



Extra Committee Meeting

31st January 2012



Your Group Needs YOU !

The Committee's getting older. Our brains are addled.

We need new ideas and new people.

PLEASE come on down, you **WILL** be rewarded.

It's not all beaurocracy, it should be all about making the most of the facilities available through CSMA.

Get what **YOU** want.

See you on 31st at the Jolly Woodman.

Newsletter of the West Middlesex Group of the csma

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Davetorial

Hi there, and Welcome to 2012.

Oh, and while I am thinking about it...

Happy New Year to all You All...!!!...

January looks like it is going to be a busy month, so, I suggest you thoroughly digest everything in this issue...

Until March...

Dave Wiles

A Note from your Chairman

Hello everyone – Happy New Year, I hope it's a good one.

I'm not sure if this missive will reach you before or after the Jan Club Night, I do hope that you can/did make it; just to say that it will be at our N & N venue, the Jolly Woodman PH rather than Pinewood.

The WMx 12 car is on the **20th**, so you should really support this event, either as an entry or a marshal/helper – I'm sure AW will find something for you to do!

Speaking of supporting events, I did say the other month that I needed to address the fact that I had missed several events due to being involved elsewhere and that I needed to sort this out. Well, I have to announce that I will be standing down from the

Chairmanship and from the committee at the AGM in April. I have too many things to do in too many different places. Working full time (new projects and wholesale changes and upheaval within armed forces) also prevents me from committing the time that I would like to certain projects, both personal and for CSMA (that is, WMx).

I also feel that fresher, younger blood should be given a chance and would hope that new(er) and better ideas will be forthcoming from all the volunteers that will come flooding forward.....come on, start flooding.....

A Group is as good as its members, the committee has organised, and run, very well presented events on your behalf and WMx is (statistically) the busiest Group in the North London Centre, itself the busiest Centre in the country. The Group and the committee must be doing something right! Come along – get involved, it's easy and great fun. The January N & N on 31st (at the Jolly Woodman) is noted in the calendar as EGM (*Extra* General Meeting) so we want a big turnout, and the plan (yes, there *is* a plan) is to discuss ideas for the future – that includes everyone's involvement, extra committee members and, I'm

sorry to say, a new chairman.

I would like to see the Group go from strength to strength and build on its reputation as a hive of activity – and *you should* be involved in it – make it your New Year resolution.

And, speaking of the New Year; 2012 – Olympic year! LOCOG (I always thought that meant changing down a gear) seems to be ahead of the game and our athletes are primed and ready; let's hope for lots of gold, silver and bronze (and that the lead stays on the church roofs where it belongs instead of being nicked)!

On the motoring front, who can challenge Loeb this year? Who will be F1 champion? Will Rossi get back to his winning ways? Who will win the WMx 12 car? How many WMx events will you attend/organise? What a fascinating year ahead for *all* of us.

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

Derrick Holden

PS. AG wrote jokes and puns on ten of the Christmas cards that he sent out, hoping that they would amuse the recipients. No pun in ten did.

Secretary's Scriblings

Happy New Year ! You've probably heard that a lot already so I won't labour the point.

Another year gone, what have we done? Well the WMX Group is seen as one of the most successful in CSMA. But we need more – **DON'T FORGET THE "EXTRA COMMITTEE MEETING ON 31st JANUARY AT THE JOLLY WOODMAN"**. We need your ideas and also more people on the

Committee – come along and see that it's not all paperwork and admin, it's about doing stuff we want to do with the support of the largest private motoring club in the World.

I'll also tell you how my Fabia was written off on the last day of 2011, but you'll have to come to find out...

Come on down, or up, or wherever you are. Your Group needs you!

Alan Wakeman

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The deadline for articles for the

March

Sump is Friday February 17th

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Miss Shillings Orifice

Early in World War II the Spitfire's advantage over German aircraft was not as clear as many thought.

The Merlin engine's lack of direct fuel injection meant that both Spitfires and Hurricanes were, unlike the contemporary Bf-109E, unable to nose down into a deep dive. *Luftwaffe* fighters could therefore 'bunt' into a high-power dive to escape attack, leaving the pursuing aircraft spluttering behind as its fuel was forced by negative 'g' out of the carburettor. RAF fighter pilots soon learned to 'half-roll' their aircraft before diving to pursue their opponents.

The use of carburettors was calculated to give a higher specific power output, due to the lower temperature, and hence greater density, of the fuel/air mixture, compared to injected systems.

'Miss Shilling's orifice' (invented in March 1941 by Beatrice Shilling, an engineer at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough) was a holed diaphragm fitted across the float chambers which went some way towards curing the fuel starvation in a dive. And not a lot of people know that!

And, speaking of carbs. v injection, I have just read that Vanwall (winner of the first F1 Constructors Cup in 1958 – how up-to-date am I?) bullied Mercedes Benz into letting them use MB's injection system on its cars in light of the assistance Vandervell Bearings (Vanwall's owner) had given MB when they had bearing problems! Germans asking the British to help them with an engineering problem; not a lot of people know *that* either!

Derrick

CSMA West Middlesex Group Motorcycling News : January 2012

Provisional plans for Ride - Outs, Shows, & various other Motorcycling activities !

Throughout 2012 from March until October, on the last Tuesday of every month there will be a West Middlesex Group Mid-week Ride Out. The attached list is provisional but will be confirmed at, or immediately following, the preceding month's Ride out, & also in our monthly Group newsletter, 'The Sump'.

Tuesday, March 27th ~ first Mid Week Ride-Out of the New Year!

We'll be meeting at Jenner's Café alongside the Thames at Maidenhead (near Boulters Lock) Meet from 09.00hrs and I plan to move off at 10 o'clock sharp! We'll have one stop for a coffee & comfort break en-route and will be having Lunch somewhere rural before riding back via another 'Tea stop' to our Finish venue which will be at our Noggin & Natter venue, the Jolly Woodman on Littleworth Common by about 6pm.

Friday 3rd Feb. ~ Trip to ExCel Centre : MCN London Motorcycle Show. Mini-Bus return-trip from Jolly Woodman , Meet at 9am, back by 7.30pm. £20 per person ~ **BOOKING ESSENTIAL !**

Sunday 5th Feb. ~ CSMA Red Tape Trial : come along and help to 'Observe' (Marshal) on this Classic motorcycle Trial, or just 'spectate'!

Tuesday 27th March: ~ First mid-week Ride-Out of 2012 see above for details.

Tuesday 24th April: ~ The April mid-week Ride Out; meet at Pinewood Café near Crowthorne (RG40 3AQ). Gather from 9am, move off at 10....and we're going South.

Sunday 29th April: ~ The Surrey Summer Spree, a Classic Car tour but I shall be leading a small group of Motorcyclists around this one-day Route.

Thurs 3rd– Mon 7th May: ~ Our first French Motorcycle mini-Tour. A fully escorted Tour aimed at first time CSMA riders & particularly at those that may not have taken two wheels abroad before.

Thurs. 10th May: ~ CSMA Track Day ::: you know you liked the little 'taster' I gave you last September, now come & try it for 'real' !

Fri 11th – Sun 13th May: ~ The Welsh National Rally I'll be taking a small Team as usual ...

Tuesday 29th May: ~ May mid-week Ride Out ...

31st May – 5th June: ~ Our second French Motorcycle Tour ...similar in presentation to the early May Tour, but different ! And this time it's for everyone!

Tuesday 26th June: ~ June mid-week Ride Out ...

Sat 30th June – Sun 1st July:~ The National Motorcycle Rally – more nearer the time ...

Sunday 22nd July: ~ Mid Summer 'Run & BBQ – a not-to-be-missed day out!

Thursday 26th July: ~ A pre-Olympics Cream Tea Ride Out (for those that will be glued to the 'box for all the sporting action over the next 17 days!) Opening ceremony is the next day

Tuesday 31st July: ~ July mid-week Ride Out... (for those that aren't...)

- Saturday 11th Feb; ~ NLC President's day : A Slot-Car Rally & great fun for all the family! From 2-7pm.
- Thursday April 12th ~ WMx Group AGM and '60th Anniversary Celebration' of the Sump! Venue TBA

That's 7 Ride Outs; 1 Track Day; 2 National Rallies; 1 M/C Trial; 1 M/C Show; 1 BBQ; 2 French mini-holiday Tours; plus a few little 'extras' to look forward to and YOU can enjoy it all !

URGENT! Can YOU help our West Middlesex Group?

January 2012 and once again we find ourselves, as a very successful Group within CSMA, under serious threat because we cannot find 'volunteers' to serve as Committee Members & give up a few hours a month to help & advise the Group into, & beyond, this forthcoming year.

The FACTS are :

- At our AGM on Thursday 12th April 2012, our esteemed Chairman Derrick Holden has advised us that he will not be seeking re-election & is standing down from the role he has ably supported for several years....
- Our Group Committee has, for the past two years, being operating with just 6 Members instead of the desired 8.
- Despite pleas to our Members, not one positive response has been received by any member of the current Committee with the offer of help &/or support...
- West Middlesex Group was the first Group begat by the (North) London Centre more than 65 years ago when CSMA moved out of its heartland in Whitehall....
- West Middlesex is one of the most successful Groups in THE most active Centre in the Country...
- No other CSMA Group can boast the Social successes or the Sporting glory in all motoring disciplines, that West Middlesex can ... our Heritage is both envied & legendary.
- Without two or three willing volunteers coming forward As Soon As Possible, our Group may well CEASE TO EXSIST after our April 2012 AGM ...

Personally I have invested more than four decades in our Group and it's many activities, as I hope most of you will know, and I am more than willing to carry on, along with our existing Committee. But we do need some new blood; a new Chairman needs to be elected, along with a couple of new Committee Members

As I've said many times before, a position on our Committee doesn't need to be an onerous task, no one will be expected to take on anything beyond our local Group duties, but we do need to have the help of another two or three Members to keep our affairs in order, and keep the famous West Middlesex Group name to the fore of everything 'CSMA'. Once again, this is not over-stating the situation - our Group really does need this support. So if you can help us, or have any questions at all, please get in touch with me (or any Member of the current Committee) & we'll do our best to guide you, and/or answer questions.

And if you really can't 'volunteer' yourself, please, please, please try to attend the West Middlesex Group's AGM on 12th April to help us decide the way forward.

My very Best Regards, & let's hope it's a very Happy New Year for all of us!

Allan Goddard

West Middlesex Group Committee Member 1967 – 2012.



The Association of Eastern Motor Clubs
in conjunction with Volunteers in Motorsport and Go Motorsport
is pleased to announce a

RALLY MARSHALS' TRAINING DAY

on

Saturday 4th February 2012

at

Cambridge Regional College

Training will be by MSA licenced training instructors with separate sessions for new marshals, experienced stage marshals, radio operators, timing marshals and senior stage officials.

Signing-on at 09:00 for a prompt start. The training will end by 16:00, thus allowing an easy return home.

Please apply via the online application form at

<http://volunteersinmotorsport.co.uk/tinc?key=nX0K3jBh&formname=cambridge>
which will ensure we have all necessary details. If this is impossible then please phone Vernon on (020) 8768 5507.

Early application is requested so that we know how many are coming and which training streams are required so that we can cater accordingly.

Remember that to retain your Marshalling Grading you should receive formal, accredited training at least every other year.



MCN London Motorcycle Show 2012

@ ExCel Centre, London Docklands

on Friday 3rd Feb. 2012

We are running a day trip to the ExCel Centre on Friday 3rd Feb. to visit the MCN London Motorcycle Show.

The Plan is to all meet up at the Jolly Woodman on Littleworth Common for 9am, have a bacon butty & a coffee, then 'board our coach for the trip to the ExCel Centre. The rest of the day will be spent wandering this excellent Show before we return to the Jolly Woodman for about 7.30pm.

The inclusive cost for all of this is estimated to be just £11 per person ! That's breakfast, 'bus, fuel, car park, Entry to Show – and that's it!

The drawback? Yes, we only have 12 places available so it's rigidly first-come-first-served !

Please e-mail me ASAP if you'd like to join us – I'm on allan.goddard@csmclub.org

Our 'New Year' Clubnights.

January : The first Clubnight of 2012 will be at the Jolly Woodman, Littleworth Common (SL1 8PF) on Thursday 12th January starting at 8pm. It will involve a New Year get-together when West Middlesex plans will be revealed & doubtless discussed over a shandy or two, plus a little 'Entertainment' for your enjoyment and it would be jolly nice to see YOU there on the night!

Then, on Tuesday 31st January, our Noggin'n' Natter night also at the Jolly Woodman, we will be having an **Extra-Ordinary General meeting** to discuss the immediate future of the West Middlesex Group. It would be very much appreciated if you could attend please and help us decide the best way forward for our Group. The meeting will gather from 8pm but will actually begin at 8.30pm and last approximately for one hour.

February : For our February Clubnight I shall be organising a Quiz Night at Pinewood Leisure Centre on Thursday Feb 9th . Bring along all your family & friends to help make it a good night please. We gather from 8pm for an 8.30 start.

The Feb. Noggin'n'Natter on Tuesday 28th will once again be at the Jolly Woodman.

March : For our March Clubnight we're celebrating my birthday more next month.

Your support would be greatly appreciated at everything, but **particularly** on the 31st January please. Thanks for your efforts with West Middlesex Group & the CSMA throughout 2011, a Merry Christmas to you and yours, and of course all the Very Best for a peaceful & rewarding New Year.

Seasonal Best Wishes,

AG

December 2011

Motor Sport Coordinators' Bulletin

January 2012

Date	Day	Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club	Champ
Dec	Tue 27	* Boxing Day Hangover (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NWL	Centre
	Thu 29	* Gravel Autotest (C)	Loose surface autotest	Bedford CC	
Jan	Fri 20	* 12 Car Rally (C)	Navigational rally	CSMA WMx	Centre
Feb	Fri 17	12 Car Rally (C)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL	Centre
	Sat 18	* XPart Enduro (Nat B)	Enduro road event	Chelmsford MC	
Mar	Fri 9	12 Car Rally (C)	Navigational rally	CSMA NEL	Centre
	Sun 18	AutoSolo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Farnborough DMC	
Apr	Sun 15	Concorde AutoSolo/PCA (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	CSMA NEL	Centre

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

Past Events

NEL 12 Car Rally A slightly longer route for this event but there were some very nice roads on the way. Thanks to Graham for all his hard work putting the event on, shame there were not more crews out. We will look at moving it back a week next year to avoid the Preston rally weekend, which did cause a few crews to give it a miss.

Pos	No	Crew	Car	Club	Class	Fails	Mins	Class
1	7	Steven Harrison / Mike Harrison	Corsa	CSMA NWL	N	0	3	1
2	5	John Bryant / Steve Jenkins	Golf	CSMA NWL	N	1	1	2
3	3	Sarah Harrison / Anthony Coy	Clio	CSMA NWL	N/B	1	2	1
4	12	Mike Biss	Focus	CSMA NEL	N	1	13	3
5	9	Charles Mortelman / Steven Grubb	Focus	CSMA NWL	N	2	2	4
6	1	Andrew Horner / Paul Regan	Rover 25	Chelmsford MC	B	11	14	2
	11	Fiona Turner / Owen Turner	Rover 200	CSMA NWL	N			Non- Starter

Future Events

New Year Boxing Day Hangover Autotest Now confirmed with the farmer as running, the event on Tuesday 27th December will hopefully see you come out to play on the Bank Holiday. Regs are available either from myself or websites. Frost and snow are not a problem! Passenger style event, with James Newbould in charge, and the usual cost of £17.

LATE ADDITION: Gravel Autotest We have an invite to another gravel autotest run by Bedford Car Club, being held on Thursday 29th December. The venue is at Little Houghton, Northampton and the entry fee is only £5 for 2 attempts at 4 tests. This will be a PCA event (passengers) event.



Autosport International If you are planning to go to the show, don't forget you can get a discount for tickets on the Saturday or Sunday by getting them through CSMA Club or by using your Tesco clubcard vouchers.

HRCR Open Day This is held at the Gaydon Motor Museum on Saturday 14th January and is free to enter. You get to see some of the cars that compete in their various championships and meet all the organisers to see what you can do with your classic car. You have Tours, daytime regularity and full blooded rally events to choose from.

Carpetbagger Rally This event will be running again in 2012 but it will be the last one. This is one of the most popular and difficult events in the calendar, using the tight and twisty lanes of Devon. If you want an entry you will have to be quick, as it is anticipated that entries will go fast.

WMx 12 Car Rally Alan Wakeman will be running the January 12 Car on the 20th and it starts at The Hare & Hounds, Henley Road, Marlow, Bucks, SL7 2DF, 175/838½/858½ West Marlow on the A4155. Map 173 edition C3 is required for this 45 mile event. Entry fee is the usual £10 and regs are available from myself or Alan. For further information, contact Alan on 07703 607114.

XPart Enduro Jamie Turner will again be running this event. Selective mileage will be 100+ miles and the evening road rally section will be very straightforward. There will be at least 14 miles of selective mileage in the dark. Entries will be open from the start of December. If you require any further information, then please contact clerk of the course Jamie Turner, on 07850 127171.

NWL 12 Car Rally Alan Thurbon will be running the Feb 12 Car on the 17th, with the start most likely at The Packhorse PH, Watling Street, Kensworth, Dunstable, Beds LU6 3QU, 166/049½/179.

NEL 12 Car Rally NEL will be running the March 12 Car on the 9th, but I don't have any details as yet. Please keep an eye on the website for regs and more details should be available next month.

Concorde Autosolo The event will be moving to North Weald airfield for the 15th April, which will give us a tarmac surface (kinder to your tyres) and a lot more room. The facilities will be a lot better as well. We will need a lot of help for this one, with timekeepers, results and some marshalling required to make this a success. So if you are not entering, please let me know if you are willing to help out.

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