



## WARWICKSHIRE CENTRE NEWSLETTER Number 130: January – February 2006

### Centre News

The centre annual centre dinner was a great success, organised by Phil Egginton and held at the Forest Hotel in Dorridge. There was of course the presentation of centre awards, Brian Povey had the honour this year of deciding who the deserving winners were to be. The trophies were awarded as follows:

- Speed and Competition – Richard Plant
- Noah's Revenge – Phil Egginton
- Enthusiast of the Year – Brian Teece

The Tolerance Trophy was presented by Heather Frith to Beverley Ellison.

The March issue of Miscellany gives an extended report of the evening so no need to duplicate those words here, apart from again extending thanks to both Phil and Beverley for making it an especially good evening.

For those who receive the newsletter by e-mail you will also have received other useful pieces of news and information, in February the almost unexpected closure of our regular haunt The Red Lion in Claverdon being one of those important news items. Those who are not my e-mail list had to rely on a temporary sign being posted at the old watering hole noting its closure for refurbishment with directions to the new venue. A new noggin location had to be found at short notice, and as it turns out, we have fallen on our feet with a most suitable alternative, namely The Heron's Nest near Knowle.

A new innovation that had been suggested at the end of last year is a mid week get together, intended to be less of a noggin and more of a social evening with an earlier start time and a meal at the pub of our choice. The first of these took place early in March, Phil Egginton organised the evening, and it proved to be a real success being very well supported. These mid week evenings will alternate with the now well established Sunday lunchtime noggins. The next of these will take place at the Bulls Head in Wootton Wawen on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. For details of further events turn to the Forthcoming Events at the end of this newsletter, they will also appear on the centre website.

Besides the obvious advantage in receiving the newsletter by e-mail; any last minute changes to the planned events can be circulated electronically, the temporary closure of The Red Lion being a good example. It is a pity not to support Royal Mail's first class postal service but 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](mailto:phil.morris@dsp2000.biz).

### Gymkhana Event – Gaydon 7<sup>th</sup> May 2006

Having staged the MSCC annual gymkhana at Gaydon last year it occurred to the organising team that it would be relatively easy to re-run the event on a local level for ourselves. The equipment that had been procured for some of the tests is in storage at the Heritage Motor Centre (free of charge); it makes sense to get a second use out of it.

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## Gymkhana Event – Gaydon 7<sup>th</sup> May 2006 (continued)

Our neighbouring MSCC centres are more than welcome to have a go too, and to help out with a bit of marshalling. I have included a separate return page at the end of this newsletter for anyone wishing to enter the gymkhana. It is important that I have these returned by the end of April to gauge the number of entries and ultimately to plan the timetable on the day.

- The day in question being Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May.
- The Heritage Motor Centre have offered us entry at £6 per person instead of the standard £8 entry fee.
- Gates open at 10.00am so it is intended to scrutinise the cars taking part and the get drivers to sign on between 10.00 and 10.30.
- Event to get underway at 10.30am

There will be a setting up day on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May, anyone who is available to lend a hand please give me a call.

### Other Events for 2006

There is a 'Best of British Festival' at the Heritage Motor Centre on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May. We have a general invitation to take our cars along for the day, if you want to go along please give me a call so that I can arrange for entry tickets etc.

You will recall that the last newsletter included some details of a 'Proposed Visit to Sweden'. So far there are a few people who have shown interest and further investigation is taking place. If you want more information please contact Brian Teece. ☎ 01926 855828 or Email: [bteece@onetel.com](mailto:bteece@onetel.com)

In addition to the above, the following events are in process of being organised and will require pre-booking. If you have an interest in attending any or all of them, please again let Brian Teece know at the earliest opportunity in order to establish an expected level of interest. Any bookings at the moment can be taken as provisional.

These events will also be open to other MSCC Centres as sharing events is now becoming more popular. Friends and family can also join us, as they have on previous occasions, although priority must of course be given to Morgan members if there is an exceptional response.

Please feel free to telephone Brian if you have any queries or want further information.

### 1. Jeremy Rivers-Fletcher Film & Talk Show – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2006

A special evening event at Leek Wootton Social Club. This location lies between Warwick and Kenilworth. Directions to be included in the next newsletter.

The below text has been taken from Jeremy's web site: [rivers-fletcher.com](http://rivers-fletcher.com)

For over 40 years, "Rivers" delivered talks and film shows about motor racing to the English speaking world. His unique film library, going back to 1931 gives an insight into what motor racing was all about before commercialism entered the scene. Jeremy has now started to re-edit these films, and is currently giving a show about the re-birth of motor racing after World War 2. The show includes three short films, 1951, 1959 and a "Rivers" special of his own motor racing from 1951 to 1965. This show is entertaining, educational, and most important of all it is fun. It takes the recipient into the heart of the Rivers Fletcher family, and shares Rivers' passion for the sport with the audience.

The presentation is two hours in length with an interval for refreshments.

Firm bookings now being taken. (by Brian)

Arrivals from 7.00pm. Kick-off at 7.30pm prompt. Departures by 10.00pm.  
Cost £8.00 per person including coffee/tea & biscuits.

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## **2. Peugeot Cars Coventry Factory Tour – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2006 (TBC), 1.00pm start**

This tour gives an opportunity to view the more mass-production techniques of car manufacture.

## **3. Sweden Visit to include tours of Volvo Cars; Volvo Truck & Bus; Gothenburg Dockyard**

Proposed dates are over the August Bank holiday weekend commencing Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August. Travel is by ship and the trip is likely to be a full week to offer free time to explore Sweden.

## **4. Jaguar Cars Castle Bromwich Factory Tour – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2006, 1.00pm start**

An opportunity to view the expanded Jaguar facility that now includes build of the new XK Sport.

## **5. Helicopter Flights at Wellesbourne Air Field + Charlecote Park + Charlecote Garden Centres**

The feasibility of this event is being investigated. Numbers of persons for the helicopter flights may be restricted due to time factors, please advise as soon as possible if interested as initially a "first come-first served" policy will be applied. The event is aimed for a weekend but the date awaits completion of the feasibility discussions, however, late Summer/early Autumn envisaged.

## **6. Blenheim Palace: Festival of Flight - 2006**

For information: Confirmation has been received that this event will not be held this year.

## **7. Murder Mystery Evening**

If there is any interest in this type of event please contact Brian, who will be happy to research the possibility of staging such an evening.

## **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.

For polo shirts, sweat shirts (yes we have spelt it correctly this time) in a wide range of colours contact Pam or Richard Laughton on ☎ 01527 465300.

**Warwickshire Centre web site:** [www.warwickmog.co.uk](http://www.warwickmog.co.uk)

The web site continues to grow with photographs and technical advice. The centre regalia will be available through the web site shortly. There is also a page of For Sale and Wanted, this is available to centre members who wish to advertise their cars or other Morgan related items. The web site is also useful in providing the latest information, particularly where last minute changes occur to any planned events.

## **Neighbouring Centres**

The FoxMog web site has a report of their Scotland trip with some very nice photos, worth a look. OxMog have a schedule of activities, I will include the ones that we are likely to be interested in sharing next time.

## Garage News

Good progress on Andy Willmott's 4/4 rebuild is being made, the new galvanised chassis is now starting to get the various parts transplanted onto it, this involves careful marking and drilling of the bright new metalwork. The old rusty chassis now rests up outside, possibly a garden sculpture if anyone is interested.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** Noggin (9pm onwards) at the Herons Nest near Knowle. (OS Sheet 139, SP 190751).

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April:** Lunchtime meal at the Bull's Head in Wootton Wawen. Meet from 12 noon onwards, if you would like to reserve a seat for lunch phone Phil Morris on ☎ 01926 855201

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April:** Noggin (9pm onwards) at the Herons Nest near Knowle. (OS Sheet 139, SP 190751).

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May:** Gymkhana at Gaydon Motor Museum, gates open at 10.00 am. Refer to the website for any more details as they become known.

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May:** Evening meal, meet at 7.00pm – venue likely to be Kenilworth or Warwick. Contact Phil Egginton to reserve a seat. ☎ 01564 777233

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May:** MSCC Speed Championship at Shelsley Walsh, near Worcester

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May:** Morgan Race Series at Donnington Park

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May:** Noggin (9pm onwards) at the Herons Nest near Knowle. (OS Sheet 139, SP 190751).

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May** 'Best of British Festival' at the Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon.

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June:** Scenic run starting at Gaydon Motor Heritage Centre in the car park at 10.30am, approximately 1½ to 2 hours ending at **Wellesbourne Water Mill**. There will be a tour of the mill followed by lunch organised by Bev Caffelle.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June:** Rivers-Fletcher Talk and Film Show at Leek Wootton Social club (see newsletter text for details)

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June:** Noggin (9pm onwards) at the Herons Nest near Knowle. (OS Sheet 139, SP 190751).

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August:** Bentley Drivers Day at Silverstone.

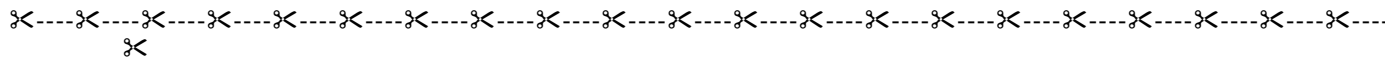
**8<sup>th</sup> October** 'Morgan Day at Brooklands Museum'. If you want more information call the Events Manager ☎ 01932 857381 extension 253. Check also their website for their schedule of other events at [www.brooklandsmuseum.com](http://www.brooklandsmuseum.com)

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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## ENTRY BOOKING SLIP

(return to Phil Morris by post or e-mail [phil.morris@dsp2000.biz](mailto:phil.morris@dsp2000.biz) )  
**No later than Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

Name of driver:

Name of passenger:

Car Details:    +8    +4    4/4    (circle as appropriate)

Year of manufacture:

Registration number:

Please note that we plan to get the event underway at 10.30am, please try to get there between 10.00am and 10.30am so that the car can be scrutinised before taking part.

If you are unable to be there for 10.00am please give an indication below of your expected time of arrival, however this can be no later than 12.00 noon:

Expected Late arrival time:

### Contact details

Address:

e-mail:

The rules and regulations will be available at the signing on.