



WARWICKSHIRE CENTRE NEWSLETTER

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Centre News

Our Sunday lunchtime noggins held in March and April have been well supported. The centre committee members are now more heavily engaged in planning activities for MOG MMV and so we will have to wait for the Warwickshire Summer Social event for our next centre get together. But not forgetting that there is the barbeque and barn dance at Moreton Hall on Friday evening and a set meal in the restaurant at Gaydon on Saturday evening at the MOG event. Details of the Summer Social event are included at the end of this newsletter.

Rover Car plant – Longbridge

The re-visit to the assembly plant due on Tuesday 2005 was cancelled at very short notice. The demise of MG Rover has been in the news ever since. It would be fair to say that it is unlikely now that a visit to see the production process will ever take place

Morgan Motor Company – Factory visit

The full contingent of 25 centre members (with one or two from OxMog) enjoyed a very well organised tour of the factory on Monday 2nd May, and in spite of this being a bank holiday production was in full swing. We have Dixon Smith to thank for conducting the visit and answering questions generally as we progressed through the factory. Starting in the dispatch bay perhaps seemed a bit back to front to start with but soon we were to follow the build sequence of the cars from chassis through to body assembly, trim, electrics and eventually back to dispatch.

Here, at the end of the tour, we were fortunate to have Charles Morgan talk to us about the latest changes at the factory which have led to an improvement in reducing the time taken to build each car as well as increase the numbers being completed this year. Charles engaged us in a question and answer session where a broad range of issues were aired.

It would be unfair to refer to the AeroMax as the 'star of the show' but it certainly created a lot of interest from all in our party, and we were certainly very lucky that it was still there in between its unveiling at the Geneva Motor Show and it finally being delivered to its owner. This may not be the only one we will see but there needs to be a good few well healed customers lining up before we see any more. The possibility of 'one off specials' is balanced against the costs of construction, so we are more likely to see limited edition specials where the premium price will cover the extra production costs.

The factory catering staff provided a very satisfying meal at lunchtime, the stormy weather kept us huddled in the small canteen. There wasn't a hard sell of merchandising, however, some Morgan wings embossed goods were sold. I can't wait to try out our new travel rug.

MOG MMV

There are no excuses now for not booking your MOG MMV week-end. The last Miscellany had an event Booking Form that could be copied or cut out. The form can also be downloaded from the web sites www.MOGMMV.co.uk or www.MOG2005.co.uk.

The Gymkhana will take place on Sunday 31st July. We have arranged for a setting up and 'dry run' gymkhana afternoon at Gaydon on Sunday 5th June. If anyone would like to volunteer to help out please give me a call.

Centre Regalia

Centre regalia is available to order. There are polo shirts, sweatshirts, and the new style of sweatshirt with jipped collar. Pam or Richard will be happy to advise you on what sizes and colours are available, give them a call on ☎ 01527 465300.

All existing colour scheme (as on the warwickshire centre web site) car badges have been sold. The new colour scheme has been decided and we are currently arranging the manufacture of the next batch.

Warwickshire Centre web site

Keep up to date with developments in the centre by visiting: www.warwickmog.co.uk . Phil Egginton our web master will be happy to receive any interesting items to feature on the web site. If you have any interesting items to feature on the web site, or you aspire to putting an article together Phil will be delighted to talk to you about it.

Garage News

The Friday evening noggins have brought out a few Morgans lately, no doubt as we get into the summer months there will be more still.

Mark's car is having body repair work by the factory following the altercation with the wild boar.

Warwickshire Centre Matters

I intend now to wait until after the MOG event before I call our centre AGM. In order to comply with the clubs basic guidelines of giving at least one month's notice of a centre AGM I therefore declare now that I will hold our AGM on Friday 19th August at 8.00 pm, after which there will be the usual noggin. The agenda will include the proposal to adopt the acronym 'Bear Mog' for the centre. The AGM is an opportunity for changing the centre committee, anyone wishing to join the committee please let me know.

Neighbouring Centres

Last newsletter I mentioned the new centre close to us, Fox Mog, I have just checked their web site and see that they have their next noggin on Sunday 12th June at 12:30 at The Black Horse, Foxton.

Also I listed those events that Ox Mog have scheduled that may be of interest, in particular:

26 June – Summer Gala, Bucks Railway Centre, Quainton

14 August – Festival of Flight at Blenheim Palace, Woodstock (free entry if entering in the car display)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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Sunday 5th June Setting up and dry run test day for Gymkhana at Gaydon Motor Heritage Centre. Names to Phil Morris please, normal entry fee will apply if not arranged in advance.

Friday 17th June Noggin (9pm onwards) at the Red Lion, Claverdon. (OS sheet 151, SP 202647).

Friday 15th July Noggin (9pm onwards) at the Red Lion, Claverdon. (OS sheet 151, SP 202647).

July 29th – 31st: MOG MMV, Gaydon, Warwickshire

Friday 19th August Centre AGM at 8pm followed by a Noggin at the Red Lion, Claverdon. (OS sheet 151, SP 202647).

Saturday 20th August: Warwickshire Summer Social: A full day in Stratford-upon-Avon including a river cruise and evening dinner at the Stratford Moat House Hotel.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Pam Laughton
Phil Morris (Centre Secretary)
Maurice Palmer
Brian Teece
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MSCC - WARWICKSHIRE CENTRE

SUMMER SOCIAL EVENT – A DAY OUT in STRATFORD-upon-AVON

SIGHTSEEING / SHOPPING / RIVER CRUISE / EVENING DINNER

SATURDAY 20 AUGUST 2005

The leisure day is based at the Stratford Moat House Hotel convenient to the town centre. Included is all day free secure parking at the hotel, an early evening River Cruise - departing from the hotel jetty, followed by a Banqueting Dinner (main course to be pre-selected) in the private Warwick Room.

IMPORTANT: The event must be pre-booked and paid in full by Friday 15th July 2005.

- Total cost of the event is £25.50 per adult. Vegetarian and children under 10-years catered for.
- An alternative menu for children under 10-years is available at about £5.00-£6.00. Selection and payment on the day.

• **MENU**

STARTER: Chicken Liver Parfait

Served on a bed of mixed leaves with a Redcurrant & Orange Dressing and Oatcakes.

MAIN COURSE To be pre-selected and advised with booking form.

(A) Oven Baked Supreme of Salmon served with a White Wine and Dill Sauce, *OR*

(B) Roast Leg of Lamb with an Apricot & Rosemary Stuffing and a Redcurrant Jus, *OR*

(C) Roast Loin of Pork served with Sage & Onion Stuffing and Apple Sauce.

Selection of Seasonal Vegetables & Potatoes

(D) **VEGETARIAN:** A vegetarian menu is available – selected on the day.

DESSERT: Lemon and Wild Strawberry Torte

FRESHLY brewed Coffee and Mints

- **RIVER CRUISE 6.30pm** departure from hotel jetty - half hour duration. Drinks may be taken onboard.
- **EVENING MEAL: 7.30pm** seated.
- On arrival at the hotel, please advise reception that you are with the Morgan event and using the hotel car park. Note: This is a secure car park with coded exit.

ALL BOOKINGS TO BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY 18TH JULY 2005

Payment required in full. Cheques to be made payable to “ M.S.C.C. ”

Please return slip below to Brian Teece, 22 Casita Grove, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2QA

Any queries, please telephone: 01926 855828. E-mail: bteece@onetel.com

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To: B G Teece

From

Contact Phone / Email

Please reserve:

Number of adult places @ £25.50 per adult

Number of under-10 children meals (selected and paid on the day)

Dinner Selection: (A) Salmon (B) Lamb (C) Pork (D) Vegetarian

I enclose a cheque for £ Payable to M.S.C.C.