

Forest Forays...



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Winners are Grinners



A big, happy grin from **Jo Moss** as she receives the prestigious British Women Racing Drivers Club Award for 2nd place in their annual Sprint Championship from David Brabham!

David Brabham (son of Jack Brabham) presented all the trophies at the BWRDC Awards Ceremony and Lunch at the Apollo Suite at Rockingham Motor Speedway on Saturday 24th February 2007.



Jo is taking UTK off to the Jersey Festival in August where she hopes to repeat her success in the Sprint Standing Start Quarter Mile.

Jo was also the proud winner of the Ken and Janet Hill Trophy which was presented at the Annual Lunch. The

centre is very proud of you Jo... good luck for the 2007 season.

Top Photograph courtesy of Jeff Bloxham (www.jeffbloxham.com)

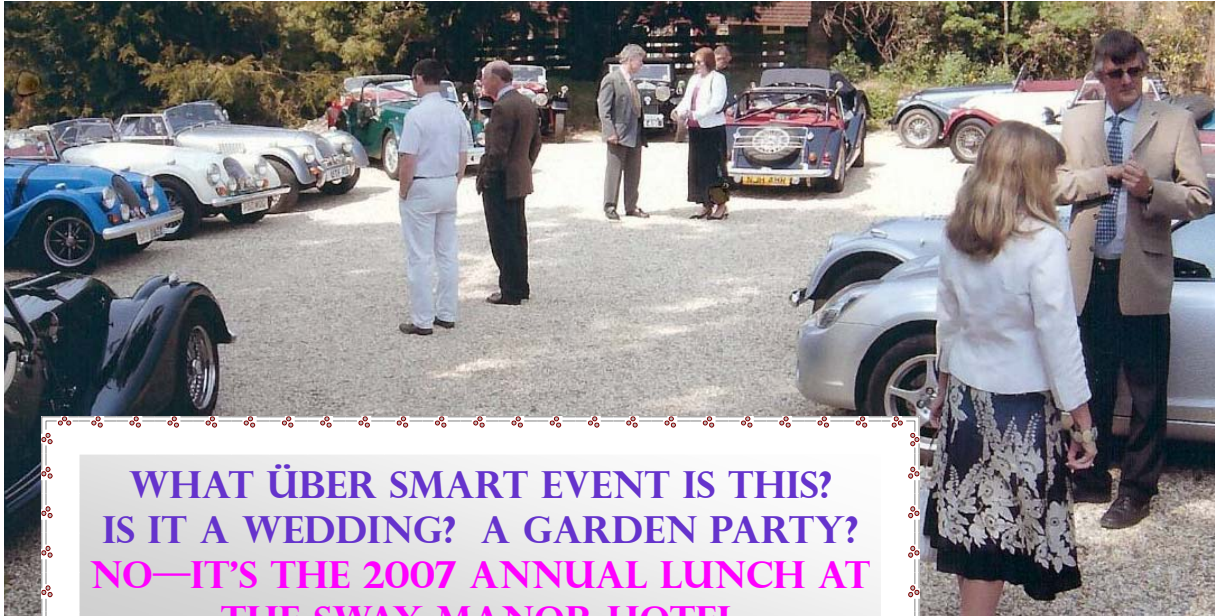


Two great photos of **Tim Ayres** and The Cup at a rainy RAF Bentwater after winning the Bentwater Sprint Morgan Speed Championship. (photos by Allan Smith).

The hill climb at Shelshy Walsh (picture below) was evidently very exciting as the whole track had just been resurfaced and, expecting a downpour, Tim was playing cautious by using 1B road tyres.

Tim's team manager Chrissy later said "I was very happy as Tim got faster and faster on every lap; what more can a team manager ask? I also reckon he would have beaten everyone else had he been on sticky 1B Kumho tyres!". Go Tim.....





**WHAT ÜBER SMART EVENT IS THIS?
IS IT A WEDDING? A GARDEN PARTY?
NO—IT'S THE 2007 ANNUAL LUNCH AT
THE SWAY MANOR HOTEL**





LogMog Flower Arranger 'Supremo' Hazel Bartholomew was thanked by Centre Secretary Peter Camm for the magnificent table decorations and presented with a spanking new, very neat, Morgan in Royal Ivory, Hazel's favourite colour – Postman Pat style!!!



Winners of the Keith Allen Trophy for their outstanding contribution to the centre were Dick and Carole Worrall. In accepting the trophy from Paul Bompas, Dick said how pleased he was to win and that he would put the shoe box to good use in the coming year. I hear that Bob Wright (last year's winner) has promised to let Dick have his season "trades entrance" tickets to Wimborne/ Ringwood markets where he tells us that he had managed to build up quite a worthwhile regular clientele in the shoe cleaning business! The only problem (Dick says) is that the blighter wants a cut of the takings!! Please report all sightings (with photographs) to the Editor.....

Padstow Posers 2007...or the Morgan Ale Voice Choir

(some would say ailing voice choir!) report by Richard Mutlow (assisted by Christine)

Two weeks before we were due to drive down to our traditional May Bank Holiday in Padstow, the pub we'd booked months ago for our Saturday night meal, suddenly rang and cancelled - kitchen refit! Mini panic, then luckily they suggested The Port Gaverne Hotel near Port Isaac. Wonderful place – more later.

We had a good run down on Friday, and some of us had a cream tea. When we arrived, Wyn found she had turned up her fridge too high and had frozen the wine SOLID – but luckily not Pete's gin. The chalets were just as nice, with new flat-screen TVs and DVDs . Toys! Fish and chips at the Cornish Arms – some of you will remember the glorious fish and chips at the Tredrea Inn a few years back. Well, the chef now works at the Cornish Arms !

Four new Padstow posers were welcomed this year: it was a pleasure to have Pam and Kevin Newton from Thames Valley, and Jo and John Greenwood from the New Forest Centre, to join us. Altogether we had eight Morgans lined up at the chalets, causing the usual stir of interest. Paul and the twins' cars were kept immaculate with elbow grease throughout the weekend!

This wouldn't be a proper Morgan weekend without the Padstow Poser setting off the smoke alarm! Pete & Wyn must really like burnt toast. Clever mod though, the toaster balancing precariously on the windowsill!!!!

On Saturday, four cars drove down to St Ives, parked at Lelant Saltings Park & Ride and went along the coast, with stunning views, into St. Ives on the little train, right to the centre of the lovely little town, only £2 return!

The light there is really clear, no wonder people go there to paint. We had a pasty for lunch and

some of us had a cream tea. We went to look at the Tate Modern – a mixed reaction to the various exhibits! We were not impressed. (Richard tried to take a photograph of the bay from the top gallery, but was asked politely not to photograph the works of art. He was muttering something about the works of art and Christine told him to shush). The views were stunning; the best exhibit was seen outside, a very familiar lifelike group!

Pam and Kevin visited the superb Eden Project and Paul and the twins lapped up the coastline in true Cornish fashion.



On Saturday evening we drove to the Port Gaverne Hotel for dinner. Driving down into the little cove we saw, to our horror, there was absolutely nowhere to park. Mini-panic, then we saw John and Peter Stafford waving us into a private parking space in a little courtyard. Magic! They

had arrived earlier, and of course organised everything. Peter & John told us there had been a buzz in the hotel, "the Morgans are coming". Well done PJ! As for the hotel, it was superb – the welcome, service, food, everything. We will return there, hopefully. Go there!



TBONTB TITQ!!! Oh Yes! PJ's feared quiz was handed out. Suddenly Jo, Sue and Liz had almost cleared the tables, heads down rattling their way through the quiz with much laughter!

Fingers were crossed for the weather for Sunday but luckily it was fine. Some went to the National Trust's

Lanhydrock House, some came with us to Trebah Gardens on the Helston river. Paul joined the Cormish Mog scenic run, the twins joined them for lunch, Pam and Kevin toured the coast including Boscastle.



DO YOU KNOW THIS MAN?

LAST SEEN IN PADSTOW, TAKING PART IN A BIZARRE RITUAL AND BELIEVED TO OWN THREE MORGANS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT HE IS FOUND PRIOR TO THE BEAULIEU AUTO JUMBLE TO ENSURE HE DOES NOT ADD ANOTHER MORGAN TO HIS COLLECTION!!!!!!!!!!!!



WOULD YOU WANT TO SPEND NEW YEARS EVE AT A CHAMPAGNE PARTY FOLLOWED BY A 7 COURSE MEAL IN THE FANTASTIC HOTEL I' HERMITAGE - WITH PEOPLE LIKE THESE?

We would, and so would the same crowd that went last year—that's why ten of us have booked again!!!! *(read a full report in the last Forest Forays).*

**LOGMOG WELCOMES
NEW MEMBERS**

David Webber from Pennington

Eric and Barbara Holloway from Bridport

Don Whistance from Dorchester



The hotel is L' Hôtel Hermitage at Montreuil - Sur- Mer, close to le-Touquet.
<http://www.hermitage-montreuil.com/frameuk.htm>

The tour is organised by Continental Car Tours at £249 pp - check out the website
www.continentalcartours.co.uk

Ring and book a place - you don't need to confirm your place until September. Plenty of sights to see in the surrounding area including le-Touquet and fabulous fishing villages and countryside drives.



**CAPTION
COMPETITION**

Simply write a suitable caption for the photograph in the "Chat" section on the website

www.logmog.co.uk

Prize = A Model Morgan

Closing date: June 30th

Winner in next edition

UTK Gets New Breathing Apparatus!

By Jo Moss

The last competitive event for UTK during 2006 was the AC Owners Club Sprint at Goodwood, at the beginning of November. The car that won our class was an extremely quick early Plus 8 belonging to Paul Conway (he usually competes in Historic Sports Car Club events and had just won their championship!)

Paul's car was equipped with a very nice stainless steel exhaust system, featuring 'bunch of banana' manifolds, etc, and both he and his mechanic kept telling me that I could do with something similar for UTK.

Fast-forward this story to March 2007 and an extremely tantalising advert appeared in Miscellany, listing a stainless steel competition exhaust system for sale for a Plus 8 such as mine! But it was not cheap and I could not really afford to buy it, so I tried my best to ignore it!

However, after agonising over it for the rest of the month, I decided to ring up anyway (working on the theory that it would probably already be sold!) Something about the way the advert was worded had made me think that it might actually be Paul Conway who was the seller, and sure enough, when I called, it was Paul who answered the phone and the exhaust system in the advert was the very same one that I had been looking at during the Goodwood meeting last year!

Paul had up-graded his own car to a bigger bore system during the winter months and was selling the old one, so off we went to see him the following Saturday, and I became the proud owner of a selection of second hand (but new to me!) manifolds, silencers, pipework, etc.

Theoretically the system should have more or less fitted straight onto UTK, as both cars are

of a similar age, but of course, that was not the case! Paul's Plus 8 has a proper race engine, with larger exhaust ports, etc, and the manifolds did not really line up with the ports on UTK's standard heads – however my Paul (Kitcher) was soon on the case, and with lots of welding and tweaking in the appropriate places, everything was persuaded to fit!

Interestingly, the new system has a balance pipe that connects the two manifolds via a pipe running under the rear of the engine, and this has made a huge difference to the way that UTK runs – the engine feels so much smoother now,

and it really is a delight to drive on the road. Our first real test, was a run down to Castle Combe race circuit near Chippenham, to meet up with a friend (who was not there when we arrived, but that's another story!) and it was a really warm day – made even warmer by the amount of heat that

our lovely new manifolds generated in front of each foot-well!

I have yet to try the 'new improved' system at a competitive event, as my funds have not stretched to entering much this year yet, however, UTK is now a much nicer road car, so that really is a good start.

Postscript – Paul Conway rang me a couple of weeks after I had purchased the exhaust, to check that we had been able to make it fit.

I told him how thrilled I was with it, and he said that was a pity, as he would quite like to have it back! He was not totally convinced that his new system was that much better than the old one, and said that I had better make sure he does not borrow it back next time we are at a meeting together!



BY OPEN TOP CAR TO CORSICA - A VERY VISUAL WAY TO SEE THE ISLAND !

Ed—ALAN STEVENSON sent this article to me during last winter and (although he didn't use the Morgan for the trip) it sounds fantastic.....

We took the Corsica ferry from Nice to Ajaccio in early September in our Audi TT Roadster. To better see - and smell - this delightful land you need to be in the South of France with a car; the ferry trip is relatively easy. And destinations from Bastia in the North to Calvi and Ajaccio on the West coast offer better opportunities to tour than the more restricted air flights.

Arriving in Ajaccio after a very pleasant four and a half hour trip we checked-in at the hotel La Pinède on the road to the Sanguinaire islands. Regrettably this does not have access to the beach - you need to cross a main road to get there - and the pool was not too clean! It did however provide us with a good start point to visit the locality, which is enchanting.

Travelling on South by the coast road certainly delivers spectacular views and we stopped off at the Punta di Porto Pollo on the way to Propriano where the hotel Roc e Mare in the Quatier Bartaccia, is the place to linger awhile. The position 100 metres above sea level, offers up fantastic sea views plus a private beach below, secluded swimming and a 'rustic' beach bar and restaurant. Here you can enjoy fresh fish and a glass of wine or three, whilst you watch the sun go down over a deep blue sea. Sheer heaven !

On then to Bonifacio, via Sartène, which was busy in the square yet quiet on the streets and elsewhere, except for a few cows! Bonifacio by comparison was buzzing even at this time of the year. Grasping at parking straws we booked into the La Caravelle, a hotel on the harbour front with an excellent restaurant and piano bar, as well as a secure car park! To stroll in the evening along the lively waterfront, following a short boat trip, adds spice to a very colourful area.

With more seclusion in mind we headed off via Porto -Vecchio (quiet after Bonifacio), to the mountains. Motoring slowly we ascended the 1300 metre Col de Mela, on the way to Zonza

and stayed at the Le Mouflon d'Or a chalet style complex with a large swimming pool and tennis courts - ideal for families and at €60 a night, excellent value for money - our chalet could sleep six ! Two restaurants very professionally managed for such a small village and well worth the visit are the Auberge Sanglier (yes wild boars do inhabit the area !), and the Le Randonneur (for the adventurous rambler !).

Motoring on, under brilliant blue skies, across the mountainous middle of the island on the D69, brought us within awesome view of Monte Incudine (2134 m's), Monte Renoso (2352 m's), and Monte d'Oro (2389 m's). Apart from the tribes of semi-wild pigs, few travellers crossed our dizzy path, until we arrived a little gratefully at Corte.

But the sea called again and gaining a second breath we moved on to the West Coast at L'Ile-Rousse and Algajola. Two hotels are to be recommended at the latter – the Hotel De La Plage and our preference the L'Ondine; both of which have beach access and restaurants as well as beautiful views.

The best was yet to come as we motored on towards Calvi, our port of departure. Almost by chance we turned off the N197 at Lumio, to Punta di Spano on the bay of Calvi, and found Le Rocher, a secluded beach side Chambres d'hôtes, except there is no hotel (!) only creative beach fronting chalets with their own patios and sea views, plus a pleasant restaurant. We have been 'cautioned' at mentioning this fabulous location as the accommodation is limited to four couples and is frequently overbooked !

If you have read to this stage ! you will appreciate that in eight short days we could not cover the entire island but we now know that the West and South West is the most visual and interesting - providing of course that you make an excursion into the magnificent mountains.

Ed- it sounds idyllic.....thanks Alan.

If you visit somewhere wonderful in the Morgan please send me your report and photos.

AWAY IN THE SKY, beyond the clouds, live 2 or 3 Magicians. By casting WONDERFUL SPELLS, they turn the Most Ordinary Logmog Event into a

COLOUR PRODUCTION FOR LOGMOGGERS

with

STEVE

as The Recruiting Sergeant

TINA

as The Hostess

KATY

as The Little Girl

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If you let yourself go (many deny themselves the opportunity), the Magicians will take you away to marvellous places. Are you ready to go?

SPLENDID! *The story begins on Page 7... or 8...*

1. STEVE AND TINA are *always* quarrelling about one thing or another. But they both agree it would be exciting to go on a Mystery Tour. “Your Uncle John always liked a Charabanc Trip” says Tina. “And this is a MORGAN trip” adds Steve.

2. A few months later, VERY early in the morning, their friends arrive to have coffee and Little Katy’s Exceedingly Tasty Home-made Biscuits before starting the tour. Tina looks at the B-I-G 4-seater and smiles: “It’s blue and chrome! My favourite colours!”

3. When everyone else is ready The Recruiting Sergeant climbs aboard. “Good Morning Lady, Gentlemen and Little Girl! WELCOME TO THE MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR! Everyone comfy? SPLENDID! Away-way-way we go!

4. They set off, along Penny Lane and Blue Jay Way. The other passengers are NOT enjoying any bright sunshine, but are enjoying the fresh green countryside. Meanwhile, PAUL BEGINS TO DAY-DREAM. His thoughts start flying FAR AWAY. He is standing high up on a warm, grassy hill. In a cutting below, a little Gauge 1 steam engine is chuffing rhythmically up the incline...

5. SUDDENLY Paul’s daydreaming is over. He hears the delightful voice of the Hostess: I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT IF THERE IS ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU . . . YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND!” (Well, maybe he is still dreaming) “But I wonder where the MORGAN comes in?” thinks Paul.

6. Little does he know that the MORGAN MAGIC IS ALREADY BEGINNING TO WORK! Somewhere up in the sky, beyond the dark black clouds, THE MAGICIANS study their mysterious maps and gaze into their magic telescope. They are CASTING WON-DERFUL SPELLS to stop the rain in just a little corner of Hampshire.

7. At last one of the MAGICIANS looks up from her work: “IT’S A BIT OF A RIDDLE, BUT THEY’RE HEADING FOR STAFFORD AND HAVING A LOVELY TIME!” she cries. The others drive with glee: “THEY’RE HEADING FOR STAFFORD AND HAVING A LOVELY TIME!!!”

8. There is no wrong way to go on a Mystery Tour. Even as they drive THE MAGIC TAKES EFFECT and the MORGAN is SPIRITED AWAY TO THE AMAZINGLY SUNNY LAND OF THE WALRUS! “I AM THE WALRUS” says John. “NO, YOU’RE NOT” says Little Katy.

9. In no time at all everybody is ready for lunch, and the Morgan draws up at a small café, surrounded by wonderful trees and Strawberry Fields forever. The Hostess leads the way to the café and all the people follow because they’re HUNGRY! “WHAT A MAR-VELLOUS LUNCH!” says everyone. AND IT IS!



10. There are sausages with carrots and broccoli and Thick Brown Gravy to go over the Mashed Potatoes. “If I eat any more” says HAPPY DICK “I SHALL FALL ASLEEP!” “Then you’ll MISS ALL THE MORGAN MAGIC!” warns Little Katy.

11. KATY is the VERY YOUNGEST LITTLE GIRL in the club, two going on 21. She accidentally drops her bottle of pop and it SMASHES on the floor. “Hey man,” says Paul, “no need to start a fight - All You Need Is Love!” A little later, “I’VE GOT A PRESENT

FOR YOU!” says John. And he gives Little Katy another BOTTLE OF JUICE. The Hostess pours it into a paper cup for Katy to sip from.

12. “Hello!” says Peter, “We’re going into the garden centre.” AND THEY ARE TOO! Katy plays hide-and-seek behind the shrubs. Dick resists buying any plants that would only get eaten by deer.

13. Little Katy finds a puddle deep and wide enough to make A BIG SPLASH! She stands out of reach in the middle, soaking wet and Looking Very Pleased With Herself. When The Hostess eventually catches her, The Recruiting Sergeant says to Little Katy “Your Mother Should Know - YOU’RE NOT GETTING IN MY MORGAN LIKE THAT!” “It’s MY MORGAN!” says Little Katy. So The Hostess changes her into a clean pair of trousers.

14. When they are all back in the B-I-G MORGAN, The Recruiting Sergeant pipes up again: “NOW FOR THE MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR MARATHON RACE!”

15. Everyone lines up for the start – The Three Cheating Staffords, The Remaining Bachelor, and ALL the Morganeers, BANG! THEY’RE OFF!

16. It looks as though the Staffords might win because they are cheating by driving SMART CARS. So the others use a 4x4 and a MORGAN which are MUCH BETTER ways of CHEATING!

17. But as everyone else has forgotten to bring a map, in the end the MORGANEERS win the BIG RACE back to The Hostess’s house for Afternoon Tea, WHICH SERVES ALL THE OTHERS RIGHT!!!

18. NO WONDER people are a bit sleepy after all that racing around. Poor Little Katy nods off and has a dream ABOUT THE BISCUITS that she made for everyone yesterday!

19. “NO MORE BISCUITS!” moans Dick. “So much for my diet! Hello Goodbye” he mutters and quietly slips off before Katy wakes up and offers him more. Everyone else drinks more tea and tries to finish off Little Katy’s Biscuits before she wakes up and wants to eat them herself.

20. By now the sun is setting behind the Hampshire hills and it’s time to head for home. All the Morgan Magic has made them forget about the rain.

21. The Bachelors and Honorary Bachelor have NEVER enjoyed a Mystery Tour so much in their lives! “WE’VE HAD A LOVELY TIME!” THEY CHANT. Thanks to THE THREE MYSTERIOUS MAGICIANS. And of course, THANKS TO STEVE, TINA AND KATY’S HOME-MADE BISCUITS!!! WHOOPEE!

*With apologies to the first album I ever owned
(was it 40 years ago today?) – still one of the best.*

Which track is missing? Answers on a postcard please to The Recruiting Sergeant, or by phone (02380 275010), or that new-fangled e-mail thingummyjig (treasurer@logmog.co.uk). There will be a suitable prize for a randomly selected correct entry.



BEST GRANDPA JOKE OF THE YEAR

A small boy was lost at a large shopping mall. He approached a uniformed policeman and said, "I've lost my Grandpa"
 The policeman asked, "What's he like?"
 The little boy replied,
 "Real Ale and ladies with big boobs."

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Marriage is a relationship in which one person is always right, and the other is a husband!



The first "IGNORE YOUR SAT NAV" road sign is in Exton, Hampshire where the road narrows to six feet wide and cars get stuck! Villagers insisted that Winchester council put up this sign as they were fed up with cars blocking the road.

| NOGGINS AND NATTERS UP UNTIL 14TH OCTOBER                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                             |                                                                                     |
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| These events could possible change, please check the website & Miscellany regularly                                                                                            |                                                                                             |                                                                                     |
| S 10 <sup>th</sup><br>June                                                                                                                                                     | The Fox at Ansty DT2 9 PN (off the A354) between Dorchester & Blandford                     | Paul Stafford                                                                       |
| S 16 June                                                                                                                                                                      | Gurston Down Event—let's go and cheer on Tim Ayres                                          |                                                                                     |
| 19 -23<br>June                                                                                                                                                                 | Visit to Monet's Garden, Giverny, France.                                                   | Pauline - email: <a href="mailto:secretary@logmog.co.uk">secretary@logmog.co.uk</a> |
| F 29 <sup>th</sup><br>June                                                                                                                                                     | The White Buck Inn, Burley                                                                  | Loretta Simpson                                                                     |
| S 8 <sup>th</sup><br>July                                                                                                                                                      | Keyhaven and boat trip to Hurst Castle                                                      | Mike Bamber                                                                         |
| F 27 <sup>th</sup><br>July                                                                                                                                                     | Bear and Ragged Staff, Michelmersh, Romsey - 3 miles up the A3057 Romsey/ Andover Road      | Steve & Tina Scholey                                                                |
| 10-12<br>Aug                                                                                                                                                                   | MOG 2007 at Goodwood Motor Circuit                                                          | MSCC                                                                                |
| F 24 <sup>th</sup><br>Aug                                                                                                                                                      | Ringwood Town Experience – to include a meal                                                | Mike Bamber                                                                         |
| S 26 <sup>th</sup><br>Aug                                                                                                                                                      | Hampshire Motor Pageant at Broadlands—a great day out—not to be missed!                     | Mike Bamber                                                                         |
| M 27 <sup>th</sup><br>Aug                                                                                                                                                      | BBO at Dick & Carol Worralls – bring your own barbecue food and drink                       | Dick & Carole Worrall                                                               |
| S 9 <sup>th</sup><br>Sept                                                                                                                                                      | Treasure Hunt – details to follow                                                           | The Taylor Family                                                                   |
| F 28 Sept                                                                                                                                                                      | Haynes Motor Museum – followed by a noggin at the Half Moon Inn, Middlemarsh, nr Dorchester | Gutteridge/Camm                                                                     |
| S 14 <sup>th</sup><br>October                                                                                                                                                  | The Alice Lisle, Rockford Green, Ringwood BH24 3NA                                          | Jo & John Greenwood                                                                 |
| 1st Monday of the month—Classic Car Enthusiasts meet at the Cock and Bottle at Morden at 7pm. If you wish to eat there I would recommend ringing the pub to book a table.      |                                                                                             |                                                                                     |
| PLEASE CHECK MISCELLANY (CENTRE NEWS) FOR FINER DETAILS OF ALL THE EVENTS OUTLINED ABOVE<br>CHECK THE WEBSITE REGULARLY FOR LAST MINUTE NEWS, WEATHER REPORTS AND GENERAL CHAT |                                                                                             |                                                                                     |