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Your Editor Speaking...

Holiday time this month, and a fantastic one it was too! A week away in Washington DC visiting CSMA stalwarts of old, Steve and Denise White.

Lots of sightseeing - including a personal tour of the Pentagon (how cool is that?!), some great food and excellent company made it a holiday to remember! Flying non-cattle class courtesy of air miles from the very kind Duncan Wild helped too!

The photograph on the front cover is the very impressive United States Air Force

Memorial. The three spikes represent the three core values of the Air Force - Integrity first, service before self and excellence in all they do. They spires are 270 feet tall, the bottom 2/3 of each are full of concrete and the top 1/3 contains a mass damper to prevent flutter in high winds. The mass at the heart of each damper weighs one ton. So impressive engineering as well as an imposing sight!

Have fun!

Jez Boakes (Editor)

A Note from your Chairman

Never cast a clout 'til May is out... well, May is almost out and I'll be glad to trade my fleece for a 'T' shirt. Although we had some fine weather a month or so ago, the old saying proved too true – it's been f...f...freezing lately.

A lot of you missed a great night in Windsor at the last Clubnight, Malcolm's superb walking treasure hunt had us looking around for specific items, but its amazing how much else you saw. We all tend to dash from place to place without appreciat-

ing our surroundings; it was nice to just stroll and look at things. Well done and thank you to Malcolm and Madeleine. (PS we've dried out now).

Are we on the way to celebrating a new British F1 World Champion? I hope I'm not tempting providence by mentioning it now, but JB does seem to be on a roll, let's hope he continues to do so.

That's all from me (with this hat on.....), see you soon.

As ever, keep your foot in it.....

Derrick Holden (Chairman)

Temp Sec Bit

I don't feel temporary!!! Anyway, lets hope for a long, hot Summer of Motorsport and BBQ's and the odd tincture – whilst not forgetting to attend WMx (and other CSMA events). Next up, I believe, is the Golf Day and 'Golf Clubnight on the 11th June. Do you know the difference between a golfer and a skydiver? A golfer goes "whack, oh hell" – a skydiver goes "oh hell, whack"!! Golf arranged courtesy of AG. Speaking of AG, at the last Noggin he told me that he

had bought a new crash helmet (I guessed correctly that it was a Schuberth – the same make as one M Schumacher). AG said he bought it because he wanted a 'quiet helmet'. I pointed out that it wouldn't be quiet as long as HIS head was in it!! Sorry AG, but I thought that was worth sharing....

See yawl!

Derrick Holden ([Temp temp temp] Secretary)

A Walking Treasure Hunt in Windsor

Did you know that the Windsor Eye has a V.I.P. gondola? I wonder if it's reserved for the Queen when she has a weekend 'in the country'? This was the answer to "what is special about number 42?" – I must confess that I thought that was the answer to Life, the Universe and Everything, but no, it was however, one of the many things learned on an evening of enlightenment in Windsor during a walking treasure hunt organised by Malcolm and Madeleine.

As this was in the evening, I knew that it would get dark at some point (you can't get much past me!!) and I always carry a small 'Maglite' torch in my pocket (yes, I am pleased to see you as well) so I smugly shone it at a clue when the light began to fade. Pride goeth before the fall – the battery was flat! It's amazing what you can see in the dark when you squint.

So, onward, around the town, trying to identify clues whilst looking nonchalant and trying to hide your discovery from competing crews – oh, how dastardly and satisfying. The shortest street in Britain, what must be the Crookedest House, the origin of the game of 'hopscotch', as well as the daring deeds of, and the decorations bestowed upon, some brave people of yesteryear. Not to mention the pub where King Charles used to meet Nell Gwynn for his oats, er sorry, oranges.

