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Davetorial

I have this weird feeling of deja-vu, cannot think why though, oh, yes, I have this hazy memory, I was editor once before.

The Sump has certainly entered the 21st century since I last put my hands to the keyboard, what with electronic Sumps and the like.

All I can remember was the last minute panic to get the Sump originals photo-copied, then, once that was done, an evening’s work was needed to staple, fold and stuff envelopes. Fortunately, all I now have to do is compile the newsletter, unfortunately using software I am unfamiliar with, but I am learning fast. All the hard work of distribution is now done by

Derrick, well-done that man...

I am just getting back into the swing of things at West Middlesex Group, having had a seven-year break from most of the group’s activities. In that time I have been involved in a minor way with events such as Scalextric evenings or, the odd bit of Marshalling, just so that I was not totally isolated from things. But, recently I have had the urge to “get back out there”, and, having recently attended a couple of Clubnights and a Committee meeting, it is as if I had not been away from things at all.

Until Next Month

Dave Wiles
Editor

A Note from your Chairman

Hello everyone,

Never cast a clout ‘til May is out. Well, it’s nearly out – and probably will be out, by the time you read these words. So get your tops off (car tops that is) and enjoy the summer, hopefully the ‘barbecue summer’ that the Met Office promised us last year!

Thanks to AG for arranging the visit to Tony Oliver’s collection – wonderful. And, I do believe that AG is organising the Golf day and Golf clubnight (that’s not a pun by the way,

Golf-club-night.....never mind!) so come on all you ‘Nutters with Putters’ and have a go.

The only two things that I know about golf are that the only way to ensure missing a tree is to aim straight at it, and, that playing with your spouse on the golf course runs almost as great a marital risk as getting caught playing with someone else’s anywhere else!

Enough from me, see you on the ice..

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

Derrick

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Secretary's Scribblings

Just back from another CSMA-related activity – CSMA were an invited club to Bedford Car Club's Gravel Production Car Autotest. Not a cloud in the sky, very warm, loads of (soft) drinks downed, a nice Mk1 Escort freshly returned from the Classic East African Safari to look at, and I said no to a trophy! A good day.

Owen (son number two, 15) impressed me with his aggressive driving, but demolished too many cones at 10 secs a time. I'd highly recommend the next event at the end of July, especially if there are any young drivers who fancy a go. There were five drivers of varying abilities under road driving age, a great place for them to learn real car handling skills. There's even an award for the best Young Driver.

After my break from motorsport I qualify as a Beginner – less than three autotests in the last three years for this event. However as I was in 4th overall at lunch, leading the class by a long way, I decided to move up a class, I want to see the youngsters win something. Cath Woodman was only 2 seconds ahead of me in the non-Expert, non-Beginner class anyway, I could catch her!

So much for that plan, others went quicker, I ended up 6th overall, second in class to Cath who ended up third overall. I was only about 4 seconds behind her. Looks like I need to get a 205 GTi again, I'm a power boy, I can't drive 1400cc cars!

Earlier in the month we visited Daytona in Milton Keynes for the Karting Groups first race day at the venue. Oli and I had been before, but he was limited to racing in the car park around tyres as he was too

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young for the full track. None of that this time, the full track was on offer. Immediately the karts showed that they varied a great deal, Oli couldn't get a quick lap in during qualifying. This put him down the grid for the race, and he then went backwards as he had what was proven to be the slowest kart out there. 10th overall in the qualifying race put him on the back of the 20 person grid for the A Final, I don't think Oli has ever been outside the top four before.

Daytona at Sandown Park was where Oli started "serious" karting and the karts were always very even. Shame that wasn't the case at Milton Keynes, they're probably focussing on their Rotax fleet. At least Oli had a good kart for the A Final which saw him move from 20th to 4th, so not bad. The CSMA Karting event at Sandown Kart should be good, I think Oli may still hold the lap record there.

Unfortunately we missed the WMX clubnight at Eton Wick motor museum, but doubtless a good time was had by all.

