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## Club night



Christmas Quiz Evening  
Organised by Sarah & Antony  
Zoom call (host Mike H)  
(see page 6 for details)



## THE BIRTHDAY BOX !

Our Christmas birthday wishes for December go to **Robert Gregory** and **Dolores Taylor-Keane**.



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# Editorial

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Last months virtual clubnight had more people attending, so in some ways having them over Zoom allows people to come along who may not be able to spend the amount of time required to travel to and from the physical event. We do need some ideas of what we can hold, as chairman Mike says, as having a quiz each month could get boring. With that in mind, in the New Year we are going to have a Bingo evening in January and a virtual version of the Two Brewers scatter in February. The latter will try to be very similar to the normal event, you just don't have to physically travel to the locations. We will still have the same scoring method, so no one will know who has won until the last entrant "hands in" their results. More details in next months edition.

Congratulations to Lewis Hamilton on his seventh championship victory, won in superb style at the Turkish event. The treacherous conditions caught so many drivers out, as having had the track resurfaced two weeks beforehand and no events to use it before the F1 circus arrived, it was bad enough in the dry but with the wet weather it just made it like an ice rink. You could see the difference between the impetuous of youth with Max Verstappen and the experience and patience of Lewis. Lewis knew he couldn't do anything to start with and just waited until the



conditions and the car came to him and then he just romped away into the distance. As a comparison, team mate Bottas spun six times and was lapped by Lewis!

The World Rally Championship lost the recent event in Belgium, due to Covid rates, and so there is only one event left at the Monza circuit. This is basically what was planned as an after championship rally show, has been expanded into a two day event, using both roads in and around the circuit, plus closed public roads further away. The organisers are going to have to pull out all the stops to make it a worthwhile championship finale. This means current championship leader Elfyn Evans just needs to score 17 points, if team mate Ogier were to win and get maximum power stage points, to guarantee the championship. He would need less points for other permutations.

We are aiming to run the 12 Car rallies, starting next month, but using the John Clavey rally app. This means no marshals or passage check boards are required, as the crews use GPS on a phone to check where and when they have been places. The event details are downloaded onto the phone before the start and it gives notice of when approaching a PC/Time Control location. All will be explained to the organisers well in advance and a Zoom call to competitors prior to the event as well.

Don't forget, if you have any interesting subjects suitable for an article in this very newsletter, please don't be shy, our readers are always interested in what others get up to in their spare time.

Try and have a good Christmas and New Year, despite the problems currently being dealt us.

Keep safe.

Mike B.



**NOTE:** Deadline for contributions to the January newsletter is Thursday 24th December



# Chairman's notebook

My thanks to Alan Thurbon for running the general knowledge quiz on Zoom for us last month. Great fun and I liked the multiple-choice question format as it allowed Ann and I to guess most of the answers we got correct, allowing us to come mid-way up the result board!

Apologies, in all the excitement I can't remember who won, but no doubt Mike will hopefully have the result sheet somewhere in the newsletter.

Please remember that Sarah and Antony are running a Christmas quiz for us this month on Tuesday the 1st December at 8pm. I will send out Zoom invites and if you haven't received one by the 30th November drop me an email and I will send you one. Remember to wear your Christmas jumper and have a glass of your favourite tippie to hand!

I really enjoyed the Turkish Grand Prix the other weekend, great drive by Lewis despite the track conditions, but as ever, my Motor Sport News never arrived this week. Funny this always happens after a major event etc. as it happens after the British Grand Prix or the Rally GB weekend! They even resorted to sending it out to me in a brown paper envelope to try and disguise it!

Lewis gave Mercedes the manufacturers world championship at the last Grand Prix and he won the driver's championship this time out, making this his 7th championship, which equals Michael Schumacher's amazing tally of wins, so I think there is a really good chance that Lewis will certainly go for his 8th next season!

And you never know, with the final round of the WRC taking place at Monza on the 3-6th December, we may have our 2nd world champion with Elfyn Evans in the Toyota. This would be great for British Motor Sport and might make rally GB more secure in these uncertain times.

