

## **Maidstone & Mid Kent Motor Club**

## **Newsletter February 2009**

Dear Member.

Yet another month has slipped by and we are now getting into the motorsport season proper. We already have 95 paid up members for 2009, so I hope we can look forward to seeing most of you at some time or other during the year.

Despite a slow take up of tickets, 100 people turned up on the night and enjoyed what is being haled as one of the best Awards Dinner Dances of recent years. Congratulations to all the award winners and a big thank you to those that bid generously in our Chairman's auction; the proceeds of which are going to the Kent Air Ambulance. Jamie Freeman used the occasion to announce the date of this year's Flying Proms, which are to be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> July. Unfortunately this has caused us a few problems in having to reschedule events that are due to take place at Headcorn Aerodrome. Please note the changes to the Autotest dates and the Gymkhana in the revise Fixture List on page two of this Newsletter.

Disappointingly were unable to enter a team in the BRSCC Quiz as not enough people were available. Also there has been a very slow response to the Mini Factory Visit with only six people expressing an interest at the present time. If we do not get the required minimum number of people to make it worth while we shall have to cancel the trip. So if you are interested please let me know as soon as possible.

The Committee has been revising the Club Championship Regulations over the last couple of months with a view to more involvement from members, be they competitors or marshals. Points will be awarded for different disciplines and to even things up a with the young drivers award a veterans award has been introduced! The intent is to publish a league table in each Kent Driver so you can see how you are doing against the competition, but this does rely on everybody sending their results to Matt Sullivan. So come on everybody send in your results for whichever bit of motor sport you are involved in.

#### Bruce Jenkins

#### Our Next Event is the Scatter 29th March

This event will be organised by Any Jenner and start form the Bull at Penenden Heath at

### Tyrwhitt Drake Car Trial – 29<sup>th</sup> March

All is set for our first trial of the season, but we have not had much luck with the weather for recent trials. The field at Otham is still very wet after all the rain we have had over the winter, so we are hoping for a couple of dry weeks to dry things out. If you are able to help with marshalling please contact Tom Thompson on 01795 477755.

#### Mini Factory Visit – 2<sup>nd</sup> April



The visit will be on Thursday 2nd April 2009 at 13.30. The tour lasts about three hours. The numbers are limited to 25 and visitors must not be under 14. As with previous visits it is intended to run a coach from Maidstone. The cost will be in the order of £30.00 per person to include travel costs and the plant tour fee.

Please email or phone Bruce Jenkins on <u>bajenkins@btinternet.com</u> or 01622 842327 to reserve a place. Deadline 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Copy date for the Kent Driver is March if you have any articles for inclusion.		

#### Club Calendar 2009 - Revised Dates

Event	Date
Scatter	19 <sup>th</sup> March
Tyrwhitt Drake Trial	29 <sup>th</sup> March
Mini Factory Visit	2 <sup>nd</sup> April
Autotest Training Day	3 <sup>rd</sup> May
Evening Autotest	6 <sup>th</sup> May
Evening Autotest	13 <sup>th</sup> May
Annual General Meeting	19 <sup>th</sup> May
Evening Autotest	27 <sup>th</sup> May
Kent Driver Autotest	30 <sup>th</sup> May
Evening Autotest	10 <sup>th</sup> June
Evening Autotest	24 <sup>th</sup> June
Evening Autotest	8 <sup>th</sup> July
Gymkhana	19 <sup>th</sup> July
Flying Proms	25 <sup>th</sup> July
Evening Autotest	5 <sup>th</sup> August
Evening Autotest	19 <sup>th</sup> August
Wings Autotest	13 <sup>th</sup> September
Weald Trial	11 <sup>th</sup> October
Scatter	19 <sup>th</sup> November
Brian Lewis Trial	23 <sup>rd</sup> November

# Driver of the Year - First Gavin Lane



Driver of the Year – Second Ray Lane



Lady Driver of the Year – First Ann Cook

