

# The "Nelly" Newsletter

## March 2024



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Clubnights



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Group Visits



**Next Clubnight:**  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

**NEL AGM** followed by:

***"NEL Group in Competitions" photo session***



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*Hi Everyone –*

*Who else, apart from Robert, spotted last month's unintentional mistake...? For some reason, I accidentally deleted all the February events from the calendar on the back page - but normal service is resumed this month.*

*It's AGM time again, so I will offer apologies now for not being there, but I feel sure there will still be some familiar faces on your new committee and, you will find all the various officer reports further on. With Staff's sporting photos presentation to enjoy once all the formalities are done with, I thought it might be of interest to include a report on the very first Curtis-Bennett rally in 1937 – as featured in the August 1937 issue of the CSMA Gazette.*

*It's not often a new group is formed within the Club but if you take a look at the "Community" section of the [boundless.co.uk](http://www.boundless.co.uk) website, you will see there is now an "Aviation Group", specifically aimed at those members who have an interest in all things aeronautical.*

*If you are interested and want to get regular updates from this new group, or any of the other interest groups; log in to the Boundless website, click on "Email Preferences" and then tick the Aviation Group box, plus any others you are interested in of course.*

*Rosie & I managed to get the last two tickets for the Tangmere Museum tour, which was only announced a week ago, but I'm sure if there is a high demand, it will be repeated.*

*That's all for now - Dave*

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

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## Chairman's March Chatter

In meteorological terms the first of March is the start of Spring and I must say it does feel like that this year. We had the pancakes last month and now it's Easter eggs, the calories just keep coming, don't they?

Perhaps you were watching the Swedish Rally last month, if so, you couldn't fail to be impressed with the speeds they were reaching over the snow covered tracks through their forests, one hundred miles an hour coming up regularly, quite amazing.

Next month we have our AGM and then, to follow, Staff will be taking us through some of our Group's sporting exploits over the years and that will of course touch on rallying, as he will explain in his article inside. I can't recall our cars, forty years ago, reaching speeds anything like that round the lanes on our rallies. Just so that you were quicker than the next person, that's what mattered.

You had to be impressed with our speaker last month, he really was keen on his subject of the dinosaur extinction however I think he gave us a bit too much credit for our knowledge of palaeontology. Personally speaking of course.

I mentioned the AGM; please come along if you can and support your group - we the committee are always open to ideas for speakers and outings so let us know if you have any comments about how things are going. Our AGM will run on the same lines as previous years, the officer reports will be considered (see inside) and the committee posts for the coming year will be determined. Refreshments will be available when we arrive and may be munched on and drunk during the proceedings. Our calendar is always shown on the back page of the newsletter but additions are always welcome so this is your chance to suggest what else we might be doing, what we shouldn't be doing and what might we be doing instead.

So what's coming up?

### **Clubnight Tuesday 12 March – AGM**

Your chance to hear what the committee have to say for themselves and also for you to have your say, as all feedback is valuable which we shall listen to and take on board. Also your opportunity to comment on what you would like to see and hear in the future. Staff has prepared some old photos of NEL's involvement in the good old Curtis Bennett Rally that he will be showing us, to see what life was like thirty years ago or more, and what some of us looked like then.

### **Monthly Lunch Tuesday 26 March**

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

### **Clubnight Tuesday 9 April – Speaker Bill Hamilton**

We're really hoping for a big support from our Group, and from those who aren't regulars as such but are following what we do through this newsletter. Bill Hamilton is a great speaker, with some very interesting stories – he is our **Star of the Year**. He has enjoyed a 60 year career as a journalist and broadcaster. His work with BBC Television News, successively as Home Affairs, Foreign Affairs and Special Correspondent took him to some of the worst trouble spots at home and abroad, so many stories on that. Bill is also a football referee and is now officiating in his 65th season having refereed over 2,000 matches - what does he think of VAR I hear you asking!

