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### [ANNUAL DINNER & AWARDS PRESENTATION NIGHT!](#)

A booking form can be found at the end of this Bulletin – please help by booking early – it really does help the Organisers!

### [ANGLESEY SPRINTS WEEKEND – OCTOBER 2010](#)

An excellent weekend's motorsport was had by all who attended our Anglesey Sprints weekend – the very cold wind was bearable, mainly due to the early morning cloud cover clearing, followed by sunshine. A full weekend of sprinting consisted of two Practice Runs and four Timed Runs on the Saturday's National Course, followed by two Practice Runs and three Timed Runs on Sunday's full International Course. In hindsight the only reason four Timed Runs were not achievable on the International Course was due to so many "offs" in Practice – all of which ate up the minutes! We did however keep the Timekeepers very busy – our Chief Timekeeper, Alan Smith, contacted us after the event to tell us a total of 1,164 runs were taken over the weekend!!

Our sincere thanks to all Competitors, Officials and Marshals who made it such a success - and the Circuit Management's verdict to the Club was "its the best Sprint meetings we have had since sprinting started at Anglesey"!!

### [ANGLESEY SPRINTS WEEKEND – 2011 .....\*SPECIAL NOTE!\*](#)

After the 2011 Championship dates went to press a Superbike meeting to be held in Japan had its date moved, the knock-on effect being felt in the UK, which resulted in Anglesey Circuit's main motorbike meeting having to be moved. This unfortunately means a Longton's dates change from the original dates we recently published for our own Anglesey 2011 weekend – so we are now back to our earlier date in October, and the weekend will run as follows:

Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup> October, 2011	National B Sprint	National Course
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> October, 2011	National B Sprint	International Course

***Don't forget to put these new dates into your 2011 diaries!!***

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## Longton is listening to Competitors!

In this difficult financial climate many motor clubs are experiencing falling entry levels. Venue hire and operating costs have been increasing year-on-year, resulting in higher break-even points. The falling numbers at many events are putting clubs under increasing financial strain and with this in mind, the LDMC Committee has been looking hard at how to improve entry levels. The Club has been actively seeking feedback from its members and competitors on how to increase the appeal of its events.

Earlier this year LDMC circulated an email questionnaire asking Club members and competitors what they liked and disliked about Longton's sprints, and also canvassing general opinion on Championship structure and preferred venues. Only a limited number of questionnaires were returned but the information gleaned was very useful. The Committee looked at all of the data and has made a number of changes for next year. Peter Nelson and myself, Craig Powers, are active competitors and sit on the Committee. We have helped steer it towards the 2011 Championship format.

Some Competitors cited the 3-Sisters stony paddock as a significant problem. This causes problems for cars running on slicks, with hot tyres picking up lots of stones when returning to the paddock. We also know that owners of restored or valuable classics are deterred by the risk of stone chips and dents. The Club has been lobbying the track operators for some years but funds are tight and there are no immediate plans for increasing the tarmaced areas. However Longton has devised an ingenious work-around solution using heavy duty industrial conveyer belt which can be laid over sections of the stones and provides a clean access road for cars to get to the start area. This was tried at the September 2010 event and generally regarded as a success, enabling a one-way system to be run. Admittedly, this needs to be proven at a busier event in hotter and drier conditions but we seem to have a workable solution to this problem.

The Committee also took on board the comments regarding the Championship structure and 2011 will see an expanded Speed Championship of 21 rounds, with the best 10 to count to the final score. This provides a number of benefits.

- i. Competitors will have more choice of events. This is an important development for those who may miss rounds due to work, family commitments or holidays. With so many rounds available and the ability to drop lots of scores, this promises to be a tighter championship than ever!
- ii. The 2011 LDMC Championship has greater overlap with other regional championships such as Liverpool/Chester Speed, L&CCC Speed. This avoids Competitors having to choose between 'rival' championships. This is not just a matter of Longton increasing its number of championship rounds. The NW clubs are actively working together to provide a better integrated calendar of events. That said, there are still a number of unfortunate clashes with other clubs. We will do our best to minimise these in future years, but Longton are constrained with the dates on offer by the circuits' owners.
- iii. Longton is maintaining its long standing relationship with clubs such as Auto 66, Westmorland MC, and BARC Harewood to maintain a healthy number of hillclimbs in the Championship and feel that the Longton Championship is one of the most varied in the north of England.

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- iv. The Longton rounds will continue to be integrated into the ANWCC Sprint Championship.
- v. The Club has created a Sprint Series comprising the five Longton rounds (three at 3-Sisters and two at Anglesey). The best 4 rounds will count towards the final scores and the first three finishers will receive a trophy and a free entry to any of the 3 Sisters events organised by Longton in the next season. This series will run alongside the main Championship and will add extra spice to the year. The main Championship and the Mini-series will both be decided at the final two rounds at Anglesey, so this should keep the excitement flowing until the season end!

We hope that you like the 2011 changes and hope that you are able to compete and support Longton's sprint events next season.

Best of luck with your out-of-season repairs and improvements!

**Craig Powers**

Competitor & LDMC Committee Member  
OMS2000m ZZR1100, Racing Car Class 5A

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### ***PRAISE INDEED!***

Here is an extract from Stuart Turner's email following our Annual Dinner & Presentation of Trophies in January, 2010. Stuart was our Guest Speaker, and was of course a star turn!

If you have not previously been to Longton's Presentation Dinner over the last few years, perhaps his comments might persuade you to come along on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2011 and meet up with old friends!

*18<sup>th</sup> January, 2010*

*Dear Graham & Margaret,*

*I must admit I drove up the M6 on Saturday now knowing quite what to expect. I did not expect to find such splendid hospitality, in a room which was the best laid out and decorated of any club I've ever been to.*

*Many, many thanks for everything. Not least of course the donation to the Fund.....*

*Regards,  
Stuart*

**Coming from Stuart – praise indeed!**

***(A booking form for our Annual Dinner & Presentation of Trophies on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2011 can be found on the last page of this Bulletin).***

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**LONGTON & DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB LTD**  
**NORTHERN SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP 2010 AWARDS**

1 <sup>st</sup>	NEH Engineering Trophy, Replica + £300	Craig Powers
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Second Overall Trophy, Replica + £200	Martin Rowe
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dutton Forshaw Directors Trophy, Replica + £150	Russell Thorpe
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dutton Forshaw North West Trophy, Replica + £125	Phil Short
5 <sup>th</sup>	Russell Spence Trophy, Replica + £75	Andrew Steel
6 <sup>th</sup>	Award + £50	Eve Whitehead
7 <sup>th</sup>	Award + £40	Barry Whitehead
8 <sup>th</sup>	Award + £35	John Graham
9 <sup>th</sup>	Award + £30	Mark Wallwork
10 <sup>th</sup>	Award + £20	John Moxham
	The Longton Champion of Three Sisters Trophy & Replica	Craig Powers
	The Bagatelle Shield & Replica (Highest placed saloon car)	Martin Rowe
	The Amalco Shield & Replica (Highest placed sports car)	Phil Short
	The Albert Atkinson Memorial Trop & Replica (Highest placed kit car)	Andrew Steel
	The New City Motor Factors Shield & Replica (Highest placed racing car)	Eve Whitehead
	The Longton Shield & Replica (Highest placed road going car)	Martin Rowe
	The Brian Redman Trophy & Replica (Highest placed lady)	Eve Whitehead
	The Bill Turner Trophy & Replica (Highest score on the hills)	Barry Whitehead
	The Dave Render Trophy & Replica (Highest scores at sprints)	Russell Thorpe
	The D & J Russell Trophy & Replica (Best Novice/newcomer)	Andy Bradley
	East West Pennine Challenge Trophy & Replica (Consistency Award)	Alan Wood
	Autotune Trophy & Replica (Character of Championship)	To be announced!
	R'OBE Pist'n Broke Trophy & Replica (Biggest 'whoops')	To be announced!

# LONGTON & DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB LTD.

## Annual Reunion Dinner & Presentation of Awards for 2010 Season

To be held in the  
Barton Suite, Barton Grange Hotel & Country Club,  
Barton, Preston, Lancashire

on

**Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2011**

7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

Tickets: £28.50 each

Silver Service 3 course Dinner  
Presentation of Awards  
Raffle  
Chit-Chat time!!

Accommodation is available at a special rate (quote Longton & DMC).  
Please book direct with Barton Grange Hotel – Tel: 01772 862551  
Fax 01772 861267 or email: [stay@bartongrangehotel.com](mailto:stay@bartongrangehotel.com)

*You must book early to avoid disappointment!*

We look forward to seeing you there!

Dress Code: Lounge suits for men – Posh frocks for ladies!

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Name .....Tel: No .....

Email address (for acknowledgement) .....  
(no tickets will be issued)

Home address .....

..... Post Code .....

No. of places required: ..... No. of Dietary meals..... Type.....

Payment enclosed @ £28.50 p.p.....Cheques payable to LDMC Ltd.

If possible, please seat our party with .....  
(We cannot guarantee everyone will be seated with friends, but we will try our best!!).

**DO NOT DELAY WITH YOUR BOOKINGS!**