a mile further on you'll come to The Plough.....If you have a favourite Pub, somewhere in mid-Kent, let us know the details and we'll see if we can have a Club Night there.....

"The Kent 100 Rally"

by Peter Boyce

Having had to withdraw from the Vale of Clwyd Classic, when the clutch on the MGB disintegrated the day before Rich Harrison went on holiday in Germany for 3 weeks, it looked as if there would be a long gap between the East Anglian Classic in June and the Throckmorton Challenge in October. However, a phone call from Trevor Hawkins asking if I could navigate on the Kent 100 in his nice Triumph TR4 was an offer not to refuse.

So on Saturday 29th August a planned 20 classics turned up at the Road House Café on the A20 at Lenham for the pre-event formalities and breakfast. The measured distance was quickly done and we signed on to receive the first set of route instructions. The whole route was on OS Sheet 189 (just, as Headcorn Aerodrome is right on the west edge!), though in fact the map was not really necessary. However, the first handout for Regularity A was a set of Tulips with distances and times to be read 'as seen on the road', but there was plenty of time to plot it onto the map. I like to do this, if there is time, as I like to know where I am and it can



be useful if we wrong slot! We were off at Number 1 and had a trouble free run 'til we encountered a horse box which was completing unloading. It lost us only a few seconds but Ian Crammond and Andy Gibson in Car 0 were not so lucky, and we caught them up as they were hammering in a code board, having been seriously delayed. We arrived at Headcorn where there was the usual aerial activity, for a coffee and to receive the next handout.

Regularity B was a marked map with the route to follow clearly defined and, as with Reg A, there were five Timing Points as well as code boards to record. It took us past High Halden and Bethersden and a big loop onto Shirley Moor before arriving at the lunch halt at the Rare Breeds



Centre near Woodchurch. Again we had a decent run with Trevor driving well to the average speeds and calling the code boards. This section had sets of speed tables for each stretch between timing points, an unusual system, for me at any rate, but one which I liked. Lunch in the Granary Restaurant was fairly leisurely and there was time to deal with the next handout for Regularity C. This was in the form of two sections of the OS map marked with twenty six lettered points and we had to route via nine of them, without passing through any of the rest. The correct route took us through Kenardington, Snargate, Brookland, Benzett and St Mary in the Marsh to the tea halt at Lathe Barn, Burmarsh. Care was needed to plot the route and to navigate the sections especially round Brookland and on the Marsh, but again we had a good run.

We now received details of Regularities D and E. The first was a tulip section and on this one we had a bit of trouble near Shadoxhurst when we came up behind several Gypsy groups on their trotting outfits. They seemed to be racing on the road and not happy to be overtaken. Being first car, we eventually got by, though not without some indecipherable abuse from the drivers. The sixteen cars behind us were even less well received and a big queue built up. The final Regularity was a slightly unusual Jogularity in which basically only junctions were given, interspersed with distances of 0.20 miles for which times were given. This meant that really there was no excuse for not being on time all the time, though of course it didn't work out like that! The final control at The Woolpack at Tutt Hill saw everyone back safely and the normal exchange of tales of hold ups, if onlys etc., while the results were calculated. Trevor and I were more than pleased to come out as winners, with Mark and Neil Worsfold in the MGB 2nd and Charles Harrison and Phil Smith 3rd in the Triumph 2000. Incidentally Trevor and I were in the oldest car and I reckon the combined ages to us and the car come to something just short of 200 (Trevor doesn't *look* 93! - Ed).

It had been a really well thought out and well run event with absolutely immaculate route instructions, spot on distances and perfectly produced route instructions. The venues were great; the route well chosen, code boards clearly visible, and well marshalled.

Congratulations are due to Andy as C of C and to all the marshals. It was good to see such a variety of vehicles – 4 Triumphs, 4 MGs, 2 Minis, 1 Rover, 1 Aston Martin, 1 Avenger Tiger, 1 Escort, 1 Renault, 1 Mazda and a Peugeot. It was also good to see also that, despite the fact that Philip Young is no longer with us, his rally plates and rally photos still adorn the walls of The A20 Road House. Many thanks to Trevor for asking me and for driving well and to all involved in what was a superb and enjoyable event.



