

# SCCON Spotlight

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**Mark Annison and Ian Humphrey, Ford Puma  
Kit Car, Snetterton**



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## **Welcome to Spotlight...**

Well, after it feeling like things were beginning to improve, here we are, back in lockdown again! This means that the club's calendar now looks more than a bit empty. Thanks to the suspension of all amateur motorsport, the majority of events have been cancelled for the remainder of the year.

The big event in our region, "the one and only" Preston, had been due to take place this month, but was obviously a victim of the latest restrictions. The organisers have managed to secure a date change, so the event is now due to run over the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of December. You can find more details on the Chelmsford MC website, or on the event's Facebook page.

In sadder news, as you will see in this issue, there are obituaries for two SCCoN members; Mike Bell and Ian Humphrey. While I didn't know Ian well, I had chatted to him on a couple of occasions and very much enjoyed talking rallying with him. Being a fan of rally cars from the 1990s, I was also very fond of the Ford Puma that he competed in alongside SCCoN Chairman, Mark Annison. Pumas aren't a common sight on UK rallies, but this one is a beauty, and it's great to see cars from "my" era out there. Both Ian and Mike will be sadly missed from the motorsport community, and both certainly had plenty of success over the years. I also want to say a quick thank you to Peter Riddle for putting their obituaries together for this issue.

Looking at the motoring world more widely, there seems to be rather a lot of change afoot. The government have announced that they intend to ban the sale of pure combustion-engined cars from 2030, much earlier than previously thought. How practical this is for the automotive industry remains to be seen, but it certainly raises some interesting questions for the future of motorsport.

While I understand the rationale behind the switch to electric cars, I can't pretend that I wouldn't miss the sound and feel of an internal combustion engine. Flawed they may be, but I often feel that it is the flaws in any object that make it desirable. One ray of light from the other side of the world is that former Hyundai WRC driver, Hayden Paddon has launched his all-electric rally car, based on the Hyundai Kona crossover. Built in just 18 months by a team of less than 10 in a small workshop in Auckland, New Zealand, the Kiwi driver may just be the one to change the rallying world. It's worth seeking out on YouTube if you have five minutes, as it could be what the future looks like!

Until next time...

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## The Month Ahead...

### Social Events

Howard – Social Secretary:

Phone Howard on 07917 060052 if you have any ideas or venues for social events

### Diary Dates

The Preston  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>  
December

### Marshalling

Marshal Points:

The Preston  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>  
December

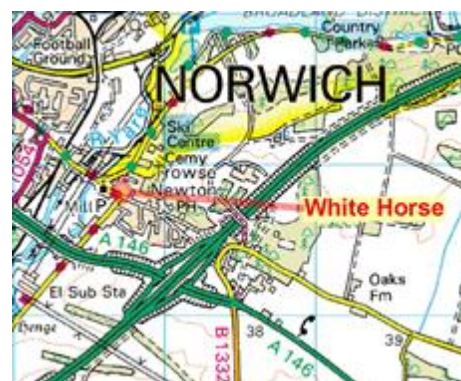
### Club Nights

Do not forget that SCCoN club nights are currently held at the White Horse, Trowse, NR14 8ST. Any change in venue will be communicated through Spotlight or the SCCoN website. For directions, please refer to the map at the bottom of the page.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, we have had to cancel our club nights for now. As soon as they are back up and running, we will let you know!

**Have you been out marshalling on any club or invited events?? Then you need to claim your Championship points by contacting the Championship Coordinator.**

The date for the next club meeting will be announced as soon as possible, so stay tuned!



2020 Dates	Event	Champ.	Contact(s)
<b>PLEASE NOTE THAT, DUE TO THE ONGOING COVID-19 SITUATION, THE DATES BELOW ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b>			
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> December – Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	The Preston		Chelmsford MC

For the latest information on upcoming club events, visit [www.scon.co.uk/index.html](http://www.scon.co.uk/index.html)



### 10% OFF AT WILCO MOTOR SPARES

Did you know that Wilco Motor Spares offer SCoN members a 10% discount on presentation of a valid membership card?

Wilco have branches across Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire and have traditionally offered club members a 10% discount in store.

When you are next in-store, don't forget to ask for your discount.

If you have any issues with this promotion, please contact a member of the committee.

## ***SCCoN Window Stickers***

A limited number of SCCoN window stickers are available for £3 each including p&p.

These are printed to be stuck on the inside of the window, design is as below:



Self adhesive vinyl window sticker  
measuring 195mm x 80mm.

Please email Mike Smith at [mikey.j.smith@btopenworld.com](mailto:mikey.j.smith@btopenworld.com) if you would like one.

Payment by Paypal, cash or cheque thanks.

Please note that, if there is sufficient demand, more can be printed.



*"When  
Reliability  
Matters"*

Norfolk Classic and Sports Cars was born from a lifelong passion for motor sports and classic cars and was established with the aim of providing a reliable and complete service for classic and sports cars including on-event servicing for motorsport events as well as general servicing repairs and rally preparation work.

The founder of the company Robert Kitchen has been providing on-event support for the Endurance Classic Rally Association since 2000 and has worked on most of their long-distance endurance events over the last 15 years. Therefore, Robert has travelled many of the routes and first-hand experience of the problems encountered by classic vehicles on this type of event.

The company also carries out restoration work with workmanship undertaken to a meticulous standard. You can see some of our clients' cars in the Galleries section of our website at [www.norfolkclassiccars.co.uk](http://www.norfolkclassiccars.co.uk). We are always happy to discuss your individual requirements, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

This is a small selection of events for which Robert has provided mechanical support.



## **SCCoN Club Clothing**

Ali Hodder has very kindly arranged for a new line of club clothing to be produced.

With our nice new club leaflets and recent efforts to increase SCCoN's promotional activities, these are a great addition and perfect for making yourself stand out to other members at events!

These are being produced by EZY-TEES, based in Martham, near Great Yarmouth. They are able to provide a full range of clothing items, including:

T-shirts  
Sweatshirts  
Hoodies  
Zip-up hoodies  
Polo shirts

There are a couple of examples below:



Ali is handling any orders for these so, for full price information, drop her a line at [Alison.Hodder@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Alison.Hodder@yahoo.co.uk)

**Obituary: Ian (Humph) Humphrey**

1943 - 2020



I have the sad responsibility to inform Spotlight readers that SCCoN member Ian Humphrey has died at the age of 77. Ian and his wife Christine moved to North Norfolk seventeen years ago and they immediately felt at home in our part of the country. A few years later they joined SCCoN, where their friendliness and enthusiasm quickly made them a firm part of the fabric of our club. They started marshalling on SCCoN events, but Ian soon hankered to get back into competitive motor sport, so he formed a partnership with our current chairman Mark Annison, to go stage rallying in Ford Pumas.

Ian's love of rallying had of course started much earlier. He was born in Cambridge, but moved to Sheffield in 1967 where he and Christine joined the One-Eleven Motor Club. Martin Phaff, who was guest speaker at SCCoN's 2019 Dinner Dance describes Ian as a "lynch pin" of the 111 Club. Ian started road rallying as a driver in his own Mini Cooper, but after three 'straight-on-at-tee' incidents, Christine felt that the cost of repairs was getting out of hand for a man with a young family and in Ian's words he "realised he'd do better in the other seat". He then became a successful navigator for several people in a wide variety of cars. Ian partnered Graham Denton, one of his favourite drivers, in a Mazda RX2, a compact four-door saloon with a Wankel rotary engine. This was a fast rally car in the lanes and they used it to win the Jackson Trophy Rally in 1973, '75 and '77, also winning the Rally of the Dams. In 1975, Graham and Ian drove the Mazda to Ireland for the Donegal International Rally. From being seeded at 92, they finished 29<sup>th</sup> overall, which was a terrific result when you consider that the event had Cathal Curley's Lancia Stratos, Adrian Boyd's works-spec Renault Alpine, more than half a dozen works-spec Escorts, a works BMW 2002 with 260bhp for Achim Warmbold / John Davenport (who won the event by a minute), a young Ari Vatanen with Dave Richards co-driving his Opel Ascona, and no less than fourteen (!!!) Porsche Carrera 2.7 RS.

Ian teamed up with Graham Beardmore for the 1974 Dukeries Forestry Stages Rally in Graham's Escort Twin Cam. But he was back with Graham D. for the '75 Dukeries in the little Mazda and they finished a creditable 18<sup>th</sup> overall, then it was back to Graham B. for two more visits to the Circuit of Donegal in his Vauxhall Firenza. Ian also navigated Graham Calton's various Escort Twin Cams to no less than six second places on northern road rallies.

Not one for a regular nine-to-five job, Ian (and Christine) had opened Humphrey's General Store in Glossop Road, Sheffield instead. And it's still there! One of their top lines was bargain-priced out-of-date beer that was very popular with Sheffield's student community.





Graham Denton on the left with 'Humph' on the right, and their rally winning Mazda

And a young chap, who was just starting a drinks company of his own, stored his initial stocks in the cellar of Ian and Christine's shop. His name? - a certain Steve Perez, who you may have heard of! In 2014, Mr. Perez drove his Ford Focus WRC to win the last Dukeries Rally to be held in the forests of Nottinghamshire.

As the '70s progressed, Ian's main focus turned to stage rallying, and he co-drove a few times for Phil Hale in his Cologne-works-spec Ford Capri RS2600.



Graham Denton and 'Humph' tackle the 1975 Donegal International

Ian was back for another attempt at the Dukeries Rally in 1989 with Pete Wells getting their G3 Escort into a splendid 5<sup>th</sup> overall. From 1988 to 1992, Ian also rallied on stage events (including two attempts at the Manx National Rally) with Andy Johnson, mainly in a Nova SR, but they had rather too many non-finishes for Ian's liking. Loyal to Vauxhall, Andy later gained success in Chevette HSRs.

This period of Ian's rally history ended in 1996 when he co-drove David Bell's Sierra Cosworth 4x4 to 17<sup>th</sup> overall on the International Rallye Charlemagne in France and 16<sup>th</sup> overall, much closer to home, on the Trackrod Stages.

Always very keen on jazz music, Ian and Christine once went to a talk by Michael Parkinson at Ronnie Scott's Club in London. Michael said that he and his wife Mary had been married for 53 years and "we still get on each other's nerves just the same". Well, said Ian and Christine, that's just like us!

After moving to Norfolk, Ian teamed up with Mark Annison and, starting in 2016, they competed on several stage rallies in Mark's Ford Fiesta and his yellow Ford Puma. Then Ian bought his ex-works Boreham-built Ford Puma 1400cc kit car for Mark to prepare and drive. This brought back memories of my time working at Boreham from 1979 to 1986, though that was quite a bit earlier than when they built Ian's beautiful Puma.



During 2016 and 2017, Mark and Ian were regular competitors on the Motorsport News Circuit Championship. As well as our local Snetterton Stages Rally, they travelled as far afield as Oulton Park, Cadwell Park and Knockhill in Scotland, scoring some very creditable class results. From 2018 to 2020, they chose events mainly for their enjoyment value, including the Corbeau Seats Tendring and Clacton Rally, the first rally to be held on closed roads in England, and the 2019 Hall Trophy Rally held at Blyton Park in Lincolnshire where they won the 1400cc class.

Mark relates that Ian's short cuts on their way to and from events were legendary, often adding an hour or more to their journey times! He said that Ian was such fun and, after rallying together for over four years, he'll feel a huge gap on future events because Ian was such good company; one of life's great characters.

I only knew Ian during the later years of his life but he always had a story to tell and what a super chap he was to spend time with. SCCoN sends heartfelt condolences to Christine, to Ian's daughter Rebecca, son Nick, and to all of Ian's wider family.

**Obituary – Mike Bell**

1949 - 2020



Mike Bell sadly died earlier this year. He was a member of the Sporting Car Club of Norfolk, though he wasn't well known among club members because SCCoN's main focus is on rallying and entry-level motor sport, whereas Mike's main interest in recent years was historic motor racing.

Mike ran a preparation business for historic race cars in Attleborough and also raced his own Zakspeed Ford Escort RS1600, Gilbern 1800GT and Morgan Plus Four, and how he loved to race them. He had the ability to learn the foibles of a new racing car very quickly and to always get his car to the finish with a good placing, even when it wasn't the fastest on the grid.

But he hadn't always prepared racing cars, because for five years he worked for Andrew Cowan, multiple international rally winner and boss of Mitsubishi Ralliart in Maldon. In 1989/90 Mike set up his own business preparing Peugeot 205GTi rally cars, one of which he rallied himself, and he also built a 205 for the future World Rally Champion Richard Burns.

In 2010, Mark Annison built the body-shell for Mike's big-winged Zakspeed Mk1 Escort RS1600 and installed all the major mechanical components, leaving Mike to add the smaller details to finish the build. This is the car in the photo above which Mike brought to SCCoN's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations at Kimberley Hall in May 2011. Mike also offered to bring his Gilbern but in the event that car wasn't needed.

Back in September, Mike's sister Mary did a series of cycle rides in aid of the Priscilla Bacon Hospice where Mike was looked after during May this year. Donations can still be made at.....

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mary-bell3>

And Mike's family have commissioned a 2021 Calendar in his memory. You can buy a copy on eBay at.....

<https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/114518253901?ViewItem=&item=114518253901>

SCCoN sends condolences to Mike's sisters, Mary and Judy and to all his family.

## **Motorsport UK Scrutineers' Bulletin – November 2020**

There were a couple of interesting notes in November's scrutineering bulletin that are worth thinking about...

### **Seat Mountings and Fuel System Components**

These photos were taken of the same speed event car, recently presented for a Vehicle Passport inspection. The car had been competing in a road-going class but had been "improved" over lockdown with a view to gaining a passport.

The seat mounting does not comply with any of the methods permitted by (K)2.2 and presents a significant safety concern with the configuration and quality of workmanship. Furthermore, the unprotected fuel lines and fuel pumps in the second photo do not comply with (J)5.2.1 and (J)5.13.1 respectively. The unprotected fuel system components in the cockpit were particularly worrying when the scrutineer then found uninsulated and exposed electrical relays hanging from the boot lid!



### **Towing Points**

This image shows yet another failed towing point on a stage rally car. The car was being winched backwards onto a trailer, but whilst stationary on the flat, the towing point broke off. It appears to have been held onto the car by 1mm thick metal. Unfortunately, the recovery crew said this sort of thing happens all the time. Please keep an eye out for this sort of unsuitable towing point fixation and advise competitors that they must be of adequate strength.



## Web Directory

You can find details of how to follow all of the region's clubs in the table below:

Club	Website	Facebook	Instagram	Twitter
Anglia Motorsport Club	<a href="http://www.amsc.org.uk">www.amsc.org.uk</a>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/AngliaMotorSportClub">www.facebook.com/AngliaMotorSportClub</a>	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/angliamotorsportclub">www.instagram.com/angliamotorsportclub</a>	
Association of Easter Motor Clubs	<a href="http://www.aemc.org.uk">www.aemc.org.uk</a>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/TheAEMC">www.facebook.com/TheAEMC</a>		<a href="https://www.twitter.com/TheAEMC">www.twitter.com/TheAEMC</a>
Cambridge Car Club	<a href="http://www.cambridgecarclub.co.uk">www.cambridgecarclub.co.uk</a>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/cambridgecarclub">www.facebook.com/cambridgecarclub</a>	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/cambridgecarclub">www.instagram.com/cambridgecarclub</a>	
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Eastern Counties Motor Club	<a href="http://www.ecmc.co.uk/site">www.ecmc.co.uk/site</a>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/easterncountiesmc">www.facebook.com/easterncountiesmc</a>		
Falcon Motor Club	<a href="http://www.falconmotorclub.com">www.falconmotorclub.com</a>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/FalconMotorClub">www.facebook.com/groups/FalconMotorClub</a>		
Green Belt Motor Club	<a href="http://www.greenbeltmc.org.uk">www.greenbeltmc.org.uk</a>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/greenbeltmc">www.facebook.com/greenbeltmc</a>		
Harrow Car Club	<a href="http://www.harrowcarclub.net">www.harrowcarclub.net</a>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/125556377629682">www.facebook.com/groups/125556377629682</a>		<a href="https://www.twitter.com/harrowcarclub">www.twitter.com/harrowcarclub</a>
Herts County Auto and Aero Club	<a href="http://www.hertscountyaac.co.uk">www.hertscountyaac.co.uk</a>			
Kings Lynn and District Motor Club	<a href="http://www.kingslynndmc.co.uk">www.kingslynndmc.co.uk</a>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/kingslynndmc">www.facebook.com/kingslynndmc</a>		
Middlesex County Automobile Club	<a href="http://www.mcac.co.uk">www.mcac.co.uk</a>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/11164412206">www.facebook.com/groups/11164412206</a>		<a href="https://www.twitter.com/m_c_a_c">www.twitter.com/m_c_a_c</a>
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