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# CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME



IT'S something of an event when the picture at the top of this column changes. Ian Donaldson served as our

chairman for 25 years, and when he stepped down in May I was delighted to be voted in as just the fourth chairman since the Midland Group was founded in 1989.

If anything, the Group's role is even more vital now than it was then. This is a period of extraordinary change for the motor industry, with the challenges and opportunities of electrification on one hand and ongoing supply chain issues on the other. There's never been a more important time for organisations like the Midland Group to aid communications between the industry and the journalists who report on it. And as remote working becomes an established part of how we all operate, the Group will play an ever more useful role in keeping members connected, networked and supported.

**Andrew Noakes**

Chairman, Midland Group of Motoring Writers

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# MGMW MEMBER BENEFITS



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■ **Exclusive opportunities** including regional driving days, press briefings, test vehicle rotas etc.



■ **Social events** such as the Christmas lunch at the RSC Rooftop Restaurant in Stratford.



■ **Handbook** with members' contact information and outlets, distributed to motor industry press offices.



■ **Website and Twitter feed** to publicise Group activities and promote members' work to PRs.



■ **Severn Valley Railway:** a pair of tickets to the steam heritage railway to be won each year.

# MGMW AWARDS



JOE PEPPER (above) is the latest winner of the Midland Group of Motoring Writers' John Connor Prize, awarded annually to the student on the Coventry University Automotive Journalism MA degree course who produces the best final project. Joe's project was a magazine demystifying the world of electric cars for a consumer audience.

The award is a memorial to John Connor, a veteran motoring writer and newspaper editor who died in a road accident in 2014. John was a long-time MGMW member and served on the group's committee.

The Coventry course is the only Automotive Journalism Masters degree in the world. The course director is MGMW member Andrew Noakes.

## PREVIOUS WINNERS

(and where are they now?)

- 2013 **Max Prince\*** senior editor in USA
- 2014 **Sam Sheehan** Cinch
- 2015 **Jan Conesa Sagrera** SEAT PR, Spain
- 2016 **Cameron Tait** CarScore
- 2017 **Illya Verpraet** Autocar
- 2018 **Khoi An Do** in marketing, London
- 2019 **Sophie Middleton** Motor Socials
- 2020 **Michael Lear** Performance Communications



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FOR 2022 the Midland Group's website has been given a comprehensive refresh. It keeps members and the motor industry updated on news from the Group and publishes occasional comment and opinion articles by members.

The Midland Group is active on Twitter, most of its followers being in motoring media or the motor industry. The Group tweets information and links of particular interest to motoring media in the Midlands, posts pictures from Group events and retweets posts from members to amplify their reach.

Members' own social media links are listed on their profile pages in the handbook and on the website.

To access the website point your mobile device at the QR code, or go to the URL below.

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# MGMW CONSTITUTION

**1** The title of the Group is the Midland Group of Motoring Writers.

**2** The aim of the Group is to help members carry out their work and to improve communications with the motor industry.

**3** Membership is open to anyone in the media who can show they produce original published or broadcast work (including websites) which is significantly concerned with motoring subjects. Members must live or work in one of the following areas: West Midlands, Staffordshire (as far north as Stoke-on-Trent), Warwickshire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Shropshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Northamptonshire, Cambridgeshire and Gloucestershire, plus Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire as far south/south-east as a line drawn between Oxford, Thame, Aylesbury and Milton Keynes.

**4** Most Group business will be conducted by email. Every member will be asked to provide a secure email address to which sometimes confidential Group information may be sent.

**5** There will be two meetings of the whole membership each year, an annual meeting and a general meeting. The annual meeting will conduct the following business: Report of officers; Election of officers for the coming year; The level of membership fees for the following year and any other business accepted by the chairman. Both meetings will be called by the committee secretary with at least two weeks' notice. The chairman will preside at both meetings, or in his/her absences and that of the vice-chairman any other member may be elected to chair the meeting.

**6** The Group will elect a chairman, vice-chairman, treasurer and at least three other members to form an executive committee to guide the group and advise on policy matters. Members who are unable to attend a general meeting or annual meeting will have the opportunity to submit comments and, at the annual meeting, cast their votes via a committee proxy.

**7** Members will uphold the reputation and integrity of the Group. The Group has the right to expel a member, but only after a recommendation from the committee is supported in a ballot of members.

**8** Full members will be expected to each year supply to the committee evidence of regular, original recent work in the form of three recent, original cuttings or copies of broadcast material. Members who contribute to websites are asked to send working links to three recent web pages. Members who have not paid their subscription within three months of the due date will be deemed to have resigned from the Group.

**9** Members who lose all their media outlets are expected to inform the committee of their position without delay. They may ask for a temporary continuation of full membership while they seek new outlets for their work, but would be expected to resign from full membership if they could not satisfy the Group within six months that they had resumed work within the criteria set out for full membership as above.

**10** Members who are not active motoring journalists may remain in the Group as Social Members, but will not retain their voting rights. They will not pay a subscription. If a member cannot fulfil the requirements of full membership after the six-month period he/she may ask to become a Social Member of the Group.

**11** Members who leave the Group may be considered for honorary membership. They will not retain their voting rights and will not pay a subscription.

**12** In the event that the MGMW ceases to exist, whether by choice or circumstance, any monies remaining after all liabilities have been settled shall be shared equally between the motoring charity BEN, the Journalists' Charity and be directed to help perpetuate the John Connor Award in association with the Coventry University Masters degree course in Automotive Journalism. If at the time the MGMW ceases to exist one or more of the beneficiaries named is no longer in operation then any monies remaining after liabilities have been settled shall be shared equally between the remaining named beneficiaries. Should none of the named beneficiaries remain in operation then the dispersal of any monies remaining after settlement of liabilities shall be decided by the elected committee of the MGMW at the time the MGMW ceases to exist.

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- Lincolnshire Life
- Icen magazine
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- Cheltenham Magazine
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- North Cotswold Lifestyle
- Guildford Living
- Henley and Marlow Lifestyle
- Horsham Living
- Leamington Spa Living
- Ludlow Lifestyle Magazine
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- **Express & Star** (circulation 38,690)
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Image: Robert Vrglasky



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National and International



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**Interests** Cars old and new, photography and film-making, audio books and podcasts

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National



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- Wolverhampton Lifestyle
- Village Life
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## PUBLICATIONS

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- TheVanExpert.com

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Buckinghamshire, south Bedfordshire, south Northamptonshire, national, online



**Freelance**  
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**Interests** Cars, travel, soccer, golf

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- **Eurekar.co.uk**
- Midland News Association titles and websites
- **motorstravelopinion.com**
- **sutton-life.com**
- Publications across England, Wales and Scotland, including various websites

## CIRCULATION AREAS

Midlands; National



**MGMW events secretary**

**Contributor to Driving Force, motoring writer for CoventryLive and BirminghamLive, business writer for the Coventry Telegraph and BusinessLive**

**Interests** Musical performance (I play in a band at the weekend) and appreciation (avid Rolling Stones devotee), football (Aston Villa), food and drink, travel and theatre

Writes weekly road tests for *CoventryLive* and *BirminghamLive*, the online platforms for the *Coventry Telegraph* and *Birmingham Mail*. Also weekly road tests for Driving Force, which provides syndicated motoring content for titles across the UK.

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- **Pendragon plc** (Stratstone, Evans Halshaw and Carstore websites – 1.8 million viewers per month)
- **Eurekar.co.uk**
- **CoventryLive** (daily page views circa 350,000)
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**Award-winning automotive journalist and editor. Former technical editor of *Fast Car* and editor of *Classics*, now freelance. Author of more than 20 motoring books. Writes about new cars, classic cars and automotive technology, and runs the unique automotive journalism Masters course at Coventry University. Guild of Motoring Writers chairman 2016-18.**

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- recent books **Silver Arrows: The Story of Mercedes-Benz in Motorsport**, **Jaguar F-type: The Complete Story** (Crowood)
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## CIRCULATION AREAS

National and International

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- Autohebdo (F)
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- Toyota Owner (USA)
- Shropshire Star
- Rally Sport News (AUS)
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- Gulf News (UAE)
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- Oryx Premium
- Newport Advertiser
- Arab Times (KUW)
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Shropshire; National; International



**CHRIS RUSSON**

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Chief motoring editor for Driving Force, the exclusive editorial content provider for Pendragon plc which sees its news feed, used car reviews, road tests and first drives appearing on the Stratstone, Evans Halshaw and Carstore websites. Combined these have a monthly viewing figure in the region of 1.8 million.

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- **Eurekar.co.uk**

**CIRCULATION AREAS**

National

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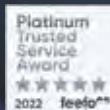
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- House & Lifestyle Magazine (Dorset & Hampshire editions)
- EuroWeeklyNews
- South Devon Magazine Group
- Accouter Design
- Staffordshire Life

## CIRCULATION AREAS

East Midlands, West Midlands, Devon, Dorset, Hampshire, mainland Spain and the Balearic Islands, National & International via agency



**Freelance**  
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- various other motoring publications

## CIRCULATION AREAS

National



**Freelance**  
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Taylor's weekly road tests and motoring features spread far and wide into many titles. He also writes about motorcycles, reviews restaurants and pens pieces on security. Before turning to the typewriter, he taught in secondary education and higher education colleges. Taylor also writes as Rory Dumfries, Simon Winterbourne and Mason Tinley.

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- In Business
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- Elite Living
- Ribble Valley Life
- Wrekin News
- The Hype
- The Derbeian
- Your Midlands
- My Shrewsbury
- Arnolds Publishing
- Partnership Publishing
- M.O.T. Professional
- plus evening regionals, weekly newspapers, and 'lifestyle' supplements via a press agency

## CIRCULATION AREAS

Midlands; National



**Freelance**

**Interests** Anything with an engine, motor sport, tech, computers, taking most things apart

Tudor-Lane developed a passion for cars at an early age, and developed that passion into an automotive media career. At 16 he arranged work experience in the Hyundai World Rally Team, at 20 he was running four French car owners' forums. This gave him a taste of automotive journalism, which he has pursued since 2012.

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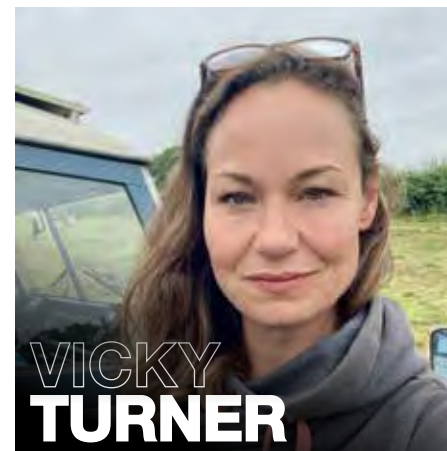
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## PUBLICATIONS

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- **MK Pulse** (circulation 40,000)
- **NN Pulse** (circulation 50,000)
- **Regit**
- **Village Eye** (circulation 40,000)

## CIRCULATION AREAS

Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Reading; national and international



**Freelance**

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National and international

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