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A SNEAK PREVIEW OF 2015

The annual **Kartmania** show at the end of November had a real buzz and atmosphere that was perhaps missing in previous years. The fantastic venue at the “Wing”, right in the heart of the home of **British motorsport in Silverstone**, once again played host to the only show in the country dedicated exclusively to Karting.

» The layout had been revamped and being on a fifth weekend meant that there were no clashes with kart race meetings. That brought in more clubs than before, and most had made a great effort to attract customers. The single floor layout for the main show was more compact, leading to aisles that looked busy. Exhibitors with the bigger articles for sale like instant Shelters plus the formula cars and motor vans were located on the ground floor beside the boot sale. The usual initial rush snapped up the best bargains, but there were many to occupy browsers throughout the two days.

Kartmania promoter **Martin Capenhurst** summed up: “Everyone has told me they really like the new layout, it definitely has a better atmosphere and we have had about 2800 visitors.”



» **Upstairs** one was presented with some impressive arrays of karts for sale or order, regrettably some of the biggest importers were still absent. Many karts and racewear had been marked down with some great discounts available. And there was a racecar simulator to enjoy and try to beat a target time. BRM and Haase shared an area with lots of product. Along the wall Jade Karts and Shenington Kart Racing Club sandwiched the MSA – ABkC – ARKS booth, where licences could be lodged and paid, ready to be sent out the following week. Nearly thirty Start Karting packs were sold, an indication of how many newcomers were visiting. The MSA had licencing personnel on hand throughout.



» **JAG** had all the usual Rotax engine range on display and were fending off inquiries about the new EVO engine. And next door the Super One stand launched its Junior Max Academy class, with an all in price of £5,995 including VAT, for the loan of a CRG kart, Rotax engine plus all tyres (slick and wet), fuel, entry fees etc for seven rounds. Quite a bargain for a season's racing. Bayford Meadow kart circuit shared a stand with Project One, who had their new lightweight Cadet kart on display. They have knocked off 2kg

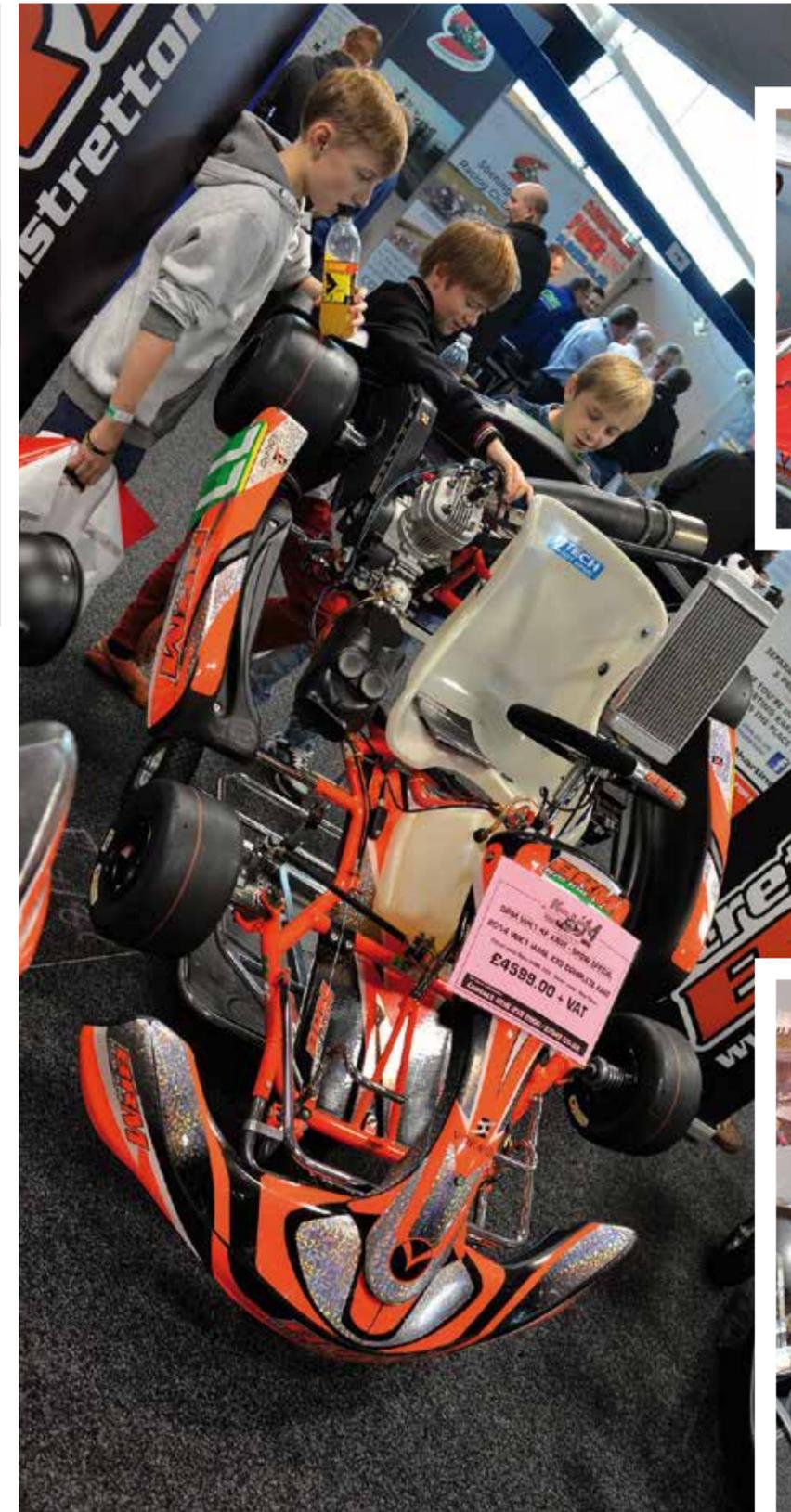
without resorting to expensive carbon fibre so can sell it at the same price. Tillett have done a special seat and floortray for them.

» **Jade** had launched their new Gold Kart range, with KZ gearbox, X30 and TKM examples whilst Shenington were offering a membership discount and

pushing their economy TKM Clubman class. Slightly upsetting the regulars, PM Sports from Pakistan were selling homologated race suits from as low as £24.99



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» **PROJECT ONE HAD THEIR NEW LIGHTWEIGHT CADET KART ON DISPLAY, 2KG LIGHTER WITHOUT RESORTING TO EXPENSIVE CARBON FIBRE**

» **ALL MAJOR KART CLUBS WERE PRESENT, TVKC DISPLAYING THE PACKAGES AND OFFERS FOR 2015**



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alongside gloves and boots. They also seem to be known as TrackKarting Racewear. Newly affiliated to the MSA, the four-stroke club FP4K had a large stand promoting their 4-stroke series visiting Thruxton, Clay Pigeon, Camberley and Forest Edge. They have also joined the ABkC. Swiftly passing Demon Tweaks, Intrepid UK and Formula 6 who were all doing good business, then Kart Parts UK had helmets from £80. If you needed proban suits for corporate use Lille Racewear could accommodate, along side homologated suits from Sparco and OMP.

» **The British Historic Kart Club** had its usual large display monitored by their every enthusiastic members. One significant kart being shown for the first time was Guy Butler-Henderson's



A FANTASTIC DISPLAY OF TROPHIES WERE SHOWN AT THE NORTHERN KARTING FEDERATION ON SUNDAY WHEN THE NKF PRIZES GIVING TOOK PLACE WITH THOUSANDS OF POUNDS OF PRIZES... M&P HAD KNOCKED OFF A MASSIVE AMOUNT ON THE CMR KODEN YOUTH HELMETS, SELLING THEM FOR JUST £99.



» MANY OPTIONS ALSO FOR ENTRY LEVEL KARTING, WITH ZIP PROMOTING THE MSA BAMBINO CHAMPIONSHIP, AND SYNERGY CONCENTRATING ON THE CADETS.

Class 2 Dart with twin McCulloch MC101B. "These were being raced at Lakenheath up to the early seventies," he said. The Motor Racing Medics were doing good business carrying out race licence medicals, including the ECG for International. Some visitors came solely for their service. Zip Kart were promoting the new MSA Bambino Championship and have nearly sorted out all the 2015 dates. They were taking pre-registration inquiries and hope to put on three trial and pre licence training days over the winter. This will be the only sanctioned Bambino championship permitted. Zip were giving a 10% discount on their Bambino kart.

As well as lots of accessories and spares, **KRC** had a range of Tony Karts available, as did Praga, 7 Kart and MS Kart for their respective brands. Praga had some great deals on their 2014 karts, with a discount available up to Christmas for orders on



» PRESENTING THEIR PROGRAM FOR 2015, 100CC KARTING ATTRACTED A LOT OF INTEREST WITH A VERY AGGRESSIVE CLASS 1 KART



the 2015 model. Of course Synergy concentrates on Cadets.

SuperKarts were well represented by both the British Superkart Association and Superkarts UK based at Darley Moor. This is a great place for a first timer to try one of their hire karts on a long circuit. A fantastic display

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of trophies were being shown at the Northern Karting Federation, at least up to 1pm on Sunday when the NKF prizes giving took place with thousands of pounds of prizes and cheques handed over for both their own series and the ABkC gearbox Super 4. M & P had knocked off

a massive amount on the CMR Koden youth helmets, selling them for just £99.

R3 Racing had their Kelgate brake range on display, with a new version for prokarts. Roy Tuthill explained: "There are now two versions of our floating caliper brake; one has split hangers so that the complete axle with disc can be easily removed to be swapped. We have developed it with the help of Howard Lucas." He went onto describe the Cadet brake, which was homologated but until now still being developed. "It's almost ready to race and has full caliper support so is rides with the axle as it twists," he said.

OEKC were promoting their non-MSA racing.

