



WARWICKSHIRE CENTRE NEWSLETTER Number 167: August – December 2014

Centre News

For much of 2014 we were waiting to hear when our regular noggin venue, The Bear Inn at Berkswell, would be having its long planned refurbishment works carried out. As it turned out the amount of notice we had from The Bear was very short and so the November noggin was re-located to The King's Arms near Knowle. This alternative proved to be OK but the limited seating means it is not an ideal place to hold a noggin, as we were expecting to go back to The Bear in December this shouldn't have been a concern. However, the refurbishment works included the upstairs room being converted to provide dining space rather than a general meeting room which we had been able to use in recent years. For us to have it for our exclusive use there would be a room hire charge of £50 in future. This effectively rules it out for noggins as we have no budget for it, and I suspect if the number of diners was adequate they would have priority over us for the room, whether it had been booked or not. Given these circumstances it was decided to suspend the December noggin as it would have been extremely unlikely to find a suitable venue anywhere on the Friday night before Christmas.

The centre reports together with forthcoming events that appear in Miscellany are submitted to the editor a month before the Miscellany drops through your door. Late changes for events have to be done by e-mail, so I apologise to those unable to be included in that distribution of information including any new members attending an event that has appeared in Miscellany. Having said that this is an extremely rare occurrence, and probably best advice would be to give me a call a day or two beforehand to check, or visit the Warwickshire Centre web site to see if it has an update of events.

This leaves us with the dilemma of finding a new noggin venue. We have tried to negotiate a compromise with The Bear Inn, albeit unsuccessfully. The committee is open to suggestions and will be happy to check out pubs or clubs that might fit the bill. However, in the meantime the conclusion is that the Kings Arms (formerly known as The Herons Nest) near Knowle will be the noggin venue at least for the first few months in 2015.

Looking back over recent months the most significant event was took place over the bank holiday weekend in August namely the 'Coventry Festival of Motoring' at the former Royal Showground in Stoneleigh. The report that appeared in Miscellany gave a full account of the two day event and the mixed fortunes of both weather and of Morgan reliability. Thanks go to Brian Harris for organising this event on behalf of the Centre.

The Warwickshire Centre web site

www.warwickmog.co.uk is regularly brought up to date by our web master Brian Harris. It is easy to access it via the MSCC web site using the Links tab and scrolling down the listed centres. The Warwickshire Centre car badge image makes it easy to find. It is worth getting into the habit of checking out the site from time to time to see if any planned events have been changed, this will be much more up to date than the latest Miscellany.

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: Wheatley@aol.com

Garage News

With the decidedly winter weather on its way many Morgans will be shut away for a while. The usual reminder therefore applies, put the battery on charge from time to time making sure it doesn't run flat, and check that the tyres are inflated, a few pounds above the recommended running pressure is better than several pounds under. It might seem obvious also but see that there is antifreeze in the radiator.

Information corner

New members who did successfully find the centre members gathered for the noggin in November at The Kings Arms were, Sara and Stuart Carion who have a Plus 4, and Roadster owners Simon and Liz Maycock.

Brian Teece's initiative for us to save our used postage stamps got off to a shaky start. The idea is to give him used stamps for them to be donated to a chosen charity. If you saved any over the Christmas period hand them on to Brian whenever convenient over the coming months.

The MSA have introduced a "Social Run" as a new definition to their book of rules (the Blue Book). You can read about this in detail in the January issue of Miscellany on Tony Oliver's 'Paddock Torque' page 17. This is good news as the rigmarole of applying for permits, and getting permission from the authorities (the police) is not going to be required as long as there isn't a written pre-determined route to follow, and that the run is non-competitive.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Note: the noggin venue for the first few months of 2015 will be:

The King's Arms,
2110 Warwick Road,
Knowle,
Solihull, West Midlands. B93 0EE ☎ 01564 771177
web site: <http://www.thekingsarmsknowle.co.uk/>

Friday 16th January: Centre Noggin (8.30 pm onwards) at The King's Arms, Knowle. (OS Sheet 139, SP 190751)

Friday 20th February: Centre Noggin (8.30 pm onwards) at The King's Arms, Knowle. (OS Sheet 139, SP 190751)

Friday 20th March: Centre Noggin (8.30 pm onwards) at The King's Arms, Knowle. (OS Sheet 139, SP 190751)

Sunday 11th April: *The venue has not been decided for the first OxMog narrow boat sailing of the year, or if able to be held at present. However, this is the date currently planned, so put this into your diaries if wishing to go along, and watch this space for developments.*

Friday 17th April: Centre Noggin (8.30 pm onwards) at The King's Arms, Knowle. (OS Sheet 139, SP 190751)

Sunday 26th April: *Drive-it-Day 2015.*

Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th June: *Banbury Steam Rally: An OxMog/Warwickshire get-together at this superb all family event.*

Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th July: *MSCC Autosolo at Gaydon. As usual, help will be much appreciated to set-up and/or marshal to either a lesser or greater extent.*

Friday 24th, Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th July *Silverstone Classic: Good discounts if booked before 31 March 2015.*

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