

Guildford Motor Club Chairman's Report 2019

The club has had a steady year in 2019, with a new event added to the club calendar, and many members in action in competitive, organisational, social and marshalling aspects of motor sport.

Following the death of GMC founder, David Roscoe, late in 2018, the committee decided to name the proposed Touring Assembly in his honour. The David Roscoe Memorial Dimanche Tour took place in May. We had purposely restricted the number of crews, to test the format of the event. The event ran without any major problems and we will be running it as an annual event from now on.

12 car rallies and the occasional scatter are still proving popular with clubs in the area. The two events that GMC organised, the Rapscaillon, and the Jedi, both continue to attract good entries. Noise of the competing cars is becoming an issue with some residents, with a couple of complaints being received. We are investigating ways to prevent this from becoming a more serious problem.

Our marshalling and safety radio experience continues to be utilised on a number of rallies throughout the South of England. From touring assemblies to stage rallies, the GMC name continues to be held in good stead by other clubs and event organisers.

The club social events were again enjoyed by all those who attended. The annual H&BMC interclub Skittles evening saw us drop back to our normal mediocre standard, with none of us making the final round. However, GMC fared much better at their Table Topo in Spring by winning the event by a considerable margin.

The Farnham Beer Exhibition continues to be a popular gathering. A brewery tour is planned for early in the New Year.

The club-nights and pub-nights continue to be supported by the same few people. It would be nice to see a few more faces once in a while.

The membership of the club for 2019 has remained stable at 32. Of those 32, 29 have been involved in club activities in some way over the course of the year. That equates to 90.6% active membership, an increase of almost 9% in the last two years.

Jules Golbey, our President for more years than he cares to remember has decided he no longer wishes to stand as President. I'm not sure how long Jules has been an official of the club, He was the Treasurer when I joined in March 1979, and has held just about every committee position since then. He actually took over the club presidency in 1993 and has steered the GMC bus steadfastly ever since. On behalf of the club, I would like to thank Jules for his sterling efforts over the years.

I would like to thank everybody for their support this year, and particularly, the committee and event organisers for all their hard work in making all of the events run smoothly.

Mark Feeney.

Chairman.