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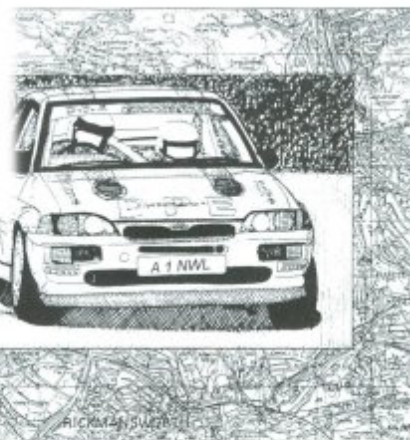


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Vacant

Club night

Tuesday 1st August - Briefing starts 6pm

Venue: The London Gliding Club, Tring Road, Dunstable, Beds LU6 2JP



Take a trial flight for £30

NOTE: Max weight is 15¾ stone (100 kgs),
taller than 1.5m (5') and
shorter than 1.95m (6' 4")

THE BIRTHDAY BOX !

August birthday wishes to **Dave Gordon, Graham Smith, Anne Graves, Eric Crease and Dave Smith.**



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 **Boundless North West London Group**

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We have a nice large edition this month, we articles about the CB re-union weekend, the CSMA Old Warden visit and a strange motorbike, courtesy of Mike Harrison and Ian O'Connor.

From the people who brought you the “new” Ford Escorts comes this next venture, as they are reviving the MG Metro 6R4 for 2024 as a high performance carbon fibre rally recreation, with around 450bhp on tap from an Audi supplied V6 engine. The model will be powered by a 3 litre V6 engine with power upped to 450bhp, compared to the standard 350bhp output, and power will be sent to both axles through a six speed sequential gearbox. The company will build just five cars in 2024, each priced from £295,000 before taxes, and buyers can choose from a road focused setup, with a bespoke interior, or a 'lightweight' version for race and rally activities.



The August grass autotest is now a go and will take place at the new venue at Marsworth, near Tring. Hopefully we will find that the venue is very suitable for our needs, but we will be making it up as we go along for the first event. We will have to see what they think about us using it again, after the first event happens, so September and October will have to stay provisional dates at the moment.

The recent WRC rally in Estonia was another win for Kalle Rovanpera, only his second of the year mind, in a dominant performance, winning every stage on Saturday and Sunday, with only Ott Tanak getting other stage wins. Tanak was severely hindered by getting a five minute penalty before the start, when the team had to change his engine after a problem on the shakedown stage, but he did recover to eighth place. Seems BT Sport (now called TNT Sport) are showing all the stages live on TV



The Two Brewers entries suffered a bit from the bad weather leading up to the event, but was actually OK on the night when driving around. A bit of a shame for the 40th edition. As Mike says in his article, a move of location may make the change a good opportunity to revitalise the event. If you have any thoughts on how the event may be improved, please let us know.

Action in the Hungarian F1 race was limited to the places behind Verstappen, who finished over 30 seconds ahead of the rest of the field. Although Hamilton put his Mercedes on pole, he was down to fourth by the second corner and it was the McLaren team who now seem to have moved up to second best, with Lando Norris getting his second second podium in a row.

In the World Rallycross championship, a new team for this year is the Special ONE Racing, which has Sebastien Loeb driving an all electric Lancia Delta Evo-e RX. With 500kW (equivalent to 680bhp) under the bonnet and four wheel drive, it is capable of accelerating from 0-62mph in an eye-watering 1.8 seconds – faster even than Formula 1...



Keep safe.

Mike B.

NOTE: Deadline for contributions to the September newsletter is Thursday 24th August

Chairman's notebook

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Despite the weather, we had a good number of members turn out last month for the 40th running of the Two Brewers Scatter, at last month's clubnight at Chipperfield. Everyone managed to get the required eight answers and some even managed to get all 15 and then discard seven of them. Unfortunately, a couple of crews managed to get the answers wrong.