Peter Boyce

September 1 2015

Results

Pos	Driver / Navigator	Car	Total
1	Trevor Hawkins & Peter Boyce	1962 Triumph TR4	231
2	Mark & Neil Worsfold	1971 MGB GT	317
3	Charles Harrison & Phil Smith	1966 Triumph 2000	339

4	Neil Webb & Valerie Hogg	1969 Morris Mini Cooper	384
5	James Muir & Liz Jordan	1974 Ford Escort RS2000	426
6	John & Mark Walsham	1968 Triumph TR5	482
7	Joy Waiton & Andy Elcomb	1992 Mazda Eunos	512
8	Jonothan Bowles & Sue Dawkins	1972 Avenger Tiger	562
9	Tom & Simon Janvrin	1985 Renault 4	654
10	Ian Conway & David Laver	1968 Rover P6	753
11	David & Helen Brenchley	1971 MG Midget	814
12	Roger & Judith Agate	1970 Mini 1275 GT	986
13	Martin Atkins & Angus Dent	1968 Aston Martin DB6	1071
14	Kevin Potterton & Gavin McGuire	2002 Peugeot 307	1091
15	Keith & Brett Baker	1967 Triumph TR4A	1595
16	Martin & Philip Stoyles	1978 MGB GT	1710
17	David & Sally Stoyles	1981 MGB GT	3068



HARRY FLATTERS RALLY

by **Grahame Standen**

Well - if you've been watching this space to see how Jane and I got on the Harry Flatters Rally, there's only a short story to tell....

It started with an 8 hour trip to Brecon, on a wet and accident prone Friday (usually about 4½ hours towing), meaning that we got there 10minutes after our supper was booked - but that's OK.

Saturday morning, we set-off in Jane's Focus to do the convoy recce of the Stages - just five in total, with three different routes, all over 12 miles long. Glorious day up on the Epynt Ranges, but the forecast for Sunday was dire.

Scrutineering on Saturday afternoon was the usual slow and long-winded affair typical of this event, which gave us a chance to chat with Tim and Susan Adams who had driven down for the weekend for a spot of spectating.

Sunday morning dawned very wet indeed. We got up to the Ranges a little late, meaning good 'service space' in the Quarry Service area was impossible to find, so we pitched up on a bit of an edge and prepared for a wet day's rallying.

So, Stage 1, 30 second starts and off we went - big crest not far in - Jane suggested I'd better ease-off a bit....she was right (*aren't co-drivers/navigators **always** right?* - Ed) - fried the handbrake on an uphill hairpin, finished the move with a 360° to entertain the spectators, caught another car and he only just saw me in time to move over as I drew alongside going into a 45° right, but we got to the end intact. A check on the times showed that we were the fastest 'Historic 1600', so that ought to be a good pace.

Stage 2, a repeat and we were going well until "crest, 45 left, hairpin right", to fast over crest didn't quite make the 45 left - we got on the grass, hit a rock on the hairpin hard in the right rear quarter of the car. Now, this wasn't any old rock - it measured about 4 x 2 x 2½ ft (that's about 1.23 x 0.62 x 0.77m, for young readers!) - we moved it about 6ft (1.85m), so we weren't going any further. Nobody hurt*, so wait for the remainder of the cars to go thro' and await recovery.

See it happening: www.youtube.com/watch?v=QAD4kldFybA

Copy and paste this link into YouTube - about 1:40 in....



Two Unimogs turned-up, one with a special lift that took us away, while the other struggled a bit but eventually pushed the rock back into position. We were unloaded at a nearby junction with access to the outside world, would have been good if there was a phone signal - but 'hey', that would have been too much to ask. Whilst deciding what to, do our saviours in the form of Tim and Susan arrived to spectate and kindly took us both to the Service Area, a round trip of about 40 miles. We collected our trailer and got the car onto it, which was actually easier than it first looked and we are ready for the earlier than expected trip home....I should say that during the whole adventure it hardly stopped raining, so we were pretty wet by now.



Many thanks to Tim and Susan for their help....

Back at my workshop, over the next couple of days inspection of the car revealed that the best repair would be another bodyshell - so that's the end of our year! We'll try to return for next year's British Historic Rally Championship.

*Also, over those couple of days an increasingly painful rib cage and a visit to the hospital revealed probable cracked ribs - recovered now though. Thankfully, Jane was uninjured and is back in Epynt Ranges on August Bank Holiday Sunday for another go....

Grahame Standen



'Team Blackpalfrey' vinyl stickers (170 x 74mm) and 'Badge' (90mm diam) windscreen vinyl stickers available from:

Harry Pace - jack4069@aol.com



Just email Harry, with **your name and address + which and how many you want** (please include 'Blackpalfrey Badges/Stickers' in Subject).

Having recently returned to membership of Blackpalfrey, after a break of many years, it was good to read that Grahame (Standen) and Bill (Cook) are still very active. The image of the pair in Grahame's Team Blackpalfrey Mini on the Senlac



Rally, dates from the mid seventies when I was writing event reports for Motoring (now Motorsport) News. This photo featured on the front cover of HIGHWAY for a while. It goes to show that my photo archive is a bit like Facebook - if you put on a silly smile it never goes away!

Greg Thompson

Note, Car 23 above has 'Team Blackpalfrey' vinyl stickers (170 x 74mm) and 'Badge' (90mm diam) windscreen vinyl stickers - 40 years ago!



See what it's like to MARSHAL, and to COMPETE on a night rally: <http://tinyurl.com/o3dz4xs>



FOR SALE - Hella 55W Driving Light type 192

I have been sorting out my garage and found a huge Hella 55W Driving Light type 192 that I once had a pair of on the car I built in the 70's.

I wondered if this would be of interest, for a few pounds, to anyone you know who maybe has these lights on their classic/historic vehicle.

It definitely needs a bit of restoration including repainting the black back. The reflector has small blemishes but may polish up, it needs a new bulb and the plastic cover is poor.

I think it might be useful to someone who already has one or more of these to either use for spares or maybe if they have only has one lamp with a bit of work could make up the pair.

My contact details are Milton Keynes 01908 604458 and I'd be delighted to receive any reasonable offers.

Kind regards

Tony Bowers

What's On in Kent & the SE

For a full listing of motorsport events visit:



Date	Event	Organising Club / Event	Venue	Website
5 th / 6 th September	20/20	Borough 18 MC	Starts Maidstone services, M20	http://borough18motorclub.weebly.com
6 th September	Autotest	Tunbridge Wells MC	Gabriels Farm, Edenbridge	http://twmc.org.uk
13 th September	Car Trial (inc Taster Event)	Falcon MC	Kensworth	http://www.falconmotorclub.com
13 th September	Car Trial	Maidstone & Mid Kent MC	Stoneacre Farm, Otham	http://www.mmkmc.co.uk
20 th September	Kart race meeting	Buckmore Park Kart Club	Buckmore Park	http://www.buckmoreparkkartclub.co.uk
20 th September	Sprint	Green Belt MC/Harrow CC	North Weald	http://www.greenbeltmc.org.uk
25 th September	12 Car	Chelmsford MC	Starts East Anglian Railway Museum	http://chelmsfordmc.co.uk
26 th September	CCV	Southern Rover Owners' Club	Knowle Farm, Broadoak	http://www.sroc.co.uk
27 th September	RTV	Southern Rover Owners' Club	Knowle Farm, Broadoak	http://www.sroc.co.uk
27 th September	Stage Rally	Chelmsford MC	Wethersfield	http://chelmsfordmc.co.uk
27 th September	Car Trial	Eastbourne & Ram MC	TBA	http://www.eastbourneandrammc.co.uk
4 th October	Touring Assembly	Blackpalfrey MC of Kent	Starts at the Moat, Wrotham Heath	http://www.blackpalfrey.co.uk
4 th October	Sprint	Herts County AAC	Debden	http://www.hertscountyaac.co.uk
11 th October	Autotest	Eastbourne & Ram MC	TBA	http://www.eastbourneandrammc.co.uk
16 th October	12 Car	Borough 18 MC	Starts Seal	http://borough18motorclub.weebly.com

