



WARWICKSHIRE CENTRE NEWSLETTER
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Centre News

At the end of October the MSCC stand at the NEC Classic Car Show displayed 7 Morgans, the theme of the stand was "70 years of 4 wheel Morgans in Competition". The cars ranged from John Clarke's Series 1 Le Mans car up to Keith Ahlers Aero 8 GTC car. As always it is a great opportunity to meet friends from other centres and club members who come along to visit the stand and generally have a chat. Thanks to Phil Egginton for organising the stand this year.

In November we visited Jaguar Cars Castle Bromwich Plant, with a little trepidation as we recall the demise of Rover cars following our visit to the Longbridge plant a year or so ago. We were able to see the new XK Sports Cars being built, the all-aluminium bodywork and chassis are a triumph of engineering, and the finished product very desirable, a good alternative to an Aero. Thanks to Brian Teece for arranging the trip

I had been keen to arrange a visit to Coventry's recently refurbished Transport Museum. The work there had been completed earlier in the year, and the enlarged museum can now house an impressive cross section of road transport spanning the last 100 years and more, from cycles and motor cycles to buses and trucks as well as cars. The November afternoon chosen for our visit gave an chance for those partners who wanted an alternative to motor vehicles to visit some of Coventry's nearby places of interest the new cathedral (and the ruins of bomb damaged old cathedral, St. Michaels) all within easy walking distance of the museum.

The traditional OxMog and Warwickshire Centre pre-Christmas lunch at the Charlecote Pheasant Hotel was again arranged by Peter Forest. OxMog members outnumbered ourselves, as well as putting us to shame with some of them turning up in Morgans. Another chance to catch up with the latest news, and inevitably, to chat about progress on various rebuild projects. This event was all the more enjoyable as it offered an escape from the usual Christmas shopping expeditions early in December. Excellent value and good service.

In January we returned to the Forest Hotel in Dorridge for the Warwickshire Centre annual dinner, Phil and Beverley again took on all the arrangements. The evening was very well supported, and there were a few new members attending a centre event for the first time. The food was excellent, and the service friendly and efficient. Naturally conversations involved Morgans with the usual comparisons of where they leak in bad weather as well as various luggage options, new and traditional, and solutions for keeping the contents dry.

The centre awards were presented after the meal, last year's enthusiast, Brian Teece, having deliberated at some length made the following choices:

- Noah's Revenge Malcolm Wharton – for use of his Morgan throughout the whole year to centre activities and most other weekends simply for pleasure
- Speed and Competition Trophy Chas Windridge – for his continued work preparing Morgans and supporting their drivers at numerous sporting events in the MSCC calendar
- Enthusiast of the Year Phil Egginton – for his hard work in supporting centre activities, planning and organising the club stand at the NEC, hosting the Summer Social event, and taking part in club sprints

Beverley presented the Tolerance Trophy to Mandy Plant for her generosity and support to husband Richard for his racing activities, which unfortunately has been put on hold following a serious 'off' resulting in extensive damage to the car. Richard has made a good recovery, the car is another matter.

My annual speech focused on the history of Morgan cars, and the various model changes and milestones through the last ten decades, looking in particular at all the years ending with seven, 17, 27, 37 and so on up to 007.

And finally, a success for Andy Willmott who won the raffle at the end of the evening.

Circulation of the newsletter by e-mail continues to grow slowly; 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 .

2007 Diary

The Warwickshire Committee have planed Four Scenic runs this year, provisionally: 13th May, 22nd July, 14th October, and 25th November. It is intended to visit National Trust houses and gardens after a couple of the runs. A kite flying afternoon is also being investigated.

In addition, I will resurrect one of the regular runs to Silverstone for the Bentley Driver's Day event there on Saturday 4th August.

It has been a while since The Red Lion underwent its refurbishment, so we have decided to return there for the February and March noggins, thereafter we will consider other venues if this proves not to be suitable.

Tour of Royal Shakespeare Theatre - Sunday 25 March

The first centre event ahead of all the foregoing runs is the opportunity of a tour of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford on Avon before the closure for their £100 million refurbishment. Jan Boggis has made arrangements for us at the theatre, and afterwards to visit the Druckers Viennese Patisserie in Halls Croft for afternoon tea, cakes etc. Beverley Ellison is co-ordinating bookings for this event, ten places have been reserved so far, it may be possible to arrange additional places but this will be on a first come first served basis so please contact Beverley without delay if you wish to join the tour on ☎ 01564 777233. Information regarding the tour are at the end of the newsletter.

