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The Strangest thing that the editor saw during his visit to Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine. A footbridge that had literally thousands of padlocks locked to it, for good luck, by newly married couples,. Each padlock being engraved with the couples' names.

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Davetorial

Well, what a month I have had...

May started with my trip to the Ukraine, a country that is way, way off the tourist trail, I now understand quite why that is so. British Airways runs two Airbus A320 return flights a day to Kiev, the Ukrainian capital city, from Heathrow terminal 5. It would appear that most of these flights are rarely over-subscribed.

The outbound journey to Kiev on Thursday 28th April was my first ever flight on a Commercial Airliner, so, I decided that I just had to do things in style... I flew Business Class... Ok, the fare is nearly three times that for “Cattle Class”, but, the service from the BA flight crew was second to none. Even the scrambled egg in the breakfast was creamy and delicious, quite how they achieved that is still puzzling me. I am now firmly hooked on flying, and cannot wait for my next trip(s).

The arrivals area at the main terminal at Kiev resembles a refugee transition camp, and, the immigration officers, who are all dressed in military uniform, immediately remind one of the fact that the Ukraine was once at the heart of the Soviet Union. All very bureaucratic and unsmiling. Once through immigration

the baggage reclaim hall is chaotic and tiny (I work at Heathrow Airport, so, anything smaller would appear tiny to me) with just a couple of over-worked baggage carousels. Once you have recovered your bags, your troubles really begin... You exit into the main public area of the airport. There are hundreds of taxi drivers touting for your trade... It is wise not be tempted by any of them, or you will be frog-marched to a waiting car and, then be at the mercy of an over-charging maniac. It is recommended that you get the hotel where you are staying to arrange a taxi for you. At least then, you know that you will reach your hotel in one piece. I discovered this the hard way, but that is another story...

It would unfortunately appear that the Ukraine has a minority of people who only want to separate you from your money. But, apart from that, and from what I have seen, the Ukraine is a lovely country, it is very clean, there is little or no litter, there is also very little street crime, most of the people are very friendly, and, very importantly, I felt extremely safe whilst walking the streets of Kiev and Dnepropetrovsk. I was even able to use my limited knowledge of Russian to great effect. Please (pajaleesta), whilst pointing to something, and, thank-you (Kharasho), when what you ordered, or have bought is

presented to you, seem to work wonders in restaurants and shops. But, and this is a very big but, you have to be relatively fluent in Russian, very few Ukrainians have a knowledge of English.

have returned feeling stronger and more positive about life in general. Even though the reason for my visit was a total disaster, I will have very fond memories of my time spent in the Ukraine.

Altogether, my trip has opened my eyes to the world of international travel, and I

Until July...

Dave Wiles

A Note from your Chairman

Hello everyone,

Memory! It's an amazing thing – a colleague just asked me if I had received an E mail he had sent the previous evening. "Yes" I said.....we both then spent about 15 minutes trying to remember what said E mail was about – we'd only been looking at it a few hours earlier! There was a reason for sharing this with you, but I can't recall what it was – I'll carry on and await divine inspiration...

Thanks to Hugh for organising the May Clubnight activity. A good time was had by all, I'm just sorry that I missed it but I was on my way to *La belle Francais* with AG for his *Canche Caper*. It was a tough call!

Next up is a walk around Fifield, organised by Simon – on 9th June; I believe he may be exercising your brains as well as your feet, so come along and give it a go. Wear comfy shoes for your feet and a comfy hat for your brain (don't get them mixed up) and pitch-up at the Fifield Inn at about 7.30pm.

Also, AG has lots of things going on as usual; Ride-outs etc, etc, etc...you know how to get in touch with him, and don't forget N & N's.

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We seem to be facing a long, hot summer according to the weather *person* (notice how *politically* correct I've been there?) I just hope it turns out better than the 'barbecue summer' the idiots promised last year. The fact that it coincides with yet another volcano literally blowing its top, pumping *tonnes and tonnes* (notice how *metrically* correct I've been there?) of rock, pumice, soot, ash, carbon dioxide, sulphur etc...into the atmosphere to block out our 'long, hot summer' and wreck our travel arrangements seems just bloody typical (see how bloody politically sodding brassed off I am there?) ?!!*@! Mr Regulator insists that diddly squat must come out of my tailpipe (so to speak) whilst natural ~~phenom~~ ~~phenam~~ events make a joke of our CO₂ targets. Actually, last year's eruption stranded us in Majorca and my kids say my BBQ's are always held in the cold and dark anyway, so it's not all bad news, is it?

Nope.....still can't remember why I wrote the first bit; it's obviously very important!

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

Derrick Holden

P.S. I'll probably remember as soon as

I press the 'send' button.
PPS. Then again, probably not!
PPPS. I've heard that the girl involved
in the 'super injunction' fuss, Imogen

Thomas, has started a singing career
– apparently she's been doing Gigs
all over the place!

Secretary's Scribblings

Another silly busy month, which also included a presentation to LV in a work capacity. I had to get a few pics of my time with Frizzell Rally Team CSMA in there to break the ice !

And talking of LV, a few words were crossed with Britannia Rescue, something which could affect us all. This all started when Oli tried to change his Britannia cover from his old 106 rally car to his "new" Rover rally car. For the first time ever, we were asked whether the car had been modified or used in competition. I informed the Britannia person that the only modifications were safety related, and the Rover was a similar specification to the 106 it was replacing. We'd never encountered this questioning before and were promptly told that Britannia couldn't cover the car as it had been modified and used in competition.

I pointed out that we were CSMA members and that our level of cover is different to "normal" Britannia customers. No joy. I then pointed out that the CSMA LV policy covers us for rallying up to and including National B level. Following on, many CSMA members use their standard car for autotests, autosolos, gymkanas, 12 car rallies, etc, etc. Taking Britannia's view, a lot of you wouldn't be covered.

I even contacted CSMA Club and they confirmed Britannia's stance.

DON'T PANIC ! You ARE covered. Despite the discussion with Britannia taking place over a long Bank Holiday weekend, I managed to contact Mike Biss and Geoff Eteson. Both confirmed our higher level of cover. This will be confirmed from "HQ", but in the meantime :

- Modified cars ARE covered.
- Cars used in competition ARE covered.
- Cars will be recovered from the public highway, but NOT a ditch in Kielder. Bottom line, get your car to a public highway and you'll be fine. In the past Britannia have requested that members inform them of events they're competing on. The logic is that additional vehicles will be allocated to an area if there are a large number of CSMA members doing an event. I must admit that I don't follow the logic of this as I've always been attended by local contractors. It's not clear whether we have to inform Britannia, I wouldn't bother in the meantime.

So, you're covered, don't worry. A definitive statement on cover should be forthcoming, but in the meantime don't let this situation hold you back – get out there and compete !

A busy few months coming up with Group and "HQ" events. Don't forget the Goodwood Festival of Speed and the BIG Weekend at Thruxton, order your tickets NOW !

Alan Wakeman

Our CSMA Year 2010

A very large part of our year is taken up by our involvement with CSMA activities. In 2010 we were unable to take part, as we usually do, in the West Middlesex branch's New Year Run as Roy was recovering from his quad heart by-pass in December. But by February, we were able to join the lunch club at the Woolpack, Hurstmonceaux and he hasn't looked back since.

Twice-monthly we meet with Bexhill group for lunch clubs and evening talks, meeting with old friends. During the year Roy (and sometimes me) go for a monthly Tuesday ride on motorcycles with the West Middlesex group, organised by Allan Goddard, the CSMA Captain.

In April we went with the CSMA Classic Vehicle Group to Montreuil in France for an excellent four-day trip, travelling some lovely French roads and partaking of nice French Food.

In May we drove to Wallingford, Oxfordshire for a small classic car show, and later in the month with the Bexhill group we visited Stone Cross windmill where we were shown around and enjoyed a cream tea!

June saw us on Roy's 1959 BSA Gold Flash at the Bromley Classic Vehicle Show. This is a huge meeting of hundreds of Classic cars and

motorcycles.

At the end of June we drove to a place near Oxford to join the annual Windrush run driving through lovely Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire villages and visiting the CSMA Motor Museum in Bourton-on-the-Water, which stands beside the Windrush River.

During July we drove to Pickering in Yorkshire to take part in the "Heartbeat" Run which visited the village featured in the TV Series. This event was just for a weekend and from there we travelled north and had an enjoyable two-weeks holiday, visiting friends in Hartlepool and Aberdeen. We also had a ride on the interesting Falkirk Wheel which is a boat lift designed for the Millennium and the only one in the world. We also spent time visiting National Trust houses and gardens in both England and Scotland, making use of our membership.

Back home for the beginning of August when we had a CSMA visit to The Shuttleworth Collection in Bedfordshire which houses an interesting array of early flying machines. Many of which were flown.

At the end of August Roy was off on his motorcycle to visit the Cairngorms with the motorcycle group.

Barbara Walter

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June

- Thurs 9 WMx Clubnight - "Annual Walk"** - Starting at 7.30pm
- Tues 28 WMx Ride-Out - Portland Bill & Poole** - Meet at the
- Tues 28 WMx Noggin & Natter** - Start 7.30pm - at - The Jolly
- Sat 24 - Sun 25 National Motorcycle Rally

July

- Thurs 14 WMx Clubnight - "Outdoor Quiz"** - at the Pinewood
- Thurs 14 Motorcycle Cream Tea Run - Start at Blackbushe**
- Tues 26 WMx Ride-Out - To the South Downs and Kent** - F
- Tues 26 WMx Noggin & Natter** - Start 7.30pm - at - The Jolly

August

- Thurs 11 WMx Golf Day** - at The Blue Mountain Golf Centre, V
Please contact Allan Goddard for further details.
- Thurs 11 WMx Clubnight - "Golfing Clubnight"** - at The Blue
- Tues 30 WMx Ride-Out - To Dorset** - Meet at Fair Oaks Airpo
- Tues 30 WMx Noggin & Natter** - Start 7.30pm - at - The Jolly

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m - **The Fifield Inn**, Fifield, Berks. - Please see page 8 for details.

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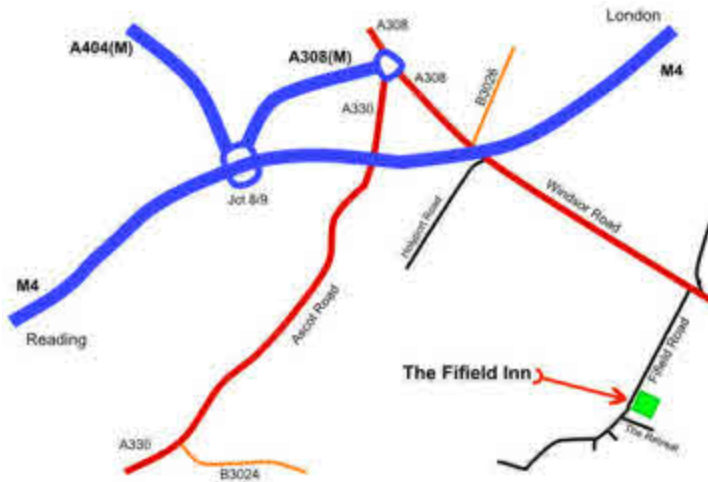
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CSMA West Middlesex Group June Clubnight

The Group Annual Walk

Starting at 7.30pm from

The Fifield Inn, Fifield Road, Fifield, Maidenhead, Berks. SL6 2NX



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The deadline for articles for the

July

Sump is June 20th

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CSMA West Middlesex Group Motorcycle stuff for the next couple of months...

Monthly mid-week Ride-Outs, Shows, Cream Tea Rides, etc., etc....!

Firstly : as I'm sure you all know by now, each month, on every last Tuesday from March until October, there will be a West Middlesex Group Mid-week Ride Out. The attached list is always fluid but will be confirmed at, or immediately following, the preceding month's Ride out, & also in our monthly Group newsletter, 'The Sump'.

Secondly : last month we went to the **Coventry Museum of Transport** ! Thirteen of us met up at the Hare Hatch Garden Centre for breakfast and there followed a one-hundred-and-six-mile B & C class road-route up to the Midlands via a lunch stop at the famous Jacks Hill Café on the A5 near Towcester where we were joined by David & Doreen for the middle part of our day. This all pre-empted our arrival at the Museum just in time for our planned Guided Tour. In itself this was of immense interest & the time allowed to see it all was far too short – on the spot we each vowed to return to this fascinating place, next time with a few extra hours on our side! It was after 5pm when we left, some of us went straight home whilst others followed on around our route with a late coffee stop in Bicester before arriving at our usual finishing place, our Noggin & Natter venue on Littleworth Common, the Jolly Woodman. A really good day out & not a spot of rain all day, unlike

.....**The Welsh National Motorcycle Rally** – Wow! Eight of us entered and we all duly gathered together at our tried-and-tested Travelodge in Shrewsbury to enjoy a 'night-before' Social evening which always precedes our very early morning start. With DR on 'Leader' duties, and a planned coffee & bacon sammies stop en-route, our arrival at the Start venue in Castle Caereinion (near Welshpool) was minute-perfect. Robin & Jeff rode solo efforts while the damp-half-dozen that remained chose to stick together, go for a Medal, and the coveted Dragon Award ! Ten minutes after arriving we were off and running again. Weather bright grey at first as we headed west & then north up to the coast. Well, it rained ! We stopped for coffee & so did the rain. We started again & ...you've guessed it! It started raining again!!! And this happened twice!

On to Anglesey, then back to the mainland to go south down the Meni Strait coast road, to the remote Morfa Dinlle air base where there was yet another Control point. The weather was improving all the time and, at Harlech Castle, we turned inland to visit Dolgellau and all manner of unpronounceable places, before traversing Snowdonia. By now we had completed enough Controls to earn a Bronze Award, & answered enough Questions at the Manned Checks to earn the coveted Dragon Award. So Dave tipped the front wheel of his Yamaha Diversion towards the Finish, we all willing followed (it had been a long, tough day), and we were all pretty well dry by the time we were done. A quick coffee, collect our Awards, a bit of banter with our fellow Competitors & we headed back to our Hotel, tired but happy, and to the pleasure that is a HOT shower following such a day ! Thanks to all my riding companions, Robin, Jeff, Geoff, Jon, Nick, Hugh, Martine and especially Dave R who, in his own inimitable way, led us around a fine route, got us where we needed to be, and all with a map he appears to keep in his head.. Sat Nav's? Who needs 'em? We've got a DR !!!!! Thanks Mate, another great weekend.

Thirdly : Our Adventures for the next few weeks

- Sunday 5th June ~ Sussex Summer Spree - combined Classics & M/C event on which I will 'lead' the 'bikes £10 to include subsidised entry to Amberley Museum give me a call
- Sat/Sunday June 24/25th ~ National Motorcycle Rally - please get in touch quickly if you want to join us!
- Tuesday June 28th ~ Ride Out - Meet at the Bushe Café 9.30am - to Portland Bill & Poole 'Bike night
- Thursday July 14th ~ Cream Tea Ride Out (1) starting & finishing at Pinewood - Meet 09.30am
- Friday 22nd - Sunday 24th July ~ Silverstone 'Classic' weekend - I will be arranging a Ride-In, more next month
- Tuesday July 26th ~ Ride Out - to the South Downs & East Kent
- Sat/Sunday Aug 13/14th ~ CSMA Big Weekend at Thruxton - I hope DR will lead a Ride In for us on Sunday
- Wednesday Aug 17th ~ Cream Tea Ride Out (2) to North Kent (not the same as July event!)
- Sunday 28th Aug (Bank Hol w/end) ~ A 'Ride- In' to RAF Dunsfold Wings & Wheels Show : details to follow
- Tuesday Aug 30th ~ Ride Out - meet at Fairoaks Airport at 09.30am - we're off to Dorset
- Wed 7th - Tues 13th Sept ~ Scottish National Rally (The B I G One !!) - more details from me
- Thursday Sept 15th ~ Cream Tea Ride Out (3) Our Annual trip to Langrish House - not to be missed !!!
- Tuesday Sept 20th ~ Castle Combe CSMA Track Day - Touring 'bike sessions available
- Tuesday Sept 27th ~ Ride Out from Claire's Café with Alan M.
- Tuesday Oct 25th ~ Ride Out - the last one on the 'bikes of 2011
- Tuesday November 29th ~ Ride Out - o NEC M/C Show ... our Annual visit

.... And if you do all that you'll be getting excellent value for your £15 per year subscription, don't you think????

For more detail on all of the above contact AG on : allan.goddard@csmaclub.org or 07785 903000

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Motor Sport Coordinators' Bulletin

June 2011

Date	Day	Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club	Champ
Jun	Sun 5	* Juniper Autotest (Nat B)	Tarmac autotest	CSMA NEL	MSA/BTRDA
Jul	Sun 3	* Honnington Gymkhana (C)	Longer version of an AutoSolo	Chelmsford MC	
	Sat 9	* Gold & Silver Goblets (C)	Tarmac & grass autotest	Mercia Motorsports	
	Sun 10	* Greenacres Autotest (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NWL	Centre
	Sun 24	Gravel Autotest (C)	Loose surface autotest	Bedford CC	
	Sun 31	* Grasshopper Autotest (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NEL	Centre

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

Previous Events

Quadruplex Congratulations to Southend for winning the Quadruplex trophy and putting on a very good event. Teams SOS 2 + SOS 3 on 152 Points were the team winners and teams NEL 1 + NEL 2 were the runners up on 139 Points.

TEAM	NAME	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	POS				
Roger Clark, Ann Clark Frank Burgess, Pat Burgess	SURREY	24	11	35	6	41	10	51	9	60	5	65	6
Staff Steed, Lesley Steed Bernard Ward	NEL 1	27	8	35	6	41	13	54	12	66	7	73	2
John Terry, Jackie Terry Beryl Smith	SOS 1	19	7	26	7	33	8	41	6	47	6	53	8
Don Dumenil, Jean Dumenil Ron Grenfell, Pat Grenfell	SOS 2	22	15	37	13	50	14	64	13	77	5	82	1
Peter Breuer, Alan Robins	SOS+NWL	23	8	31	11	42	12	54	11	65	7	72	3
Maureen Richards Pearl Jones, Jackie Higgins	SOS 3	21	16	37	7	44	15	59	6	65	5	70	4
Allen Norris, John Foster	NEL 2	22	9	31	7	38	10	48	12	60	6	66	5
Fred Dowson, Yvonne Dowson	SOS 4	22	7	29	6	35	12	47	7	54	5	59	7
Peter Jones, Pauline Jones	CENTRE 1	22	4	26	4	30	11	41	5	46	5	51	9

Future Events

Juniper Autotest Following on from its debut last year, the event has again been included in MSA British Championship, as well as the usual BTRDA championship. 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.



Honington Gymkhana We have another invite to a Chelmsford MC gymkhana, this one being held at RAF Honington. These are similar to an autosolo but are longer and also include some skill tests. Entry fee is £40 but have a word with someone who has done one of these events before to get the idea about them.

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 Mercia Motorsports and we have an invite to it. A passenger is required for this one, which starts from the BP Truckstop on the A5 near Rugby. The entry is £22. Contact me for regs.

Greenacres Autotest The event will be on the 10th 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. 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 this gravel autotest run by Bedford Car Club, being held on Sunday 24th July. The venue is at Little Houghton, Northants and the entry fee is 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 on the 31st 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 are suitable for your standard car. Entry fee is £17 and regs are now available.

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