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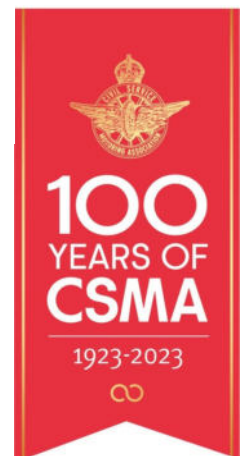


Motorsports



Group Visits

*Merry Christmas - and a
Happy New Year Readers*



Christmas Clubnight:
Tuesday 12th December

**Christmas Fun & Games,
Food & Drink**



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Hi Everyone

Thanks to Owen this month for some local transport history and to Staff, for his preview of the forthcoming January Clubnight with Mike Payne.

Ron has also produced a special Christmas Puzzle Page for you – tick tock, tick tock...

Rosie, Bernard, myself and quite a few others had a busy four days in Birmingham for the Classic Motor Show at the NEC, where we must have welcomed well over 100 members and their guests to the Club stand during the course of the weekend. As well as the vehicle owners and several other committee members, for the third year running we also enjoyed the company of our new Association Chair, Gerard O'Sullivan. Joselyn, Kadie & Nick from the Member Communities team in Brighton had got there bright and early on Thursday morning to set things up for us and, by late afternoon when all three display cars and the 1923 motorbike were in place, all that was needed was to make sure the kettle worked...! Just as well, as the two Mikes, Biss & Harrison called by on Friday to sample a brew...

This latest cold snap has come a bit earlier than expected, so who knows, we may yet see a white Christmas. In the meantime, keep an eye out for all your local "cow pat" pothole repairs, which will no doubt be opening up once we get a few more frosts.



That's all for 2023 - Merry Christmas everyone and a Happy Motoring New Year - Dave

Please send copy for next issue to Dave Rosher at the email address above: **to arrive by 24 December**

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Chairman's Christmas Chatter 2023



*From all the committee, may we wish you a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

We've found some holly for you this month. It comes with Festive Greetings from me and the NEL committee; May you enjoy the things you like about Christmas and ignore the things you don't like. I'm making up a list of the latter - it should be a long one.

Well done Phil McKinder, our speaker last month. A very well presented talk and a great idea to examine an old murder trial and have us, the audience, listen to the evidence and decide on a guilty or not guilty verdict. Needless to say there was a twist in the tale. It's that time of the year to look back at our group activities, with some really good speakers which I hope we all enjoyed, and we managed a trip in the summer to Duxford. I'd like to thank you all for supporting the group and a special word to the 'tea makers' each month, thank you for volunteering and spreading the load.

I went much further back recently when I came across a paper I prepared some twenty years ago about the workings of the group and, yes, I was group chairman back then! We had a much bigger Clubnight attendance in those days, thirty five was the average, and we were meeting at the Whitewebbs Museum. I don't think we'd fit thirty five people into our current venue but it would be good to try. We were alternating each month between speakers and do-it-yourself activities such as quizzes, and games but now endeavour to find a speaker for most of the meetings, which seems to be the best format.

Next year we will again have our speakers and one of them will be the former BBC journalist and news commentator, Bill Hamilton. Many of you will have heard of him; he is a most entertaining speaker with lots of anecdotes of his experiences around the world. If we can fill our hall again with thirty five people I shall be really pleased.

Our Clubnight this month is speakerless and will be a do-it-yourself evening, with the usual quizzes, games and eating the food generously provided by your goodselves (and drinking of course). We shall again have a table set aside for distributing Christmas cards, which we all collect before we go home. Should a pile be left, they will be posted on never fear. Main thing is, we aim to get started by **7.30**. Christmas hats are allowed.

No lunchtime meet this month but in January we have our late-Christmas lunch and Staff will be coming amongst you to take late bookings.

I was able to join Dave and Rosie up at the NEC, Birmingham Classic Car Show last month, where we had three cars and a vintage bike on the CVG stand. This being our Centenary year we were fortunate in sourcing a 1923 Sun Villiers machine which took pride of place.

This is what it all looks like before the doors open....



(And this is what it looks like when they have opened...! Ed.)



Nothing more on the Classics front until the New Year Run, which is on the 7th January and is open to all types of cars, not just classics. Why not join Allan Goddard, and Dave and myself, and have a pleasant run round the Berkshire countryside and finish up with a cream tea.

What's coming up in the new year programme?

Clubnight Tuesday 9 January – Speaker

We are pleased to welcome back Mike Payne, he of the planets in the car park, who will put his slant on smart meters and the future of electricity in general.

No 4th Tuesday lunch meet this month

Post-Christmas group lunch Sunday 28th January

We gather at the Galley Hall for our annual feast and we again have the sole use of the function room.

12 Car Rally Friday 2nd February

NEL are organising this one, see Mike's Bulletin, starting from the Rose and Crown, Tewin. Forty five miles of the best lanes in the County, and back in the pub before last orders.

Clubnight Tuesday 13 February – Speaker

We shall be joined by anthropologist Mike Howgate who will share with us his ideas on the rise and fall of the dinosaurs. Not to be missed.

All the very best to you and yours, and stay safe over Christmas.

Bernard

ROBERT'S RAMBLEINS

Well December has arrived, and another year is almost finished. Last month our club night was Guilty or Not Guilty, a talk by Phil McKinder with audience participation. It was most enjoyable. Firstly, Phil gave us the facts behind the murder, followed by the case for the prosecution. Then we all had a vote. Then the case for the defence was given and we all had another vote. Finally, the verdict of the actual jury was given. I will keep that a secret in case any other group would like to hear the talk. It was certainly a good evening. The month finished with three members enjoying a lunch time meal at The Plough, Sewardstone Road.

Looking to the future, our club night this month is the usual fun, games, and quizzes with each round organised by a member of the committee. Remember to bring your Christmas cards for other members who will be present. There will be some food and drink available. Once again, a cake from yours truly, which we shall raffle with all proceeds going to a children's charity. There will be no monthly lunch time meal this month. Looking to next month, do make sure you have a word with Lesley and Staff regarding the New Year Lunch, at The Galley Hall. Menu and booking form can be found in the article on it.

Last month I decided to visit the City of London and see the Lord Mayor's Show. Train to Liverpool Street and then the Underground to Saint Pauls. Standing at the end of Cheapside, I had a wonderful view. It is marvellous at the number of Worshipful Company's there are. After standing for two hours, I had joined the Worshipful Company of people with cold noses.

Well, that is all for now. So, I would like to wish you dear readers, a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and leave you with my version of a tribute to a Christmas favourite.



*Raise a glass or two,
To the humble Brussel Sprout,
For they are good for the blood and heart,
Small and round,
You get a lot to the pound,
And they really do play their part.*

That is all for this month.

Robert.

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

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 🌿 ✖ | £18 |
| | <i>Slow-roasted lamb shank in minted gravy</i> | |
| 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 🌿 ✖ 🌱 | £12.50 |
| | <i>Tasty vegan roast made of rice, mushrooms, cranberries, chestnut pieces and pumpkin seeds. Served with roast potatoes, vegetables and vegan gravy</i> | |

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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January 2024 Clubnight; speaker - Mike Payne.

Smart Meters and the electricity grid of the future



Mike is a friend who I have known for many years and has an avid interest in all things scientific. He was fortunate to be offered early retirement a few years ago from the Computer Dept of a major High St. bank. He felt life had been good to him and wanted to put something back. With his youthful exuberance he now teaches the use of computers to local Silver Surfers and is an active member of his local residents' association in Highams Park.

We have seen him before. He saved my embarrassment on our first Zoom club night at the start of Covid when I was due to give an audio-visual presentation and my equipment decided it didn't want to play. Luckily Mike was on line and stepped in to save the day with his fascinating talk on the Greenwich Meridian line and his explanation as to why the true Meridian line runs 102 metres to the East of what we generally recognise as the Greenwich Meridian line.

The last time we saw him was in 2021 with his talk on the Solar System. You may remember he had us all outside with a few of us stretched out about 100metres holding tiny objects to illustrate the scale of the Solar System.

This brings us to January's talk, **Smart meters and the electricity grid of the future**. In Mike's own words - There's more to smart meters than just automatically sending in your meter readings. How do they work? How will they and the "smart grid" help save the planet? What's the big plan? How will the grid cope with everyone charging cars at the same time? What's the future of power? With Mike's analytical brain we may be quite surprised at some of the information he will present to us.

Stafford Steed

150 YEARS OF RAILWAY IN CHINGFORD

The Chingford Historical Society organised an event on 19 November to mark 150 years since the arrival of a railway in Chingford. The line which had been extended from Walthamstow in 1873 by the Eastern Counties Railway terminated at Bull Lane (now Kings Road) about a mile short of the existing station which was completed in 1878 as a precursor of an intention to further extend through Epping Forest to High Beech. However, this plan was scuppered by Queen Victoria who, following her visit by train to Chingford in 1882, declared that Epping Forest should remain open for the people of London to enjoy.

In the former station buffet there was a display of photographs of the line, including one of the arch that had been erected across the station forecourt to welcome Queen Victoria that remained there for many years afterwards. In addition to diagrams of the line throughout the ages there was a scale layout of the Temple Mills Marshalling Yard at Leyton where, as a young boy, I used to cycle to watch the shunting. It is now a Greater Anglia depot, previously used by Eurostar.



A heritage bus, RTW75 of London Bus Co, gave rides into Epping Forest – this was the 8ft wide version of the RT Class and it is now laughable that, in the 1950's, the dinosaur jobsworths of the Met Police thought the extra 6inches width would bring the City to a halt and they banned their use in central London.

