



BARC Yorkshire Centre

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Welcome to 2011 at Harewood

We are within sight of the 2011 season at Harewood and hope that we will see many of you over the next few weeks,

The closed season has been hard work for your committee but we do hope that it all proves worthwhile.

The building work should be complete; despite some harsh winter weather the builders have managed to get the new paddock and start line offices ready for the 1st event in April. These should pro-

vide a good permanent, secure base for our hillclimb activities for years to come.

We have also had to re-route the track after the finish line, not to avoid the splendid new paddock office but at the request of the MSA to improve safety. We hope you soon get used to it!

The other major change has been to our use of the website and internet for communication. We have been delighted with the positive response from many of

you. For those of you who cannot or prefer not to have email communications, no problem, we'll carry on as before.

We have made some small changes to the Harewood Championship including some new classes, revised bogey times, a commitment to do more eligibility checks, plus revising all the Centre annual awards so they will in effect go to the winners of each category or group of classes in the championship. We also wanted to include additional rounds but

ran out of time; these will have to wait until 2012.

I would like to thank the many supporters of Harewood for their help, advice, ideas, etc over the winter; thank all of you for your support (or tolerance?) for our Go Digital project and look forward to seeing you at Harewood this season.

Chairman

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Let's Go Digital

In 2011 we shall be making greater use of modern technology both to keep you informed of our forthcoming events and reports on past events. The major changes are as follows:

We will use our web site and emails to keep you informed.

This means that there will be limited availability of printed information, however you will be able to request us to

send you printed copies should this be the only way of communicating with you.

We will send you emails to:

- 1) Tell you when the Regulations are available for download.
- 2) Remind you when entries are about to close for an event.
- 3) Tell you when reports of events are posted onto the web site.

4) We will encourage you to enter our events on line using our secure credit card payment system.

5) Closing date for all events will be the Tuesday before the event.

6) A discounted entry fee is available to encourage you to enter early, ie: 21/22 days before the event. This is equivalent to the 2010 closing dates.

7) Results will be posted to the web site at the end of the meeting. Printed copies will be available at the Paddock Office for those that wish to collect them.

8) Competitors Tickets and Paddock Passes will be posted to you in the week preceding the event with Final Instructions on the web site.

Don Burt



Obituary—Michael Kempley 1935 –2010



Michael Kempley, who died in October last year at the age of 75, was a name that would not have been well known to many of to-

day's Harewood hillclimb competitors and marshals. As company secretary and a director of Harewood Hill Ltd, the owners of the Harewood hillclimb, he worked tirelessly over many years with the BARC to ensure the venue was one of the finest in the country.

Michael was born in Leeds and grew up in Horsforth. He studied law at Leeds University and joined Scott Turnbull and Kendal, Solicitors, in the city which became one of Leeds largest practices under the name of Walker Morris. Mike, as we all called him, was one of the country's leading lawyers specialising in commercial and, particularly, in retail property. In the early 1990's he perfected the Turnover Lease for hard pressed clients such as the many blue chip companies he acted for including the Burton Group, (having met Arnold Burton through their joint interest in rallying), Land Securities, and Disney.

Mike was a "rally man" whose interest in motor sport started in the Leeds University Motor Club. A fine navigator who could have gone far on the international scene but he chose to put his legal career first. He sat alongside many fine drivers including Peter Procter of the Rootes works team, Tony Fall, Chris Knowles - Fitton to mention only a few. He competed in many events including national and international events including the Yorkshire Rally, the Morecambe, the Tulip, Dusk till Dawn, Rally of GB etc.



Procter/ Kempley Yorkshire Rally 1962



Mike and Mike Pickersgill winners of the All Fools Rally 1960

In recent years Mike campaigned his beloved Datsun 240Z in many historic events both at home and abroad. These included no less than seven Monte Carlo Historic Rallies, Prix des Alps, Tour Auto and many more. A member of the exclusive Ecurie Cod Fillet motor club (where one has to have won an international rally to be a member) he wrote many articles on rallying in the old days for magazines such as the Old Stager and even the Daily Telegraph.

For a more gentle outing Mike, along with Diana, would take his Armstrong Siddeley Hurricane on a classic weekend or take his vintage speed boat up to Windermere. An all-round sportsman he played squash and tennis to a high standard and was no mean skier.

But his stewardship of Stockton Farm will be his lasting memorial. He devoted so much of his time and energy, far beyond what a company secretary would normally undertake. He kept all the accounts, acted as managing agent for the farm house, arranged lettings of the venue to all manner of users, acted as estate manager arranging the cutting of hedges and grass, drainage repairs, new fences and gates when necessary. He negotiated grazing rights with the local farmers.

Arnold Burton gave a donation for tree planting and Mike also obtained monies from the Forestry Commission and supervised the planting of hundreds of trees. There were few days when Mike was not on site. He was Chairman of Harewood Village Hall and his local contacts in Harewood will be missed.

A bon vivant and raconteur with a will to help any one Mike's measure was surely the fact that over 400 people from all walks of life attended his funeral. The centre extends its deepest sympathy to Diana, Rupert, Delia and Emma. Michael had three grandchildren, Max, Michael and Evie.



Mike and Chris Knowles-Fitton with the Datsun 240Z

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Pam Procter

Pam Procter, wife of Les died on the 23rd November 2011, just a few days after the Harewood Annual Dinner.

Pam was a talented painter (see left), and wonderful warm lady, full of fun and laughter, she will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Our thoughts and sympathy are with Les.

Obituary—Raymond Montague Burton 1917—2011



Arnold Burton's twin brother, Raymond, died in South Africa on the 5th February at the age of 93. Raymond,

who was for many years a Yorkshire Centre member, had a great interest in motoring and owned many exotic motor cars. The son of Sir Montague Burton the founder of Burtons Tailors the largest multiple clothing retailer in the world. He chaired the company for many years and oversaw its expansion to become the owner of such brands as Top Shop, Evans and Dorothy Perkins.

He not only competed in many BARC events such as the Scarborough Rally, where he won the Novices Award in 1956, and at Harewood in his Ferrari

250GT, but he navigated for brother Arnold on a number of international rallies and in 1958 the Yorkshire Evening Post carried the headline - "*Burton twins crash 300 ft down Alpine bank in car rally*". Raymond driving Arnold's AC went off the road on the Passo Crucedomini. Raymond was not allowed to drive it again!



Arnold's AC after Raymond rolled it on the Alpine in 1958

Raymond was a great philanthropist endowing the Raymond Burton library at York University for Humanities Research, Supporting York Civic Trust, the Jewish Museum in London together with the sponsorship of the arts.

To Arnold and the family the Yorkshire Centre extends its deepest sympathy.



Raymond in his Ferrari 250GT at Harewood in 1963

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New Paddock and Timing Offices Progress

Work is progressing well on the new Paddock and Timing Offices, and should be complete for the 1st event.

Timing Office



Paddock Office



Photos by John English

Diary Date

**Harewood Annual Dinner & Awards Presentation
26th November 2011**

THE BRITISH AUTOMOBILE RACING CLUB (YORKSHIRE CENTRE)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 3rd 2011

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the British Automobile Racing Club Yorkshire Centre will be held at the Days Inn Hotel, Wetherby, Junction 46, A1(M), Kirk Deighton Wetherby, LS22 5GT, on 3rd May 2011 at 7 30pm

By order of the Committee

John M English

Hon Secretary

AGENDA

To receive and adopt the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 4th May 2010

To receive the reports of: -

a) The Hon Secretary

b) The Hon Treasurer

c) The Hon Competitions Secretary

d) The Chairman

3 To receive and adopt the accounts for 2010

4 To appoint the auditors

5 To elect Officers and Committee for 2011/2012 -

a) Officers

b) The requisite number of committee members

6 To transact any other format business, which may, properly be dealt with, at an Annual General Meeting of the Centre.

NOTE

Under item 6 on the Agenda, time is given for discussion on any other business members may wish to raise. It is helpful, particularly where explanations or answers, which will require reference to Centre records, advance notice can be given.

OFFICIALS FOR THE YEAR 2010/2011

OFFICERS (Who retire)

Hon Treasurer D Burt

Hon Secretary J M English

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

J R Hardcastle, C G Seaman (Who retire by rotation)

S N Clark (Stepped down when T J Wilson elected to Council)

S Broscombe (resigned)

In accordance with Article 39 of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the British Automobile Racing Club Limited, the Yorkshire Centre Committee makes the nominations for Officers for the following year.

The following nominations have been made for 2011/2012

OFFICERS

Hon Treasurer D Burt

Hon Secretary

J M English

COMMITTEE

The following have indicated their willingness to stand for re-election

J R Hardcastle, (nominated by the Committee)

C G Seaman, (nominated by the Committee)

Including these nominations there are a total of four vacancies for Committee members and nominations for candidates are invited.

All nominations must be made in writing, with the knowledge and consent of the nominee and must be duly proposed and seconded by two members of the Centre.

Nominations should be sent to the Hon Secretary J M English, 32 Farfield Avenue, Knaresborough, HG5 8HB to reach him by or on the morning of 18th April 2011

Have you seen our new on-line entry system?

www.harewoodhill.com