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Clubnight

Teams Buzzer Quiz

Tuesday 3rd October

At our clubnight venue The Red Lion PH Starts 8pm



THE BIRTHDAY BOX!

Happy birthday wishes this time go to **David and Emma Muir** who are another year wiser this month!



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Well the annual worry of will the MX5 get through its emissions test on the MOT was unfounded this time. Usually it takes several goes at getting the right settings for the car, as it is an imported model and the system likes to use the date of registration in this country, rather than the date of manufacture (four years difference), but this time the garage had a brand new tester, that brought up all the correct details and it went through straightaway. At last! However, it failed on a rusty sill, which wasn't even an advisory last year, so that is being dealt with next week, and a faulty handbrake on one side, which turned out to be the adjuster had unwound itself. Adjusted and works fine. I like easy fixes like that! Shame the other one isn't so easy.

Went down to Royal Tunbridge Wells for the weekend and went via the Dartford Crossing, which was nice and easy (although heavy), unlike the other side, with massive queues, well back past the A2 junction. Looking at coming back on the Sunday evening, there was still big holdups going north through the tunnels, but according to the traffic maps, it was still going to be a lot quicker than going round the west side of the M25! It wasn't as bad as I was expecting, in that the traffic did keep moving, although slowly, but it was very infuriating when we did get in the tunnel to find one lane, of the two,was going stop/start whilst the other was moving nicely. On exiting the other end, there was no reason why that had happened. Must have been some idiot driving so slowly as they were frightened of being underground!

Good to see the safety of F1 cars is still allowing drivers to walk away unharmed from massive accidents. In Singapore, Lance Stroll had a massive crash in qualifying that almost destroyed his car, but he was able to get out OK. The car was another matter and they decided not to try and rebuild it for the race. Back to normal in the world of F1 in Japan, with Red Bull running away with the win again. At least the blip in Singapore will prevent them having a clean sweep of wins. The team have given up developing the car and have gone on to the 2024 version, way in advance of the other teams, which doesn't bode well for the others catching up next year, if they are getting so much development time on the new car.



On Thursday, Flitwick will be graced by the presence of a new ALDI store opening, which will hopefully challenge the local Tesco on prices. It looks like there will be traffic problems, as there doesn't look to be any allowance for getting into and out of the store entrance, it's just a turn off the main road, not even a set of lights. So now we will have the cheaper ALDI, medium Tesco and expensive Waitrose to chose from.

Seeing as we don't have any grass autotests to play on, we will have to wait for our next dose of motorsport activities. It will soon be getting towards the end of the year (what, already I hear you say!) and our 12 Car Rally season will begin. Things are starting to come together organisation wise and hopefully we will get the support required to make these events a success.

The ongoing problems in the WRX championship, with the battery fire problems at Lydden Hill still not understood, the championship organisers have decided to run the lower spec RX2 cars in the last two rounds of the championship. These all electric cars have a different set up to the RX1 versions and have continued to compete on the cancelled rounds for the RX1 machines. This will give them more time to understand the problem, whilst keeping the championship going.



Hopefully we will see you at clubnight for some buzzer quiz fun, being provided by our Chairman.

Keep safe.

Mike B.

NOTE: Deadline for contributions to the November newsletter is Thursday 26th October

Chairman's notebook

Once again I must thank Alan Thurbon for organising a very enjoyable evening at the Dunstable Bowling Alley last month for our September clubnight. As on previous occasions, the standard of play varied quite considerably between the two games, with much banter going on between individual players! However, in the end, age and experience overcame all challengers and Alan won!

This month you all have the pleasure of my attempts at a Buzzer Quiz, using the equipment Doug built for the club many, many years ago! I aim to make it as easy as possible, whilst ensuring we have a winning team at the end of the night, with questions divided in to different subjects, with a maximum number of 10 questions per subject, with the intention that you will be able to answer most of the questions! So hopefully I will see you all at the Red Lion on the 3rd October for 8pm with an 8:30pm start and a comfort break in the middle for the quiz, etc.

Last month saw Ann and me taking part in the Retro Run, which this year was based at the good old Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod Wells. With the gear-box rebuilt, Ann and I picked up the Sprite from Frontline on the way up there on the Friday and thus took it to Wales on the trailer, which was just as well, as with only 14 miles completed on the event on the Saturday morning; we came to a gentle halt with no drive!





Fortunately it was on a wide section of road where other vehicles could pass us and after a quick phone call for help to Malcolm and Madeleine Grubb, they kindly came out to us and took us back to the Metropole, where I then took the Audi and trailer back to the Sprite, loaded it on board and then took it back to the hotel! Ann and I then did the second half of the first day from Devil's Bridge and the full day on the Sunday in the Audi. Well, we could at least listen to the radio!