Motorsport Diary

Dates for MSCC race and speed series now available as follows:

Races		Sprints	
Sat 7 Apr	Snetterton	March 24/25th	Members Taster day at Curborough
Sun 6 May	Brands Hatch	April 7th	Teeside Autodrome
Sat 19 May	Oulton Park	April 9th	Croft
Sun 24 Jun	Silverstone International	April 19th to 21st	Isle of Man
Sun 8 Jul	Cadwell Park	May 6th	Olivers Mount
Sun 22 Jul	Knockhill	May 6th	Bentwaters Park
		May 12th	Shelsley Walsh, Worcestershire
		June 3rd	Harewood Yorks
		June 16th	Cadwell Park
		June 16th	Gurston Down
		June 30th	Aintree
		July 14th	MIRA near Nuneaton
		July 15th	Debden Herts
		July 21st	Elvington
		July 22nd	Prescott, Near Cheltenham, Gloucestershire
Sat 4 Aug	Silverstone (Bentley Drivers)	August 4th	Goodwood, near Chichester
Sun 19 Aug	Mallory (MSCC Race Day)	August 5th	3 Sisters (Double Lap Event)
Sat/Sun 8/9 Sep	Zandvoort, Holland	August 27th	Colerne
Sat 15 Sep	Castle Combe	September 1st	Wiscombe Park
Sat 27 Oct	Silverstone - Birkett 6 hour relay	September 2nd	Ty Croes
		September 16th	Curborough (MSCC Club Sprint)
		September 29th	Loton Park, near Shrewsbury
		October 13th or 20 th	Castle Combe, near Chippenham,

MOG 007

Of those who have shown an interest in booking accommodation there is a wide range of requirements, as well as different choices from the Mog 007 programme. Therefore it will be best for individuals to make their own hotel selection. The shortlist of those researched earlier follows:

- 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
- "The Millstream" at Bosham, located in a harbour-side village 3-miles West of Chichester. www.millstream-hotel.co.uk - a special treat but likely to be quite expensive.

Centre Regalia

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

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

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 Egginton if you wish to advertise on this part of the web site.

Garage News

Andy Willmott's short summary of the work involved in his recent rebuild will be in the next newsletter.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 16th February: Noggin (9pm onwards) back at the Red Lion, Claverdon. (OS sheet 151, SP 202647).

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Sunday 25th March: The Royal Shakespeare Theatre tour. See newsletter text for details. To reserve a place on the tour contact Beverley Ellison on ☎ 01564 777233

Friday 20th April: Noggin (9pm onwards) venue to be decided.



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Tour of Royal Shakespeare Theatre

Sunday 25 March 12.00 midday – 1.00 p.m

Cost: £4

This will be the one of the last of the Theatre tours before the closure for £100 million refurbishment , expected to take a couple of years.

The tour of the Theatre will include an opportunity to see the plans and models of the refurbished theatre. The tour will take approximately 1 hour after which we can visit Halls Croft a short walk away from the Theatre

Hall's Croft



This intriguing house is situated in the Old Town area of Stratford, a few footsteps away from Shakespeare's burial place at Holy Trinity Church. This house was home to Shakespeare's daughter Susanna, and is reputed to be one the most haunted properties in England.

The building now houses a collection of 16th and 17th century paintings and furniture, typical of a middle class family such as that of John and Susanna Hall. There is also an exhibition about Doctor John Hall and the obscure medical practices of his time. The property includes a dramatic walled garden which contains a variety of plants, trees and herbs that John Hall may have used in his treatments.

Druckers Viennese Patisserie has a coffee shop at Halls Croft where you can have a light lunch or just sample one of their delicious pastries or gateau. A group or party discount on the food may be possible.

10 tickets reserved for the Theatre tour. Because this will be one of the last tours it is likely to be well subscribed so any additional tickets would need to be booked a.s.a.p. Please contact Beverley Ellison on ☎ 01564 777233