

Cirencester Car Club
2009 Annual General Meeting
Chairman's Report by Martin Saunders

I open this years meeting by reporting the sad loss of two of our Club's Vice Presidents, Mike Webb and Don Lawrence. Both were long term members and over the years brought different skills to our events, both will sadly be missed.

On a happier note I have the pleasure to announce to our club that we have won the Motor Sport Industries Association's prestigious award for the MSA club best promoting the National Motor Sports week in August, of course our Motor Sports Weekend not only promotes our club to new members but we also enjoy a social weekend. James Goodfield and I have been invited to the Autosports show in January to collect the award and the £500 prize.

The membership of the club has remained static this year although attendance at events has decreased slightly especially at both the Summer and Winter Series of gymkhana events, this has had an effect of the club's finances, and has seen the combined efforts of the Club and Ltd Company make only a small surplus. This proves how delicately balanced the running of the club can be.

Corinium Run

The Corinium Run again attracted a full entry of 80 cars, although a large number of non starters affected the final balance sheet for the event.

The Corinium Run is now a well established nationally recognised touring assembly and my thanks go out the organising team for all the efforts. With the passing of Mike Webb, our thanks go out to Mikes Family and to his business for their continued sponsorship of the event.

12 Car Series

My thanks go to Ben Jefferies for once again co-ordinating an excellent 12 car series, 8 rounds all with different organisers has proved as popular as ever. Congratulations to Ben and Pete Skinner the overall winners.

Winter Series/Summer Series

As I have previously mentioned both the Summer and Winter series of gymkhana of events have seen a drop in the number of entries, we all need to work hard and promoting the events at Kemble as the cost to hire the venue is always a concern to the committee who always have to try and balance the books. Congratulations to Ben Jefferis and Kevin Metcalfe the respective winners of the championships.

Motor sport weekend

A big thank you to James Goodfield who along with your Chairman pulled together this event with a small team of helpers. At the first organisers meeting only 6 people attended which was extremely disappointing for James travelling down from Milton Keynes hence the event was organised by email.

The few that helped run the weekend can be extremely proud to have won the MIA award for the club.

Youth Development

I would like to thank our club Secretary Melanie Holmes for her work towards the youth development scheme and the implementation of the Youth Championship, our club has been lucky to have attracted a large number of young people to the club over the last few years, and I would like to see ways of developing their skills and retaining them within our club for years to come. The money the club received from the MSA for finishing runner up club of the year in 2008 is still available to fund this.

Magazine

The magazine remains one of my great frustrations, I do not have the skills to produce anything better than what you all receive now, criticism about the content being mostly advertisements is not really founded as they promote our club activities and keep the club alive, there appear to be one or two offers of help which will be investigated in the near future.

Highwayman Inn

On a closing note we all have to thank Mark and his Family here at the Highwayman Inn for their smooth take over and continued support and welcome for our club events

Finally I would like to this opportunity to thank you the Members of Cirencester Car Club for supporting the Cirencester Car Club Committee and myself during the last 12 months.

Martin Saunders
Cirencester Car Club
Chairman