



TTMA NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2016

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hello & welcome to the December newsletter, the final one for 2016!

Although our racing season finishes at the end of the MGP, work never seems to cease! Already we have heard recent announcements from Motorcycle Live at the Birmingham NEC about events arranged for both the 2017 TT and MGP/CTT and we are already involved in discussions on the Island about next year's events. It seems to be all meetings, meetings and meetings! These include the Chief Sector Marshals, the Deputy Sector Marshals, the TTMA board of Directors, the various Government departments and, of course, the Organisers but at least I feel we achieve something from these meetings – that's not something I could say about some of the meetings I used to have to attend!

Another of our activities is our legal requirement to hold an Annual General Meeting which we did at the end of October. Apart from reporting on the financial and other aspects of the company, we also saw some changes to the board of Directors with one person standing down but I am pleased to announce the election of three new people. Brett Hammonds has stood down from the board and from his position as Training Director. Brett has been at the forefront of our training activities for the past few years and I want to take this opportunity to thank him for his hard work in this area. Shely Bryan, Paul Thompson and Robin Watterson all joined the board and are quickly getting to grips with the challenges we face as well as bringing new ideas to the board. I welcome the three additional people, but it still leaves one vacancy, so if you have something that you can contribute to the background running of the TTMA please get in touch.

Amongst the many issues we are currently dealing are the problems associated with the ever-increasing road open/crossing points and corridors but our biggest challenge in the coming year will undoubtedly be the new Road Race Act. This we understand, will become law at the start of 2017. This has some serious implications for marshalling and I can assure everyone we are taking this very seriously and we are holding discussions with the various departments involved.

Finally, all that is left for me to do is to thank you, from both myself and my fellow directors, for everything you have done during the year and to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Merry Christmas
Robert Crane
Chairman



NEW DIRECTOR

My name's Shely Bryan, I live in the Isle of Man and I've marshalled the TT and MGP/Classic TT for the last ten years. I work with a great gang of marshals at Brandish, in sector 12, where I've been the Deputy Sector Marshal since 2012.

My interests are not just restricted to two- and three- wheel motorsport. I'm interested in four wheels too, especially vintage sports cars, and I enjoy spending time watching or marshalling rallies and hill climbs both on the island and across the UK.

I'm looking forward to rolling my sleeves up and getting involved with the TTMA, we've got lots of exciting, and challenging, times ahead! Roll on TT2017!

SECTOR 1

Well what a year folks, each year after Christmas I count the weeks down to TT and we are nearly at the same point already, the months just roll by. Each time I go through my sector in the winter and look at different points I visualise marshals at that point and I have happy memories of you all. For all the marshals at Braddan, myself and Ross Tony's wife have been working on his bench in the dip.

I thank you all for your dedication and loyalty during both events. I say that to all marshals as without us there is no show, so thank you all. I wish you all a happy Christmas and a happy New Year and for all you folks up in Scotland have a fantastic Hogmanay. I would also like to wish all tower crew, medics and TMs all a Merry Christmas.

I look forward to seeing you all back for TT 2017 and the FOM.

regards
Alan

SECTOR 10

Hi All

Hope you are all well. Well it's the quiet season so not much to report. If you were lucky enough to get to the bike show I'm told there was plenty to see, I must make time to go again, it's been a long time since I last went. Wishing you all a great Crimbo and Happy New Year.

All the best

Mike Brown



SECTOR 12

Hi everybody

Not much gone on since the last time I sent an entry to the newsletter.

As I write this all racing is over for the year and I am waiting for the Macau race to be shown on the telly, I think Wed night, and then it's a long boring time until next season kicks off.

I have already told you what a great bunch of superstars you all are but it doesn't hurt to tell you all again, you are indeed just that.

For those of off you that did not know, Gary Stevens used to lay a wreath each year at the Douglas service of remembrance. I am very pleased to tell you that as well as taking over Governors Exit from his dad, his son Chris has also taken over the tradition of the wreath laying. Well done Chris and much respect to you from myself and I am sure all the other ex-servicemen within the TTMA.

If this reaches you before (and I am sure it will) the 10th Dec please do not forget the Sector 12 Christmas dinner at the Welbeck, a better feed on the Island is hard to find. Names to Maryrose ASAP as we may run out of space.

All that remains now is to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. I hope the fat man in the red suit brings you all that you want and maybe a few things that you did not even know you wanted. I don't think that includes big baggy jumpers and dozens of socks and hankies.

I will of course see some of you over the coming months but those to those of you that I don't, I look forward to the end of May when we get together at the roadside to do that TT thing once again.

All the best to one and all.

John Walsh

TM's Working Out??!

Some of the TM's showed that they were willing to take on new roles after the Senior MGP on Friday 2nd September. When asked if they would help with my '22 press-ups for 22 days' challenge by being my bench in pit lane, they stepped up/down. The video is on the 'Manx Grand Prix' Facebook page.

<https://www.ssafa.org.uk/latest/22-pushup-challenge>

Ian Currah



A THANK YOU MESSAGE

TO ALL TT COURSE MARSHALLS
AND MEDICAL STAFF, PARTICULARLY
THOSE AT THE 33RD MILESTONE DURING
THE WEDNESDAY M.C.P. LIGHTWEIGHT RACE
2016,

VERY MANY THANKS FOR YOUR PROMPT AND
PROFESSIONAL ACTION AND CARE
so very much

WHILE ATTENDING TO ME AT THE SCENE,
AFTER FOUR WEEKS IN LIVERPOOL AND TWO
IN HOBBS HOSPITALS, AND ALSO THE
HYPERBARIC CHAMBER, I AM MAKING A STEADY
RECOVERY

MANY THANKS

MICK MODERON,

PS. PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED A CHEQUE TOWARDS FUEL.



MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

The next issue of the newsletter will be February 2017 as I am sure we will all be enjoying seeing in the New Year at the start of January, I certainly will be!!

If you have any articles or stories from last year's events that you would like to submit, then please send them to the newsletter address as the bottom of this page.

I wish you all a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year! Here's to a brilliant and safe year of motorcycling events.

See you all in 2017

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