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MSA confirms Nick Bunting as new Chief Executive

Nick Bunting has been appointed Chief Executive of the Motor Sports Association with effect from 20 May 2013.

The recruitment process to secure a successor to Colin Hilton, who retires after more than 20 years at the MSA, began last year under the guidance of MSA Chairman Alan Gow. The MSA Board charged a working group comprising Gow and Hilton, plus non-Executive Director Dennis Carter and Motor Sports Council Chairman Tony Scott Andrews, with conducting the interviews of short-listed candidates. Bunting was the unanimous choice.

"I am delighted with the appointment we have been able to make," said Gow. "Nick will be an outstanding Chief Executive for the Motor Sports Association and brings with him a wealth of sporting experience which will be of great value to the sport. He has over twelve years' top-level experience with the Rugby Football Union as its Chief Operating Officer and is also a Director of Sports Coach UK and the Sport & Recreation Alliance. Nick was also an advisor to LOCOG (the Organising Committee for the London Olympics) and a Board Member of the National Skills Academy for Sport and Leisure. He is currently the Chief Executive of PRIME (The Prince's Initiative for Mature Enterprise).

"Nick has some very big shoes to fill and I would like to pay tribute to the extraordinary achievements of Colin Hilton in the past 12 years; the MSA is unrecognisable from the organisation that he took over in 2001 and that is largely down to his leadership. Nick inherits a well-run, financially sound organisation that sits at the heart of British motor sport and which takes a central and active role in the development of the sport. The whole sport owes Colin a significant debt of gratitude and we wish him a well-deserved retirement."

Hilton will stay on in a consultancy capacity at least until the end of the year.

appointments

Go Motorsport Regional Development Officer (South East England)

The MSA is seeking a Regional Development Officer (RDO) to cover the South East on a part-time freelance basis.

A total of 10 RDOs are spread across the UK, tasked with working with clubs, associations and venues to develop motor sport in their areas as well as delivering the Go Motorsport message to schools and colleges.

The successful applicant will need a strong knowledge of UK motor sport, ideally have held positions within local motor clubs, be confident and articulate and have their own car. Strong contacts within the South and South West motor sport communities would be distinctly advantageous.

A full job description, together with details of the application process, can be found at: <http://www.gomotorsport.net/Go-Motorsport-seeks-Regional-Development-Officer-South-East>

Closing date for applications: 30 April 2013.

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Go Motorsport Live! to headline National Motorsport Week

The MSA is delighted to announce that National Motorsport Week (29 June-7 July) will conclude with *Go Motorsport Live!*, a free event at Silverstone on Sunday 7 July showcasing all that motor sport has to offer.

Visitors will be offered the chance to see and hear a wide variety of motor sport and experience some grassroots disciplines, such as AutoSOLO, from the passenger seat. The MSA is also inviting UK-based race, rally, karting and other championships, plus local motor clubs, to set up displays and live demonstrations.



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Highlighting the MSA’s ‘Year of the Volunteer’ initiative, marshalling clubs will be offering advice to potential recruits while, as an introduction to both circuit racing and rallying, Silverstone will be providing discounted ‘hot laps’ and rally rides as well as tours of its world famous facilities. Visitors will even be offered the chance to stand on the F1 podium.

“Go Motorsport Live! has all the right ingredients to become a huge Open Day showcasing every aspect of our sport and we are extremely grateful to those at Silverstone for making this possible,” said Colin Hilton, MSA Chief Executive. “The timing is perfect, too. Millions will be watching the British Grand Prix either trackside or on television and now, just seven days later, they can come to Silverstone and discover just how easy it is for them to get more involved in the sport they’ve been following. What’s more, the event is absolutely free for all those attending.”

As co-promoters of National Motorsport Week, the Motorsport Industry Association (MIA) and its members will be on hand to give careers advice. Young engineers will also enjoy special access to the Formula Student finals being staged at Silverstone over the same weekend.

NMW club prize

The Motorsport Industry Association (MIA) and Motorsport Foundation are once again offering a £500 prize to the club that best captures the spirit of National Motorsport Week.

All clubs across the country are encouraged to support the week in any way they can, whether it be organising Taster Events, car displays, parades or special club discount offers. Last year South of Scotland Car Club scooped the prize after running an Autotest in Tesco’s car park in Lockerbie that attracted significant local media interest.



