



## WARWICKSHIRE CENTRE NEWSLETTER Number 168: January - April 2015

### Centre News

Our recent noggins have been held at The King's Arms near Knowle, since November in fact. Over the winter months and particularly just after Christmas this worked out reasonably well, it wasn't busy and we have been able to get seated together for each of the evenings. But most recently the pub has been busier and so we have looked for an alternative. The committee decided to check out the refurbished White Horse in Balsall Common for their meeting in March, it was found to be quiet on that Monday evening, but in discussion with the manager for our Friday night noggins we have been able to arrange for a seated area within the restaurant for those members who want to dine before the noggin, and this area thereafter continue to be reserved for us for the rest of the evening as more of our group arrives. So starting in May the noggins will be held at The White Horse (except June see below). If you would like a preview visit their web site <http://www.thewhitehorseatbc.co.uk/>

For the April noggin we will be at The King's Arms near Knowle, it being too late to change the published details in Miscellany for that month's noggin.

### River cruise and meal on board The Countess of Evesham – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

I have booked the restaurant cruiser The Countess of Evesham for an evening meal and cruise on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June. This will be a shared event with OxMog, which will enable us to have exclusive use for the evening. The date is a regular noggin night so shouldn't mean too much re-organising of your diary. The Countess of Evesham web site is worth a visit, <http://www.countessofovesham.co.uk/>. There you will see that we are to board at 7.00pm for 7.30pm departure, returning to the basin at 10.30pm. *Stealing their words. The Countess of Evesham travels down the River Avon to Luddington (and back). Whilst cruising at night, the boat lights up the river banks, creating a memorable atmosphere. I could cut and paste more but would rather recommend that you check out the web site.* The 70 foot cruiser seats 44 diners, at the moment I am negotiating with them to offer a suitable selection from their extensive menu so that we can pre-select each of the three courses. (Approximately £32 per person for meal and cruise). I will send out separately a menu selection form, but in the meantime I would appreciate if you could send me an e-mail or phone ☎ 01926 855201 to let me know you want to reserve your place.

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

The web site is regularly brought up to date by our web master Brian Harris, and is the best means to see if there have been any changes to our planned events, it will be much more up to date than the latest copy of Miscellany.

It is easy to access it via the Morgan Sports Car Club web site <http://www.mscc.uk.com/> 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

## 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

Having reminded everyone to "put your battery on charge from time to time making sure it doesn't run flat" I have duly carried this out through the winter months from time to time. On the first Sunday in April I found that there wasn't quite enough energy in it to kick the engine over, the fuel pump had powered up OK but that was all, so a quick re-charge for about an hour proved to do the trick. It was a nice sunny afternoon and the twenty miles or so blew the cobwebs away.

Now that MogSport has closed down the question that keeps cropping up is "where can we take our Morgans for servicing and other maintenance work". This is not just a Warwickshire problem, other centres are finding there are fewer specialists around. Following a National Committee Meeting where this issue had been mentioned, I have been in contact with the Staffordshire and Donington Centre secretaries with the intention to gradually build up a local database of specialists that can help us look after our pride and joy. Stratstones is a new Morgan dealership based in Stourbridge, one of our members is having her +8 serviced there soon, so it will be good to have some feedback.

## Information corner

The MSA's introduction of a new definition a "Social Run" means impromptu or DIY events can be set up for groups to share and enjoy. I am able to include the notes in the Forthcoming Events section. So refer to that to see if anything appeals to you and go along. Such events will be shown in italics together with nationally organized events, the ones in standard text are Warwickshire Centre organized events.

In the National Trust News and Events for spring 2015 news sheet there is information relating to Upton House and Gardens that they are featuring a Tulips in Bloom between Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Additionally, there is a short article describing the time during World War 2 when the house was used as offices for the owners, the Bearsteds, who ran a family-owned bank at that time. Two rooms have now been transformed with items from that period to show that part of the house's history. A visit here will be largely weather dependent to enjoy the gardens at this time of year, therefore this will be best dealt with at a noggin for those interested to fix a suitable date for a collective visit, possibly weekday, but excluding Thursdays.

You will see in the forthcoming events that there is a visit to Warmington village to see those gardens open to the public as part of the The National Gardens Scheme in 2015. Brian Harris is co-ordinating this event, if interested please give him a call ☎ 01676 533532.

Don't forget Brian Teece's initiative for us to save used postage stamps. Give him any used stamps for them to be donated to a chosen charity.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Note: the noggin venue for May onwards will be:  
White Horse in Balsall Common on the A452 - 400m N of the junction with the B4101  
web site: <http://www.thewhitehorseatbc.co.uk/>

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

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April:** *the Morgan Sports Car Club AGM (see Miscellany for details)*

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April:** *Drive-it-Day 2015.*

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May:** Centre Noggin (8.30 pm onwards) at The White Horse in Balsall Common, on the A452 - 400m N of the junction with the B4101

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June:** *Defford Air Day, see the Defford web site for more information. [www.defford-croftfarm.co.uk/deffordairday](http://www.defford-croftfarm.co.uk/deffordairday)*

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June:** River cruise and meal on board The Countess of Evesham, Boarding 7.00pm, see newsletter text for more details.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2015:** Warmington Village Gardens parking at the top of the Village Green in front of the Manor House. ....or alternatively

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2015:** Wings & Wheels at Wellesbourne airfield

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

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July:** *MSCC Autosolo at Gaydon. As usual, help please to set-up and/or marshal to either a lesser or greater extent.*

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July:** Centre Noggin (8.30 pm onwards) at The White Horse in Balsall Common.

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

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August:** *Bentley drivers Day at Silverstone.*

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