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Clubnight

Christmas Quiz Evening



Tuesday 5th December

At our clubnight venue The Red Lion PH Starts from 8pm



THE BIRTHDAY BOX!

Our Christmas birthday wishes for December go to **Robert Gregory** and **Dolores Taylor-Keane**.



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It is now just over a year since I got the Skoda Octavia and it is proving to be a nice car. The economy is a lot better than the old Focus and gets to 50mpg quite quickly and gives at least 60mpg on most trips and has even managed a longish fast trip at 69mpg. I must be able to get it to 70 at some point in the future. The car has also had a removable tow bar fitted and has just had an in-car front and rear camera fitted. This is more of an insurance issue, just to be able to have a recording of any incidents, especially the crash for cash ones.

The Roger Albert Clark historic rally has just finished in Carlisle and ended with a mighty 38 mile long stage in Kielder! Kris Meeke unfortunately went out on stage 6 with technical issues in his Escort Mk2. Oliver Solberg managed to put his dads Escort Mk2 in a ditch when he slid off the road on the first stage of the last day, whilst leading. In second place going into that monster last stage was Seb Perez in a Lancia Stratos, but he didn't come out again. It was won by the No.1 seed Martin McCormack in another Escort Mk2. Of the 155 entries, 56 of them didn't make the



finish! Owen Turner made it to the finish though, in 75th place, in his 1600cc Mitsubishi Lancer.

In the World Rally Championship, although Kalle Rovanpera is going part time for 2024, he will be back for a full season in 2025, so will be sharing the car with Sebastien Ogier for the year. Elfyn Evans now has his clearest chance for getting the title, but he could well suffer from the return of Ott Tanak to Hyundai!

Well I've gone and sold the MX5, which after 12 years or so of use, was a good time to let it go, especially as it wasn't getting much use now. It now has a new owner from further up north, by the name of a certain Cath Woodman! She is very happy with the car and has wanted first dibs on it ever since I got it, so after 12 years, she finally has her wish. I might even see it out and about on some competitions.

The Classic Car Show at the NEC was a nice day out and I got to sit in a possible replacement for the now gone MX5. Glad to know that I can fit in a Gilbern and have plenty of head room. I have wanted one of these cars ever since I saw one back in the early 80's, I think, when Alan Kempster from Essex group towed his Midget/Sprite to grass autotests in a white one. Just have to make a bit more room to be able to garage it properly.

The roadworks around the NEC site have caused quite a few changes to the road layout, all caused by the HS2 route running alongside the M42 at that point. The previous route of getting back to the M6 has been closed until the New Year, so as long as the M42 is reasonably clear, then you can get out to the north via another road, but as found on leaving the show, the M42 was jammed and all other routes took ages. Oh the fun of parking at the NEC!

The final race of the Formula One season saw Red Bull win yet again, and with a car that has had no development since July, such is its advantage. That is bad news for all the other teams, as Red Bull have been spending their money on working on next years car, giving them a financial and time advantage, which means the other teams may not be able to make up the performance difference, unless Red Bull make a mistake in their new design, a la Mercedes.

Keep safe.

Mike B.

NOTE: Deadline for contributions to the January newsletter is Thursday 26th December

Chairman's notebook

My thanks to Alan Smith for a great presentation on the London to Cape Town Rally at last month's clubnight, at which he provided an insight into the rally and how it came about, followed by a really good film presentation of the event. Alan also presented a small booklet, which he together with Alan Thurbon. have managed to get printed by Headquarters on the Club's team entry on the RAC Rally giving teams member details and results over a large number of years, which was really interesting, especially as it included a lot of people linked to the group, as well as NEL and West Middlesex.



If you want a copy of this excellent booklet, contact either Alan Smith or speak to Alan Thurbon at the Christmas clubnight and I am sure

they can tell you how you might obtain this very important and interesting bit of CSMA Club history.

