

FRANKLEY TALKING

FMCC Newsletter

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Hi and welcome to this issue of the Frankley Model Car Club Newsletter. Apologies in advance as this is a long one due to there being no May issue!

Let me bring you up-to-date on just what has been going on. May saw Round 1 of the FMCC Summer Series, a day where we were blessed with good weather! Sadly, this is a day we as a Club will never forget as immediately after the B Final, Nigel Hurdman was taken ill and required medical care which later proved to have been very lacking to say the least. Nigel had just finished in 2nd place behind yours truly and had been enjoying the banter that had been going on up on the rostrum. After bravely fighting for his life following surgery, Nigel lost his battle on 17th May.

Both Glyn Morgan and I attended his funeral which was again a really sunny day and very well attended, on behalf of all of FMCC we send our very deepest sympathies to his partner Lisa, their children and his parents. We shall be remembering Nigel at Round 2 where we hope that Lisa and the youngsters will also be in attendance.

The 17th May brought the 8th09 Series to Frankley and very tough conditions to say the least! The rain came down bigtime!!!! The Meeting had to be delayed whilst emergency drainage was installed on the home straight – so many people helped here from all of the Clubs represented that we were able to get underway again and the meeting was completed on time too! Our sincere thanks go out to everyone that helped that day!

The 18th May brought a local Parish Council Meeting where again Glyn and I attended. We consider FMCC lucky to have the Parish Council supporting us and several new friends and contacts were made – more later! It is very satisfying to know that there are no complaints about the way we run our meetings or indeed the way our Members conduct themselves, something we are very proud of!

31st May brought Round 1 of the Frankley £3 Challenge, this was another very successful day and we are pleased to have been able to start several new drivers off on their race career! This Series is designed specifically for new people to come along and actually have a go at a ‘proper’ race event without too much formality! I didn’t see a glum face all day and there wasn’t a scrap of rubbish left either – well done to everyone!!!!

7th June was set to be Round 2 of the Summer Series and the weather forecast was dire to say the least! Heavy rainfall was forecast and the day before, the decision was taken to postpone this event until the following week. This decision was not taken lightly but knowing how miserable it is to be at a very wet meeting and how hard it is to waterproof electrics or to have to replace broken cars afterwards, we decided that it would be in everyone's best interest.

So Round 2 goes ahead tomorrow on 14th June where we have done our best to book good weather – or at least dry! We hope to see you all there!

Thursday 18th June from 5pm and Saturday 20th June from 11am brings us a welcome visitor in the guise of Councillor Stephen Trefor-Jones who is going to engrave post codes on anything you care to bring along! It doesn't have to be RC related although this is a perfect way of adding that extra bit of security to your cars and starter boxes etc! You can bring anything you like – power tools, lawnmowers etc etc! Stephen will engrave where you like – inside the chassis seems to be one of the best options.... there is NO CHARGE for this service, all we ask is for a small donation for the local church! We have opened this to all those involved in RC Racing as we want everyone to know we have their best interests at heart and appreciate that theft is always a risk.

The track will be open as usual for practice on these days so do come along and take advantage of this offer!!!

The following week brings further surgery for me and is likely to put me out of racing action for some weeks, I am hoping to be able to still be at the track but will not be as active as I would like!

This brings us on to July and several dates for your diary.....

Sunday 5th July is Round 3 of the Summer Series

Sunday 12th July is Round 4 of the 8th09 at Deerdale

Monday 13th July to Friday 17th July TRACK MAINTENENCE – please come along and help if you can!

Sunday 26th July Round 2 of the Frankley £3 Challenge

Certainly it is going to be a busy month and we are open as usual Thursday evenings and Saturdays for practice sessions too!

I would also draw everyone's attention to the Frankley Model Car Club website that has recently undergone various improvements, please do look at it as it is now very regularly updated and all Club information can be found there! This can be found at: www.frankleymcc.com and any forthcoming events are also listed on RC Racechat under the Frankley Model Car Club heading at: <http://www.rcracechat.com> and we do also update the site at RC Racing which can be found at: www.rc-racing.org.uk

We are also hoping to list any items that members have for sale on the Newsletters, I have had nothing put forward so far so would just like to let you know that I do have a box of brand new Kyosho spares that fit the Inferno 777 and 7.5 and may well do other models too. As it is a very large box, please let me know if you need anything and I will look them out.

I know Glyn Morgan usually has bits and pieces available too so he is always worth asking.

Important reminder: please ensure you have a valid BRCA card – this covers you at any race event and you will need this to drive or to act as pit crew! If you do not have this, you will not be allowed to run at more than 3 events as you are not insured.

Finally, it just remains for me to wish you all well and remind you to come along to the practice sessions and enjoy your racing!

Do please send me any news you have, details of anything RC you have for sale or basically, any info that you feel could be shared with other Club Members!

Yours

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