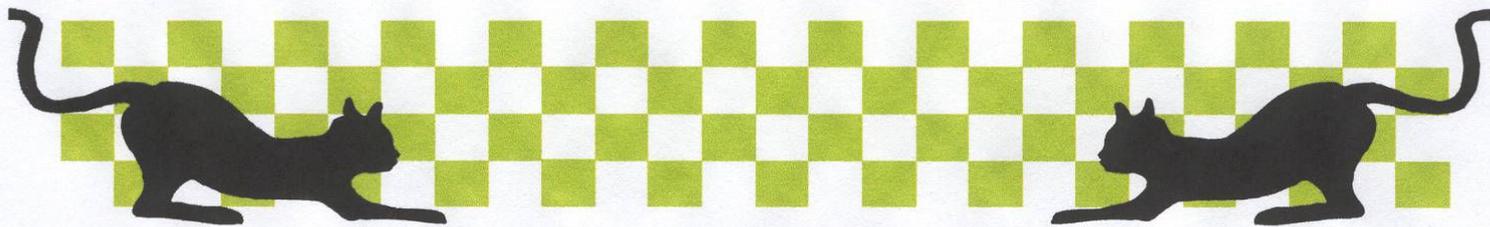


Stoney Stanton National Meeting for Stockcars & Bangers

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After this report was finished, there was a protest regarding the final Banger championship standings, all through the series it was advertised as the best three from five, in the rules it states the championship will be half + 1, so three from five to count, or is four from five correct, after the series had finished and the points had been published as David Smith the champion from the stated three from five to count, an objection had been received by the chairman of our section and the outcome of this objection was that the championship had been changed to the best four from five, resulting in Alastair Needham being the new champion, as the points was published for both three from five rounds, and the best four from five rounds at the end of this report I have listed the top ten in both points lists, although Alastair Needham at the moment is the 1/12th scale National Banger Champion for 2004.

This meeting is the last one of the year for the national series for both the stockcars and the bangers, it will be round seven of the stockcar championship and round five for the bangers, as both the stockcar and banger champions have been decided before this meeting the interest will be for the lower places in the championship, also Ben Harding has yet to achieve the perfect score of 100 points this year, he achieved this feat at the national meeting at the Cambridge club last year, so far he has recorded a run of four 99 points from the last four national meetings, in the bangers David Smith achieved the perfect score of 100 at the Hathern national followed by two scores of 99 at the next two nationals to wrap up the title, it is a shame that he has not raced in the class since he was assured of the title. During the year at the Stoney club there has been a lot of activity by club promoter Andy Cattell to make the club better for its club members, there has been a lot of work on the track with the construction of two outfields, the first needed some modification, the club also races a figure of 8 for the bangers which is the only club in the country to do so on a permanent basis, the club also purchased some new carpet, no need to Hoover your car after every race now, and with a little help from Geoff Needham the club also has a printer, so the results can now be printed. Once again Andy has been successful at persuading some Austrian racers to come over and take part in the meeting we welcome back Reinhard Brandstatter from last year and we say hello to Sigi Huber on his first trip to the UK, and we welcome some long distance travellers from the Leven club in Scotland making their first appearance at Stoney Stanton club.

The meeting last year attracted 36 racers for the stockcars and 26 for the bangers, the good news is an increase in numbers for the stockcars, up to a healthy 43, and the bangers are also up to 36 the same number as raced at the national meeting at Stoney in 2002. Also Andy took the brave step of holding a Saloon/Mini Stox/Hot Rod national meeting for the first time, this meeting took place just a short week ago. The current track record for the Stoney Stanton Oval stands at 90 laps for a five minute race, this is held by Ben Harding the current National Points Champion.

Stockcars Round 1.

The first heat winner of the days racing was Mark Cooper with his winning lap score of 77 laps from Allan Inness with 76, which is a very good result for Allan using a self built car along the lines of a Bandit Pro type of race car, third place went to Ade Eaglen with 73 laps as was Alan Harding in fourth place in this race, and in his first ever race in the UK Sigi Huber from Austria acquitted himself very well with 38 laps. Heat two was won by the Stoney Stanton club champion Ben Harding with 79, he was chased by Mike Tomkinson from the Urmston club with 75 laps, team skint racer Paul Riddell finished the race with 73 laps in third place followed by Jane Wyllie with 70 laps, also finishing the race with 70 laps in fifth position was Reinhard Brandstatter, Reinhard was pleased with this result as he was using tyres loaned from Andy Cattell as he had forgotten to pack his own tyres and had left them back in Austria. Heat three was won by the Stoney club promoter himself, Mr. Andy Cattell with a flying 81 laps from Martin Cooper on 78 laps, also on 78 laps in third place was Phil Chadbourn, a popular racer from the Hathern club followed by Ryan Cattell on 75. Heat four. The laps continue to climb higher as Dave Gwilliam won this heat with 83 laps followed by Shayne Moorcroft on 76 and High Wycombe racer Bryan Lee with 75. Heat five saw the winning lap score go even higher, this time it was Matt Bennett winning heat five with 85 laps from Urmston racer Pete Ayriss who finished the race on 75 followed by young Nicholas Cooper in a very good third place with his lap score of 70. Heat six winner was Roy Calver using one of his own design type of race cars called a Diamond with 74 laps, he was pushed right to the flag by Gary Osborne who finished just one lap behind Roy with 73, then we had two racers finishing with 71 laps they were Tom Forrest and Steve Brown in that order.

Bangers Round 1.

Opening his account with a win was the current British Open champion Anthony Wyper with 67 laps from Sandy boo boo Bisset with 61 laps, then it was Ade Eaglen in third place with his score of 51, not far behind Ade came both Paul Shearwood and Nicholas car wrecker Cooper with 47 laps. Heat two went the way of Alastair Needham with 71 followed by Mark Cooper on 66, third place went to Gary shaky Osborne with 63 followed by Leven club member Iain Roper with 57. Heat three was won with 66 laps by Mike too nice Tomkinson followed by Roy rocket Calver who also finished with 66, third place went to Ben thumbs Harding with his lap score of 60 chased by Allan Inness with 53. Heat four saw Martin pinky Cooper scorch around the track to record a heat win with 72 laps, he was chased by Lewis Wheatley a former Stoney Stanton club champion with 65 he was followed by Andy the baron Cattell with 61 laps, fourth place went to Derek grumpy Cayzer with 60.

Stockcars Round 2.

Heat one was won by Andy Cattell making it two from two races so far with 84 laps, then we had the Urmston club promoter Alan Crossland in second place with 79 laps he was followed by an incredible four racers all on the same lap at the finish and just one behind Alan, in the order that they crossed the line they were Shayne Moorcroft, Jane Wyllie, Reinhard Brandstatter, and Allan Inness. Heat two went to team skint racer Dave Gwilliam with 80 laps from another train of racers, this time we had three finishing on the same lap behind Dave, once again in the order that they crossed the finish line with 78 laps they were Mark Cooper, Tom Forrest and Ryan Cattell, they were closely followed by Derek Cayzer with 76. Heat three saw a rare race win for Ade Eaglen with 73 laps, and then we had a real surprise in second place after an excellent race by young Nicholas Cooper with 72, Bryan Lee from the High Wycome club finished in third place with 69 followed by Neil Ritchie the Leven club promoter with his lap score of 67, Sigi Huber continued his learning experience with an improved lap score of 46 laps in this heat. Heat four was won by Martin Cooper with 80 laps along with the welcome ten national points a rare treat for the Cambridge club promoter, second place went to Pete Ayriss with 70 followed by both Debbie Jackson and Andy Cox with 69 laps. Heat five winner was Matt Bennett with 83 laps, it just shows what you can do with a new car as Matt has recently purchased a Lecatt 2 type of racer and is now really flying around the ovals with it, second place went to Gary Osborne with 79 followed by Steve Brown with 73. The heat six winner was Mike Tomkinson, a racer from the Urmston club in Manchester with his lap score of 76 followed by Phil Chadbourne on 74, Diamond racer Roy Calver was the next to finish with 69 followed by Alan Harding with his lap score of 65.

Bangers Round 2.

Heat one winner in round two was Chris Wilks with 65 laps, he was chased by Lewis Wheatley with 53 followed by James Thompson on 46 and Ade crusher Eaglen with 41. Heat two was won with a score more accustomed to the stockcars, remember that these are only four cell cars so a lap score of 74 in a nine car heat is no mean feat by Alastair Needham, he was followed by Gary shaky Osborne with 69 and Sandy boo boo Bissett with 68 and just one lap behind Sandy was Allan Inness. Heat three was more of a typical banger style race won with 63 laps by Anthony wipeout Wyper from Dean deano Ritchie with 56 and fellow Scottish racer Iain Roper on 52 laps in third place, there were two of our youngest racers in this heat and both went well, we had Jack Gwilliam finishing with 38 laps and Kayleigh Cooper recorded 31 laps. Heat four was won by Ben thumbs Harding with 70 laps from Martin Cooper in second place with 68, and Andy psycho Cox with 64, also finishing on 64 laps in fourth place was Andy the baron Cattell followed by Paul Riddell with his lap score of 57.

Stockcars Round 3.

Leading the way in the first heat of round three with 83 laps was the likeable Phil Chadbourn from the Hathern club, he was followed to the flag by both Anthony Wyper and Pete Ayriss with 82 laps, Anthony is now getting to grips with the car built by Ben Harding, and not far behind these two in fourth place was Tom Forrest with 81 laps. Heat two saw Martin Cooper collect another heat win, this time his winning lap score was 83 laps and in doing so he beat the reigning national points champion Ben Harding who finished the race with 82 laps and just one lap behind Ben came fellow team skint racer Dave Gwilliam. Heat three was the highlight of the day for Derek Cayzer as he finally won a national heat, and his dance around the hall caused a great deal of laughter, his winning lap score was with 72, just one lap behind Derek was Steve Brown with Ade Eaglen a further lap behind Steve in third place. Heat four, well what can you say other than I wish I was in it, a real advantage for the four racers that were in it, after Andy Cox, Ronnie Faulkner and Stuart Preston were non starters, along with Mark Foster who had booked in to race but had not turned up for the meeting, so just how high a lap score can you get in a race such as this, and the answer is a track record equalling 90 laps for Matt Bennett, followed by 88 for the club promoter Andy Cattell, then it was Gary Osborne in third place with 86 followed by Brian Lee with 83. Heat five threw up another surprise winner in the form of young Aron Eaglen, and I believe this is his first national heat win, his winning lap score was 75, he was followed by Neil Ritchie with 68 laps and young Nicholas Cooper with 66 laps, they were followed by Reinhard Brandstatter in fourth place with 64. Heat six was won by Mark Cooper with 82 laps, which was very pleasing for him as he had failed to qualify for the previous club meeting final, finishing in second we had Mike Tomkinson with 81 followed by both Iain Roper and Debbie Jackson with 73 laps, then worth a mention for his efforts in fifth place with 68 laps, we had Stoney Stanton club regular Larry Wheatley.

Bangers Round 3.

Heat one of the bangers proved to be a close race, at the finish the win was taken by Andy psycho Cox by a split time from Ben thumbs Harding after they had both recorded 64 laps, and finishing a close third with 63 laps we had Anthony wipeout Wyper he was followed by Tracey Cooper from the Cambridge club with 60 laps. Heat two was won by Martin Cooper with a good lap score of 63, second place was decided by a split time after Lewis Wheatley and Derek grumpy Cayzer had both recorded 57 laps with second place going to Derek, in fourth place we had Sandy boo boo Bissett with 55. Heat three winner was a man in form as Roy rocket Calver posted an impressive 69 laps to take the heat win he was followed by Chris Wilks with 59 laps and Paul Shearwood with 54.

Heat four was won with an identical lap score as the previous heat, the winner this time was Mark have it Cooper, second in this heat was taken by Neil Ritchie with 65 followed by Alastair Needham with 64, and just one lap behind Alastair came Mike too nice Tomkinson with 63 followed by Andy the baron Cattell with 60 laps.

Stockcars Round 4.

Securing another heat win with his Diamond race car was Roy Calver with 80 laps from Neil Ritchie with 73 and Steve Brown on 71. Heat two was another of those unfortunate situations when due to unforeseen circumstances we only had four cars, and would you credit the luck of some people as the heat was won by Gary Osborne, yes the same Gary as was in the previous four car heat! the winning lap in this one was 88 impressive stuff by the Urmston blue grade racer and I am sure this will be good enough to see him through to the final, second place went to Ryan Cattell with 85 and third was taken by Anthony Wyper with 85, and that leaves us with Larry Wheatley who finished with 68 laps. Heat three was won with 84 laps by Mark Cooper from Phil Chadbourne and Pete Ayriss who finished in that order after both racers had crossed the finish line with 83 laps separated by a split time, fourth place went to Alan Harding with 75. Heat four winner Dave Gwilliam recorded 80 laps he was chased by the previously unbeaten Matt Bennett with 79, third spot went to Bryan Lee on 75 followed by Paul Riddell on 72 laps at the finish. Heat five saw a confident race win by Mike Tomkinson with 84 laps he was chased to the finish line by Andy Cattell who had 79 laps to his credit, and then we had Debbie Jackson in a fine third place with 71 laps followed by Martin Cooper with 60. The last of the heats for the stockcars was won by Ben Harding with a rapid 85 laps from Ade Eaglen in second place with 75 and Shayne Moorcroft on 74 in third place, and then we had one of our Austrian racers Reinhard Brandstatter in fourth place with 73 laps.

Bangers Round 4.

Taking another heat win in the first heat was Martin pinky Cooper with 70 laps from Ben thumbs Harding on 63 laps at the finish he was followed by Chris Wilks in third with 58. Heat two was won by Mike too nice Tomkinson with 64 from the persistent Allan Inness with 56 laps in second place he was chased by Lewis Wheatley with 55 laps followed by young Kayleigh Cooper recording an impressive fourth place with 39 laps. Heat three went to a flying Andy psycho Cox with 72 laps from Sandy boo boo Bissett with 64 and Anthony wipeout Wyper in third place with 50. The last of the banger heats was won with 61 laps by Alastair Needham with 61 from Andy the baron Cattell who finished just one lap behind Alastair, they were followed over the line by Neil Ritchie on 58, and fourth place was taken by Debbie Jackson with 43 laps.

The qualifiers for the stockcar consolation & final.

We had some excellent racing during the heats, the track record was equalled by Matt Bennett in round three, Reinhard Brandstatter recorded a personal best in round two his lap score was 78, his total for the day was 221 laps just ten short of the consolation race, Sigi Huber our other Austrian racer recorded a personal best of 46 in his first meeting, this was also achieved in round two. The highest lap score by a junior was the 81 laps by Tom Forrest, and the highest by the ladies was a 78 by Jane Wylie in round two, here are the qualifiers :-

Consolation		Final	
1. Mike Tomkinson	241	1. Matt Bennett	258
2. Martin Cooper	241	2. Gary Osborne	253
3. Peter Ayriss	240	3. Andy Cattell	253
4. Ryan Cattell	238	4. Ben Harding	246
5. Anthony Wyper	238	5. Mark Cooper	244
6. Bryan Lee	233	6. Phil Chadbourne	244
7. Shayne Moorcroft	232	7. Dave Gwilliam	244
8. Allan Inness	231		

The consolation race was an interesting one which developed into a duel between two racers who managed to break away from the rest, at the finish Mike Tomkinson from the Urmston club was declared the winner with 84 laps from Martin Cooper in second place with 82 laps, finishing in third place we had Bryan Lee on 75 laps, and I think this is a personal best finish to a national meeting for the High Wycombe racer, fourth place went to Peter Ayriss with 70 laps from Allan Inness who also recorded 70 laps in a slower time than Peter, sixth place was filled by Shayne Moorcroft with 25 followed by Anthony Wyper in seventh place with 15 laps and the last place was filled by Ryan Cattell with just 5 laps, so we had an unlucky race for three racers who had retired for one reason or another, but a very happy Mike Tomkinson progresses through into the final.

Stockcar Final.

This must go down as one of the most even finals on record, and what a race it was and quite an achievement too, the reason for me to say this is that all of the racers recorded at least 80 laps or more in the final the first time that this has been achieved at any national meeting final, at the finish it was the racer with a share of the track record and also winning his first national final for Matt Bennett with 87 laps, and just one lap behind Matt was Ben Harding with 86 as was Mark Cooper in third place with his lap score of 85, then we had two racers finishing with 84 laps they were Andy Cattell and Mike Tomkinson in that order, sixth place went to Dave Gwilliam with 81, also finishing on 81 laps was Phil Chadbourne in seventh place with a slower split time than Dave, and the last place in the final was filled by Gary Osborne with 80 laps.

Grade awards for the stockcars.

The best White went to Leon Scacht, his three lap total was 124, the Yellow award went to Nicholas Cooper with 215, and the Blue award went to Shayne Moorcroft with a total of 232, and the best junior award went to Tom Forrest with 230. Tec chart of today's finalist's.

Name	F/Tyre In	F/Tyre Out	R/Tyre In	R/Tyre Out	Gear Ratio	Speedo Type	Charger	Car Type	Chassis	Cells	Club	Grade	Qualify	Final
Matthew Bennett	SE	812	Pink	Pink	12/51	Mardave 2 speed	Apex	Lecatt 2	Lecatt	3300	Rugby	Red	1	1
Phil Chadbourne	UFRA Blue	909	SE	Pink	13/51	Mardave	Pro Peak	Bandit	Mardave	2000	Hathern	Red	6	7
Andy Cattell	Pink	Orange	SE	Pink	12/51	Mardave 2 speed	Apex	Lecatt 2	Lecatt	Corally 1700	Stoney Stanton	Red	3	4
Gary Osborne	Double Blue	812	SE	Pink	12/50	Mardave 2 speed	Apex	Pinky	Anderton	3300	Urmston	Blue	2	8
Ben Harding	Jap Med	812	Pink	Pink	12/50	Mardave	Apex	Skint	Anderton	2000	Rugby	Silver	4	2
Mark Cooper	Pink	Taylor TK	SE	SE	13/50	Mardave 2 speed	Pro Trak	Self Built	Anderton	Pro-trak 3300	Stoney Stanton	Red	5	3
Dave Gwilliam	Jap	812	Pink	Pink	12/50	Mardave	Apex	Skint	Anderton	2000	Rugby	Blue	7	6
Mike Tomkinson	812	SE	SE	Pink	11/49	2 speed	Novax	Mtec Pinky	Anderton	Sanyo 1700	Urmston	Red	8	5

The Banger Final.

Alastair Needham kept out of trouble to take the chequered flag with 76 laps from Mike too nice Tomkinson in second place with 72, then we had a good result for Chris Wilks in third place in his first national banger final with 71 laps he followed by Andy psycho Cox with 67 laps in fourth place, then we had Andy the baron Cattell with 66 laps followed by Ben thumbs Harding in sixth position on 66 laps at the finish, just one lap behind Ben at the finish was Anthony wipeout Wiper with 65 to take seventh place, eighth place went to Sandy boo boo Bissett with 25, he was followed by the banger specialist Martin pinky Cooper in ninth place with 15 laps after he had suffered another early track exit, and finally we have Roy rocket Calver taking the wooden spoon in the final for tenth place with 10 laps.

The last event of the day was the banger Demolition derby, on the Stoney Stanton figure of eight track, as usual the last car moving on the track is declared the winner, and after a titanic battle towards the end with the Scottish contingent of racers Stoney Stanton club member Mark Cooper was awarded a home victory as the last car moving. There was an extra award in this class of racing to the best junior of the day and this went to Lewis Wheatley.

Round up of the 2004 Stockcar National series.

The national series was well attended by the racers this year, from the seven national meetings we had five different final winners, the first national meeting of the year was at Hathern and was won by Ian Johnson, round two was held at Rugby and won by home club racer Karl Spencer, round three was held at the March club, a new venue for the stockcars and the final was won by Ben Harding, round four was held at the Urmston club, and we had another home club member win the final this time it was David Smith on top of the winners rostrum, round five found us up in Scotland at the Leven club, the final win was one of the closest finishes to a final that we had all year, at the finish of the final just over a second separated first and second place, but it was Ben Harding collecting his second final win of the year, round six was held at the High Wycombe club on a smaller oval than the usual one used at the club, the final was won by Ben Harding and in doing so he became the second racer to win two finals in the series, and the last round was held at the Stoney Stanton club, the winner was Matthew Bennett, Matthew winning his first national meeting and he was also the only racer to score the maximum 100 points, 30 from the heats, 1 extra for the FTD, and the final win all added up to the magic 100.

Hathern,

We had an healthy forty-eight racer's attend the first meeting, from the thirty-two heats of racing we had nineteen different heat winners amazingly we had thirteen straight different heat winners, three racers record a ninety-two lap score they were Ian Johnson, Gareth Jones and Stewart Smith, Stewart's claimed the FTQ with the fastest split time, the final was won with eighty-six laps by Ian Johnson.

Rugby,

Forty-eight racers had booked in to the meeting although four racers failed to turn up, we had a total of twenty-eight heats which produced fifteen different winners, during the meeting Ben Harding equalled the track record then see it bettered later on by Stuart Smith and then equalled by Karl Spencer, the record now stands at ninety-three laps, the final was won with ninety laps by Karl Spencer and the FTQ went to Stuart Smith.

March,

Details for this meeting are a little bit sparse as the results were never given to me, from the national points list we can work out that we had thirty-three racers in attendance, there were twenty heats which gave us twelve different race winners, the FTQ was taken by Gary McMullen, and the final was won by Ben Harding.

Urmston,

The highest turn out of the year saw some fifty racers attend the meeting, they were split into twenty-eight heats, and gave us a total of seventeen different heat winners, Ben Harding took the FTQ score with eighty-eight laps a lap score he achieved twice during the meeting, and for the third time in the series we had a home racer take the final, well done to David Smith winning with a super fast eighty-eight laps.

Leven,

A very low attendance of twenty-two racers appeared for this meeting, we had just twelve heat but the amazing thing from this was the very high rate of different heat winners, we had an amazing eight different heat winners from the twelve heats, again the laps were down from two years ago when the FTQ was set with a seventy-six laps score, the FTQ was taken at this meeting with seventy-four by Ben Harding an increase of five laps on last years FTQ, the final was won by Ben Harding with seventy-one laps.

High Wycombe,

We had a better turn out for this meeting compared to the previous year, in 2003 there were twenty-six and this number was up to a good and healthy thirty-two, we had a total of sixteen heats, in total there were nine different heat winners, the FTQ was set with seventy-seven by Ben Harding, but the fastest time of the day was taken by Ian Johnson and the only recognition for this is the track record for the short oval at High Wycombe.

Stoney Stanton,

The meeting was attended by forty-three racers, in total there was twenty-four heats, with thirteen different heat winners, the FTQ was taken by Matthew Bennett with ninety laps which also equalled the current track record, Matthew also won the final with eighty-seven laps and he was the only racer in the series to achieve the perfect one-hundred national point score.

There were only four racers that attended every meeting, they were Ben Harding, Shayne Moorcroft, Mark Cooper and Nicholas Cooper, Bens total points for the series was 684 and interestingly Mark Cooper scored just one point less than his total from the previous year in 2003 his total was 642, and this years was 641, here is a list of the top ten heat winners from the series, followed by the rest of the total 38 different heat winners,

1. Ben Harding	21
2. Karl Spencer	14
3. Mark Cooper	12
4. Gareth Jones	11
5. Dave Gwilliam	9
6. Gary McMullen	8
7. Stewart Smith	6
8. Matthew Bennett	6
9. Martin Cooper	6
10. Ian Johnson	5
10. David Smith	5

The rest of the heat winners in no order were, Paul Culverwell, Phil Chadbourne, Steven Farrer, Mike Tomkinson, Peter Ayriss, Stephen Farmer, Gary Osbourne, Pete Clarke, Andy Cattell, Jon Cutts, Aron Eaglen, Carl Baker, Jamie Burkett, Rob Teuke, Phil Smith, Clive Buckler, Joe Brown, Andy Cox, Ryan Cattell, Shayne Moorcroft, Mark Stiles, Tom Forrest, Roy Calver, Ian Rolph, Paul Riddell, Ade Eaglen and Derek Cayzer.

The top ten from the final point list for the Stockcars and Bangers.

Stockcars (best five)

1. Ben Harding	493
2. Karl Spencer	476
3. Mark Cooper	470
4. Gary McMullen	455
5. David Smith	455
6. Dave Gwilliam	448
7. Mike Tomkinson	439
8. Andy Cattell	435
9. Peter Ayriss	423
10. Roy Calver	406

Bangers (best three)

David Smith	298
Alastair Needham	295
Mike Tomkinson	288
Mark Cooper	272
Ben Harding	266
Martin Cooper	262
Andy Cattell	251
Debbie Jackson	240
Allan Inness	237
Dave Gwilliam	226

Bangers (best four)

Alastair Needham	391
Mike Tomkinson	372
Mark Cooper	360
Ben Harding	336
Andy Cattell	306
David Smith	298
Debbie Jackson	292
Nicholas Cooper	263
Martin Cooper	262
Gary Smith	254