

The Club Arnage Charity Fund

A few words of thanks ...

Just a quick note to say thank you for the incredible amount of money we raised in 2007 for our nominated charities. When we added the donations for the guide to the money raised at the charity auction held at the DfH party on the evening of Mad Friday we had £2198.16. Split three ways this gave each of our nominated charities £732.72. Cheques have gone to all three charities with two giant cheques being presented to the beneficiaries by members of CA. The stories of these two cheques are included here for you to read. I am working on arranging the presentation of the third giant cheque to the AICR in the near future. As they are one of our permanent charities the presentation will be made after Le Mans and the amount on the cheque will represent two year's worth of donations.

Special thanks go to our Dutch friends from "Drinking for Holland" for allowing us to hold the charity auction during their party. Without their help and friendship so much of what we do to raise money would be so much more difficult. Special thanks also to all who worked, and continue to do so, at gathering goodies for the charity auction. We did well in 2007. Let's see if we can do better in 2008 - you have for sure donated when you downloaded this guide - have you?

Doris
Head of Club Arnage Charity

13th April 2008: Club Arnage presents cheque to Motorsport Safety Fund at Silverstone.

It was sunny. It was wet. It was warm. It was cold. It was fun! It was typical British Motor Racing! The meeting was a BRSCC (British Racing & Sports Car Club) meet and the Motorsport Safety Fund had arranged complimentary tickets for us as we were to present our big cheque to them. Unfortunately none of the trustees could attend but The MSF had arranged for us to meet with Glynn Lee – Senior Clerk of the Course – and present our cheque to him.



We arrived early and watched some racing before heading to the relative comfort of the Paddock Café for a coffee or two and a bacon roll. Then it was back to watch some more racing before grabbing a quick pint while final details were added to the cheque.

Once the cheque was ready and the clock struck ten past two we headed up to race control to find Glynn. Glynn was hopeful we would be able to make the presentation on the podium but unfortunately the door to the podium was locked, and rather than keep Glynn from his busy schedule we presented the cheque to him in one of the media suites.

Glynn then headed back to his position in race control and we were left to our own devices.

Now, to get from race control to the media suites at Silverstone you have to walk across a gantry, and if you look down from this gantry you can see the steps that lead up to the back of the podium. So it was we found our way onto the podium with the big cheque. Those of us who travelled to Silverstone for the cheque presentation got a day we will remember forever. Not just because we got to stand on the podium, but also because we got to hear those commentating gems - "Whoosh", "And they're all searching for the start lights on the gantry!", "And it's Mini, Mini, Mini, Mini" and "There are 110 cars in second place."

28th April 2008: Club Arnage presents cheque to Kidney Research UK.

The presentation of the cheque to Kidney Research UK was a quiet affair, especially compared to the MSF presentation at Silverstone. On the afternoon of Monday 28 April CA moderator Geoff Morgan took our big cheque along to the Kidney Research offices in Peterborough and handed over not only the big cheque but, more importantly, the real cheque to Pete Revell.

CA member "Big H" had hoped to cycle to the presentation but feared Peterborough beyond his limits. He did say something about driving to Peterborough and cycling the last 100 yards or so but it was understand this was even too much for him now he's out of training.

