

Christmas Fayre Lunches

Carvery Restaurant

Begin your festive season by joining us for lunch.
Our chef has created a seasonal Menu to tempt you.

Tables available from 12.00 noon - 2.00pm

Monday - Saturday
4th - 23rd December 2006
£13.50 per person

STARTERS

Homemade Soup of the Day

Duo of Seasonal Melon
with fruits of the forest

Deep Fried Breaded Camembert
with a cranberry and orange compote

Chef's Country Pate
with a red onion marmalade and toasted ciabatta bread

MAIN COURSE

A Selection of Traditional Roast Meats
from the Carvery

Served with a selection of vegetables and potatoes

DESSERTS

Christmas Pudding
with brandy sauce

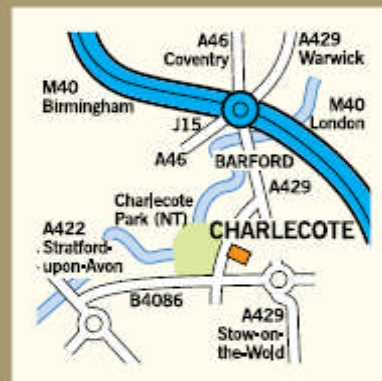
Chocolate and Rum Truffle Torte

Tarte au Citron
with mixed berries

Fresh Fruit Salad
with vanilla cream

Fresh Coffee and Mints

Location:



Directions:

Exit M40 (J15) and take A429 signposted to Cirencester/Stow-on-the-Wold, drive through village of Barford and in 2 miles take right turn signposted Charlecote. The hotel is opposite the church in the village.

Rail: Stratford-upon-Avon, 5 miles

Air: Birmingham International,
18 miles

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Centre Regalia

For the new Warwickshire Centre car badge contact Paul Wheatley on ☎ 01564 779735 or e-mail: Wheatley@AOL.com. Price to centre members is £28.

All other centre regalia details can be found on the web site.

Garage News

Andy Willmott's orange 4/4 is back on the road following the chassis replacement and rebuild, Andy has written a short summary of the work involved which I will include in the next newsletter.

Ann Bailey's Zetec engined 4/4 developed a problem which I also experienced with my car some years ago. In short one of the matching pair of Bosch relays packed up with no warning, this causes the fuel pump to cease functioning. As the components on both her car and mine gave up then ghost with no prior warning after a relatively short time I suspect that Morgan may have been supplied with a poor batch of relays, Bosch are usually very reliable.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 27th, Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th October: Classic Car Show at the N.E.C.

Sunday 12th November: Afternoon visit to Coventry Transport Museum. Arrivals 2.00 pm. Museum closes 5.00pm

Friday 17th November: Noggin (9pm onwards) at the Herons Nest near Knowle. (OS Sheet 139, SP 190751).

Wednesday 22nd November: The Jaguar Cars Castle Bromwich factory tour

Saturday 9th December: Pre Christmas Lunch at the Charlecote Pheasant

Friday 15th December: Noggin (9pm onwards) at the Herons Nest near Knowle. (OS Sheet 139, SP 190751).

Friday 19th January 2007 – Warwickshire Centre Annual Dinner at The Forrest, Dorridge.



COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Coventry Transport Museum visit – Sunday 12th November

The museum has undergone a major refurbishment in the last two years and is now much extended, it houses a large cross section of road transport over the last century as well as scenes of Coventry's history in motor car and cycle manufacturing. I have arranged for the staff car park at the rear of the museum to be opened for our use that afternoon, please give me a call so that I can keep the museum informed on how many vehicles, preferably Morgans, can be expected. Our visit starts at 2.00pm, the museum closes at 5.00pm. For those who want to take in some Coventry's nearby places of interest the new cathedral (and the ruins of bomb damaged old cathedral, St. Michaels) are within easy walking distance, bear in mind this is Remembrance Sunday and services may be taking place during the afternoon.

Warwickshire Centre web site: www.warwickmog.co.uk

Visit the web site for the latest information on planned events, and any last minute changes that become necessary. In addition the site has photos and reports on past events, as well as some technical advice on items that members feel worthy of recording.

The site has the latest details for centre regalia, and a page of For Sale and Wanted of Morgan related items. Please get in touch with Phil Eginton if you wish to advertise on this part of the web site.

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Brian Teece has been working away looking at the various accommodation options that might be available to us, and particularly if we wish to take accommodation as a group. His notes on the event are:

Following the review of local hotels near to Goodwood, due to a number of reasons, it is not possible to accommodate those club members interested in staying together at a single hotel. The difficulties have been mainly balancing cost, accommodation requirements and (of course) support of MOG 07 evening functions that have prospect of being a little extra special this year - hence making a Centre evening meal most unlikely.

Although there are many smaller hotels that would satisfy everyone for at least breakfast time, they do not having the accommodation availability, and as the area is extremely popular during the summer with UK and overseas visitors, it is strongly advised to make your reservations as early as possible to avoid any disappointment for your chosen accommodation. To help in this, given below is some information on accommodation from the survey. Most of all though, you are recommended to obtain the Chichester Holiday Guide from the Chichester Tourist Information Centre as below, or from your local library (the 2007 edition may not yet be available but the 2006 is okay).

Chi Tourist Information Centre: Tel: 01243 775888. email: chitic@chichester.gov.uk

Crouchers Country Hotel (18 rooms) 01243 784995. email: crouchers@btconnect.com

Chichester Park Hotel (77 rooms): 01243 786351. email: info@chichesterparkhotel.co.uk

Woodstock House Hotel (13 rooms) B&B only: 01243 811666. info@woodstockhousehotel.co.uk - already has Morgan bookings

All the above can be viewed on the web.

There are many smaller hotels and B&B guest houses with character in the holiday guide that are in good locations. To repeat, early booking recommended.

