

Cotswold Motor Sport Group

Chairman's Report 2023

I would like to welcome you all to the 2023 Cotswold Motor Sport Group AGM.

2023 has been a busy year for the chair, the retirement of our webmaster (Thanks to Suzanne for all her work over the last few years) left us with very few options for website maintenance. Unfortunately, all the options that were looked at were over £1k, money for which CMSG could ill afford, so a crash course in web design and I have built what can only be described as a basic functional website.

CMSGCC has become a Ltd company by guarantee, this should ensure the financial safety of group officials and ultimately the membership should the unthinkable happen. My thanks for Ken Sheather for all his hard work on moving this project forward to fruition in a short period of time.

In my role as liaison officer with Down Ampney I have been working on finding a way to carry on using the venue, planning permission was passed in September for gravel extraction and ongoing negotiations are taking place to see if we can get another season of use before works start in summer 2024.

Caerwent is currently out of action for a while so Lucy has her work cut out trying to find enough events to make a viable stages championship.

My thanks go to:

Martin Moore, Vice Chair who unfortunately is standing down.

Mark Benstock for his secretarial skills.

Ken Sheather for looking after the Competitors Club, membership and finance.

Simon Harris for his unsung work and advice in the background, and of course the year book.

The Competitors Club exists to provide local competitors with competition and many thanks go to the championship point scorers.

Lucy Owen Moczadlo, Stage Rally Championship

Haydn Marks for the Autosolo championship,

Brian Camack for the Road Sport Championship

Jan Richings for the Car Trial Championship and whom is standing down, but I would like to welcome Chris Buckle into the role.

Alan Wakeman for Targa Championship

All the championship points scorers have kept an ear to the ground within their own disciplines and adjusted what was possible to offer within each championship the points Scorers are the backbone of CMSG.

As you all know the group has rally timekeeping equipment under the watchful eye of Graham Ford whom has provided a report which will be mentioned later. Again many thanks are expressed to Graham for maintaining this valuable function on behalf of the group.

Monthly meetings are still “Hybrid” giving those of you who wish to meet face to face that opportunity but also allowing those that previously had to make lengthy round trips the opportunity of not having to make that journey, especially during the Winter months when the weather can be poor. The “Hybrid” meetings are with us for the foreseeable future.

My final thanks go to Dave & Lee Kedward at B P Motors for their financial support towards the championships.

Martin Saunders
CMSG
Chairman
12th December 2023