



CMC NEWS

Cheltenham Motor Club Newsletter

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From the Chair

It's been quite a while since I last sat down to write an article for the newsletter and loads of things have happened.

The major one being the floods and water shortage. I hope that none of you suffered the misfortune to be flooded out, what with the damage and cost that this entails. I was very lucky as far as the floods went. The back lawn started to look like the pond which sits in the middle of it but the water didn't come too close to the house. As for the Black Friday when the rain came I did get caught out. I know that with the benefit of 20/20 hindsight I should have parked my car at the Racecourse car park and walked home through the flood, at least I was only 2 miles from home. As usual I thought that I could do better but after trying Prestbury, Winchcombe, Toddington, Dumbleton and Sedgeberrow I eventually got on the Evesham road only to find after 90 minutes of crawling along that the road was blocked at Beckford. In the end I gave up and stayed at my brother in laws in Evesham, fortunately far enough away from the river to be dry. I finally got home on the Saturday morning coming home via Broadway. I hope that all of you managed to get home without the trials and tribulations I went through.

I must congratulate Neil on keeping the Clubhouse open throughout the water shortage. I would never have thought of obtaining water in barrels from the breweries. Shear Genius!! What with plastic glasses or bring your own proper glasses and closing part of the Gents toilets we were able to imitate the Windmill and never close.

One of the casualties of that Friday was the proposed auto-test which was being organised by Stu Cameron but I am sure that we will find an alternative date to drive around the bollards.

I am sure that elsewhere in this newsletter there will be a calendar of events but I would like to highlight the motor-sport week end in August whereby there will be displays in the Promenade and it is our opportunity to open the eyes of residents to the benefits of having one of the longest established Motor Clubs in the Country right here in Cheltenham.

The Club year is now more than halfway through and it is time to consider what improvements can be made either to the Clubhouse or our ability to organise/promote motoring in the area. So if you have any ideas please let me or any other of the Management Committee know of them. We are always willing to listen to your views and suggestions, remember it is your Motor Club. We merely look after it on your behalf.

See you soon

Mike M

Memberships

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Marshalling Call

Mini- Tempest , Longcross
Sunday 2nd September

Bullnose Endurance Rally
Sunday 9th September (Daytime)

Tempest Rally, Aldershot
Saturday 11th November

Carfax Stages, Longcross
Sunday 25th November

Contact: Rich Clayton 07885 627189
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Saturday 18th August

Summer BBQ

From 7:30pm

Tickets available from
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Being Sociable

George & Neil would like to thank the club members for their support and understanding during the recent water shortage. It has been hard work trying to keep the club going but it has been worth to see the massive support we have had over this week. We would like to especially thank those club members who provided donations of water to keep us running. I would also like to thank Stanway Brewery and Severn Vale Brewery for donating 9 gallon barrels of water over this period. At time of writing we hope to have water back to usual on Tuesday.

Our annual trip to Postlip Beer Festival was not dampened by the floods or lack of water. 14 of us made the trip up their on Friday 27th July and met many other club members quaffing the evening away. The fall over score was a mere 3 this time and no glasses broken this year!! The Thornbridge Jaipur stood out for me as the best ale, but, I'm sure you all had your own favourites.

We have a brewery tour to North Cotswold Brewery on Tuesday 14th August, which should be entertaining. I'll do a post match write up next newsletter as it is the home of the legendary "Hung, Drawn & Portered" and I'm sure it will claim some victims on the night!

The annual BBQ is on Saturday 18th August with Colin and Sheila as your chefs for the night. I regret that George and I will not be there as we are away celebrating a big birthday for George that weekend. Who said she was 40? I'm sure Gareth and Sylvia will keep your glasses filled.

A big well done to Liz Horsley the captain of our ladies darts team. She won the Cheltenham Ladies Singles Championship.

Anyway, that'll do. ciao for now.
Neil

Pete Singfield 12 Car Navigational Series 2007/2008

Dates

Friday 19th October
Friday 16th November
Friday 18th January
Friday 15th February

Christmas Cracker
Fridav 28th December

What's Going On?

August

Fri-Sun	10-19th	MSA National Motorsport week
Tues	14th	North Cotswold Brewery Tour
Fri	17th	CMC Summer Series R4a - Dick Turnip Challenge
Sat	18th	Motorsport Static Display, Cheltenham Promenade. 7:30pm BBQ
Sat	18th	Wugging, Colerne - CMSG
Sun	19th	Summer Series R4b – Precise Driving Test & Treasure Hunt
Sun	19th	Ross Solo – Mitcheldean

September

Sun	2nd	Mini Tempest, Longcross
Sun	9th	Bullnose Endurance Rally, Oxford MC
Fri	21st	CMC Summer Series - Nav Scatter
Sun	30th	Patriot, Caerwent - CMSG

October

Sat	13th	Ditton Priors - CMSG
Fri	19th	CMC 12 Car
Sat	20th	Smeatharpe - CMSG
Sat	27th	2wd Somerset Stages, Minehead - CMSG

November

Sat	11th	Tempest Stages Rally, Aldershot
Fri	16th	CMC 12 Car
Sun	25th	Carfax, Longcross - CMSG

The Cheltenham Motor Club archives have been revamped, they are now in better order than they have been for many years.

Pop into the Club one evening, have a look at the photos & see how many old faces you can recognise and laugh at the haircuts.

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, old newsletters or anything you think may be of interest.

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Race of Champions 2007

Sunday 16th December
Wembley Stadium

www.raceofchampions.com/

We are probably going to organise a coach if enough people are interested.

Please let me know if you are intending to go.

Rich Clayton
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The Tony Brewer Memorial Summer Series 2007

A series events designed as an ideal introduction to motor sport, with the emphasis on social rather than competition (well for the first 5 minutes anyway).

Precise Driving Tests, Gymkhana's, Autotests & Treasure hunts.

Round 3 – Friday 20th July

Grass Gymkhana – Highwayman – **CANCELLED DUE TO HEAVY RAIN**

Round 4a - Friday 17th Aug 6:30pm

Dick Turnip Challenge

Grass Gymkhana – Highwayman (Chelt MC vs. Ciren CC)

Round 4b – Sun 19th Aug 09:30am

Precise Driving Test & Pictorial Treasure Hunt

Round 5 – Friday 21st September

Navigational Scatter

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Join our Spam Free email group

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Motorsport Weekend 2007

Friday 17th – Sunday 19th August

As part of our contribution to the MSA National Motorsport week 10th-19th August we will be running a few events to help raise the profile of the sport in the local area.

As the week coincides with our own Summer Series dates we have decided to offer two chances to contest this round. Round 4a being the Dick Turnip Autotest on the Friday night & Round 4b being a Precise Driving Test & Pictorial Treasure Hunt on the Sunday morning. If you decide to compete we will take your best score from either event to count towards the Tony Brewer Memorial Summer Series.

We have also had confirmation that we can have a static display of cars & motorbikes in Cheltenham Promenade on the Saturday during the day. **We will need volunteers for the day to help out for a few hours**, we have also asked for assistance from other local Clubs and groups. E.G. Prescott, Drag Racers, Cheltenham Home Guard, Rissington Karting.

We also intend to have a display board up at the Club with readily available information about Local Motorsport. Also a paper quiz, photo display & motorsport DVD's

Friday 17th August

Dick Turnip Challenge - Grass Autotest
Cheltenham MC vs. Cirencester CC
6:30pm at The Highwayman, Elkstone.

Saturday 18th August

Motorsport Static Display – Cheltenham Promenade
8:30am-4:30pm
BBQ 7:30-9:30pm

Sunday 19th August

Precise Driving Test & Pictorial Treasure Hunt
09:30am Start - Cheltenham Racecourse
1:00pm Finish at Club

Car Committee Meetings – 3rd Monday of the month at 8:30pm

Monday 20th August
Monday 17th September
Monday 15th October
Monday 19th November

The Tony Brewer Memorial Summer Series 2007

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS

			Precise Driving - 25 May Racecourse	Gymkhana - 15 June Smiths Field	Gymkhana - 20 July Highwayman	Gymkhana - 17 Aug Highwayman	Pic Treas Hunt - 19 Aug Racecourse	Navigat Scatter - 21 Sept Map 163
Pos	Competitor	Points	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4a	Round 4b	Round 5
1	Rich Clayton	94	643.9	5	C A N C E L L E D D U E T O B A D W E A T H E R			
2	Dave Cooper	91	1005.4	4.15				
3	Phil Robbins	84	919.2	5.1				
4	Jeremy Cooper	73	1603.3	5.82				
5	Ewan Hopes	64	1681.4	6.9				
6	Stu Cameron	55	3632.6	7.3				
7	Mike Mitchell	50	ORG	0				
8	Craig Cameron	50	0	ORG				
9	Rich Smith	47	867.4	0				
10	Kev Smith	47	0	4.29				
11	Lee kedward	38	1354	0				
12	Jon Mitchell	33	1604	0				
13	Mike Stevens	31	1618.1	0				
14	Bev Preston	27	1915.3	0				
15	Jeremy's mate?	25	2032.4	0				