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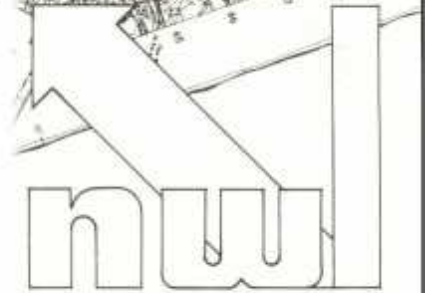
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Clubnight Picture Quiz (Change)

Organised by Mike Biss

Zoom call (host Mike H)

(see page 6 for details)

THE BIRTHDAY BOX !

February's birthday people are **Cheryl Baldwin, Ian Buxton, Owen Turner** and **Ted Manktelow**. Happy Birthday!



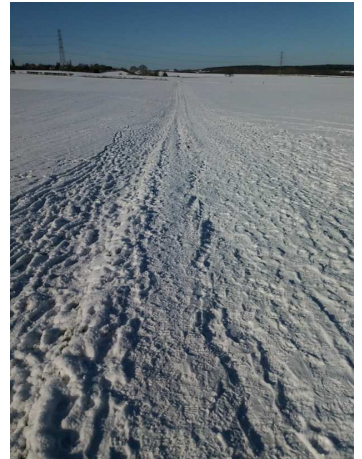
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Editorial

Well we finally got our snow this week and what a delight it was with no problems caused to most of us, as we were not going out anywhere anyway. Although very cold, I had a walk around the nearby countryside today and there were still quite a few people out having their walks.



For this months clubnight we have decided to change it from the original online version of the Two Brewers scatter, to a picture quiz. I had second thoughts about the format, in that it would entail you working away at clues which would mean no interaction between people for awhile, which is not really what we want at this present time. So instead we will have a quiz with all the clues as pictures.

There will be no Rally GB this year, as funding has dried up and no plans could be made in time to get on this years calendar. Future plans are to move it around the country on a regular basis, with the first change meaning it goes to Northern Ireland for 2022. It will be nice to see it back in the forests from days gone by and give the drivers a different challenge each year, rather than keep using the same stages each time.

The Dakar rally ran for its second year in Saudi Arabia and the scenery out in the wilderness is really stunning. For this year, they had introduced a new class for historic vehicles from the pre 2000 Dakars, which was run over some of the same terrain, but as a regularity event. It was nice to see the same Porsche 911 out again that won the 1984 event, when René Metge was driving. The winner of the main event this year, and for the fourteenth time, was Stephane Peterhansel in the X-Raid Mini JCW buggy. He is by far the most successful rider/driver in the event, having first competed back in 1988.



It is looking more and more unlikely that our 12 Car rallies will actually get a chance to be held this season, as although they may be planned, and eventually allowed, it might be prudent to not actually run them due to the impression it might give to others. It seems that some 12 Cars in other parts of the country have met with an upsurge in complaints from the public, especially if going past someone badly affected by the pandemic.

The Monte Carlo Rally this year was a challenge for the organisers, trying to fit in the days stages that also met the strict Covid rules of not being out between 6pm and 6am. This meant a lot of competition driving was over by the early afternoon, to make sure all the field got through and back in time. The competition however, was just as tense as in previous years, with Elfyn Evans again chasing Sebastian Ogier for the win, but just falling short at the finish. It was interesting to see that Tommi Makkinen had stepped down as team principal at Toyota and been replaced by Jari-Matti Latvala, who was completely surprised to get the call. The Ford team didn't have a good event when Teemu Suninen, on the first stage, put a rear wheel on a slippery white line and under steered into the bank, before rolling and then going off the road, and out of the event. What was most disappointing for them at the time was that he was fastest through the test at that point!



Keep safe.

Mike B.

NOTE: Deadline for contributions to the March newsletter is Thursday 18th February



Chairman's notebook

A big thank you to Antony for calling out the numbers at last month's Bingo night, not sure about some of the words, but it was great fun, especially as I won! (p.s. where's my prize).

Thank you all for attending, as no with face to face clubnights, it really does make a huge difference when there is a good attendance on these Zoom meetings.

This month Mike B is not running the Two Brewers scatter as previously informed, but instead will be running a picture quiz for us, as he rightly thought that we would do better if we could see one another and therefore more interaction, in other words, more fun! Please see details elsewhere in the newsletter and don't forget to let me know that you wish to attend.

As I sit here typing on Sunday morning looking out over the back garden, the snow has been falling since about 10:30am and it's the most we've had for a number of years, no doubt it will all be gone by this evening, but a least Claire and Jacob have got to build a snowman in the garden.



I received a text from Mike B the other morning, to say he had seen my car of TV the night before. It appeared on a programme called Vintage Voltage which is on Quest, series one episode 7 if you are interested in looking it up on Catch Up TV. This is where they install electric motors in classic cars and the episode in which my car was seen for about 30 secs, was on them installing one in an MG Midget. The reason it was seen, is that it just happened to be in the workshop at Frontline when the programme host turned up to collect all the suspension and bake components for the Midget featured on the show.

As one can imagine, in a classic the question of where to put the batteries is the biggest problem, in the Midget they split them equally between the engine bay above the electric motor and the boot. Even doing this, it only had a range of 120 miles and guess what, no boot space (which is why they never showed to you this on the programme), but mind you with that limited range you couldn't exactly go down to Devon and Cornwall for the weekend could you, so perhaps no luggage space required!

However, they did say all the suspension and brake modifications were fantastic, which are the same ones that mine has. The range of conversions on classic cars they cover is quite interesting, although I will leave you to decide as to whether it's worth all the effort and money and by the way, don't believe the costs mentioned on the programme!

Talking of the Sprite, its MOT is due next month where it will go back to Frontline for an oil change and a spanner check as well as the MOT before taking it to Northampton Motorsport for a tune up on their rolling road (the place I have always taken it to previously has unfortunately closed, as the owner has retired), this is where Frontline now take their cars and is where Doug has previously taken the Lancia and now takes the Chevette.

Not to be outdone by Doug, hopefully Mike will have found room for some photographs (*ED: See page 7*) I took of my model Ford GT, which I have just completed. Jacob and Claire bought this for me last September for my Birthday, but I have only found time during the latest lockdown to complete. The scale is 1:24 and it's a great kit with fantastic detailing, most of which you can only see if you take the bodywork off. As ever with these kits, the paint scheme depicted on the box is impossible to replicate, or at least it's beyond my skill level, so I created my own, which as the body came in two parts, there are just two colours, dark blue and white. I'm very pleased with the result and it certainly beats watching TV!

For obvious reasons there is still no motorsport for us or face to face clubnights at present, so next month our AGM will be held on Zoom. HQ will allow us to delay this until the summer, but I would rather get it over and done with now and preserve the summer clubnights for meeting face to face outdoors, as I don't know about you, but I am getting stir crazy sitting at home in front of a computer screen!

Alan and I will have a chat about how to run the AGM online, but I did one on Scouts in December and I can assure you that it does work, we might even get more in attendance than having it at the Red Lion!

I could not attend our drink and a chat last month as I was double booked with a Scout Zoom meeting, I did when my meeting ended, but I missed you all by a couple of minutes, however, I should be in attendance this month and again if you would like to attend please let me know, I will send you an invite. It's on the 18th this month at 8:30pm.

Hopefully I will see you all on the 2nd February on Zoom at 8pm!

Mike H.

Secretary's spot

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Well January is rapidly drawing to a close, and already the afternoons are getting a little brighter with a tiny bit more daylight. The downside however is that many of us are staying home apart from essential trips that are required for food and medication. It does seem though that there are far more people on the move than there were at the start of the first lockdown last March. We have all become much more acceptable of the wonders of modern technology with Zoom and Face Time and the such like!

On that note it was great to participate in our last clubnight where an evening of virtual bingo was put together by Chairman Mike with huge assistance from his son-in-law Antony! Ant proved to be an excellent 'caller' but could do very little in stopping father-in-law being the most successful player of the evening. All in all, a great evening was enjoyed and big thanks to Ant for holding it all together.

Once again, our drink and a chat gathering was held virtually and a few of us socialised together putting the world to right and enjoying a drink within your own home. It is likely this procedure will have to continue for at least the next few months so put the third Thursday evening in your diaries and come and join us for some light-hearted chat.

As you may read in Mike B's motorsport bulletin, the 12 car rallies planned for January and February have been re-scheduled for March and April, however it seems likely that they will not be able to proceed. I am sure Mike will be circulating up to date information about the continuing situation.

It was considered that our February clubnight on Tuesday 2nd of the month would be a virtual running of the Two Brewers scatter event, however after further thought it was felt that this would prove a rather unsociable exercise, so instead Mike B will be putting on another quiz (picture one this time) so please let Mike H know you wish to participate and he will provide you with the Zoom log-in details for the evening.

Whilst talking clubnights, we have decided to retain holding the group Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 2nd March, but via Zoom. Full details and all the officer's reports will be published in next months Big End, although there will not be too much to say considering the rather quiet year North West London Group endured through 2020.

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

- Tuesday 2nd February** – NWL Clubnight – virtual Quiz evening put together by Mike B
- Thursday 18th February** – NWL Chat and a Drink via Zoom
- Tuesday 2nd March** – NWL Annual General Meeting via Zoom
- Thursday 18th March** – NWL Chat and a Drink most likely via Zoom

That's about it for now, please keep safe and well and follow the guidelines!!

Alan T

Date	Day	Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club	Champ
Mar	Fri 12	12 Car Rally (Cm)	Navigational rally ---TBC---	CSMA NWL	Region
Apr	Fri 9	12 Car Rally (Cm)	Navigational rally ---TBC---	CSMA NWL	Region
	Sun 11@	Juniper Autotest (Cm)	Tarmac autotest	CSMA NEL	MSUK/BTRDA
	Sun 25	Bocardo Autosolo (Cm)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Oxford MC	

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

Past Events

Future Events

Covid Impact The current situation means it is very difficult to know when things will actually get to run.

February 12 Car Rally This event has been cancelled, as we have now moved into lockdown and if we come out before the event, we will most likely be in another high Tier group.

March 12 Car Rally – Event Running TBC This will be the rescheduled Jan event, provided suitable conditions are in place so we are able to run. 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, 01525 861673 (Work) or 07709 221115 (Mob).

April 12 Car Rally – Event Running TBC This will be the rescheduled Feb event, provided suitable conditions are in place so we are able to run. Starting from TBA at present (Bishops Stortford area), it will use map 167 (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 £15 per car. Offers of entries would be appreciated by Graham Robinson and you can contact him on graham.e.robinson@btinternet.com.

Juniper Autotest This is currently a provisional date, as we are dependent on the VSCC running their own event that weekend for the site availability. @ I have now advised the championship committee that the date will now be moved to later in the year (fingers crossed).

Other Events Clubs are planning on putting on various events, but they are all dependent on current lockdown/Tier situations.

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Picture Quiz - Clubnight (*Changed from Two Brewers*) Tuesday 2nd Feb @ 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.

FORD GT Kit

You can see I didn't exactly follow the colour scheme as trying to mask between different colours was beyond me, so I just chose to paint the two body panels in different colours instead. I think mine looks better anyway. The same with the transfers!

Mike H



NWL 12 Car Rally

STILL TO BE CONFIRMED

Friday 12th March

Coleman Green area, Herts

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)
Competitors required - Arrive before 8pm, first car starts at 20:31
Regs available beginning of Feb from Mike Biss or new event website (see regs)

NEL 12 Car Rally

STILL TO BE CONFIRMED

Friday 9th April

Bishops Stortford area, Essex & Herts

There will be three classes:- Beginners / Novices / Experts - £15 entry fee
Navigation will be tailored to suit the classes - Map 167 (Feb 2016) required
Standard Navigation Guidelines introduced for organisers – see regs for details
Organiser Graham Robinson (graham.e.robinson@btinternet.com)
Competitors required - Arrive before 8pm, first car starts at 20:31
Regs available beginning of March from Mike Biss or new event website (see regs)



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February

- Tue 2nd** **NWL Clubnight - Picture Quiz (virtual)**
- Fri 12th** **NEL 12 Car Rally (Date Change) - CANCELLED**
- Thu 18th** **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH (Live or virtual)**
- 26th-28th** **WRC - Finland (replaces Sweden)**

March

- Tue 2nd** **NWL Clubnight - AGM and Quiz? (maybe virtual)**
- Fri 12th** **NWL 12 Car Rally (Date Change) - TBC**
- Thu 18th** **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH (Live or virtual)**
- Sun 28th** **F1 - Bahrain**

April

- Tue 6th** **NWL Clubnight - Activity TBA (maybe virtual)**
- Fri 9th** **NEL 12 Car Rally - TBC**
- Thu 15th** **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH (Live or virtual)**
- 22nd-25th** **WRC - Croatia**

Dates to reserve: