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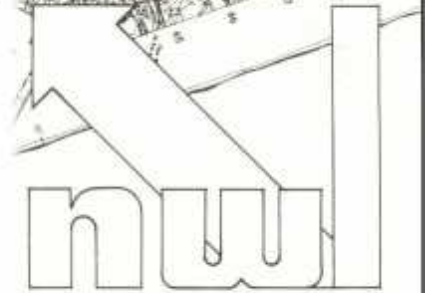
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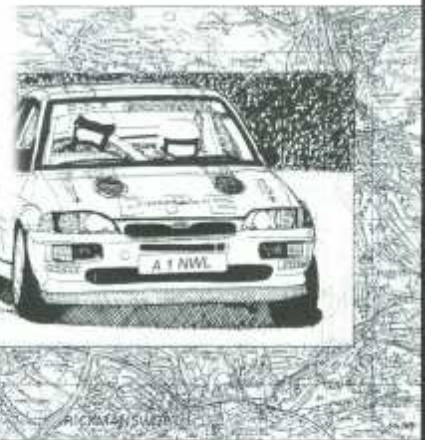


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Club night

Darts Evening

Tuesday 3rd April

At our clubnight venue
The Red Lion PH
Starts from 8pm



THE BIRTHDAY BOX !

On our April birthday celebration list we have Antony Cox, Joyce Manktelow and Lee Craker - many happy returns to you all!



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Editorial

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This edition of the newsletter has thankfully been issued ok, but on Sunday as I was working on it, the PC suddenly gave two large bangs and then the fuse box tripped out! Turns out the power supply had blown and taken the motherboard out as well, so that PC is now dead. This meant that all my information was stuck on the machine and with a deadline to meet. I dug my little netbook out (which I use for doing the Juniper results), loaded various bits of software, required for the newsletter production, from a remote DVD drive I found in a draw (the netbook doesn't have one) and downloaded the files that were backed up to the Cloud (thank goodness). It is proving very inconvenient at present not having access to so much information that you take for granted.

The return of Sebastien Loeb to the world rally championship in Mexico saw an almost magical return, with him leading on the last day, only to be robbed by having to stop for a puncture. A complete turn around of fortunes again for Ford and Sebastian Ogier stayed out of trouble and got the win. Kris Meeke had a chance of staying with the top crews but just couldn't string it together. His third place was no bad thing, but a disappointment after his win last year.



The old Mini engine is now finally minus its flywheel, after a bigger lever and an even bigger hammer were brought into use. The gearbox wasn't looking too bad but it has gone away for a rebuild by autotest expert Alastair Moffatt, plus with a couple of upgrades to make it last longer. The shell is still being welded up by Pete Gregory, but it is getting there, and it is hoped I may get out for the fourth round in May.

Formula One had the first race in Australia at the weekend and we ended up with the farcical situation that the race was decided by "overtaking" whilst the virtual safety car was going round. How can it be right that these speed limits don't apply as soon as you enter the pit entry or until you get to the end of the pit exit. Admittedly Mercedes got their calculations wrong somehow, but it still shouldn't have happened, as the point of the VSR is that no one gets an advantage when it is used. Nice to see Alonso was a happy bunny in the McLaren at last, as with the new Renault engine, they got a fifth and ninth place finish. Guess what happened to the Toro Rosso with the Honda engines? Yes correct, they gave up as usual. In qualifying, Botas got it all wrong on the first corner and made a complete mess of the car. The team were not impressed!



Hopefully you will all be out for the revised March 12 Car rally that will now be the April version.

Entries for the Juniper Autotest at Silverstone are coming in nicely and I have 10 at the moment. Could still do with a few more marshals, so that I can design the tests to be a bit more spread out, but I'm certainly in a better position than last year at this point.

A smaller edition than usual, but at least it has made it out the door!

Mike B.

NOTE: Deadline for contributions to the May newsletter is Thursday 19th April



Chairman's notebook

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A big thank you to all of you who attended our AGM last month and yes I am still here! However, I am also pleased to report that so are the rest of the officers and committee members and we even have a new member as, Ian O'Connor has very kindly, after a number of years, stepped in from the side lines to help us as well. Ian you are very, very welcome and I look forward to your input at committee meetings.

A good discussion was had after the formal matters of the meeting were dealt with and a lively debate took place about events and club nights etc. So hopefully you may well see some new events over the forthcoming year. What we will be doing is canvassing support via the newsletter about future events and provided enough interest is shown in respect of a particular event or club night, we will do our very best to make it happen. So please do take an interest in the newsletter. I know you already do, but your feedback is required this time.

Sadly I have to report that the March 12 car was cancelled due to heavy snow and near artic conditions! Even if the cars had managed to get round, the marshals would have frozen, so I took the difficult decision to cancel it. However, my efforts will not be wasted as Alan is unable to run the April one, due to unforeseen circumstances, so my one is to run now in April. Please note that I will not be changing the date on the route cards!

I am pleased to say that the Sprite once again passed it MOT although the very thorough spanner check, did find a sheared bolt on one of the rear leaf springs and this was replaced (quite expensive) and the plug leads and battery have also been replaced.

Although the Sprite will soon, just like thousands of other classic cars, become exempt from an MOT, I will still have it inspected and insist on an MOT as this in my opinion, is the only way that one can reasonably say that the car is in a roadworthy condition and I don't exactly treat it gently on trackdays! Speaking of which, the next trackday will soon be upon us at Castle Combe in May and places are disappearing fast, so get your entry in to Allan Goddard ASAP.

At next month's club night we are having a darts evening. Yes, I can't remember when we last had one either! No doubt, someone will come along and wipe the floor with the rest of us. So here's your chance to excel at something different for a change.

Please also don't forget that there is the Quadruplex Intergroup Competition on the 14th April, which is being run by NEL this year and please do look elsewhere in the newsletter for the advert and details. Usually an afternoon of fun, so please support the group and join me in representing the group.

If I don't see you at the darts evening on the 3rd April, then perhaps I will see you either at the Quadruplex or at noggin on the 19th April, both taking place as usual at the Red Lion Public House, Hemel Hempstead.

Mike H.

Secretary's spot

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Sadly our March 12 car rally had to be cancelled due to snow and treacherous driving conditions however all is not lost as this event will now take place on 6th April instead of the rally that I was due to organise. If you still wish to compete on that night or possibly help out with the marshalling then please contact Mike Harrison who will now be the man in charge. (A big thank you to Mike for rescuing me from an embarrassing situation caused by a mislaid wedding invitation!!)

Another group year has passed and another AGM taken place. Chairman Mike controlled the AGM with his normal jovial style and all of our previous year's officers and committee members were re-instated. In addition Ian O'Connor has agreed to help out on the committee so a warm welcome to him. I am sure Ian will be a very valuable assistant as he has already organised an autotest last year for us.

Our April clubnight will see us making use of the dart board in the function room at The Red Lion so do please come along for a bit of fun. It is certainly not intended to be taken too seriously so don't worry if you have never thrown a dart before.

We also have the Quadruplex intergroup competition taking place on Saturday 14th April and organised by our neighbours North East London Group. A big advert was included in last month's Big End and probably again this month so do please do what you can to support.

As normal, our clubnights and chat and drink evenings will all be held in the function room at The Red Lion pub, London Road, Hemel Hempstead. For attending our Chat and a Drink gatherings on the third Thursday of each month you may find it beneficial to text our Editor, Mike Biss, if you are planning to go along just to ensure other members are likely to be attending.

For the immediate future we have the following;

Tuesday 3rd April – NWL Clubnight – fun darts evening at The Red Lion

Friday 6th April – NWL 12 Car Rally now starting and finishing at The White Hart, Whelpley Hill Chesham and in the capable hands of Mike Harrison. Please support if you can.

Saturday 14th April – Quadruplex Intergroup competition

Thursday 19th April – NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion

Tuesday 1st May – NWL Clubnight – film / dvd night. Please contact Doug Harrison if you have copy of any (fairly short) dvd that you think we may all appreciate a viewing of.

Thursday 17th May – NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion

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

Alan T

Date	Day	Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club	Champ
Apr	Fri 6	* 12 Car Rally (C)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL	Region
	Sat 7	* Brakefast Autosolo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Harrow CC	
	Sun 8	* Rockingham AutoSolo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Peterborough MC	
	Sat 14	* Quadruplex ()	Intergroup competition	CSMA NEL	
	Sat 21	* Juniper Autotest (Nat B)	Tarmac autotest	CSMA NEL	MSA/BTRDA
	Sun 22	* Bocardo AutoSolo/PCA (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Oxford MC	
May	Sun 13	Gravel Autotest (C)	Loose surface autotest	Bedford CC	
	19/20	* Miglia Quadrato ()	City of London treasure hunt	UH&ULMC	
Jun	Sun 10	Greenacres Autotest (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NWL	Region
Jul	Sun 8	Grasshopper Autotest (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NEL	Region

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

Past Events

March 12 Car Rally The event unfortunately had to be cancelled the day before running, due to the bad weather, which was definitely the right decision.

Future Events

April 12 Car Rally A CHANGE TO PREVIOUS ADVERT. Due to Alan not now being available for this date, it was decided the easiest way was to re-run Mike's cancelled event. Starting from the White Hart PH, Whelpley Hill, Chesham HP5 3RL on the 6th, it will use maps 165 and 166 for the 50 mile route, which starts at 8:30pm. Offers of entries and marshals would be appreciated by Mike Harrison and you can contact him on either 07974 268560 or mlh.bhm@btconnect.com. Regs are available from the website or myself.

Quadruplex North East London will be organising the Intergroup event this year and it will be held on Saturday 14th April. This is a quiz, memory and skill challenge for Groups, with teams of at least two people will compete individually, but overall honours go to the Group with the two best teams. You can have more per team, or the minimum and more teams, your Group's decision. Entry is free. The venue is the Sele Farm Community Centre, Perret Gardens, Hertford SG14 2LW

Juniper Autotest Advance notice that the Juniper has moved to Saturday 21st April this year and will be part of the Vintage Sports-Car Club historic race weekend. The event will be held inside the circuit, so you will get to walk around the paddock area and see all the pre war cars, so a longer lunch break/quicker finish may be in order. Access will be via a ticket only, so please put the date in your diaries and let me know if you can attend, as I will need to send you the ticket (most likely the week before). Again a round of the British Autotest championship.

Grass Autotests These are scheduled to run on the second Sunday of the month, between June and October. We are currently sorting out who is organising the June event, as Mike Harrison is not available this year, but regs should be out towards the end of April.

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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NWL 12 Car Rally

Friday 6th April

The White Hart PH, Whelpley Hill, Chesham HP5 3RL, MR 166/000039

There will be three classes:- Beginners / Novices / Experts - £12 entry fee

Navigation will be tailored to suit the classes - Maps 165/166 FEB 2016 required

Standard Navigation Guidelines introduced for organisers – see regs for details

Organiser Mike Harrison (mlh.bhm@btconnect.com)

Marshals/Competitors required - Arrive before 8pm, first car starts at 20:31

Regs now available from the website <https://boundlessevents.uk> or contact Mike Biss

North East London Group presents - Quadruplex 2018

Saturday 14 April

Arrive 2pm for a 2.30 start

Sele Farm Community Centre,
Perret Gardens, Hertford SG14 2LW

Finish at or near 4.15pm

Organiser's mobile: 07532 117868



Come pit your skills against rival but friendly teams from the two groups that still exist in what was the North London Region and what previously was known as the North London Centre.

Apart from the two remaining groups, North West and North East London, the invitation is extended to our friends in the region who are now unattached and groupless.

The honour of hosting this year's Quadruplex competition falls to North East London Group and the chosen venue is Hertford.

We aim to have you all arrive at the Community Centre in time for a 2.30 pm start. There will be plenty of room to sort out where your teams are going to sit and mine hosts for the afternoon are the two Nellies - John Foster and Bernard Ward.

On offer is a varied and interesting competition so bring the wits and the sharpened pencil along and enjoy the afternoon.

Refreshments in the form of tea/coffee, sandwiches and cakes will be available at half time.

The afternoon will end with the presentation of the Quadruplex trophy and it would be appreciated if it can be brought along on the day, engraved by the previous winners please. By definition the trophy itself will need to be won by one of the Boundless groups but the team award can be won by any team (two to four persons).

An indication of numbers (to Bernard) from each group will be appreciated nearer the day.

Directions; 1 mile to the west of Hertford, on the A414, turn north up Thieves Lane hill at the Hertingfordbury Roundabout, where it is signed south to Hertingfordbury and north to Welwyn. At the end of the road, take first exit left at the roundabout, then first right after half a mile into Bentley Road. After another quarter mile, turn left immediately after an area of green on your left, into The Ridgeway. Perret Road is on the left and

Juniper Autotest - Saturday 21st April

North East London Group

Silverstone Circuit, Towcester, Northamptonshire NN12 8TN

Come along and help marshal on this National Championship tarmac event and get as close to the action as you can get. No previous experience needed (all can be explained).

There are Mini's, saloons, sports cars and specials, all competing in the MSA/BTRDA championships and the things they can do with a car are sometimes unbelievable. Hot food and drink is available all day.

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CLUBNIGHT Venue
 The Red Lion,
 56 London Road,
 Hemel Hempstead
 HP3 9TD

DRINK & CHAT Venue
 The Red Lion,
 56 London Road,
 Hemel Hempstead
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April

- Tue 3rd** **NWL Clubnight - Darts evening - The Red Lion**
- Fri 6th** **NWL 12 Car Rally**
- 6th-8th WRC - France
- Sun 8th F1 - Bahrain
- Sat 14th Quadruplex Intergroup Competition - NEL - Hertford
- Sun 15th F1 - China
- Thu 19th** **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion** Please text editor if attending
- Sat 21st NEL Juniper Autotest - Silverstone Circuit
- 27th-29th WRC - Argentina
- Sun 29th F1 - Azerbaijan

May

- Tue 1st** **NWL Clubnight - Film/DVD night - The Red Lion**
- Sun 13th F1 - Spain
- Thu 17th** **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion** Please text editor if attending
- 18th-20th WRC - Portugal
- Sun 27th F1 - Monaco

June

- Tue 5th** **NWL Clubnight - Film/DVD night - The Red Lion**
- 8th-10th WRC - Italy
- Sun 10th NWL Greenacres Autotest
- Sun 10th F1 - Canada
- Thu 17th** **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion** Please text editor if attending
- Sun 24th F1 - France

Dates to reserve: