

# BMZRC

## British MZ Racing Club

### Snetterton 2nd/3rd Sept

# 2023



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*Four out  
of four*

*What a weekend  
for Alex Mann*



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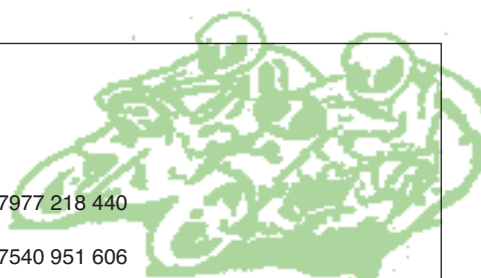
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**Andrew Wales**

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"Taff" Wales will be awarding prize money for best rider of the day and spot prizes throughout the season.

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# BRANDS INDY *THIS WEEKEND*



## The Gavin Sherwood trophies

Gavs races will be run on the Sat. Extra trophies for 1st 2nd and 3rd and the **£750** cash from LX Trix shared.

the annual **Gav trophy 50** award  
Dont forget to have a number 50 on your bike  
**GAV'S RACING NUMBER**

the **Spirit of MZ Racing**  
Annual Trophy  
will be anounced and presented



Dont forget to all come to Kentigon for presentation and straight afterwards the BBQ down at Chris Pettet camp. Bring something to put on bbq and a chair and beer  
*Sue*

## Brands Journalists

Saturday Graeme Lewis

Sunday Louis Kershaw

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**Andy Saunders**



## 2023 CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS

Illumination BMZRC CHAMPIONSHIP 2023				
Pos.	U/D	Rider	Points	Diff +/-
1	⇒	Andrew Wales	483	-
2	⇒	Alexander Mann	472	-11
3	⇒	Chris Kent	271	-201
4	⇒	Gordon Ryan	242	-29
5	↑	John Ashmead	189	-53
6	↑	Richard Askew	178	-11
7	↓	Peter Woodall	170	-8
8	⇒	Chris Rogers	139	-31
9	↑	Andy Marks	130	-9
10	⇒	Graeme Lewis	117	-13
11	↓	Louis Kershaw	102	-15
12	⇒	Russell Turner	90	-12
13	↑	Simon Finch	76	-14
14	↑	Calab Wright	56	-20
15	↓	Mike Wilby	49	-7
16	↓	Chris Pettet	44	-5
16	↓	Tony Parker	44	0
18	↓	Carl Cripps	40	-4
19	⇒	Harry Lamacraft	30	-10
20	⇒	Kevin Lane	26	-4
21	↓	Lelia Williams	14	-12
22	↓	Paul Ansell	1	-13
23	↓	Stephen Pells	0	-1
23	↓	Ian Keeble	0	0
23	↓	Joseph Smyth	0	0
23	↓	Giles Spencer	0	0
23	↓	Gary Williams	0	0
23	↓	Gary Howlett	0	0
23	↓	Joe Baldry	0	0
23	↓	Clive Hillier	0	0
23	↓	Max Maud	0	0
23	↓	Dan Barford	0	0
23	↓	Gary Samett	0	0
23	↓	Andrew Welton	0	0
23	↓	Ryan Anderson	0	0
23	↓	Scott Grant	0	0
23	↓	Charlie Ollis	0	0
23	↓	Rob Dessoy	0	0
23	↓	Steve Brigden	0	0
23	↓	Dave Higgins	0	0
23	↓	Paul Magrath	0	0
23	↓	Harrison Dessoy	0	0

BMZRC MZ CUP 2023				
Pos.	U/D	Rider	Points	Diff +/-
1	⇒	Richard Askew	423	-
2	↑	Andy Marks	314	-109
3	↓	Graeme Lewis	279	-35
4	⇒	Tony Parker	106	-173
5	⇒	Chris Pettet	102	-4
6	⇒	Paul Ansell	9	-93
7	⇒	Max Maud	0	-9
7	⇒	Steve Brigden	0	0
7	⇒	Clive Hillier	0	0



Russ,  
Andy  
and  
Simon



### Ben Fund

Thank you to  
all that gave  
to this very  
good cause.

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----- Compiled By *Gary Williams*

### BMZRC SENIOR CUP (40+) 2023

Pos.	U/D	Rider	Points	Diff +/-
1	⇒	Andrew Wales	536	-
2	⇒	Chris Kent	336	-200
3	⇒	Gordon Ryan	300	-36
4	↑	John Ashmead	225	-75
5	⇒	Richard Askew	223	-2
6	↓	Peter Woodall	202	-21
7	↓	Chris Rogers	173	-29
8	↓	Graeme Lewis	145	-28
9	⇒	Russell Turner	117	-28
10	↑	Simon Finch	94	-23
11	↓	Mike Wilby	75	-19
12	↓	Tony Parker	67	-8
13	↓	Chris Pettet	58	-9
14	↓	Kevin Lane	36	-22
15	↓	Lelia Williams	25	-11
16	↓	Ian Keeble	0	-25
16	↓	Gary Williams	0	0
16	↓	Gary Howlett	0	0
16	↓	Joe Baldry	0	0
16	↓	Clive Hillier	0	0
16	↓	Max Maud	0	0
16	↓	Rob Dessoy	0	0
16	↓	Gary Samett	0	0
16	↓	Paul Magrath	0	0
16	↓	Paul Ansell	0	0

### BMZRC NOVICE CUP 2023

Pos.	U/D	Rider	Points	Diff +/-
1	⇒	Calab Wright	231	-
2	⇒	Carl Cripps	115	-116
3	⇒	Lelia Williams	100	-15
4	↑	Kevin Lane	90	-10
5	↓	Harry Lamacraft	75	-15

### BMZRC WOMEN'S TROPHY

Pos.	U/D	Rider	Points	Diff +/-
0	↑ 1	Lelia Williams	100	-

### BMZRC MAVE HIGGINS TROPHY (50+) 2023

Pos.	U/D	Rider	Points	Diff +/-
1	⇒	Chris Kent	430	-
2	⇒	Gordon Ryan	389	-41
3	↑	Richard Askew	306	-83
4	↓	Peter Woodall	272	-34
5	⇒	Graeme Lewis	200	-72
6	↑	Russell Turner	166	-34
7	↓	Mike Wilby	103	-63
8	⇒	Tony Parker	92	-11
9	⇒	Chris Pettet	74	-18
10	⇒	Kevin Lane	51	-23
11	↓	Lelia Williams	33	-18
12	↓	Paul Ansell	8	-25
13	↓	Gary Howlett	0	-8
13	↓	Max Maud	0	0
13	↓	Clive Hillier	0	0
13	↓	Gary Samett	0	0
13	↓	Gary Williams	0	0

### BMZRC TEAM TROPHY 2023

Pos.	U/D	Team	Points	Diff +/-
1	⇒	Man-A-Skew	592.0	-
2	⇒	Marks & Sprarks	354.5	-237.5
3	⇒	The Trumpy Monkeys	303.5	-51.0
4	⇒	Dastardly & Muttley	209.0	-94.5
5	⇒	Mmmmm!	0.0	-209.0



### Reminder

Copies of all photographs taken by Rachel BP  
can be obtained from this address

<https://bournephoto.photoshelter.com/.../C0000cR9ePRoQib8>



# Snarettas

## RACE 1

POS	NO	CL	PIC NAME	LAPS	TIME	BEST	ON	
1	18	GPF	1 David BALL	5	11:16.753	2:13.117	2	
2	4	GPF	2 Denis HALIL	5	11:32.458	2:16.029	2	
3	71	GPF	3 Pete FISHWICK	5	11:32.665	2:15.847	5	
4	26	GPF	4 Damian LEE	5	11:33.867	2:16.607	3	
5	162	GPF	5 Darren COOPER	5	11:34.209	2:16.788	3	
6	69	MZ	1 Alexander MANN	5	12:41.815	2:23.485	3	
7	17	GPF	6 David PATERSON	5	12:45.776	2:30.515	2	
8	85	MZ	2 Andrew WALES	5	13:06.996	2:27.825	2	
9	13	MZ	3 Gordon RYAN	5	13:11.816	2:29.429	4	
10	7	MZ	4 John ASHMEAD	5	13:22.266	2:31.338	3	
11	56	MZ	5 Russell TURNER	5	13:43.751	2:34.822	5	
12	22	MZ	6 Simon FINCH	5	13:44.289	2:36.286	5	
13	14	MZ	7 Andy MARKS	5	13:44.545	2:35.569	5	
14	94	MZ R	1 Kevin LANE	4	12:07.998	2:50.076	3	
15	102	MZ R	2 Caleb WRIGHT	4	12:10.765	2:50.395	4	
							<b>1ST MZ</b>	
DNF	28	GPF	Liam McCARTER	3	6:45.954	2:13.664	2	
DNF	95	MZ	Christopher ROGERS	2	5:34.293	2:26.266	2	
DNF	8	MZ	Rich ASKEW	1	3:16.171			
DNF	66	MZ	Graeme LEWIS	0				



*Lorraine*  
Great to see these three doing battle on track at Snetterton Russell Turner, Andy Marks & Simon Finch, you guys were awesome



From the moment the alarm went off Saturday morning, the butterflies were there. Second in line this weekend meant there was no chance for a gentle awakening or relaxed chit chat over a cup of coffee, it was straight in at the deep end. Then again, nothing quite wakes you up like flying into the fast turn 1 at Snetterton, bike screaming for mercy at 9 o'clock in the morning.

Humidity was at a high after the previous days on and off showers, but the sun was shining and although Snetterton doesn't drain very quickly the ground was dry, and that was all that mattered.

Qualifying, the important start to any good (or bad) weekend was upon us. Alex was to begin his imperious reign over the weekend posting a 2:24.164 to take pole position, with Andy and Chris Rogers in tow. I'd decided to switch across from Bridgestones to some only slightly used Dunlops I'd got from Alex at the previous meeting to see if I could feel any sort of difference. Sticking to the back of the field meant I got a nice clear couple of laps with only one GPF passing me into the hairpin at turn 2. Kevin our new classmate rode an impressive 54.1 on the renter, having only spent one day on track to pip me for second to last place on the grid. Clearly the new rubber had not made me any faster!

Shortly after returning and peeling an already sticky set of leathers off, some of my family arrived to spectate for the day. After completing all the obligatory duties on the bike (refuelling, bolt checking etc.) we took the opportunity to have a walk around the circuit for the best place to watch from. But no sooner had we scaled the viewing mound at Agostini's to admire the near 360 view of the circuit, it was time to head back for the first race of the weekend.

**Race 1** was underway just before mid-day and although no rain was forecast the clouds had congregated overhead and were looking rather dark. All the field got off to a good start and cleanly through the first few corners, sadly Graeme fell victim to carburation problems halfway around the opener and only one lap later Rich took a tumble through Agostini's at full lean (the bike washing away after getting on the gas just a fraction too early).

## Caleb Wright



Chris Rogers machine decided to detonate on the back half of the circuit on lap 3 leaving him with work to do over the lunch break and just 9 MZ's left in the race. Kevin was again very impressive, setting the pace for the two of us for almost the entire race. I kept him honest, but couldn't manage find a way past nor did he make any mistakes under pressure. Both of us had shaved 5 seconds off our qualifying time as well which felt like a huge step forwards and one I was extremely pleased with. Up at the front, Alex stormed across the finish line with a 25 second gap, Taff took a comfortable second and Gordon secured his first dry podium in third!

As usual, there was a considerable amount of time over lunch before the second race of the day. I enjoyed mine with an early afternoon nap in typical Bruce Anstey style.

**Race 2** was unfortunately over for number 85 before it had even started, the spark plug had decided to make a quick exit which left Andy rolling back down pitlane. But all the rest of the MZ's





# Andrew Wales

## RACE 2

POS	NO	CL	PIC	NAME	LAPS	TIME	BEST	ON
1	18	GPF	1	David BALL	5	11:21.824	2:13.847	2
2	26	GPF	2	Damian LEE	5	11:26.704	2:14.987	2
3	4	GPF	3	Denis HALIL	5	11:26.771	2:14.753	5
4	71	GPF	4	Pete FISHWICK	5	11:27.287	2:15.406	5
5	28	GPF	5	Liam McCARTER	5	11:37.744	2:14.664	2
6	114	GPF	6	Steve DUNN	5	12:35.563	2:25.916	2
7	69	MZ	1	Alexander MANN	5	12:57.727	2:23.096	3
8	95	MZ	2	Christopher ROGERS	5	13:02.731	2:24.882	2
9	13	MZ	3	Gordon RYAN	5	13:17.341	2:28.311	5
10	7	MZ	4	John ASHMEAD	5	13:17.766	2:28.561	2
11	14	MZ	5	Andy MARKS	5	13:48.211	2:32.579	5
12	22	MZ	6	Simon FINCH	5	13:49.329	2:33.595	4
13	8	MZ	7	Rich ASKEW	5	13:49.507	2:33.363	5
14	56	MZ	8	Russell TURNER	5	13:50.461	2:32.965	5
15	94	MZ R	1	Kevin LANE	4	12:08.266	2:47.943	4
16	102	MZ R	2	Caleb WRIGHT	4	12:10.050	2:47.932	4
<b>1st MZ</b>								
DNF	162	GPF		Darren COOPER	1	2:28.145		
DNF	17	GPF		David PATERSON	0			
DNF	234	GPF		Andy FLUX	0			
NS	85	MZ		Andrew WALES				



Chris and Ryan,  
Alex was somewhere to the right



managed to complete the race this time. Gordon repeated his AM performance to take another 3rd place, with Chris Rogers slightly ahead in 2nd. Kevin & I had another ding dong at the back but much like the morning race, I couldn't manage to find a way past, yet again near 3 seconds faster though.

*This weekend was a huge step forward for me personally and incredibly enjoyable. Thanks to everyone for all the tips, tricks and general help around the paddock, especially Russell who took me out in Sundays morning warmup to show me some lines around the course, extremely helpful. Roll on Brands!*

*Caleb*



Caleb and Kevin



*Festivities after Saturdays racing  
Thanks to Chris Pettet and Gary Williams*

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# SNETTERTON

## RACE 1

POS	NO	CL	PIC NAME	LAPS	TIME	BEST	ON
1	18	GPF	1 David BALL	7	15:52.579	2:14.268	7
2	4	GPF	2 Denis HALIL	7	5:55.582	2:14.274	4
3	26	GPF	3 Damian LEE	7	15:55.964	2:14.440	6
4	28	GPF	4 Liam McCARTER	7	15:57.698	2:14.586	4
5	162	GPF	5 Darren COOPER	7	16:24.908	2:16.375	2
6	114	GPF	6 Steve DUNN	7	17:17.220	2:25.392	7
7	73	GPF	7 Colvin TURNER	7	17:36.839	2:27.798	2
8	69	MZ	1 Alexander MANN	7	17:43.508	2:25.236	4
9	13	MZ	2 Gordon RYAN	7	17:55.025	2:26.117	7
10	95	MZ	3 Christopher ROGERS	7	18:06.123	2:25.906	6
11	85	MZ	4 Andrew WALES	7	18:08.280	2:25.242	6
12	8	MZ	5 Rich ASKEW	6	15:59.762	2:32.011	2
13	66	MZ	6 Graeme LEWIS	6	16:09.028	2:32.584	6
14	22	MZ	7 Simon FINCH	6	16:12.621	2:33.441	5
15	14	MZ	8 Andy MARKS	6	16:26.017	2:34.831	6
16	56	MZ	9 Russell TURNER	6	16:27.455	2:35.746	6
17	102	MZ R	1 Caleb WRIGHT	6	17:17.622	2:42.765	6
18	94	MZ R	2 Kevin LANE	6	17:17.706	2:42.758	6
							<b>1ST MZ</b>
DNF	17	GPF	David PATERSON	4	10:10.224	2:30.628	2
DNF	7	MZ	John ASHMEAD	0			



Russell Graeme and Andy

*What a scrap.....*



Gareme Andy and Russell



Snetterton was one of those perfect race weekends – I know we don't get enough of them, but the more races you do the more you increase your chances of hitting lucky. All those lucky folks who had made the trip to Norfolk were repaid with fabulous weather and some close racing throughout the field.

My weekend started well – after having returned Simon Finch's exhaust to him (thanks) and replaces John Ashmead's carb parts (thanks) the weekend was all ready to go! Friday testing went well and a little chat with TW Suspension's Teut resulted in a bit of a tweak to the suspension to stop it sliding in the corner onto the back straight and feeling a bit more stable in Palmers. On the journey Ali had asked me what my aims were for the weekend. I replied that with some of the riders who were having a late season sabbatical I would like to try for a podium – it felt a bit ambitious but if you don't commit you may never know...

Saturday had gone phenomenally well – having made two thirds (aim already surpassed) had boosted my confidence and a little advice from the weekend's star, Alex Mann (winner of all races), had me ready to get into the Sunday. The little voice in my head kept saying – "there's good points available don't fall off and don't have a mechanical". I took precautions and checked the bike super-thoroughly.

Sunday morning started with a thick mist that quickly burnt off to leave a quickly warming day. The day's first race already had me in a good position – starting third on the grid felt unusual although my starts from the second row on Saturday meant I knew I could get off the line well enough to stay with the others.

### Race 1

As the lights went out I opened the throttle and made charging progress towards the first corner. Trying to hold my nerve I could see the Alex would be hard to get the holeshot on and had to settle for second into the corner. The classy Mr Rogers quickly took me into the hairpin and I set-

## Gordon Ryan



led to third. Remembering Alex's advice about getting on the throttle earlier I reminded myself to keep up with those in front. Alex Mann quickly gapped, I settled into a rhythm behind Chris Rogers. As the first few laps of the longer seven lap race developed I could see that I could pass him on the back straight – and started to exercise this advantage often to lose the position later into the more committed corners. A pattern of cat and mouse ensued and I had a little word with myself coming into the last lap where I knew that a close enough exit on the last corner would mean I could out drag him to the line. I was struck by my race thinking (thanks to previous advice from Andy Wales, Pete Woodall and Simon Finch).

We came round Corum's and I wasn't quite as close as I would like and then it happened.... Chris brakes hard and late and his suspension, that he had been having some trouble with, skipped the front wheel and it was enough for me to make the pass as he ran on over the grass. I crossed the line with the disbelief of a second place. Thankfully, Chris re-joined and made third with Andy Wales making fourth from the back of the grid while still having some bike issues.

As others came into the paddock it was clear that John Ashmead had been pushing hard right behind Chris and I – with the sniff of a podium in the air he had committed hard into Williams and run out of track, going down hard on his elbow which ended his day. Great to see John finding his pace on Sunday but hoping he recovers well for Brands after feeling a little beaten up. Rich, Graeme, Andy Marks and Russ came in close together, then Caleb and Kev Lane (on

# Sunday

## RACE 2

POS	NO	CL	PIC	NAME	LAPS	TIME	BEST	ON
1	28	GPF	1	Liam McCARTER	6	13:30.212	2:13.216	6
2	18	GPF	2	David BALL	6	13:30.378	2:13.026	6
3	4	GPF	3	Denis HALIL	6	13:38.449	2:14.084	2
4	26	GPF	4	Damian LEE	6	13:42.199	2:15.452	2
5	114	GPF	5	Steve DUNN	6	14:59.297	2:27.034	5
6	69	MZ	1	Alexander MANN	6	15:07.221	2:24.869	3
7	85	MZ	2	Andrew WALES	6	15:19.613	2:27.110	2
8	13	MZ	3	Gordon RYAN	6	15:20.048	2:27.254	6
9	8	MZ	4	Rich ASKEW	6	15:51.475	2:32.570	4
10	22	MZ	5	Simon FINCH	6	15:54.835	2:31.694	2
11	56	MZ	6	Russell TURNER	5	13:29.830	2:34.143	4
12	66	MZ	7	Graeme LEWIS	5	13:30.678	2:34.858	2
13	14	MZ	8	Andy MARKS	5	13:30.811	2:34.092	2
14	102	MZ R	1	Caleb WRIGHT	5	14:21.584	2:44.494	5
15	94	MZ R	2	Kevin LANE	5	14:22.281	2:44.373	4
<b>1ST MZ</b>								
DNF	95	MZ		Christopher ROGERS	0			

the renter) with less than a tenth between them. It's fair to say there was superb racing throughout the pack.

### Race 2

The last race of the weekend and I was back to the second row for the start. Chris Rogers had a mechanical and did not make the start. Again, I made a great start and headed into the first corner tight behind Andy Wales. Alex Mann did his weekend's routine and disappeared in a cloud of Castrol 747. I settled into a rhythm behind Taff. It began to dawn on me that there were again some aspects where I felt I had a little more. Swapping places on the back straight only to have to do it all again after being less skilled in the twisty section.

As we got toward the last lap I felt I might just be able to do this. Taff clearly had some bike issues and it seemed they were getting worse. I made a pass underneath in Palmers and began to press for a gap. As I was heading down the back straight my focus quivered and I started thinking too much of what Andy Wales might be thinking and might try. This led to me braking too early before the bridge and Andy didn't need an invitation as he sailed round my outside and took second position as we headed to the bomb-hole. I felt a tight slip stream would still be possible. We exited Murrays and I was just a little too far back, I closed on him to-

wards the line but a cool headed second place went to Taff with me coming in third.

Rich came in third with Simon close behind. Russ, Graeme and Andy Marks came in together in a tight trio with Caleb and Kev Lane leaving less than a tenth between them again.

Back in the paddock everyone was buzzing. Fabulous riding from Rich, Graeme, Andy Marks and importantly Russ. It was great to see Russ back to form with fewer mechanical issues and having had a satisfying weekend duking it out with the others – great to see after all the weekends that he's had to show resilience with issues beyond his control.

I left the weekend feeling unbelievably happy. It felt like a real step forward and with four podiums this was hopefully a sign to myself that I can start to run nearer the front more consistently. I know there were fewer racers this weekend and repeating this will be more challenging – but maybe, just maybe, all the coaching from Andy Wales and advice from everyone is coming together!

*The star of the weekend was unarguably Alex Mann who closes the championship gap to just 11 points making Brands a real showdown!*

*Gordon*

## Gordon Ryan

# Reflection on 2023

As we head into the last round of the season at BEMSEE's home circuit Brands Hatch it brings me to a little bit of reflection on the year gone and the year to come.

It's been my first year as the BMZRC Chair, and what a year it has been! Thanks to Chris Rogers for continuing to support me in this as the past-chair – always there with sound advice. As you know this club is very special and has some extraordinary people within it. Our primary aim is to increase the number of MZ racers while continuing to keep the heart and soul of the club what you lovely bunch make it!

We have continued to run the experience Bike thanks to Graeme Lewis and Chris Pettet – as well as the prep by Chris and Brian Rogers and support of many others. We have had some fabulous people on the bike this year and continue to hope to attract more next year.

It is no secret that grids at some races this year have been fewer than we would have hoped for. There is a combination of personal reasons, cost of living and other life commitments that make this all very understandable. The grid at Brands is looking really promising. I hope you will continue to support the club by being on the grid whenever you can in 2024 and will think about who else you might be able to rope into trying MZ racing!

In 2024 we will no longer share a grid with the Blue Haze – who we wish well for the future. Our new grid-fellows will the Formula 400 and we are exploring the best and safest way for this to work for everyone with the support of those within BEMSEE.

A special thank you to Andy Wales and Illuminate Designs for their sponsorship this year. For many of us there is little understanding of the commitment that goes into that – but we do appreciate it!

Hope to see you all at the AGM in November (details to follow) and back on the grid in spring. In the meantime, engine refreshes with Tony Holmshaw are available and it's best to get them to him early so he can tinker with them over the winter.

Thanks for a fantastic year!

*Gordon*





## Rider of The Meeting Gordon Ryan



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Spot Prize **Kevin Lane**



## 100 CLUB Winner **Gary Williams**



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Rider of The Day  
**Gordon Ryan**



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**Kevin Lane had four cracking rides on the Experience bike**

## MZ Experience in 2023

*Operated by*

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Graeme socialising

*Gordon Ryan*  
Chris - many thanks for the above and everything you did in supporting the experience bike. Well done you fabulous bunch of folk!

## BMZRC Interservice Cup standings *Operated By Chris Pettet*

The penultimate round of the Interservice Cup saw it return to Snetterton at the beginning of September. The field was once again a little short of Boots on the ground but with the top two in the championship and a multiple champion out there what it lacked in quantity it certainly made up for in quality.

Qualifying took place in rather gloomy conditions but the track stayed dry for the riders who soon got into their stride with only a 10 minute long session and a track that is 3 miles long there were only a few chances to get a good time, Gordon Ryan came out top once again heading Russell Turner by just over 5 seconds who in turn had a 3 second cushion over Graeme Lewis, gaps that sound impressive but equating to mere tenths at other tracks.

For the first race Gordon got a good start and pushed into the leading group eventually finishing third overall, Russell got involved in a very close mid pack scrap knocking one and a half seconds off his qualifying time to finish second in the cup whilst poor Graeme could only watch from the side after his bike lost power on the first lap forcing him to retire from the race.

Race 2 followed the same format as the first, Gordon settling into the lead group and again managing to finish third overall but being pushed all the way with never less than a half second gap at the line, with just a 4 tenths advantage at the flag, Russell again engaged in mid pack shenanigans knocking a further second off his laptimes as he finished a comfortable second in class, Graeme once again suffered at the hands of the mechanical gods unable to even complete the sighting lap on this occasion.

The first race Sunday saw a rejuvenated Graeme with a bike that actually worked engaged in a fierce midfield battle taking 7 seconds off his qualifying time on Saturday taking second place in class, up ahead Gordon was once again dicing for a overall podium when on the last lap what looked like being a hattrick of third places became two thirds and a second as the rider ahead outbroke himself at the last corner allowing Gordon to claim silver. Further back Russell was engaged in yet another scrap on his way to third.

The final race of the weekend was a cracker, Gordon once again running at the front and missing out on making it a brace of overall second places by less than half a second. In the midfield Russell dropped a couple of seconds behind Graeme on the first lap then got involved in a scrap that slowly edged closer to him until on the last lap Russell managed to put in a pass and claim 2nd in the cup.



After the weekends racing for his four podiums Gordon was awarded BMZRC rider of the meeting and is looking like an outside bet to challenge for overall championship honours next year. Meanwhile back in the Interservice Cup the standings now look like this

1st	Gordon Ryan	1st	88pts
2nd	Graeme Lewis		50
3rd	Russell Turner		27
4th	Michael Wilby		25
5th	Tony Parker		19
6th	Chris Pettet		12

Unless half the British Army turn up to race at Brands Hatch Gordon is Interservice Cup champion for 2023 with Graeme a respectable second. Third is not guaranteed yet dependent on who races at Brands.

Congratulations Gordon.

*Chris*



Diane, Kev, Oli  
and a familiar figure  
by the bike

Lorraine

The Zedders trusty support crew, enjoying a fully deserved rest whilst enjoying the late afternoon sun and a glass of something cold





*Lorraine*

Simon Finch trying to stop Gordon Ryan from using his powered paraglider to catch Alex Mann at Snetterton

That prop was going some, we were enjoying the blast. Dave H

*Chris Pettet*

Back home from a fantastic weekend at Snetterton, Congratulations to Alex on the wins well done to Gordon on the podiums and Rider of the meeting, yes you were out voted. Well done also to Caleb and Kevin Lane for their epic battles at the back of the field both taking 12 seconds off their qualifying times over the course of the weekend and setting personal best times separated by only 7thousandths of a second. Lastly a big thankyou to Gary Williams for taking up cooking duties at the Saturday evening BBQ much appreciated mate.

*Lorraine*

Congratulations to Alex Mann on a master class of a weekend at Snetterton. 4x4 and leading each race with a very comfortable gap - just amazing

**HENRY'S VIEW**

Well done Alex, four from four, great racing well done to the rest of the Zedders that raced. Superb racing from the front runners to the rear of the pack. See you all at Brands for more great racing



**HENRY'S VIEW**

Hi de hi to all the zeds that will be at Brands do not forget **your fivers for the 100 club** hope you have a safe drive to the circuit see you there  
H and Sue

*Andrew Wales*

Well glad that one is over. Well done Alex perfect weekend and very well executed. Thank you Tony & Teran for all your help and advice as always. Thanks Marshalled medics and officials and the dyno team start line and collecting area. As everyone keeps saying brands will be interesting

## The Laura Heard Trohy will be awarded this weekend

### Giles Spencer

It's that time of year again to vote for who you think deserves the Laura Heard Supporters Award.

For those of you who have been racing long enough to remember when I used to be quite good, you'll have known Laura and how much she loved the racing and cheering everyone on with enough volume to match an entire stand! After she sadly passed away in 2021 at 40 years old I created the trophy in memory of Laura, paid for with help from the generous people in this club. This is a trophy to be handed out annually and I aim to do that at the final meeting at Brands.

This is a 'Supporters Trophy', not meant for riders, tuners or anyone officially involved in the club as we have enough of those awards already but this year I will open it up for ex-riders who help out a lot and other people you think fit the bill of a true 'supporter'.

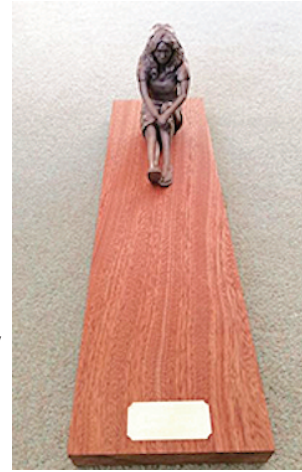
This is for someone who comes and watches and goes the extra mile to help out purely because they love the racing.

It could be wives, husbands, girl/boyfriends, partners, friends or anyone else not officially a current racer.

They just have to be someone who stood out for their helpfulness and love of the sport and club throughout the year.

For example, Laura would cheer everyone until she lost her voice, make sure that everyone got out and clapped every single rider back home whether they were battling for the lead or dead last. She'd even volunteer to clean the bugs off my visor and keep everything in order just to help out as she wasn't mechanically minded.

These are the kinds of quality I'm looking for. This is a special trophy that needs to go to a special person.



## BMZRC CLOTHING

Sue Wood looks after the MZ clothing for us

The usual Polo shirts, T shirts, fleeces  
baseball caps, lapel badges etc  
and new recently, softshell coats.

See Sue in the paddock or contact her on

**07790 325 811**

Check them out on the MZ website  
under contacts - Sue Wood



# TECH TALK.....compiled by Graeme Lewis



## Ignition Problems, Ignition Problems, my Welsh Kingdom for a fix to Ignition Problems.... Or so I thought.

Since Pembrey I have been chasing phantom ignition problems. With what was considered a known good carb and engine I followed the ignition route. It helped but did not fully cure my stuttering engine on full throttle after a long straight and/or pulling out of the following corner. First two laps were ok, then it would start. PVL ignition is simple, but its resistance can change with temperature and that is what we were chasing. Seems obvious now, but after setting up carb it was the next likely cause back then.

Snetterton first time around I was still suffering. Twin Tuning Triumphant Top Gun Guru's Teran and Tony advised on wear in my BVF inner parts, Tony took his hat off and pulled out, not a rabbit, but a set of new BVF parts. We fitted them, and again it got better but didn't solve the issue completely.

With missing Cadwell for my lovely daughters wedding, plus normal summer break in racing, the bike rested in the garage licking its sore bits.

By Snetterton second time I had every part of ignition replaced with new kit, a reworked carb from Snett visit 1 with all new internals and a different engine which held 5 psi for over 20mins with no movement, so I knew there were no air leaks, but still it was not right by lunchtime on test day.

Slow people have to be determined, my Nan once told me, she was kind but blunt, so I pressed on into the blizzard of the unknown.

I checked and cleaned the carb during the morning, just in case, but found nothing. As I scratched my head I said to Teran the bigger of the Triumphant Twins..... 'we will just have to start right at one end and work through the fuel system step by step again!!'

At that point Teran, quietly, without a word, with an expression of Jeremy Paxman on his face, undid the fuel cap, put it to his lips and sucked....

then diagnosed 'blocked breather' as the problem, before I even got my books off.

ALL FLIPPIN SEASON!!! Like a Mum who lost her kid while shopping then found them in the Woolies pick'n'mix, I didn't know if I should give Teran a clip around the ear or a hug. My mum gave both usually, but I settle for big Thankyou.

Here is a simple Tech Talk to inform newbees and remind old hacks how to REALLY start at the beginning and that means checking fuel flow.

*Problem Symptoms* - 2 laps with no problems and then missing or loss of power, and/or reluctance to hit top revs on straights.

# Ignition ???

*Cause* - of course the cause can be many things in a Z. But this short article looks at fuel flow. This was my issue 'fuel cap breather blocked', causing a vacuum in the tank and not letting fuel flow to carb freely.

*Checks* - to check fuel flow properly you need to run 5ltr or so through the tank, that is more than a normal race uses, and watch the fuel flow. Set it up so fuel pipe is fixed relative to a reference point, like the edge of funnel or similar. Make sure the fuel cap is on tight, both taps are fully open, and time how long the 5ltrs take to flow through the fuel pipe that fits to carb.

Watch it carefully from the very start. If it squirts, splutters, drips, squirts, then settles into a kind of a flow, dribbling now and again between squirts and flow, like a over 50 man having a pee, could be filters are blocked or crap in the tank (ask Mr Cripps about that one, the crap in the tank not the dribbling). Full bore clean flow should be seen from start to almost the end. If the flow starts off like that and then softens a bit, or gets folds in the fuel flow, like braided hair, or bubbles show in flow now and again, there is a problem, vacuum locked tank maybe.

Check Fuel Cap breather is not blocked. The inner part of a Z's fuel cap is steel, it rusts and blocks the small hole in the aluminium top of the cap. You can't see through it, so blow it out and check if you can suck air through it. For tips on sucking ask Teran the Triumphant.

Remember the normal hole is very small, as it does not have to deal with the high flow of fuel we use in racing. If you have a small hole this may be restricted and even if you are not having problems (yet) the flow can be slower than it could or should be, making a bit of corrosion a bit problem.



Also remember the hole can't be too big or rain will get in and give you different problems. I fitted a modified cap with a 6mm clear hose and check valve so if it all goes blue-black-blue-green-blue-green-thump..... at least the fuel stays in the tank and not all over the track and me.

So to summarise, 2 good laps followed by a stutter now and again, could be many things, but keep it simple, start and the beginning and suck your cap to see if it blows. Nothing like a blocked hole to ruin a race day.

*Graeme*

# Three Sisters

Andy Henworth..

Here's some photos that my friend Darren Andrews took at Three Sisters yesterday. Thanks for coming and filling the grid up a little bit with some East German proper bikes. There was some great racing from you guys and hopefully we'll see you again next season. Personally the end to my season was a bit of a damp squib. Brake problems meant I only got out in one race and I was way of the pace anyway. Funny how a sport can bring huge highs one day and then massive flat spots the next. Anyhow, enjoy the photos.



James Widdowson

There were a couple of MZs properly hammering round all day. Great spectacle watching them chase an RS125 Honda round!! The bloke next to me asked me if they were really MZ!!!

Andrew Wales  
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It was heads down for a finish, there was an electrical fault that was solved by putting the lights on... a fuelling fault fixed by a carb clean of the pilot jet, 2 accidents caused by others, some fantastic support and pit boarding from Roger Ashmead & Adam Cooper rider support from Maddie, Amy, Theo, Cooper, Katie and Biscuit (the dog). The final result was 24th with 1234 laps 154 laps behind @ 1min lap average 2.5 hours behind not bad given the issues. Better than last time and next time the bike will be better.

Team Taff, Greg Wright Alex Mann John Ashmead Gordon Ryan Scott 'Kingsley' Grant



# TONY HOLMSHAW



Alex Mann

## NUMBER 1 TUNER



Gary Howlett

*The man that  
keeps most of  
the MZ grid  
going* (ed)

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RIDER OF THE MEETING

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