

April saw the lucky DRIVE winners, Julian Archard and John Fox, take their first step into the unknown world of motorsport. As part of the DRIVE scheme the pair undertook a specialist training day at Bill Gwynne's Rally School where a number of Motorsport Future members helped with tuition on AutoSOLO and Autotest driving skills. The training team were starting from a solid base with both drivers and therefore focused on improving accuracy of driving and helping them see that time can easily be lost by the smallest of mistakes.

John Fox (Motorsport News Winner) commented 'I feel today has been invaluable. Who knows what would have happened if we had not had the chance to do this. We have been through the whole process involved with Autotesting and Autosolos, including walking the tests and understanding how penalties work.'

Julian (Under 17's Car Club Winner) added, 'we were even timed, which made the whole thing really interesting. Its amazing how the clock puts you under pressure without you even noticing! I cant wait for the first event and just hope that I enjoy it as much as I have today.'



John Fox in the Micra at the DRIVE training Day- photo courtesy of Gemma Price



Julian Archard at the DRIVE training day-photo courtesy of Gemma Price

The training team also helped other Under 17's Car Club members improve their skills during the day, as they had been invited along to have some tuition if they wanted. A number of these members are hoping to compete in the AutoSOLO challenge this year and will receive the full support of MSF for as long as it is needed.

The first event for the DRIVE winners is The Warwick Drivers Autotest on May 4th and the whole of BTRDA and MSF will be backing them 100%.

BTRDA® MSF would also like to send out a huge welcome and many thanks to Stuart Perren as a new sponsor of our Drive scholarship. We would like to extend these thanks to all our sponsors again, without you guys none of this would be possible!

Future events include the first Drive competitive event in the form of an Autotest in Rugby on May Bank Holiday weekend, any support for Julian and John in this event would be much appreciated and there will be a full report in the next months BTRDA® MSF News. Until then, happy motoring!





















