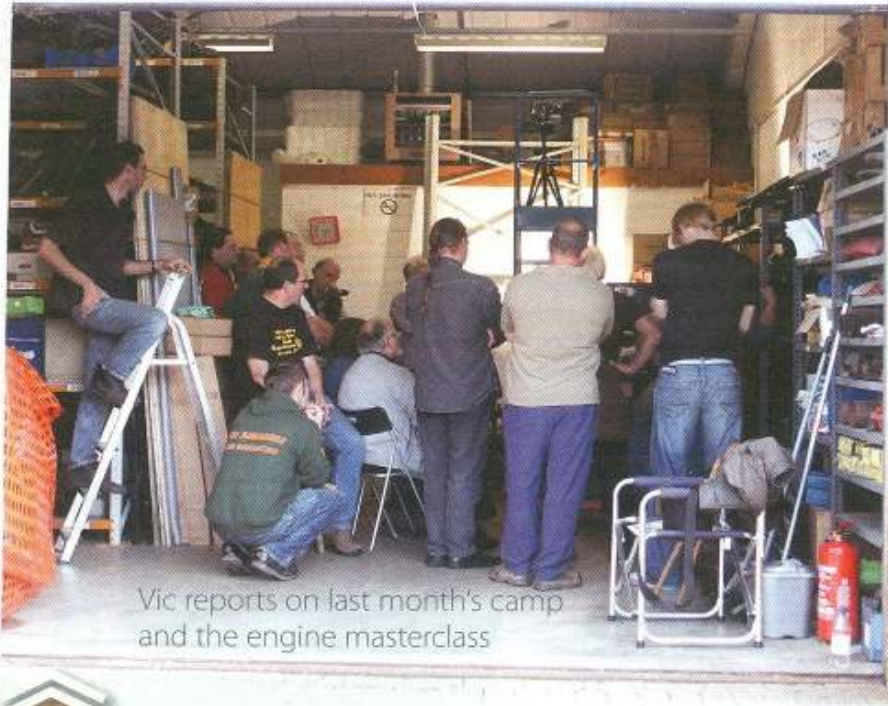


the Ruskington unit



Vic reports on last month's camp and the engine masterclass

The class in full swing at the unit

One of my hardest jobs this month has been trying to come up with suitable superlatives to describe the recently held Ruskington Late Summer Camp, and in particular the engine "Masterclass" by Geoff Archer. Everything I came up with sounded too over the top, suffice to say that those of you who weren't there really missed out on a really great weekend.

Apologies go to those who turned up at the unit on Saturday to have a look round and couldn't because we were busy with the Masterclass, I should have made that clearer. Apologies are also due to those who were expecting breakfast in the big red bus at the camp.

I hope that those who wanted to go to the unit on Saturday were satisfied by Sunday's opportunity and I know

that the Byar's Leap Café did manage to very adequately fulfill everyone's breakfast requirements.

Thanks go principally to Geoff Archer for giving so generously of his time, knowledge and experience to educate those who attended. Geoff displayed a remarkable aptitude for training others, as well as an almost superhuman ability to just manage to replace an expletive with a more acceptable word if presented with a very stubborn component or tool – quite amazing.

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Thanks also go to Brian Smith who took video footage of the event. He also gave up a lot of his own time, not only on the day, but also the day before in setting up.

The plan is to produce a DVD of the event and I must say that I am extremely impressed by the 'rough' cut I have seen already – I would have been more than happy with that as a final version.

Thanks are also due to those who turned up and made contributions in terms of attending the class itself and the money that they willingly donated to cover the expenses and provide a financial start to the DVD production.

In total we had sixteen participants at the Masterclass and nearly thirty units camping.

The campsite itself was excellent and the weather turned out quite nice after a truly torrential Friday afternoon.



Geoff Archer talking to his very attentive audience

Sixteen is about as many as the unit could cope with for this type of activity and given the "you really missed yourself there" comments I doubt that I will need to do much in the way of promotion for the next session.

Speaking of which, a bit of feedback on what might be a suitable subject would be appreciated. Something on general servicing has already been suggested, but the only way you are going to get what you want is to ask for it.

The unit was open to visitors on the Sunday and we had a great turnout including many people who hadn't been there before, and even a few members who hadn't been to any 2CVGB events at all.

The weather was fantastic for September and everyone seemed to have a nice relaxing day looking for the find of the century or simply sitting around enjoying the company of like-minded souls.

All in all, exactly what the club is all about. ⬆

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