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HAREWOOD VENUE IMPROVEMENTS

Over the winter we are carrying out more improvements to the venue. The marshals post at Quarry Corner has been extended to give better vision and more protection to the marshals. The main work has been in improvements to the timing results and telephone communications, with a complete rewiring of all communications cabling. Following trenching and ducting works by contractors, a small band of volunteers has now laid communication cables from the control office in the barns, to the timekeepers office at the Start Line, and then up to the Results Office in the Paddock. These will ensure better transmission of data and hence quicker results production. Additionally we have replaced our on-site telephone cables. Thanks are due to the organisers of this major project, David Clay for data cabling and Richard Hardcastle for telecommunications and their team of volunteer helpers.

John M English

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BARC YORKSHIRE CENTRE ANNUAL DINNER AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS 2015

The awards presentation for the Yorkshire Centre's annual Trophies together with the awards for the 2015 CG Motorsport Harewood Speed Hillclimb Championship was again held at the Holiday Inn, Brighouse where 105 members and guests enjoyed an excellent evening with dancing until 12:30 am. Thanks are again due to Edith Davison with a little help from husband Keith, for another excellently organised evening.

The awards were presented by Yorkshire Centre Chairman Tim Wilson and Linda Cardiss, Senior Director of CG Motorsport.

BARC Yorkshire Centre Annual Trophies



Brownlow Peabody
 Trophy – James Kerr



The Appleyard Trophy
 Tracey Taylor-West



The Wendy Wools
 Trophy – Robert
 Bellerby



The Total Trophy –
 Michael Bellerby



The Wallace Arnold
 Trophy – Steven
 Darley



 The Guyson Sandblast Trophy – John Chacksfield



Tim de Dombal
 Trophy – Mike
 Patchett



The Ronald Hudson
 Trophy – Brian
 McHugh



2015 CG Motorsport Harewood Speed Hillclimb Championship Awards

The Philpot Trophy –
 Rebecca Farrell



The Glenn Garnett
 Trophy for 1st overall
 in the Harewood
 Speed Hillclimb
 Championship Tracey Taylor-West



 John Chacksfield winner of the Wilson Trophy for 1st overall in the Harewood FTD Championship Words by John M English, photographs by Jonathan Davison

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BRIAN KENYON



With the sad passing of Brian Kenyon on Friday 8 January following a long illness, speed hillclimbing in general and Harewood Hillclimb in particular have lost a great enthusiast and wonderful character. Indeed, he was one of the few remaining links between the BARC Yorkshire Centre's early days under the stewardship of the larger- than-life Mike Wilson, and the Harewood we know today.

A devoted practitioner of that renowned Yorkshire pastime of "I say what I like, and like what I say", Brian was a formidable competitor at the wheel of the Austin Healey Sprite shared with wife Pat, and together they performed star roles in the organisation of events, production of the "Yorkshire Centre Times", and formation and running of the Harewood Speed Hillclimb Drivers School.

Fiercely competitive, and a front runner in both the BARC and Harewood Hillclimb Championships,

Brian was a stern critic of "the crap line", and had a firm view on most subjects. But he was also a kindly man, and would be the first to offer help to anyone who needed it within the paddock. Later he was to turn to circuit racing, taking a win at Cadwell Park, of which he was justifiably proud.

I first met Brian, inevitably, at Harewood when in my first hillclimb season. He had just won his class and set a new record, and showed me his trophy with the words "take a good look lad, you won't see another", and of course he was right, at least for a year or so. But that was Brian, always right, always up for a bit of fun, never malicious, and a good friend.

There are so many amusing stories about BK. Digging a hole in his garden so inadvertently close to a public lamp post that it fell over, he having to take refuge in said hole to avoid a very sore head. Rocketing off the startline at a Cadwell sprint one misty morning, the warnings of others concerning the slippery state of the track ringing in his ears, only to land firmly in the Armco at the first bend. And ascending Harewood at some speed during a hillclimb school day in Pat's MX5, with the intrepid Chris Seaman in the passenger seat, only to exit Farmhouse a little too enthusiastically and land well up the grass bank at the feet of an incredulous spectating Simon Clark.

Above all, Brian was a character, and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. And up there in the great holding paddock in the sky, he will be looking down whilst analysing his ascent, thinking of ways to do better next time.

I'm sure you all join me in offering sincere condolences to Pat and to all Brian's many friends. He will be greatly missed.



Peter Herbert

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DRIVER PROFILE – SANDRA TOMLIN

Wikipedia is pretty short of information on Llantrisant, Monmouthshire, save for a translation of its name, 'Parish of the Three Saints' (which is actually pretty obvious when you look more closely at the name). 'Wiki' also omits to mention that it's quite a long way from Harewood, so why do Sandra Tomlin and her team make the long journey to compete in Yorkshire when there are first-class venues much closer to home? One reason is that, notwithstanding living and farming in Wales, Sandra is very proud of her Yorkshire background, having been born in Sheffield. She has traced ancestors to Dewsbury, Morley and Batley; one relative, Thomas Chapman, had his children christened in Batley All Saints Church in 1779. He is recorded as a weaver and Sandra is intrigued by the thought that more than 200 years later



 Sandra in typically determined mood! (Don Chambers)

she keeps Derbyshire Gritstone Sheep, a breed whose fleeces he may have been familiar with!

One might also wonder how Sandra became involved in speed hillclimbing, but the fact

that her father was none other than Phil Chapman, of whom she's

rightly very proud, answers that question. Phil built four hillclimb cars, the first a Mercury V8-powered Special in 1948 and his third in 1956. With this latter car he competed at the first Harewood event in 1962. Sandra still owns Chapman Mercury 3 and her son Oliver, who shares her cars, drove the Mercury at the Cholmondeley Pageant of Power and at The Chateau Impney event this July, where Phil had also competed.



Phil Chapman at
 Oliver's Mount –
 guess who's 'carrying
 the can'! (Sandra
 Tomlin)

Sandra herself has competed in a variety of cars, namely TVR, Reliant Scimitar, Sports 2000 Tiga and Brabham before gravitating to Mike Pilbeam's products. The first of these was a 2.8 litre Hart-engined MP58, followed by the ex-Roger Moran MP72 fitted with a F1 Judd and then in 2008 Sandra bought a 4

litre, carbon fibre-tubbed MP97. Unfortunately Oliver wrote this car off at Wiscombe Park in 2012, but it was replaced in 2013 by the MP97 they now campaign. As Sandra's daughter Amy shares a Force PC with her husband, it's a truly family affair!

Sandra's competed at most mainland courses in G.B. and is or has been Ladies' record holder at Prescott, Shelsley Walsh, Gurston Down, Wiscombe Park and Harewood, and she's an Association of Hillclimb and Sprint Schools (AHASS) instructor at Prescott.

And finally, the other reason why Sandra still competes at Harewood – she loves the place, especially the volunteer officials, of whom she says, "They're always very friendly and unfailingly helpful!."



 Giving the Pilbeam the beans out of Farmhouse (Keith Hunt)

Don Chambers

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SEASONAL ROUND-UP

At this time of year, looking back at the high-spots of the past season at Harewood is much to be preferred to looking out of the window at the miserable weather!

Let's start by looking at the Yorkshire Centre and CG Motorsport Championships, the following comments being the result of a very simple analysis of the class winners across the season.

In the Road Modified Classes, David Taylor (Morris Cooper 'S') had things pretty much

all his own way in 1a, whilst in 1b it was a good idea to drive a Peugeot 205 GTi, although Fred Currell and his VW Golf thought otherwise. In 1c Richard Archbould generally led the 'Entertaining Evos' home, but 1f had a terrific variety of winners.

Michael Bellerby (2a) and Derek Leetham (2b) generally held sway in the kit cars. In the Elise class (2e), Tracey Taylor-West managed to win at every Harewood Championship event, and to rub it in, she also broke the class record at the Greenwood Cup event and then equalled her new record at the Mike Wilson,



 Tracey Taylor-West, Harewood Speed

becoming a worthy winner of the Overall Championship.

Hillclimb Champion 2015

Of the Mod Prods, Oliver Roberts had most wins in 3a, Sarah Bosworth narrowly managed the same in 3b, whilst in 3c Steve Darley and his mighty Impreza was pretty dominant although Simon Dawes in the lovely Porsche 911 took two wins. In class 3f, Roger Slater, Dave Banner, Andrew Steel, Robert Bailey and Bob Bellerby all took turns



- Steve Darley's crowdpleasing Impreza

to win, the latter also making class 3g pretty much his own.

John Prickett's Radical had the majority of wins in 4a, ahead of Robbie Birrell, Alasdair Mercer and Ben Lovell. 4b had few takers, but at the July meetings we were treated to the spectacle of Barry Moignard and Jodie Bush's 'Skoda', all the way from Jersey.

Ed Carter had things mostly his way in the smallest racing car class, whilst Ben Tranter

and Rob Spedding traded blows in the Formula Ford class. Paul Martin generally held sway in class 5c, and John Chacksfield did likewise in 5d on his way to the FTD Championship title. The big racing car class attracted some mighty machinery, with Wallace Menzies among the winners. Perhaps predictably, the class for historic racing cars (6a) was rather sparsely supported, whilst the better-supported class 6c saw Les Proctor and Jim Johnstone achieve four wins each.

Whilst the Harewood Championship classes provide the bedrock of our meetings, the 'guest' classes bring welcome variety to the events, and

what variety we had in 2015! Across the meetings, we were treated to the sight and sound of cars ranging from Austin 7s at one end of the spectrum to the Ferrari Owners at the other, with



John Chacksfield,
 Harewood FTD
 Championship 2015

all manner of classic marques in between, happily again including the beautiful Alpine Renaults, on top of which at the Summer Championship meeting the bikes were again our guests. Between our own championship contenders and our guest clubs, there was plenty of opportunity to see Lotus 7s and their offspring in action. Their underpinnings may have come a long way since the first 7s turned a wheel, but the performance of these relatively simple machines never fails to amaze me.



 The stunning A110 of Tony Gomis exits Farmhouse

In the four BHC Run-offs that we hosted, Trevor Willis and Scott

Moran shared the honours with two wins apiece, the latter also setting a new hill record on the last run of the day in Round 6. The weather became 'interesting' by the end of Round 18, but on a happier note, the meeting saw the return of our friends from the Channel Islands with their mighty V8-engined specials, always a welcome sight and sound on the hill!



 So it's two wins for him...



 ...and it's two wins for him!

And what do you say about the Historic and Classic meeting? One can't do any better than quote from Steve Wilkinson's report in Issue 7, "For me it is one of the 'must see' meetings at Harewood and when the sun shines it is like a glimpse of heaven." As a bonus, 2015 saw James Baxter break the 'Vintage' hill record and watching him wring the best out of the ERA was truly spectacular.





Finally, on behalf of all of the spectators I'd like to thank all concerned with the running of the events, including the competitors but especially the marshals, for another splendid season's competition!

Words by Don Chambers, photos by Keith Hunt

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<u>CG MOTORSPORT. CLUTCH SPECIALISTS. SPONSORS OF THE 2015 HAREWOOD SPEED</u> <u>HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP</u>

Stunning customer service, backed by years of knowledge, is what gets the CG Motorsport team out of bed in the morning! CG Motorsport's customers come from all areas of the automotive world, from race, track day, daily driver and specialist car. Therefore each application is unique and tailored to the car's requirement, and whatever the car, they can help.

Mick Deakin is an engineer by profession with over 30 years' experience in the clutch industry, and apart from a two-year stint spent working with Walter Scott VW Audi of London, has always worked in his native Leeds. His family-run business has been trading for 25 years, during which time CG Motorsport has evolved into the efficient operation it is today, with customer service the paramount concern. If you phone the company, there's a good chance that you'll speak to Linda Cardiss, who presented the CG Motorsport awards at our recent Dinner Dance. Not only is Linda Senior Director at CG Motorsport, but she is also one of the most knowledgeable people in the UK when it comes to clutches and clutch theory. Equally, the ever-helpful Rhys from Engineering is always willing to give support or advice.

The team enjoys problem solving – the trickier the better – and unlike some companies that merely sell clutch components, CG Motorsport are more than happy to mix and match components, thus

ensuring you get the best components for your car. As they say, no two applications are ever the same. With 56,000 product lines in their catalogue, they will probably have what you need, and if not they have the facilities to make it in their full engineering CNC workshop that includes clutch testing facilities for checking load and lift, along with Aqua and shot blasting machinery and flywheel grinding facilities. All of their motorsport products are machined and hand-built in their premises in Leeds.

The team is currently developing new clutch kits and drive plates along with flywheels. This is an ongoing process and currently there is a new CNC machine on order to assist the team to fulfil orders for one-off components.

If it's just advice you need or your clutch testing (a free service!), why not call in? The kettle is always on!

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OMS NEWS AND VIEWS

OMS 1000cc BMW Running On the Dyno

The Steve Owen OMS 28 powered by a BMW S1000RR is ready to compete once again in 2016. Following further engine development work, maximum power and torque have increased over levels achieved last season.

Three further OMS cars will also be competing for the first time in the 1100cc racing car class at national championship meetings in 2016. These cars are all powered by the ever popular 1000cc Suzuki K8 engine. Without question this is currently the most popular class at any national hillclimb championship event.

Courtesy of OMS Racing, words by Lynn Owen

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