

TOP MARQUE

March 2006

CHAIRMAN'S INTRO

Welcome, everyone, to our first Newsletter of 2006. The fact that it's March already means that I must begin with an apology for the lack of communication over the winter months. Our AGM in November unfortunately failed to secure a nomination for the position of centre newsletter editor, so I find myself sitting at the keyboard again for another season as 'deputy editor'. Actually, it's a task I quite enjoy – I've been doing it on and off since 1970 – but it's not a role which is conducive with those long working days in the office which seem to be a feature of so many of our lives in the 21st century. Maybe retirement – still some years away – will be the answer! Whatever, apologies for our absence from print.

The AGM did succeed in electing a new committee for 2006 and, surprise surprise, it looks remarkably similar to the one which served us in 2005. In fact, the only change is that Gerald Westcott retired down from his position as general committee member after many years of tremendous service to the club. He says he 'fancies a break' which we hope means that we can look forward to a return in the future. In the meantime, he and Carol plan to keep themselves occupied by competing in several continental rally/tours this year, a pastime that will keep Gerald busy in the garage fettling the 3000 between events. We wish them every success, as well as passing on the sincere thanks of the club for the help they have both provided over the past several years.

The committee for 2006 is:

<i>Chairman/Director :</i>	Nigel Unsworth	<i>Newsletter Editor :</i>	[vacant]
<i>Secretary :</i>	George Grammer	<i>General Member :</i>	Alan Cross
<i>Membership :</i>	Nick Crocker	<i>General Member :</i>	Mick Dwyer
<i>Treasurer :</i>	Liz Unsworth	<i>General Member :</i>	Alan Pitkin
<i>Webmaster :</i>	Rob Fenton	<i>General Member :</i>	Brain White

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MARCH & APRIL 2006

Sunday 12th March : Lunch at the Winterbourne Arms near Newbury

Our first meeting of the year is a Sunday lunchtime gathering at the Winterbourne Arms in Winterbourne near Chieveley/Newbury. The pub is located in the village of Winterbourne, just off the B4494 immediately to the south of the M4 (access via junction 13). OS map reference 158/455723; postcode RG20 8BB. Berkshire's 'Fine Dining Pub of the Year 2002' and a nice country location.

Sunday 23rd April : St George's Day Lunch at the Shire Horse near Maidenhead

Come and celebrate St George's Day at the popular Shire Horse, Littlewick Green near Maidenhead. The pub is located on the A4 to the west of Maidenhead, OS map reference 172/850803; postcode SL6 3QA. Extensive 'Chef & Brewer' menu. Convenient access via M4 junction 8/9 and A404(M) junction 9b.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MAY & BEYOND

May: Sunday lunchtime meeting in the Berkshire area – possibly a Classic Car BBQ

June: Sunday lunchtime meeting in the London area

July: Visit to the RAF Fairford Air Tattoo

August: Sunday lunchtime meeting in the Henley/Marlow area

September: Goodwood Revival Meeting. Following the success of last year's promotion, we shall again be offering subsidised entry tickets to the Goodwood Revival Meeting in September. More details to follow, but please note our offer will be restricted to gate entry tickets only - please order your grandstand tickets directly from Goodwood

October: Sunday lunchtime meeting in the Oxford area