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Clubnight Pub/Table Games

Tuesday 7th February

At our clubnight venue
The Red Lion PH
Starts 8pm



THE BIRTHDAY BOX !

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



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Boundless North West London Group

NWL Editorial

Well the time has now arrived when I am no longer employed, as the company has basically forced 30 of us out by making the building no longer available for office working. Not sure when I will get the feeling that it has really changed, but I'm sure it will happen. Had our leaving do on Monday evening, well it started in the afternoon when they took our laptops away, and it was a great social event. We are all in a social media group now and the aim is to keep in contact with each other and arrange meet ups on a regular basis. Might be a case of see how long people stay on.

The January 12 Car rally went off well with 10 entries and the February event has gone better and has the full 12 cars. I will be trying out a bit of marshalling on this one using the RallyApp, having tried a test route outside my house to see how it works. Fairly straight forward by the looks of it.



The Dakar rally finished with a clear winner after all the other challengers fell by the wayside. Nasser Al Attiyah defended his win from last year and ended up winning the event by the largest margin for 20 years, at 1h 20m. Although it was held in the desert, there seemed to be a lot of flooding affecting the event.

My new Skoda has thrown up its first problem and highlighted a good/bad thing about the car. When I was driving along recently, I thought there was a bit of wind noise coming from the side

window, ignored it for awhile, then when I was nearing home, I wound down the window and heard a noise similar to a metal tray being dragged along under the car; it was making a right racket! Good bit, the sound deadening of the windows is very, very good. The bad bit, you can't hear when something is falling off the car! I had a look underneath when I got home but couldn't see anything hanging down. The next morning had a better look underneath, but there was nothing loose or in any way likely to be causing it. I drove down to Pete's and on the way into the yard, Steve the bodywork man was outside and said he could hear me coming down the road! He said it was coming from the front offside wheel. Taking the wheel off showed the cause of the problem, as the brake shield was completely loose, having broken off from all three bolts and was only held in place by hitting the inside of the wheel!



The recent Monte Carlo rally gave Sebastien Ogier his ninth win on the event, by a comfortable margin. Elfyn Evans was keeping pace with the leaders until he suffered a puncture, which eventually dropped him to fourth at the finish. Ott Tanak making his return to the Ford team, was in at the deep end a bit, with a lack of testing of the car, due to the late joining. Both cars suffered from problems, especially with the power steering, but at least Ott gave a strong showing at times, which hopefully bodes well for the rest of the season. The event was

notable for the almost complete lack of snow and ice, which for the drivers was a relief, as it made their tyre choice a lot easier.

Keep safe.

Mike B.

NOTE: Deadline for contributions to the March newsletter is Thursday 23rd February



Chairman's notebook

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Our excellent secretary ran yet another highly successful and entertaining beetle drive at last month's clubnight, with a good number of us in attendance, the evening went extremely well with partnerships being formed at random by pulling names out of a container, however, the partnership of Alan Thurbon and myself came out on top with the highest score over two rounds. Hopefully the full list of scores will be shown elsewhere in the newsletter (*ED: See page 11*).

This month Alan Thurbon has kindly stepped forward once again to run an evening of pub games, so please try and attend if you can, as it's always more fun with a good attendance.

As one can hopefully see from the photograph, the 1:24th scale model Porsche that Ann bought me for Christmas has been competed, although I might possibly put the Martini stripes on it etc., although at the present time, I quite like it as it is.



Alan Thurbon and I certainly enjoyed ourselves on Pete and Graeme's 12 Car rally, however, there were one or two driver and navigator errors (both rusty shall we say) which unfortunately dropped us down the field to 9th overall out of 10 starters/finishers. The rally started at the John Bunyan PH at Coleman Green, which is located just to the North of St Albans.

Pete and Graeme had a good entry of 10 cars on the night and they provided us with a highly entertaining route, with the navigation pitched just about right, although I will admit we were running as novices with easier navigation than the experts! For full results see further on in the newsletter (*ED: See page 9*).

Alan and I have entered NEL's 12 Car on the 3rd February and hopefully we might finish further up the results this time. Please don't forget we have another of our 12 Cars on the 3rd March, which I am responsible for, although things didn't get off to the best of starts as I hit a pot hole last Sunday whilst driving the route and it took out both tyres on the nearside, with the front one being only some four weeks old!!! My 12 Car will also start at the John Bunyan, but obviously with a different route provided.

