

The "Nelly" Newsletter

November 2018

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Next Club Night - 13th November

Guest Speaker, Len Little

"Training And Use Of Police Dogs"



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Hi Nellies

Rosie & I spent a very interesting and enjoyable day at the Brooklands Museum recently, where we were given a guided tour by Malcolm Grubb, who many of you will know of course from CSMA Motorsport circles. Club Treasurer, Madeleine Grubb was also present, as were a couple of our NWL Group neighbours, Mike & Ann Harrison. The group should have been a lot larger but some didn't turn up, so the six of us ended up having a much more personalised tour as a result. The newly completed hanger, which was moved from its old location on the start/finish straight, is now open and houses a well displayed collection of aircraft and "hands on" craft areas. If you want, you can even "clock-in" as you enter...! The whole site has an amazing history and all the volunteers are keen to share their knowledge of what has taken place there over the years and, what is happening today, as well plans for future projects.

On to motoring matters; I read recently that Hampshire police force are now using undercover plain clothes officers to ride bikes along busy roads in an effort to catch-out motorists who pass without leaving enough "wobble" room – typically 1.5 metres. If suspected of passing too close, they radio ahead to a patrol car and you will be stopped.

I suppose it's wishful thinking to expect that an equal amount of time and money could be spent on doing the same to those cyclists who regularly weave their way along the pavement and seafront down here, well within 1.5 metres of pedestrians..!?

- Dave

Copy for next month's issue should be sent to Dave Rosher, preferably by E-Mail, to the address opposite: **to arrive on or before 24 Nov** please.

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Chairman's Chatter

We're nearly there, just a couple of months and we ease into 2019. A lot of Xmas pud to get through before then, and a Hallowe'en and a bonfire night.

Plus, our last speaker of the year, a very nice guy by the name of Len Little, who will be telling us about the Training and Use of Police Dogs, although you will have to do without the dogs as they won't lend him any for the evening.

Our October clubnight was something special, as Tracey Mackness gave us her life story; from a real Essex Girl, out every night, to some involvement in illegal drugs which led to a spell in prison and then a complete change of direction to learn about pig farming at an open prison so that she came out and set up in business. Now she employs 20 staff and has hundreds of pigs on her farm in Essex. She has won awards and has been on the TV. We were warned to bring along some money as Tracey had brought along a box full of produce, with lots of bowls full of samples of her sausages. Such a bubbly person, and her moniker of Giggly Pig is well suited.

We had a couple of events cancelled last month – the Hollstar didn't run, as there was insufficient take up from the other groups in the area. We would have been able to field two or three teams but we shall get another chance if it is run in the Spring, which I hear is the plan.

The other was to have been the last autotest of the year, up in a field near Dunstable. Unfortunately, the continual overnight rain had turned the field into a quagmire and when there was no let-up in the morning the organisers had no choice but to cancel. Ironically it was the best entry of the year, thirty cars no less.

I don't very often take up the Boundless offers, good though they are, but I couldn't resist the visit, last Friday, to the Williams establishment in Oxfordshire, aptly called 'Behind Closed Doors'. It was a full day with a full house, very well planned and we were split into five groups, moving around the various part of the factory, with a games room, simulators, Scalextric, a wheel changing competition, and a chance to see round their heritage museum, with all the Williams F1 cars in one place. Very interesting to see the way the design developed as you moved along the row. The workshop, not normally open to the public, was where they were producing the Formula E cars, look out for the Batmobile next year.



For the Xmas lunch on the 9th December at Brickendon Grange Golf Club we already have 35 members and guests signed up and there is an order form elsewhere to let you decide in advance if you would like some wine on the table when you arrive.

What's coming up?

Clubnight Tuesday 13 November – Beaufort Suite – Speaker Len Little

I'm sure that, like me, you have often wondered where a Police dog comes from. Are they bred especially and do they all start their training as a puppy? How do they teach them to sniff out drugs and not confuse it with chocolate biscuits. All these questions, and more, will be answered by our speaker Len Little.

Arrive 7.45 for an 8 o'clock start

Noggin & Natter Tuesday 27 November - The Plough, Cattlegate Road, Crews Hill, EN2 9DJ

A new watering hole, which will be better suited to us through the silly season. The Bulls Head would need deposits each time and it would be more party time than usual so this month and January next year will see us taking our custom elsewhere. John therefore still needs to know from you who is going please.

Bernard

Secretary's Scrawlings

Hi everyone,

Another beautiful day outside and I'm stuck in the study typing this up along with a dozen other office things. I was away when NWL's Autumn Autotest was due to be run – They suffered a wash-out as I understand... Who's messing with the weather?

My absence at the October clubnight was because I was off on a cruise, the same ship I was on in June, but doing the other half of a figure of eight centred on Malaga. We were in Mahon, Minorca when the storm hit Majorca, and as we were due to go to Toulon, the storm would have caught us broadside, so the captain announced we were swapping Toulon for Majorca (The storm now having moved on). Superbly calm seas considering the battering Majorca had taken just a day before. I'm decidedly hooked on cruises, though maybe it's going with group of people rather than the boat that makes it.

It's a shame I missed the speaker as I was looking forward to hearing her story, and buying some of her pork products. I bet Alan and Theresa were in there...

Some of you will remember John Barnes, who came to entertain us a couple of AGM's ago.

Sadly, John died at the beginning of October as the result of a fall whilst on holiday. What very few will know is that John was one of the very first NEL group members, way back when it was known as the North London Motorcycle Section, along with our former chairman, Brian Bishop. Although John told me of their exploits on many occasions, I never did find out the dates, but I'm guessing it must have been in the 50's and early 60's.

I'm looking forward to November's clubnight with tales of training police dogs.

There's a video I've posted on the Group's facebook page, why not join the group and check it out

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/246753655970634/>

This link will take you straight to the group's page.

Alternatively type "Boundless NE London" into the FB search bar and then click on the group name when it appears in the results. Just entering "Boundless" in the search bar will bring up other Boundless groups (Some physical, some virtual) you may be interested in.

Maybe it's about time we added posting to the page as an alternate (or addition) to writing a newsletter page in order to qualify for the NEL Championship!

Cheers,

Ron



Christmas Lunch Sunday 9th December 2018
Booking Form
£26 per person 12.30 pm for 1 o'clock



Brickendon Grange Golf Club, Pembridge Lane, Brickendon, SG13 8PD

- S1 *Smoked salmon with lemon & dill crème fraiche with toasted focaccia bread*
- S2 *Fresh duo of melon served with parma ham & balsamic reduction*
- S3 *Homemade cauliflower and cheddar cheese soup*

- M1 *Xmas Carvery; Roast topside of beef, butter & thyme roasted turkey breast*
- M2 *Baked supreme of salmon with a lemon hollandaise sauce*
- M3 *Vegetarian nut roast cutlet with roasted Mediterranean vegetables*
- M4 *Mille foille, lightly spiced & Tomato salsa*

- D1 *Tart au Citron with raspberry compote and Chantilly cream*
- D2 *Christmas pudding with brandy sauce and vanilla ice cream*
- D3 *Selection of cheese & biscuits with spiced plum chutney*

Plus tea/coffee & miniature mince pies

PAYMENTS, @ £26 pp preferably by bank transfer, to CSMA N E London 20 92 54 a/c 13620034 with reference BGGC2018 or by cheque to: Treasurer Stafford Steed, 4 Cedar Rd, Hatfield, AL10 8PA, payable to CSMA North East London Group.

BOOKINGS, to organiser Bernard Ward, using the cut-off form below - post or email

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 To Bernard Ward, 65 Millmead Way, Hertford SG14 3YH Tel 01992 582323
Bernard.ward3@btinternet.com

Please reserve me place(s) at the North East London Group Xmas lunch, on 9 December

My/our meal choices are; (please circle one from each course)

Name	S1	S2	S3	-	M1	M2	M3	M4	-	D1	D2	D3
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Any dietary requirements, please say below;

Name

Office use; ack;



Christmas Lunch Sunday 9th December 2018



Brickendon Grange Golf Club

Advance Wine Ordering

Advance ordering for wine to be ready at your table

PAYMENTS for the advance wine ordering, preferably by bank transfer, to CSMA N E London, 20 92 54 a/c 13620034 with reference BGGC2018 or by cheque to Treasurer Stafford Steed 4 Cedar Rd Hatfield AL10 8PA payable to CSMA North East London Group

ORDERS, to Bernard Ward, on Bernard.ward3@btinternet.com by 8 November please

Wine can, of course, be ordered on the day, at the bar, but the venue has requested that we advise them of our wine requirements in advance so that they can ensure it is available on the day.

Red

- Caly Canto Merlot Spain 750ml (13.5%) - £14
- Montaignan Carignan Vieilles Vignes 2015 France 750ml (12.5%) - £15
- Oyster Catcher Pinot Noir Chile (12.5%) - £15.50
- Chateau Les Sapins de Gaillou Bordeaux 2012 750ml (12.5%) - £16
- Finca Besaya Rioja Spain 2013 750ml (13.5%) - £16.50
- Santa Rosa Argentina 2016 750ml (12.5%) - £17
- Albacore Reserve Shiraz South Australia 750ml (14%) - £18
- The Big Mo, Barossa Valley Shiraz 750ml (14.5%) - £18
- Vat 27 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2014 S. Australia 750ml (14%) - £18
- Fleurie 2015 France 750ml (13.5%) - £20

White

- Tierra del Rey Sauvignon Blanc 2016 Chile 750ml (12.5%) - £15
- Pinot Grigio Bella Modella Rosa Italy 750ml (11.5%) - £15
- La Sere Chardonnay France 750ml (12.5%) - £16
- Quintas do Homem Domum Vinho Verde (12.5%) - £17
- Taringi Sauvignon Blanc New Zealand 2016 - £18
- Domaine de Chezatte Sancerre France 750ml (12.5%) - £24

Rose

- Castillo del Moro Tempranillo Rosado Spain 2013 750ml (12.5%) - £16.50
- Bella Modella Pinot Grigio-Rose 2016 Italy 750ml (12%) - £15

Norway by train

In August Lesley and I, along with four friends, joined a Great Rail Journey tour of Norway. Although we met our tour manager Anne at Gatwick the tour proper didn't start until we got to Bergen. If anybody is thinking of a trip there bear in mind it is very expensive, the cheapest bottle of wine we saw equated to £52. This concentrated the mind when we had to provide our own food.

Bergen is on the western seaboard of Southern Norway surrounded by mountains which focuses precipitation into the city creating the wettest city in Europe, the top of one of these mountains can be accessed by a Funicular railway which gives an excellent view from the top; we were going to walk down but, yes it rained.



Most coastal towns are centred on fishing which gave an opportunity for us to sample some of the finest fresh fish which can be found anywhere. One of our meals was in the fish market; two reasons, cost and the experience; we had fish and chips in the middle of the market overlooking the harbour with rain pounding on the market awning.

Norway isn't short of timber, as such most of the houses are made of it. Part of the old town is being renovated in a manner to gain UNESCO World Heritage status. As the country is cold it has a lot of open fires which has been the cause of the city burning down several times over the years. Another commodity they have plenty of is water; home use energy is therefore provided by hydroelectric power which made it relatively cheap.

We left Bergen by train travelling high on a mountain plateau before arriving at Myrdal where we changed on to the Flam Railway, one of the steepest and most scenic railways in the world. We descended the picturesque valley to Flam, the journey punctuated with numerous tunnels. At one point the train stopped in a tunnel with an open side looking out on to a spectacular waterfall. Above the crashing sound of the waterfall we heard some very haunting music and singing.

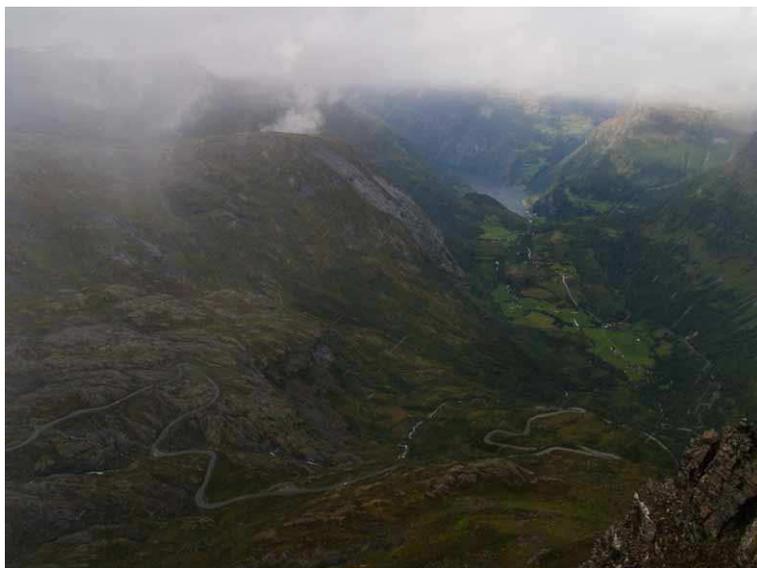


It turned out to be Huldra, a beautiful forest creature who was singing and dancing on a ledge above the waterfall. Legend has it that she entices men back to her lair and they are never seen again. One of the group thought that this was put on for the tourists, probably the same person that said Trolls don't exist.

Anne didn't take any chances and made a quick head count just in case.

Flam is a tiny town at the end of the Sogne Fjord, often visited by cruise ships which stop there for passengers to travel on the Flam railway.

As there is no convenient railway we travelled from Flam to Geiranger by coach, 10 hours across some very dramatic scenery which included the very high Dalsnibba viewing point. Through a mild blizzard we could just see the Geiranger Fjord our final destination for the day.



An extra day at Geiranger allowed time for an excursion by boat along this dramatic fjord.

We travelled on to Trondheim by ferry and train.



At the centre of Trondheim is the historic thousand year old Nidaros Cathedral. The harbour has many Fish warehouses which are now being converted for other small business use. We had a meal in one of these very old buildings which still retained it's rustic character; I can't remember what the others had but I had Reindeer Stew, very nice.

The train journey up to Bodo, well within the Arctic Circle, took 10 hours. Norway is about the same size as Britain but only has a population of 5 million and most of them are in the South, so I couldn't imagine any business incentive to make the train faster. We had some champagne to toast crossing the Arctic Circle. As the train wasn't going to stop there everyone had their cameras ready to snap whatever sign might be there. A visitor centre had the required signage, as I was about to press the shutter a glass of bubbly was knocked all over me, undaunted and soaking wet I realigned the camera for another attempt before succumbing to all the ladies mopping me down with whatever tissues they could find, what one has to endure for one's art.



The original town of Bodo grew up around the Herring industry in the 19th century. Most of the buildings were razed to the ground during the war; one can only assume that this was as punishment for colluding with the allies.



Next stage was to cross the Vestfjorden to Svolvær in the Lofoten Islands. For this we were due to take the Hurtigruten cargo / cruise ship but this got changed to the Catamaran speed ferry. At first I was a little disappointed as I didn't expect to be able to go out into the open when under power, but alas, Norwegian people clearly take responsibility for their own actions and we were able to go up top. We made several stops enabling Norwegian adventurers to venture into the hills for the weekend.

Svolvær is probably the largest town in the Lofoten Islands. Amongst other things when touring the Island we visited a fish museum complete with drying racks, with the approach to winter the racks were now empty. August is not the best time to visit this part of the world, too late for the midnight sun and too early to see the Northern lights; however the conditions were such that we were taken out into country and lucky to see a glimmer of the lights. Whilst there we visited an ice bar, dressed in warm clothing we drank cocktails surrounded by ice sculptures.



On the last day we were transferred to Narvik for a flight to Oslo and then on to Gatwick. With thanks to Great Rail Journeys for an excellent trip particularly our Tour Manager Anne who very efficiently ensured that we made all the transit connections whilst dealing with all the usual problems that might arise.

Stafford Steed

Date	Day	Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club	Champ
Nov	Fri 2	* 12 Car Rally (C)	Navigational rally	Oxford MC	
Dec	Sun 30	Gravel Autotest (C)	Loose surface autotest	Bedford CC	
Jan	Fri 4	12 Car Rally (C)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL	Region
Feb	Fri 1	12 Car Rally (C)	Navigational rally	CSMA ?	Region
	Fri 8	12 Car Rally (C)	Navigational rally	Oxford MC	
Mar	Fri 1	12 Car Rally (C)	Navigational rally	CSMA ?	Region
	Sun 17	Brooklands Autosolo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	CSMA MSG	
Apr	Fri 5	12 Car Rally (C)	Navigational rally	CSMA ?	Region
	Fri 12	12 Car Rally (C)	Navigational rally	Oxford MC	
	Sun 14	Juniper Autotest (Nat B)	Tarmac autotest	CSMA NEL	MSA/BTRDA
	Sun 28	Bocardo Autosolo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Oxford MC	

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

Past Events

Autumn Autotest Unfortunately, the event was cancelled on the day due to the mud bath that the stubble field had become with the overnight and on the day rain. It was so bad that the rear wheels clogged up in the arches and stopped them going round! A great shame as we had the best entry of the year. We were in this field, as the usual one was required for grazing, due to the shortage of grass from the hot summer weather. Hopefully normal service will be resumed next year.

Hollstar Intergroup Competition This was also cancelled, but this time due to a lack of competitors. It should run next year instead, so the organising effort won't be wasted.

Future Events

12 Car Winter Series The new Winter season gets underway in January and runs for four events through to the start of April, each four weeks apart. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us and we get a decent number of entries to make it all worthwhile. The first event is on the 4th January with Pete Gregory/Graeme Presswell in charge.

Carrying on for 2019 is the use of Standard Navigation Guidelines for organisers to make sure all the events are set at the same level. These will also reduce the difficulty of the navigation, especially for the novices, so hopefully more of you have a fun time out there. There may be a few tweaks to the types of navigation used, based on the feedback from the organisers.

January 12 Car Rally Starting from The John Bunyan PH, Colman Green, Herts AL4 8ES, 166/189125, it will use map 166 (edition FEB 2016) for the 45 mile route, with first car starting at 8:31pm. There will be three classes:- Beginners / Novices / Experts and the navigation will be tailored to suit the classes. Entry fee is £12 per car. Offers of entries and marshals would be appreciated by Pete Gregory and you can contact him on either 01525 861673 (Work), 07709 221115 (Mob) or pete.gregory@boundlesscommunity.co.uk. Regs are available soon from either website or myself.

Brooklands Autosolo A new event for next year is the CSMA Motorsports Group organised, which is being run on the start/finish straight of the Brooklands Circuit in the grounds of the museum at Weybridge, Surrey. This is the first event of this type run there and details are still being put together, but make a note of the date of Sunday 17th March.

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 4th January

The John Bunyan PH, Colman Green, Herts AL4 8ES, MR 166/189125

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

Navigation will be tailored to suit the classes - Map 166 FEB 2016 required

Standard Navigation Guidelines introduced for organisers – see regs for details

Organiser Pete Gregory/Graeme Presswell (pete.gregory@boundlesscommunity.co.uk)

Marshals/Competitors required - Arrive before 7:45pm, first car starts at 8:31pm

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

Dates for your Diary

Club Night Venue : Bishop's College
Churchgate, Cheshunt, EN8 9XQ

Evenings start at 7.45 for 8.00pm

Clubnights – 2nd Tuesday

Noggin & Natter Venues may vary month by month so keep a close watch on the Newsletter each month for precise details of location.

Noggin & Natters – 4th Tuesday

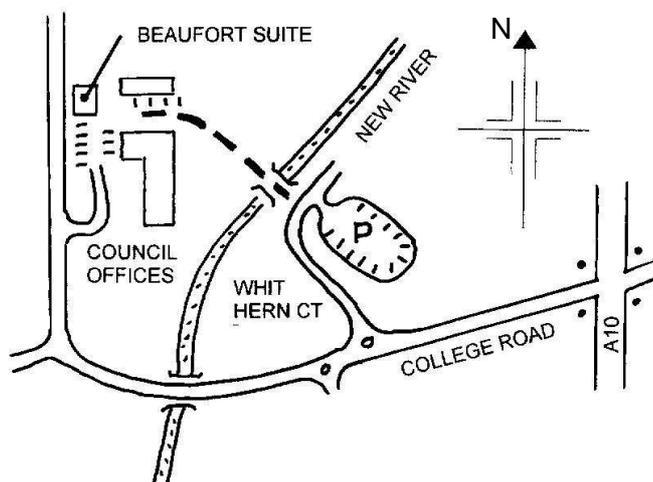
Month	Event
Nov 2018	Tue 13 th – Club Night, Guest Speaker - Len Little: <i>“Training and Use of Police Dogs”</i> Tue 27 th - Noggin & Natter at The Plough, Crews Hill, EN2 9DJ <i>(**please note change of venue**)</i>
Dec 2018	Sun 9 th – NEL Christmas Lunch at Brickendon Grange Golf Club Tue 11 th - Christmas Club Night
Jan 2019	Fri 4 th – NWL Group 12 Car Rally Tue 8 th – Club Night, Guest Speaker – Chris Truran on: <i>“Forensics”</i> Tue 22 nd - Noggin & Natter at The Plough, Crews Hill, EN2 9DJ
Feb 2019	Fri 1 st - 12 Car Rally Tue 12 th – Club Night, Guest Speaker – David Drake on: <i>“Highgate Cemetery”</i> Tue 26 th - Noggin & Natter at The Bulls Head, Turnford, EN10 6BZ <i>(**please note change of venue**)</i>
Mar 2019	Fri 1 st – 12 Car Rally 11-13 th – Groups Network Meeting in Bournemouth Tue 12 th – NEL Group AGM Tue 26 th - Noggin & Natter at The Bulls Head, Turnford, EN10 6BZ

Our Indoor Club Night venue is: **Bishop's College**, EN8 9XQ (Civic Offices), located on Churchgate, at its junction with College Road, about 300m West of the A10 junction with College road (Traffic lights and pedestrian footbridge).

Our Clubroom is in the Beaufort Suite, which appears to be an old Chapel.

Free Car Park in Whit Hern Court off College Road, then walk over New River to the venue, or limited parking in the Council offices car park.

Our monthly Noggin 'n' Natters will now be at **The Plough**, Cattlegate Rd., Crews Hill, EN2 9DJ



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