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The participants of the June Ride-out

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Davetorial

... **E**rrrrrrrrmmm, ever had one of those days when no matter how hard you try, your brain goes into mental-blockage mode... Well, today it happened to me. Unfortunately, today was the day I had to go for an interview with "The Identity and Passport Service" so that I can obtain my first passport...

Well, one of the questions during my interview related to the counter-signatory of my application form, and, yes, you've guessed, I just could not remember his first name. You know who you are Mike, but, after having known you for thirty years, could I remember during the interview - NO...!!!... FAIL...!!!... Oh well, better luck next time maybe... Or did I get away with it...???... I will probably know by the time you are reading this... I will let you know how I faired in the next issue...

Let's face it, anyone with a modicum of intelligence (not me apparently...!!!...) could swot up on someone, and then sail through one of these interviews. But, anyone who has had an awful week like the one that I have just had, can turn up in all innocence, be very nervous (like me), and fail the interview. Just what is the point...???... I know we need to be protected from Identity Fraud... But...

Anyway, enough of my vented spleen...

My thanks this month to Simon Mummery & Bill Canning for their articles..

Until October, as there will be no September Sump...

Dave Wiles

A Note from your Chairman

Hello everyone,

It seems like it's going to be a long, hot summer so let's make the most of it.

A lot of you missed a great night in Windsor at the last Clubnight, Pauline's wonderful walking treasure hunt had us scratching our heads and craning our necks, but its amazing how much you see when you actually take

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time to look around. We all tend to dash from place to place without appreciating our surroundings, and they were very nice surroundings to appreciate! Well done and thank you to Pauline.

Speaking of Windsor (and long, hot summers) our next bash is the Ride-out/Summer Run/BBQ which is being held in the Great Park – how about

Secretary's Scribblings

Don't wear a yellow shirt to an autotest! As soon as I put up the orange and red tent, and saw it turn black under the weight of flies, I knew I was in trouble. The hundreds/thousands of tiny flies had no respect for the superior insect on my Wasps rugby shirt. To save driving for "skins" I had to resort to the only other form of upper body coverage I had – my waterproof golf jacket. So that should clear up why people saw a 106 driver sweating in a waterproof golf jacket on one of the hottest days of the Summer on the Greenacres Autotest!

A great event organised by Mike Harrison of NWL. Of course we had our problems, we were in a Peugeot! The last event I spun the crownwheel on the diff, so a complete gearbox rebuild, but at least we have proper 106 XSi ratios now. This time the ignition key broke in the ignition! At first we could still start the car with the stub, but this failed to work after lunch. Great thanks to England goal scorer Mike Biss (from the Hyundai adverts during the World Cup) for letting

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that. Have a word with AG or yours truly about it and put Sunday 8th Aug in your diary.

See you there – if not at the Noggin.

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

Derrick Holden (Chairman)

Owen and I borrow his Corsa to finish the event. Britannia organised rescue rapidly, before we'd finished the event! The car was loaded and ready to go by the time I returned, so we had no time to attend the awards, but it seems I won first Novice! Apparently I was second overall to Jamie Turner after the first three tests, ahead of Owen Turner, Mike Biss, James Newbold and Matt Fowle, but I slipped back to sixth overall behind these normal suspects as the field dried out. The slow start for the others could have been due to the autotest being Jamie, Owen and Matt's third event of the weekend – the Quinton Saturday in a car finished two days earlier, the Powerball road rally Saturday night / Sunday morning, then the autotest, respect. "My" Owen finished a credible 19th overall and third beginner beating several other drivers. In fact Owen was a lot faster in Mike's car, he's asking if Mike wants to sell! Great thanks to the marshalls and everyone else who made the event possible.

But there were other events this month. What an event! Wandering around fantastic cars, literally bumping in to

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World Champions, it had to be Brooklands. I hadn't attended since the first event, but the Festival had lost none of its magic. Oli and I lapped it all up. The rally cars were fantastic. I'd have loved to have seen and heard the Delta S4 running and the 205 T16, but Steve Perez was superb in the Stratos. Wish we'd have seen Ken Block, his "alternative" style is just what the WRC needs. And continuing my fashion tips, don't wear new shoes to an event where there's lots of walking! The CSMA stand at the Festival was a god send. Great to see Graham Presswell's Lancer again, Dave Smith, Malcolm Grubb and Mike Biss kept us well entertained, and the refreshments were gratefully devoured. The stand was well visited all day by a wide range of CSMA members who seemed to enjoy the respite from the sun and to rest weary feet. While not quite up to the Porsche, Audi, Alfa, Lotus, etc, etc stands, it was great. Maybe Oli's car on the stand next year?

What else has been happening? We can't forget the Treasure Hunt around Windsor ably organised by Pauline and Andy. I've never had the chance to wander around Windsor looking at "stuff", I'm normally getting dragged from shop to shop. So a most enjoyable and informative event. The Wakemans finished second, beaten on time, we shouldn't have stopped in McDonalds!

Well my deliberately provocative

csma West Middlesex Group piece last month on LV service and products generated enormous feedback - one email from Simon Daykin. Great thanks for the feedback Simon for pointing out that the coverage from LV for CSMA members is very, very good, covering damage inflicted on track days as well as normal road and rally cover up to National B. The LV cover is fantastic if you can get it, but we need the classic incentives to bring in new young members. Oli now has a job with Centrica as his "Year in Industry", does that make him a good risk now? LV did eventually come back and confirmed that they would honour the two years NCB we'd been quoted on, but only to cover their mistake. In the meantime we went for a policy a third less than LV, for a car they wouldn't insure, with rally coverage up to National A, and the ability to add other cars (the 205 GTi Oli's rallying) temporarily for events at less than the normal on-event insurance.

So yes, LV is great for older CSMA members, but we need to attract more young members. Oli's been approached by the BTRDA's Motorsport Future team to be an "ambassador" with the Under 17 Car Club, encouraging young drivers to take up motorsport. Maybe we need something similar for the offspring of existing CSMA members?

I do go on don't !! Still, hopefully this

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is entertaining to a degree and will generate discussion, just like the lack of electronic monitoring of the game in football1

So what's on this month? Don't forget the Mid-Summer Run and BBQ, looks a cracking event. Allan has a ride-out scheduled. There are many autotests and autosolos catering for all standards of driver, unfortunately running on dates we're away, the Novice award is up for grabs! And

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don't forget the CSMA "Big Weekend" at Thruyton. I'll be there all weekend in the motorhome, drop by for a cold one. Shame Oli will be at Reading Festival that same weekend, there aren't enough weekends in the year! Looking to early September, a special guided tour around Brooklands can't be missed. Throw in your holidays and that should be the Summer sorted for you1

Allan Wakeman (Secretary)

A Random Write-Up !

I've been asked to do a write-up for the Sump, so, what do you put in a random article?

I spoke with the girls at work and between us we came up with the Vauxhall Corsa, so here it goes.

The Vauxhall Corsa came out around 1993 to replace the Nova, but, that's another story. The corsa quickly became very popular with the young as a first car, easy to maintain, easy to drive and from the start Vauxhall had after-market upgrades for the new little car. Irmscher produced wheels and body kits along with engine modifications, from air filters, to full suspension kits. The corsa was built in two body styles; the 3-door hatch and a 5-door hatch. It was also available in two van styles; a 3-door hatch and the Combo which is used by BT for their engineers to operate out of - AG should remember this!.. (AG won't, but

I do - as I have to drive a speed-limited one - ed...) engines ranged from a 1.0 litre 3 cyl petrol, through to the 1.6 litre 16v (109bhp) GSi model and a Diesel.

Soon the "B" as it is known started to get the bigger engines from its bigger brothers & sisters shoe-horned into its engine bay for example the 2.0 litre 16v turbo lump from the Calibra Turbo and the 1.8 litre and 2.0 litre 8-valve engines, with bigger wheel and tyre combos up to 17inches. But going this big often combined with lowering kits of 35mm plus require wheel-arch modifications and in some cases the camber and toe also has to be adjusted.

There are many body kits now available from lots of different tuners from mild to wild.

The Corsa also became popular in motorsport through track racing, auto-testing and rallying, on club and international events. Buy a Corsa 3-door chuck in a cage and bucket seats,

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and go rallying, then drive to work on Monday morning. Mind you, insurance on modified cars is bad, but try insuring a fully prepared rally car for every day use!! .In 2000 the Corsa got a re-vamp and became the "C" this was not as popular as the "B", and in 2006 the all new Corsa came out, with a VXR 1.6 litre 16v turbo (189bhp).

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I have never owned a Corsa, but I've got a lot of friends that have, and our younger generation who are learning to drive and passing their tests are getting the corsa B's.

It's a great little car with a following to match.

See you all soon.

Simon Mummery

Bonjour the West Middlesex Group of the CSMA.

Just a big kiss from France to say THANK YOU, the West Middlesex Group of the CSMA ! You accepted me to your Rideout, as a pillion and I had a wonderful day with you all !, discovering England !

As well as your friendness I also liked little Brum and the Pottery Tour, and the English Pub !

I hope to see everyone soon, again !

Martine.



The June Ride-Out

I attempted to take part in the June ride out and I am afraid to say I put in abysmal performance. It all started to go wrong when I was leading the west contingent toward the start at Booker Airfield, having decided the most suitable route was to take the B road to Maidenhead, cut through the town across A404 and then through Marlow. Good plan, except we were going down the hill toward the A404 roundabout at a sensible low speed a touch on the brake, wheel locks slimy road and an ungraceful descent onto the carriageway. Fortunately Geoff and my dear lady wife lifted the bike off me and I was able to gain my composure, Andy in the meantime did a sterling job warning other road users. I had a few aches, and a snagged jacket seemed to be the main causes for concern. We adjourned to the other side of the roundabout to survey the damage, the odd bit bent, hurt pride, the list was minimal. After straightening the handlebars we carried on to the start Booker Airfield. I decided at this point any attempt to straighten anything could end in tears, best done in the workshop. I also decided to carry on with the ride and in hindsight a bad move. I make my apologies now as my

riding was awful to say the least I could not keep up and I became really uncomfortable, and, worst of all I struggled with the Enfield gearbox to say the least. I made real heavy weather of changing up. I have since spoken to some old biker workmates and when false neutrals were mentioned there eyes rolled believe you me I am on intimate terms with all of them!

My personal feelings are, I bet most people were thinking under there breathe "I wish he'd bugger off", for this I can only apologise.

When it came to say goodbye I could not get off the darn thing as the aching arm had caught up with me and the thumb on the throttle hand was so painful I dare not shake hands. On the way home I made an awful gaffe and missed a gear crossing the A308 roundabout, I am now contemplating the future and we have decided the Enfield is not for me.

Finally I would like to thank Angie my wife Geoff Baker and Andy Jordan and Malcolm Grubb (he even offered to go out riding with me midweek) for their help, support and understanding.

Bill Canning

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Motor Sport Coordinators' Bulletin

Date	Day	Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club	Champ
Aug	Sun 8	* Grasshopper Autotest (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NWL	Centre
Sep	Sun 5	* Gravel Autotest (C)	Loose surface autotest	Bedford CC	
	Sun 12	* AutoSolo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Farnborough DMC	
	Sun 12	* Autumn Antics Autotest (C)	Grass autotest	Falcon MC	
	Thu 16	* Track Day – Castle Combe (C)	Thrash round a race circuit	CSMA NL	
	Tue 21	Hollstar ()	Inter-group table top rally	CSMA NEL	Centre
	Sun 26	Car Trial (C)	Grass hill climbing	CSMA NWL	Centre
Oct	Sun 3	Autumn Autotest (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NWL	Centre
	Sun 17	Gymkhana (C)	Longer version of an AutoSolo	Chelmsford MC	
	Sun 24	AutoSolo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Oxford MC	
	Thu 28	Track Day – Mallory Park (C)	Thrash round a race circuit	CSMA NL	

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

Previous Events

Greenacres Autotest A very good entry of 26 for this event and with the hot dry weather, a fast day of action took place. Owen Turner was persuaded on the day to use his Rover for the event, which he had used for the Quinton stages on the Saturday before doing a road rally in Wales the same night, before coming straight to the autotest. The fact the car never missed a beat all weekend was a testament to the build (which was only completed on the Thursday before the event) or that he was still awake at the end was amazing. Jamie Turner, who navigated Owen on the stage event and also drove on the night event, powered his way to a win from his brother.



Gravel Autotest This is being written before the event, so maybe some words next month..

Future Events

Grasshopper Autotest The event will be now be on the 8th August (two weeks later than normal) 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 and regs are now available.



Gravel Autotest We have an invite to another gravel autotest run by Bedford Car Club, being held on Sunday 5th September. The venue is at Little Houghton, Northampton and the entry fee is only £10. You have the option of entering the PCA event (passengers) or the other event (no passengers).

Farnborough AutoSolo We have an invite to an AutoSolo organised by Farnborough & DMC which will be held at Montgomery Lines Parade Ground, Aldershot. Signing on will start from around 8.00, tests start at 10.00, latest recommended arrival is 9.00. Cars entered in AutoSolo's must be registered, taxed, insured, MOT tested if applicable, and driven to the event. Entry fee is £35 per car and regs are now available.

Falcon MC Grass Autotest We have also been invited to a grass autotest on Sunday 12th September and run by Falcon MC to be held at Upper Caldecote, near Biggleswade in Beds. You have the option of entering the PCA event (passengers) or the other event (no passengers) and the entry fee is £15.50 or £17 respectively. Regs now available.

CSMA Track Day This is a non-timed event at the Castle Combe race track in Wiltshire on Thursday 16th September. You'll be able to drive your own car or bike 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 opportunity of some one-to-one tuition with an experienced racing instructor 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. Entry fee is £110 per person.



Hollstar Intergroup Table Top Rally This year the event will be hosted by NEL at their Cheshunt club venue on Tuesday 21st September. Maps should be provided, so just bring some pencils and a romer (new at £5 from myself).

NWL Car Trial Dave Smith will be organising a Car Trial at a site near Dunstable (not the one previously used for the Concorde PCT) which is a very large steep grass slope. This means that courses can be laid out that are suitable for all types and sizes of cars and is totally non damaging. The entry fee should be £24 and the regs will be out soon.



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

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CSMA West Middlesex Group Motorcycle Events August/September Ride-Outs

31st August & September 2010

Sunday, August 8th

Mid-Summer Run & BBQ !!

£10 per 'bike, (or £20 per car), Starts at Jolly Woodman with breakfast, finishes in Windsor Great Park for our Annual **Sumptuous** BBQ + fun & games (it says here!). Advanced booking essential please – contact AG or Derrick for details ...

Tuesday, August 31st

The August Mid-Week Ride Out !!

Chez Pauline & Andy, aka the excellent Pinewood Café, will host our 'Start' for the August Ride Out. As usual, we'll meet at 9am, move off at 10, and we're going to the Dorset coast ending up at our yearly visit to the famous Poole 'Bike Night. Please be advised, this 'Ride will have (at least?) two Finish points, the M3 Services at Cadnam at about 7.30pm, and the usual one at the Jolly Woodman about 9pm !

Tuesday, September 7th

The Cream Tea Ride Out !!

Meet at the Old Devil Inn on the A4 at Knowl Hill ('twixt Maidenhead and Twyford) at 10 am and we'll move off at 11 o'clock a later-than-usual Start and we will NOT be finishing at the Jolly Woodman ! Please book with me for this one as I need to advise both venues of exact numbers.

Tuesday, September 28th

The September Ride Out !!

Another 'Alan Mayger' led 'Run starting from Claire's Café in New Haw – an excellent 'do' last year and almost inevitably will involve a Cream Tea, I guess !!!! More from AM or AG

And please forgive another 'reminder' of those 'must save' Dates for your diaries

1st August – Old Warden – we'll have a West Middlesex motorcyclists' presence at this fabulous Air Display weekenda Ride Out to, & a display at, is envisaged. Two Start points, breakfast at the Jolly Woodman from 7.30am, and we'll pick up the rest of the Ride at the new Beaconsfield Services alongside M40 / J2 at 8.30. Five of you have already booked in, so just five places remaining

28th / 29th August – **CSMA 'Big Weekend'** at Thruxton in Hampshire – trust me, one not to be missed !

Our Newsletter, the SUMP, will have all the details month-by-month but if you need to know more information before then, please contact me on : allan.goddard@csmaclub.org or 07785 903 000

CSMA West Middlesex Group :
SEPTEMBER CLUB-NIGHT :
 [Well more a Club Afternoon really !]
Thursday 9th Sept 2010

We're going to Brooklands the famous home of British Motorsport & so much more – including Concorde !!!

We'll meet at Brooklands at 12 noon (so you'll need a day off) and our own Malcolm Grubb (a Brooklands volunteer) will be giving us an exclusive tour of this historic site & all its artefacts. Consequently, there will NOT be a Clubnight at the Liberal Club or anywhere else that evening.

Names to AG as soon as possible please because numbers are limited for this one, and contact him in the usual way if you need more details ...

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The deadline for articles for the
October
Sump is September 21st !

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CALENDAR

August

- Sun 8th Midsummer Run and BBQ – See advert on page 6
- Sat 28th/Sun 29th CSMA Big Weekend at Thruxton
- Tues 31st Ride-Out / Noggin - See advert on page 9

September

- Thur 9th Clubnight - Brooklands Tour - See advert on page 10
- Tues 21st Holstar Inter-Group Table-Top Rally – Hosted this year by NEL Group at Cheshunt
- Sat 25th/Sun 26th Three Shires Run – Starts at the New Inn Heckfield
- Tues 28 Ride-Out / Noggin – See next month's Sump for details

October

- Thur 14th Clubnight - No details yet
- Tues 26th Ride-Out / Noggin

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