

Chairman's Report 2019

Gurston Down (BARC SW)

2019 saw full entries for all our planned events consisting of Test Day, 5 weekends and a single day in September. We also ran 4 school days which proved successful.

There were very few changes to Gurston, but we have built a more permanent structure at Ashes for our Catering Team as the Trailer was beyond repair. Our thanks go to Roger Cock, Roy Lennard, Nick Howard, Dave Bean and Graham Beale (and all the others that popped along to provide a lending hand).

Chris Cannell started to take over the reigns of the Driving School, so many thanks go to Tim Pitfield for his years of commitment.

Fencing was replaced in the Paddock by our Landlords

Our Awards Evening at the Stones Hotel, Salisbury was a great success. It was great to see all attendees have a good time and celebrate the achievements of 2019. Many thanks go to Becky Crocombe for organising it and Ben Taylor (CEO BARC) for agreeing to hand out our prizes.

I will just say a few words about 2020. COVID has placed huge challenges on Motorsport in the UK. The Committee had numerous discussions at the time and came to the sad conclusion that financially we could not make any meeting viable with the lack of spectators. Safety wise, given the instructions at the time of the decision the Committee were not confident that Gurston could be compliant and our main concern was for the safety of all Competitors, Officials, Marshals and the residents of the farm.

The Committee are now confident that we can deliver a full season under the current guidelines set out by the Government and MSUK. This will require a huge commitment from our Committee and from any of our 230 members who feel that they can offer support on the day of the meeting.