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Club night



Tuesday 4th July, from 7:30pm

BOULE

The Five Bells,
Station Road,
Stanbridge,
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THE BIRTHDAY BOX !

July's birthday wishes go to **Jan Yardley** on the 15th, **Kit Yardley** on the 24th and last but by no means least, **Steve Graves** on the 25th!



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NWL Editorial

Well, good news on the Mini front, it has behaved itself for two events now. Last Sunday I was up at Demon Tweaks in Wrexham and they have obviously been doing well, as they have built a couple of new big buildings and extended the car park. As it was wet, the first test was very slippery, the second test extremely slippery, especially on the new concrete areas, and third test very grippy due to the new tarmac surface. Some people even resorted to swapping tyres before doing test three each time. Hit loads of cones, in the conditions, but then again, I wasn't the only one. Must try harder to avoid them in future.

Kris Meeke has been asked to step down for the next round of the WRC after his crash on the last event. Looks like they are using him as a scapegoat, due to the fact that the car itself is deficient and Kris is having to over drive it to get the times and results he has been, but this also leads to the mistakes. Although they have also signed Andreas Mikkleson to take over in Poland, don't expect him to get any better results.

Formula One was interesting at the weekend in Baku, with so many accidents, incidents and drama. Lewis Hamilton being denied a dominant win when he had to pit to replace a loose headrest. And what about Vettel, having a road rage attack and hitting Hamilton's car deliberately, and what was amazing is that he only got a 10 second stop & go penalty and finished in front of Lewis. Most people think he should have been black flagged from the race for the incident. Drama at the finish line as well, when Lance Stroll was overtaken by Bottas on the line.



Good news also for the grass autotests, as the new field we used on the Greenacres cut up badly, the farmer didn't want to use it again. Thankfully another contact through John Bryant came to fruit and we now have the use of a field very close to our old one, so it should have the same surface and durability as before. In addition, we have the same sort of room as before, hopefully without any of the ruts that the old field had which use to cause problems trying to avoid them when laying the course out!

If you are available to marshal on any of the grass autotests coming up, then can you please let the organisers know, as they are short of numbers at the moment. No knowledge required, any guidance needed can be given on the day.

We are trying something different this year for the Two Brewers scatter, as in past years attendance at club nights for this event have slowly depleted and in the hope of making a resurgence in numbers, we are running it on a Saturday afternoon (5th August) and then having the midsummer munch soon afterwards in the evening. Hopefully you/family/friends will all come along and participate in whichever combination you like. As soon as the details are finalised, we will let you all know in advance of the next edition, as that will be too late notice, but mark it in your diary now (please).

Mike B.

NOTE: Deadline for contributions to the August newsletter is Thursday 20th July



Chairman's notebook

My sincere thanks to all of you who attended my walking treasure hunt last month in Denham Village. Although it poured with rain whilst driving through Uxbridge on the way there, the actual event was nice and sunny! It's just crazy these days how the weather can just change in the space of 5 minutes.

It was all very tight, with only a single point separating the first and second place, with 2nd place being decided on time as they were on the same score and the fourth place was only one point behind them!

The results were as follows:-

- 1st Alan T and Doug H on 35 out of 35 in 45 mins
- 2nd Steve and Anne on 34 out of 35 in 43 mins
- 3rd Steven and Emily on 34 out of 35 in 75 mins
- 4th Dave and Alan R on 33 out of 35 in 55 mins.

Everyone seemed to have a good time and hopefully we will see some more of you out next year?

The Greenacres autotest on the 4th June was saved by Dean Askew who found us a friendly farmer with a field just outside Tring for us to run it, after our normal field became unavailable due to noise difficulties caused by the scramble bikes on the adjacent field. Although we are once again looking for another field (*Ed: now found*) for the other autotests, as the field cut up quite badly and the farmer is reluctant to let us use it again.



The weather was very hot and sunny and we enjoyed a very good turnout of 27 entries on the day. With such a large number, the test were running a bit later than anticipated and what with the field beginning to cut up quite badly we curtailed the event and only ran six test instead of the normal nine, but we still didn't finish until gone 4 o'clock. For full results see elsewhere in the newsletter, but the event was won by James Newbould. My thanks to all the marshals, without which the event would not have run.

Don't forget the next autotest is the Grasshopper on the 9th July and I am sure Bernard Ward will be looking for entries and offers to marshal on the day. Hopefully we will have another field by then to run it on!

Doug and I are off to Wales again at the start of the month on the 2nd July for the Mid-Summer Stages at the old army barracks at Caerwent. This is a very demanding stage rally, as you need to keep it on the tight narrow tarmac roads around the site, otherwise you might arrive at the finish with just spokes on the front wheels! Last year if I remember correctly one stage had very nearly 90 major bends at 90° or 45° and I was losing my voice towards the end of the stage!

This month's clubnight is a traditional Boule evening at the Five Bells PH at Stanbridge on the 4th and perhaps you might like to come along and see some of us and our cars or bikes at the Uxbridge Car Show on the 16th where we will have hopefully 6 cars and 3 bikes on show.



Next month we shall be running the Two Brewers Scatter on Saturday the 5th as we are not running it as a clubnight this year and it's open to all members of the Boundless groups. Also remember we have our mid-summer munch on the same day, so you can attend both or just the scatter or just the meal, it's entirely up to you!

The scatter will finish at the restaurant/pub where we intend to have the meal. Well hopefully, as I haven't yet worked out where the event will actually run, but it will start at the car park opposite the Two Brewers in Chipperfield!

So hopefully I will see you at club night or Uxbridge and if not then perhaps noggin on the 20th at the Red Lion.

Mike H.



Secretary's spot

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Our Chairman Mike was a very busy man in the first few days of June organising our Greenacres Autotest and then running our Clubnight two days later which was a walking treasure hunt around the pretty village of Denham. Unfortunately the weather was slightly unkind for our walk but two days earlier the sun mostly shone on our substitute autotest field which made for very dusty conditions and as the surface of the field was rather soft it was cutting up considerably and therefore the event was curtailed after six tests to prevent further damage to the field and also stop our wonderful marshals from choking. The event was still thoroughly enjoyed by all although Mr Biss decided it was his day to break various bits on various cars!

It is hoped that a further field has been located for the remainder of this summer's autotests but at the time of writing I do not have confirmed details of the exact location so please look out elsewhere in this edition for information.

Also awaiting final confirmation are the details for our Two Brewers Scatter event followed by Summer Munch on Saturday 5th August.

For the immediate future we have the following;

Tuesday 4th July – NWL Clubnight will be a boule/petanque evening in the beautiful gardens of The Five Bells pub in the village of Stanbridge. Suggested start time will be 7.30pm and the boule pitch is next to the car park to the rear of the pub. All equipment will be provided so please come and join us for a bit of fun and light exercise. Fine food is also available in the pub if you fancy eating out and we are also hoping for some good weather.

Thursday 20th July – NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion, Hemel Hempstead

Wednesday 2nd August – NWL Clubnight – our clubnight in August will just be an informal visit to Classics on Croxley Green on Wednesday 2nd August. This is always a popular event with many superb vehicles on display so please note the change of normal 'first Tuesday' and come along for a pleasant evening. The cars start to gather from around 2.00pm onwards but are normally parked up well into the evening.

Saturday 5th August – NWL Two Brewers Scatter event followed by **Summer Munch**. Make a note of the date now and keep the afternoon and evening free to join us on this fun event. Watch out for more details

Thursday 17th August – NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion, Hemel Hempstead where a few of our regulars gather from around 8.30pm onwards.

Our two remaining NWL autotests for the year are the Chiltern Autotest on Sunday 3rd September (*Ed: see next page about a date change required*) and the Autumn Autotest on Sunday 8th October.

That's about it for now – hope to see you at our events!

Alan T

Date	Day	Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club	Champ
Jul	Sun 9	* Grasshopper Autotest (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NEL	Region
	Sun 9	* Summer Solo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Farnborough DMC	
	Sat 15	Rockingham AutoSolo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Peterborough MC	
Aug	Sat 5	* Two Brewers Scatter ()	Drive to a location, answer a clue	CSMA NWL	
	Sun 13	* Haymaker Autotest (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA WMx	Region
	Sun 20	Juniper Autotest (Nat B)	Tarmac autotest	CSMA NEL	MSA/BTRDA
Sep	Sat 2	Rockingham AutoSolo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Peterborough MC	
	Sun ?	Chiltern Autotest (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NWL	Region
	Sun 17	September Solo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Farnborough DMC	
Oct	Sun 8	Autumn Autotest (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NWL	Region
	Sat 14	Rockingham AutoSolo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Peterborough MC	

Licence required: (I/Nat A/Nat B/Cm) = MSA Licence, (C) = Club Card, () = Nothing, * = Regs available

Past Events

Greenacres Autotest The first event in our grass autotest season got off to a dusty start, using a new field over at Tring. There was a good entry of 27 competitors and James Newbould made a return after a couple of years away and took the win. There was a good turn out of marshals.

Future Events

Grass autotest field - Update Unfortunately the new field over at Tring cut up rather badly and the farmer decided not to let us use it again until he could see how it recovered. He offered us the use of another field the other side of the bypass, but when this was visited it was deemed to have too much of a slope to do turns safely. However, we now have the use of yet another field, care of John Bryant, which is just over the road from our original site and is much the same surface and size as before.

Grasshopper Autotest The second of the summer grass autotests will be running on Sunday 9th July and will now run at the second new venue, at Stanbridgeford. This will be a passenger carrying event and is held on a smooth grass field. Nice easy all-forward tests are on offer and is suitable for your standard car. Entry fee is £20 (juniors £10) and regs are now available from the website or myself. Bernard Ward is organising and all offers to marshal will be appreciated, bernard.ward3@btinternet.com.

Two Brewers Scatter This NWL event is moving to a Saturday afternoon this year (5th August), to hopefully encourage some more entries, after a steady decline running on a clubnight. The event will be open to both NEL and WMx as well, with the format of visiting various locations and answering a clue question. Eight out of 15 locations to count and points are based on the number of people who answer that question, so quite random in finding a winner. The event starts from the car park opposite the Two Brewers pub on Chipperfield Common.

Haymaker Autotest Running at the second new venue, at Stanbridgeford and organised by Alan Wakeman, this will be a passenger carrying event and is held on a smooth grass field. Nice easy all-forward tests are on offer and are suitable for your standard car. Entry fee is £22 (juniors £12), unfortunately an increase required as the field is more expensive to hire than before. Regs should be out very soon. All offers to marshal or enter to Alan on alan@wakemansport.com.

Chiltern Autotest The date of this event will have to move from the 3rd September as it clashes with another use of our new field, but hopefully we can schedule it to maybe the following week. More info on this next month.

Other Invites Please see the calendar above for other events we have an invite to. I can get regs for any of these, just contact me if interested. We will be invited to all the Anglian Motor Sport Club autosolos/autotests throughout the year.

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NEL Grasshopper Autotest - Sunday 9th July

Another new venue, Stanbridgeford, Beds (near old field)

Bernard Ward organising - Entry Fee £20

Email: bernard.ward3@btinternet.com

All forwards tests on smooth grass, passengers required

Great fun day out driving - Marshals required

Regs available at: <http://www.csma-nlr.org.uk/index.php?doc=506> or from Bernard or Mike B

WMx Haymaker Autotest - Sunday 13th August

Another new venue, Stanbridgeford, Beds (near old field)

Alan Wakeman organising - Entry Fee £22 (Juniors £12)

Email: alanwakeman175@gmail.com

All forwards tests on smooth grass, passengers required

Great fun day out driving - Marshals required

Regs available soon from Mike B or website

Clubnight 4th July - Five Bells at Stanbridge

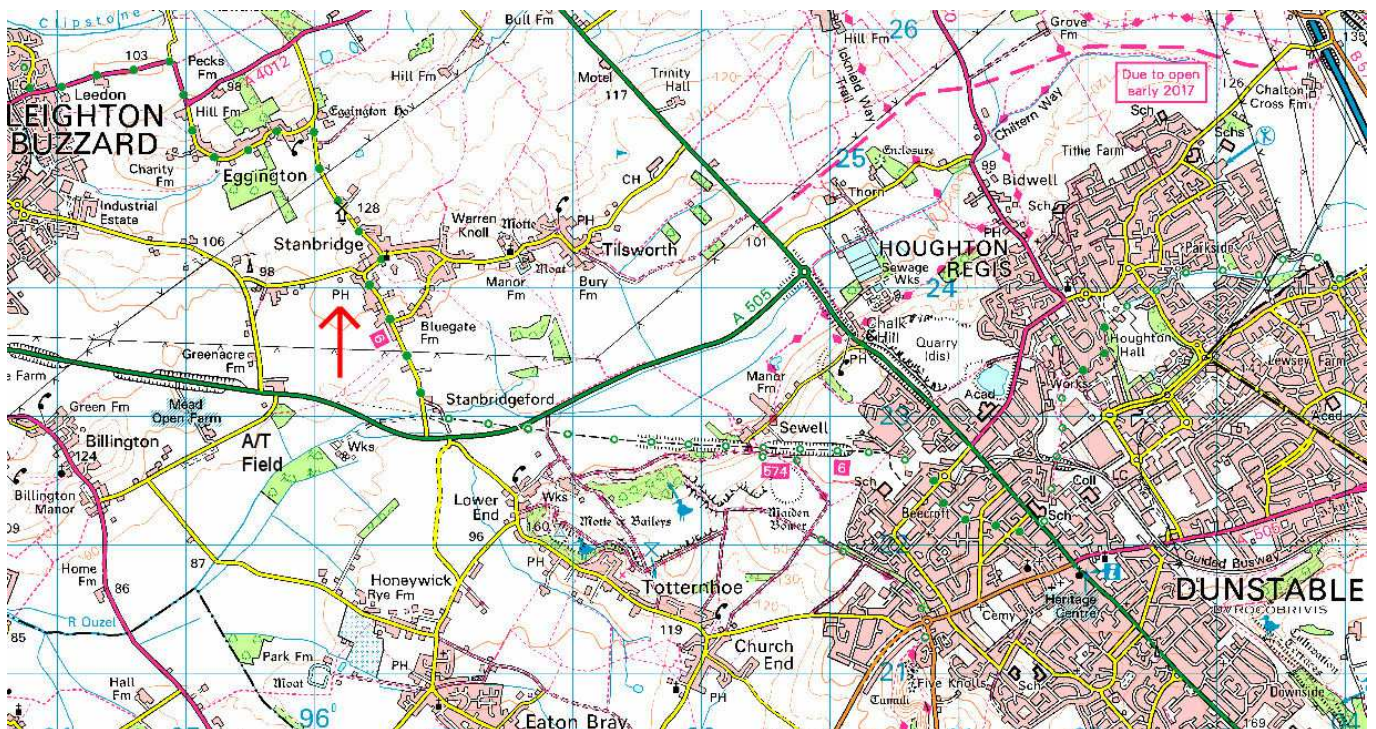


Station Road, Stanbridge LU7 9JF

Boule commencing at 7:30pm

(optional wearing of berets, stripy tee shirts and onions around the neck)

The pub does very good food if you wished to 'eat out'.





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 The Red Lion,
 London Road,
 Hemel Hempstead
 HP3 9TD

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July

30th-2nd WRC - Poland
Tue 4th NWL Clubnight - Boule - Five Bells, Stanbridge
 Sun 9th NEL Grasshopper Autotest
 Sun 9th F1 - Austria
 Sun 16th F1 - Silverstone
Thu 20th NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, Hemel Hempstead
 28th-30th WRC - Finland
 Sun 30th F1 - Hungary

August

Wed 2nd NWL Clubnight - Classics on the Green, Croxley - NOTE DATE
Sat 5th NWL Two Brewers Scatter / Summer Munch
 Sun 13th WMx Haymaker Autotest
Thu 17th NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, Hemel Hempstead
 18th-20th WRC - Germany
 Sun 20th NEL Juniper Autotest
 Sun 27th F1 - Belgium

September

Sun 3rd F1 - Italy
Sun ? NWL Chiltern Autotest - TBC
Tue 5th NWL Clubnight - Bowling at Dunstable
 Sun 17th F1 - Singapore
Thu 21st NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, Hemel Hempstead

Dates to reserve:

Sunday 8th October - NWL Autumn Autotest