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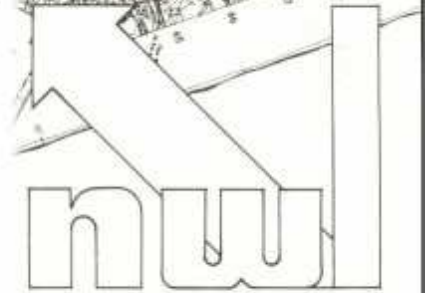
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Club night

Tuesday 3rd July, from 7:30pm

THE TWO BREWERS TROPHY SCATTER 2018

Starting from the car park on Chipperfield Common opposite the Two Brewers Hotel
Map reference 166/043½016

With 15 easy questions and only 8 answers required to complete the event.

NEW FOR 2018 - Compact route and no plotting required

Map 166 required but photocopied map provided

Finish is at the Red Lion PH

THE BIRTHDAY BOX !

July's birthday wishes go to **Jan Yardley**, **Kit Yardley** and last but by no means least, **Steve Graves!**



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Editorial

Well it has been fun and games (not!) on my commute to work, now they have introduced this new timetable. It was chaotic for the first two weeks, as you didn't know which train was going to run or be cancelled. Things have settled down with the temporary timetable, so that the same train is not running each day, but I have less options if there are problems. The other day there was a signalling failure at Luton and I just didn't know what time the train was going to turn up (it kept getting put back), so I cut my losses and got the bus instead. As I got in late, I went home late, only to have more trouble getting home. As usual, the lack of communication by the train company is appalling, the train that comes in is not the one announced or displayed!

I now have my new Mini engine ready to go in the car, now although I still don't have the actual car, as it is still at Pete's being welded. The engine is giving out a nice flat torque curve and I have even seen a video of it being run up on the engine dyno. It is all run in and the timing and carb settings have all been done. Having it done like this is a major benefit, as it is difficult to get mileage on an autotest car, plus it is usually too low to get it on a rolling road. Aiming to try and get out on one of the last two championships rounds in late August/September.



It has turned out quite expensive going over to the engine builders in the Focus, as last month on the way back, a stone hit the windscreen on the drivers side and half an hour later it cracked. Had to have a new one fitted and the excess is £90 these days, most likely due to it being heated. Then when I went to collect the engine recently, there was a slight smell of diesel, had thought it had come from the car in front, but turned out when I got there that one of the injectors had a small patch of diesel at the base. On the way home however, the smell got worse and then I could see what looked like a cloud coming out the back. By the time I got back, it had got a lot worse and I had actually lost a couple of gallons of fuel all under the car and up the back of the tailgate! Hopefully it is only the leak-back pipe and/or tee piece that is the problem (feature of the model sir). It still smells of diesel though!

Well they said that recent F1 races were getting a bit boring, so it was nice of Vettel and Ocon to spice the French GP up, with separate crashes on the opening lap, causing mayhem in the following pack. Once that was over, there wasn't much else going on. Such a shame to see McLaren and Williams languishing at the back of the field, both now shown up as being badly designed cars. Very much of a come down for Alonso, after the previous week coming away from his Le Mans debut with a win, only to have to drive the McLaren again. McLaren had been hiding behind Honda, but now they have a proper engine, they have gone backwards. There will be some people leaving very soon!



I have volunteered to run the Two Brewers this year, as our chairman is indisposed at present. To try and make it a bit more user friendly event for everyone, I'm trying out a couple of minor changes, making the route more compact to try and get you to visit more of the points and I'll remove the need to do any map plotting to find the locations (work in progress on that bit). Hopefully you will invite family and friends along to have a go and as usual, the winner won't be known until the last crew gets back.

Mike B.

NOTE: Deadline for contributions to the August newsletter is Thursday 19th July



Chairman's notebook

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My thanks to Anne and Steve for providing us with a very entertaining walking treasure hunt around Kings Langley at last month's clubnight. The rain held off and it was a very pleasant evening strolling around Kings Langley trying to find the answers to the questions much to the amusement of the locals who often asked what on earth we were doing! Anyway, Ann and I together with Gwilym managed to answer all but a couple and although we didn't win we had a great time. Mike Biss and Doug won.

Unfortunately I had to have an operation last month and it happened much quicker than expected, which was a good thing, however, it meant that my participation on the Greenacres Autotest and my attendance at noggin didn't happen for obvious reasons. The operation was successful and I am now on the road to recovery, although I am still not allowed to drive, which is as I am sure you can imagine, very, very frustrating!

This was the reason for my note about the Two Brewers Scatter last month, but Mike Biss has very kindly stood in to organise it for this year. Last year if you remember we tried to run it on a weekend, but with only one confirmed entry, we had to cancel it. So this year we have moved it back to a clubnight and hopefully more of you can support it. Hopefully I can grab a lift and attend as well.

The first autotest of the season, the Greenacres, ran last month and I understand it was very well attended. Mike Biss as ever, ran an excellent event and it stayed nice and dry on the day although we were perhaps lucky with the wind direction towards the end of the day, as the dust travelled away from the houses! Again see elsewhere in the newsletter for a full set of results. (ED: Follow this link <https://boundlessevents.uk/index.php?doc=24&dtyp=3> to download a copy).

I am not the only one in the wars, as the Sprite needs a new clutch. Towards the end of the track day the other month, the gears were getting tight and I had to start it in gear on the last session. We thought it was the clutch cable getting loose and needing adjusting, but I had someone look at it last week and apparently the pressure plate on the clutch has weakened. Although it's a competition clutch and has only done some 10,000 miles, it has been badly abused at autosolos etc.! So it's off back up to Frontline to have a new one fitted.

Speaking of the Sprite, it doesn't need an MOT now because of its age. However, as it's modified (not much) it still requires one. But, how can one assume for insurance purposes, that your classic is "road worthy" without an MOT where the car is inspected on ramps by a trained mechanic and brake tested etc.?

I have to say that even if the Sprite wasn't modified, I would for peace of mind purposes, still want it inspected by a trained mechanic and issued with an MOT. This is one of the main reasons it goes back to Frontline every year for a service and a full spanner check and MOT.

Needless to say, this is a very topical subject in the classic car club newsletters etc. at present and I am sure the debate is set to run for some time on this very contentious subject.

This month sees the second of our grass autotests, the Grasshopper on the 8th July and it's being organised by North East London and I am sure Bernard Ward would be very grateful for your entry or offers to marshal. Hopefully I will see you there, unfortunately not driving, but hopefully marshalling and Steven will give me a lift as he's borrowing the MG ZR for the event.

So hopefully I will see you at Clubnight and if not then the autotest or noggin on the 19th July at the Red Lion.

Mike H.

Secretary's spot

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First of all this month I must mention that our Chairman has recently spent some time under the surgeon's knife but hopefully all has gone well and Mike will shortly be back on his feet and dashing around in his traditional fashion. On behalf of us all, get well soon.

Our walking treasure hunt up and down Kings Langley High Street was a reasonably well supported event with a massive number of signs and notices to find the answers to the sixty questions along the way. A great evening was enjoyed by all and huge thanks to Anne and Steve for putting it all together and finding a very welcoming and cosy pub to base the event from.

The Greenacres Autotest was our first grass autotest of the year and was superbly organised by Mike B. The tests were mostly symmetrical and generally flowing and easy to follow. A very competitive group of competitors supported the event with just enough marshals to go round. All in all, a very good event, with Mike doing the vast majority of the hard work. Even the results were available within a couple of days in full spread sheet format and were probably the most comprehensive set of results I have ever seen – well done Mike and thank you.