We had a committee meeting on Zoom last week, and we have one or two ideas for future club nights. All on Zoom, but hopefully they will be of some interest, so please check the calendar at the back of the newsletter for details and oh, yes, mustn't forget, we are even going to run a 12 Car in January thanks to Pete and Graeme!

The start will most likely be in a carpark and there are no marshals, as it's all run by GPS and no meeting up afterwards for a drink, unless the rules change that is! So please enter and give it a go, Pete and Graeme are sort of taking a step into the unknown or future and need all the support we can give them for their efforts! Mustn't forget to thank both Mike Biss and John Clavey for the technical support.

Another item to mention, is that it would be great to get some new articles in the newsletter, both Doug and Ian have shown us the way with their non-motor sport type articles, so come on, please put pen to paper and come up with some new articles for Mike B!

On a similar line, if you can think of a club night that might translate into a Zoom type club night, do please let me know so we can give it a shot, you don't have to organise it, just give us the idea and we will try and make it happen in 2021!

Last month I signed up for the Zoom meeting with our club leader Madeleine Grubb for an update on the club. Doug, Pete and Alan T also attended, along with several other members for various sections of the club, including representatives from both the Exeter and Leeds groups. Madeleine was interested in how we were all doing in these restricted Covid conditions and how we were managing to stay in touch with our members etc. From the various replies we seem to be doing better than others. I suppose we have always been lucky with a strong newsletter and our Zoom meetings have been successful with at times more people participating than our traditional club nights!

The good news is that the club is ok financially and although set to make a loss this year, the loss will be dealt with by reserves and let's face it, most organisations will be making a loss this year!

With the national lockdown restrictions set to be lifted on the 2nd December we may well be able to meet for a drink and a chat at the Red Lion on the 17th December, so hopefully if I don't see you on zoom on the 1st I might actually see you for real on the 17th. If not then may Ann and I wish you all a safe and a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year! Let us all hope 2021 is going to be better than 2020!

Mike H.





# Secretary's spot

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Our Big End Editor Mike once again reminds me it is time for my 'words' for the next edition and it's hard to believe that December is upon us once again! The month of Christmas and all the festivities that surround it however for 2020 things are likely to be rather different. These notes are being written prior to any official Government announcement of what we all may be able to do over the festive season but hopefully we can at the very least get together with family and friends in some way.

The November clubnight took the form of another virtual quiz via Zoom for which I was the Quizmaster and all the questions had multi-choice answers. Even with a 1 in 4 chance of guessing the correct answer it did seem that some of the answers were even beyond a calculated guess! We did however get a clear victor with Trevor Miller, competing as a singleton, taking the honours by a fairly comfortable margin. At the end of the evening all seemed to have had a good time so that was the most important part.

With lockdown upon us once again our Chat and a Drink night was cancelled but possibly the pub may be open on Thursday 17th December for a pre-Christmas C and D. Look out for Government announcements that are likely to inflict upon pubs being allowed to open and the chance of our gathering going ahead – obviously all subject to social distancing and any other restrictions.

Antony and Sarah have already offered to organise a Christmas based Zoom Quiz for our clubnight on Tuesday 1st December so make sure the date is in the diary and bring in some mince pies and mulled wine a couple of weeks before the big day to enjoy the festive cheer. It would be nice if the Christmas jumper got an early wearing and even with Zoom I am sure we can arrange a fashion parade. Contact Mike H for the details of joining the Zoom call.

Pete G and Graeme Presswell are still hopeful of running the first 12 car rally of the winter season on Friday 8th January but at the time of writing there are many complications that hinder the running of 12 cars so please look out for Mike B's motorsport updates to keep informed about what is happening. If the event does go ahead it will be run to a very different format than the tradition so it will be well worth getting involved to see what changes are necessary

Our very *provisional* programme is as follows but please watch out for changes and/or give me a call for further confirmation;

**Tuesday 1st December – NWL Clubnight – Zoom Christmas Quiz**

**Thursday 17th December – NWL Chat and a Drink – The Red Lion, Hemel Hempstead (possibly)**

**Tuesday 5th January – NWL Clubnight – possibly virtual bingo – watch this space**

**Friday 8th January – NWL 12 Car Rally – awaiting further details**

**Thursday 21st January – NWL Chat and a Drink – The Red Lion, Hemel Hempstead (possibly)**

**Tuesday 2nd February – NWL Clubnight – possibly a virtual Two Brewers Scatter event put together by Mike B**

***That's about it for now – Have a wonderful Christmas (as best as we are allowed), please keep safe and well and follow the guidelines!!***

Alan T



Date	Day	Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club	Champ
Dec	Fri 4	? 12 Car Rally (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC	
	Sun 27	? Gravel Autotest (Cm)	Loose surface autotest	Bedford CC	
Jan	Fri 8	* 12 Car Rally (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL	Region
Feb	Fri 5	12 Car Rally (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NEL	Region
Mar	Fri 5	12 Car Rally (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL	Region
Apr	Fri 9	12 Car Rally (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL	Region

**Licence required:** (I/Nat/Inter/Cm) = MSUK Licence, (C) = Club Card, () = Nothing, \* = Regs available

#### Past Events

#### Future Events

**12 Car Rallies** These are planned to run from January to April, as usual, and the dates are shown in the calendar. With the current situation still in a state of flux, it could be best to remove most of the likely problem areas, and to do this, we are planning to use the rally app John Clavey has produced. This is a GPS system and has been used successfully on several events. Starts and finishes are the problem area, but will most likely be a car park and a final control only.

**January 12 Car Rally** Starting from TBA at present (Coleman Green area), it will use map 166 (edition FEB 2018) 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 £15 per car. Offers of entries would be appreciated by Pete Gregory and you can contact him on either [pete.gregory@boundlesscommunity.co.uk](mailto:pete.gregory@boundlesscommunity.co.uk), 01525 861673 (Work) or 07709 221115 (Mob).

**Other Events** Clubs are putting on various events around the country, usually with fewer places available, but they are being hit with the local lockdowns affecting the ability of some people to travel to them.

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## Christmas Themed Quiz - Clubnight Tuesday 1st Dec @ 8pm

Due to the current restrictions in place, we are having another Zoom clubnight this month.

It would be nice to see as many of you as possible on screen.

Guidance notes on connecting with Zoom are available on request to the Editor.

Please just let Mike Harrison know if you are able to make the clubnight, so that he can send out the call details. You will need to have the Zoom app on your computer/tablet/phone beforehand.

## NWL 12 Car Rally

## Friday 8th January

**Coleman Green area, Herts  
Map 166**

There will be three classes:- Beginners / Novices / Experts - £15 entry fee  
Navigation will be tailored to suit the classes - Map 166 FEB 2018 required  
Standard Navigation Guidelines introduced for organisers – see regs for details

Pete Gregory/Graeme Presswell ([pete.gregory@boundlesscommunity.co.uk](mailto:pete.gregory@boundlesscommunity.co.uk))

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

Regs available beginning of Dec from Mike Biss or new event website (see regs)

# 330 P4

Well I have finally made a start to the model with the body shell now sprayed a Ferrari red!

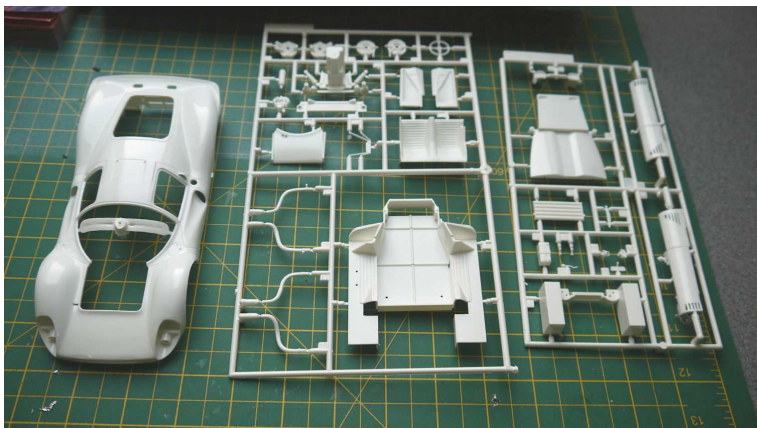
By next month I hope to have it completed and will show you the completed car and construction stages.

Brief History - 1967 was a banner year for the Enzo Ferrari motor company, as it saw the production of the mid-engined 330 P4, a V12-engined endurance car intended to replace the previous year's 330 P3. Only four Ferrari P4-engined cars were ever made: three new 330 P4s and one ex P3 chassis (0846). Their three-valve cylinder head was modelled after those of Italian Grand Prix-winning Formula One cars. To this was added the same fuel injection system from the P3 for an output of up to 450 bhp.

The P3 won the 1000 km Monza in 1966, and the P4 won the same race in 1967. Two P4s, and one 412 P crossed the finish line together (in first 0846, second 0856, and third place 0844) in the 1967 24 Hours of Daytona, for a photo finish to counter Ford's photo of the Ford GT40 Mk.II crossing the finish line together First, Second, and Third at the 1966 24 Hours of Le Mans.

Hope you enjoy the pictures

Cheers Doug



## NWL Clubnight General Knowledge Quiz – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

## Results

Teams	Round 1 Geography	Round 2 Art & Lit	Sub Total	Round 3 Science & Tech	Sub Total	Round 4 History	Sub Total	Round 5 Sport	Sub Total	Round 6 Gen Knowledge	Total	Position
Mike & Ann	12J	5	17	5	22	7	29	7	36	7	43	5
Gwilym	4J	4	8	6	14	5	19	5	24	2	26	10
Pete	6	4	10	10J	20	7	27	9	36	5	41	7
John & Jean	9	8	17	8J	25	8	33	8	41	3	44	4
Mike B	5	5	10	5	15	8	23	14J	37	5	42	6
Ian & Lorraine	5	6	11	6	17	3	20	14J	34	3	37	9
Alan, Anne & Dave	7	6	13	6	19	20J	39	6	45	5	50	2
Mark	7	4	11	14J	25	5	30	5	35	5	40	8
Trevor	8	5	13	18J	31	8	39	7	46	6	52	1
Doug	6	7	13	14J	27	6	33	8	41	7	48	3

J=Joker played (double points)

Organiser: Alan Thurbon



# Diary NWL 2020/21

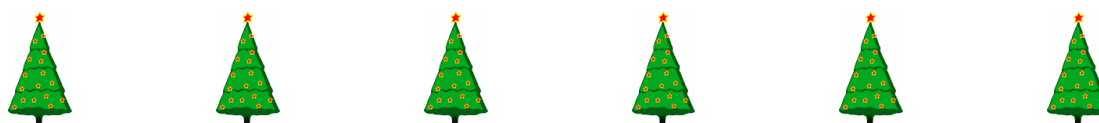


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## December

- Tue 1st**    **NWL Clubnight - Christmas Quiz (virtual)**
- 5th-6th    WRC - Italy
- Sun 6th    F1 - Bahrain 2
- Sun 13th   F1 - Abu Dhabi
- Thu 17th**   **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH**



## January

- Tue 5th**    **NWL Clubnight - Bingo (virtual)**
- Fri 8th**    **NWL 12 Car Rally**
- Thu 21st**   **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH**
- 22nd-24th   WRC - Monte Carlo

## February

- Tue 2nd**    **NWL Clubnight - Two Brewers scatter (virtual)**
- Fri 5th    NEL 12 Car Rally
- 12th-14th   WRC - Sweden
- Thu 18th**   **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH**

Dates to reserve:

NWL 12 Car rally - 5th March 2021