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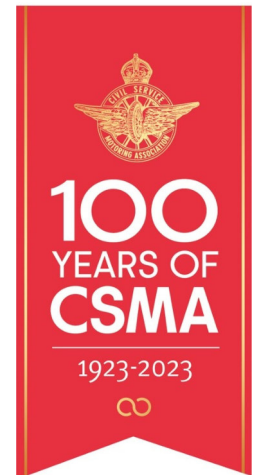
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Next Clubnight:
Tuesday 9th January

Speaker: Mike Payne

"Smart Meters and The Future of Electricity"



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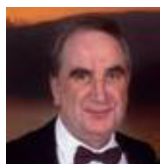
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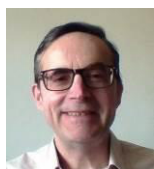
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Hi Everyone – and Happy New Year to you all...!

I hope you all had a good time over the festive season and didn't have any of your travel plans affected by the weather. If you were travelling by train, then you might well have done; if not by strikes, floods, or snow (right or wrong kind), then maybe with disruption to the overhead electric supply. Not an occurrence in the days of steam locomotives of course, which always seemed to run whatever the weather – but I guess they too may have had problems taking on water when temperatures were well below zero (sorry, 32°F back then of course...!). Back in the sixties, I well recall travelling by both bus, and train, to visit relatives on Christmas Day itself. Not something we are ever likely to experience again until our whole transport system becomes "driverless".

However, and in the interest of providing some balance, there has been significant progress made in other areas of everyday life. Back in the sixties, if your toilet flushing mechanism went on the blink at 3.30pm on New Year's Eve (a Sunday), you couldn't go online, order a click & collect replacement from Screwfix (other DIY suppliers are available), jump in the car (mind those two new potholes) and pick it up before they closed at 4pm.

That's about it for now, so I hope those of you going, have a very enjoyable New Year Lunch on the 28th and look forward to seeing some photos for the February issue – don't forget to remind Staff to take his camera this year Lesley...!

Dave

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

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Chairman's January Chatter

Out with the old and in with the new, that's what they say. For some of us, last year was good, and for others who lost family members and friends then not so good, but I hope that the Christmas season of goodwill etc. went some way to heal those bad times.

The most played Christmas song included the line 'I wish it could be Christmas every day' but if you were to ask a lot of the young mums they probably wouldn't agree with that sentiment. Our next door neighbours have a two year old and we got the distinct impression that they felt that once a year was quite sufficient thank you, reading between the lines.

So much is happening in the world that things seemed to get so much worse last year, not just the fighting but the weather is changing so fast now. Our neck of the woods seems to be so far from these worrying situations that we seem to be immune to what is happening around us, not oblivious to them but so much of the world is affected in one way or another.

The build up to Christmas started with the Xmas songs on the radio but nothing prepared me for John's music quiz at last month's Clubnight. John always manages to dig up those old Christmas records that are, how can I say it, a challenge to the memory. It was a great joint effort that evening, well done everyone.

There was another build up that I was following which was on the Facebook Preston Rally Group. This rally, run by Chelmsford MC, seems to get better each year and the hype that goes with it on FB adds to the occasion. Lots of mud on the night - it's a road rally with many miles of private tracks - our Mike Biss was the official steward and our only NEL competitors were Jim Drake and Graham Robinson who came a creditable 21st. in their MG ZR, when even a finish was an achievement. Graham is organising our February 12 car, as part of the winter series of 12 car rallies.

Let's look forward to 2024 then, starting with our monthly Clubnight gathering, when we shall have a return visit from Mike Payne who, this time, will be sharing his investigations into smart meters and looking into the future of electricity. That could spark off a good debate. Then we have our post-Christmas group lunch, on Sunday the 28th. at The Galley Hall, when we are looking forward to an excellent meal, and a chat. My thanks to Staff for sorting it all out.

It's been a while since we have been in the position to present any of our trophies on AGM night, due to a shortage of members competing for them in the various categories. Your committee is considering introducing a competitive element to the C. B. Moore trophy, such that points can be earned by taking part in certain events like the pitch & putt, the pétanque, any treasure hunts that can be arranged through the year and other competitive type happenings. We shall put this to the AGM in March and explain the proposed scoring system that goes with it. It's one we have used before, so we believe it will work, and the points earned are linked to the numbers taking part. Mike would keep the points tallies.

So what's coming up?

Clubnight Tuesday 9 January – Speaker Mike Payne

A return visit by our first speaker of the New Year, who will be talking to us about his conclusions on the use, or misuse of smart meters, and what we might expect for the future of electricity.

Post-Christmas lunch 28 January – Galley Hall

You may not be too late to book, Staff will be pleased to hear from you asap.

NEL 12 Car Rally Friday 2 February

This month Graham Robinson is organising this evening rally, which is one of the series of navigational rallies run by the North London groups. As is now the norm, all timing is carried out using the Rally App on the navigators' mobile phones so dispensing with the need for manned controls, and brings us into the 21st century with this new technology. Graham will still appreciate help on the night, to supplement the timing as the app allows for manned controls if required.

Clubnight Tuesday 13 February – Speaker

This month we shall be welcoming anthropologist Mike Howgate who has a fascinating talk in store for us, on dinosaurs, and his take on their extinction and, as always, we start at 8pm.

Monthly Lunch Tuesday 27 February

Over the winter season, we are meeting at lunchtimes, with a return to The Plough at Sewardstone Road - John would like to know if you are intending to join him.

Take care all, and a Happy New Year

Bernard

ROBERTS RAMBLEINS

Ah January is here, and I hope you all had a Merry Christmas. Eh, what do you mean too many calories...? Into the New Year we go and as I look at what your committee has got planned, I hope there will be something for everyone. Looking back to December club night, it was the usual fun, games, and quizzes. A big thank you to all for your contribution to my charity cake. Overall, I collected £46 pounds which I sent to Dr. Barnardo's. This was our only event in December, as we agreed to switch our annual festive lunch to January. Which reminds me that if anybody still wants to come along, please contact Lesley or Staff. The first event in January is the NWL Group 12 car rally on the 5th, which I understand some members may be interested in acting as marshals. Then it is our usual club night, which this month is a talk by Mike Payne entitled "Smart Meters and the future of Electricity." Sounds very interesting. On a personal note, I find my smart meter very convenient. I usually have the read out on "pence per hour" and this informs me if something is running, or not. Also, at the end of the charging period, how much my bill is expected to be.

That is all for this month.

Robert.

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

Answers to NEL Puzzle Page Christmas '23 Special

There were three questions posed, all relating to conventional analogue dial clocks with numeric figures. The solutions are in bold italics:



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?

11,12,1,2 9,10,3,4 5,6,7,8 (All equal 26)

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?

They will both show the (wrong) SAME time in 10 days

They will both show the CORRECT time in 30 days

In each case it should be exactly 1pm

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?

Midnight or Noon

Ron

Date	Day		Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club
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
	Sat 10	*	20:20 Rally (Cm)	100 mile 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. Please 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.

March 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 the usual three classes:- Beginners / Novices / Experts and the navigation will be tailored to suit the classes. Entry fee is £16 per car. The organiser is Mike Harrison and is contactable on mlh.bhm@btconnect.com.

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 became available 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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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 now available from Mike Biss or website

NWL 12 Car Rally

Friday 1st March

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

Mike Harrison (mlh.bhm@btconnect.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 Jan from Mike Biss or website

Member Communities Communique

December 2023 Update

Interest Group Committees – Nominations sought.

Nominations remain open until Tuesday 2nd January for members to indicate an interest in joining one of 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

We look forward to receiving your nominations.

Groups Out and About

Over the weekend 10th – 12th November our **Classic Vehicle Group** exhibited at the Classic Motor Show at the NEC, Birmingham.

This show, the largest of its kind, often attracts nearly 70,000 visitors over the 3 days and hence the team on our stand had a very busy few days!

Well done to all the volunteers who helped support the stand over the 3 days and in particular to Dave and Rosie Rosher who co-ordinated the CVG presence.



Christmas has already arrived for the **Lunch Bunch** who enjoyed their festive get together at Miller and Carter in early December.



Whilst **Portsmouth Group** enjoyed their traditional Christmas sing-along, resplendent in their Christmas jumpers!

Volunteers Sought!

We have no less than 4 different volunteering opportunities coming up already for next year.....

Firstly, it was felt it might be nice if a volunteer could host the winners of the recent competition run with our partners at the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew for members to win an exclusive guided tour around Kew Gardens on Saturday 24th February or Wakehurst Gardens on Saturday 16th March.

The host(s) will join the 10 members who won this prize on what should be a fantastic experience. The tour itself will take about an hour.

Please contact Kadie Kadie.crichton@boundless.co.uk for more information if you'd be interested in this opportunity.

The second opportunity is for 2-3 volunteers to help at each of our extremely popular Member Days during 2024.

You'll be required to help marshal the reception queue, or take the free raffle entries, or check tickets and hand out the appropriate lanyards. This will be for approx 1½ hours in the morning, usually from 9.30am-11.00am, then the rest of the day is yours to enjoy the event.

We're currently looking for volunteers for the following events:

- Chatham Dockyard, Kent – 16th March
- Warwick Castle – 13th April
- Chester Zoo – 20th April
- Wookey Hole, Somerset - 27th April
- Brooklands Museum, Surrey – 11th May
- Drayton Manor, Staffordshire – 18th May
- Tatton Park, Cheshire – 8th June

Please contact Emma emma.quirk@boundless.co.uk to indicate your interest in supporting one of the Member Days.

The third volunteering opportunity is for members to host one of our Boundless Social Breaks.

These breaks are becoming more and more popular, and we're looking to expand the offering wider still.

The full list of current Breaks can be found on the Boundless website here:

<https://www.boundless.co.uk/our-community/social-group> or you can contact Ally in the Member Communities team ally.grant@boundless.co.uk to find out more information.

