



Classic Marques Speed Challenge

The Oily Rag



2019 Season Opener



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Oily Editorial

Our final highlight of 2018 was to sit down together for our annual dinner and presentations evening at the Ansty Hall Hotel, nr Coventry. The venue was excellent and we're thinking we may return for 2019 although we are mulling dates so as to avoid clashes with all the other clubs our members belong to. More on this story later.. It was a brilliant evening and Mark Everett and the lovely Tess did a super job in organising it for us all. I have already published the awards winners for 2018 but it is worth restating that Howard Barnard and Roger Fish finished the season mere tenths of a point apart.

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Roger and Howard



Mark, Howard, and Steve

Mark graciously handed over the trophy he'd won the previous year.

Howard was justly proud of his second trophy, the coveted Sprinter of the Year. After some traumatic weekends, it seemed this one would be out of reach but his courage and tenacity finally brought it home.



Sprinter Trophy



Howard Barnard

There are some awful photos of some really dodgy dancing which I shall put up in a photo diary from the dinner but now we need to be concentrating on 2019 s-o-o-o...
here we go again.



Howard Barnard

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Welcome to the 2019 CM season!

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Rnd	Day	Date	Event	Organising Club	Rnd	Day	Date	Event	Organising Club
1	Saturday	20-Apr-19	Gurston Down	BARC, SE	14	Saturday	27-Jul-19	Castle Combe	Bristol MC
2	Sunday	21-Apr-19	Gurston Down	BARC, SE	15	Saturday	03-Aug-19	Loton Park	Hagley & District LCC
3	Monday	22-Apr-19	Croft	Darlington Motor Club	16	Sunday	04-Aug-19	Loton Park	Hagley & District LCC
4	Saturday	27-Apr-19	Wiscombe	Woolbridge MC	17	Sunday	18-Aug-19	Curborough	Scimfest
5	Sunday	28-Apr-19	Wiscombe	Woolbridge MC	18	Sunday	25-Aug-19	Harewood	BARC Yorks
6	Saturday	04-May-19	Ty Croes	MG Car Club	19	Saturday	07-Sep-19	Blyton Park	Nottingham SCC
7	Sunday	05-May-19	Ty Croes	MG Car Club	20	Sunday	08-Sep-19	Blyton Park	Nottingham SCC
8	Saturday	11-May-19	Goodwood	Brighton and Hove MC	21	Saturday	14-Sep-19	Wiscombe	MG Car Club
9	Saturday	25-May-19	Prescott	Bugatti Owners Club	22	Saturday	21-Sep-19	Shelsley Walsh	Midland Auto Club
10	Sunday	02-Jun-19	Harewood	BARC Yorks	23	Sunday	22-Sep-19	Shelsley Walsh	Midland Auto Club
11	Saturday	08-Jun-19	Abingdon	Sutton and Cheam MC	24	Saturday	05-Oct-19	Goodwood	TWMC
12	Sunday	15-Jun-19	3 Sisters	Longdon & District MC	25	Saturday	19-Oct-19	Castle Combe	Bristol Pegasus MC
13	Saturday	13-Jul-19	Lydden Hill	TWMC /70Oaks/B19					

We have another 25 rounds for you to enjoy as you will have seen from the new calendar. Again we have distributed events as evenly as we can: we go west as far as Wiscombe, East to Lydden Hill, south to Goodwood and north to Croft. Incidentally, we tried to get the Werrington weekend but it is so oversubscribed they were unable to invite us. Tis no matter, ours is a super calendar and fits well with our Club Ethos which, for new members is:

- 1 We are a national championship and do not focus on any single region
- 2 We offer high quality events at the best Hill Climbs and Race Tracks in the country
- 3 We invite both UK and Foreign sports and sports saloon cars, irrespective of age
- 4 We offer single make classes where 5 or more drivers enter the same marque
- 5 We are inclusive and inexpensive
- 6 Our handicapping is as fair as we can make it
- 7 We offer a club magazine and 25 rounds for £50!

If you have recently entered the challenge you will have noticed that Graham Beale is the Competition Secretary for this year and he is ably assisted by Membership Secretary Matt Eady and Events Co-ordinator Phil Ludbrook.

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Since our inaugural season in 2014, we have grown massively, largely because we are a natural safe haven for sports car drivers who a) Have a classic sports car which already runs in another series, but would like to run against other makes or b) Have a sports car but their own series is not as vibrant as once it was or c) Have previously run in another multi-mark series but are not satisfied with handicapping or club stewardship or d) A myriad of other reasons. At CM we don't mind. We have seen our membership rise from 8 in 2014 to 90 in 2018 so we must be doing something right.

The closeness of the leaderboard at the end of 2018 shows that our handicapping is largely fair and accurate although, of course, there is always room for improvement. The club's priority for 2019 and onwards is to improve the club itself. In its current form the club is the Classic Marques Speed Challenge but there are opportunities for other activities where our members come together. Our Social Secretary Mark Everett is looking at the possibility of an interactive track day at some point. This might include hands on guidance from some of our more experienced drivers for the benefit of those less experienced. Obviously we have to be careful with the insurance implications of such a day but with a little common sense I think we could make it work.

Hillclimb Schools

We are also looking at the Hillclimb School days offered by many of the venues where we compete. There is high quality tuition available at Gurston Down, Loton Park, Shelsley Walsh, Prescott and Harewood and I thoroughly recommend all of them. Harewood even give you a DVD of your day's driving which is a nice keepsake. I have included in this edition the dates, prices and booking forms for the schools at all of the above venues. See dates and prices below.

Gurston Down – £175

Tuesdays – 9 April, 7 May, 4 June, 9 July

http://www.gurstondownentries.co.uk/index.php?route=product/product&product_id=48

No form available – online entry only

Prescott – £220

Wednesdays – 8 May, 14 August, 18 September

Refresher days – 24 April, 12 June

<https://www.prescott-hillclimb.com/drivers-school>

Loton Park – £185

Wednesdays – 15 May, 17 July, 21 August

<https://www.hdccc.com/driversschool>

Shelsley Walsh – £210

Tuesdays – 16 April, 21 May, 18 June, 6 August, 3 September

<https://www.shelsleywalsh.com/driving-school>

Harewood – £180

Thursdays – 2 May, 20 June, 18 July, 15 August

Driving Academy Day – includes morning coffee, excellent buffet lunch, afternoon tea & a DVD!

<http://www.harewoodhill.co.uk/driving-academy>

<https://barc.blob.core.windows.net/yorkshire/2019-academy-booking--l1afw.pdf>

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Club Track Day

Our Social Secretary Mark Everett published recently an invitation to our very first track day. He said “Whilst at the end of season dinner, it was suggested that perhaps CMSCC members would enjoy a day of non-competitive motoring at a suitable venue.

Having researched dates that don’t clash with our own and other championships, the only really viable option in terms of location and cost is Curborough on either Monday 15th or 22nd July respectively.

Whilst plans for running the day are still being formulated, the emphasis would be to run it along the lines of a social event with a barbecue, whilst also enjoying our cars.

One of the important aspects of the day is that there will be opportunities for the less experienced drivers to drive or ride with more experienced ones with hopefully, top tips being passed on(!) and also for people to swap cars if they wanted to.

It would also present an opportunity for peeps to try out any modifications/settings they wish to, without wasting valuable competition runs. There wouldn’t be any timing however, as it will be run as a non-competitive, social event.

I envisage the cost for the day would be approx £100 depending on the numbers attending. We need a minimum of 10 cars to make this viable with probably a maximum of 20 so that everyone gets a reasonable amount of track time. Of course, if people and partners want to just come along to enjoy the social side, they would be more than welcome with just a charge for the barbecue on the day.

Please let me know your interest in the event and which days you can attend.

I intend to operate a first come, first served basis for the most popular day with a reserve list, so please let me know ASAP your preferences.

Mark Everett

CMSCC Social Secretary

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Power-A-Weigh Days

The power A weigh dates for 2019 are **16th and 30th March**, so if you are new to Classic Marques, or you have changed the spec of your car (power, weight and tyres) you need to reserve your place at one of these sessions with Graham – Comps@cmscc.co.uk

Our Sponsors for 2019

We are delighted to report that Toyo Tires will continue sponsoring CM for another season. Alan Meaker has been a real champion for club motorsport in the 15 years I've been running club championships and we welcome Toyo's active support our championship.

One of our own members Matt Tobutt whom you may remember ran a blue Lotus Elan +2 with us a couple of years ago has kindly volunteered to sponsor our charity decals for 2019. It was a kind gesture and we thank him.

CM Charity support for 2019

Now the new season is on us it's worth reflecting on our charity efforts for 2018. As you know, it was year one of our three year fund raising work for Prostate Cancer UK and at the end of it all we raised an amazing £4152.63. This was through widespread activities; £1654.22 from our Pence Per Points scheme, £800.00 from Hobbyweld, a remarkable £350.00 from Hilary Pollard's tote bag sales, £272.73 from Air Products, and the remainder from individual contributions and sales of polo shirts, calendars and photographs. I thank everyone who has contributed as without your input we couldn't have achieved this total.

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The new JustGiving page for 2019 <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/classicmarques2019>

and new Prostate Cancer UK logos for our cars - you might have seen our MX sporting the trial decals at Castle Combe in October. We'll continue with the successful Pence Per Points scheme and look for new ways to raise money and exceed 2018's total. Forms will be sent out to all 2019 competitors soon. Hope you all have an enjoyable and we look forward to seeing you out and about in 2019.

Noor and Emma Ali
Charity Champions

Membership for 2019

At the time of writing our membership for the new season is well over 60 and it's still only January. We already have classes of Ginettas, Morgans, MGs, Scimitars and Triumphs and we are just one shy of Lotuses and TVRs.

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