A toolkit detailing how clubs can get involved is available at www.nationalmotorsportweek.co.uk. Clubs should email their plans to jess.fack@msauk.org so that publicity and other resources, such as help from Go Motorsport’s RDOs, can be provided if necessary.

ENQUIRIES

Championships, event organisers, motor clubs, teams and all others wishing to get involved in Go Motorsport Live! should contact MSA Development Officer Jess Fack via jess.fack@msauk.org at the earliest opportunity. **Public admittance – including parking – is free on the day and no tickets will be issued in advance.**



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New structure for British karting

A new simplified structure for UK Kart Championships will be introduced from 1 January 2014, the Motor Sports Association (MSA) can announce.

Under the new structure championships will be run at the following levels:

- British
- National
- Regional
- Within standard club meetings
- Club only.

In line with the new structure and regulations only the MSA may designate a promoter for the British and National Championships. In September 2012 the MSA announced Super One Series as the British Championships promoter for five years from 1 January 2013 and MSA National Corner Championship promoter for three years from 1 January 2013. Additionally the British Superkart Racing Club was designated the MSA Long Circuit Championship and MSA Long Circuit Grand Prix promoter for five years from 1 January 2013.

The MSA has asked the Association of British Kart Clubs (ABkC) to promote the MSA National Championships (with the exception of the MSA National Corner Championship) until the end of the 2016 season to ensure stability during these transitional years. The MSA will then go out to tender during 2016 for the promoters of the National Championships.

Colin Hilton, MSA Chief Executive and new Kart Committee Chairman, said: "These changes are designed to put in place a new structure for the future benefit of karting following the comprehensive Karting Review. The support from the ABkC allows the MSA to put in place the processes necessary to implement the changes, which for 2017 will include not only the tender process for National Championships but also a full homologation process for all karting classes."

MSA requests applications for membership of 2014 Specialist Committees

The MSA is seeking nominations for individuals to join the Specialist Committees that represent the interests of the various disciplines of motor sport.

The Specialist Committees meet two or three times a year, normally at Motor Sports House, to discuss and debate new regulations and other issues. The following Specialist Committees may have vacancies available for next year:

- Autotest Committee
- Cross Country Committee
- Historic Committee
- Kart Sporting Sub Committee
- Kart Technical Sub Committee
- Race Committee
- Rallies Committee
- Autocross & Rallycross Sub Committee
- Dragster Sub Committee
- Sprint & Hill Climb Sub Committee
- Trials Committee.

All applicants must be members of an MSA-recognised motor club or Regional Association, which must 'sponsor' the application. However, there are no formal qualifications required other than the benefit of experience in motor sport. The role is entirely voluntary, although expenses will be paid to cover travel to meetings at Motor Sports House, and the appointment is normally for a three-year term.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants should submit a brief CV of their motor sport involvement and achievements, including any relevant qualifications, together with name, address and contact details to the sponsoring MSA-recognised club or Regional Association. The sponsor will forward the application to Andrea Wren at Motor Sports House, Riverside Park, Colnbrook, SL3 0HG. This must be done as soon as possible as applications must be received before the end of June 2012 at the latest.

Scottish Motor Sports launches new website

Scottish Motor Sports, the new strategic body representing the interests of both two- and four-wheel motor sport in Scotland, has launched a new website and social media presence: www.scottishmotorsports.co.uk and www.twitter.com/SMS_Scotland.



SMS was formed as a result of a project started with sportscotland by the relevant governing bodies, the Motor Sports Association (MSA) and the Scottish Auto Cycle Union (SACU) in 2011. The group aims to raise awareness of the extraordinary impact that Scotland has had on the history of motor sport and to build on that heritage to establish future success. It provides a single channel for the sport to communicate with the Scottish

Government and its associated agencies, such as sportscotland, Event Scotland and Visit Scotland.

As well as the two governing bodies, SMS comprises representatives of car and motorcycle sport, including the Scottish Association of Car Clubs (SACC), the Association of Scottish Kart Clubs (ASKC) and Knockhill circuit. It is chaired by MSA Board Director and Royal Automobile Club Chairman Tom Purves, the former Chief Executive of Rolls-Royce.

