



# CMC NEWS

Cheltenham Motor Club Newsletter

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## From the Chair

Dear All,

First of all may I wish all our members and their families a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

It seems no time at all since last years Christmas newsletter, where did the time go? It must be a sign of my age although every body seems to saying the same thing. We have had a very good Centenary Year in 2006 thanks in no small part to Neil & George who have kept our glasses charged throughout the year. The year brought a Ball at the Pittville Pump Rooms, a party at the clubhouse, extended hours all year long and the long awaited rerun of the Latton Single venue rally. That is over and above the usual monthly motoring events and Social evenings we have every year.

With all of that to be organised,(and my daughters wedding) it's no real surprise that it just flew by but to all the organisers and helpers (there are simply too many people to thank by name so) on behalf of the Management Committee and myself a simple thank you and are quest to still be there to help in 2007

All the Best

Mike M

### Membership Renewals

**Due on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006.**

Membership fees as follows:

- £6 - social membership
- £18 - full membership
- £21- family membership

**£1 discount for renewals paid before 31/01/2007**

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## Get it Sideways @ Down Ampney Stages Rally

Following the great success of the 2006 event, plans are taking shape for next year. The landowners have given permission & the event is in the CMSG championship.

The date is **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2007** (Easter)

We plan to get out and do some more surfacing in the early spring. We will also need help for the setup days & of course, on the day itself.

If you can offer help, in whatever capacity, please contact the organising team

Kevin Smith & Rich Clayton [rally@cheltmc.com](mailto:rally@cheltmc.com)

## What's Going On?

<u>DECEMBER 2006</u>		
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Draw Night 8pm
Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Club open all day 12-1am
Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Club Opening 12-3pm & 7pm-1am
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve – Club open 12-2pm & 7-Midnight
Mon	25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day – Club Closed all day
Tues	26 <sup>th</sup>	Boxing Day – Club open 7-Midnight
Thur	28 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Cracker
Sat	30 <sup>th</sup>	Loco Stages – Longmoor Camp Surrey
Sun	31 <sup>st</sup>	New Years Eve Party – 7-Late
<u>JANUARY 2007</u>		
Mon	1 <sup>st</sup>	New Years Day – Club Closed
Tues	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Riders 2000 – Bike Section Meeting/Meal
Fri	19 <sup>th</sup>	CMSG Awards Night
Fri	26 <sup>th</sup>	CMC 12 CAR (date change)
Sun	28 <sup>th</sup>	Brean Sands Rally
<u>FEBRUARY 2007</u>		
Sat	10 <sup>th</sup>	Wyedean Rally
Fri	16 <sup>th</sup>	CMC 12 Car

# The Tony Brewer Memorial Summer Series 2006

## CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS

			<i>Gymkhana - 28<sup>th</sup> May</i>	<i>Gymkhana - 2<sup>nd</sup> July</i>	<i>Treasure Hunt - 6<sup>th</sup> Aug</i>
Pos	Competitor	Points	Round 1 Kemble	Round 2 Cleeve Hill	Round 3 Cheltenham
1	Rich Clayton	39	20	19	0
2	Stu Cameron	38	18	20	0
3	Ewan Hopes	36	0	18	18
4	Dave Gregory	33	17	0	16
5	Jon Mitchell	22	5	0	17
6	Phil/Liz/Tim	20	0	0	20
7=	Mike/Julie	19	0	0	19
7=	Chris Rice	19	19	0	0
9	Michelle	18	0	0	18
10=	Graham Ford	17	0	17	0
10=	Bloke	17	0	0	17
12=	Craig Cameron	16	16	0	0
12=	Tim/Chris	16	0	0	16
14	Phil/Jan	15	0	0	15
15	Kev/Pauline	14	0	0	14
16	Sandy/Cliff	13	0	0	13
17	Rich/Terry/Bev/Luke	12	0	0	12
18	John & Pat Morris	11	0	0	11

# **Christmas Cracker Treasure Hunt**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2006.**

**7:30pm**

**Easy to follow route,  
Bring a torch, a map and a pencil**  
(OS Landranger Number 163 – which can be supplied if you do not have your own)

**£5 per team**  
Prizes for all

## **Pete Singfield 12-Car Nav Ex Championship 2006-2007**

**Three rounds have been held so far**

**Round 4 – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January**  
*(date change - clash with CMSG Awards Night)*

**Round 5 – Friday 16th February**

**Round 6 – Friday 16th March**

**Series Organiser Rich Smith**

Championship results from 1997 onwards have now been posted on the CMC web page. [www.cheltmc.com/results.htm](http://www.cheltmc.com/results.htm) . If you are in possession of any results from previous years please email [rally@cheltmc.com](mailto:rally@cheltmc.com)

## 12 Car results

<b>Novice Driver</b>	<b>Round 1</b>	<b>Round 2</b>	<b>Round 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
Jeremy Cooper	12	10	12	34
Dave Gregory		8	10	18
Stuart Cameron			11	11
Tim Purvey		9		9
Sam		0		0

<b>Novice Navigator</b>				
Russell Hopkins		10	12	22
Tim Purvey		9	10	19
Chris Thomas	12			12
Dave Smith		12		12
Craig Cameron			11	11
Luke Parker		0		0

<b>Expert Driver</b>				
Rich Smith	12		7	19
Kevin Smith		11	8	19
Phil Cork			6	6

<b>Expert Navigator</b>				
Dave Cooper	12	9	9	30
Rich Clayton		8		8
Dan Nunn			7	7
Jon Smith			6	6

### Rally Marshals

**Our good reputation for running rally time controls is well known, every week we get requests from other Clubs and again this year we have attended many events. From the freezing cold Wyedean in February to the soaking wet Carfax in November**

**Many thanks to all who have braved the elements during 2006.**

**Rich Clayton**

## Join our E-mail group

No Spam or large attachments  
We average 15-20 emails per month

Follow the link from the CMC Homepage  
[www.cheltmc.com](http://www.cheltmc.com) or email [info@cheltmc.com](mailto:info@cheltmc.com)

# Summer Trips out 2006

The sky was a riot of summer birdsong, house martins swooping over Cotswold meadows in full bloom in the heat of high summer. Dragonflies flirted curvaceously with lacewings over streams as the sun cast its dying pink embers over honeycomb coloured Cotswold stone houses in quaint villages. Into this scene of rural idyll blasts a minibus full of CMC members on a determined mission to prove we can in fact order a piss up in a brewery. It is July, and we have arrived at Lord Neidpath's Elizabethan pile to sample Alec's fantastic ale at the Stanway Brewery, which is housed in the original brew house attached to Stanway House. Ted, ever the businessman, steps off the minibus, looks up at his Lordship's manor roof and quips what sounded to my uneducated ear "Duck me, that roof would cost £1,500.00 per square metre to tile". The tour was informative and the Cotswold Gold on offer was fantastic. We then alighted our carriage and went to the "Frowning Strumpet" sorry the "Crown & Trumpet" in Broadway for a veritable feast of bangers, mash & onion gravy washed down with yet more of Alec's finest ale to the frenzied dancing (?) of Morris dancers (just can't get away from councillors you know).

Earlier in May we flew with the valkyries over the Kennet Valley & Salisbury Plain to the halls of Valhalla to touch the face of Odin himself – Stig, the Danish Brewmeister at the Stonehenge Brewery in Netheravon. A great tour was finished off in true Viking fashion with the slaking of our thirsts with 2 cracking barrels of the mighty Danish Dynamite and Heelstone. After we were held up for 10 crucial minutes while Guy "powdered his nose" and thus caused a queue for the 1 toilet in the facility, we alighted the coach and set off for the Check Inn at Wroughton. The coach driver was told we had to be there for 2.30 at the very latest or the Fawltly Towerseque chef at the said pub would not serve any meals. We arrived at 2.40 and as suspected, chef jabbed his finger at the clock and refused to cook for 29 starving folk. The coach party turned as one, looked at Guy who was held accountable for the lateness of our hour due to his toiletry endeavours at Stig's. We foraged on crisps and lots of real ale, reminding Guy every few minutes how hungry we were. Once back at CMC, Bev opened her yoga surgery and with Gordon entertained (who was a little refreshed it has to be said) all in the bar on how to reach a higher plain of nirvana (or was it a bad back!)

In September we felt that we ought to attempt the much-vaunted "Donnington Run". We set ourselves quite a tight timescale, starting at the Fox at Great Barrington at 6.00 p.m. and finishing at 11.30 p.m. at the Black Horse at Naunton. We were a bit slow in the first 3 or 4 pubs and had 2 pints in the Coach & Horses at Longborough (we were amazed at how old fashioned the pub was, if you have n't been their readers, go soon before someone gets hold of it and ruins it forever) so sadly failed to hit the last 3 pubs (Farmers Arms at Guiting, Halfway House at Kineton and the Black Horse at Naunton). The driver also missed the turning for Broadwell, which took us off course for 15 minutes. Never mind it was a great night and we will attempt it again in the summer taking a little more time. Highlights? Ted emitting severe smells from his abdominal region and blaming Luke all night, the advertisement at the Red Lion at Little Compton for a "Large Ladies Box" (?), everybody greeting Colin Hicks at the Fox at Broadwell and helping themselves to his chips he was having with his meal and the hapless Luke being slapped by one of the Bevs for a "frottaging incident" at the Snowhill (I'll leave that to your imagination folks!!).

Finally, I embarked in October on a Homeric journey with my fellow Motor Club Argonauts over the rugged unforgiving lands of Herefordshire to the Parthenon of Breweries, Wye Valley, to sip the golden fleece of real ales – Hereford Pale Ale. On offer as well HPA were Butty Bach and Wye Valley Bitter, all in superb condition. The tour was fantastic – Vernon’s genuine enthusiasm for his product and his knowledge as a master brewer made this the most informative tour to date. The tour shop has well pillaged afterwards and we then made for the Plough Inn across the car park to stuff ourselves with our favoured food on such occasions, sausages, mash & onion gravy slaked down with further huge quantities of HPA. After a couple of hours, we caught the bus back to the CMC for the continuation of the Bev & Gordon Yoga show (you should consider a DVD for Christmas guys, you’d make a mint).

A memorable summer for those who attended and we shall start again in the Spring. Thanks for everyone who came along on the tours for making them such a great laugh. I think we can sum the tours up as “We came, we saw, we got pissed and did yoga.”

**Neil Way**

Suggestions for 2007

Concorde – Filton | SS Great Britain – Bristol | Curry Night – Birmingham  
GWR Steam Train – Toddington | Enigma Machine - Bletchley Park | More brewery trips

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE: 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006**

**FULL £18.00**  
**FAMILY £21.00**  
**ASSOCIATE £6.00**

[Click below for membership application form  
www.cheltmc.com/CMC.app.web.doc](http://www.cheltmc.com/CMC.app.web.doc)

Discount of £1 off amounts shown for all  
renewals completed before 31/01/07

## Cheltenham Motor Club 'Riders 2002' Motorcycle Group Dec 2006 meeting.

Apologies from **Phil Cork** who is back from Bosnia but unavailable due to having an operation. Liz phoned during the meeting to say that all went well and Phil is recovering from the effects of the anaesthetic. We wish him a speedy recovery.

He reported that he'd had a good **rideout on the 26th** - 9 bikes - didn't see a dry bit of tarmac all day but at least it didn't actually rain. Stopped at the Hungry Tum on the Eynsham roundabout near Witney (it's where the Harley D Owners Club meet during the summer) - not a bad venue for a stop but it was a bit chaotic ... and Anna's beans were cold!! (I hope Paul warmed them up later.....)

As far as the group is concerned the big news is the change of meeting date. The website has been updated to reflect this:

### Summer programme

Between April and September we meet at Cheltenham Motor Club on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30.

We also aim to organise one 'feature' rideout each month and will support any other organised rideouts we know about.

As part of the summer programme we also meet at the Hein Gericke shop at 7.00pm each Wednesday to ride out to the 'Bikers Nite' pub meets attended by hundreds of bikers from across the county.

### Winter Programme

Between October and March we meet at Cheltenham Motor Club on the first Tuesday of the month as for the summer programme. Additionally we meet at the club for a 'social' evening on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. During the winter months we do not organise a 'feature' rideout but will support any organised rideouts that we know about.

The 'Bikers Nite' rideouts do not start until April.

The **change of monthly meetings** was the subject of much discussion and will be discussed further plus the need to provide some "**ground rules**" for riders who join the Wed night rideouts . If you have any views or suggestions please email them to myself and/or Phil.

Making the club members **distribution list** available was also discussed (after problems when neither Phil or I were available earlier in the year) – possible solutions to this problem need to be investigated. Something along the lines of a secure bulletin board system may be the solution.

We will start the **Bikers Nite rideouts** from Hein Gericke – and this will also be the start of our '**feature rideouts**'. We will continue our theme of having an interesting destination for these and will include motorbike related events such as the North Gloucester Road Racing events.

**The xmas meal.** Some people have already paid a £5.00 deposit. Phil has booked for 20-25 people. If you intend to go please email myself or Phil to let us have an idea of numbers and try to pay the deposit on the 15th. On the 2nd Jan we will go to the club for 7.30 to see who turns up and let them what we know about anything that is going on and then come on to the restaurant. Those people going to the meal may want to go straight to the restaurant and we will tell them what happened at the Clubhouse.

**Membership.** Membership renewal forms should be being sent to people by post but they can rejoin for 2007 on either the 1st or the 15th for £5.00. New memberships (opposed to renewals) will still be £6.00 which will be for the rest of this year and all of next year.

Phil's friend Niall who has been to the club a couple of times is moving away from Cheltenham and is selling his bike.

52 reg (Sept 02) Green/Gold Suzuki 750 GSX (F).

Genuine 9571 miles.

MOT 5th Sept 2007. 11 months RFL.

Recent service and new rear tyre. Available with tank bag, rear box and two all in one rain suits!! He's asking £2950,

best to try him on his mobile 07957 872074.

**Alan and Julie Johns** joined us for the meeting - they used to drink at the Motorclub when it was a pub but have now joined the motorclub. Alan has a couple of motorbikes – so hopefully we didn't scare them off and we will see more of them in the future.

Had an email from **Simon Small** in the USA:

Hi Phil

Thought it was about time I let you know my latest email address! (Not sure if you're back in Bosnia yet, but anyway...) Here's my address, at least for the next few months -

[cbr6f4@msn.com](mailto:cbr6f4@msn.com). Can you pass it on to the rest of the guys in the club for me please?

Haven't been riding much, too much time sat in airports or planes for that, so the bike's not had much use. Maybe next year as I've found a few bends to play on and can always get to Wisconsin or Lake Geneva which have some good roads. For the adventurous, make that wildly insane, there's a stretch of road called Tail of the Dragon - 318 bends in 11 miles! It crosses the Tennessee/North Carolina border, so not exactly a day trip away, but one day....

Hope to catch up with everyone sometime soon.

Simon

**Alan Smith** on 01452 780334 or 07764 282296 or [alan.smith@riders2002.co.uk](mailto:alan.smith@riders2002.co.uk)

**Phil Cork** 01242 233746 or 0781 6669976 or [phil.cork@riders2002.co.uk](mailto:phil.cork@riders2002.co.uk)

The Club archives have been revamped over the Summer, they are now in better order than they have been for years. Pop into the Club one evening, have a look at the photos & see how many old faces you can recognise.

Also, check out the web site, I intend to put some pictures & articles online in the not too distant future. If you have anything you would like added please let me know. Photo's, Rally results etc.

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*Available for Christmas at Waterstones (previously Ottakars) in Cheltenham....*

# 24:16 – Norbert Singer

## Le Mans 24 Hours - 16 Wins with Porsche

Edited by Michael Cotton / Foreword by Derek Bell MBE

### DESCRIPTION:

24:16 (ISBN 1-902351-30-4) is a Porsche racing story told by senior engineer Norbert Singer, who has played a key role in all 16 Porsche victories at Le Mans.

Porsche is without doubt the most successful manufacturer ever to compete at Le Mans and this 208 page, full colour book focuses on the cars, the drivers, the challenges and the achievements. Featuring never-seen-before imagery from the Porsche archives, 24:16 is a must-have for any car or motorsport enthusiast.

When he joined the Porsche company in Stuttgart as a young engineer straight out of university in Munich, he was given the job of cooling the gearboxes on the powerful 917 racers. His first task was successful, and Porsche 917s dominated the event, as they did the following year.

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After that, he designed the bodywork of the 956 and 962 Group C cars which won no fewer than seven Le Mans titles, he engineered the Porsche WSC open sports car which claimed two victories, and finally, the GT1-98 which achieved Porsche's 16th Le Mans victory.

Singer takes us behind the scenes at Zuffenhausen and at Weissach and tells many fascinating stories about the 'holy of holies', Porsche's race engineering division. Just what is the secret of all those victories, a record that rival manufacturers can only dream about?

All is revealed in Norbert Singer's fascinating autobiography, simply titled 24:16.

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