



Spotted at Oulton Park Gold Cup.....

## DEBDEN EVENT – CHANGE OF DATE

We have been notified that the Debden Event – originally scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> May has been moved forward a week to 4<sup>th</sup> May. The revised date of the 4<sup>th</sup> May does clash with Olivers Mount but as the 2 venues are considered to be Northern and Southern venues, this should not present too much of a problem.

## Gurston Entries

Over the winter the team at Gurston have developed an Internet Entry system which they are encouraging competitors to use. I attach a copy of the letter that they have sent to drivers who have entered Gurston over the last three years which gives all the details and options. Gurston are not sending out Regulations Booklets this year unless requested individually by the 'computer negative'!!

## GURSTON DOWN

### **NEW ENTRY SYSTEM - [www.gurstondownentries.co.uk](http://www.gurstondownentries.co.uk)**

From the start of the 2008 Season it will be possible for you to enter and pay for meetings at Gurston via the Internet. Using this method is very much encouraged by us and there is no extra charge to you – we will absorb the bank fees. The reasons for doing this are to save a large volume of paper and cost of printing and postage. It will also be good to move into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century!

We do appreciate that some people, even with a computer, will be unwilling to use this method of entering and there may be some of you who do not have access to a computer at all .

Regulations and entry forms will not be sent to anyone unless requested.

Entries for the April meetings open on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

To summarise:-

1. Preferred method.

Enter meetings between the opening and closing dates and pay the entry fee via the internet [www.gurstondownentries.co.uk](http://www.gurstondownentries.co.uk) You can also register your personal and car details so you will not have to repeat these for each meeting. For those with more than one car it is possible to register two, and indeed to enter in a third!

Regulations are available for viewing and printing on [www.gurstondown.org](http://www.gurstondown.org) -'Information for drivers'- or by clicking [www.gurstondown.org/regs](http://www.gurstondown.org/regs) on the Entries Home Page.

The payment site is a secure one from which entry fees will go straight into our bank account. If possible we would ask you to use a debit card as the Bank charge is considerably less.

Accepted cards are: Credit – Mastercard & Visa. Debit – Visa Electron, Visa Debit, Maestro & Solo.

There is no extra charge to you.

2. If unwilling to use above method but have access to a computer and the internet.

Download regulations and entry forms by going to our website [www.gurstondown.org](http://www.gurstondown.org) and clicking on 'Information for drivers'.

Complete and post entry forms as in past years.

3. If computer less.

Please let us know and we will send you regulations and entry forms for completing as previously.

An e- mail acknowledgement will be sent to those who have made an internet entry.

As in past years all entries will be acknowledged and tickets sent after the meeting closing date.

The accepted entries will appear on our web site [www.gurstondown.org](http://www.gurstondown.org)

Withdrawals should be made by telephone, post or e-mail and refunds will be made by cheque.

If you have any queries please telephone us on 01725 552832. We are looking forward to the new season and seeing many of you again.



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## Isle of Man 2008

Despite severe negotiation on my part, I have been unable to get a better deal on the Manx Classic than being offered by the IOM Steam Packet. Their rates and deals can be found at:

<http://www.manxmotorracing.com/package-deals.htm>

Their prices include Hotel and Ferry Crossing. Dealing with the hotels direct - even for a block booking works out more expensive. Please book through the IOM Steam Packet or Magic Holidays

For those new to the event, secure parking is available at the Mount Murray Hotel. This is a few miles outside Douglas but it is probably worth the minor inconvenience to ensure plenty of safe parking and plenty of room for trailers.

Entry Forms are available to download here: <http://www.manxmotorracing.com/>

Morgan Class is 9A and there is a special Morgan Plate Award for the best performance

Entry fees are  
Bray Hill £100  
The Sloc £100  
Lhergy Frissell £100  
All 3 events £260  
Plus £5 to join the MMRC

### Itinerary:

Travel on Thursday 17th April (or before)

Scrutineering closes 16:00 on 17th April for the Bray Hill event, so ensure that your chosen ferry gets you to the Island in time !!

Evening of 17th - Bray Hill Sprint. Alas there are no double drives permitted here, but the experience of charging up the hill in the dark is well worth the effort - so I am told. Evening meal of a Fish and Chip supper in the paddock.

18th April - Early start and off to The Sloc. A bumpy hillclimb out in the countryside near Port Erin. Evening meal - as last year we will be dining at The Hawthorn pub (hooray)

19th April - Off to Ramsey for what is probably the longest and best Hillclimb in the UK. Lergly Frissell. Fantastic fun - even if the locals are a bit grumpy when you park outside their house.....

Evening meal at the awards ceremony (If space permits) or at a "lively" restaurant and onto the awards ceremony.

20th April - head home or stay on the Island for a holiday.

Please let me know if you are coming so I can make restaurant reservations.

## **Changes to the Blue Book**

Those that have already renewed their MSA Licences will have noticed that the Blue Book has been dramatically revised. The essential content is the same but it has been re-written to make it easier to read and a lot of sections have been clarified. There are no changes this year to Sprint and Hillclimb regulations, however, please be aware of the changes to timing strut dimensions for next year (2009).

## **DRIVERS DINNER 2008**

Please put the following date in your diaries. Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2008 will be the Drivers Dinner. The venue will be The Peveril in The Peak, Dovedale near Ashbourne.

## **Championship Regulations 2008**

The 2008 Championship Regulations have still not been received back from the MSA. As soon as they have been agreed, we shall post them on the Speedmog website. Please remember that quite a few changes have been made to the document (references to sections of the Blue Book) due to the MSA having totally revised the layout. When you renew your licence – please take time to familiarize yourself with the new format of the Blue Book.

## **Regalia and T Shirts**

As last year, for the 2008 season, all Speedmog Competitors will be receiving 2 T shirts. We are staying with the Light Blue cotton shirts, however the design for 2008 will be different. If you require additional T shirts (For support crew etc) they are available at £5 each. Please send cheques and orders to Tim Hill.

## **Taster Day**

An extra reminder - once again, we are running a Taster Day and MSA Marshals Training day to encourage newcomers to our sport. The date is Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March and the event will be held at Curborough. We all need to support this event – either as Instructors, Marshals, Scrutineers or Administrators. Please contact Simon on 0161 427 7150 to confirm that you will be available to help out.

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If you have any news or articles that you would like included in the Newsletter, please email either Tim ([tim@hobmeadows.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:tim@hobmeadows.wanadoo.co.uk)) or Simon ([simon\\_baines@ntlworld.com](mailto:simon_baines@ntlworld.com))