And lastly (for the moment!), our magazine team are looking for members who volunteer as part of a holiday for a potential future story in the Boundless magazine.

Whether it's dry-stone walling in Scotland or caring for orangutans in Borneo – they'd be interested in speaking with you. Please contact Kadie Kadie.crichton@boundless.co.uk if you've an experience to share!



Thank You!

We'd like to thank all those Groups who have already submitted their 2024 SENs – some of whom have submitted their events for the whole year!

This provides members, and in particular new members, with a great opportunity to join in with the Group's activities. Well done to all those Groups (you know who you are!) and thank you from the team.

Magazine Deadlines for 2024

For the Spring issue of the Magazine, the deadline is this Friday (21st December).

For the next edition of the magazine, the deadline is Wednesday 14th February 2024.

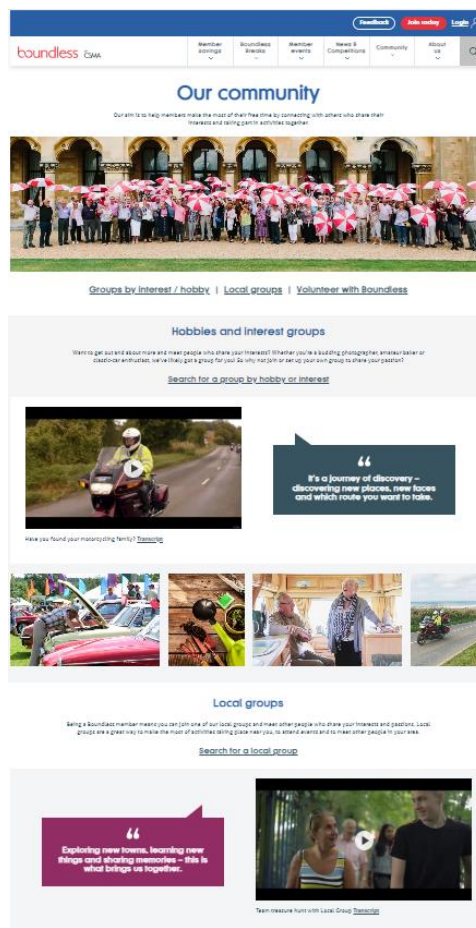
So don't delay – send in your event details today! 😊



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



Merry Christmas!

Best wishes to all our Volunteers and other members for a safe and enjoyable festive season, from the Club Leadership and the team in Britannia House.

We'll be taking a break from Friday 22nd December through until Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

However, should there be any emergencies or urgent matters that can't wait, please email nicholas.hoath@boundless.co.uk

Dates for your Diary - 2024

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

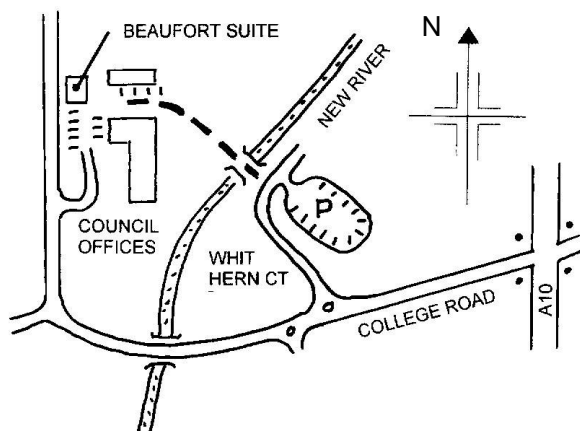
Evening Dinners, 7.30pm – 4th Tuesday

Month	Event
Jan	<p>Fri 5th – NWL Group 12 Car Rally</p> <p>Tue 9th - Clubnight: Speaker, Mike Payne : <i>“Smart Meters and The Future of Electricity”</i></p> <p>Sun 28th – New Year Lunch at: The Galley Hall, Hailey Lane, Hoddesdon, SG13 7NY</p> <p>**Please Note, <u>No</u> 4th Tuesday lunchtime meet this month**</p>
Feb	<p>Fri 2nd – NEL 12 Car Rally</p> <p>Tue 13th - Clubnight: Speaker, Mike Howgate on: <i>“Dinosaurs”</i></p> <p>Tue 27th – Monthly Lunch at: The Plough, Sewardstone Road, EN9 3QQ</p>
March	<p>Fri 1st – NWL Group 12 Car Rally</p> <p>Tue 12th – Clubnight AGM - followed by Photos of NEL Group competitions</p> <p>Tue 26th - Monthly Lunch at: The Plough, Sewardstone Road, EN9 3QQ</p>
April	<p>Fri 5th – NWL Group 12 Car Rally</p> <p>Tue 9th - Clubnight: Speaker - former BBC Presenter, <i>Bill Hamilton</i></p> <p>Tue 23rd – Monthly Dinner at: The Galley Hall, Hailey Lane, Hoddesdon, SG13 7NY</p>

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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