

Top Legend Racer Signs With Amery Squad For 2009 Season



Far from being bored with racing Legends, Dave Newsham wants to prove to himself and the UK motor-racing public that he can compete at a higher level of racing. Therefore, he has been searching for a competitive racing series with a level playing field, competitive drivers and good spectator and TV coverage. To get this, the only place to be in the UK is the BTCC series (British Touring Car Championship), where anything between forty and fifty thousand spectators can be present at each meeting and excellent television coverage is provided by ITV4.

Unfortunately Dave does not have the £1million budget required for a touring car drive. However, as a cheaper alternative and sharing the same bill, is the very competitive Renault Clio Cup series, which Dave has been a fan of for some time. The cars are scaled down Touring Cars and are very strictly

regulated by Renault, providing unrivalled equality in terms of car performance. Renault also look after the drivers, teams and driver's sponsors by providing full hospitality at every meeting. To cap it all, the grid is full of former champions from Karts to Cars and this will obviously be a real test for Dave!

The Clio is a totally different beast when compared to anything Dave has ever raced before. It is front-wheel drive with slick tyres has a full data-logging system and then there is qualifying for grid positions etc. Although he has always ran his own team in the past, Dave would be kidding himself if he thought that he could run a Clio Cup team and be competitive. So for 2009 he has opted to join a team.



The actual new baby!

Dave has been asked to join Amery Motorsport. Although the team is only in its second year in Clio Cup, they are one of the most professional and most impressive looking teams in the Clio paddock. Renault themselves use Amery as their Clio Cup flagship team showing their sponsors around the cars and garage at each meeting.

So far, the team have not had the results that they warrant and were therefore hoping to lure Dave, with his experience, to join them. They believe that Dave will be a front running driver from the off and that he will bring other team members on with the shared data. They provided him with a very attractive offer that included the purchase of their 2008 team / test car (see left) that has never been raced. The offer also includes racing with them in Dave's new car at the final round of the Clio Cup season at Brands Hatch 20 – 21 September 2008.

In preparation for this meeting Dave has opted to test the car on 10 September at Mallory Park. The aim to race the car this year is so that with more testing during the winter, he can start the 2009 season in a strong position, knowing what to expect.

If any of Dave's sponsors would like to come to Brands Hatch to watch his debut Clio Cup meeting, please let him know – remember, full hospitality is provided.

We will keep you informed of how Dave gets on with the first test of his new racing car. Meanwhile Dave has got a championship lead to retain this weekend at Croft and will not let this distract him from what is still a long way to go in the Legends season.