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North West London behaving strangely at the Quadruplex!!

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Your Editor Speaking...

Hello again, and Merry Christmas to one and all!

I'm typing this (clearly!) before the printing and collating process gets underway with my fingers crossed... I'm fervently hoping that the process will go better than last month...

Since becoming editor I have tried to revive the practice of distributing the Sump at Noggin & Natter (turning up at Noggin gets your paper copy ahead of even the e-Sump - what more incentive could you have for attending?). The eagle-eyed Bob Head takes one look at his copy of Novembers issue and asks if it's a deliberate error... Eh? "Well", says Bob, "the date for the November clubnight is wrong..."

Oh, rude words... Then I noticed that the MSA Wheels newsletter was inserted the wrong way around in the first 40 printed as well. More rude words!

I marked the first few copies up with a biro. Then decided that it looked totally naff, so

got the pliers out and picked out the staples of said 40 copies. Re-printed the offending page with the correct date, turned around the MSA Wheels page and re-stapled!

So that's why a few of you had rather more staple holes than would be ideal! Sorry!

The dates you got in your Sump were correct though... ;-)

I got the Esprit back from the garage about a week ago (along with a slightly(!) alarming bill...) And it appears to be cured! Woohoo! Unfortunately we still don't know what was wrong with it... Even more unfortunately I've just had to drop it back to the garage to have a slight coolant leak looked into... Still *more* rude words!

So I'm currently looking out of the window and hoping that the rain stops before Monday for the run to work in the Westfield!

Merry Christmas to you all, and...

...have fun...

Jeز Boakes, Editor

From the Hot Seat

Welcome to the December / January Sump!

The initial response to the telephone questionnaires has been good, providing some useful feedback and ideas for future Clubnights. To those who I have already spoken to, thank you for your time. To those

who I've yet to call, I'll try and get round to you soon. To those of you whose telephones' are permanently engaged – are you very popular or just taking avoidance tactics?

The November Clubnight evening had a film of the history of rallying and some fascinating memorabilia courtesy of Committee members. AG really does have a

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story behind every photograph. Thank you to those who contributed to the evening.

The deadline for this Sump is a few days before the **Quadruplex** is due to take place. If we can persuade the Editor to hold off on the printing, there may be some "Stop Press" results elsewhere. Hopefully we will be able to report WMx success and a fun evening.

The December Clubnight is our annual **Christmas Skittles Clubnight**. On **Thursday 11th December** we will return to the Greyhound pub at Eton Wick. Rhys Edwards is the person to call for last minute tickets. Don't delay, we have to confirm numbers for the buffet supper in advance. Please feel free to invite your friends and family along to join us. There is an advert elsewhere with full contact details.

If you order your Annual Dinner ticket for 2004 at the same time as your Skittles ticket, you will obtain a £5 discount off the combined price of the two tickets. That means that the £14 Skittles plus £20 Dinner tickets will only cost you £29 per person for two excellent evenings out.

We have a new venue for the **2004 Annual Dinner**. We will be visiting the Aurora Garden Hotel, Windsor. Allan Goddard is the organiser for this event and, as usual, the evening will consist of a black tie dinner with entertainment, retiring to the bar afterwards for drinks and chat. If you wish to stay overnight, book your rooms through AG to receive the discounted rate of £60 B&B per double/twin room and £50 B&B for a single room. Directions, menu details

The Secret Hairy Bits

Well I'm late again with my article but I think waiting until after the Quadruplex was a valid excuse. (**Not really... Ed**) Thanks to Jez for extending the deadline once again so that us "busy" people can get their scribbles in print. (**I'm quite busy too. Ed**) I've spent the last 10 days or so at the NEC in Birmingham, working on the MJK Leathers stand, it was noticeable this year that

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and timings will be circulated in future adverts so keep watching the Sump.

The Calendar shows that 2004 begins with a lot going on for the Group. Some of our members will be seeing the New Year in at the London Parade. If you are planning to go along, please speak to AG who has more details.

