



WARWICKSHIRE CENTRE NEWSLETTER Number 131: March – April 2006

Centre News

The latest venue for our regular noggins, The Heron's Nest near Knowle, seems to be very suitable, it has a decent sized car park, the staff are friendly and don't try to hurry you out at closing time. The noggin in April coincided with the celebrations marking the Queen's 80th birthday; this may be why the attendance was less than normal. There have been reports that our former haunt, The Red Lion in Claverdon, has re-opened but is geared more for meals. I have asked a few people to give a bit more feedback before we make a decision on whether to return there for our noggins.

The next mid week get together and evening meal will take place on Wednesday 10th May somewhere in the Kenilworth or Warwick area, for details and to reserve a seat please give Phil Egginton a call ☎ 01564 777233

The Sunday lunchtime gathering at the Bulls Head in Wootton Wawen in early April was very successful, the leisurely lunch was most enjoyable but the idea of a walk afterwards to the craft centre in the village seemed to be put on the back burner, I had a good excuse to miss out on this part of the afternoon as the Land Rover had shed its fan belt on the way into Wootton Wawen before lunch. Having noted one of the pulleys had partly come adrift the RAC were called out, on this occasion the 2 hour expected time to get to me didn't matter. The rescue eventually took place just after our meal and we returned home in the recovery lorry. A week later and a new power assisted steering pump fitted, belt, pulley, and tensioner, a service and an MOT we were back in business.

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. 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.

Gymkhana Event – Gaydon 7th May 2006 ** EVENT CANCELLED **

I only received four entry forms from those interested in taking part in this gymkhana. The decision was made to cancel the event as it would have not been viable. It is disappointing to have received such a poor response especially as the invitation was extended to four other local centres. Thanks to the four who were expecting to be competing, but all is not lost as the Heritage Motor Centre have offered us the opportunity to stage the event later in the year this time inviting other car clubs to take part with us. Let us hope for a much greater level of response.

The 'Best of British Festival' at the Heritage Motor Centre - Sunday 28th May

We have a general invitation to take our cars along for the day, if you want to display your car for the day please let me know and I will arrange a vehicle pass, driver and passenger entry passes for you. The cars need to be on site by about 09.30 am and can leave anytime from 3.30 pm. Details of the event can be found on www.heritage-motor-centre.co.uk where it mentions a display marking the 50th anniversary of the Routemaster bus.

SUMMER EVENTS

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 get in touch with Brian Teece ☎ 01926 855828 or Email: bteece@onetel.com 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 be open to other MSCC Centres as well as friends and family, 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 7th June 2006

A special evening event at Leek Wootton Social Club. This location lies between Warwick and Kenilworth.

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. Text has been taken from Jeremy's web site: rivers-fletcher.com

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

A booking form can be found at the end of this newsletter.

2. Peugeot Cars Coventry Factory Tour – Thursday 29th June 2006 (TBC), 1.00pm start

Since the last newsletter there have been developments at the Ryton Plant. The upsetting news that Peugeot is to close its UK operation in Coventry, with redundancies planned as early as July this year, has put doubt on our visit. However, until this is clarified, we should assume that the visit will stand given sufficient interest. It would be useful to know those who would like to take part in this factory tour (as well as those who would not).

Our last visit to Rover's Longbridge works was similarly just ahead of the closure there; hopefully we will get a chance to see the production process at Ryton. As soon as the situation is clarified I will attempt to provide the latest information to those declaring an interest in the tour.

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 26th August. Travel is by ship and the trip is likely to be a full week to offer free time to explore Sweden. So far there are a few people who have shown interest and further investigation is taking place.

4. 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 Saloon in manufacture.

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

The feasibility of this event is under review. Please advise a.s.a.p. if interested. It is hoped that it can take place at a weekend either late Summer or early Autumn.

6. 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 in a wide range of colours contact Pam or Richard Laughton on ☎ 01527 465300.

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

The web site provides information on planned events as well as photos and reports on past events together with photographs and technical advice. The site will have the latest details for centre regalia, as well as a page of For Sale and Wanted. Please get in touch with Phil Egginton to advertise your car or other Morgan related items.

The web site will give details of any last minute changes that occur to any planned centre events.

Garage News

Andy Willmott's 4/4 chassis replacement and rebuild continues well.

Malcolm Wharton is finding that Morgan door locks are a Land Rover sourced component (but which one), Rutter should be able to help with that one.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 7th May: Gymkhana at Gaydon Motor Museum **EVENT CANCELLED.**

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

Saturday 13th May: MSCC Speed Championship at Shelsley Walsh, near Worcester

Sunday 14th May: Morgan Race Series at Donnington Park

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

Sunday 28th May 'Best of British Festival' at the Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon.

Sunday 4th 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. Contact Phil Morris to reserve a seat.

Wednesday 7th June: Rivers-Fletcher Talk and Film Show at Leek Wootton Social Club (see newsletter text for details)

Saturday 10th June: Sporting Bears event at Evesham, details will be posted on the web site.

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

Saturday 19th August: Bentley Drivers Day at Silverstone.

8th October 'Morgan Day at Brooklands Museum'. For more information call the Events Manager ☎ 01932 857381 extension 253. Alternatively visit their website www.brooklandsmuseum.com



THE RIVERS-FLETCHER TALK & FILM SHOW

Wednesday 7th June 2006 - Leek Wootton Village Hall, Near Kenilworth

£8.00 per person 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Please make cheques payable to " M.S.C.C. " and return with this slip to
B Teece, 22 Casita Grove, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2QA

Name: Contact Phone / Email:

Address:

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Number of persons attending: Please find enclosed cheque for £ . . .

Signed: Date:

Any queries and directions to the venue please telephone: 01926 855828.
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