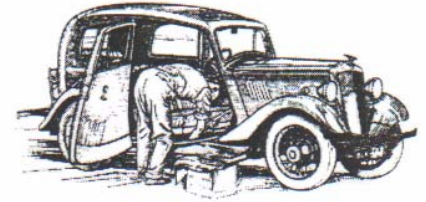




WESTWORDS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MORRIS REGISTER WEST REGION



Editorial

Towards the end of a rather hectic March session of the Somerset Noggin, Colin Baker (assistant editor) asked me if I would take on the editorship of "Westwords". Perhaps it was a moment of madness on my part, or the distraction of the accident earlier that evening (reported in "Westwords" last month), but I agreed to do it.

Undoubtedly Harry Good, who did a sterling job as editor, will be a hard act to follow. However, I am hoping that you all will make my life easy by submitting a mass of articles, features, reports, photographs, adverts, noggin and event details. Please e-mail, phone or post your contributions; see foot of the back page for contact details.

The West Region of the Morris Register covers an enormous area (about 10,000 square miles); Isles of Scilly, Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Dorset, Gloucester, Wiltshire, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. "Westwords" is your newsletter and I am keen that it reports Morris Register member activity across the whole of the region, whilst also providing a range of articles, news, local events (both in and bordering our region), selected national events and details that are of interest and/or use to all of you.

Jim Riglar



Judith Taylor

It is with regret that I have to report the death of Mike Taylor's wife, Judith, in early April. Judith had been ill for some time and it was concern for her condition that kept Mike away from this year's AGM. I am sure that all of those across the region who know or have met Mike, either in his capacity as Treasurer or at various events, would wish to extend their deepest sympathies to him and his family at this time.

Roy Pidgeon



NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Somerset

Twenty four members attended the April Noggin. Cars present were a M8 S2 Tourer, a Pre-Series M10/4 and a Minor. Tony Cressey provided an update on his 1933 Cowley 12, which was severely damaged on arrival at the March noggin and subsequently assessed as a right-off. Tony has bought the wreck back off of his insurance company and now has the challenge of a major repair and rebuild job. Tony Hale finalised arrangements for the "Wiltshire Spring Run". Runs seemed to be very much a theme of the evening, with Bev Marks and Derek Ayers respectively outlining plans for May (Sedgemoor) and June (Mendips) outings - details below. Noggin regular Simon Colledge, who was absent pending an imminent hip-replacement operation, is also planning a run for September.

Colin Baker

North East Wilts

No April noggin held due to other commitments for all regulars. The next noggin will be Tues 22nd May.

Solent

Twelve members, along with two M8 SE Tourers, one M8 saloon and a Minor, attended the first of the summer months roving noggins, held at the Bear & Ragged Staff, Timsbury. Numerous subjects were discussed including Mike Brears, Morris Register Secretary about e-mails and the new regulations and the spares service that restarted on 1st April 2007. As we have £120 in the kitty there will be a BBQ held at The Cricketers, Arlesford on a Sunday afternoon in August, more details will be confirmed nearer the time. The meeting finished at 10pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th May and will be at the River Inn, Bishopstoke (B3037 Eastleigh to Fair Oak road).

Roy Pidgeon

Swindon & Cirencester

A victim of falling support, the Cricklade noggin has ceased. An alternative has been mooted. If this comes to fruition, "Westwords" will publicise details.



WILTSHIRE SPRING RUN - 26th April 2007

From many points of the compass, 10 cars with 21 occupants between them, descended on Longbridge Deverill for the start of a 55 mile jaunt. The eight Morrises (one Minor, five Eights, two Tens) and two 1960s moderns were joined by a Z Van for a few minutes. The first stage - south-east down the Wyllye Valley to Wyllye, then south to Sixpenny Handley and west along the Wiltshire/Dorset border to Compton

Abbas Airfield for lunch, took the cars through areas of beautiful scenery in Wiltshire and North Dorset and featured a few challenging climbs. Following lunch and starting with a descent of Zig-Zag Hill (B3081) the cars headed northwest via Shaftesbury and Mere for a finish and afternoon tea at the entrance to Stourhead. The sun shone until the end of the run and then the heavens opened just as we finished tea!

Jim Riglar



Wiltshire Spring Run - Ready for the start - Some of the participants at The George, Longbridge Deverill

MID-WEEK MORRIS RUNS – Why not “sign-up” for one or both?

Sedgemoor Run – Thursday 10th MAY 2007

Following three years of extremely successful May runs across Exmoor, Bev Marks is this year organising a run across Sedgemoor & the Somerset Levels. The start (1030 for coffee) will be at Lamb & Lion, Hambridge on the B3168, 3 miles south of Curry Rivel. The leisurely 35-40 mile run includes a stop at Muchelney (for those wishing to take a look around the Abbey) followed by a pub lunch at Moorlinch. Heading south, and passing Burrowbridge Mump, the run finishes at the Willows and Wetlands Visitor Centre near Stoke St Gregory, offering a chance to visit the tea-rooms, look around the centre and buy

some basketware. For details contact Bev on 01823-412328 (evenings) or e-mail Bev.Marks@openreach.com

Mendip Run – Thursday 21st JUNE 2007

Derek Ayers is planning a mid-summer's day run across (or is that up and down?) the Mendips. The start will be at The Old Mendip Inn, Gurney Slade (on the A37, about 3 miles north of Shepton Mallet), feature lunch at Burrington and a run through Burrington Combe. Further details will be published in “Westwords” next month.

Contact: Derek Ayers 01963-351518



WEST REGION – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 31 March 2007 – Purton, Nr Swindon

The 2007 AGM returned to the Bowls Club Pavilion, Red House Memorial Centre, Purton for the first time since 2000. The change in venue resulted in a marginal improvement in attendance, but turn out was still disappointing. Copies of the Minutes and the Treasurer's Report are attached. The new committee is short of a Chairperson and a Secretary. Fancy volunteering your services? – If so, contact the “Westwords” editor.



VEHICLE FOR SALE

1936 10/4 Series 2, Maroon on Black (a large range of spares included). Tax and MOT until Jul 2007. £5,000 ono. Contact Roy Pidgeon 01794-388051

PARTS FOR SALE

Bev Marks has a lot of Morris 8 body panels for sale. These include a 2 Door body tub with doors, wings and valances. Contact Bev Marks 01823-412328.



WEST REGION ON THE WEB

Those of you with access to computers will probably be aware that the Morris Register maintains at web-site at <http://www.morrisregister.co.uk/>. A West Region page will be added to the site as soon as access arrangements can be organised. Developments will be reported in “Westwords”.

Jim Riglar



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MAY	
5-7 Somerset	Abbey Hill Steam Rally, A37 just south of Yeovil. Contact Andrew Tucker 01935-863199
7 Dorset	Dorset Noggin. (all marques) The Cock & Bottle, Morden, Nr Wareham 01929-459238
8 Somerset	Somerset Noggin. Travellers Rest, Stone, Nr East Pennard on A37 Shepton Mallet to A303
10 Somerset	Sedgemoor Run - contact Bev Marks 01234-567890 (evenings) or e-mail Bev.Marks @openreach.com
12-13 Hants	Beaulieu Spring Autojumble – Ticket Hotline 01590 612888
17 Hants	Solent Noggin. River Inn, Bishopstoke (B3037 Eastleigh to Fair Oak road)
20 Regional	Chiltern Region. Morris Rally - Oxford Bus Museum
20 Hants	The 13th Southampton Magna Car Run. Mike Sullivan. 023 8076 8868
22 Wilts	North East Wilts Noggin. White Hart, Burbage
26-28 Cornwall	Launceston Steam & Vintage Rally info 01566 776934

JUNE	
3 Hants	SHVPS Annual Show & Autojumble, Queen Elizabeth Country Park. Butser Hill, A3 just south of Petersfield
4 Dorset	Dorset Noggin. (all marques) The Cock & Bottle, Morden, Nr Wareham 01929-459238
12 Somerset	Somerset Noggin, Travellers Rest, Stone, Nr East Pennard on A37 Shepton Mallet to A303
19 Hants	Solent Noggin. The Swan, Swan Green, Lyndhurst (A35, just west of Lyndhurst)
21 Somerset	Mendip Run – contact Derek Ayers 01963-351518
23-24 Somerset	Wincanton Classic Vehicle Show and Autojumble. J Sansom 07974-662145
26 Wilts	North East Wilts Noggin. White Hart, Burbage

JULY	
1 Hants	Morris Day – Watercress Railway Alresford Hants details 01962-733810
7-8 Regional	Ardingly Vintage Vehicle Show - contact Audrey Frampton (SE Region) 01273 306817

AUGUST	
22 National	Morris Register National Rally – Thoresby Park, Nr Ollerton, Newark



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Morris Register West Region

Minutes of the AGM held at Red House Community Centre, Purton, Swindon at 2.30pm on Saturday 31st March 2007

1. Chairman's Welcome

The chairman welcomed 9 members including 2 committee (Myself, Chairman/Secretary and Executive member Paul James)

2. Apologies for absence

R.Loche, Eddie Horn, Tony Hale, Harry Good (News Letter Editor), Mike Taylor (Treasurer), Dave Grice, Ken Martin and Jim Pritchard (Membership Secretary).

3. Minutes of last AGM

These were read and approved. Proposed by Paul James and seconded by Colin Baker.

4. Secretary's Report

There was little to report as there was no information from the various regions, but Paul James and I attended the Executive Committee Meeting held at The Chequers Inn, Marersfield, East Sussex, on the 17th February

Points Arising;

- Spares service has restarted from 1st March.
- A Child Protection Officer is required at our public events as required by law. As I the required paperwork from the police, I have been appointed onto the executive committee for this post.
- As many of you will know I have been in hospital again due to a stomach ulcer. My doctors have advised that I give up activities including the committee. So I have decided to give up the post of Chairman/Secretary, South West Region as from today, 1st April. Many thanks to all the members for their help and support over the past years.

5. Treasurers Report

In the absence of the treasurer the report was read and accepted. It was proposed by Jim Riglar and seconded by Colin Baker.

6. Events Secretary Report

The post is still vacant but Harry Good gave the following report. The Bristol Show was well supported with 5 cars on the stand, of which they gained 2 awards for their layout. Expenses from this event amounted £100, to be paid by our funds.

7. Membership Secretary

Due to Jim Pritchard's Absence his report was read out by the chairman. Renewals =219, Rejoins =4, New Members =20, giving a Total Membership of 243. Jim wishes to resign from this post but will continue it for another year and then quit. Many thanks for his long and loyal service.

8. Election of Officers

Chairman:	Post Vacant
Secretary:	Post Vacant
Events secretary:	Post Vacant
Treasurer:	Mike Taylor elected for 1 more year
Membership Secretary:	Jim Pritchard elected for 1 more year
News Letter Editor:	Harry Good has resigned but Jim Riglar has been elected to this post and is being assisted by his wife, Anne and Colin Baker
Wrappers:	Tom and Audrey Thomas
Committee Representatives:	Paul James

9. Any Other Business

The club regalia need's a new home. Currently Paul James has the flag and pole and Tony Hale has most of the other regalia, but needs the space and would like to get rid of it (any offers).

Thanks go to Mr & Mrs James, Mr Malcolm and Mrs Randal for arranging the venue and the tea & biscuits etc.

Signed R.J Pidgeon — Retiring Chairman/Secretary

Report of the Regional Treasurer:

Here presented are the accounts of the West region from 15th April 2006, the date of the last A.G.M. Members will recall that a business Instant Access account was opened in the previous account year 2005/6, to gain interest on the capital balance of the Region. An attempt has been made to maintain in the current account which gains no interest, only sufficient balance to meet outgoings.

Since April last year, outgoings from the current account have been limited to :-

- i) producing WESTWORDS
- ii) the chairman & secretary's expenses
- iii) expenses incurred as necessary for a presentation at the Bristol Classic Car Show

No levy on Register central funds was received by any of the Regions in 2006. The Register Treasurer, Audrey Frampton has confirmed that the Register could not afford the outlay and the regions have not seemed to require it.

Until recent Register decisions, I have been, for a number of years, a time-serving, non-subscribing member of the Register. With those circumstances pertaining, I have not claimed minor expenses, but will keep a record of these in future. If the outlay is sufficient, which I may make, against a tally of these expenses, a claim on the regional funds.

	£ DEBIT	£ CREDIT	£ BALANCE
15.4.06 <u>Business Instant Access Account</u>			2236.78
9.8.06 transferred to current acc.	400.00		1856.75
Interest (paid monthly) to 13.1.07		33.23	1870.06
@ 3.07 estimated further interest, approx.		8.00	c1878.00
15.4.06 <u>Current acc.</u>			205.66
WESTWORDS	51.35		154.51
5.5.06 secretary's expenses	45.05		108.26
10.6.06 WESTWORDS	119.27		389.99
9.8.06 from Business Instant access acc.		400.00	247.59
16.1.07 WESTWORDS	142.40		124.19
8.3.07 WESTWORDS (for February issue	23.40		
8.3.07 expenses Bristol Classic Car Show	100.00		

 NB. The production costs for fourteen ? months production of WESTWORDS: £336.42

Michael R. B. Taylor
 19. 3. 2007