As usual, the results were not known until the very last crew arrived at the finish, this being Alan and Hazel, who were last year's winners arriving with 30 seconds to spare! Dean and John won the event, with Doug and Mike coming second and you will find the full results elsewhere in the newsletter.

We might consider relocating the event for next year, as after 40 years we are really struggling to find new places for the questions and answers, as most have been used several times by now. This year I did explore the roads on the other side of the railway and canal, behind the Red Lion, but to be honest, there were very few places where it is safe to pull off and look for the answer to the question. Anyway, one for the committee to discuss when we meet next time.

This month for clubnight we are at Dunstable Gliding club, and I believe Alan still has some places to fill if you fancy a trip up in a glider. It is great fun and normally you can have a go at the controls as well. Let us hope the weather is good.

Last month Doug and I attended the Rally Day at Castle Combe Race Circuit, where we were greeted by what seemed like hundreds of Colin McRae Subaru look alikes. But joking apart, there were lots of fabulous rally cars there and you can even pay to have a ride in some of them. The historic display was well worth watching and I can recommend it for a good day out, especially if the weather is good. Not many trade or club stands, which was good in many ways, as this allowed you to get around all the great cars there and perhaps an event to visit every other year, rather like the classic car show in November at the NEC.



I have finally managed to write up the CB Reunion weekend, as well as the Shuttleworth Flying day at Old Warden and hopefully you will find them further on in the newsletter.

Ann and I took the Sprite along to the Classics in the Walled Garden at Luton Hoo last month. The alternator problem turned out to be a wiring failure on the loom, rather than the alternator itself. So, the loom at the alternator was replaced and wrapped in heat-shielding tape. As the weather looked to be very changeable on the day, we kept the roof up and arrived there around 4:30pm, as entry was not allowed until after 4pm, and the event finishing at 9pm. We enjoyed a peaceful walk around the garden and cars, as it was perhaps not full because of the unpredictable weather.

Being entry number 179, we didn't make it into the walled garden, as this is restricted to the first 150, but were allocated a space just outside on the gravel rather than in the grass field. We found a nice place to park next to a very nice dark green Jensen Healey.

Again, there were lots of really nice and unusual cars to see and not too many people either. We left at 8pm and enjoyed a pub meal on the way home, at the Chequers Pub just outside Redbourn, which a few of you might remember from the old road rally days as a start/finish venue. If you want a more sedate event, unlike the manic Harpenden Classics on the Common event, I can recommend it to you for a nice evening out.



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Secretary's spot

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Following beautiful blazing June, the month of July turned out to be very much a damp squib (literally)! The 40th running of the Two Brewers Scatter event was affected by the inclement weather conditions and only five crews braved the awful weather to drive round the normally lovely Hertfordshire lanes to collect answers to various questions. The highlight of the evening was the addition of new names on the shield, John Clavey and Dean Askew, who turned out winners. Congratulations to them and a huge thank you to Chairman Mike for putting the event together on the organisational front.

On Saturday 15th July Mike H and Ann and myself braved the wet conditions to pop along to Beechwood School grounds, near Markyate, for the first Porsche in the Park day. Once again the weather took its' toll and by the early afternoon (when I was going along!) more cars were departing than arriving, but still the park was full of an incredible number of wonderful motor cars. Hopefully the event will be promoted again next year and better weather can be ordered.

The month of August is fairly busy on the NWL front, so do put the dates and activities in your diaries and support whatever you can.

Firstly, our Clubnight on Tuesday 1st will see a number of us take to the skies over Dunstable Downs for a brief trial glider flight, where you should get the opportunity to control the glider yourself (with the aid of an experienced instructor). If you read this note in time, and you wish to have a go, the cost is £30, but please give me a call or send an email indicating your interest. For those not flying, you are more than welcome to come along and support the evening and drop into the bar at the end of the flying sessions to chat about all the excitement.

As you have hopefully noticed, we have eventually found a piece of land to run a grass autotest (The Paddock Autotest) on Sunday 13th August. We all have our fingers crossed that this may be the start of further autotest for the future. Full details and regulations are available from Mike Biss and further information will be found within the pages of this Big End

The next 'Chat and a Drink' will be held on Thursday 17th August, back at The Red Lion – do join us from around 8:30pm for a sociable evening.

On the afternoon of Thursday 24th August, Doug has organised a visit to the De Havilland Aircraft Museum near J22 of the M25. A charge of £20 per person will be made, but that includes a guided tour and a cup of tea! Please book your place with Doug at your earliest convenience and I am sure it will be a highly interesting afternoon.

Our September clubnight on Tuesday 5th sees a return to the bowling lanes at Dunstable, where for a charge of £22 per person, you will get two games of bowling, a basket meal and an included drink. It would be appreciated if you could let me know of your likely attendance and the fun starts at 7:30pm.

Our planned future programme is as follows;

Tuesday	1st August	– NWL Gliding evening at London Gliding Club
Sunday	13th August	– NWL Paddock Autotest at Marsworth
Thursday	17th August	– NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion
Thursday	24th August	– NWL visit to De Havilland Aircraft Museum
Tuesday	5th September	– NWL Tenpin bowling at Dunstable
Sunday	10th September	– NWL Chiltern Autotest (provisional)
Thursday	21st September	– NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion

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
Aug	Sun 13	*	Paddock Autotest (Cm)	Grass autotest - <i>Now Running</i>	CSMA NWL
Sep	Fri 8	*	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
	Sun 10		Chiltern Autotest (Cm)	Grass autotest - TBC	CSMA NWL
Oct	Sun 8		Autumn Autotest (Cm)	Grass autotest - TBC	CSMA NWL
	Fri 13		12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
	Sun 22		Boanerges AutoSolo (Cm)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Oxford MC
	Fri 27		12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Oxford MC

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

Past Events

Future Events

Paddock Autotest This will be run by NWL on Sunday 13th August at the new venue at Marsworth, near Tring. Ian O'Connor and myself will be organising this one. This will have two permits again, one for passengers and one without and is held on a grass field. Nice easy all-forward tests are on offer and are suitable for your standard car. Entry fee is £28 (juniors £15) and entries and marshals can register on the website links shown in the advert below.

The Chiltern (September) and Autumn (October) events will be at the mercy of the landowner, after they have seen what we did to the surface on the Paddock event, but fingers crossed they are OK with it and the fact it recovers quickly, despite how it looks! Can anyone found us a venue for the tarmac events now?

MSUK Clubman Licence It is now time to renew your free MSUK licence, so that you can compete on our grass autotests. 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 August event.

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 Paddock Autotest - Sunday 13th August (*Running*)

Venue - Marsworth, near Tring

Organisers: Ian O'Connor / Mike Biss - Entry Fee £28 (Juniors £15)

All forwards tests, passengers (PCA) or no passengers (Clubmans)

Great fun day out driving - Marshals required

Regs available from Mike B or from the website - Online entries only

[MSUK Clubman Licence](#) (free) & [Boundless MSUK card](#) (free) required

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

NWL Chiltern Autotest - Sunday 10th September (TBC)

Venue - Marsworth, near Tring

Organisers: Mike Harrison / Mike Biss - Entry Fee £28 (Juniors £15)

All forwards tests, passengers (PCA) or no passengers (Clubmans)

Great fun day out driving - Marshals required

Regs available (when site confirmed) from Mike B or from the website - Online entries only

[MSUK Clubman Licence](#) (free) & [Boundless MSUK card](#) (free) required

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Chairman's notebook - continued from page 4

The following week I attended the CSMA track day at Castle Combe, which was down on numbers, once again I suspect due to the forecasted changeable weather. As it turned out, it remained dry except for one shower during the slowing down lap of the session before lunch and during the lunch time halt. So, we were extremely lucky to have a virtually dry event and so I had great fun chasing, or should I say, trying to chase Porsches around the circuit. Again, a great day out and if you haven't been to a track day, it's well worth coming up to visit and have a look, you never know you might get to grab a ride around with someone if you are lucky.

So, a very busy month in terms of events, but August looks to be quieter. Ann and I are off to Wales for two weeks in the middle of August, we have a cottage above Porthmadog and might visit the odd narrow-gauge railway!

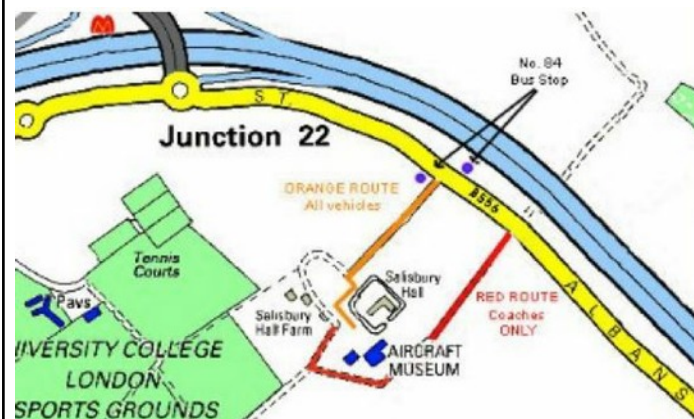
It's really good news that we have a grass Autotest to enjoy once again, no doubt Mike will be looking for entries and help on the day, so please look up the details on the advert elsewhere in the newsletter. Two other events to mention, we have an invitation to the MGs on Track, track day at Castle Combe on the 4th September, where we have our own session for 12 cars and these are filling up fast, so if you are interested please get in touch with me (you don't need an MG to take part) and finally, we have the Retro Run on the 15-17th September, which this year is once again based at the Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod Wells. It may well be full, but if you are interested, contact Malcolm or Madeleine Grubb, or visit the Club web site.

We have our traditional bowling evening for our September clubnight at Dunstable on the 5th of September and hopefully I will see you there, otherwise then perhaps at our drink and a chat on the 21st of September at the Red Lion.

Mike H

Two Brewers Scatter - Results

Crew	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Score	Position	Award
Dean & John	12	20	15		8			15	15	12			10			107	1	First O/A
Doug & Mike B	12				8	15		15	15		12	12	10			99	2	
The Robins Clan			X	X	8		20				12	12	10		12	74	3	
Alan G & Hazel	12			X	8	15		X		12		12			12	71	4	
Trevor & Alan T			15	X	8	X				12	12		10		12	69	5	



NWL Group Visit Thursday 24th August Tour starts at 2pm

£20 per person
(free guided tour and a cup of tea)

20 spaces available

Contact Doug Harrison to book

The Curtis Bennett Rally Reunion Weekend May 12-14th 2023

The CB Rally was the CSMA's premier rally and ran for over 70 years from 1935 to 2007, except for the war years of WW2 and the foot and mouth outbreak of 2001. For forty-four of those years, it was based at the Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod Wells.

In May, as part of the CSMA centenary celebrations, a reunion was held at the Metropole with a scenic drive using some of the classic rally roads and a dinner was organised on the Saturday by Allan Goddard and Alan Smith, followed by a walking treasure hunt around the town on the Sunday morning, by Malcolm and Madeleine Grubb.

Ann and I took the Sprite up on the Friday on the trailer behind the Audi, as on the Sunday, we were going to drive across to Snetterton and stay the night in a hotel, before taking part in a Track Day at Snetterton Race Circuit on the Monday. If you look at a map, you simply head east from Llandrindod Wells!

Having booked into the hotel around 4pm on the Friday, we then enjoyed a drink at the bar and an excellent meal, after which Allan and Alan gave a good briefing on the main event which would start after breakfast the next morning.

We had a lovely drive up in sunshine on the Friday and the Saturday proved to be no different, allowing us to drive all day with the roof down in the Sprite, making the day so much better, given the fantastic roads and awe-inspiring views we were to enjoy on route.

Twenty two cars took part in the event and the first car was flagged away from the hotel car park just after 10 o'clock and using a tulip road book, we first headed off on the A483 towards Builth Wells, through Howey and then on towards Pontnewydd and then into New Bridge, where we turned left towards Rhayader on the A470 and then on off on the B4358 to Beulah.

In Beulah we turned right to Llandovery, on the A483 once more, and then on to Abergwesyn, which was one of the favourite roads often used on the rally. And before you ask, no, I didn't recognise any of it, as back then on the rally it was pitch black with only the spotlights to show the way! Anyway, this is a superb road and includes the Devil's Staircase, which is a particularly steep section with very tight hairpins.

Needless to say, this is exactly where we encountered cyclists attempting to peddle up the steep incline, which meant we had to stop and with the hand brake not holding, we very nearly burnt the clutch out, and cyclists were not my favourite people that morning shall we say. The picture of the Sprite at this location doesn't really give a true impression of the steepness of the road.



From here we travelled through Ceredigion, Tregaron, Pontrhydfendigaid and Ysbyty Ystwyth to the lunch time halt at Devils Bridge, where the Vale of Rheidol Railway terminates.



The lovely maroon Austin 7 parked in the railway car park was not one of the entries, I just thought it was a fantastic looking car, although given the lack of horse power, I would not have liked to have driven it over the roads we had driven that morning!

After lunch we all headed off to Cwmystwyth and on to Powys, down the Elan Valley past the disused metal mines, again this was one of the best routes and often used on the CB Rally, with its three dams and three reservoirs, it was always a very entertaining stretch of road, especially at night in the dark and was often used as a selective to ensure there was a winner! At the end of the valley we pulled into the visitor's centre and had a well-earned ice cream.



After the ice cream break we headed off once more and travelled into Rhayader, where we went straight through the town towards Leominster on the A44, eventually turning right at the roundabout at Cross Gates, to head back to Llandrindod Wells to the finish at the Metropole Hotel, having travelled some 46.6 miles in the morning run and a further 38 miles in the afternoon.

In the evening we had a very nice meal again, followed by a short quiz and Alan asked those of us who had competed on the CB, to give recollections of the event, after which we all have a good old chat and a beer in the bar afterwards.

On the Sunday morning, after a very good breakfast, Madeleine and Malcolm Grubb had organised one of their usual very good walking treasure hunts around the town. We were joined by Alan Smith on the hunt and despite having to cut short our walk, we still managed to come second.

That brought the event to a close and Ann and I headed off to Snetterton for a track day on the Monday, having had a very enjoyable weekend in Wales celebrating the Curtis Bennett Rally.

My thanks to AG and the rest of the organising team for an excellent weekend.

Mike

Classic Vehicle Group Centenary Run - Old Warden 2nd July 2023

To compliment the Boundless Centenary Event at Old Warden Aerodrome, the Classic Vehicle Group (CVG) had organised a display and car run, and members were given the choice of either driving straight to the event or taking part in a short run from the Leighton Buzzard Railway centre.

On the day, some fourteen cars elected to drive straight to the event, with the oldest car being a 1956 Austin Healey 100/4 and the youngest a 2016 Porsche Boxter. However, twenty of us decided to take part in the run, with the oldest car being a 1956 Volvo Amazon and the newest being a 2011 Mazda MX5 and this included a very nice black 1964 Velocette LE Mk 111 police bike.



Ann and I chose to take part in the run in the Sprite, arriving at the railway carpark for 9am in time for a coffee and the signing on, where a tulip road book and Goody Bag was given out. A short briefing took place at 9:45am with the first car leaving at around 10am. There was no set timing on the event, but Pete Gregory who was responsible for the route and subsequent tulip road book, had ensured everyone had plenty of time to enjoy the Bedford countryside and still arrive in plenty of time at the airfield, to wander around the hangers and static displays before the main event of the day, the flying display.



This Centenary event proved to be very popular with members, as all of the free entry tickets soon sold out, but luckily the CVG Group had managed to have a number set aside for those of us taking part in the display and run.

Pete took us out of the station carpark turning right heading Northwards towards Hockliffe, crossing over the narrow-gauge railway and through newly built housing estates and then out into the countryside towards Woburn and then through a deer park and on through Steppingley before turning left at a roundabout towards Millbrook.

Shortly after another roundabout, we turned right sign posted to Lidlington and after yet another roundabout, travelled over two level crossings (the full size one this time) and a couple more junctions before heading towards Houghton Conquest.

So far, the weather had been warm and bright, but not sunny, as the cloud cover was quite thick and it was windy at times, which we hoped would not impact on the flying display.



After yet more mini roundabouts, no we weren't in Milton Keynes!, we turned right at a tee junction towards Clophill and then took a tight hairpin left, signposted Haynes, before forking right to Ireland and then straight on at a crossroads signposted Old Warden. Which indicated we were nearly at the end of the run!



After a few more junctions, we finally turned left, sign posted Shuttleworth College and after a short queue, our event car badge allowed us to bypass the main queuing system and we were directed to the display and Boundless members' area,

having travelled just over 35 miles of really nice, deserted roads and beautiful Bedfordshire countryside.

So, having been shepherded to our parking spot next to a nice original AC Cobra, Ann and I left the Sprite to explore the collection of hangers and static displays. Most of the aircraft at the museum actually fly and with most of the aircraft parked outside on the field waiting to take part in the flying display, the hangers



were full of static displays and models, including some aircraft peddle cars which were a great hit with the kids!

Outside the hangers there was a nice collection of WW1 buses and WW1 and WW2 air force/army vehicles on display and of course many aircraft including a Gloster Gladiator and Westland Lysander, which are two of my favourite aircraft.

Included in the flying display were your normal Hurricane, Spitfire and Mustang and some very nice trainers and we were treated to a good



display from Sally B, which is a B17 Flying Fortress based out of Duxford and numerous other aircraft. The display ended with a fine flypast by the RAF's memorial flight consisting of the Lancaster, Hurricane and Spitfire.

All in all, it was a great day out, with a great combination of classic cars and classic aircraft and as a bonus, even the weather was kind to us for once, with the forecasted showers holding off!

My thanks to Bernard and especially to Pete, for organising the day for us all to enjoy.

Mike Harrison

The ROKON - Ian O'Connor

While attending a car show near Thame recently, I came across this interesting scooter. Aimed at the US off-road bike/US Army market, it is the one and only two wheel drive bike I have ever seen (*ED: They have tried 2WD on the Dakar rally*). Visible to the front, below the front load rack, is the brake disc and chain drive shaft to the front wheel. Power comes to this transfer hub via a drive shaft with a universal joint allowing for power to be transmitted as the steering is turned. The engine is a fan cooled 208cc recoil started unit, with a 3 speed automatic gearbox. The owner was on hand to explain he knows of no other in the UK. He also told us about the range of accessories, including larger luggage rack, tow bar for a logging sledge or a two wheel trailer with the quoted towing capacity of 2000 pounds. The factory options also include a side car for load moving or even stretcher carrying duties.



Standard feature are these chunky off-road tyres, on wheels that are an additional pair of tanks and can be used to carry extra fuel or even water, subject to where the US Army choose to deploy them. Seen above the front shock absorber is the front brake disc, although I'm not sure how effective that would be stopping the bike fully loaded. Like a lot of Army kit, a simple loosen of the handle bars, lay them down, attach a parachute and then throw them out the back of a Hercules,

for use on the mission. If it lands in a lake or river, with a periscope air intake, they can be ridden almost totally submerged.

They have high ground clearance for riding over logs and boulders etc and according to the owner, it is almost unstoppable. Top speed is a reasonable 37 mph and it will never win any beauty contest.



Member Communities Communique

July 2023 Update

Club Council Update

The Club Council met via Zoom for their 88th meeting on Tuesday 27th June.

Amongst their usual business the Club Council were pleased to hear that many Groups are doing well, whilst several others continue to struggle in attracting new members. However, a number of new initiatives are being planned to trial additional communications to new members regarding promoting Groups activities.

Another issue identified by the Club Council was the difficulties some Groups have in filling their 6 committee positions. As such, the Club Council have agreed to reduce the minimum number of committee members required to 4 (i.e. Group Leader/Chair, Group Secretary, Group Treasurer and one other Committee Member). The maximum number for Group committees remains at 9 members.

Club Treasurer, Geoff Gaunt outlined the proposals from the recent Expenses Sub-Committee meeting were to retain the current Recognising Volunteers funding, albeit with two minor amendments. Firstly, an enhanced award will be introduced to recognise Groups who are performing well against a criteria of positive member participation trends or demonstrating innovative ideas within their programme of events. The second change will be to start the process 1 month earlier, in an effort to be able to circulate awards prior to Christmas.

Club Leader, Madeleine Grubb concluded the meeting by informing the Club Council of the change of meeting dates for the remaining 2023 Club Council meetings (due to the change in AGM arrangements). The remaining two meetings will now be as follows:

Monday 11th September 2023 via Zoom

Wednesday 1st November 2023 (with the AGM) at The Clermont Charing Cross

Any Group Committee Member who may wish to attend a Club Council meeting as a guest, will always be made most welcome, and should contact Nick nicholas.hoath@boundless.co.uk to indicate their interest.

Local Groups Representative on the Club Council

As part of the rolling schedule of elections, nominations are now open for a Local Group Representative (LGR) to join the Club Council.

This role, along with the other 2 LGRs, is primarily to serve as a communication channel between the Local Groups and the Club Council, representing their views at the Club Council meetings. LGRs are also the first port of call for Local Groups who may require support or assistance to fulfil their activities.

No previous experience is necessary, although nominees should have a good understanding of the workings of a Local Group and be able to travel to Club Council meetings 2-3 times a year. Members can self-nominate themselves for this role, although they should have the support of an established Local Group.

For more details, please contact Nick nicholas.hoath@boundless.co.uk.

The closing date for nominations is Friday 25th August.



Groups Out and About

Motorsports Curtis Bennett Reunion

In early May, over 40 of our Motorsports enthusiasts gathered in Llandrindod Wells, Mid-Wales to celebrate a reunion of one of our most prestigious Motoring events during our previous 100 years, the Curtis Bennett Rally.

With members arriving from far and wide to the historic Metropole Hotel, to enjoy a weekend of scenic drives, treasure hunts and social evenings reminiscing of many happy times gone by!



CVG Sussex – Surrey Spree

Continuing the motoring theme – the first Saturday in June saw this year's running of the ever popular Classic Vehicle Group Sussex – Surrey Spree.

Well attended as always, participants set off from Copthorne Classics, via Denbies Wine Estate, before finishing at Gatwick Aviation Museum – all in the glorious early summer sunshine.

CVG Visit to Jim Stokes Workshop

Later in June our Classic Vehicle enthusiasts gathered for a fascinating tour around the Jim Stokes Workshop in Waterlooville, Hampshire.

Whilst no photos were allowed in the workshop itself, the members did pose for a quick snap over lunch!



Peterborough Group at Peckover House

And whilst we're on the subject of lunch – members of our Peterborough Group enjoyed a delicious picnic lunch in the grounds of Peckover House in Wisbech, followed by a private tour of the house.

Keep sending in your photos with a brief description for inclusion in the Communique.

***Please send these all photos to:
membercommunities@boundless.co.uk***

100th Anniversary Camping and Caravanning Rally

An incredible 150 units gathered at the West Midlands Showground in Shrewsbury for the 100th Anniversary Camping and Caravanning Celebration Rally. With members coming from all over the country, this was our biggest C&C Rally for many years.

Members were entertained throughout the weekend by the C&CC Band, Cliff Richard and Abba!

Congratulations to Rally Marshalls Brian and Jenny Roberts, assisted by Trev and Di Warren for a fantastic rally, enjoyed and appreciated by all those who attended.



Leeds Group Celebrate the CSMA 100th Anniversary

Here's a lovely selection of photos of our Leeds Group holding their own celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the CSMA in June.

A very enjoyable, delicious lunch served in the opulent surroundings of Hazlewood Castle.



Classic Vehicle Group Run to Old Warden

Continuing the 100th Anniversary theme. Here's our Classic Vehicle Group lined up ready for their scenic drive to the Member Day at the Old Warden Shuttleworth Collection



C&C Rally at Old Warden

..... whilst already at Old Warden, Rally Marshalls, Mike and Freda Docker and Barry and Lynn Lovatt were all set up ready to host those members lucky enough to book on the C&C Rally located in the prime position to join the event without even having to get in the car!

Shuttleworth Collection at Old Warden Member Day

The day itself dawned bright and sunny, albeit a little windy! However, this didn't deter over 1,400 members and their guests from enjoying everything the day had to offer, from the privileged Boundless picnic area.



More Member Days coming up!

Our next 2 Member Days are at RHS Hyde Hall in Essex on 16th September and RHS Harlow Carr in Yorkshire on 30th September.

Tickets for these events have nearly sold out, so if you're thinking of going, pop over to the website events pages [RHS Garden Hyde Hall member's Day | Boundless by CSMA](#) or [RHS Garden Harlow Carr Member's Day | Boundless by CSMA](#) sooner, rather than later, to avoid disappointment.

Camping and Caravanning venture overseas!

Our first Camping and Caravanning Rally on the continent since before the pandemic.

An intrepid 20 units took the plunge in June and joined rally marshals Trev and Di Warren for the first continental rally in 4 years. Much fun and enjoyment were had in the glorious sunshine and beautiful surroundings of northern France.

Look out for another continental rally already in the planning for 2024!



C&C Charity Fundraising

And here's our busy C&C rally marshals Trev and Di Warren again! This time back in the UK at his rally at The Barn, Lancing in West Sussex, raising over £150 for the MNDA charity.

Well done to all involved!

2024 Camping and Caravan Rallies

If you're considering putting together a C&C Rally for 2024, then the time has come to put forward your Rally Proposal Forms.

If you're unsure where to obtain a Rally Proposal Form, are unsure what information is required, or need help completing the form, then contact Joselyn in the Member Communities team who'll be able to help. Email: joselyn.williams@boundless.co.uk

2024 Event Ideas

2024 will see a significant expansion of our extremely popular Member Days, plus the continuation of our series of Online Events during the colder months – and we're looking for your ideas.

Whether it's an event or venue that you've visited, or a particularly interesting speaker who the wider membership might enjoy. Let Nick (nicholas.hoath@boundless.co.uk) know and the Events Team will look into your ideas further.

Many thanks

October Networking Meeting Leeds

We will shortly be sending out invitations to Groups to attend the third in this year's series of Networking Meetings.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 10th October at Weetwood Hall in Leeds and will follow a similar agenda to those already held in Edinburgh and Tunbridge Wells.



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. Can we improve it in any way?

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



Diary NWL 2023



CLUBNIGHT Venue
Function Room, The Red Lion,
56 London Road,
Hemel Hempstead
HP3 9TD

DRINK & CHAT Venue
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August

Tue 1st NWL Clubnight - Gliding at Dunstable Downs
4th-6th WRC - Finland
Sun 13th NWL Paddock Autotest - *Running*
Thu 17th NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH
Thu 24th NWL Visit to DeHavilland museum - London Colney
Sun 27th F1 - Netherlands

September

Sun 3rd F1 - Italy (Monza)
Tue 5th NWL Clubnight - Bowling, Dunstable
8th-10th WRC - Greece
Sun 10th NWL Chiltern Autotest - TBC
Sun 17th F1 - Singapore
Thu 21st NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH
Sun 24th F1 - Japan
29th-1st WRC - Chile

October

Tue 3rd NWL Clubnight - Buzzer Quiz - The Red Lion, HH
Sun 8th NWL Autumn Autotest - TBC
Sun 8th F1 - Qatar
Thu 19th NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH
Sun 22nd F1 - United States (Austin)
27th-29th WRC - Central European
Sun 29th F1 - Mexico

Dates to reserve: