



From the Directors

More than 100 SRCC members, family and friends kicked off 2026 in style on the third Saturday of January. Our annual awards evening went off very successfully with much celebration and merrymaking into the early hours. Many thanks to Richard Dakin who identified the new venue, the Crowne Plaza East Midlands, where we were very well looked after and who masterminded a great evening.

Earlier in the afternoon nearly 30 registered competitors attended the annual general meeting of the Club. This included a review of the 2025 season and whilst all members will be sent formal minutes of the meeting, highlights of the presentation made by Roger are included later in this newsletter.

One piece of potentially disappointing news revealed by Roger concerned the difficulty in identifying a suitable European venue for the SRCC to visit in 2026. However, a suggestion was made to consider Mondello Park, near Dublin, and within a week arrangements had been finalised for a non-championship event over the weekend of 4-5 July. The Club is looking to finalise numbers to ensure that the overall event will be viable so please let Roger know if you're interested in taking part in the Mondello Park event. (Club Member, and Travel Agent par excellence, Chris Bailey has already been able to secure heavily discounted ferry rates and details of this will be sent to interested competitors and their teams).

The AGM also saw a wide ranging and constructive discussion amongst attendees over how the club should celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2027. Various of the suggestions have already been followed up and we have been delighted at the support already pledged for our anniversary year, not least from MSVR. It looks highly likely that there will be at least two 'separate grid' events during 2027 (numbers permitting), probably Castle Combe and a signature event at Brands Hatch.

Also looking ahead to 2027, several of us attended the Race Retro show in Warwickshire with a view to an SRCC presence at next year's event. We were very pleasantly surprised both by the scale of the show but also that so many existing

competitors and real enthusiasts were attending. Displaying Sports 2000 cars at Race retro will still be an expensive venture but we are optimistic that a partnership arrangement may be possible with one of our existing sponsors. Again, watch this space.

So, there is plenty to look forward to in 2027 and we will be making contact with all known owners of Sports 2000 cars in the hope that we

can persuade as many as possible to join us for events next year. In the meantime, we have the small matter of the 2026 season that is now approaching at an alarming pace. As ever we have very cost-effective racing schedule at most of the UK's best circuits. Therefore, it only remains for us to encourage you to get your cars fully prepared and your entry submitted so that we can all look forward to starting another season of Sports 2000 Racing.

We wish all SRCC members a successful, safe, competitive and enjoyable season.

Roger, Nick and Mike

**Roger Donnan, Nick Bates, Mike Fry
Club Directors**

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2026 Event schedule

4/5 APRIL	SILVERSTONE NATIONAL	Triple header Combined Grids
2/3 MAY	BRANDS HATCH GP	Double Header Combined grid
13 JUNE	OULTON PARK	Mini-Enduro with pitstop
4/5 JULY	MONDELLO PARK	Double Header Combined grid
29/30 AUGUST	DONINGTON PARK	Double Header Combined grids
26/27 SEPTEMBER	DONINGTON PARK GP	Triple Header Combined grids

Welcome to new members

Paul Knapton - Ginetta G22
Matthew Harbot - MCR S2n
Tony Maryon - Ray
Andy Matthew - Shrike P16



Some key points from the AGM

- The 2026 championship will allow two dropped scores.
- The Historic Grid will continue to start two rows behind the Duratec Grid, but both will start at the same time when the red lights are extinguished.
- The series technical scrutineer will continue to be Peter French, but our series will have a new clerk of the course, Martin Brinkworth.
- Entry fees remain unchanged or reduced in some cases.
- Hoosier tyres continue as the series control tyre. BMTR will continue to attend most meetings and will arrange for an alternative fitter to attend when they cannot.
- Significant regulation changes for Duratec cars include new clauses to ensure all cars can be lifted by the rollover protection system (roll hoop) and fuel injectors need to be secured to the fuel rail with appropriate clips.
- The ROPS regulation will also apply to Historic cars. Otherwise there are no significant regulation changes for Historic cars.
- Performance logging will continue to be monitored by the Club with the random use of data loggers.
- Mike Turner has stood down as a director of the Club but will remain as an active member and competitor.

Paddock passes

MSVR are introducing tighter arrangements on vehicle parking within paddocks. Season long passes will be issued at Silverstone.



Sponsors

Ancaster Leisure will be the title sponsor for the Duratec Championship.

JSE Systems Ltd will be the title sponsors for the Historic Championship

Other sponsors:

- BMTR
- Varley Batteries
- VMEP
- Raceparts
- Lifeline
- Surf & Turf Gazebos

Sincere thanks to them all

Parish news

Roger has moved house, so the new address for club correspondence will be:

43 Grey Willow Drive
BEVERLEY
HU17 0ZH



A final reminder

1. Have you renewed your race licence?
2. Is your harness in date?
3. Is your fire extinguisher in date?
4. Have you checked the legality of the tyres on your trailer or van?
5. Have you registered for the Championship?
6. Have you entered for the first round at Silverstone?