



Chairman's Report 2020

As 2020 comes to a close I am pleased to be able to report that the club is still here and thriving. With our first planned meeting in February cancelled due to the arrival of storm Dennis bringing strong winds and record rainfall safety was our main concern.

March then saw a chance to get back to running our usual club meeting and drivers enthusiastic to get their championship points under way.

Then it started the lockdown and the cancellation by MSUK of the championship permits which unfortunately meant we were not able to go ahead with the intended Wessex Challenge.

In July we were ready to greet those eager to get back into the seat and back on the circuit. This meeting attracted an entry of 152 drivers. The challenge of trying to accommodate drivers and teams wishing to familiarise themselves with the track was all taken in their stride mainly thanks to the efforts of the circuit management and staff. I received several messages following the meeting, thanking us for the measures put in place to make everyone feel safe and comfortable during the pandemic.

The following meetings saw some of the largest entries we have seen in recent years.

With everyone trying to fit postponed meetings into the truncated calendar it meant we had to move the date for our popular Clay Pigeon Rotax Festival which also included the Rotax 'O' plate. What a weekend this was and it attracted some of the largest grids in the country this year. The great prizes from J.A.G Engineering and the support for this great class of kart from Tina, Gary and Pete is always appreciated and welcomed by the club, circuit and more importantly by the competitors.

After rearranging dates we hosted the penultimate round of the British Kart Championship and this again enjoyed some great racing and saw the anticipated MicroMax qualifying round for the European final.

Unfortunately with the return of a country lockdown we had to conclude the championship early as there was no track availability to fit the final round in before the end of the year.

The presentation is still under review and I hope to be able to give details of when we can present the trophies to the winners as and when the situation becomes more stable.

We are always pleased to see the officials that turn up in all weathers, this includes our clerks, club stewards, observers, those in scrutineering, timekeeping, commentary and the girls behind the counter in race control and not least the marshals that continue to keep us racing.

Once again thank you to the circuit management and staff for always ensuring the circuit is ready for race day as without their help the club would not be what it is today.