

The "Nelly" Newsletter

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Next Clubnight:
Tuesday 14th November
Speaker – Phil McKinder
"Guilty or Not Guilty" – You Decide



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Hi Everyone

Thanks to Staff this month for his “arboreal” recollections article, as well as the booking details for the New Year Lunch. And, to mark his landmark birthday, has also produced the montage for the front cover, featuring our Chairman’s past rallying exploits.

Happy 80th Bernard...!



Despite being on the south coast, storm Ciaran didn’t cause us any problems in the end but there were plenty of warnings in place the day before when I ventured up to London for the Association’s AGM. Unfortunately (despite catching an early train than usual), due to signalling problems and, (putting it politely) “trespassers” on the track, I arrived an hour late and missed the first ten minutes of director Colin Slinn’s presentation.

What I can tell you is that new membership signings are up but the overall membership is down slightly and there are some new initiatives being considered, one of which may include a two-tier membership system. There is now a new Association Chair in place; Gerard O’Sullivan has taken over the reins from Heather Glanville and Madeleine Grubb is the new Vice Chair. Geoff Gaunt will replace her as Club Leader and Trevor Warren has been elected as an Independent Council Member. No doubt there will be more details in the next Communique – including the bits I missed I expect...

That’s all for now, Dave

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Chairman's November Chatter

Hi everybody, welcome to your November Nelly.

Those who made it to our October Clubnight were rewarded with an excellent talk by Graham and Mary Brice, a lovely couple who enjoy visiting wildlife regions across the continents and, fortunately for us, enjoy speaking about their visits and relating stories about their travels. Graham is a very good wildlife photographer and we were treated to some wonderful shots of the birds and animals that they saw. Much was taken from a small boat, filled with like minded people so, with the help of rather large lenses, there was minimal disturbance to the wildlife. All their images were from their recent visit to the vast wetlands in the Panatela, in western Brazil and the icing on their cake was to see the ocelot - we saw some striking images of this rare cat. And we hope to invite them back again to hear about some other trip of theirs, probably in Africa.

We had a discussion at our last AGM about the timing of the annual lunch and agreed that we should avoid the month of December and go for a post-Christmas meal in early January. Stafford has booked us in at the Galley Hall for Sunday 28th January and, to paraphrase Strictly, bookings are now open!

Looking not that far ahead and, for those interested in rallying, we are invited to the North West London Group November Clubnight on 7th November to hear a talk on one of the greatest endurance rallies ever held, the London to Cape Town. It will be of special interest to me as I should recognise several of the key places visited, as it passes through Egypt, the Sudan, Kenya, Tanzania and Cape Town.

Our own Clubnight, on the 14th, is one not to miss, as we are invited to be on a 'jury' and decide if the accused in a certain murder trial is Guilty or Not Guilty. Come along, as Phil McKinder will be guiding us through the evidence of this real trial, many years ago, and asking us for our verdicts at the end. No sitting on the fence for this one, it's a yes or a no!

It's on my calendar to nip down to London on the 1st, to the Association AGM, when I hope to hear some encouraging words about how the recruitment strategy is progressing, and meet up with some Boundless colleagues. We shall, of course, all be a year older and the talk will be about how to attract new members into the organisation and how to get them involved in the active club side, the local groups such as ours, or the wider national interest groups.

So what's coming up?

Clubnight Tuesday 14 November – Phil McKinder

This month it will be all about audience participation – Phil, who gave us a talk on Copped Hall a while back, will be taking us through a particular trial when the evidence needs reviewing by us, the audience, and we will decide whether the accused is guilty or not guilty, based on what we are told. Just like a real trial where the jury is presented with certain facts and must make a decision based solely on what we hear, and believe, or not!

Monthly lunch Tuesday 28 November

We have completed our summer programme of evening gatherings, and now, over the winter season, are meeting at lunchtimes. So, we are making a return visit to The Plough at Sewardstone Road and John would like to know if you are intending to join him.

Clubnight Tuesday 12 December – Party night

A home-made affair this month, no magic tricks, no talking dummies (no comment) but a wide-ranging buffet, provided by you to be enjoyed by you. Prepare for the usual quizzes and games to task your memory in various ways. Wine and nibbles will be in full flow, and teas and coffees will be available on a make it yourself arrangement. Music by John who may be, as I type, preparing a short music quiz and, as always, we start at 8pm.

No December or January lunch meeting – Enjoy the Fireworks...

Bernard

ROBERTS RAMBLEINS

Well November has arrived, and the clocks have gone back. Early darkness. October's club night saw us enjoy a Walk on the Wild Side by Mary and Graham Brace. It was about photos of the wild life in the Brazilian jungle. I liked the one of the animal swimming towards our speaker, who remarked that if you stand still long enough, animals will come towards you out of curiosity. Many thanks to Robert for contacting them. The only other event this month was the last of our evening dinners, until April, at the Galley Hall where seven of us enjoyed an excellent meal.

Club night in November is entitled Guilty or Not Guilty. Full details are given in a separate article. This will be followed by, on the fourth Tuesday, our return to the Plough, Sewardstone Road, for our monthly lunch. Please contact John if you wish to go.

No museum visits this month, but did you enjoy the hot weekend we had in October? Having just had the car serviced and then pass the MOT, I decided to give it a run, and finished down at Southend. It was like a summers' day in July rather than October. The Thames was as flat as a mill pond and some people were even paddling in it. This article is being written towards the end of October, just before the next committee meeting, when your committee will be planning our December club night. This will be the usual fun and games, but what else there will be is anybody's guess.

I have also received notification that the footbridge from the Whit Hern Car Park has now re-opened.

That is all for this month.

Robert.

NEL Clubnight – Tuesday 14th November

Guilty or Not Guilty – a talk by **Phil McKinder** with audience participation.

The true and extraordinary 1931 murder case in Liverpool where the audience as members of the jury will get to decide on the guilt, or otherwise, of the protagonist. The evening will take the form of a trial where Phil will keep us all actively involved.



Phil is himself a Boundless member who has many interests which includes: his 1971 Triumph GT6 Mk III, railways, canals, and he is also an accomplished guitarist. He owns a canal boat and he is an official guide and Trustee to the Copped Hall Trust; some of you may remember he gave us a talk and guided tour of the Hall. He gives a number of interesting talks, most of his fee for these goes towards the Trust.

Stafford Steed

NEL Group New Year lunch

Sunday 28th January 2024, 12.30 for 1.00pm

The Galley Hall

Hailey Lane, Hoddesdon, Herts, SG13 7NY

At the NEL group AGM in March it was agreed that instead of having a group Christmas lunch this year we would have a New Year lunch. We can still treat it as a festive occasion although they will undoubtedly have taken the Christmas decorations down. We will still have the usual raffle and Heads and Tails game so bring along a little extra cash, any profit will go towards the gratuity for the staff. The Galley Hall, a country pub set in the Hertfordshire countryside to the North of Hoddesdon has its own car park, should this be full there is ample safe parking in the road outside.

By January you will probably have had enough Christmas Turkey so we are basing it on the Galley Hall's standard Sunday menu which offers a wide choice. Under the circumstances it will be difficult to offer a fixed price package so please make sure you complete the booking form carefully and accurately including noting down the correct price. For those used to ordering Chinese takeaways we have annotated a reference number per item, this will help us in checking that the correct items have been ordered. For the Traditional Roast, as well as the reference number, don't forget to state type of meat and regular or small. The Galley Hall Sunday menu is attached. The restaurant has a range of deserts which changes daily, should anyone still be hungry and in need of one of these they should be ordered and paid for separately along with any drinks ordered. I'm sure they will set up individual tabs should this be necessary. To be clear we will be responsible for paying pre ordered items on the booking form. Additional items must be paid for separately.

Bookings, accompanied by booking form and payment in full will be taken on a first come first serve basis. Booking forms, choice of menu and payment is required **to us** by the January club night, Tuesday 9th January, at the latest so that all arrangements can be coordinated and presented to the restaurant in time for the lunch. Payment can be payable by cheque, cash or bank transfer.

The Galley Hall building dates back to 1374 when it was then a farmhouse known as "Collewelle Haw", but by 1765 its name had evolved to the "Galley Hall". The Galley Hall became a Beer House during the 1830's being kept by one Benjamin Logsdale. The deeds were conveyed to Christie and Cathrow Brewers of Hoddesdon in 1837. Bringing us up to date the Pub has been extended in character to provide an extra Function Room and Patio area providing comfortable dining etc



Stafford and Lesley Steed

The Galley Hall

Sunday Menu

Starters

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| 1 | Soup of the Day
<i>Served with a bread roll and butter</i> | £6 |
| 2 | Breaded Mushrooms ✖ U
<i>Served with garlic mayonnaise</i> | £6 |
| 3 | Southern Fried Chicken Goujons ✖
<i>Four juicy breaded goujons served with a barbecue dip</i> | £7 |
| 4 | Prawn Cocktail 🌸 ✖
<i>Served with Marie Rose Sauce and brown bread and butter</i> | £7 |

Roast Dinners

All served with roast potatoes, vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy

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| 5 | Traditional Roast Lamb, Roast Beef, Roast Turkey or
Honey Roasted Gammon 🌸 ✖ | £12.50 reg/£10.50 small |
| 6 | Minted Lamb Shank Roast Dinner 🌸 ✖
<i>Slow-roasted lamb shank in minted gravy</i> | £18 |
| 7 | Grilled Lamb Chops 🌸 ✖ | £17 |
| 8 | Steak and Kidney Suet Pudding Roast | £15 |
| 9 | Steak, Ale and Mushroom Suet Pudding Roast | £15 |
| 10 | Roasted Stuffed Pork Belly ✖ | £14 |
| 11 | Half roast Chicken 🌸 ✖ | £15 |
| 12 | Braised Sirloin steak in red wine gravy 🌸 ✖ | £18 |
| 13 | Chestnut Roast 🌸 ✖ 🍃
<i>Tasty vegan roast made of rice, mushrooms, cranberries, chestnut pieces
and pumpkin seeds. Served with roast potatoes, vegetables and vegan gravy</i> | £12.50 |

If you suffer from any food allergies please speak to a member of staff to discuss your dietary requirements. There is a code system identifying gluten free/dairy free meals, however you must still discuss your requirements with our staff as many of our dishes are modified at the time of ordering to make them gluten/dairy free to you. While we make every effort to prevent cross contamination in our kitchen, we cannot guarantee that any food item we make is 100% free of any specific allergen. Our gravy is gluten free and gluten free Yorkshire Puddings are available on request.

🌸 **Gluten Free**

✖ **Dairy free**

🍃 **Vegan**

U **Vegetarian**

New Year Lunch
Sunday 28th January 2024
The Galley Hall, Hoddesdon

Name	Starter	Price	Main	Price	Total / person
Example	4; Prawn C	£7	5; Traditional Roast, Lamb, Reg.	£12.50	£19.50
			Total cost		£19.50

Please state any allergies or special requirements:-

Booking form to Stafford and Lesley Steed, 4 Cedar Rd, Hatfield, Herts., AL10 8PA e.mail: Stafford.steed@btinternet.com With payment which can be made by:- Cheque payable to CSMA (NE London group) Cash Bank transfer to CSMA (NE London group); sort 20-92-54; account 13620034.	Lead name - E.mail - Tel. -
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The Sycamore Gap tree

I was extremely sad to hear the news at the end of September of the moronic destruction of the Sycamore Gap tree. We all know that we should all protect trees for environmental reasons, trees are the lungs of the planet and help to protect us from global warming. Some might say we have millions of trees in the country why all the fuss over just one. But of course this isn't (wasn't) just any tree. It was probably the most famous tree in the country, the 300 year Sycamore Gap tree. An Icon for film buffs, walkers and photographers who will know it well. It was probably made more famous by Kevin Costner next to the tree by Hadrian's Wall in a scene from the film Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves.

Walkers will know it as it features in 2 long distance walks, the 85 mile "Hadrian's Wall walk" and where I came across it, the 270 mile "Pennine Way". My images, taken on the walk, show the single tree in a dip in the footpath known affectionately as "Sycamore Gap" beautifully set in some of the country's wildest countryside.



It has become a favourite spot for photographers. Under the heading of Sycamore Gap Mr Google will take you to many images taken from the classic viewpoint although at the moment it is showing images of the destroyed tree.

By the way the tree was felled it was thought to be a professional job, someone must have had nasty grudge. If the felon is caught one hopes that he will be given years of community service replanting forests and countryside scheduled for rewilding, but of course that won't replace the original tree.

Staff Steed

www.staffordsteed.co.uk

Date	Day	Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club
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
	Sun 28	Autosolo (Cm)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Oxford MC

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

Past Events

Future Events

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

January 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. Offers of entries would be appreciated by Pete Gregory and you can contact him on either pete.gregory@boundlesscommunity.co.uk, 01525 861673 (Work) or 07709 221115 (Mob).

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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John Clavey is running a series of Zoom meetings as an opportunity to ask questions and suggest new ideas for his motorsport Apps. These are open to all Clubs and he will do his best to answer as many questions as possible. Also a chance to share ideas on how best to use each solution.

TimingAppLive - 4th December at 19:00

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/mtg/tZwofumoqjgoEtESKxbG4rh3ZPSpM9P9EJmY>

RallyAppLive - 11th December at 19:00

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/mtg/tZ0sdO-gqjsrE9ANC9d5YmFHzP3WqkILmqGL>

TrialsAppLive - 18th December at 19:00

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/mtg/tZUucOmorzwpHdRDRvsKtIJAYjX7smUpybl4>

NWL 12 Car Rally

Friday 5th January

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

Map 166

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

Pete Gregory/Graeme Presswell (pete.gregory@boundlesscommunity.co.uk)

Competitors required - Arrive before 8pm, first car starts at 20:31

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

Regs available mid Nov from Mike Biss or website

Dates for your Diary

Club Night Venue: Bishop's College
Churchgate, Cheshunt, EN8 9XQ

Evenings start at 7.45 for 8.00pm

Clubnights – 2nd Tuesday

Lunch / Dinner Venues may vary month by month so keep a close watch on the Newsletter each month for precise details of location.

Afternoon Lunches, 12.30pm – 4th Tuesday

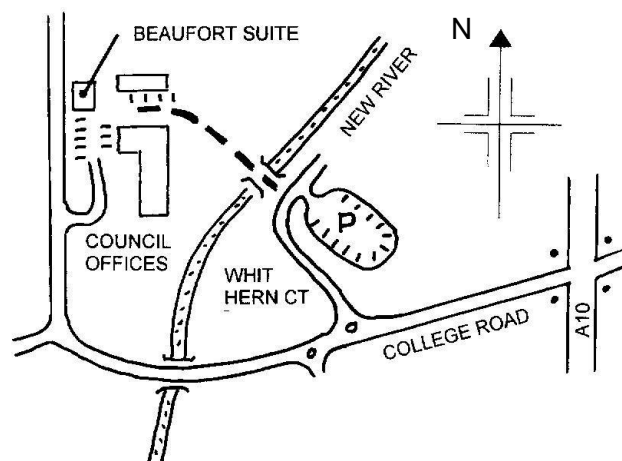
Evening Dinners, 7.30pm – 4th Tuesday

Month	Event
Nov 2023	Wed 1st – Association AGM, 2.30 pm at the Clermont Hotel, Charing Cross Tue 14th – Clubnight: Speaker, Phil McKinder : “Guilty or Not Guilty” Tue 28th – Monthly Lunch at: The Plough, Sewardstone Road, EN9 3QQ
Dec 2023	Tue 12th – Christmas Clubnight No lunchtime meet this month
Jan 2024	Fri 5th – NWL Group 12 Car Rally Tue 9th - Clubnight: Speaker, Mike Payne : “Smart Meters and The Future of Electricity” Sun 28th – Post Christmas New Year Lunch at: The Galley Hall, Hailey Lane, Hoddesdon, SG13 7NY
Feb 2024	Fri 2nd – NEL 12 Car Rally Tue 13th - Clubnight: Speaker, Mike Howgate on: “Dinosaurs” Tue 27th – Monthly Lunch at: The Plough, Sewardstone Road, EN9 3QQ

Our Indoor Club Night venue is: **Bishop's College**, EN8 9XQ (Civic Offices), located on Churchgate, at its junction with College Road, about 300m West of the A10 junction with College road (Traffic lights and pedestrian footbridge).

Our Clubroom is in the Beaufort Suite, which appears to be an old Chapel from outside.

There is a **Free Car Park** in Whit Hern Court off College Road (**Ignore “Permit Holders Only” sign**) then a short walk over the New River footbridge to the venue.



For further details, see inside or, ring the Secretary; Robert Daines on: 07944 732890

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