“I was delighted to be asked to chair the group,” said Purves. “We have a great team of people around the table, but the real power of SMS comes from the strength of motor sport in Scotland and the people that make it happen. Our challenge is to represent the collective interests of motor sport and motorcycle sport to those at the highest level and the first step is to gain recognition as a sport of National Performance Significance to Scotland.”

For further information and the latest updates, visit www.scottishmotorsports.co.uk or follow @SMS_Scotland on Twitter. To download the SMS brochure, please click here: www.msauk.org/uploadedfiles/SMS_brochure.pdf

Two events to celebrate BTRDA 75th anniversary

The BTRDA will celebrate its 75th anniversary with a pair of Taster Events at Curborough and Catton Park later this month.

On 27 April the club will run an autotest and autoSOLO on Curborough’s sprint course, allowing members of the public to try their hand at the sport in their own road cars. Top drivers, both past and present, will be encouraged display their skills and it is hoped that members of the rally and rallycross fraternities will also take part.

On the same day the Historic Sporting Trials Club will hold a competitive event for early trials machinery at Catton Park. Additionally, BTRDA Car Trials and Sporting Trials Championship members will stage demonstrations, offering passenger and driving experiences. The day will culminate with a trials challenge between two well-known World Rally Championship personalities.

For more information and updates, visit www.btrda.com



Helen Gibbon@HRGibbon
9 Apr @MSAUK competed on 1st grass autotest of the yr with @SpadeadamMC.

Marcus Bridgland
@MiniAnnihilator 9 Apr
@MSAUK Castle combe last week was freezing for my first day marshalling!

Ali Rushforth@AliRushforth
8 Apr Thanks to all the guys & girls in orange at the @MGCarClub meet who on behalf of the @MSAUK give up their time to allow us to do what we do.

Alan Desbois@306rwd 6 Apr
@MSAUK We are out marshalling tonight on the Bath Festival road rally run by Bath MC. Looks like 1st and last controls for us #MyMotorsport

Andy Laurence@andylaurence
5 Apr @MSAUK Sprinting at Clay Pigeon Raceway on Sunday. ASWMC Sprint Championship #MyMotorsport

Paul Norris@PauIN1964
5 Apr@MSAUK Volunteering as incident marshal for AMOC @silverstoneUK #MyMotorsport

MSA@MSAUK 5 Apr Good to hear from so many people who will be marshalling this weekend. There would be no motorsport without you! #MyMotorsport

Allan McNish@AllanMcNish
5 Apr @SMRC4 Hope all the competitors have a good first race weekend at @krcircuit. @SMS_Scotland #sunnyScotland

The Road to Wales

Collaboration between Wales Rally GB organiser International Motor Sports (IMS) and the British Rally Championship will form an integral part of the 'Road to Wales' initiative promoting the UK's round of the World Rally Championship on 14-17 November.

This year's overall BRC top three, plus the Junior and RallyTwo Rally category winners, will be offered free Wales Rally GB entries, with the BRC Challenge winner receiving a spot in the Wales Rally GB National.



The Road to Wales also includes displays at major events such as the Cholmondeley Pageant of Power (14-16 June) and Castle Combe's popular Rallyday (21 September).

Andrew Coe, IMS Chief Executive, said: "The exciting partnership includes a comprehensive programme of joint advertising, database, social media and other marketing schemes that will benefit all involved in the sport as well as forming a key component in our overall 'Road to Wales' campaign."

Formula Student looking for volunteers

Formula Student, the world's largest student racecar event, is seeking volunteers for this year's competition at Silverstone on 4-7 July.

Each year 250 people give up their time to make Formula Student a success while also giving something back to the engineering community and meeting like-minded engineers.

Now in its 15th year, the 2013 event will welcome 149 teams comprising more than 2,000 students from 32 countries. The teams will each have to design and build their own single-seater racing car and will be judged on design, costing and business presentation skills, plus the cars' speed, acceleration, handling and endurance over a series of time-trial races.

Volunteering applications close on 25 April. For more information on how you can get involved, visit www.formulastudent.com/formula-student/formula-student-2013/GetInvolved. Spectator tickets are now on sale, with free entry for under-16s and concessions for Institution members. To book, visit <http://shop.imeche.org>.