Finally, if you are looking for a special treat, maybe for an extra special occasion, have a look at "The Millstream" at Bosham, located in a harbour-side village 3-miles West of Chichester.
www.millstream-hotel.co.uk

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A number of events have taken place since the last newsletter. In the speed championship local members have competed at Prescott, Goodwood, Curborough and Loton Park. Both Prescott and Loton proved to be a mixture of dry practice and wet (very wet in Prescott's case) timed runs. Goodwood saw the return to competition of Paul Bennett whose car was back in one piece following its major 'off' at Shelsey earlier in the year. Cooling problems however served to limit Paul's performance, and his day was again limited at Loton due to clutch failure. Better luck next year Paul.

The club sprint at Curborough saw the usual local competitors being joined by newbie's Philip and Margaret Parkes (in their respective Plus8 and Roadster). This proved a bit of a ding dong battle of the family with Margaret triumphing over husband Philip by 0.64 seconds! The modified class also saw a local battle between Phil Egginton, Paul Bennett and Richard Plant in the Plus 8's. Richard eventually triumphed by the narrow margin of 0.62 seconds over Phil, with Paul in 3rd. Richard also claimed overall fastest time of day. Congratulations to local man Mark Shears who won best novice award. Thank you to the other local members who marshalled for the day.

On the racing front the Morgan Challenge 2006 has finished with Richard Plant coming 6th out of 16 in his class. Well done Richard! Richard's car is prepared by our local man Chas at Mogsport. Other cars that Chas prepares went on to win the championship overall as well as three classes, so well done Chas as well!

Unfortunately the season did not end well for Richard Plant who wrote off his Moss Box Plus 8 at Mallory in early October. Richard suffered some concussion but is recovering under Mandy's watchful eye! The car may take a little longer to recover though.

Pre-Christmas Lunch – Charlecote Pheasant, Saturday 9th December

The tradition of having a pre-Christmas lunch at the Charlecote Pheasant Hotel with OxMog falls to me to arrange this year. Dianne has made the booking with the hotel; and the menu and map are included at the end of this newsletter. Peter Forest has kindly offered to take charge of reservations so please give him a call to secure your place ☎ 01865 735770.

Centre Annual Dinner – Friday 19th January 2007.

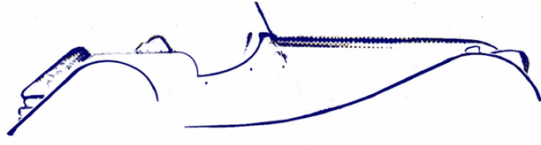
We have decided to once again return to the Forest Hotel in Dorridge, Solihull for our annual dinner on Friday 19th January 2007. Following the success of this year's dinner we felt it appropriate to return to the venue which offers good value private dining with our own bar! Booking details will be published shortly but in the meantime if you want more information visit the centre web site

Classic Car Show – 27th to 29th October.

This event is nearly upon us. Phil Egginton has organised 7 cars on a theme of "70 years of 4 wheel Morgans in Competition". Cars will range from John Clarke's Series 1 Le Mans car up to Keith Ahlers Aero 8 GTC car. The whole spectrum of motorsport will be shown with the aim of illustrating the diverse range of competition Morgans can be successfully used in.

Jaguar Cars Castle Bromwich Factory Tour – Wednesday 22nd November 2006, 1.00pm start

An opportunity to view the expanded Jaguar facility giving an opportunity to see the new XK Sports Car and latest XJ and S-Type saloons in manufacture. This event is definitely on, and is well subscribed with only a few places left. Give Brian a call if you would like to join the tour ☎ 01926 855828 or Email: bteece@onetel.com



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Centre News

The Warwickshire Centre AGM was held at the Heron's Nest in July, this seems a long time ago now it was in the midst of the very hot summer spell so we were able to conduct the meeting outside. There was lively debate on a number of subjects, including once again the possibility of adopting a short name for the centre, this year 'BardMog' was under consideration. Again there was insufficient support for this proposal, but no doubt we will get to talk about other names next year.

Pam and Richard Laughton stood down from the centre committee, and our thanks to them for a good number of years work in all aspects of centre activities. There were no prospective new committee members put forward at the AGM, but after a brief time to consider Beverley Ellison a few days later offered to join the committee, which has been keenly accepted. Beverley and Phil Eggington will look after the centre regalia and new ranges of items, those and the existing ones will be found on the centre web site.

A brief discussion took place over the MSCC proposed 'Centre Guidelines', the general feeling was that there was too much to absorb at the meeting and too much to include as an appendix to any centre newsletter, best to be rolled out through Miscellany probably in several parts. As far as our own centre constitution is concerned the document needs to be a simple and concise with the aim of fitting it onto a single page.

The Centre Summer Social event was a visit to Hatton Locks and Hatton Shopping Village and Farm Village near Warwick. After then Hatton experience there was an open invitation to Phil and Beverley's for a barbeque. The summer weather had taken a turn for the worst and consequently only a few took in the Hatton sights and sounds of Hatton, however, the barbeque was well attended. Phil showed his skills with the sophisticated all singing and dancing outdoor catering equipment whilst Beverley provided endless supplies of food and drink. The punch was particularly good. Thanks to them both for their generosity and hard work.

The plans to hold a gymkhana event at Gaydon in October, which would be open to other car clubs as well as MSCC, have failed to materialise as the most of the other clubs have their own events taking place. The decision of the Heritage Motor Centre has been to postpone the event until September 2007.

Circulation of the newsletter by e-mail continues to grow; this method enables me to send out additional information received from other centres and other sources from time to time. If you would like to try the streamlined electronic version please send me a note with your e-mail address to phil.morris@dsp2000.biz .

Motorsport Update

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