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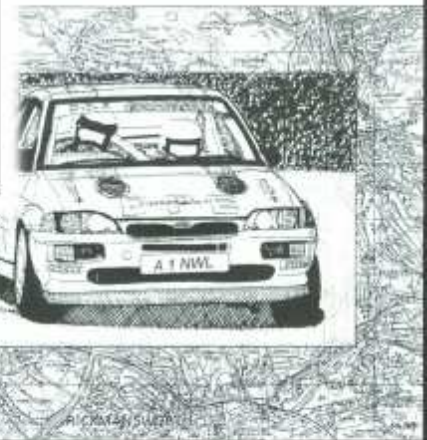


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Club night

General Knowledge Quiz Evening

Organised by Alan T - over Zoom call (host Mike H)

(see page 6 for details)

THE BIRTHDAY BOX !

On our April birthday celebration list we have Antony Cox, Joyce Manktelow, Lee Craker and newcomer Suze Endean - many happy returns to you all!



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Editorial

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We have a smaller edition this month, but at least we are starting to see live events on the calendar.

The F1 race in Bahrain finally gave us a close race between drivers other than between those from Mercedes. The Max v Lewis battle has been awaited for a long time and at long last Red Bull appear to have the upper hand in the 2021 development race, with what appears to be the faster car. Mercedes have pulled back a lot of the time they were behind in testing, and will become stronger as the season goes on. The race was won by Lewis, by the team managing to run an aggressive strategy that gave Red Bull very little in the way of options, and Max having to give the place back after his overtake made him run wide and being instructed to hand the place back. Unfortunately he didn't do it in the best place for him and also overheated the tyres, which prevented him mounting another proper attack. Meanwhile, over in the Aston Martin camp, they must be regretting their dumping of Perez to pay more money for Vettel, only for him to be the same poor driver who crashes into other people (and then blames them!), rather than the revitalised driver they were hoping for.



It is quite a while since I last went down the A421 between the M1 J13 and Milton Keynes, where they were last seen upgrading it to dual carriageway. I went down it on Monday and all the work has been completed and they have finally opened the roundabout cut through at the motorway end, that has been coned off since the original new junction was built many years ago.

They couldn't have planned it better if they tried! I had a delivery ending up being scheduled on the same day that I had a booking for a trip to the tidy tip. A four hour slot was given on the day, which naturally spanned the tip trip, and as it closer to going out time, so the delivery times kept getting narrower and closer to an overlap. In the end I went out and naturally in the 20 minutes I was gone, they turned up. Fortunately I had added a note about where to leave it, just in case...

There is talk among the classic car world about the planned introduction of E10 fuel later this year and it seems it is not going to be very good for a lot of cars, not just classics. Anyone owning a car made before 2002 is being advised not to use E10, and it can even affect cars made up until 2011, as that was when all new cars had to be able to use E10, which is 10% bio-ethanol content, even if it wasn't available at the time in this country but has been widely available on the continent! Even Shell V Power has the current E5 addition. I think the only fuel available in this country (well most parts anyway) is ESSO Synergy Supreme+ (although the pumps may still have an E5 sticker) or AVGAS!

Will we get to see an appearance of Malcolm Grubb in the new series about the Brooklands Museum? Tune into "Secrets of the Transport Museum" on the Yesterday channel each Tuesday evening to find out.

Keep safe.

Mike B.

NOTE: Deadline for contributions to the May newsletter is Thursday 22nd April



Chairman's notebook

I believe that the numbers at last month's AGM were probably the most we have had for some considerable time, so there are some advantages in Zoom after all! A sincere thank you to all of you who attended and please give yourselves a pat on the back, a very good effort all round!

I am very pleased to report that all your current officers and committee members agreed to stand again for another year and all were voted in, so my thanks to Alan and Doug in their roles as Secretary and Treasurer and to the rest of the committee Mike, Anne, Pete, Gwilym, Ian and Lorraine. Not forgetting that Mike also agreed to continue as our newsletter editor once more.

Thank you to all of you who made suggestions about possible clubnight opportunities and other events, these will no doubt be discussed in some detail at the next committee meeting which will take place on the Monday a week before the April Club night, so hopefully we might have a much more interesting programme to give out to you all in next month's newsletter, provided of course that the current Covid restrictions are eased as planned.

With the AGM out of the way, and after a short break to enable everyone to re-charge their glasses etc., we moved on to my quiz. I think everyone enjoyed it, well certainly Antony and Sarah did as they won it (you can forward the money whenever you want to). Sarah and Antony were closely followed by Anne/Steve, Gill/John and Steven, all of whom were only one point behind! The only person not to enjoy the quiz was our secretary Alan, who apparently doesn't watch films! For the full set of results, please see elsewhere in the newsletter.

However, Alan will no doubt get his revenge, as he is running the quiz for this month's clubnight, so you can guarantee there won't be any film questions!

As a nice change from quizzes, for the May clubnight we have managed to secure the services of a guest speaker, Mark Lewis, who is going to give us a Zoom talk/presentation on Lighthouses, this will run for approximately 55 minutes. So do please try and attend and tell your friends and families as well.

As mentioned last month, and as one can see from the photographs, I finally finished the 1:350 scale model of HMS Dreadnought and yes I have a new set of glasses. In the end, I was very pleased with the result, although it must be said the model built on the YouTube under BRITMODELLER.COM, is something else, but it was certainly a good reference to go to and it was needed, as the instructions in the kit were a bit lacking at times and key elements were missing from the kit, such as the two forward lifeboats (I managed to buy them online from a 3D modelling company), although the davits for them were included. A good reference book is also to be recommended when attempting a model of this complexity. Also, if you are ever considering any kit of this complexity, it certainly pays to go looking online for help and especially if you are going to

improve on the original kit by way of additional photo-etched parts etc. Oh, and by the way, if you ever need any 1:350 scale photo-etched brass lifebelts, talk to me first, as I had to buy 120 of them and I only needed four! The same goes for the oars, required for the life boats etc.



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Secretary's spot

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I write these notes this month just as the clocks are about to spring forward and we get lighter evenings and hopefully warmer, brighter weather. The first easing of lockdown is also about to happen but we must all be just as cautious as the last twelve months to ensure a further wave is not generated. We will still be sticking to virtual online activities for a little while longer but check out the details below and keep an eye on the Big End to see how our plans are going.

The Group's Annual General Meeting took place 'virtually' on Tuesday 2nd March. It seemed to very much follow previous AGM's despite us all sitting within our homes and our Officers and Committee members have all agreed to remain in post for another year, which we hope to be considerably different to the last one activity wise.

Following the AGM, Chairman Mike put together a very light-hearted quiz to which I convincingly finished in last place, but it was good to see John and Jill Cotton in the runners up slot, with Sarah and Ant Cox taking the overall honours.

Another virtual quiz will take place at our next Clubnight on Tuesday 6th April, the format being of the multi choice style where three answers will be given for each question, so you have at least a 1 in 3 chance of getting the question correct. If you wish to join us, please make sure you send your details to Mike H who will forward you the details for the Zoom call. Fun will start at 8.00pm with the quiz commencing around 8:15 – do hope you can join us.

Once again, our drink and a chat gathering was held virtually in March and a few of us socialised together putting the world to right and enjoying a drink, all within your own home. The next drink and a chat occasion will take place on Thursday 15th April – once again please contact Mike H for the Zoom joining details.

Our Clubnight in May, on Tuesday 4th will again be online but for this evening we will have a guest speaker joining us to talk about lighthouses. Our speaker's name is Mark Lewis and I am told the talk is very interesting. Do put a note in your diaries and join us if you can.

We are hoping that our June Clubnight will return to the wonderful outdoors when Anne and Steve are planning a walking treasure hunt for our enjoyment – please watch this space.

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 6th April | – NWL Clubnight – multi-choice quiz via Zoom |
| Thursday 15th April | – NWL Chat and a Drink most likely via Zoom |
| Tuesday 4th May | – NWL Clubnight – guest speaker informing us about lighthouses |
| Thursday 20th May | – NWL Chat and a Drink possibly in The Red Lion garden |
| Tuesday 1st June | – NWL Clubnight – walking treasure hunt |
| Thursday 17th June | – NWL Chat and a Drink hopefully at The Red Lion |
| Tuesday 6th July | – NWL Clubnight – Two Brewers Scatter |

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
Apr	Sun 25	Bocardo Autosolo (Cm)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Oxford MC
Jun	Sun 6	Brooklands Autosolo (Cm)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Farnborough DMC
	Sun 6?	Gravel Autotest (C)	Loose surface autotest	Bedford CC
	Sun 13	Greenacres Autotest (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NWL
Jul	Sun 11	Grasshopper Autotest (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NEL
	Sun 18	Summer Autosolo (Cm)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Farnborough DMC
Aug	Sun 8	Paddock Autotest (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NWL
Sep	Sun 12	Chiltern Autotest (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NWL
Oct	Sun 10	Autumn Autotest (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NWL

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.

Juniper Autotest This will not be running in April and an alternative venue (or club at Silverstone) is now required. I had hoped that it could be run at Bicester Heritage, but they do not allow events that make any tyre noise!

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. Awaiting a response at present.

Running Events With Covid safety requirements still in place, all organisers will need to be aware of the following things that need to be in place. 1. A Covid Officer needs to be appointed for each event, who will have to complete a risk assessment form (available from MSUK) and return it to MSUK. This is in addition, and separate, to any stewards report forms. 2. The government limit on the number of people allowed at an event is not applied if the event is running under a MSUK issued permit. 3. All paperwork/results is to be electronic only, so no cheques/cash or paper entry forms, plus all competitors/marshals to print off their own paperwork for the event. None to be issued on the day. 4. Self declaration of signing on and scrutineering is now done.

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

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General Knowledge Quiz - Clubnight Tuesday 6th April @ 8pm

Multiple Choice Questions

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.

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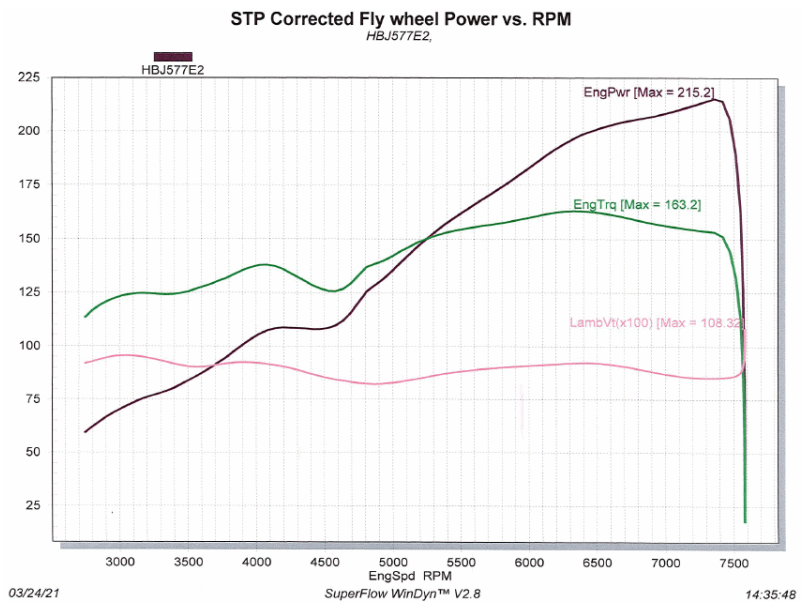
I'm pleased to say that the Sprite was successfully tuned up at Northampton Motorsport's rolling road last week and it didn't go bang! As expected, the power output wasn't quite the same as previously obtained, but everyone has told me all rolling roads produce different outputs and it was still a very healthy 215bhp and the power curve is much smoother. I spent two hours there and I must say I was very impressed with the very professional and detailed attention they gave it. It also stayed over-night just to check the cold start in the morning.

An added bonus of going to Northampton Motorsport was the mouth-watering collection of cars in the workshop, all different and all gorgeous, Porsches both old and new, a Ferrari, a Ford Escort Mk2, an Opel Manta GTE, a Mustang to name but a few!

Can't remember how many of us made the Zoom drink and a chat on the 18th, but it was good fun and quite a lot of verbal banter went back and forth amongst the attendees. A couple of members who shall remain nameless, had to leave early as it was past their bedtimes, but the remainder of us managed to soldier on without them, well at least until the beer ran out!

Finally, please do try to come along for Alan's quiz on the 6th April, as I am sure it will be entertaining and if not then, perhaps we will see you for our Zoom drink and a chat on the 22nd.

Mike H



March Clubnight Quiz Results

	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Pos
Sarah + Antony	9	9	8	10	36	1st
John + Gill	9	6	10	10	35	=2nd
Anne + Steve	8	10	7	10	35	=2nd
Steven	10	7	8	10	35	=2nd
Doug	7	9	8	9	33	5th
The Robins	9	7	8	8	32	=6th
Ian + Lorraine	8	8	7	9	32	=6th
Suze	8	7	7	10	32	=6th
John + Jean	8	9	7	6	30	9th
Mike Biss	7	6	6	10	29	=10th
Pete	7	5	9	8	29	=10th
Ann + Claire	8	6	6	5	25	12th
Trevor	8	7	9	0	24	13th
Gwilym	7	3	5	6	21	14th
Alan Thurbon	6	3	3	7	19	15th

Organiser: Mike H



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CLUBNIGHT Venue
The Red Lion,
56 London Road,
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DRINK & CHAT Venue
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April

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

May

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

June

- Tue 1st** **NWL Clubnight - Walking Treasure Hunt**
- 3rd-6th WRC - Italy
- Sun 6th F1 - Azerbaijan
- Sun 13th F1 - Canada
- Thu 17th** **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH (Live hopefully)**
- 24th-27th WRC - Kenya
- Sun 27th F1 - France

Dates to reserve: