

The following events in the **Kent** region have been recommended by member Paul Friday :

August 6th: Wings & Things, Ashford.

August 12th & 13th: Detling Transport, Kent County Showground, Maidstone.

August 27th & 28th: Rare Breeds Centre, Ashford.

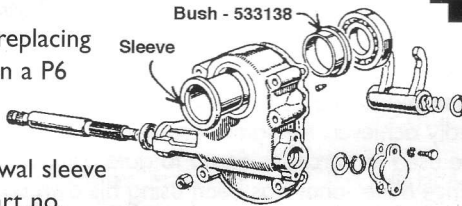
For more information on any of these events contact Paul on :- 01634 362612.

Dave Anderson (Events Secretary)

Clutch Withdrawal Bush

Whenever replacing a clutch unit on a P6 remember to check out the clutch withdrawal sleeve 'oilite' bush, part no.

533138. On my car this



clutch withdrawal assembly

sleeve bush was completely clapped out and appeared devoid of any lubrication.

To check for bush wear hold the withdrawal sleeve firmly and move it up and down. There should be no play at all, only the sliding in and out movement. The amount of bush wear I had was shocking and I believe that this was the main culprit for the severe clutch judder when moving off in first gear.

The end result of replacing the bush was amazing! Smoothness on take off and as a bonus the new clutch eliminated reverse gear 'crunch'...marvellous!

Gear Lever Sizzle

At speeds of around 60 mph I was getting severe gear lever sizzle even though the spherical seating (the usual culprit) holding the gear lever had been replaced.

Having taken out the gear lever there seemed to be a large amount of free play between the gear lever end knob and the gear lever shaft, could it be possible they were vibrating against each other?

I bought some large diameter heat shrink tubing (19mm diameter, 90°C, shrink ratio 2:1). I cut a length about 25mm to fit over the gear knob end and at a distance shrank the tubing using a hot air paint stripper gun. Result a perfect moulded gear change knob end that fitted into the gear change shaft perfectly. I was completely surprised at the result. With a little grease for lubrication it all went back together and I have a silent gear lever with no vibration.

How long the sleeving will last I do not know as since the 'repair' I have only covered a hundred miles or so. If any member needs some of the tubing I have some left as I could only get it as a packet of 10 200mm lengths. Feel free to give me a ring if you need some to cure your sizzle.

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