So loads happening in CSMA land. Come on out and join in. Your own West Middlesex team has organised a variety of events this month. 10th June sees the annual Golf Championship at Blue Mountain, Bracknell. Time for my annual game of golf. Clubnight is that same night at the golf club for golf-related fun for everyone.

If there are any other activities you'd like to do then let us know. It's more fun with a crowd.

See you out there.

*Alan Wakeman
(Secretary)*

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*The Montreuil Meander ~ Our Classic
Vehicle Group's French Motoring
Tour in 2010*

Skipping along a French country lane like a school-child, holding hands with a lady I'd only met a few short hours ago, and in the company of 50 other Members all happily behaving in a similar fashion, was NOT the image of potential activities I'd had in mind when we filled in the Entry Form to enter the CSMA Montreuil Meander way back last December !

Re-winding to some eighteen months ago, our Club Captain Allan Goddard (aka AG), had suggested to the CSMA's Classic Vehicle Group we should celebrate our Club's Motoring Heritage in style, & re-introduce to our Calendar of Events for 2010, a short Continental Tour. The original plan was to take a dozen or so Members & their Classic Cars for a weekend in France but (due to popular demand???) an unprecedented sixty-nine 'Notices of Interest were received and the plan was extended to a long weekend with 50 Members enjoying 3 nights & 4 days away exploring the delights of the Cote d'Opale region. Montreuil-sur-Mer is almost (!) on the Channel coast of France some 60 miles due south of Calais. Le-Touquet is probably the best-known town in the area.

So, on a Thursday in late April, all but four of the participants gathered at a Hotel in Dover for a Welcome Supper & the Event Briefing prior to our departure early on the Friday morning. This plan to get down near to the Port on the Thursday was a vain attempt to prevent (unsuccessfully) the need to get up too early in the morning – it didn't work for us, we were just too excited ! But, in the excellent company of the other Meanderers, we had a jolly good night in the Bat & Compass adjacent to our Hotel, and even a few hours sleep, before we joined the remaining four 'Friday arrivals' outside in the car park . Soon we were all safely booked in and dutifully queuing in lane 147 on the dockside ready to board P&O's 'Pride of Burgundy' and the 09.15am sailing to Calais.

Once aboard, we gathered in the 'specially reserved Orient Lounge where AG gave us an uncharacteristically short briefing to back-up the regular & comprehensive Bulletins he'd been sending us for the last few months. Then Breakfast was the order of the day, thoroughly enjoyable as we crossed on a flat-calm sea across the Channel.

France ! As advised at our 'briefing, we had our comprehensive Road Book open and the Trip-meter set at Zero. We trickled off the boat into a beautiful sunny day and followed the Instructions as we all headed out in little groups of two or three cars, into the beckoning French countryside.

En route to our first Coffee Stop, we turned south for Ardres and onto some lovely quiet country roads. In truth that was pretty much the way it was for the next four days with mile after mile of mostly traffic free, well surfaced minor roads, meandering in & out of typical French villages and small towns, through some lovely valleys & forests – such a pleasure after the freneticism of South-East England!

Tucked away within one of these forest areas near Desvres was a delightful little Hotel where we had a light lunch in a splendid setting. Most ignored the private room facility and chose to soak up the sun on the veranda overlooking a valley & an ancient water mill. Grazing donkeys and a variety of waterfowl added to the scene, but most noteworthy were the fresh baked pain-au-chocolat which were served with a fresh fruit salad as a final flourish to our first taste of France !

Back on the road for half an hour and we stopped at a Chocolate Factory in Bessant. AG had arranged a private Tour of this facility and what an eye-opener it was. But first we had to negotiate the 200metre stretch of road between the car park & the Factory entrance. 'Headmaster' Goddard told us to hold hands and walk in an orderly fashion along the road edge to the gates – you can imagine what we were all like, the prospect of visiting a chocolate factory was too much, hence the activity described in my opening paragraph ! But it was all great fun & the Group were 'gelling' rapidly.

Free Samples and suicidal chocolate rabbits (oh, you had to be there!) behind us, we headed for Montreuil. The highly detailed Road book allowed us to negotiate the rather complex one-way cobbled streets of this ancient old walled town and soon we were all gathered in the 'secure' parking area of the Hotel Hermitage.

The Hotel AG had brought us to was simply superb. A complimentary glass or two of Champagne for all on arrival, attentive Staff, and

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our very comfortable & well appointed rooms were a preamble to the most sumptuous evening Buffet most of us had ever experienced. The chatter in the 'bar reflected the activity of the day & the fellowship continued until the late evening.

The next morning, Saturday, the day after St George's Day, we were off to Agincourt ! Another beautiful morning heralded the departure of our Classics one by one. An old MG TF, a pair of Morgans and a 1972 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow were some of the early departees, and we headed out of town and up the first of seven valleys we were told we would drive through today. Who said Northern France is all flat ! Once again the scenery was beautiful with Spring trying it best to enhance the beauty even more. Almost every village tries to do something to help you remember passing by; one had a prolific array of flowers; in another, on the verges & the roundabout, were displayed exquisite wrought iron sculptures, depicting all manner of bicycles; and one even had a giant straw donkey that stood about 20 feet high to it's ears ! Startling ! Sanity was restored, our morning Coffee was taken alongside the Town Square in Fruges, and it was Market Day. Many of the stands specialised in women's clothing so our ladies were in their element with more than a few Euros being, err.... invested !

On via more undulating roads, in one area lined with scores of giant wind-turbines. Three more valleys and we arrived in time for a late lunch at Azincourt (French spelling). The sight of three of our Members' Austin-Healey 3000's, parked right outside 'our' Restaurant, soon attracted a small gathering of admiring locals, the admiration spreading as more and more Classics arrived over the next hour or so. The nearby Azincourt Museum was visited by most of us but we had another three valleys to travel through before we were back at base, and last night after Supper AG had handed out a walking Quiz too, so we had plenty to do back in Montreuil ! We had a Restaurant booked for all of us exclusively that evening and it was a most pleasant walk to and from the town centre and yet another excellent supper.

Sunday began as usual with AG's briefing which included the unlikely sounding snippet that today we may see some wild seals ! Well, a couple of hours later, at our Coffee stop in

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l'Hourdel, there were indeed seals, but we could only see them through a French guides rather powerful binoculars as they were sunning themselves on a sand bank about a mile off shore. But they were there thus giving us yet another reason to return and seek a viewing of these elusive creatures sometime in the future. On to lunch at St Valerie in an unusual tented Friterie where Moules & Frites were a popular option.

Refreshed & replete, we headed back to Montreuil, via a pretty route of course, and just time to fit in a little more clue-hunting for the Quiz before another gastronomic delight in a restaurant that rejoiced in the name 'Froggy's' ! A completely different 'French' experience from all the others we'd had, and we'd had a few by now, and voted by most as the best food experience of the weekend. Back at the Hotel, AG presided over marking the Quiz, an entertainment in itself, which was really great fun. This was followed by the Event Awards presentation, and more entertainment, all of which, for some of us, went on into the wee small hours.

Monday, and it was 'Au revoir Montreuil. Following the morning 'briefing we all gathered around Reception to say a group CSMA Thank You to all the Hotel staff that had been so helpful to everyone. Leaving Montreuil for the last time, the cobbles beneath the wheels almost saying "see-you-soon, see-you-soon", we're out into the countryside and heading northeast. Our morning break today was at a simple country bar & café with the most excellent home-made baguettes & croissants. These were more than enough to sustain us all through the last leg of our Tour although a Final stop had been planned by the ever diligent AG at a small café on the outskirts of Calais so he could count us all in and no one would be stranded in France. It also happened to have a very reasonably priced Supermarche alongside it – just right for picking up that last bottle or two of the favourite 'Red.

A short buzz back to the Port and everyone was in the queue on schedule to catch the Pride of Burgundy back to Kent. Most of us once more gathered in the Orient lounge to say our Goodbyes, all vowing that we simply must do this again. It was a really super long weekend with many Members,

JULY

- 3rd/4th National Motorcycle Rally
- 8th Clubnight - Walking Treasure Hunt - Start 8.00pm at The Liberal Club, Windsor
- 11th Greenacres Autotest CSMA NWL
- 27th Ride Out – Meet 10am - at Blackbushe Airport
- 27th Noggin, Jolly Woodman, Littleworth Common

AUGUST

- 8th WMX Ride Out - Summer Run and Bar-B-Que
- 8th Grasshopper Autotest CSMA NWL
- 9th Brooklands Museum Visit
- 31st Ride Out –

Forthcoming Events

June

- 6th Juniper Autotest CSMA NEL**
- 10th Golf Day – Blue Mountain Golf Centre, Wood Lane, Binfield, RG42 4EX**
- 10th Clubnight - Start 8.00pm at The Blue Mountain Golf Centre, Bracknell**
- 26th Quadruplex Inter-group competition CSMA NWL**
- 27th Windrush – details from Derrick Holden.**
- 29th Ride Out – Meet 9am – at The Pad Cafe, Wycombe Air Park**
- 29th Noggin, Jolly Woodman, Littleworth Common**

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who had never been on any sort of CSMA event before, making lots of new friends. The camaraderie was great and the attention to detail in the planning meant that even the real 'Novices', like us, had no problems at all, either on the road or with the non-driving bits !

Many thanks to AG for all the effort that went into the organising. Great Hotel, great

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company, great routes, great food, and great weather - we can't wait for the next one, and I don't think we're the only ones!

Kam Rahshy

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Montreuil Meander : April 2010

CSMA West Middlesex Group :

Our JULY CLUBNIGHT WILL BE ON THURSDAY 8th .

Our usual Windsor Liberal Club venue will host our Annual
Walking Treasure Hunt !

Signing-On opens at 07.45pm with first crew away at 8.15pm.

Pauline & Andy are our Organisers

..... so you know it'll be a good night out !!!

Improve your health by getting active and enjoying your local CSMA Club autotest, we urgently need your support to make this happen.

CSMA JUNIPER AUTOTESTS

Sunday 6 June 2010 @ Hatfield, Herts.
Food voucher provided and marshals draw.

Volunteer by contacting Graham on
graham.mclean@bt.com
<mailto:graham.mclean@bt.com>
or call

020 8553 4700 (evenings)

CSMA West Middlesex Group
2010 Championship Golf Day
and CLUBNIGHT : Thursday 10th June 2010.

Our Golf tournament this year will be on Thursday 10th 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 . Cheques payable to:

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

The details

- * Venue - Blue Mountain Golf Club in Bracknell, Wood Lane, Binfield, RG42 4EX,
- * Maximum number of players will be 16 - 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
(Ham, Eggs & Chips plus a dessert.)

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

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

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

For Golf - **contact AG before Tuesday 25th May 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@csmaclub.org

June 2010**Motor Sport Coordinators' Bulletin**

Date	Day	Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club	Champ
Jun	Sun 6	* Juniper Autotest (Nat B)	Tarmac autotest	CSMA NEL	BTRDA
Sat	12	* Gold & Silver Goblets (C)	Tarmac & grass autotest	Mersia Motorsports	
Sat	26	* Quadruplex ()	Inter-group competition	CSMA NWL	Centre
Jul	Sun 11	Greenacres Autotest (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NWL	Centre
Sun	25	Gravel Autotest (C)	Loose surface autotest	Bedford CC	
Aug	Sun 8	Grasshopper Autotest (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NWL	Centre

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

Previous Events

Honington Gymkhana Another fantastic event by Chelmsford MC which saw a near capacity 60 car entry and included six CSMA entries. The day gave us dry first runs, wet second runs and then dry on both third and fourth runs. There were ten courses during the day as well as four skill tests to do. At the end of the day I lost first place by just one second, but the top six were only separated by six seconds. Thoroughly good fun and if you haven't done one before, give the next one a go.



Silverstone AutoSolo Another good event around the car park at Silverstone race circuit, which saw a full entry of 60 cars taking part, with three CSMA members entered. The event was dry throughout but we all needed faster cars to keep up with the lighter versions. The next one at this venue will be in October.



Gravel Autotest We had four CSMA entries out on this new event to us and a good time was had by all. Plenty of gravel to slide around on, which made it like a wet grass event but with more traction, and proper facilities on site. The site is quite small, so only one test can be laid out at a time, but we did get through five tests and three runs at each. Very hot dusty day, but very good fun none the less. Looking

forward to the next one on the 25th July.

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 voucher for a free burger and a hot drink (very nice they are too) 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.



Gold & Silver Goblets Autotest This is a multi-venue autotest with some venues on tarmac and others on grass but there were 31 different tests on offer last year. Organised by Mersia Motorsports and we have an invite to it. The event which starts from Mallory Park race circuit in Leicester. The format has changed for this year and all the tests will be forwards only (no reversing) and double entries will be allowed. A passenger is required for this one, but that means you can both have a go. The entry is £25. Contact me for regs.

Quadruplex This will be organised by NWL on Saturday 26th June at the Greenwood Park Community Centre, Tippendell Lane, Chiswell Green, St Albans AL2 3HW. The event timing

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is 1:45pm for 2:15pm start and what you are going to get is not known until the day, but you are sure to enjoy yourselves.

Greenacres Autotest The event will be now be on the 11th July (one week later) 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. Entry fee is £17. Let me know if you want regs and I'll send you a copy.

Gravel Autotest We have an invite to another gravel autotest run by Bedford Car Club, being held on Sunday 25th July. The venue is at Little Houghton, Northants and the entry fee is

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only £10. You have the option of entering the PCA event (passengers) or the other event (no passengers). Regs available from myself.

Grasshopper Autotest The event will be now be on the 8th August (two weeks later than normal) 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. Entry fee is £17. Let me know if you want regs and I'll send you a copy.

Mike Biss: NLC Motor Sports Coordinator

E-mail: mike.biss@btinternet.com

CSMA West Middlesex Group Motorcycle Events

June / July Ride-Outs

29th June & 27th July 2010

Tuesday, June 29th The June Mid-Week Ride Out !

This time we'll meet at the Pad Café, High Wycombe Air Park SL7 3DR and we're going westwards. Breakfast is planned for 9.00am & we'll move off at 10 o'clock. As usual more from AG if you need to ask

Tuesday, July 27th The July Mid-Week Ride Out !!

We'll gather at the Bushe Café at Blackbushe Airport on the A30 just outside Camberley – 9am for breakfast, to move off at 10 o'clock. I'll let you know where we're bound next month !

Saturday ~ Sunday 3 ~ 4th July The National Rally !!!

There's still just time to enter this great event - as I said last month, you should promise yourself to do it at least once in your life! We've already got a nice little WMx contingent going along but let me know if you're interested in joining us on this years Event please. Just as a taster, we'll meet at Pauline & Andy's Café at Pinewood about 10am & Ride to our chosen Start point together. Fear not, by the time the actual date arrives we'll definitely have a plan !

Sunday 1st August – Old Warden

We'll have a West Middlesex motorcyclists' presence at this fabulous Air Display weekend.....a Ride Out to, & a display at, is envisaged. Two Start points, breakfast at the Jolly Woodman from 7.30am, and we'll pick up the rest of the Ride at the new Beaconsfield Services alongside M40 / J2 at 8.30.

28th / 29th August

CSMA 'Big Weekend' at Thruxton in Hampshire – trust me, one not to be missed !

Our Newsletter, the SUMP, will have all the details month-by-month but if you need to know more information before then, please contact me on :

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