The **January Clubnight** is entitled "**To the Sahara and back again**". It will be an informal evening when we are lucky to have Alan Smith (of Reading Group) as our guest to talk to us about his exploits rallying in the desert. It is a fascinating set of stories. We will aim to start at around 8:30pm in our usual venue – The Liberal Club in Windsor. I hope to see many of you there.

You may recall that a few months ago, the Committee decided to look into setting up a website for the Group in addition to the Group's space on the **csma's** own website. Well, I'm delighted to announce that the work of John Wright and Toby Mack has come to fruition and we can now release the WMx Group website to the public: **www.csmawmx.com**

The site is still very much in it's evolutionary phase so please let us know if there are items you would like to see added or changed. If you have anything to contribute (photos, anecdotes, etc) please send them in. See the launch advert for full details.

Finally, I wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and look forward to meeting up with you again in 2004.

Nikki Wild, Chairman

people were not parting with their money easily and frankly it turned out to be hard work. In the 4 years that I have been exhibiting at Motorcycle shows I haven't attended one like it for people not committing themselves to a purchase. Still we had good and bad days but overall I enjoyed myself which is the main thing.

Perry and I really aren't having much luck with this Road rallying thing, After with-

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drawing our entry from the Pheasant Plucker I was looking forward to the Taunton Wildlife rally and scoring some much needed championship points, but alas it was not to be. Two days before the event Perry rang me to let e know that it had been cancelled.....BUMMER.

We now have an entry for the Ilfracombe Rally on the first weekend in December, here's hoping that 's not cancelled too.

I managed to attend the Quadruplex , which this year was hosted by WMx Group.

I came straight from the NEC in absolutely abysmal weather but my faith was restored when I found that over 35 people had turned out for an evenings fun and frivolity. It was nice to have NWL, NEL, Milton Keynes and WMx groups represented.

The event was won by NWL and congratulations go to them, also a big thanks to AG

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for organising the whole event and to all the others who supplied bits and pieces as requested.

The collection for Children In Need was a great success with a grand total of £80 raised on the night by fining people for their misdemeanours.

The next 12 Car is the NEL event on Friday 12th December.

The start is at the George and Dragon PH Graveley, Herts MR 166/231¼277 at 8.30pm.

That's it from me.

See you at the skittles.

And remember :

Give it Beans..... ..

.....and Rhubarb

BigJ (Secretary)

Happy Birthday IP!

December 31st is Ian Perry's Birthday!

40 Years Young!!!

Letters to the editor

Dear Mr Editor,

Via the Sump's letters page, may I send 'Congratulations' to Stephen White on his appointment to the Board of csma.

Some years ago, on his appointment as a Special Constable, I mentioned to him that I thought I must be really getting old as all policemen seemed to be under fourteen years of age nowadays - Stephen was only seven and three quarters himself when he 'enlisted' and made Sergeant before he was ten! And now the csma Board. Surely he must be

MUCH older than his boyish looks would indicate - I'll have a word with his eldest boy, Rhys, and see if I can ascertain the truth.

But whatever the truth, to make it to the csma Board at all is a commendable achievement, and to do it under the age of ninety two is extraordinary. Stephen fully deserves our highest praise - Good Luck to you my boy.

Now that means West Middlesex has got a Board Member and the Club Captain on board, what should we go for next....?

Best wishes,

Kam Rahshy

Rally GB Shakedown Reports?

Petter Solberg put a shot across his rivals' bows with two sizzling times at today's shakedown stage for the Wales Rally GB, but got a fright himself when his Subaru sprang an oil leak.

"He was sensibly cautious," reported 555 Subaru team boss David Lapworth. The leak was traced to the gearbox and the Impreza has been repaired, but it was a lucky escape just hours before the start.

Solberg was two seconds ahead of his rivals in under two and a half minutes' driving on a slippery forest road in Resolfen, as Citroen - the team behind his two World Championship rivals, Carlos Sainz and Sebastien Loeb - struggled to get heat into the softest available Michelins.

Loeb warned that he planned to carry the attack to Solberg from the start.

"I think the car is good. In Australia, it was very good. There are no tactics. Solberg isn't far behind. I'll leave tactics to the others," he said. But he admitted that tyres might play a part in settling the outcome. "We don't know how Michelins perform against Pirellis," he added.

Jerry Ludlow put a shot across his rivals' bows with two sizzling times between the Magor services on the M4 and the car park at the Cardiff Super Special Stage, but got a fright himself when the local curry house was shut.

"He was practising to get the best spot to spectate at the weekend" reported Jal Frezi Motorsport team boss Ian Perry. The curry house closure was traced to a rogue batch of Dutch chicken and Jerry is now OK, but it was a lucky escape just hours before the bar shut.

Ludlow was two seconds ahead of his rivals in under two and a half minutes' driving on a slippery A road in Merthyr Tydfil, as Lal Toofan Racing - the team behind his two World Championship rivals, John Wright and Nigel Nelson - struggled to get heat into the softest available Kormas.

Nelson warned that he planned to carry the attack to Ludlow from the start.

"I think the curry is good. In Llandrindod Wells, it was very good. There are no tactics. Ludlow isn't far behind. I'll leave vindaloos to the others," he said. But he admitted that popadoms might play a part in settling the outcome. "We don't know how the spicy ones perform against the plain ones," he added.

Both reports most definitely "anon"

The e-Sump!

Huh?

Surely that's impossible?!?

Nope! We've done it!!!

Simply send an email to jez@jez-nikki.net
and you'll be added to the list of people who receive the

e-Sump!!!

in glorious pdf format

And what's more, you'll get it:

- (a) Before anyone else (unless you come to Noggin!), and
- (b) **IN COLOUR!!!** (You have to be reading the e-Sump to appreciate this!)

Plus, you can save **your** group **money** by asking to be deleted from the paper distribution! How much more of a hero could you be?!?

Please mail me at the above address if you are not sure if you can read the e-Sump...

(The e-Sump is usually around 250k -
about 52 seconds download using a 56k modem.)

The number of WMx members with Internet access is growing rapidly. With this in mind the committee decided we should do something to cater for these members. You are probably already aware that Jez now publishes the Sump in two forms, the traditional paper copy and the electronic e-Sump. The e-Sump is emailed to a large proportion of our members. However, we have now decided to go one stage further and created our very own WMx website!

The purpose of this website is twofold. 1st to act as a source of information to existing members and 2nd to attract new members.

So what does the website give you? Well, the best way to find out is to have a look! Point your browser at **WWW.CSMAMWX.COM**. Hopefully you will see this.....





Navigation.....

First a few notes on how to navigate round the site. Start by having a look at the menu bar on the left hand side. You can use this to swap between the different sections of the site.

You might also notice that some pages have different sections. These are shown by the section links at the top of the page. Clicking on these links will take you direct to that section, saving a lot of scrolling.

At the end of each section you will also find a “back to top” link, again to save you scrolling.

Contents....

Again, the best way to find out what is there is to look! However, a quick summary would not go amiss so here goes.....

First off, you will find some useful info on the WMx group. A welcome from your Chairman, Nikki (**Home** page), a description of the typical things we do (**Home** page, “A year in the life...”), and where we came from (**History** page).

On another page (**Calendar** page) you will find a listing of the groups events for the next few months. This can be both viewed online or downloaded in .pdf form for printing out of viewing later. You can also find all the previous versions of the e-Sump on the “**The Sump**” page.

Last, but not least, I should mention the “**Contacts**” page. Here you will find all your committee, a quick summary of who they are and their contact email addresses. Even if you don’t need to contact us, this page is worth a look, if only to laugh at some of the mugshots there! Especially this one.....



There, that’ll teach him for threatening to put my picture on the front page of the sump!!!!!

Have a look and if you can think of anything you would like to see on **your** site, let me know at **web@csmaWMX.com!**

Toby Mack



Ed's Response

Well, I can’t let this go can I? ;-)

This is your webmaster, Toby.

A very shady looking character, I’m sure you’ll agree...

And is it me or do those rubber gloves and that expression combine to make this picture ever so slightly sinister?

Let’s not even mention the hat...

But he’s a nice bloke really. (It says here.)

Truce Toby? (There are plenty more where that came from...)

Jez (Editor)

West Middlesex Group
October 12 car Rally
Fri. 17th Oct. 2003

Can we say a great big **“THANK YOU!”** to all those that turned out to Marshal for us on the Groups 12 Car Rally last month.

You were all fantastic and as far as we're aware we didn't have a single problem with timing, location, or anything. Well done to you all.

Those deserving our thanks are:

Chris Dell
Mike Scott
Nikki Wild
Dave Wiles
Alan Smith
Jez Boakes
Lee Craker
Phil Cannon
Gavin Waller
Nick Palumbo
Alan Wakeman
Drew Goodspeed
and
Bill & Angela Canning

Our sincere thanks again – it just cannot happen without *you!*

Our next 12 car is on Friday 9th Jan.'04, starting at High Wycombe Airpark. Can you all PLEASE come along again...?

AG – Clerk of the Course
and
BigJ – Event Secretary



MOTORSPORT Co-ORDINATORS' BULLETIN

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Dates	Event (Status)	Organising Club	Type of Event	Champ
Dec 6/7	* Civil Service Rally (NatB/Cm)	NW	Road Rally	
Fri 12	* 12 Car Rally (C)	NEL	Navigational Rally	Centre
Jan Fri 9	12 Car Rally (C)	WMx	Navigational Rally	Centre
Feb Sun 1	Red Tape Trial (C)	HQ	Motorcycle Trial	
Fri 13	12 Car Rally (C)	NWL	Navigational Rally	Centre
Mar Fri 12	12 Car Rally (C)	NEL	Navigational Rally	Centre
Apr Sun 18	Concorde PCT (Nat B/C)	NEL	Production Car Trial	Centre

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

Past Events

WM 12 Car Rally I have still not received any results for this event.

November 12 Car Rally NWL ran the event and Ted Manktelow, as CofC, managed to come up with a less predictable route over the rather well used lanes on map 166. Starting and finishing at Coleman Green, near Wheathampstead, the routecards were varied with one or two making the navigators think for a while and the results were decided on one section with a fast watch (unintentional).

1st	Car 3 Bernard Ward / Dave Rosher	NEL	Exp 0	Fails 0	mins
2nd	Car 1 Mike Biss / Cath Woodman	NEL/NWL	Exp 0	Fails 1	min
3rd	Car 2 Alan Thurbon / Lee Craker	NWL	Exp 0	Fails 16	mins
4th	Car 6 Phil Robinson / Kit Yardley	NWL	Nov 2	Fails 13	mins
5th	Car 4 Allan Goddard / Alan Smith	WMx/Read	Exp 5	Fails 14	mins
6th	Car 7 John Wright / Phil Cannon	WMx	Nov 17	Fails 24	mins

Quadruplex This will have run by the time you get this, so results next month (**See elsewhere in this issue! - Ed**).

Future Events

Civil Service Rally This will again be based at Eaves Hall and special rates for two (£70 DBB) and three (£100 DBB) night stays are available. The event is also a round of the local regional championships and was well received last year. The event also caters for the novice competitor with a separate class with easier navigation. To request your set of regs for the event contact Terri Jacobs at HQ or ask me.

December 12 Car Rally Starting in Graveley near Stevenage, this event uses four maps 166, 167, 153 & 154 (photocopies of the latter three will be provided - aren't I kind to you) for its 45 mile route. A lot of the roads have never been used before and there are some really nice lanes to drive. There will not be any of the usual 'Not As Map' instructions this year (couldn't find any) and the navigation will be straightforward. Entry fee is £5. Contact me for more details or offers to marshal.

Other Items

12 Car Permit Fees For next year the cost of a permit for a 12 car rally and any Certificates of Exemptions will go up to £15.45. Please remember to include the correct amount when sending the application forms to Terri at headquarters.

Curtis Bennett Weekend Some of you will know this already if you read the calendar of events in the recent Motor Sport newsletter from HQ. For 2004, the Curtis Bennett weekend will not be held in May but over the weekend of the 30th/31st October and will be based at Whitemead Park. Obviously this will mean a change in the format, but the essence of the event should be retained. Plus we get to see some new terrain.

Old Style RAC Rallies Next year should see the launch of two retro type RAC rallies. The first of these is the Revival Rally and is designed for cars meeting the new Endurance Rallying rules (standard 1400cc cars) and will be held from the 25th to 28th November, starting from that old favourite Harrogate. The route goes via Scarborough for Oliver's Mount, and rests at Carlisle after the first leg with the likes of Dalby, Stang and Keilder at midnight. The second leg via Chester, takes in more forest sections made famous by RAC rallies, and the third leg is a full day's drive from the cliff-hugging Great Orme, down through the classic lanes and tight road-sections that made Welsh Rallying great, with strictly-timed sections taking you to such icons as Sweet lamb, Walters Arena, Epynt and Caerwent. The **csma** are putting their supporting behind this event. The second event is the Roger (R) Albert (A) Clark (C) rally and this is aimed at those cars that were competing in the 80's, namely two wheel drive non turbo cars. This event will be a full stage rally format recreating the atmosphere of the old events. At the moment the event is dependent on finding money to guarantee use of the forest stages, but if it runs, it will the weekend before the Revival event.

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The deadline for articles for the *February Sump* is January 22nd!

Opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the contributors, and not necessarily those of the csma, csma West Middlesex Group Committee or the editor.

QUADRUPLEX 2003

The keen eyed amongst you will have noticed a few recent advertisements for the 2003 North London Centre Quadruplex. The event took place on Saturday 22nd November and was this year hosted by West Middlesex Group. The evening is an annual competition between the Groups in the North London Centre of the **csma**, namely: Milton Keynes, North East London, North West London, Southend-on-Sea, West Middlesex and Wraysbury Groups.

The only rule about the format of the evening is that it must not be motor sport orientated. This year, Allan Goddard organised the evening on behalf of the Group along the lines of a quiz with a difference.

Jez and I arrived early to help AG set up the room. The rain, which seemed to have been going without let-up since the previous day, did not make it a pleasant journey but we determined to make up for the dreary weather with a warm welcome at the Liberal Club, Windsor.

Members from NEL and NWL Groups began arriving. Possibly due to the weather, we were sadly not joined by Southend-on-Sea or Wraysbury Groups but members from Milton Keynes made it down the M1 to fight their corner.

Teams of two or three spaced themselves round the room. Alison Durant and I made up a team for WMx wondering what we were letting ourselves in for. The first round was general knowledge. By the end of it, we were already having to guess one or two answers but were much more confident when we were asked to name the snail in the Magic Roundabout.

The second round was more general knowledge but the third round was a game. A



member from each team approached an apparatus on the floor which comprised of a pair of wooden runners, raised at one end, and a ball from a set of boules. The idea was that the ball had to be rolled along the runners, judged to come to rest beyond a marker but without running off the far end. Simple, but definitely not as easy as it looked. Each team was allowed three runs with two points for each time the ball achieved it's target.

Two more rounds of general knowledge questions followed. One in which all the answers had connections to "70" (some more tenuous than others!) and one which was "deserts and desserts". This latter round was one where Alison and I fared better – obviously our knowledge of the ingredients of Baked Alaska and Summer pudding helping us out along with knowing where the Gobi and Sahara are. (Actually, that knowledge is thanks to watching programmes about Michael Palin's travels).

Another game round was AG's lie-detector game. Two large boxes were placed back-to-back with their open ends away from each other. A large foam dice was in each. The idea was that one person from a team would roll a dice into one box and declare the number showing. A player from another team would have to guess whether the number declared was true or false. If they guessed True/False correctly, they scored the value declared, otherwise the person who had rolled the dice, scored the value declared. The turn to roll then reverted to the player who had guessed. The whole thing was repeated again. It was a highly entertaining round and clearly some members of the Centre have better poker faces than others!

Two more rounds of general knowledge completed the 8 rounds of points scoring. Papers were swapped with other teams for marking. As the correct answers were revealed, teams who had got their answers most wrong were "fined". Contributions into the bucket were counted at the end of the evening and a sum total of £80 was raised for Children in Need through our wrong answers. Well done to those who entered into the spirit of the occasion and donated generously.

It was a good idea to have the games in between the question rounds because it introduced an element of luck which meant that teams wouldn't win by knowledge alone.

At the end of the evening, the North West London team of Lee Craker and Dee Keane had an impressive score of 140 out of a possible 170. North East London teams were second and third with fourth place also going to North West London. With the Group award decided by the best result of it's two best teams, that meant that a tie decider was needed to determine whether NWL would retain the trophy or whether it would pass to NEL.

The four teams in the final (and the rest of us, just for fun) had to calculate how many legs there are in the symbols of the signs of the Zodiac. I'm reliably informed that the correct total is 42. The closest team answer was again Lee and Dee with 40 which meant that the team award resides for another year with NWL. Well done to all concerned.



AG also had a fall-back tie decider, which was slightly more obscure, and, although the competition had been decided without it, he decided to use it anyway. At a Noggin a couple of months ago, AG was surprised to find that I carry a romer around in my handbag (amongst other things). He asked whether he could use my handbag contents as a question at the Quadruplex. I said "OK". So, on the night, he read out a list of a dozen items of which 9 were in my bag.

The teams had to identify the three items that I didn't have. I was slightly surprised that the team from Milton Keynes Group correctly guessed that I had with me: pens, notebook, eraser, steel rule, tape measure, bottles of Tabasco, a cable tie, a mobile phone hands free kit and of course the romer. They correctly guessed that I did not have: a corkscrew, bottle opener or chamois leather.

If it was handbags this year, it'll be interesting to see what gets chosen as a topic for the Quadruplex next year...

Thanks to all those members of West Middlesex who turned out to represent the Group and to the other NL Centre Groups who braved the horrible weather to join us in Windsor and make the competition hard fought and enjoyable. Thanks most of all to AG for organising a very entertaining evening which was a lot of fun.

Nikki Wild

For many, the annual dinner in March is the start of the Wmx year...



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May saw the CB weekend...



With the impressive haul of trophies...



July brought the autotest training day:



And of course the Retro Run in September...



← Recognise this man...?



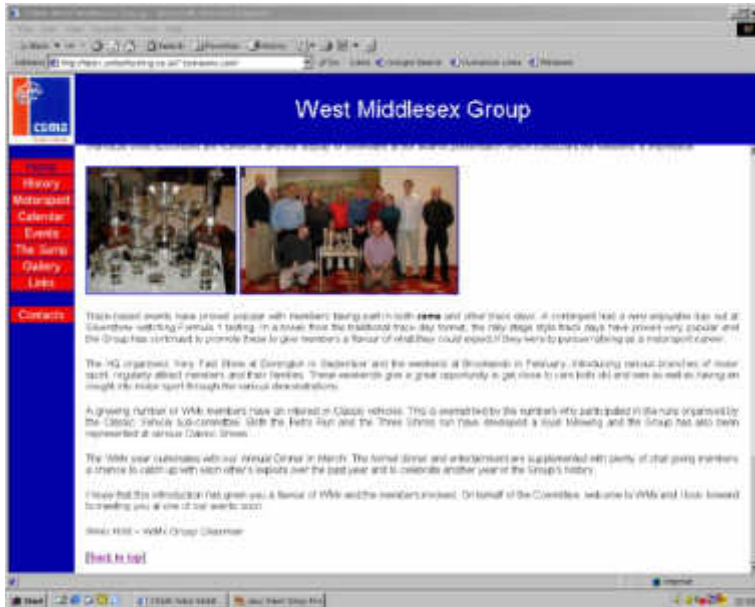
And finally (for now) the Three Shires Run in October...



Any captions to the editor please!!!

The WMx Website is born!!

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- Useful links

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