Our July clubnight will be an evening return to the running of the Two Brewers Scatter run where details of points to be visited will be given out at the start and you can follow your own route to collect the answers to the various questions. The event will start from Chipperfield Common opposite the Two Brewers pub and the organisation will be in the capable hands of Mike B – do please support this clubnight if you possibly can.

For our August clubnight we will be altering our normal meeting date to take in the Croxley Green Classic car show on Wednesday 1st August. This is always a great display of wonderful vehicles (although it was spoilt last year by atrocious weather) so get to the Green as early as you can for a wander around and most likely meet up with a few of us in The Coach and Horses pub from around 8.00pm onwards.

For the immediate future we have the following;

Tuesday 3rd July – NWL Clubnight – Two Brewers Scatter, full details elsewhere or from Mike B

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

Wednesday 1st August – NWL meet at Croxley Classics on the Green

Sunday 12th August – NWL Paddock Autotest – details elsewhere

Thursday 16th August – NWL Chat and a Drink – Red Lion, Hemel Hempstead

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

Alan T

NEL Grasshopper Autotest - Sunday 8th July

At the Stanbridgeford field, Beds (near Dunstable)

Organiser: Bernard Ward - Entry Fee £20 (Juniors £10)

All forwards tests on smooth grass, passengers required

Great fun day out driving - Marshals required

Regs available from Mike B or <http://boundlessevents.uk>

Date	Day	Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club	Champ
Jul	Sun 8	* Grasshopper Autotest (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NEL	Region
	Sun 8	* Summer Solo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Farnborough DMC	
Aug	Sun 5	* Rockingham AutoSolo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Peterborough MC	
	Sun 12	* Paddock Autotest (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NWL	Region
	Sat 18	* Rockingham AutoSolo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Peterborough MC	
Sep	Sun 9	Chiltern Autotest (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NWL	Region
	Sun 23	September Solo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Farnborough DMC	
Oct	Sun 7	Rockingham AutoSolo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Peterborough MC	
	Sun 7	Boanerges AutoSolo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Oxford MC	
	Sun 14	Autumn Autotest (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NWL	Region
	Sat 20	Hollstar ()	Intergroup Competition	CSMA NWL	Region

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

Past Events

Greenacres Autotest Our first event of the grass autotest season went off very well with 26 entries and 24 starters. Even with all the rain in the preceding weeks, the event became quite dusty in the afternoon, as competitors enjoyed the nice conditions. Fortunately the dust was blowing into the bushes and didn't make it to the houses nearby and one local took the opportunity to get the big strimmer out and make some noise. There were eight tests during the day, four in the morning and four in the afternoon, but it was the usual people fighting for the win. In the end it was Robert Dudley in the Fiesta who ran out the winner, but everyone else enjoyed themselves.



Future Events

Grasshopper Autotest The second of the summer grass autotests will be running on Sunday 8th July at the Stanbridgeford site. 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.

Paddock Autotest This is a new NWL event and will be running at our Stanbridgeford site, with the event being organised by Ian O'Connor. 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 £20 (juniors £10) and regs are now available from the website or myself. Any offers to marshal will be gratefully received by Ian ianocon@hotmail.com.

Chiltern Autotest This is fourth of our summer grass autotest events and will be running at our usual Stanbridgeford site, with the event being organised by Mike Harrison. 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 £20 (juniors £10). Regs should be out towards the end of July.

Hollstar This will be organised by North West London group and takes place on Saturday 20th October at the Greenwood Park Community Centre, Tippendell Lane, Chiswell Green, St Albans AL2 3HW. The start will be at 2pm for the intergroup competition.

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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At the Stanbridgeford field, Beds (near Dunstable)

Organiser: Ian O'Connor - Entry Fee £20 (Juniors £10)

All forwards tests on smooth grass, passengers required

Great fun day out driving - Marshals required

Regs available from Mike B or <http://boundlessevents.uk>

THE TWO BREWERS TROPHY SCATTER - TUESDAY 3rd JULY

New this year, compact route and no map plotting required.

You are invited to the 36th running of the Two Brewers Trophy scatter. This year's scatter will be of a similar format to previous events, but with the slight changes mentioned above. You may need a torch to find clues if it gets too dark!

The start will be 7:30pm onwards from the car park on Chipperfield Common opposite the Two Brewers Hotel - Map ref 043½016. If you arrive after about 8:30pm you'll probably find I've already moved to the finish venue (The Red Lion) so find me there.

The scatter will take place in the SW corner of O.S. map 166. **A copy of the relevant section of map will be provided.**

MSA exemption certificate 107993 has been issued.

The entry fee for the event is £5 per crew

Crews will be entered in two classes by the organisers, Experts (won the event within the last 5 years) and Novices.

There are 15 easy questions but each crew are only required to answer a maximum of 8. The questions carry the following points which depend on the number of correct answers there are for each question :-

1 correct answer	= 20 points	4 correct answers	= 10 points	7 and over	= 5 points
2 correct answers	= 15 points	5 correct answers	= 8 points		
3 correct answers	= 12 points	6 correct answers	= 6 points		

Answer sheets should be handed in at the finish no later than 10pm or one penalty point will be given for each minute late until 10:15pm when the crew will be excluded. Please ensure only 8 questions are selected for marking.

The finish is at The Red Lion, London Road, Hemel Hempstead HP3 9TD MR166/069043½.

In the event of a tie, the winner will be the crew who take the least time to hand in their answer sheet.

The organisers decision is final in all matters.

I hope you have a very enjoyable evening!

Mike Biss (*organising this year*)

NEL invite De Havilland Aircraft Museum - Tuesday 17th July

The oldest aviation museum in the UK dedicated to the preservation and display of de Havilland Aircraft. The de Havilland Aircraft Company played an important role in the history of aircraft development in 20th century Britain. The de Havilland company created world beating aeronautical innovations including many iconic aircraft such as the de Havilland Mosquito - "The Wooden Wonder", the Comet - the world's first jet airliner, the Tiger Moth - the "backbone" of the RAF's training aircraft in WW2 and the Airspeed Horsa Glider - used extensively by our airborne troops in 1944 during D-Day, Arnhem and the Rhine crossing.

Date: Tuesday 17th July

Time: 11am

Place: Museum Car Park

Salisbury Hall, Shenley, London Colney, AL2 1BU

Follow Brown Signs on B556 South East from M25 J22

Contact Ron (07967 133986) so we know to look out for you, and/or to organise car - shares

Entry £12 /Concessions £10

Website <https://www.dehavillandmuseum.co.uk/>



Clubnight - Wednesday 1st August



Classics on the Green
Croxley Green, Nr Watford, Herts WD3 3HX

Meet from 7:30pm at the Coach & Horses

(Event starts at 2pm)



Diary NWL 2018



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

DRINK & CHAT Venue
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July

Sun 1st F1 - Austria
Tue 3rd NWL Clubnight - Two Brewers Scatter - Chipperfield Common
 Sun 8th F1 - British Grand Prix
 Sun 8th NEL Grasshopper Autotest
Thu 19th NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion Please text editor if attending
 Sun 22nd F1 - Germany
 27th-29th WRC - Finland
 Sun 29th F1 - Hungary

August

Wed 1st NWL Clubnight - Classics on the Common - Croxley Green
Sun 12th NWL Paddock Autotest
Thu 16th NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion Please text editor if attending
 17th-19th WRC - Germany
 Sun 26th F1 - Belgium

September

Sun 2nd F1 - Italy
Tues 4th NWL Clubnight - Bowling at Dunstable
Sun 9th NWL Chiltern Autotest
 14th-16th WRC - Turkey
 Sun 16th F1 - Singapore
Thu 20th NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion Please text editor if attending
 Sat 22nd Boundless event at Beaulieu
 Sun 30th F1 - Russia

Dates to reserve:

Saturday 20th October - NWL running the Hollstar intergroup competition