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Harewood prepares for a new season

REGULATIONS AND CHAMPIONSHIP

By the time you read this article, the 2008 Regulations and Entry Forms will have been sent out and will be on the website www.harewoodhill.co.uk. This year we have ten events plus a practice day on March 30 for centre members only. The competitive events are:

- April 13 - Spring National
- May 10 - Harewood Open
- May 11 - May Championship
- June 7 - Vintage and Historic
- June 8 - Jim Thomson Trophy
- July 5/6 - MSA British Championship
- August 3 - Montague Burton Trophy (including bikes)
- August 24 - Summer Championship
- September 20 - Greenwood Cup
- September 21 - Mike Wilson Memorial

Eight of these meetings will form the Harrogate Audi Harewood Championship (excludes June 7 and July 5/6). Out of these eight events, the best six scores for each driver will count. The prize money this year has been increased as a result of the generous support of our sponsors and will total over £2,500. There is also some great news as the 2008 entry fees have been held at the same levels as 2007.



DRIVERS SCHOOL

Whether you are someone who wants to have some fun and hone your driving skills, someone who wants to start competing for the first time or an experienced competitor who wants to

improve their times, the school is an ideal way to achieve your aims. Four school days are planned for the highly acclaimed Harewood Drivers School on 3 April, 1 May, 26 June and 24 July. However, you will need to book quickly as days are already filling up and at the time of writing the first school in April has only a couple of places left. To book contact Jackie Wilson on 01423 339 062.



BACKROOM BOYS AND GIRLS

One of the things that most people don't see at Harewood is all the background work that goes in to maintaining and upgrading the venue. A small team of committed volunteers are at Harewood every Wednesday working away in all weathers. The "Wattle and Daub" team do all those jobs that we take for granted, like repairing fences, kerbs, drainage, wiring, taking down and putting up signs,



moving Recticel barriers, cutting grass etc. In addition the "Time Team" has been installing new cabling and timing displays over that past few months in preparation for the new season.

The marshals will have their training day on 9th March to prepare for the coming season. If you would like to be a marshal or help the Wattle and Daub team please contact Mike Shorley on 01977 780 035. So a big thanks to all these people for all their time, effort and skills, when the rest of us are hibernating!

MARKETING

The Committee has approved the 2008 Marketing plan, which has a primary aim of increasing spectators further and hence income from gate receipts. A PR company, Kinghorn-Davies, has been appointed to help the Marketing team achieve these objectives and work has already started.

In my last report I announced that Harrogate Audi was to sponsor the 2008 Championship and that Cubicle Centre were continuing their support of Harewood by sponsoring the two MSA weekends. In addition we are finalising class sponsors and advertisers and things look encouraging. If anyone can help the Marketing team to achieve its goals or is prepared to sponsor or advertise at Harewood, please contact Andrew Thorpe on 01924 457 600.



Let's hope that the 2008 season is as good as or better than 2007. Certainly the effort is being put in behind the scenes to help ensure it is.

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