The photographs are from the recent Classic Car Show held annually at the NEC, with the blue Cobra replica and the bright yellow Marcos being two of the three cars on the club stand. The

other car was a red Audi soft top and we also had a nice classic motor bike on the stand. I believe the stand was well attended and the

provision of chairs and tables was very welcomed, especially at lunch time!





I finally managed to retrieve the Sprite from Frontline, with its nice newly refurbished back axle complete with new LSD and drive shafts etc. They even had the axle powder coated, although I will have to mount a mirror on the floor of the garage to see it! I now have to run it in for the next 500 miles, avoiding motorways where possible, so that

the speed etc. is varied. What hap I pened to the original one is that the pinion wheel broke, which then

locked the diff, which in turn broke the half shaft. Well it did last 15 years and I must admit it has been very hard driven at times, far beyond the original design limits!

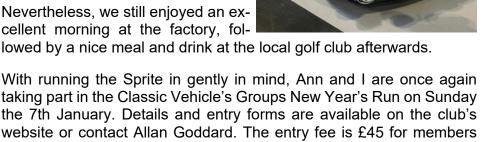
The visit to the British Motor Heritage Factory went well last month, but



with only six of us in attendance, I will most likely give it a miss next year and look to 2025 for the next visit. Nevertheless, we still enjoyed an excellent morning at the factory, fol-

lowed by a nice meal and drink at the local golf club afterwards.

and £50 for none members. This is a very popular event and the entry soon fills up, so you will need to be quick to avoid disappointment.



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Here we go again! Another month has flown by and the weather is getting colder! Read on to discover how you can have some fun (and keep warm) with our upcoming future clubnights in the cosy function room at The Red Lion pub.

Alan Smith came along to our November clubnight and gave us a real insight into the running and organisation of a major cross continent motor rally. A super DVD was also shown, which I don't believe many of us had seen before, and emphasised the camaraderie and support that the competing crews had for each other. A brilliant talk, which was enhanced by the distribution of an amazing booklet that Alan has produced (with a very small amount of assistance from yours truly) detailing the crews, supporters and happenings of Rally Team CSMA, competing on the RAC Rally between 1961 and 2001. It is a wonderfully detailed booklet and if you did not get one at the clubnight and would like a copy, then please let me know and I will get one to you. Big thank you to Alan S for coming along and providing us with a super evening.

Next clubnight on Tuesday 5th December will be our Christmas social evening where Anne and Steve will be putting on some activities for our enjoyment and also providing a few free nibbles to supplement our appetites. Fun starts at 8:00pm in the function room at The Red Lion, so do please come along and join us if you possibly can.

The next 'Chat and a Drink' will be held on Thursday 21st December back at The Red Lion – do join us from around 8:30pm for a sociable evening.

Our first two clubnights in the new year will involve a small amount of activity, as January 2nd sees the running of our traditional post-Christmas Beetle Drive, which is always good fun and seems to bring out the competitive nature in us all. On February 6th, we will once again organise our now highly popular Fun Darts evening, so this is advance warning to start practicing but I am sure it will make little difference to our performances!

It won't be long now until the winter 12 Car rally series will be upon us, so it is time to sort out those driver / navigator partnerships and revise up on the RallyAppLive application, as I believe all the events will make use of this system. The first rally will be held on Friday 5th January 2024, organised by Pete G and Graeme P. Look out for further details within the Motor Sport Coordinators' Bulletins and don't forget you require a MSUK Clubman Licence and a Boundless motorsport membership card, both available free of charge.

Our planned future programme is as follows;

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

Tuesday 2nd January – NWL Clubnight – Beetle Drive

Friday 5th January – NWL 12 car rally

Thursday 18th January – NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion

Friday 2nd February - NEL 12 car rally

Tuesday 6th February – NWL Clubnight – Beetle Drive at The Red Lion

Thursday 15th February – NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion

Do have a wonderful Christmas and a safe and healthy 2024 – hope to see you at some of our activities

Alan T



Motor Sport Coordinators' Bulletin

December 2023

Date	Day		Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club
Dec	Fri 1	*	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
	16/17	*	Preston Rally (Cm)	Rough road rally	Chelmsford MC
Jan	Fri 5	*	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL
	Fri 12		12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
Feb	Fri 2		12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NEL
	Fri 9		12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
Mar	Fri 1		12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL
	Fri 8		12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
Apr	Fri 5		12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL
	Fri 12		12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
	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

With the coming of the winter months, also sees the start of our 12 Car rally season early in the new year. See if you can make up a crew to make the organisers efforts worthwhile.

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 or marshals 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).

February 12 Car Rally The start for this event is hoped to be from the Rose & Crown PH, Upper Green Rd, Tewin, Herts AL6 0LE, MR 166/272148. Using map 166 for the 45 mile route, with the 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 and the regs will be out mid December. The organiser is Graham Robinson and you can contact him on graham.e.robinson@btinternet.com with regard to entries or marshalling.

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. The 2024 renewals should start from the beginning of December.

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.

Mike Biss: NLR Motor Sports Coordinator Tel: 07753 137415 E-mail: mike.biss@btinternet.com

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/meeting/register/tZwofumogjgoEtESKxbG4rh3ZPSpM9P9EJMy

RallyAppLive - 11th December at 19:00

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0sdO-gqjsrE9ANC9d5YmFHzP3WqkILmqGL

TrialsAppLive - 18th December at 19:00

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUucOmorzwpHdRDRvsKtlJAYjX7smUpybl4

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 now available from Mike Biss or website

NEL 12 Car Rally

Friday 2nd February

Rose & Crown PH, Upper Green Rd, Tewin, Herts AL6 0LE MR 166/272148 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
Graham Robinson (graham.e.robinson@btinternet.com)

Competitors required - Arrive before 8pm, first car starts at 20:31 https://rally.sapphire-solutions.co.uk/register.php?sitename=boundless

Regs available mid Dec from Mike Biss or website

Chairman's notebook - continued from page 4

I can highly recommend this for those of you who enjoy a nice gentle drive out in the country and Allan usually finds a very nice route with a couple of stops for refreshments and food etc., usually followed by some tea etc. at the finish.

It was nice to see Elfyn Evans win the Rally of Japan earlier this month and secure a well-earned second place on the world championship this year. Apparently, Kalle Rovanapera has now gone part time, which leaves the door open for Elfyn to win the championship for Toyota next year.

Don't forget we have the first of our 12 Cars running on Friday the 5th of January 2024 and I am sure Pete and Graeme will be delighted to receive your entry or offers of help. You will find details of the start etc. elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Finally, we have our usual Christmas clubnight at the Red Lion on Tuesday the 5th December, with the usual quiz and nibbles for all to enjoy, provided once again by Anne and Steve Graves and if I don't see you there, then perhaps at our Drink and a Chat on the 21st December, also at the Red Lion.

Wishing you all a safe and very happy Christmas and New Year from Ann and myself.

Mike H





Member Communities Communique

November 2023 Update

Association AGM - 1st November 2023

The Association AGM was held on Wednesday 1st November at the Clermont Charing Cross, London.

The Association Chair, Heather Glanville and Chief Executive Officer, Colin Slinn provided an update on the Association's membership and financial positions, as well as the progress the 3year strategy is making in ensuring the longterm health of the Association. Several questions from members followed regarding the performance of the benefits our members enjoy, plus queries about our Leisure Properties, which Colin responded to.

Heather then announced the results of the Independent Council Member election, noting Trevor Warren as being elected for a 2year term of office with a 48% share of the vote.

At the close of the meeting, Heather announced that she will be stepping down from the role of Association Chair for personal reasons. The CSMA Board have subsequently appointed the current Vice Chair, Gerard O'Sullivan as the Association Chair from the end of the 2023 AGM until the end of Heather's original tenure at the 2025 AGM. The CSMA Board have also consequently appointed Madeleine Grubb (previously the Club Leader) to the now vacant Vice Chair position at the same time.

As such, the Club Council were required to elect a new Club Leader. Geoff Gaunt has duly been elected to this role at the 1st November meeting, until May 2025 (Madeleine's original term of office). An election for the now vacant Club Treasurer role will take place in the coming weeks.



New Association Chair, Gerard O'Sullivan



New Club Leader, Geoff Gaunt

Club Council Update

The Club Council met on the morning of the AGM and were joined by the Association Chair elect, Gerard O'Sullivan, Alan Swift, Leeds Group Chair (observing) and Rob Eagles, Boundless Events Manager who provided an update on the 2023 Member Events held and the plans for the 2024 programme.

There were no updates required from the Interest Group Leaders or Local Group Representatives, as the previous Council meeting had only been 6 weeks previous.

As outlined above, the election for a new Club Leader was confirmed as Geoff Gaunt who was elected unopposed. The election for the now vacant Club Treasurer role will take place in the coming weeks from within the Club Council's number. Bob Thomas was also confirmed as an elected Local Group Representative for a further 3 years.

The 2024 Club Council meeting dates were also confirmed as the following: Tuesday 6th February via Zoom, Wednesday 15th May in person, Thursday 5th September via Zoom, Thursday 31st October in person (with the AGM) and Monday 2nd December via Zoom.



Interest Group Committees – Nominations sought.

Nominations are now open for members to join our Interest Group Committees.

If you would like more information on the roles, or you would like to nominate yourself, please email nicholas.hoath@boundless.co.uk with a brief outline of why you'd like to join the committee of your choice and what experience and skills you bring.



Camping & Caravanning Committee 3 vacancies
Classic Vehicle Group 1 vacancy
Motorsports (inc. Marshalling) 2 vacancies
Karting 2 vacancies

Motorcycling 2 vacancies

The closing date for all nominations to be received is Tuesday 2nd January.

We look forward to receiving your nominations.







Update from the Association Governors

The Association Governors are appointed by the Association Chair on the recommendation of the CSMA Board and Club Council.

Their principal purpose is to ensure the ethos of the Association as a member club run for the benefit of its members, by its members, is upheld throughout the governance of the Association. They are required to meet twice a year to receive updates from the CSMA Board and other governing bodies.

During the last 12 months the Governors have been conducting a review of their role and have subsequently proposed a number of changes to be considered, firstly by the CSMA Board and then if appropriate, considered at the 2024 AGM for the required changes to the Articles of the Association.

We're always on the lookout for members to be considered as Association Governors, and would urge any members who may be interested in becoming a Governor, to contact the Secretary to the Governors, Nick Hoath in the first instance email: nicholas.hoath@boundless.co.uk to indicate your interest. Nick will also be able to put you in touch with one of the existing Governors (Brian Comber, Bev Cooper, Peter Denny, Dave Farris, John Herington, Geoff Lockwood and Graham Rood) should you wish to discuss the role with one of them.

Volunteer Survey

Many thanks to all those Members who completed the Volunteer Survey in August. The Club Leadership are currently reviewing the findings and will communicate these to the next Club Council meeting and of course a future Communique, along with the suggested actions to be undertaken.

Groups Out and About

We've not received many updates from Groups this month – have you all been hiding from the inclement weather?!

However, we were delighted to see that our **Dorset Group** braved the somewhat overcast weather to enjoy a Fish & Chips Cruise in Poole Harbour.

The fun evening was enjoyed by all and also attracted a number of new members which are of course, always welcomed.





Many members will be aware that back in our CSMA days, we had a very active Rallying Team. Our NorthWest London Group, along with the Motorsports Group have got together with Alan Smith to create a record of the CSMA Rally Team's results from 1961 to 2001.

A very limited number of copies of this booklet is now available from Member Communities for interested members.

Data Protection

We've been asked to outline what are the key principles of data protection, which are then required to be applied to our policies and practice.

Article 5 of the UK GDPR sets out seven key principles which lie at the heart of the general data protection regime, of which you must consider when collecting and/or storing data.

1. Lawfulness, Fairness and Transparency

Processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals.

2. Purpose Limitation

Collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes.

3. Data Minimisation

Adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed.

4. Accuracy

Accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date; every reasonable step must be taken to ensure that personal data that is inaccurate, having regard to the purposes for which they are processed, are erased, or rectified without delay.

5. Storage Limitation

Kept in a form which permits identification of data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the personal data are processed.

6. Integrity and Confidentiality

Processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the personal data, including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction, or damage, using appropriate technical or organisational measures.

7. Accountability

The controller shall be responsible for, and be able to demonstrate compliance with, paragraph 1 of Article 5 (*Lawfulness*, *Fairness and Transparency*)

All Groups and event organisers should make themselves aware of the Data Protection Guidelines listed in the Club Handbook and of course report any concerns or issues to the Member Communities team in a timely manner.

Groups Networking Meeting – Feedback

On the 10th October, 42 members met at Weetwood Hall in Leeds for the third of the 2023 Networking Meetings. The topics for this meeting mirrored those of the previous two Networking Meetings in Edinburgh and Tunbridge Wells held earlier in the year.

Membership: The presentation and subsequent discussions covered what's included in Boundless Membership, with a focus on the 4 core products (Kew Gardens, WWT, Tastecard and Kids Pass), plus how members can discover more on the Boundless website. It was also explained who is eligible to join Boundless and the best methods for signing up members.

The current Eligibility statement was confirmed as the following:

'If you currently work, have previously worked or have retired from a publicly funded organisation, you can join Boundless. This includes civil-service departments, even those under private-sector contracts, as well as public-sector employers like the NHS, armed forces, emergency services, education, government agencies, and local authorities.

Members can also invite their immediate family and eligible colleagues to join Boundless membership.'

The meeting also discussed the need for an induction pack aimed at both encouraging new volunteers, but also supporting our existing Volunteers/Committee members – this was agreed to be a good idea and will be developed by the Member Communities team in conjunction with the Club Council.

All three meetings discussed the best practice for holding their events. These discussions focussed on two key questions:

What are the requirements of a good venue?

Responses included...... safe & easy parking, easy access to building, good lighting, warm and comfortable, good transport links/access, clear directions/obvious location, decent refreshments, good toilets, established presentation facilities (screen/projector, etc.) and a dedicated space for the Group to meet and socialise.

What is good practice for hosting an event?

Responses included...... sending out an email reminder 57 days before, asking someone to meet and greet at the event whilst another member could be collecting attendees details for future communications, identifying and then 'buddying up' a new attendee, ensuring you promote the next few events during the event and consider sending a follow up email thanking everyone for attending after the event.

Thanks again to all those members who attended and contributed at these meetings.

Upcoming Online Events:

We still have a few more free online events for members to enjoy before the year is out.

9th November: Inside Job – life as a Prison Doctor

16th November: Becoming a writer – with James Bancroft

30th November: Have a go at Birdwatching with WWT

5th December: 100 years of Le Mans

14th December: One man and his war – life as a Tank Commander

19th December: The History of Christmas

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More details on the Boundless Events webpage: Events search (boundless.co.uk)

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

December

Tue 5th NWL Clubnight - Xmas Social - The Red Lion, HH Thu 21st NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH















January

Tue 2nd NWL Clubnight - Beetle Drive - The Red Lion, HH

Fri 5th NWL 12 Car Rally

Thu 18th NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH

25th-28th WRC - Monte Carlo

February

Fri 2nd NEL 12 Car Rally

Tue 6th NWL Clubnight - Fun Darts - The Red Lion, HH Thu 15th NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH

16th-18th WRC - Sweden

Dates to reserve: