

# WHEELBASE

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# Chat From the Chair...

Chairman's  
Chat...

**D**DMC finished it's 2018 season when we ran the BTRDA rallycross at Croft circuit on Saturday 28th October in very cold conditions. **Our morning started with a trip to our local butchers at 6.30 to pick up two boxes of pork pies, which he had turned out very early to bake freshly for us.** It certainly makes you feel hungry when driving from Hartlepool to Croft with the smell of hot pork pies permeating around the car. We had set up the hospitality unit next to marshals signing on so that our marshals could collect their goody bag and pie; I guess that, as everything had disappeared, that these goody's were welcomed by

all the marshals. Julie Hill had also attended on Friday afternoon to sign-on the early arriving competitors. On Saturday, at signing on, she tutored Sue Dalton and me, so that we could take over this job if necessary (hopefully Julie didn't get to fed up with all the questions).

*Darlington & District  
Motor Club were voted  
the best run BTRDA  
Rallycross event of the  
season - thanks to all!*

**W**ith the two Steve's (Gibson and Hill) as Clerks, the meeting ran efficiently with very few holdups or problems.

We have now received communication from the

**BTRDA stating that they have voted our DDMC run event as the best event of their season.** I would like to offer my (and the clubs) thanks to everyone who has been involved in this event, you have all helped the club to attain this award.

**S**till on the rally cross front, BARC/Croft have refused us a date to run this event in 2019, so we have entered into negotiations with Knockhill circuit with a view to running this event at their venue. They are prepared to spend a good amount of money to re-instate their rallycross circuit. Watch this space.

**T**he NSSCC 2019 events are almost sorted provisional dates are in Mick's report but they are only provisional until the regulations are approved. The regulations have been updated, and sent to Motorsport UK. When we know that they have been authorised we will issue them to prospective competitors. We have very few changes again this year, the most interesting being the addition of a Joker round, which has to be nominated at the registration stage.

**A**wards night. - I have enclosed with this newsletter the information for our annual awards dinner, please come along and support the competitors who have made this another great year for DDMC. The main man of the event is going to be Simon Sheridan, who I think is going to be pleased to celebrate his success. I dare say a few drinks may be consumed by a few people to toast his success and that of all the competitors in the championship.

*Why not join us for  
our awards night on  
February 23rd, 2019 for  
what promises to be a  
great night out!*

**N**ew chief marshal - The marshal's committee has recently invited **Bill Sudlow to take over as chief marshal for DDMC, I am please to say that he has accepted this post.** The marshals committee has agreed that Craig Hope will help Bill at the first couple of events taking the lead with Bill supporting and then Craig will step back and Bill will be good to go. **Thanks go to Craig for offering this support.** Thank you to the four people who applied for the post and we hope that you will continue to support the sport in the future. All of our marshals are important to DDMC and we are keen to support people going higher up the ladder as we are doing with Bill and Rob Briggs who is training to be a Clerk of the Course. If you are interested in any roles in the club please make contact with a committee member.

**T**hank you to all the marshals who have supported the club during 2018. 2019 will be upon us before we know it, at the May meeting we have the Fun Cup competing on the Saturday and whilst we know that this is not universally popular with Marshal's, the inclusion of the Fun Cup at this event makes it viable for DDMC. **I hope that we can count on your support for our events.** We have been trying during 2018 to put together a goody bag for the marshals, so far the feedback has been positive and the committee is committed to continuing this during 2019 as a way of demonstrating our appreciation.



**B**ARC have organised the marshal's training day at Croft for Saturday February 16th, which is the day prior to our Jack Frost Rally, I hope that this might give some of you the chance to see what else goes on with the set up of the rally. This is hard work for a number of very dedicated people, without the commitment they make, the event would not happen.

**R**escue - A massive vote of thanks goes to our rescue crew, who have had a very difficult year, having to do more due to illness forcing Tracey and Graham Coe to miss most of this year's events. I am pleased to report that they are on the mend and hopefully will be back on the units very soon. DDMC has been very fortunate in being able to operate the units and manage to cover all our 2018 events, **this was only made possible because of the dedication of the crews. Thanks to all of you.**

*A massive thank you to all our Rescue Crew for their efforts this season and also to Dave Busby for all his hard work!*

**I** also want to say a huge thank you to Dave Busby for the work that he has done for the club since Dave Lea retired. Dave Busby is standing down due to ill health; we all wish him a very speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him at Croft next year.

**A**n update on Dave Lea, as many of you are aware Dave has been ill for some time, he has just told me that he has

been having more radiotherapy. This was a bit unexpected, but he is coping well with the treatment. He has moved into a ground floor flat, so this will aid his mobility and allow him to get out when the weather permits. Best wishes to him for a speedy recover this time.

**T**he NSSCC season during 2018 was busy, but extremely enjoyable. I just wanted to thank the competitors for making the racing so entertaining and for the most part, very clean. The team behind the day to day running of the championship at the events have worked hard to make sure that competitors, crews and families are catered for. Yvonne, Terry & Mick have worked really hard and they have been joined on a number of occasions by other willing volunteers, unfortunately too many to mention here, **but heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way, I think we make a great team.** I hope that we will be doing the same in 2019. I hope that everyone has a fantastic Christmas and New Year and I look forward to seeing you all in 2019  
Kindest regards Lesley



# WEDDING BELLS

Our congratulations and best wishes go to Steve and Terriane who finally tied the knot and became Mr and Mrs Craggs at Beamish Hall Hotel. We all had a fantastic day helping them celebrate such a special occasion. **The wedding was one of the nicest and most personal ceremonies I have ever attended.** Congratulations and very best wishes to them both for a very happy future together, from everyone connected with DDMC.

## TROPHY WINNERS

Would all recipients of our trophies please kindly return them to:  
Lesley Starkey  
by the 2nd week in January.

77 Elizabeth Way  
Seaton Carew  
Hartlepool TS25 2AY



## DDMC REGALIA

# SOMETHING TO SAY...

**I would like to thank all of our regular contributors this year and to all individuals who took the time to send in their stories - I hope you enjoyed reading them** so PLEASE if you have any news / stories / photographs or anything you would like to share with us, we would love to hear from you. We welcome submissions from all ages. So if you have a Young or Older Star helper you would like us to mention then please get in touch. We would love to publish your photos from our events - Send your news articles / photographs to [hilljulie@btinternet.com](mailto:hilljulie@btinternet.com)

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# AVAILABILITY FORM 2019

# MARSHALS



**DDMC Club members accepted for the British 2019 Grand Prix at Silverstone**

Shaun Bayliss • John Iseton • George Patrick Oulton • Glenn Slattery



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## DDMC AND CROFT CAR EVENTS 2019

Please Print Clearly (especially e-mail address)

Name ..... Address .....  
 ..... Post Code .....  
 Phone (mobile) ..... E mail .....  
 MSA Marshals Grade (RACE) ..... MSA Number .....  
 Date of Birth if Under 18 ..... Preferred Duty 2019 .....

DATE	EVENT	CLUB	SAT	SUN	MON
Sun 27th January	Rally Marshal's Training day	Bob Wright	XXX		XXX
Sat 16th February	Race marshals Training day	BARC		XXX	XXX
Sun 17th February	Jack Frost Stages Rally	DDMC	XXX		XXX
Sat & Sun 13th/14th April	BARC Race Meeting	BARC			XXX
Easter Monday 22nd April	British Sprint Championship	DDMC	XXX	XXX	
Sat & Sun 4th/5th May	BRSCC Race Meeting	BRSCC			XXX
Sat & Sun 18th/19th May	DDMC Race Meeting	DDMC			XXX
Sat & Sun 1st/2nd June	750 Race Meeting	750 MC			XXX
Sat & Sun 15th/16th June	BTCC Race Meeting	BARC			XXX
Sat & Sun 6th/7th July	BRSCC Race Meeting	BRSCC			XXX
Sat & Sun 20th/21st July	Ferrari Challenge UK	F C UK			XXX
Sat & Sun 3rd/4th Aug	Croft Classic & Retro Race	HSCC			XXX
Sat & Sun 17th/18th Aug	BoB Race Meeting	DDMC			XXX
Sun 8th September	British Rallycross	BARC	XXX		XXX
Sat & Sun 21st/22nd Sep	BARC Race Meeting	BARC			XXX
Sun 27th October	British Rallycross	BARC	XXX		XXX
Sun 20th Oct (KNOCKHILL)	BTRDA Rallycross	DDMC	XXX		XXX

Please put a cross for each day of each event that you can attend, when completed return to  
 Email: Cars.ddmc@gmail.com Post: Craig Hope, 10 Sudburn Ave, Staindrop, Darlington DL23JX

**Rally Marshal's training day at Warrington**, 26th January, Application form on the VIM and ANWCC web sites

**Rally Marshal's training day at Askham Bryan**, 27th January, Application form on the VIM and ANCC web sites

**Race Marshals's training day at Croft** 16th February, Application form via BARC web site

All events will be sign on  
 Sat (Mon) from 07.30 Sunday from 10.30 Rallycross 07.30  
 Croft Retro will be 07.30 both days (if this changes we will let you know)



DDMC WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL MARSHALS FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK AND SUPPORT DURING 2018 AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU IN 2019



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### Darlington & District Motor Club Limited

#### Membership Application / Renewal

I request you to admit me to membership, and I agree to contribute to the assets of the Club as provided by Clause 9 of the Articles of Association\*, and I request you to enter my name on the register of members of the Club kept pursuant to Section 113 of the Companies Act 2006

Date of Application ...../...../.....

Surname ..... First Names .....

Full Postal Address  
.....  
.....

Post Code ..... Email Address .....

Home Phone Number (incl code) .....

Mobile Number .....

Occupation .....

Date of Birth (if under 18) .....

Were you a member last year? Yes / No (delete as appropriate)

Please give details of any other Motor clubs of which you hold membership:  
.....

Membership Category (please tick only one):

Car Sport ..... Motorcycle Sport ..... Marshal / Official .....

Club Newsletter Delivery – Please tick the box if you want this sent electronically

Signature .....

\* Copies of the Articles of Association are available upon request to the Club Secretary

Data Protection Act: Details supplied will be stored on computer and will only be used for Club business and not disclosed to any third party.

All memberships are for the calendar year (January to December)

Please return the fully completed form along with the Membership Fee of £15 to:  
The Secretary, Darlington & District Motor Club Ltd, 2 Geltsdale, Acklam, Middlesbrough, TS5 8TF

Tear here and return form

# Car Sports

*The preparations for the Jack Frost Rally on 17th February and for the Easter Monday sprint are now under way. The date for the Jack Frost rally has been moved from its normal January spot to February 17th as BARC could not make Croft available for January.*

**W**e have also been refused a date to run our BTRDA rally cross in November because of a lack of availability of noisy days and to this end, we are in discussions with Knockhill to examine the possibility of running this event with them. This is looking very likely and we will announce this in the near future. All the classes that ran at this year's sprint have indicated that they wish to run with us in 2019, so the prospects look favourable.

**T**he dates for the NSSCC have now been finalised, and are shown on the next page. Owing to SRO (the organisers of the British GT Championship) having entered into an agreement with Radical to run on the GT program at every one of their rounds, which means that our usual Easter start at Oulton Park has been denied to us. This means that our championship will now begin at Croft in April with BARC.

**D**DMC's May race meeting at Croft is now fully subscribed with races for the Cockshoot Cup, Fun Cup, Scottish Historic & Sports Cars and NSSCC, with Super Lap Scotland joining us on Sunday. Our BoB race meeting in August is also fully booked with races for 2, 3 and 4 wheeled vehicles

**I**t only remains for me to wish all our members and friends a merry Christmas and a happy new year. Also to thank everyone who has helped DDMC during 2018. I look forward to seeing you ALL at our presentation dinner dance in February.

Best wishes Mick S.

# NSSCC DATES 2019

ROUND	DATE	MONTH	CIRCUIT	CLUB
1 & 2	13/14	Apr	Croft	BARC
3 & 4	17/18	May	Croft	DDMC
5 & 6	15/16	June	Knockhill	KMSC
7 & 8	6/7	July	Croft	BRSCC
9 & 10	18/19	Aug	Croft	DDMC
11 & 12	31/8 & 1/9	Aug/Sept	Cadwell	BARC
13 & 14	21/22	Sept	Donington	MSV

**DATES ABOVE ARE PROVISIONAL RACE DATES FOR NSSCC**



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# BTRDA RALLYCROSS



# DDMC AWARDS NIGHT



ANNUAL AWARDS PRESENTATION DINNER 2018  
**HALL GARTH COATHAM MUNDEVILLE DARLINGTON DL1 3LU**  
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**SATURDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2019 7PM Prompt**

## MENU CHOICES

### Starters

- Creamy parsnip soup
- Grilled chicken salad with oranges and pomegranate
- Smoked mackerel terrine with celeriac remoulade and crispy bread

### Mains

- Beef feather blade, fondant potato and peppercorn sauce
- Roast chicken breast, Dauphinoise potato and garlic butter
- Goats cheese and confit vegetable parcel with herb cream

All served with seasonal vegetables

### Desserts

- Lemon posset tart with raspberry compote
- Mixed berry cheesecake with white chocolate
- Profiteroles filled with cream served with salted caramel sauce

### Tea, coffee & a cheese board

Tickets are £37 per person dress code is lounge suit minimum (No Jeans)



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