



## **WARWICKSHIRE CENTRE NEWSLETTER**

### **Number 166: March – July 2014**

#### **Centre News**

We have enjoyed a particularly hot July and hopefully the decent weather will stay with us for the rest of the summer.

Since the last newsletter there have been several events that Warwickshire Centre members have attended or taken part in. In early April both the Morgan factory tour and OxMogs "Mogs at the Perch" events were well supported. At the end of April Barry Wingfield was able to arrange a very special day out with a visit to Highgrove. A large amount of planning was involved which was rewarded by arrangements to take photos of the Morgan group in the car park at Highgrove. The line-up of Morgans included the factory three wheeler, Paul Wheatley had the pleasure of collecting it from the factory and driving it to Highgrove, an interesting experience he assured me. This event has been covered in Miscellany and the Mog magazine complete with a selection of the photos taken.

Later on in May the All Morgans Day at Waddesdon Manor was attended by over 200 Morgans, this was a particularly fine day and the good turn-out would have been much appreciated by the organisers who had been unsure on making this an annual event. This was an excellent opportunity to relax in Waddesdon Manor's grounds and meet up with friends from other centres as well as our own.

The Banbury Steam Rally in June saw just a few Morgans at the event, predominantly an OxMog event but also right on our doorstep. The Morgans had a display area for those attending, and by all accounts this is an event well worth attending.

Some events that were planned have been cancelled; unfortunately the number who had shown interest in the visit to the Coventry Transport Museum, Coventry Cathedral, and The Herbert Museum and Art Gallery including those from OxMog was too low to warrant the logistics of a display in Millennium Place in front of the Transport Museum. Similarly the visit to the steam day at Toddington Steam Railway was cancelled. The Tulip Run or Jocularly run in September is also cancelled.

The return visit to Packwood House National Trust property organised by Barry Wingfield was well attended again this year with 10 Morgans forming the display in secluded courtyard overlooking the lake. Most of those taking part found their way to the café building for late morning refreshments, then following a short walk we returned to the lake area for the customary picnic, the weather was ideal. Afterwards members were able to enjoy a visit to the house interior, or gardens, or walk around the lake.

A big thank you from Peter Forrest for the help and support given by those members who helped with marshalling duties, signing on etc. at the AutoSolo event at Gaydon in July. This was a two day event which on Saturday drew to a close just before a heavy storm that flooded the competitor parking area and part of the driving test course on Saturday. It was a better day weather wise on Sunday, there was a slowly clearing sky resulting in a hot sunny day, there were 15 competitors taking part so the prize giving could be conducted reasonably early. Miscellany editor Charles Neal took photos and movies with a car mounted camera so it would be reasonable to expect a report of the event somewhere in the magazine. With regard to the completion itself Chris Bailey was still in wining form overall.

## **Coventry Festival of Motoring - 23rd & 24th August 2014**

Over recent years there have been suggestions that the centre puts together a display at the Coventry Festival of Motoring which takes place this year at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire. Brian Harris took this task on and now the plans are in place for the 2 day event over for the Bank Holiday weekend. The Saturday has proved to be the most popular with our members so his efforts have been concentrated on that day for the static display of Morgans at the Festival, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. There may be a small display on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> if there is sufficient support.

Final bookings have been submitted; however you may wish to go along as a visitor to see the display and the other attractions. For information go to the Web site: <http://www.festival-of-motoring.co.uk/> to appreciate all attractions, it also includes a video. There is a free bus shuttle service from the Coventry Transport Museum to Stoneleigh Park every 30 minutes.

## **Warwickshire Centre AGM - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

As the MOG event this year starts on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August in Harrogate I have put the AGM back a month to September. The AGM will start promptly at 8.00pm. The aim would be to finish the business meeting at 9.00pm and proceed with the regular noggin; if the weather is favourable we can conduct the meeting outside.

The format will be a discussion on centre activities, the election of centre committee members, secretary and treasurer, the adoption of the accounts, and finishing up with suggestions from the members present. I have included a form on page 3 of this newsletter which invites proposals for the centre's committee members, centre secretary, and treasurer, and any general proposal for the centre to consider and vote on. This allows those centre members who are unable to be present at the AGM, for whatever reason, to actually have an input if they wish.

The form allows for any proposed items for the agenda that require a vote to be forwarded to the centre secretary no less than 48 hours before the meeting so that voting papers can be prepared.

Queries regarding eligibility and clarification on voting status please contact the centre secretary no less than 48 hours before the meeting.

## **Centre Regalia**

There are a few Polo shirts still in stock, please call Paul if you want to know the colours that are available. Contact Paul on ☎ 01564 779735 or e-mail: [Wheatleypo@AOL.com](mailto:Wheatleypo@AOL.com)

## **Garage News**

We had a visitor, Stephen Davis, to the noggin in July who is looking for a Morgan Plus 4 to replace his Triumph TR3. Luckily Brian Harris was able to show some of the salient features on his +4 and by way of comparison Ken and Carol Taylor turned up in their recently acquired +8 and had a long discussion on the merits of a +8. Hopefully Stephen went away with a good idea of what he was going to be looking for and the challenge of finding a buyer for his TR.

## **Information corner**

A new feature in this newsletter has been included at the end (page 4) relating to telephone scams with the aim to alert members to possible costly 'phone calls and how to avoid them.

## **The Warwickshire Centre web site**

[www.warwickmog.co.uk](http://www.warwickmog.co.uk) is up and running, and is continually being brought up to date. I find the web site is easiest to go to from the MSCC web site and access it via the Links tab. Our web site will be a good source of reference for event information, but for now we will continue with e-mails to keep members aware of current news items.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

(MSCC National events and other non-Warwickshire Centre events are in italics)

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August:** Centre Noggin (8.30 pm onwards) at The Bear Inn, Spencers Lane, Berkswell

*15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> August - MOG 2014, Harrogate*

**23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> August:** Coventry Festival of Motoring

*5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> September: Morgans at Windermere*

*7<sup>th</sup> September: Tetbury Classic Car Show*

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September:** Centre AGM at 8.00pm followed by Centre Noggin at The Bear Inn, Spencers Lane, Berkswell

*Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October: Brooklands Morgan Day*

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October:** Centre Noggin (8.30 pm onwards) at The Bear Inn, Spencers Lane, Berkswell

*14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November: NEC Classic Car Show*

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November:** Centre Noggin (8.30 pm onwards) at The Bear Inn, Spencers Lane, Berkswell

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Phil Morris (Centre Secretary)  
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Proposals for the Warwickshire Centre AGM - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014 (to be returned to the Centre Secretary 48 hours before the meeting)

NAME: ..... for committee member\* / centre secretary\* / treasurer\*  
(\*delete as required)

Proposal:  
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Signed: ..... -

Scan and e-mail or post to Centre Secretary.



## WEB SITES

It is worth making sure your computer has a security programme installed, but in spite of that you may receive hoax calls to you land line `phone regarding unexpected intrusion (as I did a few days ago).

## TELEPHONES

Telephone Scam: VERY COSTLY NEW AREA CODE - 0809

You may get a call such as: "Hey, this is Karen. Sorry I missed you- get back to us quickly. I have something important to tell you." Then she repeated a phone number beginning with 0809.

You are told that it is information about a family member who is/has been ill or that you have won a wonderful prize and asked to call the 0809 number right away. These calls are extremely costly, the area code is in the Dominican Republic.

### Why it Works

The charges can become a real nightmare -- you made the call, and if you complain to your local phone provider and your long distance carrier, they will not want to get involved and most likely tell you they are simply providing the billing for a foreign company, and this company will say it has done nothing wrong.

Take Care: Do not dial area codes 0809, 0876 & 0284 from the UK.

(This information is extracted from a Dudley Partnership Team, Brierley Hill Police Station, Brierley, communication).