At Highams Park, the penultimate station, there was a Community Event in the approach road which was designed as a family event with attractions and stalls.

An authentic nod to the past was the attendance of another heritage bus, now privately owned RT1702, which was blinded up for route 35. This was a marathon route from Clapham Common via London Bridge, Hackney, Leyton to Chingford Hatch that was extended on summer Sundays to Epping Forest and High Beech. Highams Park was a short working destination and buses used to do a U turn across The Broadway behind the bus to return southwards. Route 35 never did come across this level crossing – no bus service ever has – although it did cross the line further up at Chingford Hatch before an underpass was built.



I am sure Staff will remember the huge wooden gates that were closed and opened by the signalman in the box overlooking the level crossing on the left by turning an enormous wheel. With automatic signalling the box has been disused for many years, although a crepe bar opened for a while in it and there was a good view of the track below but the novelty faded and it sadly closed.

It was a pleasure to see so many people there enjoying the village atmosphere and I met up with several friends from the local area, including Bill and Pat who live just about half a mile away.

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NEL Puzzle Page

Christmas '23 Special



The Clock Repair shop has received a number of conventional, 12 hour dial, analogue clocks to sort out.

1) This clock has been dropped and the ceramic clock-face has been broken into three parts. Curiously the sum of the digits on each part is the same! What are the numbers on each of the three parts?

2) There are two clocks with timekeeping problems... One gains one minute every hour, the other loses two minutes every hour. Assuming they are kept wound up. And they show exactly 1pm on 1st December at 1 pm

When will they next both show the SAME time, and when will they next show the CORRECT time?

3) A clock has its hour and minute hand in perfect alignment, centred between the 2 and the 1
What time is the clock indicating?

No need to email answers, these will appear in the next edition

A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all you "Puzzlers" out there...!

Ron

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.

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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 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

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 3-year strategy is making in ensuring the long-term 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 2-year 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 un-opposed. 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 look-out 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 North-West 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 5-7 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

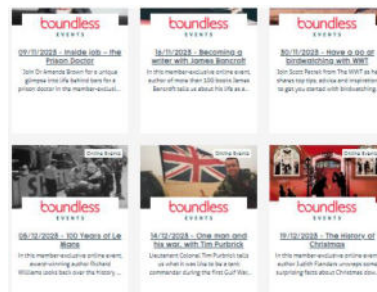
16th November: Becoming a writer – with James Bancroft

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



More details on the Boundless Events webpage: [Events search \(boundless.co.uk\)](https://www.boundless.co.uk/events-search)

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

Dates for your Diary

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

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

Evenings start at 7.45 for 8.00pm

Clubnights – 2nd Tuesday

Daytime Lunches, 12.30pm – 4th Tuesday

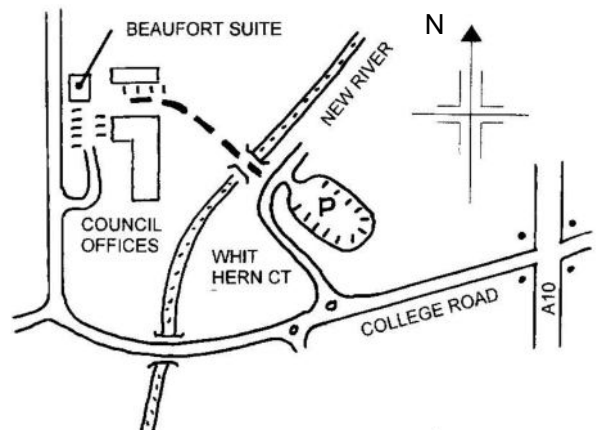
Evening Dinners, 7.30pm – 4th Tuesday

Month	Event
Dec 2023	Tue 12 th – Christmas Clubnight – **Earlier Start this month at 7.30pm** **Please Note, <u>No</u> 4th Tuesday lunchtime meet this month**
Jan 2024	Fri 5 th – NWL Group 12 Car Rally Tue 9 th - Clubnight: Speaker, Mike Payne : “Smart Meters and The Future of Electricity” Sun 28 th – New Year Lunch at: The Galley Hall, Hailey Lane, Hoddesdon, SG13 7NY **Please Note, <u>No</u> 4th Tuesday lunchtime meet this month**
Feb 2024	Fri 2 nd – NEL 12 Car Rally Tue 13 th - Clubnight: Speaker, Mike Howgate on: “Dinosaurs” Tue 27 th – Monthly Lunch at: The Plough, Sewardstone Road, EN9 3QQ
March 2024	Fri 1 st – NWL Group 12 Car Rally Tue 12 th – Clubnight AGM, followed by Photos of NEL Group in competitions Tue 26 th - 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

Or, contact him via E-Mail on: robert.daines12@googlemail.com

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