



CMC NEWS

Cheltenham Motor Club Newsletter

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From the chair

Here we go again, facing the PC screen wondering what to write about. However this time it is a little easier as there have been a number of things happening. For example we have a change of personnel behind the Bar with Neil taking over from Stuart and bringing in new faces Sarah (on Tuesdays) and Quinton (on Sundays). In fact Sarah likes being part of CMC so much that she did the Treasure Hunt and a Quiz. Glutton for punishment if you ask me.

Also as I am sure that you have all noticed both bars and the entrance hall have been refurbished with new curtains in the main bar as well. I hope that you like the new softer look.

As a consequence of Neil taking over as Steward and living in the flat above we now have two canine buddies on site as well so god help anyone who is daft enough to try and break in. I am sure Trevor and Douglas are looking forward to it. Actually it is due to the dogs, and keeping them on site, that we have recently erected two gates to the car park. Unfortunately after only one day/night somebody with a blue car managed to run into them and knock one off its mountings.

Next year is a very special one in CMC' history as 2006 is our centenary. As such it is essential that we hold various special events throughout the year.

One of the major events will be a Ball to be held at the Pittville Pump Rooms on the night of June 17th. Tickets to this one-off black tie occasion night will be £40 per person and Jan Robbins will be organising a special savings scheme, similar to the Christmas Club, whereby rather than try and find £80 in one hit for you and your partner you will be able to save up a little each week. Please keep an eye open for when this scheme is to commence. Tables will be in 10's so if you would like to organise a party within the Ball please let any of the Management Committee know and they will make the relevant reservation

We have already received offers of a display of Group B Rally cars and vintage Bugattis to be exhibited outside.

As this will be a historic year we need to contact as many old members as possible, so if you have addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail address etc of those people who used to enjoy the Club please let them know about the date.

I think that it about it for now, but if you have any suggestions or questions please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the Committee members, we would love to hear from you.

All the best

Mike M

Memberships

New applications for membership will cover you up to 31st December 2006

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A Day at the Races - 29 June 2005

Last Sunday my colleague Brian and I went to the 'Championship racing' event at Zaluzani airfield on the outskirts of Banja Luka. It cost £1.70 to enter the circuit – which covered access to the pits and inner and outer circuit viewing areas. I believe there were approximately 5000 spectators present. Zaluzani is a Serbian Airforce base that has 11 Mi-8T 'HIP' helicopters and 2 UTVA75 light trainers based there. The helicopters are in need of expensive overhauls but do occasionally fly ... as does one of the UTVA75's. We know one of them flies as out of nowhere it skimmed over our heads on its way up to drop three parachutists.

The surface of the track was in reasonable condition. Each race consisted of 15 laps of the circuit. The level of preparation of all cars looked quite high and scrutineering looked as good as any as you would see at 'stage rally' type event at home. Safety had obviously been thought about but nowhere near the standard expected at home. There is supposedly a bike meet in August which I shall be at home for but I'll keep an eye out for other events at Zaluzani.

Saturday was practice day followed by the racing which started at 12.00 noon on Sunday. Zaluzani circuit is just over 2 miles long (3.25km) and has 10 turns. A full report (in Serbo-Croat!) with some good pix is at www.bihferrariklub and then select the second article down in the middle of the screen called 'Nagrada OPTIMA Banja Luka 2005 – 2. dan'.

It was the first time I'd seen Yugo 55's racing but they weren't disappointing. They really did try!! The Yugo 55 racing was really quite exciting – more so than the Klasa V ST which had 5 cars in it that 'raced' round in the same order with pretty much the same gaps for the whole race. The winner was a Honda Accord followed by an Opel Vectra and a BMW 320. Before we knew it, it was time for a chevapi – a lamb and beef sausage in a muffin type roll. Chevapis make a takeaway from your local Burger Bar look healthy.

Another exciting race was when they combined the Klasa III 2000cc Group (Alfa 147's, BMW 3 series, Pug 306's) with the Klasa IV group Super Sport cars (Fiat XI/9, BMW316, Golf and Yugo 65) and the Klasa II cars (mainly Peugeot 106's). This led to some very 'close' racing with contact made where necessary!! The XI/9 looked good but that's where it ended!! Almost everything was quicker than it was. At one stage we thought it was being blue flagged to let a 106 go past!!!

During the race the driver of one of the Pug 306s had obviously been upset by the driver of one of the 106's; after the race the 306 driver walked up to the 106 driver while he was sat in his car and punched him in the face through his visor causing quite a bad cut. Where that will end who knows.

By 1500ish it was all over and time to head for 'home' having had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon of motorsport and more eye candy and chevapi than was good for you!

Phil Cork

What's On?

September

16 [Summer Series 2005 Round 5](#) – Gymkhana The Highwayman Bev Preston
16-18 Goodwood Revival Race Meeting
24 **Wine & Cheese Evening at the Club**

October

2nd Caerwent Rally
7th Neil's 40th do - at the Club
8/9th Audi Stages, Newquay
21st **12 Car Series 2005/2006 - Round 1**
29th Somerset Stages Rally

November

5th Tempest Stages Rally (BRC)
18th **12 Car Series 2005/2006 – Round 2**
27th Carfax, Longcross

What have we been up to on the Motor Sport front?

Competing

Graham Ford has been out at various sprints in his Caterham 7, Rich Clayton, Dave & Jeremy Cooper have been out doing the Ross Autotests & Cirencester Gymkhanas. Chris Rice, Dave Gregory & Tim Purvey have been Stage Rallying, Phil Harvey Mini Migla Racing home and abroad. Andrew Isherwood & Dave Cooper have been doing various Historic/Classic runs and rallies. Unfortunately Dave Cooper and Graham Ford had a non finish on the Oxford MC Bullnose Road rally, after holing the sump of Dave's Audi on Sapperton white.



Dave Gregory &
Tim Purvey

Abingdon CAR-nival

Rally Marshalling

Longcross, 3rd April – A good CMC turn out
Abingdon CAR-nival, 12th June
Fat Albert, Keevil 30th July
Bullnose Road Rally, 10/11th September

Tony Brewer Memorial Summer Series

Once again this Summer Series has been well supported, with a total of 31 competitors so far. With one round to go. Rich Clayton is in the lead with 77 points, Bev Preston has 70 and Rich Smith is in third with 65 points. Round 1 - Gymkhana at the Highwayman, won by Jeremy Cooper after a tie break with his dad Dave. Round 2 - Precise Driving Test at the Racecourse won by Club Chairman Mike Mitchell (for the second year running). Round 3 was another Gymkhana at the Highwayman, won by Rich Clayton, Dave Cooper 2nd and Tim Purvey 3rd. Then round 4, the popular Pictorial Treasure Hunt, won by Jan Robbins & Debbie

Dick Turnip Challenge

Cheltenham MC v. Cirencester CC

A mixture of poor weather forecast and Summer Holiday commitments lead to a low turnout from both teams, in this the second year of the Dick Turnip Challenge at The Highwayman Pub, Elkstone.

A rain shower just before the off made the field very slippery. The competition was close all afternoon and does not reflect the 13-8 points score at the end of the day. Well done to Cheltenham MC winners of the 2005 Dick Turnip. That makes it one a piece.

Rich C

A great day out, Graeme Ross & myself visited the Goodwood Festival of Speed on the Friday, You name it and it was there, F1, Rally, Touring, Race Cars, Dakar Trucks & Bikes of all descriptions. Drivers spanning decades of Motor Sport, – We avoided the storms that rumbled about Gloucestershire and the South West too!

Well recommended.

Rich C

Dave Kedward in his Lancia 037at
Goodwood Festival of Speed



Cheltenham Motor Club

Thunderball II 1400cc Enduro Rally

Saturday 1st October 2005

POSTPONED

Longcross - Good News

The popular rally venue near Chobham in Surrey has been saved from the property developers, it has been under threat for many years, but has now been secured at least until 2010.

Cheltenham Motor Club 'Riders 2002'

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16th -19th Sept - French Trip 1 (male) place left – contact Gerry at the shop

17th Sep – Air Ambulance Open Day

8th Oct: (to be confirmed) - END OF 'SUMMER PUB RUN' BASH - REUNION

'BIKER'S NITE' Present their 5th SOCIAL/ROCK NIGHT at some pub in Gloucestershire. From 8pm-midnight. LIVE BAND . BBQ . BEER . BIKES. TICKETS IN ADVANCE £6, accompanied under 16's Free. Price includes entrance, prize draw and sleep-over camping. Wear your 'B.N.' T-Shirt to be entered into an exclusive prize draw. Tickets from Dave & Steph Shaw. Cheques made payable to 'S N Shaw'm and send with a SAE to 81 Roman Road, Cheltenham, Glos GL51 8AB

Wed Bikers Nights: (meet at the shop at 7:00pm)

14.09.05 Star Inn Aston Under Hill, Nr Evesham

21.09.05 Kings Head Norton, Glos. (joint VMCC)

Next meeting on Sat 1st Oct – all welcome (followed by a night on the town)

Tony Brewer Memorial Summer Series 2005

Round 5 - Gymkhana

The Highwayman

Friday 16th Sept

Bev Preston

Pete Singfield 2005/2006 - 12 Car Series

Round 1 – 21st October 2005

Round 2 – 18th November 2005

Round 3 – 20th January 2006

Round 4 – 17th February 2006

Round 5 – 17th March 2006

Round 6 – 21st April 2006

Tony Brewer Memorial Summer Series 2005 after Round 4

	Points		Points
Rich Clayton	77	Tim Purvey	33
Bev Preston	70	Ewan Hopes	31
Rich Smith	65	Graham Ford	29
Jeremy Cooper	53	Phil Robbins	27
Jon Smith	46	Kevin Smith	26
Dave Cooper	38	Mike Mitchell	20

MARSHALS REQUIRED FOR THE FORTHCOMING.....

'AUDI Stages - Newquay' - SATURDAY 8th October 2005

'TEMPEST (BRC) - Farnborough' - SATURDAY 5th November 2005

'CARFAX - Longcross' - SUNDAY 27th November 2005

CMC will be running the usual Start/Finish controls - Contact Rich Clayton

CMC Website

Check out the website for more details of events and other groups that use our clubhouse:

www.cheltmc.com

Join our email group follow link from our Homepage or email for more details info@cheltmc.com

Email George or Rich: news@cheltmc.com