



Club Lotus South Wales

# CLUB NEWS



## 9<sup>th</sup> June: Club night at the Tynant: Guest Speaker Mike Wilds.

What a great night. Our venue was packed out. Mike kept his audience enthralled with tales of his career and past experiences. We must invite him back. **Many thanks Mike.**

## 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> June: CLSW Trip to Beaulieu Motor Museum.

A lovely little trip to Hampshire to visit the motor museum at Beaulieu. We drove down on day one to Lyndhurst where we spent some time in the little town and had a browse around Meridien Premier Marques, a Ferrari and Maserati garage set in fantastic listed building. We then stayed the night in a £19 per night Travel Lodge which was very pleasant and headed for Beaulieu the next day taking a lovely drive through the New Forest. Our tour of the Motor Museum proved very worthwhile, there was a fantastic range of vehicles and memorabilia on display and there was plenty to see in the Manor House and gardens as well. After leaving the Museum we stopped off at Beaulieu Garage to have a nose then headed for home.



## 13th & 14th August: Club Lotus Show and Festival at Donington Park.

The show was brought forward by one week to coincide with the Elise Trophy races (good move). Well, what a great event yet again by Club Lotus, a few more days would help to get around it all. Some good track action from the Elise Trophy contenders, our local hero Craig Denman did not disappoint either. Craig (car 92) started 5<sup>th</sup> on the grid in his first race and finished with a podium in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The second race Craig started 6<sup>th</sup> and past the checkered flag in third place again, well he's consistent.



## 8<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Quiz and Prize Draw at the Tynant.

A poor turnout unfortunately, the awful weather didn't help. However, for those who were there they would have seen many wonderful prizes going to people who didn't show up but were kind enough to partake throughout the year in buying raffle tickets. Generally a good night even though Andy had to lug all the uncollected prizes back home with him.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012: Chilly Willy Drive Run

After a disappointing turnout for the Christmas draw, the New year saw a welcomed boost with very good turnout of members for our Chilly Willy Drive run. Starting off at the Tynant Pub we headed for the North up the A470 towards Sennybridge to the White House Inn for Lunch. After that we went over Eppynt and headed for Llandoverly. Although there was no snow or Ice around this year (well at least in no great volume) it was a very, very cold day, Luckily for us (Andy S & Samantha) we had chickened out from taking our Caterham and for the first time had selected to take a Non Lotus Car (I know a Caterham isn't technically a Lotus either), but an Alfa 156 GTA, although a wonderful car in many respects, it was the first time that out on a run I just didn't feel truly part of it, or comfortable with the driving, for me it has to be a Lotus (or Caterham) next time. It was great to see Steve in his new Evora and Nick in his Lovely Green Europa TC.



## What next for 2012?

12<sup>th</sup> January 2012: Club night at the Tynant. We can discuss what we would like to happen over the coming weeks. Good attendance expected.

# NEWSFLASH

## 19<sup>th</sup> January:

Brian Barker one of our members has kindly highlighted this very interesting event. All are welcome, but please note the security arrangements on the bottom of the poster. Send Andy an e-mail or give him a call and he will ensure we are all booked in as a club. Brian has had a look at the presentation and several Lotus innovations are mentioned. **DON'T MISS THIS ONE**



**Royal Aeronautical Society**  
CARDIFF BRANCH

Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend a talk entitled

**'Formula 1 Aerodynamics'**

held as part of the Cardiff Branch 2011/2012 lecture season.



Presented By

**Mr. Geoff Richards** formerly of **McLaren**

**Thursday 19th January**  
**6.30pm**

Venue - British Airways Avionic Engineering  
Ely Meadow, Talbot Green, Pontyclun CF72 8XL

Attendees **MUST** please advise us of their intention to attend by email to [raescardiff@gmx.com](mailto:raescardiff@gmx.com) or by phone to 01446 712305 by mid-day of the lecture day. Failure to do so, or arrival after 7.00pm at BAAE will result in non-admittance.



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