For those of you living beyond the M25, I thought I would give you all a heads up, that the ULEZ (Ultra low emission zone) is expanding outwards to include all London boroughs within and outside of the M25 on the 28th August. So beware if you intend to travel into London after that date!

Doug and I popped along to the annual HRCR Open Day at Gaydon last month to register for the stage masters championship again. Although not in the championship, we are hoping to get an entry at Weston Park on the 12th March, provided Doug gets the rebuilt engine back in time. If we are unsuccessful getting an entry, as it's a ballot, or the engine isn't built in time, we are then hoping to get a run on the Dixies Stage Rally on the 30th April as a warm up for the Manx Rally, which follows soon after on the 12th and 13th May.

The HRCR President Paddy Hopkirk unfortunately died last year and there was supposed to be a tribute to him at the Open Day, although I must say it was pretty well non-existent, with just one Mini in the main entrance, a pretty poor show in my opinion for a man who did so much for British Motorsport.

Another event to put in your diaries is the Air Show at Old Warden on the 2nd July, as the CVG (Classic vehicle group) are planning a drive there as part of the Boundless Centenary Celebrations and if the weather is good, the flying will be superb.

This year because of the Centenary celebrations, there is going to be a lot going on, so best to give the club magazine a good read, otherwise you might miss an event and also visit the web site from time to time, as they are all usually noted there in the club section and you can register your interest in advance of any formal notification/regulations etc.

Well here's looking forward to a busy 2023 and if we don't see you at clubnight on the 7th February, then perhaps we can catch up at our normal drink and a chat on the 16th February.

Mike H

Secretary's spot

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As is fairly traditional for North West London Group we welcomed in the New Year with a Beetle Drive clubnight. Whilst having 14 players caused a minor panic as to how all participants could play the same number of games a cunning plan was devised to ensure it all worked well. Not quite sure how it happened but somehow our Chairman Mike, accompanied by Ian, took a convincing win and ran off with the first prize. The wooden spoon, and a further prize, was won by our all ladies pairing of Lorraine and Hazel. As usual, the evening was highly enjoyable and great fun and amusement was had by all.

A few days later, Pete G and Graeme Presswell organised the first 12 Car rally of the winter series. This was a well-supported event and much appreciated by all who competed. The route was quite challenging in places and the route cards were very reasonable and understandable. For the first time in the many years that we have known each other, Mike H navigated for me and both Mike and I certainly showed our huge lack of competitive motoring, having not taken part in a 12 Car for a number of years and very much out of practice. We still had a very enjoyable evening, although our final result is not one to write home about!!

Our clubnight this month, on Tuesday 7th February, will see us return to The Function Room at The Red Lion for a pub games evening. A number of 'pub type' table games will be laid out and made available for your entertainment, so do please come along for an 8:00pm start and enjoy a pleasant evening

Thursday 16th February will see our regulars gather in the bar at The Red Lion from about 8:30pm for our 'Chat and a Drink' informal occasion. As well as discussing local Group topics we may well spend some time putting the world to rights.

Friday 3rd March will see Mike H revert to the role of 12 Car rally organiser, so please look out for the advert elsewhere in this Big End and submit your entry if you wish to compete, as soon as possible. It seems these rallies are once again proving very popular and as they are limited to 12 competing vehicles, it is good to note that the events are pretty much fully subscribed.

Please make a note in your diaries of Tuesday 7th March, as this is when the Group's Annual General Meeting will take place at The Red Lion. In keeping with tradition, I am sure Chairman Mike will keep us all on our toes and it is the occasion that you can all voice your opinion about what (and how) the Group is performing and also offer some opinion on what you may like to be organised for you. If you wish to offer to join the Committee, we are always on the look out for volunteers so please give the opportunity some thought.

Yours truly will be organising the last 12 Car of the winter on Friday 31st March, so please make a note of the date to make sure you are able to come along.

Our planned future programme is as follows;

Friday	3rd February	– NEL 12 Car Rally
Tuesday	7th February	– NWL Clubnight – Pub games at The Red Lion
Thursday	16th February	– NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion
Friday	3rd March	– NWL 12 Car Rally
Tuesday	7th March	– NWL Annual General Meeting
Thursday	16th March	– NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion
Friday	31st March	– NWL 12 Car Rally
Tuesday	4th April	– NWL Clubnight – hopefully talk on The History of CSMA

That's about it for now – hope to see you at some of our activities

Alan T

Date	Day		Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club
Feb	Fri 3	*	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NEL
	Fri 10	*	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
Mar	Fri 3	*	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL
	Fri 10	*	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
	Fri 31		12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL
Apr	Fri 14		12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
May	12-14	*	Curtis Bennett Rally	Re-Union get together	CSMA Motorsports
Jun	Sun 11		Greenacres Autotest (Cm)	Grass autotest	CSMA NWL

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

Past Events

January 12 Car Rally The winter season got off to a good start when 10 crews assembled for the first round, ran by Pete Gregory and Graeme Presswell. There were no marshals or code boards out on the route again, although future events will start to have some marshals, but it does take the worry off the organisers with trying to guess how many controls to have, against the likely number of marshals. We had a new crew out, and eventual winners, with Ian Hazleton/Brian Cammack dropping just one minute. Ben Cutting/Steve Cumbers were giving them a run for their money, but a puncture when off route caused them to lose 15 minutes and dropped to fourth. Results are found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Future Events

February 12 Car Rally The event is taking place this Friday and has a full entry of 12 cars. Haven't had one of those for years! If you would like to come out and marshal, using the RallyApp to do so, then please let me know and I will take you through the details. It is actually quite easy.

March 12 Car Rally Starting from The John Bunyan PH, Colman Green, Herts AL4 8ES, MR 166/189125, 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 £16 per car. Organiser is Mike Harrison and is contactable on mlh@bhmarchitects.com

April 12 Car Rally Starting from The Farmers Boy PH, 216 Common Road, Kensworth, Dunstable LU6 2PJ MR 166 / 028182, it will use maps 166 (edition FEB 2018) and 165 (edition JUN 2018) or 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 £16 per car. Organiser is Alan Thurbon and you can contact him on alanthurbon@yahoo.com

Curtis Bennett Rally Re-union Allan Goddard is running a CB re-union weekend on the 12th-14th May in Llandrindod Wells, for all past competitors, marshals, organisers, etc. to get together and chat about old times. There is also a plan to have a non-competitive route with a Road-book for the Saturday, around some of the old roads we once used on CB's of old. More information, prices and booking details are now available on the [Boundless site](https://www.boundlessrally.co.uk/), so if you are going to be interested in attending, then please keep the weekend clear.

Summer Grass Autotests These dates are still only provisional, as we still don't have a venue. The last venue was only a stop gap one, and unlikely to be available other than a once a year.

MSUK Clubman Licence It is now time to renew your free MSUK licence, so that you can compete on our 12 Car rallies. If you go to <https://rsclubman.motorsportuk.org>, you can click on the option to renew for 2023. Please make sure you don't leave it to the last minute if planning on doing the January event.

Car Club Membership If you know of anyone who had Bedford Car Club membership to do our 12 Cars and Autotests, now that the club has ceased issuing new cards for this year, the best alternative is to join Harrow Car Club. They have the same cost for competition membership and are already invited to all our events. <https://harrowcarclub.net/>

Other Events Please see the calendar above for other events we have an invite to. I can get regs for any of these, just contact me if interested. We will be invited to all the Anglian Motor Sport Club autosolos/autotests throughout the year.

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NWL 12 Car Rally

Friday 3rd March

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

There will be three classes:- Beginners / Novices / Experts - £16 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

Mike Harrison (mlh@bhmarchitects.com)

Competitors required (on-line entry only) - Arrive before 8pm, first car starts at 20:31

<https://rally.sapphire-solutions.co.uk/register.php?sitename=boundless>

Regs now available from Mike Biss or website

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MR 166 / 028182**

There will be three classes:- Beginners / Novices / Experts - £16 entry fee

Navigation tailored to suit classes - Maps 166 FEB 2018 & 165 JUN 2018 required

Standard Navigation Guidelines for organisers – see regs for details

Alan Thurbon (alanthurbon@yahoo.com)

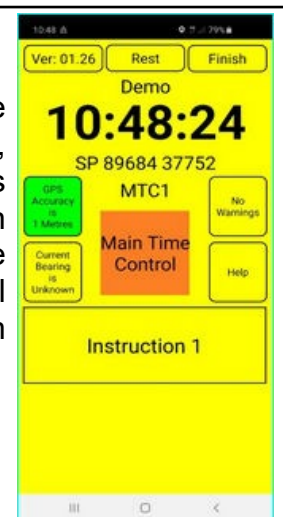
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<https://rally.sapphire-solutions.co.uk/register.php?sitename=boundless>

Regs available 'soon' on the website or from Mike Biss

12 Car Rally Timing

We are running the 12 Car rallies, starting next month, and we will again be using the John Clavey rally app. This means that the events can be, if required, run with no marshals or passage check boards required (but manned controls can still be used), 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 new organisers well in advance and a Zoom call to competitors prior to the event as well, if required.



RS Clubman Licence Renewal

<https://rsclubman.motorsportuk.org/>

Remember, to enter any MSUK permit event these days, you need the above licence as a minimum (which is free).

If you had one in 2022, you can now go onto the above site and renew your licence.

You will get an email with a digital version of your licence (in a nice green colour).

The National Motor Museum at Beaulieu

Ann and I enjoyed a pre-Christmas Meal on the weekend of the 10th/11th December last year with the older section of the Scouts that we belong to and it was held down in the New Forest at the Scout Camp site just outside of Lyndhurst, on the Brockenhurst Road. I hasten to add that we were in a bunkhouse and not camping!

We all travel down on the Friday, with the meal taking place on the Saturday evening. This allowed us all to either visit a place of interest or Christmas Fair of our choice during the Saturday, and last year Ann and I, together with two friends, decided to visit the Christmas Fair at Beaulieu this year and whilst there, to spend a few hours going around the motor museum. Although we have passed Beaulieu many, many times, we have never actually found time to visit the museum.

The Museum was established 50 years ago and now boasts a collection of some 285 vehicles, with the oldest being built in 1875. They cover a wide range of motor bikes, racing and otherwise, and cars of every sort, with a good collection of Grand Prix cars, rally cars and others. They even have the "Inspiration" which is the British car that holds the World Land Speed Record for a steam driven car at 148.308mph! This was achieved in 2009 at Edwards Airforce Base when driven by Dan Wales. The car has 12 boilers and is nicknamed the "fastest kettle in the west". It was difficult to photograph, but I have included a photograph of the die-cast model I bought of it, for your interest.



Visitors to Beaulieu can rub shoulders with royalty, as the exhibits include vehicles owned by Queen Alexandra, King George V, Princess Anne and Prince Charles (now King Charles).

Amongst the various exhibitions, there is the Top Gear one with their various specials, the James Bond Collection and other film and TV cars on display.

Notwithstanding the vehicles, there are of course the gardens and grounds to explore, either by the veteran pre-WW 1 bus or mono rail, the Abbey and the Historic House. There is even a secret army display hidden away in the out buildings of the house to explore, as well as a well-stocked café and inevitably, the gift shop at the exit!



All in all, Beaulieu provides a great day out for all the family and you will need more than one visit to fully explore all that is there to see.

Mike H



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7	Suze Endean / Gavin Rogers (Nov)																													
2	William Johnson / Harry Brierly (Exp)																													
1	Ben Cutting / Steve Cumbers (Exp)																													
4	Chris Hedges / Philip Russ (Exp)																													
5	Jim Drake / Graham Robinson (Exp)																													
10	Mark Brumwell / Nicky Brass (Beg)																													
11	David Smith / Richard Smith (Beg)																													
9	Alan Thurbon / Mike Harrison (Nov)																													
6	Allan Goddard / Alan Smith (Exp)																													

Organisers: Pete Gregory / Graeme Presswell

Key

WR - Wrong approach

ER - Early arrival

EX - Exceeding make up time allowed

Marshals:

Christopher Warburton and Mike Bliss

Dear Colleague

We now have available the 2023 Marshal Training Modules with thanks to the British Rally Marshals Club.

To see the details and to register for the individual modules please go to <https://brmc.org.uk/training>

Please note that to maintain your current level of registration you need to attend a training session at least once every 2 years.

The Catch Up modules on 2nd & 14th February would count as that session.

Some modules are now available on MSUK's Learning Hub - Access via the [Main MSUK Website](#)

If you are planning to upgrade your registration please look at the new Marshals Pathway scheme - you can find a copy [here](#).

If you have any queries on Upgrades or on Acquired rights (Grandfather rights) please contact Sue Fletcher at MSUK, E-mail sue.fletcher@motorsportuk.org.

Clive Grounds.

AEMC Regional Training Officer.



Classic Vehicle Group's New Year's Run

Last month Ann and I took the Sprite out on its first run in 2023, when we took part in Allan Goddard's New Year Run on Sunday the 15th January. The event started just outside of Reading at the Bar 'n' Block at Winnersh. This is a steak restaurant next to a hotel and serves a very nice breakfast for hotel guests and anybody else who wants it.

AG had managed to negotiate a section of the restaurant just for us and with 30 entries, it was needed! 28 entries turned up on the day, with cars ranging from a modern BMW Cooper S and an Audi A6 estate, right down to an early sixties Triumph 2000 and a rather nice Ford MK 11 Cortina Twin Cam and of course the Sprite. There was even a Rolls Royce

Spur, which given its size, would be interesting to drive down the single track roads we were bound to encounter, given our experience of previous runs!



Signing on and breakfast began at 9:30am and there was a leisurely start at 11:15am in no particular order, with a nice simple Tulip roadbook to follow for the first half of approximately 30 miles to the lunchtime, or coffee break for those of us who had the full English at the start!

AG certainly provided us with a simple but scenic route, as we travelled first Eastwards and then Northwards to Hurley Village and then onto Henley, where we crossed over the historic bridge and through the town, admiring the river (which was very high) as we motored by.

From Henley we travelled sort of Northwards through the villages of Highmore, Stoke Row and Nuffield to mention just a few, before arriving at the Nettlebed Creamery and Cheese Shop, where Alan Smith showed us where to park. The car park was on a downward sloping field and it was very soft, so I parked at the top and prayed that the limited slip diff would do its job when we came to leave!

At the stop we managed to find a table and chairs in the tin barn, which was the shop and cafe, out of the wind (although nice and sunny throughout the day, I kept the roof on, as it was bitterly cold) and enjoyed a very nice coffee and hot chocolate and a good catch up chat with Malcolm and Madeleine Grubb. Here we were told not to leave before 2pm, as if we did, we would only arrive too early for the afternoon tea at the finish.

The limited slip diff did its job on the way out and the second half gave us another 46 miles of wonderful roads and beautiful countryside to enjoy, following the excellent tulips and even though we did miss slot at one point, as did lots of others, however, we soon got ourselves back on route and of course the event is not timed, so the loss in time didn't matter!



In this half of the route, we travelled through the villages of Cookley Green, Watlington, Cuxham, Stadhampton, Warborough and then Wallingford, where Allan had warned us about the speed bumps at the driver's briefing in the morning and they were also highlighted on the roadbook.

Fortunately, I often drive through Wallingford on my way back from Frontline and I know the speed bumps there very well and how to place the Sprite so the exhaust stays on the car and not left behind in the road!

Following on from Wallingford, we then travelled through Crowmarsh Gifford, North Stoke, Goring and Steatley, Aldworth and finally ending up at Bradfield with the sun just about setting, to enjoy a very nice tea at Cobb's Farm Shop, which had stayed open just for us.

After the wonderful tea, Allan ran a nice simple light hearted quiz, which was enjoyed by all, after which we all left and went our separate ways, having enjoyed a great day out in the countryside around the river Thames, approximately just North West of Reading (I think).

My thanks to AG for yet another excellent and well run event, and we shall certainly be back for next year's run in 2024!

Mike H

January Clubnight - Beetle Drive results as follows:-

1st	Mike H	Ian	415
2nd	Mike B	Alan R	404
3rd	Anne R	Dave R	384
4th	Trevor	Doug	366
5th	Julie	Alan T	361
6th	Steve	Alan G	344
7th	Hazel	Lorraine	320

 **CORBEAU**
SEATS RALLY
TENDRING & CLACTON
22ND & 23RD APRIL 2023



Marshals and radio crews are needed to assist in the running of this event.

All signed on marshals will receive a memento and be entered into a prize draw for a number of significant cash awards.

The event will run a Seafront stage in Clacton twice on Saturday evening, followed by three loops of four stages on Sunday. The Sunday stages are similar in location to last year, but new sections of road have been incorporated on most stages and the loops runs in the reverse order to last year.

To join us, marshal registration is being handled via the Rally Stage Team web site at www.rallystageteam.co.uk. The rally's web site at <https://corbeauseatsrally.co.uk/> contains a marshal's page with details of how to register with Rally Stage Team for those who are unfamiliar.

When registering, you are asked to select a preferred stage, if you have no preference then you can choose 'Any Stage on Sunday' and we will allocate you to a stage where resources are most needed. The stages and stage commanders are:

Saturday:	Clacton Sea Front (SS 1/2)	Stage Commander: Jon Cordery
Sunday:	Bacons End (SS 3/7/11)	Stage Commander: Simon Marks
	Park Farm (SS 4/8/12)	Stage Commander: Ian Evans
	Burnt Heath (SS 5/9/13)	Stage Commander: Graham Frary
	Bradfield (SS 6/10/14)	Stage Commander: Paul Rees
	Any Stage on Sunday (SS 3-14)	

John Davie - Chief Marshal, Corbeau Seats Rally Tendring and Clacton 2023
email: marshal@corbeauseatsRally.co.uk

Member Communities Communique

January 2023 Update

Happy New Year!

We start the year with a quick look back at the Christmas celebrations a few of our Groups enjoyed.....



25 members of our **Yorkshire Lunch Club** enjoyed a fantastic Christmas lunch at The Park Restaurant in Harrogate on Tuesday 13th December, with many arriving early to make the most of the festive extravaganza!

A delicious seasonal feast, fun and friendship enjoyed by all those attending.



Thursday 15th December saw 28 members gather for **Tamar Group's** Christmas lunch, despite the somewhat icy conditions underfoot. A very enjoyable afternoon at Boringdon Park Golf Club with a traditional Christmas menu, with turkey, beef, fish options and vegetarian dishes.

Everyone voiced their opinion that it was an excellent venue with first-class catering!



Portsmouth Group donned their best Christmas knit wear, for their usual festive lunch and singalong.

The Group's lunch was however tinged with great sadness this year, following the sudden and untimely passing of the Group's Chairman, Barry Goffe following an accident a few weeks earlier.

Our thoughts are with Barry's wife and family, and his many friends at this very sad time. Barry will be greatly missed by all of us who were lucky enough to know him.

Interest Group Committees.

The deadline for nominations to our Interest Group committees is the end of January.

If the opportunity to join one of our Interest Group committees is of interest to you, we'd recommended you speak with the Leader of the Group you're interested in to establish what's involved prior to putting forward your nomination to: membercommunities@boundless.co.uk.

Your nomination should include a brief outline of your experience in the relevant area, plus what you would like to contribute towards the future of the Group.

The Leaders of each interest Group can be contacted via email using the contacts below:

- Camping and Caravanning Group Leader: grahamdavis297@gmail.com
- Classic Vehicle Group Leader: bernard.ward3@btinternet.com
- Karting Group Leader: demetriorros@hotmail.co.uk
- Motorcycling Group Leader: allan.goddard@boundlesscommunity.co.uk
- Motorsports (inc. 4x4 and Marshalling) Group Leader: mike.biss@btinternet.com

We look forward to hearing from you, and your helping steer the direction of these Groups going forward.



**Volunteers
Needed!**

New Mileage Rates for Volunteers.

The Club Treasurer and Club Council have agreed a new Mileage Rate for volunteers travelling on behalf of or conducting Boundless business from 1st January 2023.

The increased rate of 35p/mile (increase from 30p/mile) reflects the sustained increases in fuel prices in recent years, despite the everincreasing efficiency of modern cars. The member passenger allowance remains at 3p/mile.

The maximum allowance for food and drink for members being away from home for more than 10 hours conducting Boundless business has also increased, from £35.00 to £38.00.

Please ensure all personal expenses claims are made within the appropriate guidelines, found in Section 3 of the Boundless Handbook (*the Boundless Handbook can be found on the Volunteer Hub, or on request from Member Communities*).

Treasurers Online Update.

Club Treasurer, Geoff Gaunt was delighted to host the first of the Group Treasurers updates on Friday 2nd December via Zoom.

Several topics were discussed, including the new Mileage Rates (see above) and suggestions to improve the Quarterly Base Accounts (QBA) returns document, including updating the Club Handbook explanations of the various codes used. Geoff also confirmed that Group Treasurers can now submit Imprest Requests against their 2023 budgets as appropriate.

All agreed it was a very helpful session and looked forward to future, similar sessions as the needs arise.



Networking Meetings 2023

We'll be holding 4 Networking Meetings during 2023 across the country to hopefully provide the majority of volunteers with the opportunity to access a session.

The first meeting is in **Edinburgh on Thursday 2nd March**, followed by **Tunbridge Wells on Tuesday 7th March**. Then later in the year we're off to **Leeds on Tuesday 10th October** before finishing in **Bournemouth on Wednesday 1st November** prior to the Association AGM the following day.

Details have already been circulated regarding these meetings and we look forward to Groups putting forward representatives to attend these meetings in due course.

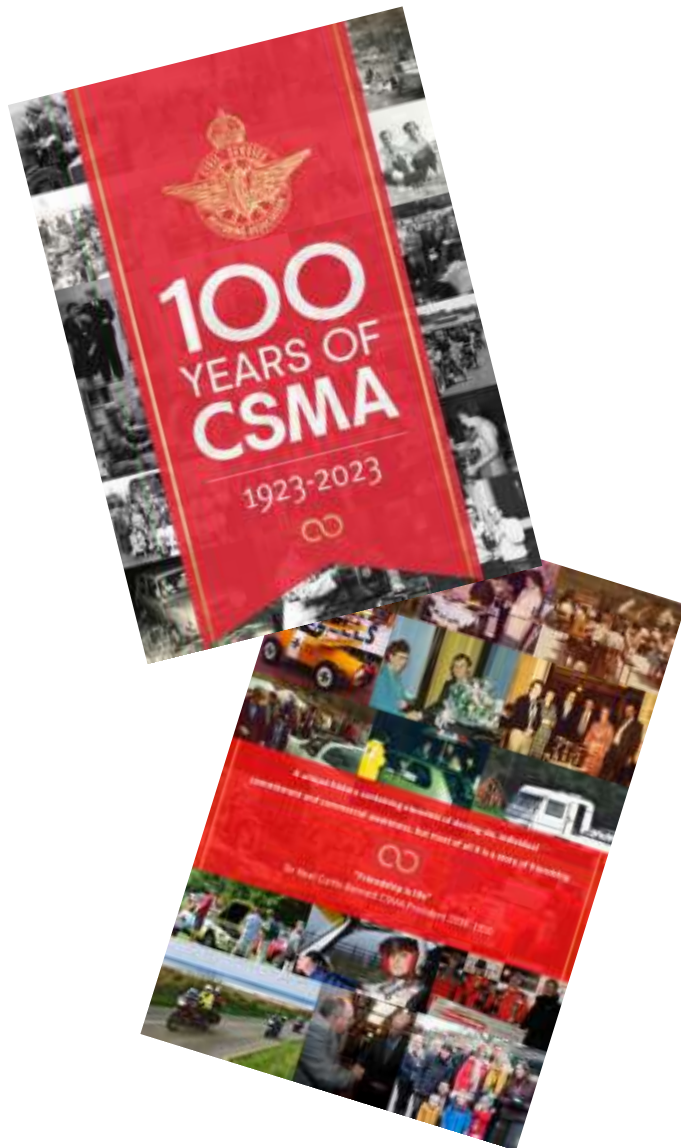
2023 100th Anniversary of CSMA

As many of you will already know – we'll be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of CSMA during 2023 and there are already many Groups planning specific events to mark the occasion, from weekends away, to celebration lunches.

We start the year on **Tuesday 16th February** with an online event reflecting on the past **100 years of CSMA**, hosted by our very own Cotswold Motoring Museum Manager, Michael Tambini.

The event commences at 7.00pm and any member can register for free here:

[Boundless Online Events More than just a motoring club – 100 years of CSMA](#)



The 16th February online event will also see the launch of the 100th Anniversary Commemorative Book.

This book tells the story of the Civil Service Motoring Association (CSMA) and its exceptional place in the history of popular motoring in Britain.

The book explains how the founders sought to encourage civil servants to use their motorcycles and cars for sporting and social events. In so doing, they created a club that has achieved so much more than they could ever have imagined.

The book contains a concise history of CSMA written by the late Peter Jones, with additional material from Michael Tambini. This account, which has been lavishly illustrated with photographs from the CSMA Archive, shines a light on the extraordinary accomplishments of a club run for, and by, its members.

On face value this is a history of motoring, not of technical developments, but a history told through the experiences of motorists. Yet it is more than that, it is a story of camaraderie, individual achievement and adventure. It adds up to a unique description of British life. It is a story of changing times; through this book we see how the Association, now Boundless by CSMA, has always adapted to cultural and social change.

Members will be able to purchase this fantastic book at any of the planned Member Day events during 2023 or at the Cotswold Motor Museum throughout the year.

Members can also purchase a copy by contacting our Member Services team on 0800 669944 or emailing info@boundless.co.uk to request a call back.

The cost for this 96page, full colour, hardback book is just £10.00 + £2.50 P&P.

The actual 100th anniversary date is considered to be 27th February – so look out on our Boundless social media channels as to how this momentous day in our long history is marked. The **special 100th Anniversary Boundless Magazine** will also begin arriving with members around this time, so put aside some time to enjoy reading the March/April edition!

Next up is the **100th Anniversary Dinner at StratforduponAvon on Friday 21st April**. We have had some additional spaces made available for this event, so if you missed out first time and are still interested in attending, please contact nicholas.hoath@boundless.co.uk as soon as possible.

The focus then moves to the many individual Local Group events and the 100th Anniversary C&C Rally at the West Midland Showground, Shrewsbury, 8th – 13th June.

If your Group are putting on a specific 100th Anniversary Event, don't forget to let Member Communities know as we have some special goodies to help enhance your event.

The main focus of the 100th Anniversary Events will be on the **Member Day** being held at the **Shuttleworth Collection, Old Warden in Bedfordshire on Sunday 2nd July**.

Combining the Member Day with Shuttleworth's extremely popular Military Airshow, means not only can members enjoy the incredible sight of Edwardian airplanes taking to the sky, or the fascinating range of vintage vehicles on display, members can also wander around the beautiful gardens and parklands.

Members will benefit further having access the exclusive 1920's themed Boundless entertainment, dedicated picnic/viewing area, classic vehicle display, C&C Rally, attached Social Break, motorcycle ridein, etc...

Oh yes, and did we mention that members can attend this event free of charge, with their guests* only paying £10.00 (*normal prices on the door £28.00!*)

**numbers of guest tickets limited*

This should be a fantastic day out for all the family, and we'd encourage our Local Groups to also get involved and consider running their own trips to the event to join in the fun.



What are your Group doing to mark the 100th Anniversary of CSMA – let us know!

Independent Council Members – Communications Project

During 2022, the Club Council's Independent Council Members (ICMs) Martin Fearn, Richard Ashcroft and Geoff Gaunt conducted an extensive project looking at the communication within the Member Communities.

For an organisation such as Boundless, with geographically dispersed members, communication is key to its successful operation. Over the years, there has been much discussion as to what works, what doesn't work, how to update traditional avenues of contact, how to implement new ideas including the use of modern technology and how to make all these methods both effective and inclusive.

The ICMs contacted a random sample of office bearers, local groups and interest groups to discuss their viewpoints; and whilst our channels of communication are unlikely to ever be perfect, most respondents indicated they are generally content with the core of communication methods and find them workable.

Several points were however extracted from these conversations, and it is the intention to look into these aspects in more detail during the forthcoming Networking Meetings.

The full report is however available from nicholas.hoath@boundless.co.uk The Club Leadership would like to thank the ICMs, and Martin Fearn in particular, for his work in pulling together the findings from this project.

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



Diary NWL 2023



CLUBNIGHT Venue
Function Room, The Red Lion,
56 London Road,
Hemel Hempstead
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DRINK & CHAT Venue
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February

Fri 3rd NEL 12 Car Rally
Tue 7th NWL Clubnight - Pub Games - The Red Lion, HH
10th-12th WRC - Sweden
Thu 16th NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH

March

Fri 3rd NWL 12 Car Rally
Sun 5th F1 - Bahrain
Tue 7th NWL Clubnight - AGM - The Red Lion, HH
Thu 16th NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH
17th-19th WRC - Mexico
Sun 19th F1 - Saudi Arabia
Fri 31st NWL 12 Car Rally

April

Sun 2nd F1 - Australia
Tue 4th NWL Clubnight - History of CSMA Talk - The Red Lion, HH
Thu 20th NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH
21st-23rd WRC - Croatia
Sun 30th F1 - Azerbaijan

Dates to reserve: