

DR. MORGAN'S ASSOCIATION

SPRING NEWSLETTER, FEB. 2008

Editor: Geoff. Marchant; NB: See bottom of page 8 for all contact details.

Editorial. Most of the content of the October 2007 Newsletter had to be prepared well in advance (as always!) and so there was little room available to put in additional comments referring to the dinner, our speaker, and members attending. With that in mind, I have to start this edition with a special mention (requested by Mike Dodden) of the fact that ex staff member Brian Hammond came all the way from St Austell to Dr Morgan's School functions twice within two weeks – and ours was the second one! - so very many thanks Brian & we hope you thoroughly enjoyed both. As I had Brian's company on both those occasions I agree wholeheartedly. Our speaker at the dinner, Bob Webb, gave a truly lively performance, and I promised last time to recount some of his jokes in this edition. Unfortunately, once again I have filled the allotted space with other more pressing items and so regretfully I must hold any jokes over until another time. Our dinner was of the usual high standard which we have grown to expect and enjoy from the Tudor Restaurant & Bar 27 staff &, as said at our recent committee meeting (see p.7) was not noticeably affected by our 30 minute, or so, delayed start. Mike D. will be ensuring that they get the usual monetary, and verbal, "Thank-you" for all their efforts.

Please note that since the 'show of hands' at the dinner was not wholly in favour of a basic change of date, but roughly 70% of those attending signalled they would come on the already provisionally booked Saturday 25th October, 2008, your committee has decided to honour that date and to see how it turns out. This brings our dinner away from that of the Society by a few more weeks (possibly helpful for those who attend both) and will allow us to ascertain whether those others who asked for this change rise to the occasion! We obviously do not want to alienate our usual attendees though, so do let Mike have comments if you have strong views one way or the other and these will

help us decide policy for dinner dates post 2008.

I have received a few more promises (well, hinted promises!!) of articles for future Newsletters, BUT ALSO I have received 3 actual written articles, one with pictures too. To those involved, (you know who you are) "Many, many thanks."

Regarding the lead article in the Oct.'07 newsletter, on the death of "DMS Old Boy" Lord Biffen, member Brian Haggett has a photograph of John which John's mother had given Brian years ago. He says, "I thought a copy might be nice in the newsletter. I then discovered that there is a copyright on it. It was taken by a studio in London in 1983." Brian wrote to the firm in October and I have e-mailed them as they had moved premises, but all to no avail. We are reluctant to publish without some agreement. Member Michael Pitman gave me another cutting from the Daily Telegraph in early January which stated that a service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Biffen would be held at "St. Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey" (I assume St. Margaret's, Westminster) at noon on Tues. Feb. 19, 2008. All were welcome to attend, but only by applying for tickets.

Now, enough from me, and let's get on with comments from members and other "Old Boys...."

'Even More Responses' continued.

I am all too aware that we are running over a year late with these responses, so I will try to keep each one short. In the meantime I do thank **everyone** who has replied to me, and assure them that I shall try to mention each one as soon as possible. If I have failed to send a personal acknowledgement by return, I do apologise.

John Varney ('57 start) said that the annual dinner always seemed to coincide with family visits to Cyprus – "maybe next year will be different, I hope so". Well certainly the '08 one will be, John, so hope you can attend. **Stephen Curtis** ('67) said thanks for the contact & he would be pleased to join. **Gavin Clegg** (left '73) via Friends re-united (F-R): "I would be interested to receive a copy of the newsletter"

(John, Stephen and Gavin have all now joined). **Peter Nicholls** “thanks for e-mail picking me up from F-R. I’ll be happy to join. I only did 6th. form at DMS (’59-’61) when the family moved from Essex to Woolavington. Do you know what happened to Mike Keedwell & Nick Hamilton after ’64? They came to my wedding that year then we lost touch.” Can anyone help here? We also list a **Terry Keedwell** starting in ’54 which would be about right for Mike too – is it the same chap, I wonder? Does any member know? Peter’s e-mail is jackie@peter5623.fsnet.co.uk if anyone has any helpful info. **Peter has also now joined the Association.** **Steve Parsons:** thanks for the mail & kind invitation to join the Association; which I have to say I did not know existed until reading your message. I have never heard of the “Society” either! I have listed myself in 1970 as this is the actual year I left; however I only left then as my parents were moving to Scotland & I stayed on at school (in Stirling) for a further 2 years. So should I really list myself as “1972”? He now lives in Yorkshire and has become a member, but “it is not really practical to come to the dinner”. He keeps in touch with old boy **Richard Young**. Contact Steve on e-mail: steve@how2compute.co.uk and Steve has Richard’s postal address. **Graham Knight:** “Thanks for message via F-R. I joined in 66 & left in 73, the last year of the old school. I have fond memories, & some not so fond, but generally the former. I joined Lloyds Bank straight from school & left this autumn (’06); now back in Castle Cary & working at Strode College. I would be glad to get the newsletter. Thanks for taking the time to write, being back in Somerset is good & the timing of your note immaculate! Friends can contact Graham via KnightG05@aol.com **Guy Frost:** “As I’m now based in Derbyshire it is highly unlikely that I would be able to attend any events”. I also had an “out of office” reply from **Paul Frost** (’65 start.). **Paul Seymour:** Thanks for contacting me re DMA newsletter. I would be interested in receiving a copy & possibly joining the assoc. Brian was my twin brother but unfortunately he died 10 years ago. I left

’73, the summer before it changed to comprehensive. There were some changes in ’71-’72 when 6th. form shared lessons with the Girls Grammar School. **Kelvin Williams:** “I don’t actually live in Somerset anymore so would not be able to attend very easily but I would be interested in receiving the newsletter. I left in June ’73 when DMS was still in existence although my youngest brother was still at school during the changeover ” He lives in Chippenham & friends can contact on kelvin.williams@btinternet.com **Rod Bishop:** “Thanks for newsletter, a lot of interesting info.” & he enclosed cheque for sub & ’07 dinner. “I was interested to read about Brian Rose & as I played for both DMS Colts & 1st XI I knew Brian Rose was a Weston Grammar School boy. At the time I played for DMS both Jeffery Archer & John Cleese were at WGS & probably played cricket for the school. DMS did produce a County player, do you remember Brian Langford? One of the best off-spinners of the time but never made the England team, as he had to compete with players of the calibre of Jim Laker & Tony Lock. (Ed.’s note: Brian & I talked on the phone 17.07.07 after my letter to him. He is a member of the Society, started DMS 1947, & knows of no other ‘Langford’ old boy, although we have a **Peter Langford** listed, DMS start ’70? Do you know him, if so please contact the editor.) Rod continues, “On the rugby front, I vaguely remember **Charles Kent** who played in the centre for England. I think he went to DMS but not altogether certain. (Again, do you know? Ed.) A couple of names on your Untraced DMS Old Boys list...Peter Squibbs, who is my cousin, lives in Devon and is a retired BA pilot ; **Simon Murphy** (concert pianist) unfortunately is no longer with us as he sadly passed away about 6 years ago. Both my wife & I are long standing friends with his father Jim ‘spud’ Murphy who used to teach Physics at the Bridgwater Girls Grammar School. We last met up with Jim last summer (’05) & he had just reached 90. He was not in the best of health however. I look forward to catching up with you in Sept.’07 but as I now live half my life in Australia, I shall be away from Nov.’06 to May ’07.” If any member wishes to contact Rod, please give your name & e-mail address to Mike Dodden, or editor, & we will ask Rod to contact you. **Mark (‘Martin’) Painter:** “Many thanks for e-mail regarding DMA. Have

considered joining for some time – never got round to it – sure I will soon!” [And he has!!!](#) Lives in Market St., B’water, & gave us his brother, Keith’s address in Czech Republic. “I will think about writing about being in the final year before the changeover – but it does seem a long time ago! I still have my copies of ‘The Morganian’ from time at the school, if they are of any interest” (Yes please, Mark – Ed.) **Steve Baker** (’69 start): gave us his e-mail address & a promise to come back to us shortly. I feel he did, but I can’t find any details at the moment! (I have a note that I asked for his postal address 31st Oct ’06.)

Nick Winspear (left ’74): “Thanks for the e-mail. I have been in NZ for about 18 years now, & only returned once to B’water about 9 years ago. Please keep me on your mailing list. I will sleep better knowing that I am on the ‘Found’ side of the ledger rather than the ‘lost’ side.” In ’06 we couldn’t send a full e-mail version of the newsletters but we got Nick’s address & sent one with an application form. As he wasn’t in the May ’07 list of members & we can now send e-mail versions, perhaps we should try again!

Russell Hitchcock (left ’74): Thanks, I had no idea there was an Assoc. or even a Soc. of the ‘old boys’ Home now is in Paris and more currently in Bangalore, India for 2 years, so active participation is difficult. I am interested in keeping contact & to receive the complimentary newsletter. Could you e-mail a copy? (See above! Ed.- hope he got his copy by “snail mail” but he was not on list of members May ’07.) I still visit B/W from time to time to see family, though no plans for next couple of years. My brother-in-law,

Dave Crockford (’70-’75?) is probably also on your list, I will contact him before forwarding his address (No, we didn’t know of him! – Ed.) Also the **Mulholland** brothers, **Martin** in USA & **Rob** in Austalia” (Yes, we do have them but neither have joined – Ed.) **Phil Chaplin** (’66-’73): “Hi Mike, in response to Geoff M’s recent e-mail via F-R ...I don’t know him (way before my time) but remember you quite well. I lived in Wembdon. My friends in your year were **Edmund Engel**, **Tony Preston**...but I lost touch with everyone many years ago.” (We

have Edmund’s, but not Tony’s, address – can anyone help? – neither are members, nor was Phil at May ’07. Ed.) **David Pittey** (’57): Resend via F-R “Just back from Singapore so apologies for not replying sooner but I was actually in UK! (A rare occasion) I would be interested in joining & although the opportunity to attend the dinner is unlikely (I work in the Middle East & reside in Singapore) I am always willing to support the association.” ([Has joined in Jan 2008.](#))

Norman Wilcox (left ’61): Resend via F-R “Hopefully this is your lost e-mail from me...I have been out of the UK for the past 20 years, here in Saudi Arabia most of the time. My 2nd home is NZ so I doubt that I will be back in England for any events.” (Address & e-mail given).

Bob Acland (’56): I am already a member... Great idea to go through F-R...Hope it bears fruit & look forward to future reunions.” (Ah well, I knew I would make a faux pas somewhere!! Ed.)

Ian Hayes (left ’77): It was good to receive your e-mail re the DMA. Yes I would be interested in joining. I would probably be the youngest member as I only managed to get into the final year of DMS existence by a few days as birth date was 14.08.1961! Would love to hear more details regarding the Assoc.” I hope he is with us now; he wasn’t in the May ’07 list though. Have we any other (potential) members who started in 1972? Do **you** know of any? **Alan Russ** (’53): “I am a lapsed member – I may join again. I have no knowledge of David Russ (’65).” (Alan not a member May ’07- Ed.- and see below for David.) Another influx up to 4th Nov. 2006 (previous ones were all from 18 to 28 Oct. ’06):- **Chris Mewis** “I left DMS in ’66 & I would be interested in the Old Boys newsletter & may be attending the reunions.” ([Joined later in 2007](#)- Ed.)

David Blake (’67): “Thanks for message through F-R. Yes, I’d like to receive a copy of the newsletter.” (Not a member May ’07 – Ed.)

Dave Russ (’65): “I was a classmate of Mike Dodden, although I left DMS after the 5th form to complete my 6th form at another school. Although I am unlikely to be a regular correspondent or attendee at reunions, I would be interested in hearing about your activities by e-mail. I still have family living in the B/W area, & if a family visit coincided with a meeting then who knows?” (Not a member at May ’07- Ed.) **Ian Merryweather** (left ’76): “I was vaguely aware

of a DMS Old Boys network when I had occasion to deal with Mike Dodden professionally a while ago. I remembered him although at the time of me joining DMS he must have been in the 6th form so I doubt he could recall me! I would indeed be interested in receiving a copy of the mag & to be included in mailings for the dinner. As for an article I am quite time poor at the moment but you never know!" (Came to '07 dinner [and is a member](#)- Ed.) **Allan Foster** (left '64): "I'm very rarely in Somerset these days (I live in Lancs.) but its nice to keep some memories of schooldays & hear of a few of my contemporaries. Please add me to your mailing list. (Not a member at May '07- Ed.) **Brian Johnson** (left '73): "I was pleased to hear from you & also to know that Mike is involved, he is an old friend. I don't know the address of the missing Johnson" (This was an unknown 1st name Johnson who started DMS '57 – can **you** help here? - Ed. Brian was not a member at May '07- Ed.)

Stewart Richards ('67): I had "done it again" & sent to Stewart who was already a member! However, his reply was informative: "Have been a member for sometime & currently have the newsletter delivered to my US address in Atlanta. I also own a house in Mark not too distant from Rich's Cider at Watchfield, you can take the boy out of Somerset but you can't take the Somerset out of the boy. I originally was approached by Roger Evans to join – he & I were colleagues at British Cellophane for many years & I also know Mike Dodden very well. I still work for Innovia Films as their Technical service & Development Manager for the Americas, a lot of travel involved to all points on the globe & I am just about to go to SE Asia & Australia. I believe **John Richards** who was in my year & form still lives in B/W (we tried the address given but don't think we have had a response – Ed.) I would certainly consider writing a piece for the newsletter..."

Ray Mitchell ('33 - '39): How good to hear from Ray who must be one of the oldest DMS boys still with us and willing to contact us. "Glad to know of the DMA & DM Soc.

As I am a 1933 intake the latter interests me more, but I do not wish to join either at present. I should, nonetheless, like to receive please a copy of the Assoc.'s Summer newsletter. I regret to say I have rather lost interest in F-R as it seems to me not to cater for people who are as ancient as me. I even sent a copy of a snapshot of the 1939 DMS rugby 1st team with surnames to Francis Sealey which he passed on to F-R but none of my contemporaries have, to my knowledge, appeared on the lists or been in touch. I may be able to help with one of the names in your list, though. **Chris Mitchell** must, I think, be my nephew" & he gave us a contact via Chris's parents. ([Both Ray & Chris have now become members](#). – Ed.)

Tom Offord (left '68): Thanks for message, not very good at keeping in touch with people so no burning desire to join society or assoc.! Anyone is welcome to contact me either by e-mail or post: TOfford@aol.com 13Fronks Rd., Harwich, Essex CO12 3RJ (Not a member! - Ed) From member **Brian Brown** ('59) when I, in error, contacted him via F-R: "No worries- better safe than sorry! Kind regards and keep up the good work."... Now that's the sort of understanding reply which makes it all worthwhile! Then on 6 Nov '06 I received a further e-mail from **David Pittey** with our "lost boys" list updated with extra info. & offering to pay more for his long distance newsletters. He also says "Regretfully apart from an e-mail from **Ian Woods** & a brief meeting with **Chris Woodberry** I have not kept in touch with anyone else. **Tony Thompson** is a distant cousin, **Trevor Jones** lived in Woolavington the last I heard but that was 30 years ago! (Later he gave us a contact address for Trevor in Cossington & a tel. No. for Tony – Ed.). My wife & I live in Singapore now & both work here in Oman. I spent 30 odd years in the Royal Navy & now train future Omani Naval Officers. It was funny seeing the names of people (on the list) that I have not thought about in years! By the way if you want something for the newsletter I might be able to put something together, I guess you have plenty (No – Ed!!) but can always do something if you are desperate (Yes please - Ed!) Dave added **Ron Barrett** ('58), **Rob Bertorelli** ('57), **Robert Clare** ('57), **Mike Granville** ('57), **Richard Light** ('57), **John Siderfin** ('57, RIP) & **Ian Wood** ('57) to our "lost" list.

The list of Responses on the foregoing pages has been purposely extended this time to try to catch up a bit with all the information I have had coming in over the past two years. I do hope everyone has found something, or someone, of interest in it and that it hasn't become boring. Where I have not given e-mail and/or postal addresses it is because we try not to disclose members details without their explicit permission. If you wish to contact someone listed, where this applies, please notify the editor giving your own e-mail address, and I will forward it on to the person concerned so that they have the right not to reply if they so wish.

Note that the date of our dinner this year is Saturday 25th. October, 7pm for 7.30pm start. (See also bottom of page 8.)

We are indebted to John Hale for the following account of his life at Dr. Morgan's School & beyond:-

At the 2006 Doctor Morgan's Association Dinner, Bill King twisted my arm and extracted a promise to write an item for the newsletter. This promise was filed away for action, but as is often in the way of life it was put to one side, until I realised the 2007 dinner was almost upon us.

One cold day in February 1968, I arrived at D.M.S for an interview to replace, as I was informed, a certain Mr Glyn Rees who was retiring. Having been a pupil at Lydney Grammar School, a mixed school of 500 pupils, one of whom had become my wife, D.M.S with its 420 boys on roll, certainly appealed to me. Having left Loughborough Training College in 1958, I had served my teaching apprenticeship at Coventry in a comprehensive school of 1,400. Our two sons, Andrew and Mark, were born during this period.

Despite an impressive well-equipped workshop, it appeared that "new blood" was required. The interview, with Lord St Audries as chairman, was quite a daunting affair, but fortunately I was able to convince the governors that I was the new blood.

In April, I took up my appointment and it seemed I was well received, as I found no shortage of enthusiastic helpers in rearranging the workshop to enable practical work to proceed. I should mention the assistance of Mike Hallet, the head boy, who was a great asset during this first term. 38 years on, I had great pleasure in meeting Mike at last year's dinner.

The staff, especially Francis Davey, Jack Lawrence, Bernard Storer, Mal Davies and Colin Uzzell were most friendly and helpful, and travelling from Brent Knoll I shared transport with Ralph Maishman and Dudley Carter.

It wasn't long before Mal had made his presence felt. However I resisted his invitation to repair the well-used canvas covered canoes, but suggested to him that glass fibre was the way to go, and in the future, when the dust had settled, I would help out. In no time, Mal had contacted a Gloucester Youth Club who agreed to come down in the autumn term and with their mould, help to get us "trained"! A prototype canoe as well as a mould was produced over two weekends. As well as Mal and Ralph, we were joined by Jim Woodley and Ray Brearley with his father.

For the 1969 Wye canoeing and camping trip, 12 canoes were produced at a cost of £12.50 each! Those boys who were on this expedition will never forget the rapids above Glasbury, where we shot through "Hell's Hole" and were late leaving the following day due to repairing a number of canoes damaged on the rocks.

Over the following three years, more canoes were constructed and the manufacture of a trailer kept a number of boys out of trouble.

Each year the Wye trip provided many memorable moments, such as capturing a salmon above Hereford, an aerial attack of swans at Ross On Wye, a live duck being held up by a certain person, canoeing up the rapids at Biblins, near Symonds Yat, the cry of the "Dr Morgans, where are you!" uttered by lads lost in a storm in the woods, also at Biblins, and more "up the rapids" at Lydbrook.

Of course, Mal Davies, the supreme organiser, enlisted my services as a rugby referee by presenting me with a whistle and a RFU rule book. I recall that on my first match, a certain Mike Dodden greeted me and told me he was I/C refreshments!

Back to the workshop, despite Pete D'amiral successfully wiring the old milling machine (reputed to be off a ship), I managed to acquire funding to purchase a new milling machine as well as a crucible furnace for aluminium casting, although we did succeed in melting brass for the manufacture of a replacement pestle.

On one occasion the furnace upset Stan Sellick, the Physics technician, who complained of the fumes seeping through into his room above. We were melting scrap aluminium and I believe a small quantity of old magnesium castings was responsible.

These were the days before Health and Safety took over the world as on very cold mornings the furnace and the brazing torch were used to cure the gel coat on the inverted canoe mould suspended above.

With workshops groups in the lower school of around 30 it was necessary to work a rota, 20 boys doing practical work and the remainder theory. GCE Metalwork "O" Level was developed with reasonable success and Len Morley taught "O" Level technical drawing. Sixth form general studies involved various projects and included a 3 wheeled vehicle, powered by a Triumph Tina scooter engine. Many boys had the opportunity to drive this during lunchtime. A D.N. Land yacht was produced and used on the field and also at Brean with the Cotswold Club. The Sitka Spruce used for the mast and boom was transported from Bristol in the coach we had hired to take a party to see the recently returned "Great Britain".

On the subject of transport, Terry Barwell acquired an ex milk van, caught in the 1968 floods and with Mike Hamblin's assistance, it became a runner once again and with a suitable tow bar was used to pull the roller to "improve" the cricket outfield. Unfortunately, roller duty was still required on the square.

In 1970 Chris Evans obtained the first "A" Level GCE in metalwork and T.D. and was followed by Dave Crosier and John Payne in 1972 and finally by Luther in 1973.

At the end of the metalwork room was an open covered area which Len Morley proposed walling in with timber to enable engineering science to be introduced. This proposal enabled us to obtain a circular saw and planing machine which proved most useful.

For a number of years, Mal Davies had organised the school party for the Somerset Camp at Houlgate. I was lucky in joining Mal with my family for two years and then when Mal went away on a course, I was invited to organise the party. 30 boys sporting their red caps on the various trips we took made a distinctive sight and Ralph, Jim and Tim Gilroy with their families joined us for another enjoyable week.

D.M.S had a tradition of staff being involved in sport. A Friday lunchtime basketball session with the sixth form became a regular feature as well, as did seasonal clashes at cricket, rugby and soccer, as

well as the staff relay team on sports day. In addition staff and partners enjoyed skittle evenings in various "venues" and staff teams at cricket, and hockey gave us great enjoyment.

Yes D.M.S was a very happy school.

Sadly all good things come to an end and unfortunately D.M.S was one of them. Reorganisation finally arrived in 1973. - Incidentally the prospect was first announced at the end of my first week in 1968. I became head of Boys Craft at the new Haygrove School sited on both the D.M.S site and the former Westover School. One of my first departmental appointments was Stuart Page-Symons, currently head of department at Haygrove.

In 1974 I moved from Haygrove to become head of technical studies at King Alfred School, Burnham on Sea, just down the road from Brent Knoll. During this period I was a founder member of the Mendip Radio Controlled Model Car Racing Club. I also became a visiting moderator for C.S.E. Metalwork and also an examiner for Oxford G.C.S.E. "O" Level in Metalwork and Engineering workshop theory and practice.

I left King Alfred's in 1985 and joined the staff at the County Science and Technology Unit based down the road on the site of the old Girls Grammar School. At Science and Technology I designed and produced the Somertech System, used in all Somerset schools and some national schools for practical projects mainly for junior pupils.

In 1986 a full size racing car for hill climb and sprinting emerged from my Brent Knoll workshop. My two sons and I shared the driving at first, but soon I had got the bug and was able to break the up to 500cc record in 1989 and again in 1990 despite using a 350cc power unit. In Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb, I was successful in twice winning the Class in one season. Twenty years of development, often in the wrong direction, and I am still "tinkering". My interest in racing cars led me to being involved as a Design Judge in the International Formula Student competition both in this country and also a trip to Australia for their 2002 event.

When the education centre closed at Park Road I moved to Taunton running the Resource Unit not only for Science and Technology but also dealing with the Somerset Education Publications.

After a couple of years working part-time at the Resources for Learning Unit in Bridgwater I was finally "pensioned off" but continued to do some supply teaching at Brymore, Astronomy in Junior Schools with the Starlab, the portable inflatable dome, as well as helping my friend Andy McDonald in Frome working on promotional items and exhibitions for Cuprinol which became part of the ICI group.

I suppose having passed my quota of three score and ten, I appear to be lucky in enjoying good health, who knows I may even last as long as Glyn Rees. However those five years or so at D.M.S were certainly the most rewarding of my teaching career. **See next page for John's photos.**

Committee Meeting. (See bottom of page 8 for committee members and contact details.)

The DMA committee met at The Tudor on 15th Nov. & apologies were received from Mike Beaumont who had an unexpected family reunion. Bill King was also absent. All attendees thought the 2007 dinner had been another resounding success, albeit with a slightly smaller number than booked as ten people had failed to turn up or notify MD of impending absence. (Come on members, keep & check your diaries, and above all please notify a committee member if you know, or suspect, you can't attend a previously booked dinner – Ed.) The meal was delayed 30 minutes or so to await these 10, sadly in vain, but luckily without impairing the cooked courses. The speaker was considered excellent & even the most staid members had been seen laughing heartily! MD presented the accounts & agreed they were in good health. An item of £34 for covers for name badges for the dinner was considered a bit high & CK would try to find a cheaper source or buy in bulk to reduce cost in future. The October Newsletter distribution had been approx. 65% by e-mail, thus significantly cutting postage charges. About 12 had bounced back due to incorrect spelling/punctuation/letter-

case of e-mail address 10 were subsequently sorted & re-sent, & 2 had to be added to those posted. However, a few of the latter had not arrived (postal strike problems?) & just a couple had bad picture quality. MD apologised for this and said he would keep an eye especially on this next time. Other scanning & photocopying possibilities were discussed but the present system was cheapest, and with Mike now alerted to the possible problem, he would monitor the situation. **(Those who still haven't had an Oct. '07 copy please first check your e-mails, including 'spams', notify MD & he will send a copy. Also make sure you have his e-mail address on your 'contacts' list so that his e-mails to you are not sent straight into the 'spam-can'!)** MD said that about 12 people seemed to have opted out of membership since 2003 despite reminders – he was persuaded to give one last reminder. **(If you know any of these, please try to re-invigorate their interest – Ed.)** The search for new members would still go on (CK + GM + all members, please.) CK reported a very disappointing 'crash' of the DMA website; despite having been registered in his name on 03.04.07, it now wouldn't allow him access! Lycos, the network provider had been informed & were adamant they would solve the problem. The service provider is Angelfire & Clive had been 'quite chuffed' with the 'Home-page' which he had created – he hoped it would be restored imminently. (Try www.drmorgansassociation.com, or search on 'google' for Dr Morgan's Association.) The date of the 2008 dinner was confirmed as Sat. 25th. Oct; the menu was discussed, & turkey would be requested for a change. Several suggestions for a speaker were considered & MD would look into this. (Mike said it was gratifying to note that the Society had Tank Sherman, our '06 speaker, in their sights for '08.) Under A.O.B., GM said that, with committee agreement, he would log a request that all his copies of the Newsletters be passed to the Blake Museum, Bridgwater, on his death to boost the DMS references there. He wondered if the earlier ones published by Roger Evans could also be added to that collection; MD would contact Roger with this suggestion. RH said he had been moved to write 2 articles for future Newsletters – one of his life experiences, and another as the first of an occasional series "Do You Remember?". These were given to GM with acclamation from all committee members present – **and a request to other members to do likewise!** The meeting closed at 10pm with DONM (= Date Of Next Meeting) being set as Thurs. 24th. Jan. '08, at The Tudor. (Ask at the hotel bar if you wish to join us for any of these meetings as we are generally tucked away in an "inner sanctum"!)



Chris Evans' "A" Level Drill Stand.



John Payne's "A" Level Hydraulic Jack supports the Len Morley Ford Cortina.



John and the "Halo Jedi" at the Prescott Hillclimb

...& Finally, due to a lack of space, I shall carry the report of the Committee Meeting on 24th. January, over to our next newsletter in June, when we shall probably have had another one as well. Bob Webb's jokes, & pictures which Clive Kett has scanned for me, have also had to be delayed until next time as we are at the end of our 8 pages. **Again, please note that the dinner date this year is Saturday October 25th.** Our speaker will be comedian Jimmy Quinn – see attached info. Our committee have asked that their contact details be made readily available so here they are...

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