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Merry Christmas

and a

Very Happy New Year

to you all!

From the West Middlesex Group Committee

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Your Editor Speaking...

A slightly 'bitty' month... The first week-ends for ages that we've been at home, which has meant some time in the workshop at last! No progress whatsoever on any *serious* jobs though. Not touched the Vauxhall engine yet... Still have to start the little (!) stack of castings which represent the first portion of Bernard (a ¼ scale Fowler A7 traction engine) and still have to finish off my stationary engine... Where has the time gone?!?

Sump-wise, it appears to be a time for planning! Lots of information on up and coming events with which to Christen your brand spanking new 2005 diaries! Also - if you recall a strange woman phoning you to

ask impertinent questions, you now get to find out why!

As I write this we're on the eve of a long weekend in Ypres which I have to say I'm looking forward to immensely! Maybe an article in the February Sump.

Don't forget to get your entries in for the New Year Run! The route is finished, and there are some cracking roads to drive!

Note that there is no Sump in January - I don't know about you, but I'll have better things to do than edit this thing! Can't eat, drink and type at the same time!!!

Have an **excellent** Christmas and see you all in January on the New Year Run!

Jez Boakes (Editor)

Chairman's Ramblings

Big J (Chairman)

Mack's Mutterings

Where has the last month gone? For me it has meant spending 3 out of the 4 weeks in foreign countries so I can't really say much about what went on WMx wise, I missed it all! Still, there is a fighting chance that I will stay in this country for the few weeks leading up to Christmas which is good news as December clubnight is the Skittles night, something I do not want to miss! Then there is Christmas (maybe I

need to start thinking about that too!) followed by a fairly busy January. First there is the New Years Parade on the 1st in London. Then the New Year Run on the 9th (by the time you read this the route should be checked and details confirmed), then the clubnight on the 13th followed shortly by our 12 car on the 14th. That lot should keep everyone busy!

That's all for now- have fun!

Toby Mack (Secretary)

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The deadline for articles for the
February 2005
Sump is January 21st!

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West Middlesex Group 2005 motorcycling events

Sunday 24th April - The Services Trial – csma's own event that celebrates its 60th anniversary this year. A number of WMx members usually support as Observers. This year it's to be held on Military land near Bordon in Hampshire.

Fri.-Mon. 29th April – 2nd May - csma M/C Tour of County Durham Organised by HQ motorcycle committee.

Sat./Sun. 7th/ 8th May - The Welsh National Rally – A real highlight last year, we'll be going back for more in 2005. Contact me for details if you'd like to be part of the WMx effort.

Sat.-Sun. 11-12th June - The csma Lifeboat Challenge An exciting new venture for 'bikes, plus Classic and modern cars ~ details to be announced by me soon.....or ring me for details in advance!

Thurs. 23rd June - Motorcycle Track Day – an exclusive csma Track Day at the fabulous Mallory Park in Leicestershire, we already have several promising to sign up for this one – it's gonna be great!

Tues. 28th June - Mid-Week Ride out – I'll be leading another of these popular 'Runs – details nearer the time...

Sat / Sun. 2-3rd July - The National Rally – the annual 'Bike event around central & southern England ; more detail on the Group's involvement nearer the time but it's my 15th year of involvement ~ I fancy making it special...

Tues. 26th July - Mid-Week Ride out – another chance to slip out of the work environment for the day and join us on a trip to the seaside...

Sun. 7th Aug. - "Harman Fun Challenge" A motorcycle scatter.

Tues. 30th Aug. - Mid-Week Ride out – this one will be led by Nick Palumbo and will finish at The Jolly Woodman...

Tuesday 27th Sept. - Noggin an' Natter bike night... Bring your 'bike - to our Noggin...or ride with me all day and finish up at the N&N!

Sunday 2nd Oct. - The Three Shires Run ~ now a 'Motorcycle Friendly' event!.....details later.

and finally.....

Summer 2005 - One of our number still has a cunning plan!

Carried over from last year we're more keen than ever on planning a 7-day Group trip to Scandinavia. If you like the idea of riding on some of the quietest and best roads in Europe, and taking in the spectacle of riding the fantastic ocean bridges between Denmark and Sweden ~ twice!

Sound good? Then please register your interest with me & if we get enough people interested, we will do it!

I hope you all have a safe summer of motorcycling, if you'd like more details on any of the above events please contact me on one of the numbers listed below.....

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Competition corner!

The Ludlow Haynes Manual Challenge Result

Whilst perusing the Haynes Manual for the Ford Sierra 2.3, 2.8 and 2.9 (incl 4x4) - as one does - I came across a component which had a very long name (as used by Haynes, not necessarily by the rest of the world...), viz:

The Rear Final Drive Unit Pinion Retaining Nut

(Shame it didn't have a locking pin!)

The Challenge:

Find the longest name for a car component in a Haynes Manual.

And the winner is:

Allan Goddard

with:

“Rear Wheel Speed Sensor Wiring Clip Cover”

from the Haynes manual for the Honda ST1100

(subject to validation!!!) ;-)

Well done AG!

Caption Contest Result



“Scientists reveal the outcome of a secret cloning experiment from 1943”

Well done **Stephen “Chalkie” White!**

Dates	Event (Status)	Club	Type of Event	Champ
Dec4/5	* Civil Service Rally (Nat B/C)	North West	Navigational Rally	
DecFri 10	* 12 Car Rally (C)	NEL	Navigational Rally	Centre
Jan Fri 14	* 12 Car Rally (C)	WMx	Navigational Rally	Centre
Feb Sun 6	Red Tape (C)	HQ	Motor Cycle Trial	
Fri 11	12 Car Rally (C)	NWL	Navigational Rally	Centre
Mar Fri 11	12 Car Rally (C)	NEL	Navigational Rally	Centre
Apr Fri 8	12 Car Rally (C)	WMx	Navigational Rally	Centre
Sun 17	Concorde PCT (Nat B/C)	NEL	Production Car Trial	Centre
Sun 24	Services (C)	HQ	Motor Cycle Trial	

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

Past Events

November 12 Car The event attracted six entries, three from NEL, two from NWL and one from WMx. In the end, the West Middlesex crew of Drew Goodspeed / Tony Brooks came out the winners on a route with a combination of mud and rain which made the event interesting at certain times. A slight problem with a route card and a missing control didn't seem to reduce the evenings enjoyment.

1st	Car 2	Drew Goodspeed / Tony Brooks	WMx	Exp	0 Fails	5 Mins
2nd	Car 5	Jeze Jones / Gerry Cannon	NEL	Nov	0 Fails	6 Mins
3rd	Car 1	Alan Thurbon / Lee Craker	NWL	Exp	0 Fails	9 Mins
4th	Car 6	John Cotton / Gill Cotton	NEL	Exp	0 Fails	13 Mins
5th	Car 4	Philip Brent / Graham Robinson	NEL	Nov	1 Fail	13 Mins
6th	Car 3	Alan Robins / Dave Robins	NWL	Nov	1 Fail	38 Mins

Lombard Revival Rally Results and details next month, but below are the Centre competitors. Just off to the start now!

Car	Crew	Car	c.c.
2	Dave Smith / Pete Johnson	Vauxhall Corsa SRi	1400
3	Pete Gregory / Graeme Presswell	Vauxhall Corsa SRi	1389
9	Malcolm Grubb / Steven Grubb	Vauxhall Nova SRi	1367
47	Mike Biss / Cath Woodman	Holden Barina SRi	1389
82	Alan Wakemen / Ian Perry	Citroen AX	954
92	John Cotton / Gill Cotton	Citroen AX GT	1360



Future Events

Civil Service Rally The organisers have promised they have learnt from the problems of last year and this time the event will be better. The route is about 180 miles, containing two petrol halts, and uses maps 98, 102 & 103. Navigation is plot and bash and all the roads are declared as smooth. The event starts and finishes at Eaves Hall and you receive a breakfast in the entry fee of £56.

December 12 Car I will be organising this one again, but I don't think we will be venturing off map this time. Returning to run purely on map 166, the event will be about 45 miles and will start at the Three Horseshoes PH, Hooks Cross, Stevenage, Herts Map 166/277207. Usual navigation formats, together with marked maps for the beginners, and standard £5 entry fee. An entry form should be available in this newsletter and any offers to marshal would be gratefully accepted. Contact details below.

January 12 Car The event will start and finish at a new venue for everyone, White Waltham Airfield, Woodlands Park, Maidenhead, Berks. MR 175/858786. It seems the old place at Wycombe Air Park has been taken over and it will now be an upmarket restaurant. The route will be about 60 miles (yes 60!), all on map 175 issue C1 (or later), and may well contain the odd white or two. The regs say everyone must be signed on before 8pm and entries after 10th Jan will be doubled in cost, at £10. Regs available from either myself or John Wright on 07971 798107.

Other Items

12 Car Rally Fees The costs of a permit for a 12 Car Rally goes up as from the 1st Jan to £15.90 a time. In addition, the cost of the Alexander Forbes insurance has also gone up and is now £15 per event.

Jaguar F1 Team Nice to see that all the people at the Jaguar Formula One team will still be in a job next year after it was bought by the Red Bull drinks company. It seems certain that Christian Klien will still be there but the second driver is unknown at present although David Coulthard now looks unlikely to be in the frame.



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WMx and the year ahead

Firstly, let me thank all those members who took time to talk to me over the last months to complete our survey of what our members' requirements are for Group activities and what influences your decisions about whether to come along or not. By contacting members direct, by phone and by email, we had a much greater number of responses than for previous surveys that were included in the newsletter. Indeed, a couple of members praised the committee for taking this approach.

I think I was thwarted in a number of cases by internet connection. On getting an engaged tone at the third attempt to ring, I moved on down the list. To those of you who I didn't get hold of, my apologies. However, if you still want to have your say, please do contact me and I'll add your comments to the file for when we next plan a Clubnight.

The Group has a motor sport focus but the purpose of the survey was to concentrate on our social programme and events with a wider appeal.

I have finally sat down and analysed the results and as you all contributed in your part, here is the feedback.

One thing that the survey reaffirmed is the fact that the Group's biggest hurdle is the geographical spread of our membership. The location of the event remains the biggest factor in people's decision about whether or not to attend.

If you plot the addresses of all our membership, the centre falls fairly close to our regular Windsor Clubnight area. Although we are West Middlesex Group, the majority of our

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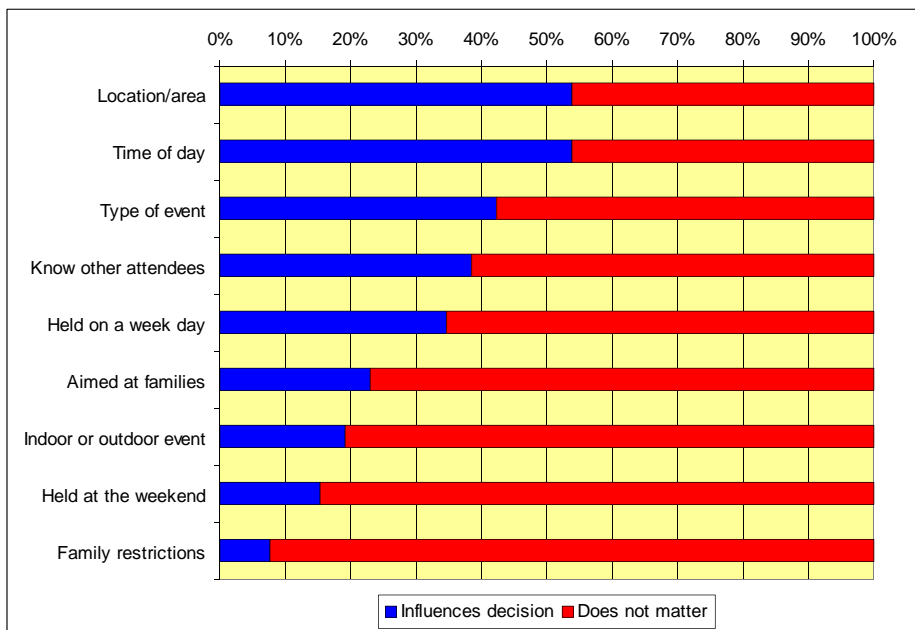
members actually live west of the M25. This has prompted us to maintain the Liberal Club as our meeting venue and it continues to serve us well. Those members who expressed a preference requested that we keep to a Windsor / Reading area.

A problem with moving the venue to within West Middlesex itself is that venue hire prices are much greater and with the Group having to account to HQ for all it's spending, we are conscious that our current venue provides everything we require at a cost that is affordable.

So for the foreseeable future we will stay put for most of our indoor Clubnights.

As the majority of our membership work, we have been asked to keep events to week day evenings or weekends. Predictably, when asking the membership for their preferred day of the week, there was nothing conclusive. No one day suits everybody! However, there was quite strong support indicated for the occasional weekend event – particularly Treasure Hunts so we will look into running one in the summer.

Other factors influencing people's attendance at Clubnights are ranked in the following chart:



Factors influencing clubnight attendance

As well as “when?” and “where?”, we also asked you what you would like to do at your social events. The Group is obliged, as part of it's purpose, to put on events every month for any **csma** member to attend. However, the committee believe that it is far better to try and tailor those events to what the membership who regularly attend would like to do.

The Group has the Noggin and Natter evenings on the last Tuesday of every month and at these we meet in a pub where there is good beer and good food for those who want it, for chat and to keep in touch with what we are all up to.

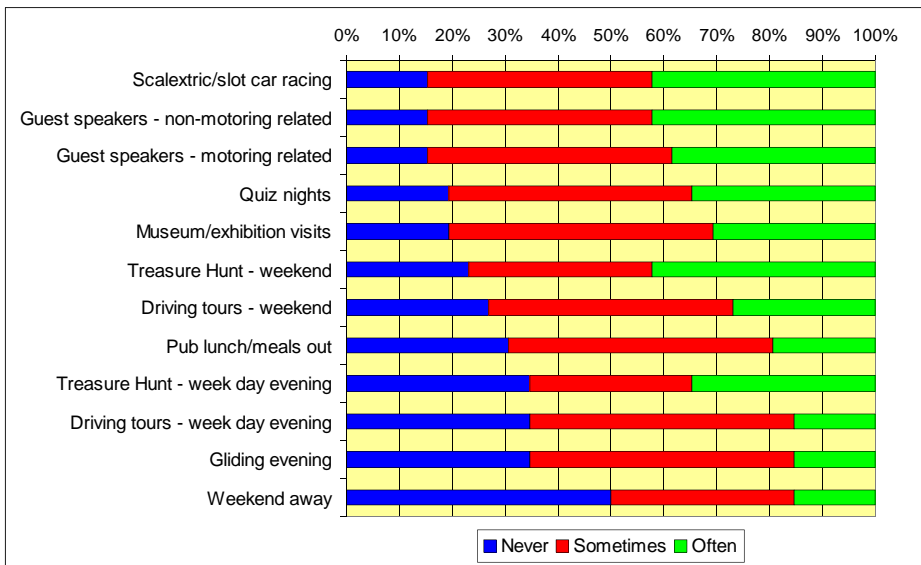
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The more formal social events take the form of monthly Clubnights. These continue to generally be held on the second Thursday of each month but following the success of our trip to the Met Office in 2004, we will consider moving the day/time to suit the event planned.

Publicity will always be through the Sump and the web site but we are also looking into setting up an email group which members can choose to join and we will send out occasional reminders about forthcoming events.

I had one or two comments that, although our Clubnights and Noggins are on predictable dates, it is still easy to forget which week a Noggin falls or that there is a Clubnight coming up. The Sump editor was praised for the new (now not-so-new) idea of having a loose calendar flyer which can be stuck to your fridge or pinned to a notice board to make future events more noticeable and if we can come up with any other ideas to help you we will put them into practice.

We had an interesting response to the questions about types of event. The following chart ranks in order of popularity the events that we put on or are considering for the future:



Events vs popularity

We shall continue with the ever-popular slot car evenings. In January we had a very successful evening when we invited Alan Smith to speak to us. The indicated support that members would like more speaker evenings has prompted us to book a guest speaker for our March Clubnight next year.

Although the weekend away idea had the greatest proportion of members who said “definitely not”, there was strong support from a number of others and so we are going to repeat the idea in April.

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The Sump December 2004

csma West Middlesex Group

As well as the events listed above, we also had suggestions of brewery/vineyard visits, day trips to places of interest and an evening in a haunted pub or castle. We have noted all the suggestions and will look into adding them to the diary.

The committee discussed all the responses at the November meeting and we'll bear all your comments in mind in planning future calendars. To this end, there are one or two new events for 2005 as well as the return of some old favourites.

And now to the calendar for the first half of 2005. The following Clubnights and other events are already in our diaries, please add them to yours too:

WMx Group social events:

<u>When?</u>	<u>What?</u>	<u>Where?</u>
9 January	New Year Run touring assembly	Oxfordshire/Berkshire
5 March	Annual Dinner	Aurora Garden Hotel
15-17 April	Weekend Away (family friendly)	Whitemead Park, Forest of Dean

WMx Clubnights:

<u>When?</u>	<u>What?</u>	<u>Where?</u>
13 January	New Year Nosh Night	Liberal Club, Windsor
10 February	Slot Car Stages	Liberal Club, Windsor
10 March	Guest Speaker – Philip Young	Liberal Club, Windsor
14 April	AGM & entertainment	Liberal Club, Windsor
12 May	Music Quiz	Liberal Club, Windsor
9 June	Evening Walk	Reading/Windsor area

WMx Noggin & Natters at the Jolly Woodman, Littleworth Common:

25 January
22 February
29 March
26 April
24 May
28 June

More detail about each of these will be advertised elsewhere in this and future Sumps with the appropriate contact names for booking your tickets / registering your interest.

With such a diverse membership, we accept that we will won't be able to please everybody all of the time but we hope that we continue to provide something, at some time, for everybody in our Group. As ever, any member of the committee will be very glad to hear from you with your comments and requests. After all, if you think we've got it right or wrong we won't know unless you tell us! So, now that your new 2005 diary is full of fun things to do with the Group, we look forward to seeing you at an event soon!

Nikki Wild (Survey co-ordinator)

.....**STOP PRESS**.....

Congratulations **WMx** crews for your results on the **Revival Rally**

*The following results concerning WMx members are from
www.siteset.co.uk/endurance*

Malcolm Grubb & Steven Grubb - 18th overall &
11th in their class (cars 1301cc to 1400cc petrol) in their
1993 Vauxhall Nova SRi.

Alan Wakeman & Ian Perry - 74th overall & 5th in
their class (cars up to 1000cc petrol) in a 1991 Citroen AX.

All this out of 89 finishers & 109 starters!

Well done chaps!

Any chance of an article?!?

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West Middlesex Group January 12-Car Rally

On Friday 14th January 2005

We've a lot to live up to.....

Last January West Middlesex Group produced the best turn out we've had for many a year on any Centre 12 Car Rally. A full entry, half of which were in the Expert class, and no less than 27 marshals signed up for the evening - an amazing effort as 3 days before the event we had just 3 Competitors and 3 Marshals!

So may we thank, most sincerely, all those that supported our January event in 2004, Competitors and Marshals alike, it makes it all so worthwhile, thank you.

Of course this means we've a lot to live up to, so I'm asking if perhaps you could put the date in your diary and come out to support the Group once again on January 14th next year to see if we can match or even better the 2004 event.

Comments made to us at the end of our last 12-car seem to indicate we got things about right, a good driving route and 'do-able' navigation, with the result that just one crew 'cleaned' the event (well done Mike & Cath), and just the odd minute separated the others. Perfect!

We'll be planning more of the same and hope that you'll be able to come out and either compete or marshal ~ Regs will be available soon and I've booked a cold by dry night so it should be a good 'un!

Your support for West Middlesex on these occasions really does make a difference – and it always shows!

Thank you very much for 2004, now please can you help us again in 2005?

Get in touch with either of us ASAP if you can.

AG

Clerk of the Course

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Event Secretary

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NORTH EAST LONDON GROUP

12 Car Navigational Rally

Friday 10th December 2004

Start at the Three Horseshoes PH, Hooks Cross, Stevenage, Herts Map 166 / 277207 at 8.30pm

Map 166 edition C2 will be required.

Route is approx 45 miles.

Beginner - shall have competed on no more than five previous 12-car events, nor competed on any night road rally. Beginners will not be classified in the overall standings for an event.

Novice - shall have competed on six or more previous 12-car events, or shall have competed on one or more night rallies. The navigator shall NOT have received any overall or class award (other than 12-car Beginner class) on any such event, within the previous 3 years.

Expert - shall have won one or more class or overall awards on a permit event or won a 12 Car event within the last three years.

Navigation will be tailored to suit the classes; Beginners will receive a fully marked map (or high-quality colour photocopy), Experts will receive (slightly) more challenging route cards than Novices.

Organiser: Mike Biss, 19 Dunstable Close, Flitwick, Beds MK45 1JN
Home & Work: 01525 720299

to whom all entries, plus entry fee of £5 is to be sent. Cheques payable to CSMA Ltd., NEL Group.

CIVIL SERVICE MOTORING ASSOCIATION LTD

NORTH EAST LONDON GROUP

12 Car Navigational Rally

Friday 10th December 2004

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

DRIVER

Name..... CSMA Group.....

Address..... Home Phone No.....

..... CSMA Membership No.....

..... Class: Beginner / Novice / Expert

NAVIGATOR

Name..... CSMA Group.....

Address..... Home Phone No.....

..... CSMA Membership No.....

..... Class: Beginner / Novice / Expert

INSURANCE Alexander Forbes Insurance (£15.00) required? Yes / No

CAR Reg No..... CC..... Make & Model.....

INDEMNIFICATION

In consideration of the acceptance of this our entry for the above event, we hereby undertake to hold harmless and indemnify the MSA, the CSMA Ltd., their officials and agents from all claims that may arise in our participation in this event - howsoever caused.

Drivers Signature Date.....

Navigators Signature Date.....

.....a date for your diary!

West Middlesex Group

Clubnight Walk

Thursday 9th June 2005

As usual our mid-summer Clubnight will take the form of a 'gentle' walk, suitable for all the family, this time planned in and around part of Windsor Great Park.

The meeting time & place will be advised nearer the date but the START will be at the slightly earlier time of 7.30pm. We will be walking on country paths and across fields so please come prepared especially as the walk will go ahead come rain or shine!

So, we'll start at a pub, there's probably a pub halfway round, and we'll finish at a pub all of which will be 'Family Friendly'. If you need to know anything else (and I can't believe you do!), please give me a call!!!

I look forward to seeing you all on 9th June 2005 ~ put the date in your diary, lest you forget!

AG ~ 07785 903 000

Future Events

January Clubnight

NYN²

(New Year Nosh Night!)

Featuring C³ (Curry, Chilli & Chinese!)

January 13th - 8pm

February Clubnight

Slotcar stages

February 10th - 8pm

Both at the Liberal Club, Windsor.

Annual Dinner

Sorry - fully booked!

Contact AG to be put on the reserve list!



Get your entries in for the WMx New Year Run!

Sunday 9th January!

Starting at The Lambert Arms, just north of the M40 J6.

Food available before start and after finish!

Accommodation available!

Good roads - ~85 miles or ~125 miles - your choice!

Entry only £11 per car!

Deadline for entries is Monday December 20th.

Entry form included with your Sump, or contact:

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