



CMC NEWS

Cheltenham Motor Club Newsletter

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From the chair

Welcome to the December edition of the Newsletter. It seems no time at all since the last one but it is essential that we should be put out an edition early in the month so that you would all have notice of the Club opening hours over the Christmas/ New Year break. The good news on that front is that we have received a letter from the Cheltenham Council advising us that our application for a premises license has been granted so we are all legal. I have to say that the whole re-licensing farce was a complete waste of time and money but we had no alternative but to comply. Talk about Big Brother!

Regarding the Club there are a two issues, which the Management Committee feel need to be addressed as priorities. They are Smoking and Memberships.

With effect from 2nd Jan 2006, the area near to the Committee room and the Pool/Darts room are designated smoking areas. The Bar itself and the remainder of the main room are non-smoking. I hope that this compromise will accommodate the various factions without causing too much distress.

As regards Membership, due to the great job that Neil and George are doing our membership has increased dramatically. All of these new members have fitted into the Club very well but we have noticed, (and I have also have been advised by fellow members that they too have noticed), that we seem to be losing some of the "Club" feel. It may be that we are just growing too quickly and need to take a breather before moving on. Our view is that this could be rectified by calling a moratorium on new memberships for a short while. I hope that by stabilising the membership base we will get back the intimacy that has been lost. However, we will initiate a waiting list and, should existing members not renew their memberships next year then we will be in a position to welcome those people on the list.

Your Management Committee are constantly looking to see what can be done to improve the Clubhouse but are also always willing to listen to any idea that you may have so please do not hesitate to let us know if there is something which you consider needs to be addressed. My personal gripe is the poor standard of parking in the car park. We all know that it is small and consideration has to be given to how we park but recently I have noticed that some people are parking at the front and leaving spaces behind just so that they can get out easily. Please do not do this, fill up the spaces from the wall back to the road, nobody minds moving to let you out.

Well, that's about it for this year, on behalf of the Management Committee I would like to wish you and all your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to our Centenary Year in 2006.

Mike M

Memberships

Renewals will be due on 31st December

Membership fees as follows:

£6 - social membership

£18 - full membership

£21- family membership

£1 off for prompt renewal
(before 31/01/06)

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RICHARD BURNS

17 January 1971 - 25th November 2005

It is with very great sadness that we heard about the death of Richard Burns, he passed away peacefully on Friday 25th November, his family and partner Zoe were at his bedside.

England's only ever FIA World Rally Champion (2001). He was diagnosed with an astrocytoma, a form of brain tumour, after passing out whilst driving to the Wales Rally GB in November 2003. It was only the quick reactions of Marku Martin, who was passenger, that the car was steered to the side of the road.

From the outset Richard knew that the odds were heavily against him and yet he fought his illness with bravery and good humour. Having undergone both chemotherapy and radiotherapy he was able to leave hospital in summer 2004. For a while his health showed signs of improvement but then after six months it once again began to decline. Determined not to give up, he opted for surgery earlier this year. This alleviated some of the symptoms of his illness and enabled him to remain active. At Castle Combe in August he attended a parade of the rally cars that he drove throughout his career and was touched by the warmth of the reception he received. However there was to be no miracle and in recent days he had lapsed into a coma.

The family would ask that donations be sent to Cancer Research. Anyone who would like to send messages should address them to the memorials pages on this website.

www.richard-burns.co.uk/memorials

Richard Burns, Age: 34
Born: Reading, Berkshire – 17 January 1971

What's On?

December 2005

- 23rd Christmas Draw & Quiz Night – 8:00pm.
- 27th **Loco stages Rally – Sutton & Cheam MC.**
- 29th **Christmas Cracker – Treasure Hunt 7:30pm**
- 31st New Years Eve party – Buffet provided

January 2006

- 20th **CMSG Awards night – Civil Service Club, Tewkesbury Road**
- TBA **12 Car Series 2005/2006 - Round 3**
- 29th **MSA Officials Training, Birmingham**

February 2006

- 11th **Wyedean Rally – Contact Kevin Smith**
- 17th **12 Car Series 2005/2006 - Round 4**

Christmas Cracker 2005 **TREASURE HUNT**

*Approx 35 mile route
Bring a torch
No maps required
Prizes for all*

£5.00 per car

Thursday 29th DEC
7:30pm
Rich Clayton

*We are very hopeful
that...*

**DOWN AMPNEY
IS BACK!**

With any luck it will be confirmed by the time
you see this newsletter.

We have proposed a date for a
Stage Rally on:

Saturday 15th April
(EASTER)

We have the main team of people ready to run
the event, but we will still need your help.
Event Officials, Marshals, help on Good
Friday for setting up, on the day and Easter
Sunday morning for the cleanup.

Contact
Kevin Smith or Rich Clayton

Pete Singfield 2005/2006 *12 Car Series*

Round 3
20th January 2006

Round 4
17th February 2006

Round 5
17th March 2006

Round 6
21st April 2006

Unfortunately the first two rounds
had to be cancelled due to lack of
entries.

**To all those old 12-Car'ers out
there, please dust off your Potti's &
Romers.**

Lets hope we get a better response in
the New Year.

Please note **January date to be
confirmed** as there is a date clash
with the CMSG awards.

Christmas **Opening**

Friday 23 December
12pm - 12am
Christmas Draw and Quiz from 8pm

Christmas Eve
12pm - 3pm and 7pm - 12am

Christmas Day
CLOSED

Boxing Day
12pm - 2pm and 7pm - 12am

New Years Eve
12pm - 3pm and 7pm onwards for
New Years Eve Party

New Years Day
CLOSED



CHELTENHAM MOTOR CLUB

1906 – 2006

CAN YOU HELP?

2006 is our Centenary.

We intend to run a number of events to celebrate this momentous occasion.

A Centenary Ball is planned for Saturday 17th June.

Have you got any stories from yesteryear.
is there anything else special that you would like to see us do?

You can contact us by;

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MARSHALS REQUIRED FOR THE FORTHCOMING..

'LOCO Stages Rally' - Farnborough - Tuesday 27th December 2005

'Exeter Trial' – Friday 6th January 2006

Wydean Rally – Saturday 11th February

Contact – Club Chief Marshal, Rich Clayton

Marshalling.

Over many years Cheltenham Motor Club, has built up a good reputation for marshalling time controls on Stage & Road Rallies. We get many requests to help out at events all over the country.

So where have we been marshalling recently?



Tempest Stages (BRC) – Aldershot

Carfax Rally – Longcross
(the catering van is always close to hand).



Audi Stages - Bodmin; Bullnose Road Rally - Cotswolds;
Plus 12 car navigational events in the Cotswolds.

Many thanks to the regulars.

Dave Gregory, Tim Purvey, Kevin Smith, Graham Ford, Sheena Horan, Jon Smith, Gavin Tarrant, Rob Greenwood & Wendy Croft.

We always need more people to help out. So if you are interested please let me know.

Rich Clayton

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Memberships

Membership renewals are due on 31st December. Fees have remained unchanged for 2006.

£6 - social

£18 - full

£21- family

£1 discount from above rate, for renewals paid before 31st January 2005.

Renewal forms have been included in the posted newsletters or are available from behind the bar.

The Tony Brewer Memorial Summer Series 2005

FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS

Pos	Competitor	Points
1	Rich Clayton	78
2=	Bev Preston	70
2=	Jeremy Cooper	70
4	Rich Smith	67
5	Dave Cooper	53
6	Ewan Hopes	49
7	Jon Smith	46
8	Kevin Smith	39
9	Dan Nunn	37
10	Tim Purvey	33
11	Graham Ford	29
12	Phil Robbins	27
13	Mike Mitchell	20
14	Jan & Debbie	20
15	Terry & Bev	19
16	John & Louise	18
16	Dave Gregory	17
17	Gerry Mears	17
18	Steve Budowski	17
19	Stu C	16
20	Ted	15
21	Gavin/Sarah/Carol	15
22	Raymond Robbins	15
23	Cliff & Sandy Mason	14
24	Neil Smith	13
25	Mick	13
26	Craig C	12
27	Andrew Isherwood	9
28	Hillary Farbowski	8

Cheltenham Motor Club 'Riders 2002'

Future Events:

Thurs 15th Dec - Knotts Motorcycles (Triumph/Honda/Suzuki) are having a Triumph Preview Evening on at 7.00pm.

Fri 16 Dec - Forest of Dean Bike Club Xmas do at Rank Xerox. Phone Pete for more info

Sat 17th Dec - Crescent Suzuki at Verwood (Bournemouth) are having an open day **on**. Interested call Steve Tustin 01386 443913.

Sunday 1st Jan - Bikers Meet at the Kings Head at Bishops Cleeve – from midday. If you want to eat at the Kings Head restaurant it's best to book in advance.

Mon 2nd Jan from 10.30am - 'trials bike' event at Hazelton (just off A40 to Oxford)

Mon 2nd Jan - Meeting will be combined with a meal at the Indus for Tim Dancey's 40th birthday. Motor Club will open for us at 6.30pm and meeting will start at 7.00pm then move to the restaurant at 8.00pm (£5 deposit needed, contact Phil Cork).

Six bikes from the group went on the Hein Gericke rideout on 13th Nov. Mixed views about the ride but grateful to the organisers for putting it on. Vic Martyn and Steve Tustin both enjoyed the opportunity to get out on their new bikes. Several people had been to the Motorcycle Show; most that had been agreed it was not one of the best shows they'd been to. About 10 members went along to CMC for the 15th of the month get together and a very enjoyable evening was had by all.

Heather Turner (and Mark and Tara) went on the Rubicon Solutions UK 'First Aid for Bikers' course in Cinderford. All three of them spoke very highly of the course. Further courses are expected to be run in the spring of 2006. Prices not known but reasonable to think it will be £80-90. I'll keep you informed of any dates as and when I hear them. It's also possible that somebody from Rubicon will come along and give a talk to us on first aid for bikers.

Phil then mentioned potential venues for us to visit on our rideouts: Atwell-Wilson Motor Museum near Calne in Wilts – entry fee £3.00: Coventry Transport Museum – free entry but not fully open until easter 2006. Haynes Motor Museum in Yeovil – entry fee £6.95 and Bourton Motor Museum – entry fee £2.95 but closed for the winter until 12th Feb

Steve also told us about a fellow member of Cheltenham Home Guard Motorcycle Club who had two bikes stolen on 29th Nov. Both bikes were fixed to anchor points with toughened steel 10mm diameter chains so a hefty pair of bolt croppers was used. Keep an eye out for Honda CRF250X Enduro, red, reg (when stolen) CN04NKW and a Beta Rev3 2005 unregistered silver and red Trials bike, frame number 40000475. Any information gladly received by Sam Wilson

Don't let your pride and joy be somebody else's xmas present.

As some of you may know, last Friday (25th) Tara had a 'corrective' operation on the leg she broke in a motorcycling accident while out on one of our rideouts a year or so ago, it appears the operation went ok but now a further follow up operation is needed.

Membership for next year was discussed. Forms should be sent out shortly. Seasons greetings to you all.

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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