



Club Lotus South Wales

# CLUB NEWS

## Chilly Willy run 2011

Our first event of the New Year, 2nd January. An excellent turnout for this over mountain roads around Brecon.

Just the one casualty, poor Rob 21 though he had a head gasket failure so headed for home early. Later inspection found the fault to be just a water pump leak.

We stopped for lunch at The Red Lion Inn, Old Radnor. Built in 1592 as a drovers inn, surrounded by rolling hills, the pub is full of old world charm and atmosphere, A lovely little place with some fantastic views.



## 13<sup>th</sup> January: Club Night.

AGM followed by suggestions for possible events to take place during the coming year. A weekend away was suggested. A trip to the New Forest and a visit to Beaulieu Motor Museum to be organized.

## 10<sup>th</sup> February: Club Night Building & Racing a Caterham ( Part One) by Andy Stanford. Good turnout for this interesting talk given by Andy, when is the second part???



## 10<sup>th</sup> April: Drive run through Wales ending up at Llandrindod Wells, hardly any traffic and the roads were very good, although, a poor turnout of Lotus cars. Probably had something to do with the 8 o'clock start.

## 12<sup>th</sup> May: Club Night. 12 cars went on an evening drive run to Cardiff Bay, then on to the 'Old Post Public House' on the A48 for some food and refreshments.



## 28<sup>th</sup> May: Club Lotus Action Day at Castle Combe.

After a wet start the afternoon became drier and brighter, Although driving Combe in the wet can be a real challenge, getting it right is very rewarding for a driver. I strongly recommend doing wet track days, it allows you to really get to know your car, and if you push it enough to slide around a bit the control feedback can be great. Just take your time going into the corners!

A big thanks to all the people who were brave enough and who were generous enough to pay for the Hot Lap rides given by the Lotus on Track racing drivers, especially those who got a rather wet left arm in the Caterham. The total money raised for the Teenage Cancer Trust was £930.00. Thank you.

It was also very kind of Alan Morgan to allow a couple of the Mazda Race cars to have a couple of track sessions as they had been struggling with some mechanical issues and needed to sort them out before Mondays Race, and this was after they had wrongly taken up most of the paddock with their huge trucks and trailers on Friday.

Apologies from Castle Combe for letting that happen. All said it wasn't too much of an inconvenience and the Lotus's got plenty of track time.

The only negative is that the numbers were down on last year, mostly due to the weather, but also the recession must have affected a lot of people. Hopefully there will be a better turn out next year for one of the best value for money track experiences you can have with your Lotus.



## What next for 2011?



**9<sup>th</sup> June: Club night at the Tynant: Guest Speaker Mike Wilds.** Don't miss this one. Mike is a former F1 driver with, I am sure, plenty of tales to tell. Mike drove World Championship Formula One for BRM and Ensign in the 1970's, has won 12 British Championships in single seaters and sports cars, won the Group C2 Team World Championship with Ecurie Ecosse in 1986, competed in eleven 24 Hour Races including the famous Le Mans 24 Hour Race seven times, has driven in the British Touring Car Championship, provides tuition for manufacturers such as BMW, Lexus, FIAT, Jaguar, Mercedes Benz and Porsche plus Mike still currently competes in the European Endurance 'Britcar' Championship.

**10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> June CLSW Beaulieu trip:** We meet at The Tynant at 9.30 am, don't be late. There are no £19 rooms left at the Travel Lodge unfortunately, but there will be plenty of B&B and camp sites nearby for those late comers who don't mind roughing it a bit. Mel has a large tent if anyone wants to borrow it Doh!!



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