

## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Well, this is a bit of a surprise! A couple of months ago Vic said that he would like to step down as Chairman after ten years at the helm and so at the first committee meeting following the AGM on Thursday, he and I swapped roles. Our thanks to Vic for all of his hard work over those last ten years and we wish him well in the roles he is now carrying out for Motorsport UK.

Our thanks must also go to Andy Webb who has recently stepped down as Club Secretary, which is a role we are now looking to fill. This role has never been easier and just involves receiving email correspondence on behalf of the club and taking notes at each committee meeting and emailing them to the committee members after each meeting. Just to put it into context, when my mother was Club Secretary in 1965, she had to type the minutes numerous times each month on a portable typewriter as the carbon paper would only produce 3 copies at a time! Even when I first became Club Secretary 20 years ago, very few members of committee had email addresses, so the minutes had to be printed and sent out in the post. One of the possibilities we discussed at committee on Thursday evening is to reduce the number of committee meetings held during the course of the year, so this role might be about to become even easier! If you think you might be able to help or would like to know more about what it involves then please let me know. My email address is at the end of this article and my phone number is in the front of the magazine.

Thanks must also go to Andy & Sue Webb and their organising team for all of their hard work in running the Hardy Classic Trial last month. This event saw one of the largest entries for many years with over 70 cars and bikes enjoying the route through West Dorset and Somerset. As Chief Marshal for the event I would also like to thank the marshalling teams at each venue, some of whom were there until darkness fell. It was a huge relief to turn up at each venue and find the marshals there ready and waiting for the competitors to arrive!

Accompanying this article on the email you have received or on the website, you will find an announcement from our Treasurer, Merv Brake, that the committee has agreed to hold entry fees for all disciplines at 2019 levels until the end of this club year in September 2020. Permit fees have been increased by Motorsport UK for every type of event in 2020, but this cost isn't going to be passed onto competitors as we are conscious that competition licence fees have also increased.

The other item you will have received with this email, or can view on the website, is an article by Mark Hoppe about being a club member. Please do take time to read it and again let me know if you think you can help. My hope is that in becoming Chairman it might encourage some new faces to join us on the committee, or at least to become involved with the running of our events.

Next year sees the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Woolbridge, so there are a few plans being discussed to celebrate this, but any more ideas are always welcome.

It just remains for me to wish you all a Happy Christmas and hopefully we will see some of you in the woods at Waddock Cross for the Boxing Day Trial. If you find time over the festive period to write a few words for the magazine then I'm sure our Editor, Steve, would be delighted to hear from you.

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