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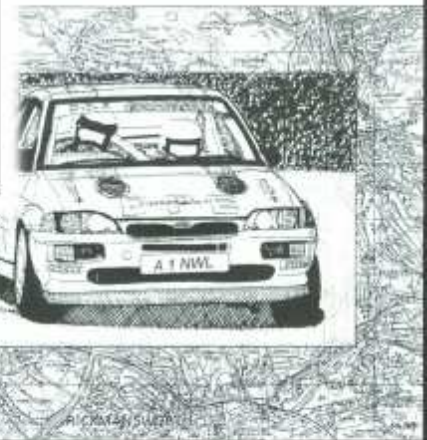


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Club night NWL AGM - followed by a Quiz

Tuesday 2nd March

Zoom call (host Mike H)

(see page 6 for details)

THE BIRTHDAY BOX !

In March we have several celebrations - starting with **Steven Harrison**, followed by **Alan Thurbon** and **Pete Gregory**. Happy birthday to you all!



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Boundless North West London Group

Editorial

We have a bumper edition this month, as we have all the paperwork for the AGM, plus another Communique for you to have a read through.

Clubnights are proving quite popular on Zoom at the moment, so if you haven't been on one yet, why not give it a go. No travelling on dark nights required 😊 AGM time this month, so please make the effort to come along and give your views on what the group should/shouldn't be running for the next year. The Treasurer/Secretary/Chairman reports can be found on pages 8-12.

The 12 Car Rallies for the start of 2021 have now been cancelled, but hopefully we will get to run the grass autotests and the tarmac Juniper this year.

Interesting to see that the EU Vnuk legislation that would have required all ride-on lawnmowers, cars on SORN, etc. to be insured, is going to be dropped by the government. It would have cost us a large increase in insurance apayments. Another good side of Brexit!

In F1, although the cars are using the same chassis as last year, there have been rule changes that affect the aerodynamics, which means the teams are still having to develop their cars, to try and get some of the performance back. Mercedes reckon they are starting with 2019 levels of performance due to the rule changes, so are working hard and they won't have the moveable steering to help tyre warm up. McLaren have now got the Mercedes engine in the back of their car, so they will have to hope the rest of the car is up to it and they can move up the championship and start to challenge for proper wins. Red Bull meantime, have agreed to take over the Honda engine project, when Honda leave at the end of this year.



With the engine rules remaining static until a new engine design comes in, in 2015, they felt able to take it on. Watch out for it being rebranded as an Aston Martin engine in the future.

The roll out of the vaccine has been going well, but it has impacted on the blood donor sessions, as they have taken up most of the locations that the donor sessions were held at. In my case it was of benefit, as they have moved the donor session to the village hall at the bottom of my road and is now only a two minute walk. Good in another way, as it was so cold and the car hadn't been used for ages, that it wouldn't start! I think the diesel and oil just get so thick, the engine can't turn over fast enough to get it started.

The WRC heads to the Arctic region of Finland to provide a proper snow rally, to replace the Swedish event. That event had been suffering from too warm temperatures, which meant there was often not enough snow. At least this time there will be plenty of snow and with temperatures forecast to dip below a numbing -20°C, the crews are having to carry a winter survival kit. We haven't had a real winter rally for a few years, so it will be interesting to see how they manage.



Keep safe.

Mike B.

NOTE: Deadline for contributions to the April newsletter is Thursday 25th March



Chairman's notebook

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Mike Biss produced an excellent quiz last month which was great fun, a mixed bunch of questions ensured there was something in it that everyone could answer, and he certainly set a very high standard that I unfortunately have to follow this month, as I stupidly volunteered to run a quiz after the AGM! Oh well if it's rubbish you can always sack me, but apologies in advance as they say!

Just like Mikes, I will try and ensure it includes question that everyone should be able to answer, perhaps not all, as it is a competition after all and we do have to have a winner, although hopefully not too difficult so that everyone enjoys it!

Yes, it's the most important clubnight of the year this month as it's our Annual General Meeting. However, you will all be pleased to know that everyone on the committee has agreed to stand again, so it should be fairly short, unless of course anyone would like to volunteer. We currently have a full committee, but we can always make room for someone else and of course I could step down!

My report can be found in the newsletter, along with our secretary's report and of course not forgetting the treasurer's report, not that we had anything to spend any money on, I think the cost of a stamp or two is probably about it!

So please do try and attend the AGM this year, it's going to be a Zoom one, so one might say different from the usual format, but I am sure we will get through it, well I hope so and you should be receiving an invite/login details etc. Any problems, just give me a call and I will ensure you get the necessary login details etc. Please remember, apologies to Alan Thurbon in advance of the meeting if you are unable to attend.

On an entirely different matter, I spoke to Joyce, Ted's wife, the other week and sadly I must report Ted is now in a nursing home and is unlikely to return home. Although he is sound in mind, the body is not good and his eyesight is getting worse. Joyce very kindly gave me his mobile telephone number and I called him at the home and spoke to him for about 5 minutes and gave him our best wishes etc, he can only speak for about 5 minutes as his voice starts to go beyond that. I am sure he would love to hear from some of you and I can give you his number if you want to call him, the best time to telephone him is between 4 and 5pm.

Joyce is well and settling into their new home, which fortunately is much more manageable than the previous house, although of course she is missing Ted, especially as she can't visit him at this time.

At the committee meeting the other week, we discussed forthcoming clubnights and we are trying to arrange some speakers to try and vary the Zoom meetings. Bernard has given me the details of someone who does a talk on light houses and I understand now that HQ have also published a list of possible speakers as well. Obviously, we are moving forward on the basis that we should soon be able to meet once more with face to face clubnights, especially in the summer if we are allowed, although hopefully the vaccination programme will speed things up in this respect. I had mine today.

Will no motorsport and travel restrictions etc. in place, as you will have seen from previous newsletters, Doug and I have returned to making plastic kits of cars etc. as quite frankly it beats watching TV or reading a book at this time and it also gives me an excuse to avoid the garden!

Tucked away in my display cabinet, I have had a 1:350 plastic kit of HMS Dreadnought, still in its box, for some years now and after finishing the Ford GT40 last month, as well as some white metal military vehicles, again brought off eBay several years ago (they are the same scale as the Dinky Military vehicles which is 1:60), I thought I might as well take it out of the box and give it a go.

Chairman's notebook - continues on page 7

Secretary's spot

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Another month gone and still 'normality' seems something of dreams! On a much brighter note at least most of us 'oldies' have now had the first dose of the vaccination and the overall rate of infection does seem to be on the decrease. I have recently received another notification from Brighton that face to face Group activity should not be planned until May at the earliest and also that the Member Events Programme will not start until at least the end of July.

We have all been advised to carefully consider holidays for a while, home and abroad, so it is all getting even more depressing! At least you have the NWL exciting programme of 'virtual' events to look forward to so make a note of the dates in your diaries and come and join us if you can.

Our February clubnight saw Mike B put together a super picture quiz all via Zoom. The topics were pretty reasonable and with only 11 points separating the top eight places the competition was obviously nail biting! Treasurer Doug came out on top with a single point victory over the Robins trio. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all. Many thanks to Mike.

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, all 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.

The March and April 12 car rallies have had to be cancelled as predicted however I am sure Mike B will be circulating up to date motorsport information about the continuing situation.

Next clubnight, on Tuesday 2nd March will be the North West London Group Annual General Meeting held via Zoom. Full details of the meeting plus all the officer's reports are included in this Big End so please note that the official meeting will start at 8:30pm but you can sign into the Zoom call from 8pm onwards. Please contact Chairman Mike for the full signing in details. Do please come along to this very important gathering with some ideas of what we can do or organise for the benefit of the Group. Time permitting, (as the AGM should not last too long) Chairman Mike will be running a short quiz which I am sure will provide us with some light heated fun after the formalities of the AGM

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

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| Tuesday 2nd March | – NWL Annual General Meeting via Zoom |
| Thursday 18th March | – NWL Chat and a Drink most likely via Zoom |
| Tuesday 6th April | – NWL Clubnight – most likely quiz time via Zoom |
| Thursday 15th April | – NWL Chat and a Drink most likely via Zoom |
| Tuesday 4th May | – NWL Clubnight – likely to be another round of virtual bingo |

That's about it for now!

Please keep safe and well and hope for a gentle ease in the restrictions!

Alan T

Date	Day	Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club	Champ
Mar	Fri 12	12 Car Rally (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL	CANCELLED
Apr	Fri 9	12 Car Rally (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL	CANCELLED
	Sun 11@	Juniper Autotest (Cm)	Tarmac autotest	CSMA NEL	MSUK/BTRDA
	Sun 11	Abingdon Autosolo (Cm)	Cross between autotest/sprint	FDMC	
	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.

March & April 12 Car Rally These events have now been cancelled, as we don't expect to be in a situation where they can be run.

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 asked them what their current situation is with regard to a calendar and I am currently awaiting their reply. @ I have advised the championship committee that the event will be very unlikely to run on this date, but hopefully it can be moved to later in the year (fingers crossed).

Summer Grass Autotests Our aim is to plan for these events to be running this year, as other clubs have run them ok under the covid restrictions. It will just be down to getting the ok from the farmer.

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

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- - - - - **BREAKING NEWS: Club motorsport to restart from Monday 29th March** - - - - -

Notice of North West London Group AGM

AGM - Clubnight (*followed by a Quiz*) Tuesday 2nd March @ 8pm

(AGM starts at 8:30pm)

NOTE: Please have your club membership number to hand (*if applicable*)

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.

Chairman's notebook - continued from page 4

Unfortunately, I couldn't resist buying some photo-etched brass detailing kits, as well as a laser cut timber deck to add to the kit. I say unfortunately, because after 5 weeks and the loss of my eyesight, I haven't yet finished it. To say it's fiddly doesn't do it justice, but I am glad I did start it now as in a few more years' time my eyesight will certainly not be up for it. I have dropped several tiny brass details whilst modelling it and they are very nearly impossible to spot on the carpet, even with a torch and a magnifying glass! Anyway, hopefully I might have a few photographs of the finished model next month, although it might be in the bin in frustration by then!

Rumour has it that Doug's made a very nice model of a 1:72 scale Heinkel He 177 Greif. Perhaps some of you out there can provide Mike with an article of lost or forgotten hobbies that have been resurrected during the lockdown?

The Sprite will have hopefully passed its MOT last week and all I need to do now is book a session on the rolling road at Northampton Motorsport for the tune up and fingers and toes crossed whilst they do it!

Eight of us enjoyed a drink and a chat online last month, during which we had a jolly good moan about electric cars, not that this will change anything you realise, but we just feel better afterwards! As with last month I will send out a Zoom invite to everyone, but if I miss you by any chance my apologies, just telephone or email me and I will add you to the invite and again if you know of anyone who might like to join us, again drop me an email etc.

I was talking to Russell Fry the other day and he might join us this month, Russ moved down to the town of Swanage a few years ago, not only is it located on a beautiful stretch of coast but it also has a steam railway, one might say it's perfect! Well Russ is currently rebuilding a VW camper, as well as a Triumph Herald, at present amongst other things, like restoring his farmhouse etc.

For those of you who don't remember Russ, he was an active member of the group when he lived in Watford, competing on numerous road rallies etc. over several years, including the classic CB Rally in Wales. Before retiring from competitions, Russ and I competed on the Kumho National Stage Rally championship in his Peugeot GTi, winning our class in our final year.

Finally, please do try to attend the AGM on the 2nd March and if not then perhaps the drink and a chat on the 18th March, all of which will be on Zoom.

Mike H

Clubnight Quiz Results

Picture Quiz

Feb 2021 Clubnight

Teams	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Round 8	Total	Position
Doug	6	6	9	7	8	5	8	9	58	1
Alan, Dave, Anne	5	8	9	6	5	8	9	7	57	2
Ian & Lorraine	6	4	8	7	7	6	9	7	54	3
Anne & Steve	6	3	9	10	3	6	9	8	54	3
John & Jean	2	9	7	8	4	8	7	6	51	5
Mike H	5	7	7	4	6	6	9	6	50	6
Trevor	6	6	9	9	6	4	8	-	48	7
Alan T	2	6	5	10	5	5	5	9	47	8
Pete	2	3	8	6	4	5	7	3	38	9
Gwilym	4	3	7	5	1	2	3	3	28	10

Organiser: Mike B

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

AGENDA

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 2nd March 2021, via Zoom and commencing at 8.30pm

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 2020 AGM
3. Matters arising
4. Chairman's report
5. Secretary's report
6. Treasurer's report
7. Election of Officers and Committee
8. Boundless by CSMA – Group's Charter
9. Open Forum
10. Any other business

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NORTH WEST LONDON GROUP

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the North West London Group of Boundless by CSMA held on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at The Red Lion, London Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts commencing at 8.30pm.

Present were Mike Harrison (Chairman), Alan Thurbon (Secretary) and 10 other members.

The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending.

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies of absence from Doug Harrison, Gwilym Griffiths, Trevor Miller, Steven Harrison and John and Jean Dossett..

2. Minutes of the 2019 AGM

These were circulated, agreed and signed

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising that would not be discussed later.

4. Chairman's report

This was presented to the members in written form and also published in the most recent Big End newsletter however the Chairman expanded on his report verbally. He thanked the Officers and Committee members for their hard work during the year. Certain events such as the revised format 12 car rallies and autotests had been very well attended last year attracting younger potential members. He finally thanked all present for their continued support and also requested new ideas for club nights, where the lack of attendance was a concern however numbers were improving

5. Secretary's report

The Secretary's written report was also circulated and published in the newsletter. His report also emphasised the need to attract revitalised support but comment and thanks were given to the support received from the Member Communities team at Brighton.

6. Treasurer's report

The Group accounts were circulated in writing to the meeting and accepted without comment. In his absence Treasurer let it be known that the group's accounts were in good order and that financially we were very well placed.

7. Election of Officers and Committee

No written nominations had been received.

The following nominations were received from the floor;

Chairman – Mike Harrison, proposed Pete Gregory, seconded Joyce Manktelow.

Secretary – Alan Thurbon, proposed Mike Biss, seconded Dave Smith.

Treasurer – Doug Harrison, proposed Alan Thurbon, seconded Dave Robins.

The following were proposed as Committee members for the coming year;

Mike Biss, Pete Gregory, Anne Graves, Ian O'Connor, Lorraine O'Connor and Gwilym Griffiths

It was proposed by Dave Robins and seconded by Ted Manktelow that the above Committee members were voted 'en bloc'.

8. CSMA Club Groups Charter

The Secretary introduced this item to the meeting whereby since summer 2013 it was a requirement for the Chairman to sign a declaration ensuring effective and appropriate behavioural methods between volunteer helpers and the professional Member Communities team at Brighton in both directions. The Chairman duly signed the Charter for the forthcoming year.

9. North West London Group Rules

The meeting agreed to continue with Local Group rules for North West London Group based on Boundless by CSMA Club Handbook, Section 4.9, Version 2, October 2019.

10. Open Forum

Various suggestions for future Group programme included;

- Classics on the common at Croxley Green with Group publicity stand
- Bletchley Park Museum
- De Havilland museum
- Hendon RAF Museum
- Possible canal trip
- Visit to McAlpine grounds
- A light-hearted karting event
- Quinton Railway Centre

11. Any other business

There was no further business and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.

Chairman **Date**

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NORTH WEST LONDON GROUP CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021

Under the current unusual circumstance may I say, a very warm welcome to the North West London Group's Annual General Meeting. Thank you for making the effort to attend and as usual we will try to keep this short and to the point. We will then have a short break to allow you to refill your glasses and then continue with a quiz to finish the evening.

As I have said, a most unusual year and one which I sincerely hope is not to be repeated, the Covid 19 virus has quite simply decimated our usual club activities, not to say club motorsport in the UK and of course our lives at both home and at work.

However, we have discovered internet club nights and we have managed despite the pandemic to stay in touch with one another and with the aid of this zoom technology even managed to reach out to members who have moved away from here in N W London.

As at previous AGMs I must thank the members of the committee for all their hard work and support over this difficult year, Alan Thurbon, Doug Harrison, Mike Biss, Peter Gregory, Anne Graves, Gwilym Griffiths, Ian and Lorraine O'Connor.

However, a special thanks to Alan our secretary and Doug our treasurer, both of whom have worked with great determination and enthusiasm to ensure that the group is well run and is financially sound. This is where I usually say a special thanks to Anne for the use of her front room at her house for our committee meetings, but we haven't used it this year, although I think I can say that the entire committee is looking to getting back to face to face committee meetings and her usual great hospitality.

During the pandemic we have relied heavily on the newsletter to keep things going and Mike Biss has done an amazing job in keeping it going, so it is only right that I take this opportunity to recognise this and thank Mike on behalf of the group for all his hard work in keeping our newsletter "The Big End" going so strongly. Well done Mike and thank you for all your hard work.

But as ever I am sure Mike will of course be only be too happy to receive articles etc. for inclusion in the newsletter as it is still the most efficient and important way of communication to both the active and none active members of the group and of course the wider general membership who are perhaps looking for something interesting to do or to read.

Please remember, the subject matter doesn't have to be motor sport related as all subjects are accepted, so get you thinking caps on and please try and write a short article for Mike to include in the newsletter this year and remember there is now a prize for the best newsletter in the club and we certainly want to win it which we can only do with your help!

I am very delighted to confirm that all current committee members have agreed to stand again this year, but we are always looking for new faces on the committee, which might allow some of us old faces to stand down. Even if you are not interested or can't for whatever reason find the time, if you have any new ideas etc. please do send any of us an email after the AGM as your views are important to us.

Unfortunately our usual summer auto tests didn't happen last year and neither have our 12 car series managed to run so far this year, but hopefully we can try and run something later in the summer or autumn even if it's just a run out to a pub.

Although we did manage to run a walking treasure hunt last summer when the rules were relaxed, we have since then had to rely on zoom club nights comprising of various quizzes and even a bingo night, I have to admit we are struggling to think of other things we can run on zoom, so if any of you have any alternative suggestions, either for club nights or events, please do let us know, after all it is your club and we are here to listen. A speak would be good.

As with past years we seem to be holding steady with our numbers and with zoom enabling us to reach out to past members who have moved away, dare I say it, our numbers sometimes have even increased!

Last, but not least, a very big thank you, to all of you, the ordinary members who manage to attend our on -line activities and let us not forget that without your support we would have no group and of course without the group, there would be no club.

Please stay safe and hopefully we will soon be able to meet face to face once more.

Mike Harrison
NWL Group Chairman

CSMA North West London AGM Accounts for 2020

	2020		2019		
	Receipts	Payments	Receipts	Payments	
Balance brought forward	628.63		Balance brought forward	592.93	
Imprests	0.00		Imprests	800.00	
Events Income	229.00		Events Income	2,208.51	
Travel & Meals		111.00	Travel & Meals	187.50	
Events Costs		326.14	Event Costs	2,680.80	
Room Hire		30.00	Room Hire	80.00	
Postage		3.46	Postage	5.51	
Stationery		0.00	Stationery	4.00	
Computer Supplies		0.00	Computer Supplies	15.00	
Balance carried forward		387.03	Balance carried forward	628.63	
Total	£857.63	£857.63	Total	£3,601.44	£3,601.44
Budget for 2020	£1,255		Budget for 2019	£1,025	
Imprests claimed	£0		Imprests claimed	£800	

Doug Harrison NWL Treasurer March 2021

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North West London Group

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

Secretary's Report

On writing this report almost 12 months ago to the day very few of us had any real idea of what was lurking just around the corner. Our 2020 AGM came and went, as many have before it, with not too much of a worry for the ongoing success of North West London Group. Little did we know that the world was about to change and our everyday living was about to become 'far from normal'. We now all know the effects of the pandemic and even today, 12 months later, we still live in a very restricted environment which will remain with us in some form for a considerable amount of time into the future.

Despite the depressing (and frightening) situation that has existed the Group has hung together and our enthusiastic members have done their best to provide various forms of entertainment to keep us going. I have to admit that this time last year I thought Zoom was an ice lolly but most of us have come to accept that it is one of the best forms of communication to enable groups of people to mix safely.

During the year our Chairman Mike has once again worked tirelessly to organise the Zoom invitations and provide activities for our continued enjoyment as well as keeping the rest of us on our toes. Doug continues to make a good job of Treasurer and has ensured we have always been financially viable, although in the last 12 months very little money has changed hands. We would certainly be lost without the huge input from Mike B who not only publishes our Big End newsletter each month but also acts as our motorsport co-ordinator and normally organises many events along the way – sadly, there wasn't any requirement for motoring events during 2020. The rest of the Committee, namely Anne, Lorraine, Ian, Pete and Gwilym were always around for committee meetings and aided discussions about what and when we could hope to provide a more active programme.

The support from our professional Member Communities Team at Brighton (led by Nick Hoath) has always been there to help if required even though they have been pretty much 'working from home' most of the time. A significant Member Events programme was planned for 2020 but sadly all got cancelled although there have been a number of excellent 'virtual' events that have taken place and been much appreciated. This programme of virtual events will continue and it is hoped, before long, that 'normal' member days and events will be run so keep an eye on The Big End, the Communique's, the website and the Boundless by CSMA magazine for all the latest news.

The 'Open Forum' section of the Agenda is your chance to make some comments so please Zoom in to our virtual AGM with a few ideas that may help to inject some new active life into NWL Group. I would very much like to witness an upturn in NWL membership once we get a little nearer normality so please do whatever you can to attend as many of our events as possible and bring along your family, friends and neighbours – they just might like what we have to offer!

Alan Thurbon
NWL Group Secretary
March 2021

Member Communities Communique

February 2021 Update

Update from 10th February Club Council Meeting

The Club Council met for their 75th meeting, once again via Zoom due to the ongoing Government Restrictions.

The usual Interest Group Leaders and Local Groups Representatives reports were fairly brief due to the ongoing in-activity of many Groups and the uncertainty of when they will be able to return to their usual activities. However, the Local Group Representatives were able to report an encouraging number of Local Groups (13) are currently running their Club Nights via Zoom, with several more considering this option should the restrictions on physical meetings continue.

One of the issues raised, was to gain some clarity regarding Local Group AGMs and whether they were permitted to go ahead using Zoom. It was confirmed Groups can hold their AGMs via Zoom and the following advice is suggested to ensure the Group's AGM is conducted appropriately, (if Groups chose to operate them via Zoom):

- *Ensure the AGM is advertised on the Group's website page and in any Group Newsletters*
- *To ensure the meeting is quorate, the Group Secretary should request member's membership numbers either in advance via email (this could be part of the meeting invitation), or via the Zoom 'Chat' function at the start of the meeting - ensuring members direct their comment to the Secretary only (i.e. not 'everyone' which is the default setting)*
- *All participants should be muted for the meeting (except for the Chair)*
- *Should anyone wish to speak they should either raise their hand (make sure they have their camera on!) – as you would in a normal meeting, or alternatively they can comment in the 'Chat' function*
- *Elections and votes should be conducted via members raising their hands, or via the 'Chat' function*
- *When the Treasurer, Secretary, (or any other contributors) is presenting a report to the meeting, ensure all participants are, once again, on mute.*

Alternatively, if Groups wish to hold off holding their AGMs until later in the summer, then this is fine. The Groups Charters will be sent out at a later date, once it is safe for Group Committees to meet as normal.

The Club Treasurer, Gerard O'Sullivan updated the Club Council on the initiative he is leading to help Boundless better recognise our many volunteers and the value they provide the organisation. Gerard, via the Club Council Expenses Sub-Committee will be presenting a paper to the April Club Council meeting with recommendations for delivering the most effective ways to value our volunteers, whilst also encouraging more members to step forward to volunteer with Boundless.

Martin Fearn, Independent Council Member (ICM) updated Club Council members on the progress he and the other ICMs are making looking at the apparent under representation of females on the Club Council. This project was originally identified as part of the Investors in Volunteers accreditation Boundless is working towards but is also in place to ensure that the Member Communities governing bodies are fully representative of the membership base, where possible.

Club Leader, Madeleine Grubb updated the Club Council with regard to the need to postpone the Groups Networking meetings once again. It is now anticipated these meeting will take place in the Autumn, provided it is safe to do so.

Head of Member Communities, Nick Hoath reported to the Club Council of the continuing positive trends with members engaging with the online activities, either through the Facebook Interest Groups or the regular quizzes and competitions being run. Nick also updated with regard to the further cancellation of the Member Events Programme until the end of July due to the problems of securing confirmations from venues who are either closed or not prepared to commit to large group bookings. However, on the plus side, the online events being delivered by the Britannia House team are being very well received with over 700 members attending the 2 events in January with subsequent events also proving equally as popular. Nick explained these events are free for all members to participate in and encouraged members to try them out.

Club Leader's Online updates

Following the success of the Zoom sessions before Christmas, Club Leader, Madeleine Grubb will once again be hosting a series of online catchups with members.

These sessions are open to any member and following the first session on Wednesday 17th February, a further two will follow on Tuesday 23rd February at 11.00am and Thursday 25th February at 7.00pm, all via Zoom.

To book on to a session contact nicholas.hoath@boundless.co.uk who will send you the appropriate Zoom meeting link.

Zoom™ Club Nights

With the increased usage of Zoom for many Club Nights during the current Government restrictions on social events, we've designed an SEN for Groups to use for submitting the details of these events. This SEN should only be used for Zoom events, please use the usual SEN for our more traditional, physical events.

The **Zoom Events only SEN** can be found here:

<https://volunteerhub.boundless.co.uk/events/sen-forms>

You will notice the Zoom SEN has removed all the usual Health and Safety questions associated with physical events but will still allow us to populate both the individual Group's website page and also the new Zoom specific events webpage.

The new **webpage for Group's Zoom events** can be found here:

<https://www.boundless.co.uk/our-community/group-zoom-events>

Without the limitations of geography, all members are encouraged to consider participating in other Group's Zoom events.

Here's what's coming up next month, with more events being added all the time:

- Tuesday 9th March – North East London, March Club Night
- Tuesday 9th March – Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells, The Shetland Bus WW2
- Friday 12th March – Ipswich Group, What they didn't teach you in History
- Wednesday 31st March – York Group, Around the UK in Classic Railway Posters

Recording meetings

A useful feature of Zoom is the ability for the host to record the session. These recordings can then be made available to members who may have missed the live event.

However, Zoom hosts should be aware of a few requirements, should you wish to record a Zoom event.

Firstly, you should make all participants aware that the session is going to be recorded, and thereby allowing those who wish to leave the session to do so. Secondly, you should ensure any speakers are happy for the session to be recorded, in particular if they will be using copyrighted materials. And thirdly, you need to indicate to all participants (including any speakers) what the recording will be used for, the potential circulation of the recording and also the period of time the recording will be retained for.

Zoom Speakers list

Following our request earlier in the year and the great response from several Local Groups, we now have a list of potential Zoom Speakers should your Group wish to enquire. Please contact the Member Communities team to request a copy. Of course, if your Group have discovered a great Zoom speaker and they'd be prepared to potentially speak to other Groups, then please let us know and we will add them to the list.

Content/events deadline for the July/August magazine is 6th April.

Please send all content to Kadie. Email: kadie.crichton@boundless.co.uk

Groups Newsletters

During this period of enforced isolation, what better way to keep in touch with your regular attending members than via a Group Newsletter.

Many Groups (see below) already circulate a Newsletter, examples can be found on their specific website pages.

- Bath and Bristol's, 'BABs'
- Dorset's 'Newsletter'
- Edinburgh and Lothian's 'Newsletter' – *their first after 38 years!* (see opposite)
- Exeter's 'Events Programme'
- Kingdom of Fife's 'Programme of Events and Outings'
- Ipswich's 'Traveller'
- Leeds' 'What's On'
- North East London's 'Nelly'
- North West London's 'The Big End'
- Peterborough's 'Newsletter'
- Shropshire's 'Forthcoming Events'
- Surrey's 'Newsletter'
- Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells' 'Spotlight'
- Thames Valley's 'The Visor'
- York's 'Events Programme'

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WELCOME FROM OUR SECRETARY

Well, it there. In our 38 years of existence, this is the first attempt at an Edinburgh Group Newsletter! Bear with me if I first return to how our local Group came to be, that number of years ago. At my office desk in the Registers of Scotland, I received a phone call from a then stranger, Ken Dunn, with the explanation that he was involved with the same Scottish Centre committee and enquiring if I would be interested in joining him to create a new Group for Edinburgh and surrounds. That was the start of the journey that we see all still on (apart from the last ten seconds) and it would not have happened had it not been for that call from Ken.

The first step required by headquarters was to obtain a signed declaration of at least 25 members, indicating their interest in a new local club Group being formed. My office was then staffed by about 750 people, so I quickly obtained such a declaration with 37 signatories (I still have it!). Thereafter, the inaugural meeting was held in the Civil Service Club at Great King Street, Edinburgh on 14 September 1983 and a committee was formed. From that first committee, two members are still involved, namely Anne McDonald, our present Chairperson and myself – both now 38 years older than we were, but having had the pleasure of about 400 events home and abroad and enjoyed the company and camaraderie of all the people we have met over these years.

Twelve events were arranged and held in our first year of 1984, including a talk on Road Craft, a Union Canal Cruise, a barbecue and a Christmas party. Our most ambitious events over the years have included foreign visits to Paris, Amsterdam and Prague and picking a tree from nursery – a Burns Supper at Edinburgh Zoo, a mystery coach trip to Dollar, Clackmannanshire and the Garden Festivals in Glasgow, Grimsland and Blisnam Great in South East Wales – all great memories.

Looking Back 1 - Busful at the Scottish Vintage Bus Museum.

We are always open to suggestions on possible content for future newsletters. We also welcome comments on the current edition. Contact details can be found on the back page.

Newsletters can be of your own design or can follow the simple template found on the Volunteer Hub here: <https://volunteerhub.boundless.co.uk/forms-and-information/logos-and-templates>

Equally, if you'd like to put together a Group Newsletter but need some help, please contact the Member Communities team.

New Governors Appointed

Following the recommendation by the Club Council, the Association Chair with the support of the CSMA Board has appointed two new Association Governors.

John Herington will be known to many members either through his involvement with Local Groups, or as Club Captain, or in his role as a Non-Executive Director for CSMA and ultimately as Association Chairman from 1996-2003.

Dave Farris equally will also be known to many members through his involvement with Local Groups and in several Non-Executive Director roles for CSMA and ultimately as Association Chairman from 2011-2015.

Both John and Dave are both also currently Vice Presidents of the Association and join the other five current Association Governors: Brian Comber, Bev Cooper, Peter Denny, Geoff Lockwood and Graham Rood.

The role of the Governors is a voluntary role to be the guardians of the Association's ethos and to monitor the activities and management of the Association and the Club Council to assess whether the Association operates in a manner that is consistent with its Memorandum and Articles of Association and in the collective interests of its members.

If you, or any other member you know, would like to be considered as becoming an Association Governor, please contact the Club Leader, Madeleine Grubb (Madeleine.Grubb@boundless.co.uk) in the first instance to discuss this opportunity.



Post Brexit Advice

With all the focus on the pandemic, you may have missed (*although we'd suggest highly unlikely!*) that the UK ended its transition period and left the European Union on 31st December 2020.

Several Members have been enquiring as to how this will affect travel to Europe, whether that be by car, motorcycle, motorhome, caravan or on foot!

Our Magazine Team will be providing advice and guidance over the coming months and have already produced the following article covering various topics such as travelling, living and working in the EU post Brexit; but also a few more diverse topics such as postage costs and shopping.

You can read the article on the Boundless website here:

<https://www.boundless.co.uk/be-inspired/lifestyle/how-you-will-be-affected-by-the-brexit-rules-and-regulations>

New Online Groups

As part of the ongoing development of the Member Communities online presence, we have recently re-launched two of our Facebook Groups.

Our Boundless Gardening Group (*formerly Green Fingers*) has had an amazing start with over 700 members joining in the past few weeks and already becoming a really active community discussing and passing on their hints and tips for time in the garden. Plus they have their very own Gardening expert who provides monthly updates via her online video.

Equally our Boundless Cooking and Baking Group (*formerly Foodies*) have also had a strong start with many members sharing a huge range of mouth-watering creations.

Check out both Groups by searching for them on Facebook!



Sad News

We heard over Christmas that long-standing North East London Member, Graham McLean, sadly passed away last June.

Graham was a member of the former Essex Group where, as a keen marshal, he founded and led the North London Centre Marshalling Team (NLMT) for many years. When the Essex Group folded, he became a regular at North East London Group and the enthusiastic support of his marshalling team was instrumental in the successful running of many North East London events, such as the Noreaster Rally, Grasshopper and Juniper Autotests. He and his NLMT were also out flying the CSMA flag most weekends on many other clubs' stage rallies in the south east, as well as assisting on the annual RAC Rally.



Despite not being a competitor in Motorsport events himself, his valuable marshalling contribution to the Club was recognised as being significant enough to merit him being awarded "Sportsmember" status. Although he had not been actively involved in recent times, during the 80's and 90's he was someone who could always be relied on to turn out for an event whatever the weather.

Our condolences are with Graham's family.

Boundless Member Events

As part of the ongoing issues caused by the Coronavirus pandemic forcing the temporary closure of many events venues and the subsequent absence of their staff who have been placed on furlough, plus the reluctance of those venues that are still operating to accept large group bookings, is all causing havoc within the whole events industry and our Britannia House led Member Events programme has not been immune.

As such we have made the very difficult decision to cancel all our planned 'physical' Member Events until the end of July 2021. We will however be increasing the number of our hugely successful online events for members to participate in during the coming months to help fill the void.

Here's what's coming up in the next few months:

Tuesday 23rd February, 7pm: Celebrating Concorde

Hear from Concorde pilot John Tye about what it was like to fly this fantastic aircraft.

Tuesday 9th March, 7pm: Photography Masterclass – Larger than Life

Learn how you can use your digital camera to pick out minutiae in ordinary, everyday life and magnify them.

Tuesday 16th March, 7pm: A Victory Lap of Silverstone

Join Rob Jaina from Silverstone as we dig into the rich archives of the home of British motorsport.

Tuesday 23rd March, 7pm: A Day in the Life of a Hollywood Stuntman

He's been a stuntman on James Bond, Indiana Jones and Star Wars movies, doubled for Lee Marvin on The Dirty Dozen and coordinated stunts for the Top Gear and Grand Tour crews for 10 years.

Tuesday 23rd April, 7pm: To the Olympics and Beyond – with Robin Cousins MBE

Join ice-skating legend Robin Cousins as he talks through his amazing career including reaching the pinnacle of his sport as a gold medallist at the 1980 Lake Placid Olympics. But, as you'll discover at this special Boundless member-exclusive event, there's much more to Robin's story.

Tuesday 20th April, 7pm: The Spectacular Science of Shooting Stars

Will Gater explores the extraordinary scientific story behind shooting stars – just in time for you to view a real meteor shower (the Lyrid Meteor Shower) on the following 2 nights.

Tuesday 27th April, 7pm: 10 Easy Ways to Upgrade Your Garden

Join TV Gardener Nick Bailey for an inspiring webinar focused on simple garden projects anyone can do to upgrade their plot ready for the new season.

Tuesday 4th May, 7pm: South Indian Cookery with Kanthi Thamma

A member-exclusive event giving you a chance to take part in one of Brighton Community Kitchen's renowned cookery classes online from your own home.

Tuesday 25th May, 7pm: Ben Collins, Stories from The Stig

Your chance to get to know one of the men behind the Stig, BBC Top Gear's mystery motoring maestro.

....and there'll be more coming!!

All events are FREE for members to participate in and can be found on our website at:

<https://www.boundless.co.uk/member-events/whats-on#liveonlineevents>

About the Communique

The Communique is sent to around 350 of our volunteers, Group and Association Officers and other interested members. Many of our Group Secretaries also forward the Communique to those members who regularly attend their Group events.

We're always looking to improve the Communique, and would really appreciate your feedback regarding what you like and what you don't, what you'd like to see more of, or less of, is the format ok, etc.?

Let us know by emailing: membercommunities@boundless.co.uk

Keep safe and smiling everyone! 



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 The Red Lion,
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March

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

April

- Tue 6th** **NWL Clubnight - Multi Choice Quiz (maybe virtual)**
- Fri 9th** **NEL 12 Car Rally - CANCELLED**
- Thu 15th** **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH (Live or virtual)**
- Sun 18th** **F1 - Italy**
- 22nd-25th** **WRC - Croatia**

May

- Sun 2nd** **F1 - TBA**
- Tue 4th** **NWL Clubnight - Bingo (maybe virtual)**
- Sun 9th** **F1 - Spain**
- Thu 20th** **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH (Live or virtual)**
- 20th-23rd** **WRC - Portugal**
- Sun 23rd** **F1 - Monaco**

Dates to reserve: