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WANTED! MARSHALS FOR LONGTON'S EVENTS AT THREE SISTERS AND ANGLESEY

Motorsport events cannot take place without the valued help of marshals, who make an essential contribution to the safety of competitors and the smooth running of meetings. And marshalling also provides a great opportunity for enthusiasts to get involved at the heart of motorsport activity. The club needs marshals for:

Longton's Sprint on September 9 at Three Sisters Racing Circuit, near Wigan.

If you are able to help by marshalling, please contact Pete Wilson direct, who will be our Chief Marshal for the day - Pete Wilson: Mobile 07966 171766. Email pete@perfect-finish.co.uk

We are also looking for volunteers to marshal at:

Longton's Sprint Weekend on October 6 and 7 at the Anglesey Racing Circuit, Anglesey.

If you have previously marshalled, or you are a newcomer who would like to know more about marshalling, please contact us as soon as possible.

We are also contacting our regular marshals, and we would very much appreciate confirmation from you on receiving this Bulletin, letting us know if you are able to marshal at these events, by contacting Pete Wilson, or myself - Graham Malcolm: Tel 01772 719187. Email: mgm@uwclub.net.

Marshalling at the club's Anglesey Weekend includes a hotel booking made for you on Friday, October 5 and Saturday, October 6, and the club will pay for your bed and breakfast.

We look forwards to hearing from you as soon as possible!

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FAREWELL TO PAUL AND MOYA

Sadly, Paul Hiles , Longton's Vice Chairman and Chief Marshal, and Moya Leighton, Entries Secretary, have taken the decision to resign their posts and leave the club's committee.

Over many years they have contributed a great deal of time and effort towards the organisation of events in their respective roles. Paul's efforts go back many years in his post as both a Committee Member and in his forte as Chief Marshal at club events.

Moya's contribution towards club administration, as a Committee Member and as Entries Secretary, over recent years is also very much appreciated. They will both be missed, and we wish them well for the future.

LONGTON'S NEW ENTRIES SECRETARY

John Coole, a member of Longton's Committee, has volunteered to take on the role of Entries Secretary for Longton's events on a permanent basis. John can be contacted as follows:

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Chris Winstanley, who is also a member of Longton's Committee, will be in charge of event results on the day. Chris is already developing a new results programme which will shortly be in use and, along with John Coole, is working on new methods for results information to be accessible for competitors. Chris is also an MSA licensed Clerk of Course and MSA Timekeeper.

EARLY PACE-SETTERS TAKE THE PLACES AS RAIN ARRIVES AT HAREWOOD

After monsoon-like rain the previous day competitors were astonished to arrive at Harewood on August 26 in the dry and even see sunshine. Sadly it wasn't to last. As the paddock kicked its collective heels during a delay to recover a damaged car soon after the start of the second timed runs, drizzle, then rain, arrived.

That meant it was just the first runs that were to decide the results for the vast majority of runners and many did not risk going out in the later treacherous conditions, although a total of three runs were offered by the organisers.

With no standard car class at Harewood the battling Honda S2000 duo of Roger Fish and Martin Rowe were not going to emerge well in the class standings. But that did not lessen their personal competition, although Martin started the day acknowledging Roger as the Harewood master. Sure enough, Roger emerged on top with 70.13 but Martin was snapping at his heels only a bit over half a second behind.

Bill and Carol Stevenson in their relatively underpowered Westfield were up against tough competition in the small road going kit car class. Bill emerged on 78.31 and Carol 82.70.

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John Graham was out in his Lotus sports car, but a little off his usual pace, ending up just pipped into third with a time of 65.23. Fellow Lotus driver Vic Lord in his Elise (67.94) had to settle for seventh in his class.

With a clear class lead after the first run Andrew Steel (61.46) was one of many who called it a day at that point.

Graham Smith led a Longton 1-2-3 in the smaller racing car class, posting 56.40. He was followed by Richard Vaughan (59.37) and Eve Whitehead (61.08). Barry was fifth on 65.33.

In the Formula Fords Geoff Ward wound up third (65.55). Brian Walker, who was producing impressive smoke trails from the rotary-engined Brytec, was also third in the bigger racing car class with 62.15.

PREVIOUS EVENTS IN BRIEF

The following reports from Loton Park, Three Sisters and Blyton Park were compiled by the editor from the results and snippets of information from competitors. Apologies if you are a Longton competitor and have been overlooked or if useful information is missing. As the Bulletin was completed on August 27, Auto 66 had not posted the results for the Oliver's Mount meeting on August 19.

LOTON PARK: Seven Longton drivers made the trek south to the picturesque and challenging Loton hill climb on August 11 and 12.

Class 1A/1B: Vic Lord took second (63.40) on Saturday and third on Sunday (63.76). Russell Thorpe was only out on Sunday when he took fourth (65.04).

Class 3B: Andy Bradley was making his first visit to Loton. He came fourth on Saturday (65.44) and third on Sunday (65.08).

Class 7/8: The class win on Saturday went to Paul Masters (51.69), with Craig Powers on 57.62 and Eve Whitehead, who was sharing his OMS, on 60.29. Paul won again on Sunday with a time of 51.15 with Craig on an improved 53.99 and Eve 58.33.

Class 10: Brian Walker put in a time of 58.75 on Saturday and improved that to 55.93 on Sunday.

THREE SISTERS: The popular two-lap sprint run by Chester MC and Lancashire AC attracted a big entry on August 5, although that restricted competitors to two timed runs.

Class SB: Roger Fish and Martin Rowe were locked in their usual Honda S2000 battle, although this time Roger emerged on top by almost two seconds, with a best of 85.27.

Class 1B: Russell Thorpe came in second, putting in a time of 85.57 in the venerable Doris with Colin Smith fourth (86.38). Simon Bingham and daughter Charlotte Bingham Brindle were eighth and ninth in their even more historic Ford Capri.

Class 1C: Alan Sawyer was second in his Subaru Impreza (87.43).

Class 1D: Lotus Elise driver Robert Holt wound up second (91.52).

Class 2A: Another second for a Longton competitor – this time Andy Taylor (83.10).

Class 3B: In a big field of 15, Andy Bradley emerged ninth (84.63) and John Moxham thirteenth (87.48).

Class 3H: Rob Bailey took an emphatic victory at 72.57 with Andrew Steel second on 76.31.

Class 5A: Paul Masters (70.86) emerged third from a closely fought battle for the top places in a 12-strong field. The following places went to Craig Powers (71.85), Richard Vaughan (71.87), Simon Bailey (72.87) and Eve Whitehead (74.14). Barry Whitehead was ninth (77.55) followed by Chris Taylor (78.03) and Geoffrey Cowell (79.78).

Class 5B: Paul Webb (82.71) could only manage fourth after an 'off' on his second run.

Class 5D: Victory went to John Graham on 71.13, followed by Brian Walker (75.36).

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BLYTON PARK: The newest venue in the Longton Northern Speed Championship attracted 14 competitors to Blyton Park in Lincolnshire on July 21 and 22 and it looks likely that this event will become a regular fixture in the series.

Saturday

Class SA: The ever-fascinating battle between the Honda S2000 duo of Martin Rowe and Roger Fish ended up in victory for Martin, at 78.46 – just one hundredth better than Roger.

Class 1D: Vic Lord took the win at 76.08.

Class 2A: Carol and Bill Stevenson were up against stiff competition at this WSCC event. Bill ended up with a best of 86.86 and Carol 97.29.

Class 2C: Again there was stiff Westfield competition for Longton competitors. But Matthew Turner came in second (70.54) and Andrew Hargreaves fourth (72.32).

Class 3A: Karl Wilson was fourth on 75.55 in a hard-fought class.

Class 3G: Kurt Ramsden was clearly up against some tough competition, his best of 66.59 only good enough for third.

Class 3H: Tim Nunn (66.97) took the win in another strong Westfield class with Andrew Steel putting in a best of 71.04.

Class 5A: Paul Masters only managed one run in his Jedi but blew the opposition away with a time of 64.96. Richard Vaughan was third on 69.20 with Eve Whitehead fourth (69.96), followed by Craig Powers (71.25), Chris Taylor (72.69) and Barry Whitehead (73.69).

Class 5B: Paul Webb took fourth with a best of 75.51.

Class 5C: John Graham only took two runs after fuel injector problems and came in third (67.05) whilst Brian Walker recorded a best of 72.99.

Sunday

Class SA: Martin Rowe again took victory, with 77.28 followed by Roger Fish, 77.47.

Class 1D: Vic Lord had to settle for second on Sunday with 75.04.

Class 2A: Bill Stevenson improved a little to 86.56 with Carol also faster on 96.84.

Class 2C: Matthew Turner again took second (69.54) with Andrew Hargreaves (69.99) not far behind.

Class 3A: Karl Wilson took second (76.98).

Class 3G: Unfortunately, Kurt Ramsden only managed one run, at 66.48, slightly faster than his best the previous day.

Class 3H: Another win for Tim Nunn (66.88) with Andrew Steel on 70.48.

Class 5A: Paul Masters missed Sunday. Richard Vaughan made a big improvement in his times to take second (66.08), followed by Craig Powers, also going faster with a time of 66.33. Eve Whitehead posted 68.16 with Barry on 71.30 and Chris Taylor 73.05.

Class 5B: Paul Webb improved to 74.04 and third.

Class 5C: John Graham put in a much-improved run of 62.81 in his Dallara for third with Brian Walker also improving to 69.05 to take fourth.

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LONGTON INVITES TO SPEED EVENTS

LDMC members have been invited to the following speed events. These are club invitations and do not necessitate registration in Longton's own speed championship. Members are reminded that LDMC is a member club of the Association of North Western Car Clubs (ANWCC) and we therefore may be invited to events indirectly via our ANWCC affiliation.

We have been advised that Auto66 have cancelled their planned Elvington Sprint in October.

| Date | Day | Venue | Type | | Organising Club | Invitation type |
|------------------|------------|-------------------------|---------------|---|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 1-Sept-12 | Sat | Aintree | Sprint | * | Liverpool | via ANWCC |
| 1-Sept-12 | Sat | Anglesey | Sprint | | L&CC / MGCC | direct invite via SRs |
| 2-Sept-12 | Sun | Anglesey | Sprint | | L&CC / MGCC | direct invite via SRs |
| 9-Sept-12 | Sun | 3-Sisters | Sprint | * | Longton DMC | LDMC membership |
| 15-Sept-12 | Sat | Thoresby Park | Sprint | * | Notts SCC | LDMC Championship Contenders |
| 16-Sept-12 | Sun | Thoresby Park | Sprint | * | Notts SCC | LDMC Championship Contenders |
| 6-Oct-12 | Sat | Anglesey (Nat) | Sprint | * | Longton DMC | LDMC membership |
| 7-Oct-12 | Sun | Anglesey (Inter) | Sprint | * | Longton DMC | LDMC membership |

Events marked * are part of the Longton's Northern Speed Championship. This list will be subject to updates in future bulletins as further SRs are published. If you need assistance with obtaining SRs / Entry Forms then feel free to contact Craig Powers via cpowers@blueyonder.co.uk who may already have copies of the regs or can put you in contact with the organising club.

SPRINT DATES FOR 2013

Competition Secretary Craig Powers writes: LDMC's provisional sprint dates for 2013 are:

Sunday April 14, 2013 (3-Sisters)

Sunday June 30, 2013 (3-Sisters)

Sunday Sept 8, 2013 (3-Sisters)

Saturday Oct 5, 2013 (Anglesey)

Sunday Oct 6, 2013 (Anglesey)

We have collaborated with Liverpool MC so that our summer and autumn Three Sisters sprints share the same weekend as the Aintree sprints held on the Saturday. Our normal July date has drifted forward to the end of June. To reciprocate, LMC have moved their September sprint back one week to join ours, with the additional advantage of avoiding the clash with MGCCC/L&CCC Anglesey. We hope that these 'NW Sprint Weekends' will allow new championships to come to our events, resulting in an even greater variety of machinery and stronger entries for both clubs.

AND A SOCIAL DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

A reminder of the date change for Longton's Annual Dinner and Presentation evening from January 26 to **JANUARY 19, 2013** at the Barton Grange Hotel, Barton, Preston



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