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for their March Clubnight

***Proudly Present***



**Mr Philip Young**

*Rally Veteran*

*and*

*Organiser Extraordinaire!*



With a wealth of stories and  
anecdotes from a life in Motorsport!

Be sure to arrive early for a good seat!  
March 10<sup>th</sup>, 8pm sharp.

Newsletter of the West Middlesex Group of the **csma**

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## Your Editor Speaking...

**H**ello again...

A bit of a quiet month after the frenzy which was January, things seem to be settling down again. So it's a relatively short issue...

We have articles on the February Slot Car Clubnight, (which was a lot of fun) and an account of the motorsport related "Ice-breaker" at a rather nice dinner Nikki and I attended.

Work in the garage moves on apace. The pace of continental drift, that is... (Did you know that Africa and South America move apart by about 1 inch per year? Fascinat-

ing!) So that's slightly faster than any of my projects advance then... My excuse is that it's too cold, and I'm sticking to it...

I did eventually get around to changing the thermostat in the Golf though. It took me about three hours, outside, at 4 degrees C... Once again, I was given the old "Haynes run-around", even sending me into an endless loop at one point - "to remove the thermostat, first drain the coolant - see section 1... To drain the coolant remove the thermostat housing..."

Aaaarrrrgh....

Have fun!

***Jez Boakes (Editor)***

## Chairman's Ramblings

**W**ell it's been quite a busy month really

I spent the first week at the Ally Pally bike show, which is always enjoyable.

The Leathers industry is bit slow at the moment but all retailers seem to be saying the same thing.

Several of our local bike shops have closed already this year, and the scooter boom appears to have settled out.

Let's hope that this isn't the start of another recession.

The show spurred me on to sort my bike out for the coming year.

It's insured, £85, not bad for a 165mph sports bike.

I've sent the seat off to be lowered which will make life a bit easier, especially as I will be carrying a pillion a lot more now.

It's booked in for its MOT, service and general fettling and then I'll be all set.

Looking forward to some great rideouts with WMx this year as there seem to be quite a few planned, it will be good to see as many of you as possible as we always have a great time, and whatever AG says there's often a chance for a blat as well as the usual bumble!

By the time you read this I will have taken delivery of another car.

It's a Sylva Leader sports car, similar in style to a Lotus Seven, but different.

It's got some history within the group as it was originally owned by our very own John

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Turner before I bought it about 10 years ago. I had it for a while and then sold it to a mate in Yorkshire. I had already rebuilt the rolling chassis, and he rebuilt the rest of it including the engine and wiring. It was then used for hillclimbs and sprints, where it regularly embarrassed owners of similarly powered Westfields and Caterhams, much to their chagrin. My mate then sold it on to a couple of guys in Manchester, who have done about 200 miles in 2 years, and so the vehicle was put up for sale and offered straight back to yours truly. It gets delivered this weekend so space has been made in the garage and you can expect to see it at some autotests and other events throughout the year.

The annual dinner is fast approaching and as I understand it is now fully booked.

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This is good news for us but not for you if you haven't already managed to secure a ticket.

With any luck we will have to find a bigger venue for next years dinner.

There will again be some entertainment laid on, but it will be a surprise on the night, hope you're all looking forward to it as much as I am.

That's it for now

See you at Noggin ?

And in the meantime, don't forget the beans and the rhubarb!

**Big J (Chairman)**

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## **Mack's Mutterings**

**F**ebruary is a bit of short month so I am not sure I have much to report since last time. From a personal point of view I have **finally** got round to doing something to the Westfield's "new" engine. It is completely stripped, bores honed (due to some very strange marks), crank nose machined to clear the cam-chain and gasket surfaces cleaned up. All I have to do now is bolt it all back together. That is, all apart from working out what to do with a growing pile of injection / ignition bits I have been collecting of course!!

Anyway, enough of my pipe dreams, what about the WMx events? Feb's clubnight was the Slotcar Stages at our usual venue, the Windsor Liberal Club. Hopefully there will be a write up elsewhere in this Sump but suffice to say I gave up the chance of free beer and curry for this and I wasn't disappointed! By the time you read this there will have been another slotcar event (The Centre Presidents Stages), the Nog-

gin and Natter and a visit to the History on Wheels. Not a bad set of events for February!

March starts with the Annual Dinner. As I type I have the menu beside me and have to decide whether to have the "Traditional Roast Sirloin of Beef" or the "Baked Salmon en Croute". Hmm... I am drooling already!

Over the next couple of months you have 3 12-cars to choose from (or why not do them all!); the NEL on the 11<sup>th</sup> March, the NWL on the 12<sup>th</sup> March and our own WMx 12 car (postponed from last October) on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April.

Then there are two clubnights well worth attending. The first being Philip Young's talk on his life in rallying (10<sup>th</sup> March), the second being our AGM (14<sup>th</sup> April); please make every effort to attend the AGM- this is where you get a chance to have your say on how **your** club is run!

That's all for now - have fun!

**Toby Mack (Secretary)**

**West Middlesex Group motorcyclists present:**

***Oh, No!  
It's yet another  
mid-week Ride-out!***

**After the somewhat surprising (?) success of our first mid-week Ride Out in June 2002 and those that followed in '03 & '04, we're gonna try to do a few more in 2005!**

**Dates: the last Tuesday every month from April to Sept.2005**

*We'll meet at the Square Deal Café on the A4 at Knowl Hill at 11am for a late breakfast..... Leave at 11.30am and ride to an excellent Wiltshire pub I've recently re-discovered.....*

*A light lunch.....and then we'll return via a favourite route to finish at our Noggin' an' Natter venue at Littlefield Common for supper with other Group members around 6.30pm.*

*As ever, this will be a relaxing 'bimble' using B and C class roads wherever possible – and we go, come rain or shine!*

*Please let me know if you're coming along by the Saturday before the Ride-out 'cos if you're not, I'll be planning a lie-in!!!*

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*Regards to you all – AG*

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The deadline for articles for the *April Sump* is March 23<sup>rd</sup>!

**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.**

## Cyril Dart

It is with great sadness I have to report to you that Cyril Dart lost his long battle against cancer on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Cyril was an active **csma** member for more than 50 years and was the first **csma** Captain I met back in 1964. He competed on and organised many, many events on both two and four wheels and still enjoyed his motorcycling well into his seventies. Motorsport was always a passion with him and we had many a chat about his 'old days' in csma competitions – he was also very supportive when I first took on the role of MotorSports Chairman and then **csma** Captain in 2003.

He was such a gentleman, I, and his many **csma** friends will miss him.

To his wife, May, and all his family, on behalf of West Middlesex Group, we extend our every sympathy.

**Allan Goddard**

## Who would you have nominated?

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January, Jez and I attended the British Trials & Rally Driver's Association (BTRDA) lunch & awards presentation at Sutton Coldfield. This is the first year that we've made it to the celebrations and were treated to a very entertaining day out.

The array of silverware is very impressive. The Rally Championships had been awarded at two separate ceremonies before Christmas so that left the Rallycross, Autocross, Autotest and Production Car Trial Championship awards to present. In addition, there is an Allrounder Championship in which competitors must score in 3 of the seven disciplines available to qualify.

The BTRDA AGM preceded the delicious five course lunch before the presentation commenced.

The awards were presented by our trio of MCs: Mike Broad (who those of you at the CB a couple of years ago will remember as our speaker from the MSA discussing the future of rallying), Mike Sones and Nick Pollitt. All three highly respected members of both the BTRDA and other motor sport organisations. They treated us to a slick, well choreographed presentation with anecdotes from the recipients' years' antics and a few well timed jokes.

During the lunch, there was a quiz in which each table was asked to nominate their top 12 rally drivers of all time. The aforementioned trio had come up with their definitive list and there was a prize for the table whose list most closely matched our hosts' nominations. Who would you have put down?

Much debate ensued across the soup as to whether the modern day drivers out-classed those from two or three decades ago. For instance, how does one compare the likes of Sebastian Loeb with Markku Alen?

Some names were quickly on our "must have" short list but when we had to narrow our 20+ nominees down to our chosen dozen it proved very difficult and just when we thought we were getting somewhere, somebody would remember another name to throw into the pot.

Eventually, we managed to come to a consensus around the table about those who we'd leave off the list and then set about ranking our chosen remaining names. As well as having to match the correct 12 names, if there was a tie, it would come down to matching the nominations for the top three places so we then had further debate to decide our top three. Our final submission was as follows:

1. Juha Kankunen
2. Hannu Mikkola
3. Carlos Sainz
4. Stig Blomqvist
5. Timo Makinen
6. Markku Alen
7. Tommi Makinen
8. Ari Vatanen
9. Henri Toivonen
10. Bjorn Waldegard
11. Walter Rohl
12. Michelle Mouton

With a tie in equal 13<sup>th</sup> between:

Pentti Airikkala  
Rauno Aaltonen  
Eric Carlsson  
Roger Clark  
Marcus Grunholm  
Paddy Hopkirk  
Simo Lampinen  
Sebastian Loeb  
Colin McRae  
Pat Moss

It was certainly an interesting debate and a good way to break the ice and get the tables talking.

As an aside, when I was checking the spellings for the above names on the internet, if we were going by the number of Google hits, Eric Carlsson should have been in at top spot with 128,000 hits. Most of the others had around a tenth of that number.

The "official" list was announced as follows:

1. Tommi Makinen,
2. Carlos Sainz,
3. Walter Rohl, and then in no particular order,  
Henri Toivonen,  
Ari Vatanen,  
Eric Carlsson,  
Bjorn Waldegaard,  
Colin McRae,  
Hannu Mikkola,  
Sebastian Loeb,  
Markku Alen,  
Juha Kankkunen.

Three tables matched 10 drivers with the winners getting Rohl and Sainz in the top three. The biggest omission from the "official" list was Stig Blomqvist who was chosen by many.

4 tables matched 9 drivers, 3 tables matched 8, another 3 matched 7 and 5 tables matched 6 names.

Points weren't deducted for mis-spelling, which is a good thing! Some spellings were interesting: Harri Vatanen?? And there was some definite creeping from some tables, with Nick Pollitt getting 5 mentions!

Apparently they're considering a Co-drivers list for next year. I wonder how many people could name 12 co-drivers?

***Nikki Wild***



Dates	Event (Status)	Club	Type of Event	Champ
Mar Fri 11	* 12 Car Rally (C)	NEL	Navigational Rally	Centre
Fri 18	* 12 Car Rally (C)	NWL	Navigational Rally	Centre
Sun 20	* Auto Solo (C)	Farnborough & DMC	Semi Speed event	
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	
May Sat 21	Metropole (C)	HQ	Regularity Run	
21/22	Curtis Bennett (C)	HQ	Navigational Rally	
Sun 22	Dunlop (C)	HQ	Grass Autotest	
Jun Sun 5	Juniper (Nat B)	NEL	Tarmac Autotest	BTRDA

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

**Past Events**

**Carpetbagger Rally** This was a very tough event and out of the full entry of 60 cars, only 34 made it to the finish. After two previous failed attempts at this rally, we were determined to actually get to the finish for a change rather than going home on a flatbed. Although the route was all pre-plot, the nature of the roads in south Devon are a big challenge anyway but this year the weather took a hand in it and made it even harder. Basically it was lots of snow at one point, bit of fog, lots of rain, a touch of ice and everywhere else was just muddy. This was one of the most satisfying wins we have ever had and now have custody of the official title of The Bagger for the year. We aim to be back next year.



1st Car 4	Mike Biss / Cath Woodman	0:28:36
4th Car 17	Ian Orford / Bob Jones	0:46:20
11th Car 38	Richard Cann / Perry Roe	1:09:03
13th Car 33	Robert Reynolds / Lizzie Pope	1:11:24
Retired Car 6	Peter Johnson / Andy Berry	Hedge
Retired Car 25	Gavin Rogers / Carrie Rogers	Fell off road
Retired Car 27	Clive Baty / Adrian Gladwin	Unknown

**Intergroup Scalextric Stages** The event attracted three more crews than last year to the venue at Hatfield, but it was not North West London who won the team award and best placed crew. For the first time, the team award was wrenched from their grip by the North East London team. Three courses were on offer in each half (the venue provided plenty of room for the circuits to be laid out), with penalties for leaving the track, inverting the car or not stopping in the box. A nice hot buffet at halfway went down well. Yet again it was the Shogun stage that caused most people a problem with keeping it on the track as it was very top heavy and difficult to control. Afterwards, the tracks came apart a jolly sight quicker than they did to set up. Many thanks to AG, and helpers Dave Wiles and Bob Head, for putting on such a fun event.

Position	Team	Group	Total
1st	Mike Biss / Barry Childs	NEL	620
2nd	Shirley Baldwin / Alan Thurbon	NWL	703
3rd	Mike Harrison / Claire Harrison	NWL	707
4th	Dave Smith / Dee Keane	NWL	713
5th	Alan Robins / Dave Robins	NWL	716
6th	Daniel Childs / James Childs	NEL	732
7th	Bernard Ward / John Foster	NEL	733
8th	Simon Mummery / Ron Daymond	WMx / Wraysbury	828
9th	Ian Wood / Marion Wood	MKB	880
10th	Eric Crease / John Brown	NWL	950
11th	Phil Perry / Alex Perry	NEL	953
12th	Jeanette Perry / Helen Perry	NEL	976
13th	Mick O'Blath / Margaret Hull	NEL	1004

**Belgium Navigation Rally** Instead of doing the Kent rally again last weekend, Cath and I decided to do something completely different and entered a navigational rally in Belgium. Details next month, maybe.

### Future Events

**March 12-Car Rally** This will be run by NEL on the 11th March and the start will be from the White Lion PH, High Cross, on the old A10, MR 166/364185. The event will be on map 166 edition C2 and will cover the usual 45 miles or so. Bernard Ward is the man in charge and would like to hear from you on 01992 582323 for all offers to marshal, enter, etc.

**February 12-Car (Take 2)** This event is now running on the 18th March, one week after the NEL event and is being organised by Dave Smith, with some help from Cath Woodman. The event starts from the Rose and Crown PH at Ridgmont, Beds MR153/977363 (just off junction 13 of the M1). The route uses maps 153 edition C2 and 166 edition C2 and Dave can be contacted on 01525 404638 for offers to marshal or enter.

**Farnborough Auto Solo** This is a new style of event that is a cross between an autotest and a sprint. The csma have an invite from Farnborough & DMC to their Spring Solo event on the 20th March, which will use the Martini parade ground at Bordon in Hampshire, MR 186/791368. Arrival is recommended by 9:00, but note that the entry list will close on Monday March 14th, and may be full before then, so please don't expect to arrive and enter 'on the day'. Any road car is suitable (see picture from last years event) and sharing the driving is allowed. Handbrake turns and a good memory are not required as the tests are designed with no sharp turns and all the gates are numbered. Most of the tests are done in second gear so certainly faster than a tarmac autotest but no where near as fast as a sprint. The entry is split into two or three groups and when you are not competing, you help out marshalling. Also, as there are usually a lot of competitors, this means there will be someone to talk to about the other competitors progress whilst you're marshalling. The entry fee will be about £25, but you will get two runs at each of the four tests run during the day. Regs and further details are available from myself.



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**April 12-Car Rally** This is the West Middlesex rescheduled October event and has a new organising team in the shape of Malcolm Grubb and John Wright. The start will be at The Lambert Arms PH, Aston Rowant, nr Stokenchurch, MR165/723982, with first car starting at 8.30pm. Maps 165 edition D and 175 edition C1 will be required for the 50 mile route. Further details and the usual offers to John on 01923 689152.

**Concorde Production Car Trial** Don't forget to put the Concorde production car trial in your diaries for April 17th. We need plenty of marshals to mark the scores by competitors, no previous experience needed, just some enthusiasm to help out. Several courses are laid out on some steep hills and the cars have to traverse the routes without hitting the markers or stopping. The further they get up the hills, the less penalty points they get. Anyone wishing to help out on the event, can they please give me a call.

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## Slotcar Stages clubnight, 10<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**F**ebruary's clubnight was the Slotcar Stages, organised (as ever!) by AG and Dave Wiles. These are always good events so I was looking forward to it. So much so that I decided not to go on my works do (free curry and beer) and go to clubnight instead! Actually, it wasn't that difficult a decision - free beer generally means a very bad head the next day and I wasn't sure I wanted that....



So, we arrived around 8 to find things well organised as always. AG had his track setup on the tables and Dave had a track on the floor. AG had gone to town with bridges, chicanes, crossovers and snow covered mountains (ok, boxes with a cloth over them!). All very impressive! As you can see from the picture, there was a good turnout (over 20 at one stage) so AG organised us into teams of 2 with 6 stages to complete in all. Obviously, with two tracks that meant 3 times on each track but things were made even



more interesting by running in different directions and with different cars. For those that have not been before, AG has a huge collection of cars (helped by Bob turning up at most events with a new toy for him!) so can choose anything from a Caterham 7 (goes and stops well but difficult to keep on the track - just like a real one then!) to 4 wheel drive rally cars which stick to the track like glue. As some of these cars are pretty rare and AG did not want his collection trashed (as if we would.....) there

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were penalties for crashing – 10 seconds for leaving the track completely.

So, off we went. After the 1<sup>st</sup> couple of stages I was starting to notice who the competition were. Nice and smooth and try not to make too many mistakes looked like the best approach - not surprisingly this was easier said than done and by half way only one team (Simon & Vinny) had zero penalties. Mind you, some teams were obviously taking things a little too seriously - as shown by this picture of Jez “walking the course”. This isn’t an autotest Jez, you can’t get lost on this one!!! **(Wanna bet?!? - Ed)**



Anyway, it looked like everyone was having a great time and by the end the scores were surprisingly close. On total time Dave and Bob would have won but an executive decision found them disqualified (one set up the track and the other sells slotcars!) so the top spot went to Colin & Lewis with 771s. Next were Jez & Mike with 785s followed by Toby & Mat and Ian & Ken in joint 3<sup>rd</sup> with 805 seconds.



To end the evening, a couple of guys from Farnborough District Motor Club gave us a quick intro to Autosolos. These are fairly new to the UK and are a cross between sprinting and autotesting. Slower speed than sprinting (so no danger to you or your car) but without the complexity of reversing, handbrake turns and remembering the course that you have on an autotest. FDMC have kindly invited us to their next autosolo on the 20<sup>th</sup> March at Bordon, judging by the interest show there will be a few WMx people there (hopefully including me!)

*How many men does it take to fix a slotcar?!?*

so we will see how we get on! (for anyone interested, regs should appear on our website as soon as I have them)

**Toby Mack**

CIVIL SERVICE MOTORING ASSOCIATION LTD  
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12 Car Navigational Rally

Friday 11th March 2005

Start at the White Horse PH, High Cross, Nr Ware, Herts

Map 166 / 364185 at 8.30pm

Map 166 edition C2 will be required.

Route is approx 50 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: Bernard Ward

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

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NORTH EAST LONDON GROUP

12 Car Navigational Rally

Friday 11th March 2005

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.....