I will try and write up a full report on the Retro Run for next month's newsletter.

Despite the loss of the Sprite, we had a very enjoyable weekend in Wales, even with the new 20mph speed limits everywhere and on the run home on Monday, we dropped the Sprite back at Frontline for inspection and repair. Apparently I am told, but not confirmed yet, that the diff broke or locked up, which in turn caused the off-side drive shaft to break! Cars!!!!!!

After the Singapore F1 race, one could be mistaken for thinking Red Bull and Max would be on the back foot, after finishing well back, however, everything was back to normal last weekend at the Japanese F1 race, with Max steam rolling everyone to win yet another Grand Prix!

I see that Elfyn Evans is keeping Kalle Rovanpera honest on the WRC front, with a fine second place on the recent Acropolis Rally in Greece, although it's looking good for Kalle in terms of the driver's championship and Toyota for the manufacturer's championship. Rumour has it that Subaru are considering a return to WRC, with Petter Solberg tipped to be the manager. Exciting times ahead maybe?

Next month we have a talk and presentation from Alan Smith on the 2012 London to Cape Town Rally on the 7th November, so please try and attend, as it's not nice talking to an empty room! Friends and family welcome to attend as well!

Hopefully I will see you at the Buzzer Quiz on the 3rd at the Red Lion, otherwise then perhaps at our drink and a chat on the 19th October, also at the Red Lion.

Mike H



Another month has flown by and we are now settling into autumn! Before long, Halloween will be with us, then bonfire night and before we know it, Santa will come and see us! Certainly the temperature is dropping and it won't be long before the central heating will be needed.

At least last month's clubnight kept a few of us warm with our annual visit to the tenpin bowling lanes at Dunstable. Modesty prevents me from mentioning the victor, but Lorraine happily accepted the wooden spoon and promises to do better next year.

Our proposed CSMA Centenary celebration break sadly had to be cancelled, as the hostelry we were due to take over suffered a kitchen fire a couple of weeks ago, disabling the kitchen and at least two of the bedrooms and despite enquiring with a number of other establishments, accommodation could not be found.

Next clubnight will be back to The Function Room at The Red Lion on Tuesday 3rd October, where Chairman Mike will be presenting a 'Buzzer Quiz' to test our grey matter! As I mentioned last month, 'always good fun when Mike puts it together, so note the date in the diary and come along for a pleasant evening'. Gather from 8:00pm for an 8:30pm start of the quiz.

The next 'Chat and a Drink' will be held on Thursday 19th October back at The Red Lion – do join us from around 8:30pm for a sociable evening.

The Association Annual General Meeting will take place at 2:30pm on Wednesday 1st November at The Clermont Charing Cross hotel, which is right next door to Charing Cross main line station. You can find full details of the Association AGM within the Club Communique section of this publication. Don't forget to check out the voting process, so that any vote you wish to make, can be counted.

Please make a note now of our November clubnight on Tuesday 7th, when Alan Smith will be coming along to talk to us about the organisation and behind the scenes workings of the London to Cape Town Rally of 2012. A video will also be shown of the event, so come along in good time to get a good seat.

Our planned future programme is as follows;

Tuesday 3rd October – NWL Clubnight – Buzzer Quiz at The Red Lion

Thursday 19th October - NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion

Tuesday 7th November - NWL Clubnight - Alan Smith talk on the 2012 London to Cape

Town Rally

Thursday 16th November – NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion Tuesday 5th December – NWL Clubnight – Christmas social evening Thursday 21st December – 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

Motor Sport Coordinators' Bulletin

October 2023

Date Oct	Day Sun 8 Fri 13 Sun 22	*	Event (Status) Autumn Autotest (Cm) 12 Car (Cm) Boanerges AutoSolo (Cm)	Type of Event Grass autotest - CANC Navigational rally Cross between autotest/sprint	Club CSMA NWL Blackbird AC Oxford MC
	Mon 23	*	Track Day (C)	Goodwood Circuit	CSMA MSG
	Fri 27	*	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Oxford MC
Nov	Fri 10	*	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
Dec	Fri 1	*	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
Jan	Fri 5		12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL
Feb	Fri 2		12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NEL
Mar	Fri 1		12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL
Apr	Fri 5		12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL

Past Events

Future Events

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

The Chiltern and Autumn Autotests These events have had to be cancelled, after the landowner withdrew their permission! We are now back to looking for another venue, with a more understanding landowner. Some options are being looked at to try and find somewhere accommodating.

Not much else happening on our events at the moment, the next ones will be the 12 Car Rallies in the new year.

MSUK Clubman Licence Almost all these events in the calendar require you to have one of these licences as a minimum to compete, either as a driver or passenger. If you go to https://rsclubman.motorsportuk.org, you can order your free licence, but please make sure you don't leave it to the last minute.

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. Most of these events are entered via the Sapphire System, so regs, etc. can be found there. We will be invited to all the Anglian Motor Sport Club autosolos/autotests throughout the year.

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Bowling Scores - September Clubnight

Team

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Team

Talk by Alan Smith on the organisation behind the 2012 event

NWL Clubnight: Tuesday 7th November 8pm

The Red Lion, 56 London Road, Hemel Hempstead HP3 9TD

From the earliest days of motoring, 100 years ago, there has always been a challenge of who could drive from London to Cape Town and from Cape Town to London in the fastest time. In 2012, after several abortive attempts, the Endurance Rally Association ran an event from London to Cape Town which was open to any age or make of vehicle and any level of competitor experience. Hear how it all came about and in the film, spot some familiar faces, Owen Turner, Gill Cotton, on their epic adventure.

Date	Route	Country	Kms
Jan 1	Scrutineering, Brooklands. London Start: 7.00pm	UK	130
Jan 2	London to Beaune via Dover-Calais ferry, 3.40am	France	610
Jan 3	Beaune to Florence	France, Italy	840
Jan 4	Florence to Ancona (Port) - ferry, 4pm	Italy	300
Jan 5	Igoumenitsa (Port) to Kamena Vourla	Greece	470
Jan 6	Kamena Vourla to Piraeus (Port) - ferry, 12am	Greece	490
Jan 7	On Ferry - Rest Day	Mediterranean	
Jan 8	Alexandria (Port) to Ain Sokhna	Egypt	350
Jan 9	Ain Sokhna to Safaga (Port) - ferry, 4am	Egypt	460
Jan 10	Duba (Port) to Yanbu	Saudi Arabia	520
Jan 11	Yanbu to Jeddah (Port) - ferry, 9pm	Saudi Arabia	350
Jan 12	Suakin (Port) to Gedaref	Sudan	720
Jan 13	Gedaref to Bahir Dar	Sudan, Ethiopia	510
Jan 14	Bahir Dar to Awasa	Ethiopia	760
Jan 15	Awasa to Moyale	Ethiopia, Kenya	510
Jan 16	Moyale to Marsabit	Kenya	250
Jan 17	Marsabit to Nairobi	Kenya	540
Jan 18	Nairobi - Rest Day	Kenya	
Jan 19	Nairobi to Arusha	Kenya, Tanzania	410
Jan 20	Arusha to Dodoma	Tanzania	440
Jan 21	Dodoma to Mbeya	Tanzania	610
Jan 22	Mbeya to Mpika	Tanzania, Zambia	500
Jan 23	Mpika to Lusaka	Zambia	700
Jan 24	Lusaka to Livingstone	Zambia	500
Jan 25	Livingstone to Tsumeb	Zambia, Namibia	105
Jan 26	Tsumeb to Windhoek	Namibia	650
Jan 27	Windhoek to Ai-Ais	Namibia	840
Jan 28	Ai-Ais to Clanwilliam	Namibia, South Africa	650
Jan 29	Clanwilliam to Cape Town	South Africa	330



Member Communities Communique

September 2023 Update

Club Council Update

The Club Council met via Zoom for their 89th meeting on Monday 11th September.

The usual updates from the Interest Group Leaders and Local Groups Representatives provided a mixed picture of how some Groups appear to be thriving, whilst others are either struggling or just 'ticking over'. One of the points raised was to include the Groups Reports provided by the Interest Group Leaders and Local Groups Representatives in the updating of the Volunteer Hub following a Club Council meeting, (as per the Draft Minutes). This will enable any Committee Member able to access the Volunteer Hub to view them, as such the relevant Reports will now be loaded on to the Volunteer Hub within a week of the Club Council meeting being held.

As part of her update, Club Leader, Madeleine Grubb outlined the work the Club Management Group (CMG) have been undertaking over the past few months. Madeleine explained that a lot of work continues on trying to improve the Single Event Notice (SEN) process for volunteers, whilst balancing the corporate requirements for Health and Safety, insurance, etc.. This is particularly challenging, as the liability for the Member Communities events lies with the whole Association, and hence sufficient checks and measures are required. Madeleine, also outlined the work CMG have commenced in clarifying the Data Protection Guidelines which have a similar corporate liability.

Madeleine continued her update by outlining the proposals to develop the Recognising Volunteers Funding to begin to acknowledge those Groups who are performing particularly well. Madeleine did however indicate her concern at the absence of events on some Groups web pages. Madeleine explained that this is particularly disappointing as it reflects poorly on the Groups, and in particular for those new members who might be visiting the web pages for the first time. The Club Council have taken a task to try and ensure all Groups have at least 2-3 events planned and shown on the website for members to consider.

Madeleine concluded her update by updating the Club Council that Heather Glanville will be stepping down as Association Chair at the end of the 2023 AGM. The CSMA Board have subsequently appointed the current Vice Chair, Gerard O'Sullivan as Association Chair from the end of the 2023 AGM. The CSMA Board have also consequently appointed Madeleine to the to-be vacant Vice Chair position at the same time. Madeleine is therefore required to step down as Club Leader, and hence the Club Council will be electing a new Club Leader at their next meeting on 1st November.

Club Treasurer, Geoff Gaunt commenced his update to the Club Council by thanking the Member Communities Groups and Treasurers in particular, for their continued financial prudence during 2023, ensuring the Member Communities remain within budget, Geoff also thanked all those Group Treasurers who have already submitted their 2024 Budget requests in a timely manner and reminded Treasurers of the deadline of Friday 29th September for the receipt of all budgets.

Independent Council Member, Alan Thurbon provided an update on the Club Council Self-Assessment exercise completed by Council Members over the past few months. Alan indicated that whilst improvements in the Club Council's operation and function can always be made, on the whole most of the issues raised are already discussed within the regular meetings. Alan did highlight a couple of key issues to be addressed, in particular the decision-making processes and awareness of 'risks' that the Club Council members would like to develop further.

Madeleine Grubb, introduced the option of co-opting an ICM to represent the ever increasing participation members have with our dedicated online Groups – Photography, Cooking & Baking, Gardening and the Reading Room. Madeleine proposed Trev Warren be co-opted to the Club Council in this role, a proposal that was unanimously supported. Trev will now join the Club Council as a full voting member, primarily to represent the interests of the online communities.

Club Council Update continued...

Head of Member Communities, Nick Hoath then provided an update regarding the policies and procedures for Low Overhead Groups (LOGs) and Independent Volunteers. Nick outlined the differences in governance and funding around these two methods of volunteering and how they differ from the established existing Group/Committee structures. Nick also outlined that the Boundless Magazine will be moving to 4 'seasonal' editions in 2024, from its current bi-monthly format. This will enable the magazine to be focussed on providing the best articles and updates relevant for the time of year, e.g. Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter.

Many thanks to all those Members who completed the Volunteer Survey in August. These surveys provide valuable feedback for the Club Leadership on what we're doing well and what can be improved. The Club Leadership will now be reviewing the findings and communicating these to the next Club Council meeting and members via the November Communique.

The final update from the Club Council was the considerations of the proposed changes to the Club Leadership election processes. For some time now, the Club Leadership have recognised the slightly limited opportunities for those members who wished to progress up the governance ladder, 'from armchair to Chair' as it has been previously described. Hence, the Club Leadership have developed a number of proposals to both open-up the eligibility for the senior roles within the Member Communities, and also widen the election processes to better reflect our democratic Club principles. These proposals are still in their draft format, however if any member wishes to receive a copy of the current proposals, they can contact Nick Hoath nicholas.hoath@boundless.co.uk

Association AGM

The Association AGM will be held on Wednesday 1st November 2023 at the Clermont Charing Cross, The Stand, London commencing at 2.30pm. All Members are welcome, and we encourage Groups to consider sending a representative to this meeting where possible.

Amongst the usual business of the AGM, including an update from the Association Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Members will also be invited to vote for an Independent Council Member (ICM).

Members can view the meeting Agenda and Voting Pack, and cast their vote online here: 2023 Annual General Meeting | Boundless by CSMA Members can also request a printed Agenda and Voting from Member Services by emailing info@boundless.co.uk or telephoning Member Services on the usual number: 0800 669944.

Interest Group Committees

During the Autumn months Members are able to indicate an interest in joining one of our 5 Interest Group Committees.

It is recommended that members first speak with the relevant Interest Group Leader (shown below) before nominations are invited during October-December, for election by the Interest Group Committees during January/February.

Camping & Caravanning:

Leader: Graham Davis grahamdavis297@gmail.com

Classic Vehicle Group

Leader: Bernard Ward bernard.ward3@btinternet.com

Karting

Leader: Demetrious Orros demetriorros@hotmail.co.uk

Motorcycling

Leader: Allan Goddard <u>allan.goddard@boundlesscommunity.co.uk</u>

Motorsports (inc. Marshalling)

Leader: Mike Biss mike.biss@btinternet.com

These roles are a great opportunity for members to influence the activities of these Groups going forward as well as enjoying contributing to the growth of the Member Communities.

Groups Out and About

It's great to see many of our Groups out and about enjoying themselves!

Our **York Group** combined the 100th Anniversary of the CSMA, with their very own special celebration marking the 25th Anniversary of the Group reforming in 1998.

Members gathered on the 19th July to enjoy a very sociable and delicious lunch at the impressive Aldwark Manor, just outside of York.











Particular congratulations should go to the York Group Committee (shown left) who continue to provide such a fantastic range of activities for members throughout the year.

Here's some of our **Motorsports Group** who enjoyed a day at the London Rally Experience in August.



Mike Biss getting it sideways!



Our **Tamar Group** enjoyed celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the CSMA by providing a hospitality tent at the Harrowbeer Association's 1940's weekend, held at the former RAF Aerodrome outside Plymouth.

With nearly 50 members attending, head chef Robin Ferris and his family were kept very busy – but still cooked faultlessly!

The weather was on the whole kind, allowing members to inspect the many 1940's themed attractions ranging from demonstrations and exhibits by the RAF Association, to the shows from the various re-enactment societies and a fabulous range of lovingly cared for, vintage vehicles.

Members were also able to enjoy musical tributes from the Andrews Sisters and the Glenn Miller Band, whilst experiencing recreated representations of war time shopping – including rationing!

A fantastic day enjoyed by everyone.













Our **Lunch Bunch** had a great turn out for their August lunch – despite it being in 'holiday' time.

Following the usual delicious and sociable lunch, many took advantage of the canal alongside to sit and relax in the sunshine.

All Groups and Event Organisers should note, the deadline for event submissions to be considered for inclusion in the January/February Magazine is <u>Tuesday 10th October</u>

Send your event details to Kadie email: kadie.crichton@boundless.co.uk

Here's our **Kingdom of Fife Group** looking resplendent celebrating the King's Coronation back in May.





.... and here they are again, enjoying a little picnic at the Lochore Meadows Country Park in July.



.... and again!

This time visiting the Dunfermline Carnegie Library and Museum earlier this month.

Still in Scotland – our **Edinburgh and the Lothians Group** have had a busy year celebrating the Group's 40th Anniversary. Their summer activities have included a visit to the Scotlish Parliament in May, a visit to the Great Tapestry of Scotland in Galashiels, a Group visit to the Social Break at Redworth Hall, Co. Durham and a gentle cruise up the canal from Ratho in July.

What a fun packed summer!







Check out the Edinburgh & the Lothians great newsletter (found on their Boundless web page) for more details.



New Member of the Team

We have a new member of the Member Communities Team.

Benita Farore joined us in August as a replacement for Christina who has moved on to the next stage of her career.

Benita comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm and as the team's Administrator will likely be the first point of contact for many volunteers.

Benita will also be taking on the support for our SEN/One Trust process, as well providing help to any members having difficulty with their boundlesscommunity email addresses.

You'll no doubt see Benita out and about, so don't forget to say hello!



With Benita joining the team we've been able to have a little re-alignment of who's responsible for supporting which Groups.

Kadie remains your first point of contact for any marketing and/or promotional enquiries, whilst Joselyn now has responsibility for supporting the Classic Vehicle and Camping & Caravanning Groups. Ally continues her support for the Social Breaks & Holidays and the Motorsports, Motorcycling and Karting Groups. Rob is responsible for our Britannia House led Events programme supported by Emma. Anything else and general queries can be sent Nick's way!

The best method of contacting the team remains through our general email inbox which we all have access to: membercommunities@boundless.co.uk

Or you can contact any of the team directly as below:

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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



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

October

Tue 3rd NWL Clubnight - Buzzer Quiz - The Red Lion, HH

Sun 8th NWL Autumn Autotest - CANCELLED

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

<u>November</u>

Tue 7th NWL Clubnight - Speaker (Alan Smith) - The Red Lion, HH

Sun 5th F1 - Brazil

Thu 16th NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH

Sun 18th F1 - United States (Las Vegas)

17th-19th WRC - Japan Sun 26th F1 - Abu Dhabi

December

Tue 5th NWL Clubnight - Xmas Social - The Red Lion, HH

Thu 21st NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH

Dates to reserve: