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Lesser Spotted Woodpecker!

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Your Editor Speaking...

The nice weather seems to be here, and I still don't have a functioning Westfield. Progress this month is limited to thinking of a way to support the engine while welding the engine mounts.

Meanwhile I have been experimenting with photographing birds (feathered variety!) as they feed on our new bird table. It took them a few weeks to find it, but now that they have they're devouring the seed and nuts at a scary rate! Even more so now that a flock of jackdaws have discovered it...

My experience so far is that birds are very difficult to photograph well... The cover shows my best effort to date - a greater spotted woodpecker. Definitely more practice is required.

The workshop is slightly on hold while I rewire the mill with a solid state three phase inverter - a job which is taking rather longer than I thought...

Why is it always like that?

Have fun!

Jez Boakes (Editor)

A Note from your Chairman

Here we go into July, named after Julius Caesar its old name in Latin is Quinctilis (from quinctus – the fifth!?) it's that old Julian/Gregorian thing again.

The Anglo-Saxon name is Heymonath, or Maedmonath, referring to haymaking and the forming of meadows – it's also, allegedly, when crop circles first appeared in the 1970's.

July clubnight (on the 9th) is a gentle stroll through those aforementioned meadows. Starting from Cookham Common car park (map 175, ref 894854) stopping at a hos-

tely for refreshment and I expressly forbid you to making crop circles, merely footprints (non-carbon of course).

The June clubnight (and day) at Blue Mountain GC was another success for AG – I'm sure he has a pact with the Devil when it comes to arranging the weather.

On the sports front, the Lions tour seems to have stumbled somewhat and so has Jensen (lack of tyre temperature thanks to the cool English weather – he should have had a word with AG beforehand) and another of those funny, noisy, clanky, oil burning monstrosities won Le Mans.

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Funny, noisy, clanky, oil burning monstrosities belong in trucks, not race cars.

Speaking of funny, noisy etc, etc..., it was on the 4th July 1886 that Karl Benz gave the first public demonstration of the first 'car', in

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Mannheim, reaching the giddy speed of 10mph.

Have a good month and thank God for progress!

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

Derrick Holden (Chairman)

Temp Sec Bit

Your esteemed (or should that be steamed?) temp sec was almost even more temporary last month. Ann and I did our annual 30km rowing event round the Venetian Lagoon and the weather on the day was quite grotty (where's AG when you need him?). Very strong winds and 3ft waves spell trouble when your boat is only 1ft high! I had to pump my bilges 4 times – we also emptied the boat 5 times – oh, what fun. Some fine helmsmanship (should that be helmswomanship?) from Ann saw your brave crew safely home despite 31 other boats sinking, we actually saw 5 of them go down. It was all a bit like the Titanic but without the orchestra!

I've already mentioned this months walk (see the Chairy bit, above) and, whilst there is no clubnight as such, in August we have the Summer Run/Ride Out ending at the WMx BBQ chez Nikki & Jez. That's on Sunday 2nd Aug – be there or be square. AG also has something organised during the month, more details from him.

I think that's all from me, I'm off to nurse my blisters and gird my loins (not a pretty sight) for Henley. I may even stay sober long enough to see a race!

See yawl....

Derrick Holden ([Temp temp temp] Secretary)

September Clubnight - Curry!

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

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

Contact Derrick, 07905 005963

July

You've probably read in the 'chairman's bit' at the front of the sump (if not, why not!!) about the origin of the name for July, but the book that the information was gleaned from contained a wealth of other facts and figures connected with or occurring in July. Not a few are connected with motoring or transport in general whilst quite a few battles have their anniversaries this month.

First some births and deaths for the month. Born: Amy Johnson, Franz Kafka, Cecil Rhodes, Jean Pierre Blanchard (French balloonist), Dalai Lama, George 'dubya' Bush, Ringo (sorry, can't call him that!), Count von Zeppelin, Elias Howe (invented sewing machine) and Caius Julius Caesar.

Died: Charles Goodyear (vulcanised rubber), Jim Morrison, Nero, Joey Dunlop (TT legend) and Charles Rolls who died in the first recorded air crash in Britain.

The Battle of the Boyne (1690), Gettysburg (1863) and sadly and most bloody of all, the Somme began on 1st July 1916. Even sadder, our inept Generals didn't learn their lessons, for, one year later on the last day of July 1917 they sent our boys to do battle at Passchendaele.

Lest we forget.

Lets move on. On a transport theme:

In 1840 the first Cunard steam paddle ship left Liverpool (well, you would, wouldn't you?) for Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Boston, taking 14 days, a year later Thomas Cook started his first rail 'excursion' signalling the start of tourism and in 1843 SS Great Britain, the worlds first ocean going screw driven ship was launched in Bristol.

Karl Benz demonstrated his 'car' in Mannheim, reaching a giddy 10mph – a portent of things to come, average speed of traffic in most cities is probably still 10mph! During this pioneering time, vehicles and flight were close companions. In 1900 the Paris metro opened as the Zeppelin made its maiden flight whilst 3 years later Ford produced his first car, the model A. 1907 saw the very first official meeting at Brooklands, the worlds first permanent track and 2 years after that Bleriot landed his aircraft on English soil. With twenty-odd miles of water between us you'd think you were pretty safe from Frenchies dropping in uninvited, wouldn't you?

The R34 airship crossed the Atlantic in 1919 helping to shrink Continents but then Oklahoma City made us wish it hadn't in 1935 as they introduced parking meters.

More British success as Mallard steamed to 126mph in 1938, Stirling Moss won his first British GP (1955) the SR.N1 Hovercraft crossed the English Channel (1959) and Donald Campbell whistled his way to the Land Speed Record of 403.1mph in Bluebird on Lake Eyre (1964).

Dragging us into the space age in 1969 Apollo II returned from its historic moon landing. Stunning, and two years later in July '71 the moon buggy was driven, er, on the moon. Having gone from steam to rocket science, in 2002 Steve Fossett indulged in a bit of 'reverse progress' when he circumnavigated the globe in a hot air balloon.

Non-motoring events are too numerous (boring?) to list, so here are just a few:

The Mary Rose sank (1545) Thomas Harriot introduced the potato to Europe(?) 1586 and the Armada was defeated in 1588. The communist manifesto was published in 1848 and moving forward somewhat, Logie-Baird made the first **colour** TV broadcast in 1926 whilst there were earth shattering events like the first atomic bomb test (1945) the introduction of the bikini (1946) and Lennon met McCartney in 1957.

It would be impossible not to mention losing the colony. The 4th July apparently means a lot to Americans, either because of Independence (1776) or because from 1916 they have held 'Nathan's famous Hot Dog Eating Contest'! How many can YOU eat in 12 minutes? The record was set in 2002 by Takeru Kobayashi who consumed 50.5!

To finish on a (English) patriotic note, it was in July 1966 that those immortal words were uttered "They think it's all over....."

...it is now! Bye.

Derrick Holden

Just when you thought things couldn't get any worse (Pt II)

Last months article - Just when you thought it could n't get any worse - about the overzealous jobsworths who are paid to clear our streets of inconsiderate parking obviously touched a nerve with one or two of you out there. As Sir Terry (Wogan) would say, I am indebted to our other reader Bernie the Post aka Bernard Baker for the following:-

One of our clients runs a care home for senior citizens in Essex. Like all care homes, they are subject to unannounced visits from the inspectors. This visit was particularly thorough as the standards are pretty high and it is difficult to find 'faults'. Sending IN a report with 'No Faults' does not get you promotion! You can imagine the client's reaction when they finally found a fault. There was no written down programme for doing the washing up!!!

On the job training was not good enough - It had to be written down. Can you help?

- Look at the plate and establish if it is dirty
- Look at the dirt and see if you need to scrape off the worst
- Find a non-injurious implement to do the scraping (Don't risk cutting yourself by using a knife)
- Establish whether the non-injurious implement has less dirt on it than the plate.
- If it fails this test, find another non-injurious implement.....

I'll leave you to do the rest... Just don't forget to leave space at the bottom of the form so that the trainer and the trainee can sign and date it to confirm that there is now a fully qualified washer up on the premises!!

Bernie the Post

Ann Holden

CSMA West Middlesex Group : Motorcycling News

More motorcycling delights promised for the next few days, weeks and months, including...

Saturday/Sunday 4th – 5th July:

It's National Road Rally time! Once again a number of us will be 'going for Gold' (but settling for Silver and having a good time I suspect !!) on this Annual highlight of our West Middlesex motorcycling year. We'll be Starting at Pinewood in Bracknell on Saturday afternoon where the Control will be manned by CSMA Motorcycle Committee members, & then we'll proceed to ride around Central & Southern England for three or four hundred miles (or whatever !), eventually arriving at Bletchley Park on Sunday morning, joining up with the 1500 or so other Competitors. As you may have read in this column last month, I'm once again trying to raise Sponsorship for Mencap on this event and I'm pleased to report that you've been very generous indeed.....so far! Sincere thanks to all those that have already pledged support, and please get in touch if you would like to donate something, in the name of West Middlesex Group, to this very worthy cause.

Tuesday July 28th :

The Mid-Week Ride Out. We'll meet at the Jolly Woodman on Littleworth Common (our Noggan an' Natter venue) from 9am for breakfast and depart promptly at 10. But, despite what I'd hoped, WE ARE **NOT** GOING TO THE TRIUMPH FACTORY at Hinckley, well, not until next Spring we're not, they're Closed for Tours in July/August & the first date I can get will be next April / May – a popular place obviously!!! More details nearer the time, and sorry to disappoint.....

So, we're still going to meet at the Jolly Woodman, as decreed above, but we'll be off to the glorious Cotswolds instead! I hope you can come along & enjoy a lovely day out on some of England's quieter byways, and our Group's Chairman, Derrick H, has pointed me towards a really nice Riverside country Inn for our Lunchthanks Derrick.

Sunday 2nd August:

The Mid-Summer BBQ 'Run! This 'Cars, 'Bikes an' Social' event will also start from the Jolly Woodman! Gather for breakfast and Signing On from 9am for a 10am Start. Then it's an interesting route for about 4 to 5 hours & we'll finish up with a BBQ at that most excellent venue we know in Hook! An interesting route, in part different for both Cars & Bikes, but each around 60 to 80 miles. They'll be a joint Coffee Stop mid-way, and the event will climax with a really social afternoon & evening, which really makes this a very popular event for everybody. Put the date in your diary, and speak to Derrick for Cars, & AG for 'Bike details

Tuesday August 25th:

The August mid-week Ride Out will be our regular visit to the famous Poole Bike-Nite! We'll meet at the Bushe Cafe at Blackbushe Airport on the A30 near Camberley from 9am to leave at 10. Then it's a quick buzz down to Dorset and a short, relaxed tour of the Jurassic Coast area, before arriving early-evening on the Quay at Poole for the regular 'Bike Nite. I've found another new place for Coffee & a real 1950's environment for our Lunch stop. This place will bring back memories of Beezers, AJ's and Velo's for some, (OK, NSU Quicklys for Alan M ...!), plus sherbet dabs, blackjacks, and everlasting strips for others – some of us may actually feel young again!!!!

Bagshot to Poole will be about a 120 mile ride, & you're quite welcome to Finish there at approx 5.00pm, but I will be returning to the Jolly Woodman for the Noggin' for 9.30pm as usual, via the M27 & M3, if you want to come back (part way perhaps?) with me.

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

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July Clubnight - Walk

A gentle meander through the countryside!

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

We'll meet at the car park in Cookham Common (175 / 894854) at 7.45pm for an 8.00pm start.

Contact Derrick on 07905 005963

The deadline for articles for the

July

Sump is June 24th!

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Fancy a trip to the Williams Formula 1 Factory???

On Thursday 13th August I've arranged for a Group of CSMA members to visit the Williams F1 facility at Grove in Oxfordshire.

The cost will be £25 per person and non-Member guests will be welcome providing they are over 18 years of age.

You'll need to get yourself to the factory by 14.00hrs (Final details / address etc. will be sent out to all Guests before the day), and we'll have a Hi-Tech afternoon Tour around as much of the Williams Team facility as their operational requirements allow.

If there is enough interest, and for a small extra charge, I may be able to arrange for a mini-coach to collect and return us to & from the Jolly Woodman – let me know if you're interested in this option.

Meanwhile to book a place please :

A) *e-mail me your interest to confirm there's still places available & then...*

B) *send me a cheque for £25 per person to MY HOME ADDRESS but make it payable to CSMA West Middlesex Group please:*

Finally ... there are a very limited number of places for this visit, so it's most definitely 'first-come-first-pleased' for this one!

Hope you can make it.....

AG

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CSMA North London Centre 'QUADRUPLEX'

Saturday 25th July 2009

... presented by WEST MIDDLESEX GROUP.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

So, the details are :

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

Hope to see you all there for a bumper turnout !

Allan Goddard

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Date	Day	Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club	Champ
July	Sat 4	* Multi venue Autotest (C)	Tarmac/Grass autotest	Mercian Motorsports	
	Sun 5	* Greenacres (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NWL	Centre
	Sun 12	* AutoSolo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Farnborough DMC	
	Sun 19	* AutoSolo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Warwickshire DMC	
	Sat 25	* Quadruplex ()	Intergroup Quiz	CSMA WMx	Centre
	Sun 26	* Grasshopper (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NEL	Centre
Sept	Sun 6	AutoSolo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	CSMA NEL	Centre
	Tue 8	Castle Combe Track Day ()	Thrash round a race circuit	CSMA NL	
	Sun 13	AutoSolo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Farnborough DMC	

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

Previous Events

Juniper Autotest For the first time in ages, Alastair Moffatt made it two wins in a row and is the first person to be presented with bottles having a picture of themselves. The event was held in hot conditions and despite a record 39 starters, the event finished ahead of time. We only lost one entry from the day before and one competitor borrowed a car to do our event. As usual we had some breakages, the worst one when Keith Walton split his axle casing and deposited oil all over the course. Thankfully lots of help from the competitors and marshals soon had it cleared up and the event got going again. Everyone seemed to have a good time, so lots of thanks to all the marshals who the day a success.

**Future Events**

Multi Venue Autotest If you are very quick there may just be time to get an entry for this event. Starting from the Truck Stop on the A5 near Crick, the event consists of three venues, two tarmac and one grass, and straightforward road sections in-between. There are something like 30 tests during the day and all for £22. If interested, then contact the organiser Chris Valentine on 07949 698316 ASAP.

Greenacres Autotest The event will be on the 5th July and will run at the usual Dunstable venue. This will be a passenger carrying event and is held on a smooth grass field. Nice easy all-forward tests are on offer and are suitable for your standard car. Entry fee is £17. Let me know if you require regs.

Farnborough AutoSolo Another invite, this time on the 12th July. Back to Aldershot for this one and the entry fee will be the usual £30. No licence required, just your CSMA membership card.

Warwickshire AutoSolo This is an invite to the Warwickshire Drivers event at the Truck Stop on the A5 near Crick. There should be three tests laid out and as many runs as they can fit in. No licence required, just your CSMA membership card. Entry fee is £26 and regs are available from myself.

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

Grasshopper Autotest The second of the grass autotests will be held at the usual Studd Farm site over near Dunstable. Bernard Ward will be organising again and the entry fee is £17. Nice easy all-forward tests are on offer and are suitable for your standard car. Let me know if you require regs.

Welsh Enduro This event, scheduled for the 8/9 August, has been cancelled due to a lack of entries.

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

CSMA Track Day This is a non-competitive event at the Castle Combe race track in Wiltshire on Tuesday 8th Sept. You'll be able to drive your own car round the circuit throughout the day at a pace of your own choosing. Each driver/rider should have a minimum of five sessions on-track with the possible opportunity of some one-to-one tuition with an experienced racing instructor for cars and bikes during the day. Helmets are available on loan from the circuit. Front seat passengers are permitted but they must be at least 17years old, be 'signed-on', and attend and fully understand the safety briefings and procedures. The full day of on-track action will finish at 5pm.

Treasure Hunt This has now been postponed until the 11th October. Invite to a Green Belt MC organised treasure hunt. The event starts at 2pm and the entry fees are £7.50 per car (two person crew) plus £2.50 per extra person. The event takes place on map 177 and starts from The King's Oak, High Beach at MR 411981.

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