



WARWICKSHIRE CENTRE NEWSLETTER

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Centre News

We had to re-locate the noggin in June from The Red Lion in Claverdon due to the very busy trade in the restaurant with the bar area being overly full of those would be diners waiting for tables. Needless to say our requirements for a meeting area, preferably seated, was out of the question. After some useful discussion outside, and while other Warwickshire Centre members continued to arrive, the decision was made to move to The Crown a short drive away in Claverdon village. Although the temporary venue served us quite well on the night it would not necessarily be suitable for regular noggins. In light of these circumstances our noggins for July and August will take place at The Herons Nest near Knowle. The centre AGM is scheduled to take place before the noggin in August at 8.00 pm; this will still be the case but at The Herons Nest.

Prodrive Test Facility Day

The opportunity for a unique day out at the Prodrive Test Facility (see June Miscellany Warwickshire Centre report) has generated a little interest but still requires a few more names to make the event viable. It is realised that it is not a cheap day out, but in terms of the overall package it is reasonably priced but still a lot of pound notes. In view of this Brian Teece is willing explore the possibility of sharing a day with another potential Prodrive customer with the aim of reducing cost. Although no guarantee can be given for the willingness of this joint venture, the maximum cost would be £290/person.

If there is sufficient interest Brian will see what can be achieved, and look into any possible reduction in cost with perhaps discounts for car sharing. So, if you are interested in this approach (not a dedicated Morgan day), please let us know in order to judge if this option should be explored. An indication of what you consider a reasonable maximum cost on the event would certainly be helpful in assessing further action.

Scenic Run to Snowhill Manor – Sunday May 13th

The first scenic run this year was a well planned and well supported, the convoy was led by an Aero followed by a mix of traditional 4/4s and +8s. A couple from the USA also joined us in their Jeep, their 4/4 being in a state of rebuild back home. We arrived at the Cotswold manor house in good time for tea and cakes before the tour of the property. The weather unfortunately had deteriorated during the run, rain had settled in for the day so the Arts & Crafts-style gardens of terraces and ponds could not be fully appreciated.

The restaurant provided a good range of food and gave us all time to dry off. The drive home was wetter still, are the heaters supposed to de-mist the screen? I bet they do in the Aero. Thanks to Phil and Beverley for planning the route and making all the arrangements.

Mystery Scenic Run and Picnic – Sunday 15th July

The next scenic run of the four planned for this year run will take place on Sunday 15th July. The destination will remain a mystery but will be to a garden where you can enjoy a picnic! The garden is one of the oldest arboretums in Great Britain. Tucked away in beautiful countryside it boasts more than 300 species of trees in formal and informal plantings and gardens. The collection includes many rare and spectacular domestic and exotic trees. Overlooking a river, it has been growing and maturing in this idyllic setting for two centuries. In summer the arboretum is beautiful and peaceful. Walk through the dapple shade amidst the hum of insects. Admire the mature canopy of trees rising high into the summer sky. Enjoy the unusual and colourful range of summer-flowering plants and shrubs. Sit and relax by the pools in the formal splendour of the Italian Garden, or look through the trees to the stunning views across the river and this very special part of the country.

The run will commence at the car park of The Red Lion at Claverdon. Please assemble at 09.45am for a 10.00am prompt start. Entrance to the Garden costs £4.00 and it has a tea room if you do not want to picnic.

If you want to go on the run, then please book in advance with Phil or Beverley on 01564 777233 as soon as possible.

Bentley Drivers Day at Silverstone - Saturday 4th August

It's been a while since we used the tried and trusted scenic run to Silverstone. We will depart from Kenilworth Castle car park, and breaking with a long tradition this will be the one at the front facing the green (not the usual one at the rear) at 10.15 a.m. The route is fairly direct and we will have one short stop at a pub en-route for a reviving beverage just a few miles short of our destination. The plan as always is to arrive at the track for the first race of the day at 1.00 p.m. which is perfect timing for a picnic lunch, so don't forget your hampers.

Warwickshire Centre AGM

Hopefully we will be able to hold the meeting outside at The Herons Nest, as we did last year. The agenda will include the appointment of the centre committee and centre secretary for the next year, any nominations for filling these posts should be forwarded to me, the incumbent centre secretary no less than one week in advance of the meeting. The MSCC has put in place guidelines for running of its centres, one of the requirements is to adopt a centre constitution. I intend to have a simple version available for discussion and hopefully for adoption at the meeting.

Go Karting event

Due to the low numbers showing interest this scheduled event has been cancelled. If there is sufficient support for it to be rearranged at a future date Brian Teece will re-booked the Mini- Prix event.

If still interested, please let Brian or myself know so that the event can be re-arranged on a date to suit as many as possible.

MOG 007

Refer to the previous couple of newsletters if you require the shortlist of hotels for booking accommodation in the MOG 007 area, or send me an e-mail and I can provide you with the details. Remember that at the time of booking it will be worthwhile checking to see if any special discounts are available for the MOG week-end.

Gymkhana Open Event – Gaydon 9th September

We hope to be taking part in the open gymkhana event at Gaydon this year. The details will be posted on the Motor Heritage Centre web site, www.heritage-motor-centre.co.uk in the events and clubs section, the event will be open to all car clubs. If sufficient bookings are made I will be looking to recruit some marshals to help set up and run the event. The setting up day and 'dry run' will take place on Saturday 8th September.

Centre Regalia

Check on what regalia is available on the Warwickshire Centre web site.

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

Check the web site for the following:

- the latest information on planned events.
- photos and reports on past events
- some technical advice on items that members feel worthy sharing
- details for centre regalia
- For Sale and Wanted of Morgan related items. Give Phil Egginton a call if you wish to advertise on this part of the web site.

Garage News

This time garage news with a difference, Chas Windridge has kindly offered to open up the MogSport workshop for a centre visit later in the year. As things quieten down after the race season Chas will give us a brief run down of MogSport's activities and look at some of the current Morgan projects in progress.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 7th July: Join the OxMog event - Polo at Kirtlington Park GR sheet 164 514206 (site entrance. Cars on site by 1200 please, event starts 1300. Pay at the gate on the day £20 per car; or contact Peter Forrest ☎ 01865 735770 for a FREE pass for car and occupants.

Sunday 15th July: Warwickshire Centre Mystery Scenic run and picnic.

Friday 20th July: Noggin (9pm onwards) at the Herons Nest near Knowle. (OS Sheet 139, SP 190751).

Sunday 22nd July: Fly to the Past; join the OxMog event at Blenheim Palace, details available from Anthony Turner ☎ 01235 813117 (evenings), e-mail: a.turner2001@virgin.net

Saturday 4th August: Scenic run to Bentley Drivers Day at Silverstone, depart Kenilworth Castle 1015 hours prompt.

10th to 12th August: MOG 007

Friday 17th August: Centre AGM at 8pm followed by the regular Noggin (9pm onwards) at the Herons Nest near Knowle. (OS Sheet 139, SP 190751).

Sunday 9th September: Gymkhana at Gaydon Motor Heritage Centre, event open to other car clubs

Friday 21st September: Noggin – Venue under review

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (continued)

Sunday 14th October: Scenic run

9th to 11th November: Classic Car Show at the NEC

Sunday 25th November: Scenic run



Motorsport Diary

Dates for MSCC race and speed series now available as follows:

Races		Sprints	
Sun 8 Jul	Cadwell Park	June 30th	Aintree
Sun 22 Jul	Knockhill	July 14th	MIRA near Nuneaton
		July 15th	Debden Herts
		July 21st	Elvington
		July 22nd	Prescott, Near Cheltenham, Gloucestershire
Sat 4 Aug	Silverstone (Bentley Drivers)	August 4th	Goodwood, near Chichester
		August 5th	3 Sisters (Double Lap Event)
Sun 19 Aug	Mallory (MSCC Race Day)	August 27th	Colerne
		September 1st	Wiscombe Park
Sat/Sun 8/9 Sep	Zandvoort, Holland	September 2nd	Ty Croes
		September 16th	Curborough (MSCC Club Sprint)
Sat 15 Sep	Castle Combe	September 29th	Loton Park, near Shrewsbury
Sat 27 Oct	Silverstone - Birkett 6 hour relay	October 13th or 20 th	Castle Combe, near Chippenham,

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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