Rally cars not affected by new MOT rules

Rally cars should not be affected by new MOT regulations requiring moveable seats and functioning airbags, with the recently issued MOT Special Notice 01-13 stating:

Where a vehicle has been extensively modified or converted, certain Reasons for Rejection, such as for components 'missing where fitted as standard' should not be applied, for example:

- a car converted for rally use (i.e. rear seats removed and fitted with a roll cage and full harness seat belts etc.) may have been converted so as not to require a brake servo, power steering or airbags

To view the document, click here:

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/vosa/publications/specialnotices/2013specialnotices.htm>

Government confirms VED and SORN changes

The Government has announced that it will extend by one year the cut-off date from which classic vehicles are exempt from Vehicle Excise Duty (VED). From 1 April 2014 a vehicle manufactured before 1 January 1974 will be exempt from paying VED.

Additionally, to reduce tax administration costs, the Government will make off-the-road declarations indefinite. It has also extended to 14 days the grace period for not displaying the tax disc in a vehicle following payment of VED.

WADA issues alert on GW501516

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has issued an alert regarding the black market substance GW501516, which it understands is being used by some athletes.

According to WADA, GW501516 was a developmental drug that was withdrawn from research and terminated when serious toxicities were discovered in pre-clinical studies.

It is believed to cause serious side effects and WADA is urging all athletes not to succumb to the temptation of using the substance for performance enhancement.

TECHNICAL / REGULATIONS

Frontal Head Restraints

The FIA Safety Department has advised the MSA Technical Department that the quality control process for products certified to the FIA 8858-2010 Frontal Head Restraint Standard uncovered an incompatibility between the type of screws and the orange 'bridge' that holds the tethers in place on the Stand 21 HANS® Club Series large size, homologation number FHR.036.12-A.



This incompatibility may compromise the efficiency of the HANS® device and any Stand 21 HANS® Club Series large size with the homologation number FHR.036.12-A and using 'Allen' screws (image 1 - left) is therefore not permitted for use. The devices must use 'Phillips' screws (image 2 - right) in order to be permitted.

Under-15 kart helmets

Competitors are again reminded that any kart driver below the age of 15 must now wear a junior standard (Snell-FIA CMR2007 or CMS2007) helmet according to MSA Regulation (K)10.3.1.

Anybody who cannot find a suitably fitting helmet of these standards should contact the MSA Technical Department, which may issue an exemption under certain circumstances. Anybody granted



an exemption will need to present their exemption certificate alongside their helmet at scrutineering. The MSA retains the right to review and withdraw any exemption if deemed necessary at any time.

FIA homologated seats

Since 1 January 2012 all seats approved according to FIA 8855-1999 Standard and FIA 8862-2009 Standard have been required to bear the new-style FIA label, which consists of an FIA hologram overlapping a label approved by FIA which is produced by the seat manufacturer. Following advice from the FIA Safety Department we can confirm that the FIA label must follow the template of image 1 (top), with the manufacturing date printed and not hand marked as per the label depicted in image 2 (bottom).



Please note that there is one exception to this requirement. Only RECARO seats which were produced between 1 January 2012 and 31 March 2012 are – on an exceptional basis – authorised to have the manufacturing date hand marked as per image 2. Scrutineers who come across any RECARO seats with a hand-written manufacturing date will be able to check it against FIA records to ensure that all of the information is correct (FIA sticker serial number; label serial

number; homologation number; model name and manufacturing date). If the information on the label does not correspond with the information in the FIA records then the seat will not be accepted.

Roll Over Protection Systems (ROPS)

This image shows a Stage Rally car ROPS with tubing that is clearly creased at the bends in the roof cross.



MSA Regulation (K)1.4.3 states: "The tubing must be bent by cold working process and the centreline radius must be at least three times the tube diameter. If the tubing is ovalised during bending, the ratio of minor to major diameter must be 0.9 or greater".

It is difficult to tell whether the tube is ovalised but it is clear that the tube is creased in the area of the bend and this will undoubtedly weaken the tube.

Regulations for consultation

The latest regulation changes proposed by the Historic Committee and Judicial Advisory Panel are now available for consultation at www.msauk.org/regulations. Provisional rule changes from the Cross Country, Executive, Race and Rallies Committees also remain available for consultation. The closing dates for feedback are specified in the action sheets detailing the proposed changes.



Castle Combe attracts marshalling newcomers

There were 35 newcomers among the 190 delegates at Castle Combe's annual marshals training day last month, reports Andrew Bisping, Go Motorsport's RDO in Central Southern England.

The day centred on an exercise designed to test the Major Incident Plan that Castle Combe's Steve Weston has spent 18 months working on. The scenario was a collision between three single-seaters that left two blocking the circuit with injured drivers aboard, with the third having cleared the barriers and landed in a spectator area. Adding to the challenge, the spectator area was out of sight from the Control Tower, maximising the importance of clear and relevant radio communication.

Reflecting on the exercise, which was designed to be as realistic as possible, Castle Combe's Adrian Fawdington said: "Our thoughts are already focused on evolving our Plan into a masterpiece which is dynamic, constantly working with our external professional emergency services partners to refine and evolve our plan."

Bisping added: "It was great to see the marshal and rescue teams respond to such a major incident with such professional urgency and calmness. Congratulations to everyone involved in tackling such a challenging and realistic scenario. In this Year of the Volunteer it was also wonderful to be able to thank and recognise the work of our volunteer teams that enables our events to take place with such high safety standards."

Junior 1000 rally car bolsters Scottish school visit

One of Scotland RDO Alison Clark's recent school visits was to Braidbar Primary School in Giffnock, Glasgow, where pupils are studying transport this term.

She was joined by Junior 1000 Ecosse Challenge driver Alex Adams, who took his rally car. "The kids loved being inside the rally car and spotting the differences from a road car," said Clark. "They were amazed at how light the components from a F1 car were, compared to similar parts from a standard car that I took along."

RDO Johnson secures Cotswold Motoring Museum discount

North West RDO Steve Johnson has arranged for a 10 per cent discount on entry to the Cotswold Motor Museum to anybody who produces a motor club card or MSA competition licence.

The museum is home to a collection of vintage and classic cars, motoring curiosities, toys and memorabilia. The exhibition is open to the public from 22 March to 27 October; for further information visit www.cotswoldmotoringmuseum.co.uk



Devon college event a success

Kevin Moore, South West RDO, arranged for local motor clubs to display cars and promote their activities at South Devon College's community open day last month.

Exeter, Torbay and South Hams Motor Clubs took 11 competition cars covering an array of disciplines. "Through positive interaction with each other, on-going relationships have been forged between the clubs involved, with offers to assist each other in the running of new events," said Moore.

Moore is now working to secure club attendance at another event in the South West, which will represent a much larger shop window for motor sport in the region with the opportunity for many more clubs to promote themselves. Any interested clubs in the ASWMC region should contact Moore on SouthWest@GoMotorsport.net.

Egger and Shoker speak to advanced motorists

Richard Egger, Go Motorsport's RDO in the East, and MSA Apprentice Ravi Shoker were the guest speakers at a Birmingham Advanced Motorists meeting last month.

The Birmingham group is affiliated to the Institute of Advanced Motorists, a leading road safety charity. Egger took his 1974 Ford Escort rally car and outlined various accessible forms of motor sport such as AutoSOLO, Autotest, Trials, Sprints and Hill Climbs.

Meanwhile Shoker talked about his career aspirations and his experiences on the MSA Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence (AASE) programme, which forms part of the MSA Academy.

Newcomer prize draw

Motor sport newcomers are invited to share their first experience of competing or volunteering for a chance to win a pair of tickets to Wales Rally GB 2013. Click here: <http://bit.ly/YKPDRc>

GET INVOLVED

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Why not take someone along to their first event and see the look on their face when they realise that they can do it too.

DO SOMETHING SPECIAL:

Get involved in National Motorsport Week (29 June – 7 July) and help your club organise some kind of activity or event to spread the word.

GET STICKING:

Have you put Go Motorsport stickers on your competition car? We can supply stickers and other promotional material for you to hand out to reach new audiences.

GO BACK TO SCHOOL:

Organise for your club to make a presentation in a local school, invite the local paper and increase awareness of what you do.

CONTACT YOUR RDO:

Speak to your local Regional Development Officer (details on the Go Motorsport website) and work with them to benefit your club.

ANY OTHER IDEAS?

Let us know what you want to do, or just do it!

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Marshalling

Marshals are there to make sure that events are run safely and effectively. Duties range from displaying flag signals and clearing debris to providing communication cover as well as running a start, finish line or assembly area.

Scrutineering

Scrutineers check that cars comply with the technical regulations to ensure safety and fair play. While experience in engineering or a similar technical field is usually an advantage, it is not essential.

Rescuing and recovering

Rescue personnel provide immediate medical and extrication facilities at the scene of an incident, while Recovery personnel retrieve stricken cars. Both crews use the latest medical or recovery equipment.

Timekeeping

Timekeepers record competitors' times and positions in order to determine the event results. Tools range from hand-held stopwatches to electronic timing systems that can measure to the nearest thousandth of a second.

Officiating

Once you've gained some experience in one or more of the above roles you can consider becoming a Steward, Secretary of the Meeting or Clerk of Course, who are responsible for ensuring that events are run in accordance with sporting regulations.

Club volunteer

You could also join your local motor club and help out as a committee member, treasurer, club secretary, social officer, equipment officer, publicity officer and more besides. You can search for your local club using your postcode at www.GoMotorsport.net



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- Join your local motor club
- Join one of the dedicated marshalling clubs
- Call 0845 0 94 00 94
- Email volunteer@GoMotorsport.net



Reid and Onslow-Cole on hand for MSA Apprenticeship workshop

MSA Performance Director Robert Reid shared his knowledge and experience with the MSA Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence (AASE) students at Loughborough College last month.

The 2001 World Rally Champion co-driver reflected on key lessons from his career and shared insights from the world of top-level motor sport, including the traits that F1 and WRC teams look for when selecting young drivers for their development programmes.

“The workshops were very interesting as ever and I feel every day I am learning more about the sport than just the driving.”



MSA Performance Manager and BTCC racer Tom Onslow-Cole then delivered a presentation on lifestyle, focusing on areas such as time management, working with teams, performance preparation and evaluation. The day ended with a communications workshop exploring the value of public relations to elite athletes.

Single-seater ace Seb Morris, who will compete in F4 this year, said: “I found the day very insightful hearing from both Robert Reid and Tom Onslow-Cole, who are both true professionals in the arena. It was good to learn and hear from their experiences. The workshops were very interesting as ever and I feel every day I am learning more about the sport than just the driving. I’m really enjoying my experiences on AASE and I’m looking forward to the next session already!”

Lynn claims podium in wash-out F3 opener

Team UK’s Alex Lynn battled atrocious weather conditions at Monza to claim a podium finish in the FIA Formula 3 European Championship season-opener.



Lynn started race one from seventh place but dropped to 14th by the end of the first lap before charging back to eighth at the flag. A sodden race two brought a sixth place finish, then by keeping out of trouble on the drenched track the Essex racer took third in the final contest.

“I’ve picked up points in every race and, although I would have preferred the results to be even better, I can’t complain,” said the 19-year-old. “It was really difficult to drive in those two races on Sunday; the amount of water was incredible. At [the next round at] Silverstone we should have strong pace.”

Fellow MSA Team UK driver Josh Hill showed top-10 pace with a best finish of eighth in race two, while the MSA Academy’s Squad was represented by Jordan King and single-seater rookie Jann Mardenborough. King ran consistently in the top 10 and took seventh in race one, while the relatively inexperienced Mardenborough learned his trade in the midfield.





Evans promoted to Qatar M-Sport World

Elfyn Evans will be the first Team UK member to drive for an official World Rally squad when he starts the forthcoming Rally Portugal at the wheel of an M-Sport run Ford Fiesta RRC (Regional Rally Car).

“Nowhere else could a young driver hope for such an opportunity and I am really looking forward to starting the season and developing my career with the team.”

Reigning WRC Academy champion Evans, 24, plans to contest a five-round programme in a four-wheel-drive car. His Ford Fiesta RRC will sport the official Qatari colours and be serviced alongside the World Rally Cars of championship regulars Mads Østberg, Evgeny Novikov, Nasser Al-Attiyah and Thierry Neuville. He will then switch to the brand-new Ford Fiesta R5 later in the season to challenge for the WRC2 series title.

“This is a fantastic opportunity for me and I want to say a big thank you to M-Sport and to Nasser [Al-Attiyah] for allowing me to develop alongside the team,” said Evans. “It only goes to show how strong the prize for winning the [FIA] WRC Academy [re-branded as the FIA Junior World Rally Championship for 2013] is. Nowhere else could a young driver hope for such an opportunity and I am really looking forward to starting the season and developing my career with the team.”

Malcolm Wilson, M-Sport Managing Director added: “Elfyn started rallying with the Ford Fiesta ST when he contested the Ford Fiesta Sport Trophy series in 2007 and has grown with the Fiesta R2 through the [FIA] WRC Academy. He’ll now progress to the Ford Fiesta RRC – and eventually the Fiesta R5 – and I am sure it won’t be long until we see him challenging for results at the highest level.”



MacCrone targets British Rally Championship with new team

John MacCrone will drive a Citroen DS3 R3 for the brand-new Culina Palletforce Racing team in his bid to win this year’s MSA British Rally Championship, drawing on the experience gained competing in the WRC Academy in 2012.

The MSA Team UK driver will call on the services of experienced navigator, Phil Pugh, himself a former British Champion and the crew will contest all seven rounds of the premier series. The young Scot, 23, joins the CA1 Sport-run team with support from his long-time backer, Palletforce and will be part of a two car-squad with a second Citroen for Pirelli Star Driver finalist Peter Taylor.

“I’m really privileged to have been given this opportunity,” said MacCrone. “The title of British Rally Champion is one that every young driver wants on their CV so I’m really focused on doing the best I can this season. I’m working hard to prepare for the first event on everything from my fitness to pacenote training with Phil so we can hit the ground running.”

Championship manager Mark Taylor added: “The addition of John MacCrone and Peter Taylor to the ranks of this year’s title challengers will certainly add to the spectacle for fans.”

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Dunlop MSA Formula Ford Championship of Great Britain

Dan Cammish kicked off the new winged era of Formula Ford with three wins from three races in the opening round at Brands Hatch.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Dan Cammish – 91 points
- 2 Nico Maranzana – 64
- = George Blundell – 64



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Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship

Jason Plato leads the championship after taking two wins from three races in the season-opener at Brands Hatch, where Matt Neal was also a race winner.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Jason Plato – 54 points
- 2 Andrew Jordan – 45
- 3 Sam Tordoff – 40

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Avon Tyres British GT Championship

Trackspeed won both races at Oulton Park, with Phil Keen and Jon Minshaw taking race one before Nick Tandy and David Asburn won race two.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Nick Tandy / David Ashburn – 43 points
- 2 Jon Minshaw / Phil Keen – 25
- 3 Marco Attard / Olly Bryant – 23



Monster Energy MSA British Rallycross Championship

Kevin Procter overcame damp and tricky conditions at Lydden Hill to lead home reigning champion Julian Godfrey.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Kevin Procter – 20 points
- 2 Julian Godfrey – 17
- 3 Pat Doran – 15

David DJ Jones



MSA British Drag Racing Championship

Rick Garrett scored his maiden Pro Modified victory at Santa Pod Raceway in only his second race since graduating from the Sportsman ranks.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Rick Garrett – 95 points
- 2 Andy Robinson – 77
- 3 Wayne Nicholson – 63



Link Up Ltd MSA British Autotest Championship

Stephen Morten leads the championship following victory in round one and fourth in round two, which was won by Richard Pinkney.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Stephen Morten – 55 points
- 2 Chris Chapman – 52
- 3 Lee Valentine – 49

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SBD Motorsport MSA British Sprint Championship

Terry Holmes began his title challenge with victory in the opening round at Castle Combe, while Stewart Robb dominated proceedings at Lydden Hill.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Terry Holmes – 21 points
- 2 Terry Graves – 19
- = Mark Smith – 19



MSA British Sporting Trials Championship

Ian Bell took consecutive victories on the Peter Blankstone and President's Trials and now leads the championship by four points from Tom Bricknell.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Ian Bell – 57 points
- 2 Tom Bricknell – 53
- 3 Josh Veale – 34

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Edgar's Hyundai MSA National Comer Cadet Kart Championship

Alex Quinn kicked off the new championship with two fighting wins at the fast Three Sisters circuit.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Alex Quinn – 158 points
- 2 Tom Wood – 148
- 3 Jonny Edgar – 140

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Carryduff Forklift MSA Northern Ireland Rally Championship

Derek McGarrity extended his championship lead with victory on the McGrady Insurance Stages Rally.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Derek McGarrity – 24 points
- 2 Kevin Barrett – 18
- 3 Derek McGeehan – 18



ARR Craib MSA Scottish Rally Championship

Quintin Milne and co-driver Martin Forrest claimed victory on the Brick & Steel Border Counties Rally at the wheel of their Mitsubishi EVO.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Quintin Milne – 30 points
- 2 Barry Groundwater – 28
- 3 David Bogie – 27

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REIS Get Connected MSA Asphalt Rally Championship

Steve Simpson and Patrick Walsh won the season-opening Tour of Epynt on a tie-break with defending champion Damian Cole and his co-driver Craig Drew.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Steve Simpson – 30 points
- 2 Damian Cole – 28
- 3 Paul Bird – 27



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Club Volunteering

Each month during the Year of the Volunteer we will be focusing on a particular volunteering role. This month we take a look at how you can get involved with your local motor club outside the cockpit.

The notion of joining a motor club is usually associated with a desire to compete, while volunteering is often seen as the preserve of marshalling clubs. Yet there is much more to volunteering than marshalling alone, and motor clubs are always on the lookout for fresh pairs of hands to get stuck in with event organisation and numerous other roles. So aside from being a competitor's ticket to ride, what does club life have to offer?

Peterborough Motor Club stalwart Graham Hall has competed in the odd 4x4 event over the years but has spent most of his time in the sport performing a variety of voluntary roles:

“I can remember being taken as a kid to see the Lombard RAC Rally and realising that someone, somewhere had to have planned it and organised it. So I decided I’d have a go myself and offered to take on the role of Chief Marshal at Peterborough MC, my local club, as there wasn’t anybody in that role at the time.

“There are all sorts of jobs that people can volunteer for, some of which may seem trivial but are in fact vital, because without them the club wouldn’t be able to exist. For example, if you have administrative skills then why not volunteer to be your local club’s membership secretary? Or maybe you’re more of a technical person and know your Blue Book back to front, in which case put your hand up for Competitions Secretary. If you’re a good writer and photographer then the job of club magazine editor was made for you, or if you’ve got computer skills then you could be a club’s webmaster.

“Furthermore, if you volunteer for one of these jobs now there’s no reason why you can’t be sitting in the chairman’s seat in a few years’ time. As in most walks of life you have to start at the bottom but you can easily end up as chairman of an MSA-registered motor club without ever having competed.

“The reasons why more people should volunteer are that you mix with people who share your passion for motor sport and you get a real sense of satisfaction. For example Peterborough MC runs an AutoSOLO for 25 people and I write the supplementary regulations, get the



right permit and then spend the event administering entries and logging times. When the end of the event comes you hand the final document to the Clerk of the Course, who reads out the winners and hands out the trophies, and all the competitors thank the organising team. That gives you a real sense of satisfaction and a feeling that you’re an important part of the local motor sport community.”

Many of Hall’s sentiments are echoed by Owen Motoring Club’s Clare Bird, who has also competed now and then but has predominantly volunteered for various positions within her local club:

“I first got involved in Owen MC by marshalling on various rallies and autotests. That led to a spot on the club committee looking after publicity, which entailed writing press releases for our events and trying to generate coverage in the local press and some national titles like Motorsport News.

“From there I branched out to become Social Secretary. Our motor sport events are naturally competitive environments and while they’re great fun for the competitors they’re less so for their families. The social events, which range from tours of the Jaguar

factory to club dinners, are more relaxed and give everybody a chance to get together and have a good time, all united by their involvement in motor sport.

“I’m also Entries Secretary for our main stage rally, the AGBO, and one of the great things about that is I can go to a rally in Wales and I’ll know some of the crews because they will have competed on our event. Volunteering for a club means making loads of new friends, and you all have a love of motor sport in common. Whichever role you volunteer for will involve some work but it won’t take up masses of time and it’s not an overbearing responsibility, so people shouldn’t be put off by that.

“Volunteering is most rewarding when you’re at a great event where everybody’s smiling and saying how well run it is; it’s always very satisfying to know that you’ve been part of that. Plus, without volunteers motor sport would just be a bunch of competitors standing next their cars and wondering what on earth to do!”

You can find your local club quickly and easily by clicking here: <http://www.gomotorsport.net/Go-Find/Motor-Sport-Clubs>. All you need to do then is get in touch, volunteer and have fun!