Something to enjoy on a rainy evening, from Neil Webb <http://www.petrolicious.com/one-man-s-alpine-awakening>

For the latest range of fashion accessories - have a look at
http://www.blackpalfrey.co.uk/?Club_Clothing



BLACKPALFREY MC 'REGULARITY RUN' SERIES - WINTER 2015-2016

These events are open to members of the **Blackpalfrey MC**, the **HRCR**, the **Weald MC**, the **MGCC** and the **TR Register**. The events are suitable for 'older' and 'newer' cars and are designed to be good fun and good navigation practice. All events will be run on Sunday mornings and will finish at a pub for lunch.

The seven events are run as a **Championship Series for Blackpalfrey MC Members** : Points 12, 11, 10, etc. for each event and 10 points for each Organiser(s) – the best points total from five events counting towards the 'Series Awards'. Note: competitors must be members at the time of the event to score Series Championship award points.

Supplementary Regulations - <http://www.blackpalfrey.co.uk/attachments/article/31/Reg%20Run%20ASRs.pdf>

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|----|--------|---------------------------|------------------|
| 1. | Sunday | 25th October 2015 | |
| 2. | Sunday | 22nd November 2015 | CoC David Hughes |
| 3. | Sunday | 2016 Dates tba | |

**Space reserved for *your*
contribution to the next
HIGHWAY**

Jonathan Bowles & Sue Dawkins 1972 Avenger Tiger



Martin Atkins & Angus Dent 1968 Aston Martin DB6



Tom & Simon 'rule of thumb' Janvrin 1985 Renault 4



Kent 100 - great day!

Roger & Judith Agate 1970 Mini 1275 GT



Neil Webb & Valerie Hogg 1969 Morris Mini Cooper

If any non-members (*especially if you can write! - Ed*) see HIGHWAY and would like to know more about the BpMCK and what we do these days, or would like to re-join or join, **the annual membership fee is still only £10 (£5 under for 25s) or £15 family membership per annum**. If you want to know more, John Fowler or any other Committee Member would be pleased to help.....have a look at www.blackpalfrey.co.uk for more details.

NEW MEMBERS may wish to note this..... HIGHWAY e-mail format: if you presently receive HIGHWAY in the post as a paper copy, you may like to try the e-mailed version – quicker *and* in colour (please contact John Fowler – jcfowler@btinternet.com who will be pleased to sort it for you). A couple of members, who receive HIGHWAY by e-mail have had problems with pictures/tables being misplaced on their copies which is *possibly* due to them having an ‘older’ version of MS Word. So, we’re now sending it as a pdf file – is it any better? Please let me know if you have any problems.....**thanks... Ed**

Note: some of the views expressed in HIGHWAY may not be those of 'the Club'

BLACKPALFREY MOTOR CLUB OF KENT LTD
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION to 31st March 2016

New / Renewal * (please delete as appropriate)

Please photocopy this form if you wish and add any comments about the Club.....we don't get a lot of 'feedback' so, any views are welcome.....

Full name (1):	
Full name (2)-(joint membership):	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Telephone:	Email:

I wish to apply/reapply* for membership of The Blackpalfrey Motor Club of Kent Limited.
 If elected I agree to abide by the rules of the Club.



Signed (1):	
Signed (2):	
Date:	

My Road Car(s) is:..... My Competition Car(s) is:.....

I am interested in: Rallies / Tours / Autotests / Production Car Trials / Social Activities / Magazine / Anything else? *
 please delete as applicable

Single membership subscription to 31 st March 2016 :	£10.00
Joint membership (resident at same address):	£15.00
Single membership – Student or under 25 years old	£ 5.00

Please send this form with a cheque (payable to Blackpalfrey MC of Kent) to the Membership Secretary:

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