Sir Christopher Wren and his architecture are well represented in the town and it was nice to just walk around and look at the wonderful buildings from all ages. Outside the Guild Hall, Simon asked me what I thought the four large pillars under the roof were for. "For holding the roof up" I said. Not so. The Burgers (silly old burgers?) of the town wanted pillars as a show of affluence and might, but the architect's design didn't need them. He agreed to their wishes as they were paying him, but left a gap between the tops of the pillars and the roof to show that they were unnecessary. It is a 'famous fact' apparently – well its fame hadn't spread as far as me!

A thoroughly splendid evening which even produced a little bit of 'weather', which was a good excuse to repair back to the Liberal Club for a libation and the issuing of the results. Good grief – if it wasn't won by Ann and yours truly, a case of the knowing (Ann) leading the blind (yours truly); but imagine what I'd be capable of with a battery in my torch!

Thanks again to M & M, for a great evening (the choccies were nice too).

Derrick Holden

CSMA West Middlesex Group
2009 Championship Golf Day
Thursday 11th June 2009.

Our Golf tournament this year will be on Thursday 11th June and, as usual, will be followed by our Golf-themed Clubnight. We going back to Blue Mountain in Bracknell that has proved a popular choice over the last few years. We've negotiated the same all-inclusive cost as last year of just £35. Cheques payable to:

CSMA West Middlesex Group & sent to me please at
2 Arnside Close, Twyford, Berks RG10 9BS.

The details

- * Venue – the Blue Mountain Golf Club in Bracknell.
- * Maximum number of players will be 20 – please book early !
- * Plan to arrive about 12 noon
- * 12.30 lunch of Tea / Coffee & bacon sandwiches etc.
- * Tee-off times from 13.30
- * Approx. finish time 18.00
- * Prizes ! & High tea for all players at 18.30
(Main course, dessert & a beer)

* 8pm **West Middlesex Group : June Clubnight**

(Private room; a 'no-skills-required' light-hearted Golf-themed entertainment; plus complimentary light snacks)

All Members, their families & friends will be very welcome !

For Golf - contact AG **before Thursday 4th June** please, but sooner would be really appreciated;

For the Clubnight - just turn up at the Blue Mountain Golf Centre in Bracknell for an 8 o'clock start.

Contact AG on : 'mobile : 07785 903 000 or e-mail : allan.goddard@csmclub.org

CSMA West Middlesex Group : Motorcycling News

On offer this month are some more motorcycling delights!

Saturday 27th June – Tuesday 30th June :

Our French Ride Out ! This now over-subscribed event to l'cote du Opale is in the final stages of planning (just as well I s'pose!) and 15 of us are popping over for a few days fun and frolicking on those gloriously quiet French by-ways. I'll let you know how it all goes in our July Sump.... well, I may 'nominate' someone to do it for us!

Saturday/Sunday 4th – 5th July:

'Tis National Road Rally time! Once again a number of us will be 'going for Gold' (but settling for Silver and having a good time!) on this Annual highlight of the West Middlesex motorcycling year. We'll be Starting at Pinewood in Bracknell on Saturday afternoon where the Control will be manned by CSMA Motorcycle Committee members, & then we'll proceed to ride around Central & Southern England for three or four hundred miles eventually arriving at Bletchley Park on Sunday morning, joining up with the 1500 or so other Competitors. If you're not joining us, or even if you are, perhaps you'd like to support my fund raising effort for Mencap? Sincere thanks to all those that have already pledged support, and please get in touch if you would like to add yours.

Tuesday July 28th :

The Mid-Week Ride Out. We'll meet at the Jolly Woodman on Littleworth Common (our Noggin an' Natter venue) from 9am for breakfast and depart promptly at 10. And guess what? We're going to visit the Triumph factory at Meridan !

I'll e-mail out more details to all the usual suspects, (aka the regular attendees for our Tuesday Rides Out...) and to anyone else that asks, a little nearer the date. Meanwhile, if you could register you interest with me asap for this one please, I'd be grateful. I have yet to be advised of minimum or maximum numbers by the factory, but we are going !!! And please note the err...different Start point!

Sunday 2nd August:

The Mid-Summer BBQ 'Run! More details next month but we'll probably be starting from the Jolly Woodman about 10am & finishing up with a BBQ at that excellent venue we know in Hook ! Interesting routes for both Cars & Bikes, each of around a hundred miles, followed by a really social afternoon / evening make this a popular event for us all. Put the date in your diary.....

All our mid-week Ride Outs are 'open' to all CSMA Members, their friends & family. We tend to 'bimble' rather than 'blat' and Motorways & A roads are kept to an unavoidable minimum. We always find plenty of quality 'stops', mileages are very manageable, and every Mid-Week Ride finishes at our Noggin & Natter on Littleworth Common. So come & join us – as long as it's on a Motorcycle, you won't regret it !

More details from**AG**

CSMA North London Centre 'QUADRUPLEX'

Saturday 25th July 2009

... presented by WEST MIDDLESEX GROUP.

This will be an entertaining evening of light-hearted inter-Group competition but will NOT involve maps, navigation, Table Top Rally skills or, for that matter, exercise for any part of the anatomy other than the old Grey Matter!

The only 'equipment' you'll require will be a pen (or pencil if you're not allowed to play with pens yet...), your unstinting loyalty to CSMA Club activity (!), and, as always, a huge dollop of your Sense of Humour!

The exact details of the evening remain a closely guarded secret but it will have a Team type format with a bit of a twist, & the more people we get along the better! Teams of four representing each NLC CSMA Group will be ideal, but of course, Groups can be represented by any number of Teams, but a minimum of two is required for the Trophy!

At the evening's end the Groups will have earned a result – 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc ...and the Quadruplex Trophy will be awarded to the two NLC Group Teams that have the lowest combined score.

A complimentary Supper / Buffet will be provided part-way through the evening and a reasonably priced bar will also be available to us.

PLEASE NOTE: TO FACILITATE ACCURATE CATERING REQUIREMENTS CAN INDIVIDUAL GROUP SECRETARIES PLEASE ADVISE THE ORGANISER OF EXPECTED NUMBERS, or there may not be enough chips !!!

All CSMA members, friends & family will be welcomed and I hope that a Saturday date (and no work on Sunday?) will encourage many Group members to come along for the evening and join in the fun.

So, the details are :

- Date ? Saturday 25th July 2009
- Time ?.... 5.30pm for a 6 o'clock start. (Anticipated finish 9.30pm....)
- Place?.... Windsor Liberal Club, Victoria St, Windsor, Berks SL4 1EN
- Further information can be sought from AG on the contacts below :

Hope to see you all there for a bumper turnout !

Allan Goddard

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July Clubnight - Walk

A gentle meander through the countryside!

Come along for a (gentle) walk by the majestic river Thames at Cookham, Berkshire. We'll take in a Hostel-ry, or two, for libations and victuals, or if you prefer, something to drink and eat.

We'll meet at the car park in Cookham Common at 7.45pm for an 8.00pm start.

Contact Derrick, 07905 005963

September Clubnight - Curry!

Advance warning – I feel a **CURRY** coming on!

A curry night in Windsor, at the Elaishi restaurant is planned for September. This is the 'usual' venue for our, now, traditional curry so come along and pop a poppa-dom.

Contact Derrick, 07905 005963

Just when you thought things couldn't get any worse.....

Next time you get a parking ticket spare a thought for poor old 77 year old Fred Holt who was unlucky enough to be visiting his local bank the day 2 masked raiders broke in brandishing axes and machetes. Forced to lie on the floor whilst they threatened staff and collected the loot, Fred also worried about his car parked nearby, especially as he was obliged to give the local plod a statement before being able to leave. Although reassured by the boys in blue that local wardens were aware of the raid and had been instructed not to issue tickets, heartless local wardens still pinned a £ 30 ticket to his windscreen for overstaying the time by a measly 20 minutes.....

Not to mention the hapless Nadhim Zahawi who on suffering the misfortune to be thrown from his scooter, breaking his leg in the process, was helpless to protest when a Lambeth Jobsworth Official slapped a £100 ticket on his broken bike lying next to him.....

Being 'official' did not however help the mayor of Sittingbourne in Kent opening a local shop. The High Street was closed to traffic, as people basked in the sunshine enjoying the simple ceremony, whilst the Mayoral car behind them, complete with Mayoral Flag, Insignia et al was duly ticketed.....

Even worse was the Numpty who ticketed the R.N.L.I. Crew vehicle in the West Country because they were unable to park in their normal allocated spot, whilst on a shout . The reason? A council bin lorry was in the way!

Meanwhile in Scotland, Nicky Clegg was relieved she, her 11 year old son and 82 year old mother escaped with their lives when a tree crashed onto the bonnet of the car they were traveling in. Police advised her to pick up the car the next day, after they had sorted everything out – but when she returned it was to find a parking ticket taped to her shattered windscreen.

Finally a tale from Manchester! When local bus driver saw a queue of people waiting at a bus stop he did what all self respecting bus drivers should do and stopped his number 77 to allow passengers to get on. Imagine the disbelief of all around as the local Community Enforcement Officer joined the queue , appeared to be writing something down – and yes, once he reached the head of the queue issued the £40 notice and strolled nonchalantly away. The Crime? Parking in a restricted area!

Unabashed when challenged, the warden another Jobsworth if ever there was one, explained that he had orders to issue tickets to parked buses. Manchester City Council later rescinded the ticket and issued a statement with the pertinent fact that the warden was being retrained.

Hopefully for another job.

Ann Holden

The deadline for articles for the

July

Sump is June 24th!

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Motor Sport Coordinators' Bulletin

Date	Day	Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club	Champ
June	Sun 7	* Gymkhana (C)	Longer version of an AutoSolo	Chelmsford MC	
	Sun 7	* Treasure Hunt ()	Driving treasure hunt invite	Green Belt MC	
July	Sun 5	Greenacres (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NWL	Centre
	Sun 12	AutoSolo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Farnborough DMC	
	Sat 25	Quadruplex ()	Intergroup Quiz	CSMA WMx	Centre
	Sun 26	Grasshopper (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NEL	Centre
Aug	8/9	Welsh Enduro (Nat B)	Enduro road event	Amman &DMC	
Sept	Sun 6	AutoSolo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	CSMA NEL	Centre
	Tue 8	Castle Combe Track Day ()	Thrash round a race circuit	CSMA NL	
	Sun 13	AutoSolo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Farnborough DMC	

Licence required: (I/Nat A/Nat B/Cm) = MSA Licence, (C) = Club Card, () = Nothing, * = Regs available

Previous Events

Bocardo AutoSolo A full entry made for a long day at this new venue. Held in the main car park just outside the gates to the circuit, it certainly gave a long course with times around the 90s mark. Held in dry but windy conditions, the field had three runs at four different courses and we had three Centre drivers out. John Peterson brought his Mini along and came 4th in class, James Newbould was out in the Corsa and came 3rd in his class, whilst I was 2nd in class and 4th overall.

Farnborough AutoSolo Well it was a very wet day for most of the event, we even had a hail storm just before we started. It added a new element to the event and gave a challenge to the drivers. The second test was done in the dry but the rain returned for the other runs, although it was drying out on the last run, as I find out when I pushed a front tyre off the rim on cornering. The venue didn't allow cars to get back to the paddock between runs and I hadn't been able to pump them up. Derek & James Newbould were at the event but pulled out before the start, which only left myself from the Centre. I had a very entertaining drive a times, even managing to have a second gear tank-slapper at one point, but the car held together (6 mpg on test) for a class win and 4th overall. Coming home the car also managed to do 43 mpg, which was pretty good loaded down with all the kit.



Future Events

Juniper Autotest This is one of the best venues on the championship calendar, so come along and watch the best drivers in the country doing their handbrake turns and using superb car control to get round the courses. Offers to marshal either to Graham McLean or myself, as we will need a lot to make this event happen. To help you, each marshal will get a free burger and a hot drink and guidance on what is required. There is nothing tricky or difficult, but you do get time to see the action at close quarters. No spectators allowed, so watch from the marshalling point of view.



Treasure Hunt This is an invite to a Green Belt MC organised treasure hunt on the 7th June and they are well worth having a go at. The event starts at 2pm and the entry fees are £7.50 per car (two person crew) plus £2.50 per extra person. The event takes place on map 177 and starts from The King's Oak, High Beach at MR 411981.

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Greenacres Autotest The event will be on the 5th July and will run at the usual Dunstable venue. This will be a passenger carrying event and is held on a smooth grass field. Nice easy all-forward tests are on offer and is suitable for your standard car. Let me know if you require regs and I'll send you a copy when they are out.

Farnborough AutoSolo Another invite, this time on the 12th July. Back to Aldershot for this one and the entry fee will be the usual £30. Let me know if you require regs and I'll send you a copy when they are out.

Quadruplex Inter-Group The revised date for this event is Saturday 25th July, to give you a chance of attending. The venue is the Liberal Club in Windsor, postcode SL4 1EN, with 5.30pm for a 6 o'clock start (anticipated finish 9.30pm). The format is most likely a quiz, so no special knowledge or kit required. Supper provided part way through. Please let your Group Secretary know if you are going, to let the organisers know for catering purposes.

Grasshopper Autotest The second of the grass autotests will be held at the usual Studd Farm site over near Dunstable. Bernard Ward will be organising again and more details will appear next month.

CSMA AutoSolo Advance notice that NEL are running another AutoSolo this year, on the 6th Sept, but this time at Bovingdon airfield, near Hemel Hempstead. This means much more open tests and no kerbs! Hopefully the entry fee may be cheaper as well.

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Simon Mummery		

Marshalling and Motorsport Matters

Abingdon Motorsport CAR-nival, Dalton Barracks, Oxfordshire.

Saturday 13 June - Sprint & Autosolo.

Sunday 14 June - Stage Rally.

A great motorsport weekend with a barbecue, beer tent and marshals draw, with a lot of people staying on site from the Friday to the Monday. Tents, caravans, motorhomes, vans, cars welcome. Fresh water is available and lots of porta loos.

For marshalling call Graham on 020 8553 4700 or email: graham.mclean@bt.com

Can you help ?

R U available Sunday 5 July - same date, choice of two great events.

Essex Charity Stages, Bradwell on Sea, Essex.

CSMA North London Marshalling Team have been asked to support this event and will need plenty of support to cover all the positions: marshalling, start and finish timekeeping, and safety radios. Sadly some of the usual stages will not be available this year but you will still get to be involved in the action working alongside experienced marshals. We will need to sign-on by 0800 and the event will run till about 1700 hours. Bring refreshments to sustain you and **sun protection**. Prizegiving will follow at Bradwell Marina.



Enjoy an action packed day of club rallying at its best on the Dengie peninsula.

For marshalling call Graham on 020 8553 4700 or email: graham.mclean@bt.com

CSMA NW London Greenacres Autotest, Studd Farm, Stanbridge, Leighton Buzzard.



The event is run on a smooth grass field and the tests are all forwards. This is suitable for any car, even autos, and is totally non damaging and very good fun. All you have to do is drive a set route around some cones against the clock and you even have the chance to drop scores. The design of the tests will be easy to remember and you will have time to watch others to see how it's done (bound to be wrongly in some cases).

For entries please call Mike on 01525 720299 or email: mike.biss@btinternet.com

For marshalling call Graham on 020 8553 4700 or email: graham.mclean@bt.com

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