

Brighton Speed Trials Saved!



Under threat of being cancelled by the local government, the organisers of the Brighton Speed Trials at the Brighton and

Hove Motor Club have been celebrating following the success of a petition aimed at keeping the 109-year-old event running.

In just one month, the Save the Brighton Speed Trials campaign generated over 12,400 names on a petition, due to a strong campaign covered in the press and online. Among the supporters were Sir Stirling Moss, local bestselling author Peter James, Tiff Needell of Fifth Gear, Nick Mason of Pink Floyd and Top Gear's The Stig!

Tony Watts of the Brighton and Hove Motor Club said: "This is a major victory not just for the club but for the heritage of Brighton, its residents and businesses and the history of motorsport. We couldn't have achieved this without the overwhelming support we have received and want to thank everyone who has helped by signing the petition, spreading the word online and writing letters to the council and the local paper."

PRESCOTT BREAKFAST CLUB FOR 2014

If you enjoy breakfast and motorcars why not head along to The Prescott Breakfast Club? Everyone is encouraged to bring along their veteran, vintage and classic cars and motorcycles to make every gathering as interesting and special as possible.

The club plans to have different themes and speakers but the main objective is for everyone to enjoy a welcoming breakfast and meet with other motoring enthusiasts. A new clubhouse will be serving continental breakfast, snacks, Full English with juices and tea or coffee from 9am to 12pm on the following dates:

April 13th, May 4th – featuring Porsche GB Club, June 22nd, July 27th – featuring the Cotswold TR register, August 24th – featuring the Morgan Sports Car Club, September 21st, October 12th and December 7th.

You can register your attendance via the Breakfast Club Twitter (@Prescott2014) or email Barrie at barrie.murray_upton@me.com



One in Five Over 65



There are now more than seven million drivers over the age of 65 on the UK's roads, according to road safety charity, the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM). The number of drivers over 65 reached 7,191,192 in November 2013. This makes up for 19 percent of all drivers with full driving licences. Is this good or bad news for our roads?

Of the drivers over 65, five percent have points on their licence, for younger drivers the percentage with points sits at eight percent with the age group most likely to have points on their licence being 42 year-olds – at 10 percent.

This supports research by the IAM that shows that older drivers are in fact safer than many other drivers. Where older drivers have slower reaction times, they use their experience on the road to compensate by driving at slower speeds and allowing more space between them and other road users.