### **Monthly Lunch Tuesday 23 April**

Now the days are getting longer we are moving to our evening dinners at The Galley Hall, Hoddesdon - John would like to know if you are intending to join him.

*Bernard*

## ROBERTS RAMBLEINS

Ah March - and already one sixth of the year has gone. Before I talk about last month's club night, I must mention our New Year Lunch, held at The Galley Hall. A complete success and many thanks to Lesley and Staff for organising it, and hopefully we shall return same time next year. February Club Night was a talk on the different theories on what killed the Dinosaurs. Not just the result of the large asteroid hitting the Earth, the popular one, but how they evolved into other species or the natural climatic changes of our planet. At the end of the month, a few of us enjoyed a pleasant lunch at The Plough, Sewardstone Road. March club night is the AGM. This is YOUR turn to tell US the committee what events you would like us to organise. My report for the year 2023 is published in this month's newsletter. There is a vacancy for another person on the committee, so if you wish to join us, please let me or another member of the committee know. At the end of the month, we shall again visit The Plough, which will be the last of our lunches there, as next month we switch back to The Galley Hall.

A friend and I have started visiting museums again, and at the end of January we visited the Brunel Museum, situated in Rotherhithe. It is a small museum, detailing the building of the first tunnel under a river. Firstly, you go down the original shaft, sunk vertically to allow the tunnel to be built horizontally from it. Although the tunnel is usually associated with Isambard Kingdom Brunel, it was his father, Marc, who started it. Everything was done by hand. All the earth was dug out by miners, and then behind them, bricklayers lined the tunnel. The most important feature was that IKB invented the cage which allowed the miners to work at the face of the tunnel, and then this cage was moved along as earth was removed. This is the same principle used today, it is just done by a machine with a worker sitting in the cockpit. After visiting the shaft, we went into the museum building, and walked around various models and pictures showing the construction of the tunnel. Unfortunately, the tunnel was never used for what it was intended, as the ramps at the ends were never built which would have allowed road transport of the day, to use it. So, it was just firstly used for pedestrians, but after a few years it was sold to a railway company, and it became part of the East London Line. There was also a small exhibition on the new London Sewer. Years ago, the people in London just dumped their sewage into The Thames. They called it Stinky Thames. A sewer was built but over the years but it has become too small for the waste. Hence that is why a new one is being built.

Although not a museum, we also visited Battersea Power Station to see what they have done to it. The last time I visited the area it looked like it had just had a visit from the Luftwaffe, but now it has been completely changed. The Power Station has been converted into a load of shops, and the one thing you notice is that most of the shops have no prices on the goods in the windows. The exception to this was a watch for £38000...! Well, you know what they say, if you must ask what the price is, then you cannot afford it. There was one restaurant advertising Fish and Chips for £29.50. We went to Nando's. Very nice if you like spicy food. We had arrived using the new Northern Line extension but returned to Liverpool Street station by bus and every time I use a bus, I am thankful that I do not drive in Central London any more.

I must just mention one more visit. I went to the Travel Exhibition, held at Olympia. Walking round you just realise how many travel companies there are. Talking to one representative about what I wanted to do, she said that the holiday I was interested in was almost fully booked for this year but recommended that I book it for next year. Returning home and thinking that is a good idea, that is exactly what I have done. Niagara Falls and The Rocky Mountaineer here I come.

Finally, we have seen the adverts about saving energy. Well last month I took part in one. For one hour I sat there with no heating, lighting, or TV on. After that I waited whilst my energy company did the maths. After three days they informed that I had reduced my energy by 94% and would credit my account by £1.21. Wow, I can buy an extra packet of iced buns I thought.

See you all at the AGM.

*Robert.*

**CIVIL SERVICE MOTORING ASSOCIATION**    *North East London Group*

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

To be held at: **Beaufort Suite, Bishops College, Churchgate, Cheshunt, EN8 9XQ**

## AGENDA

1. Chairman's Introduction
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of 2023 AGM (available at signing in)
4. Matters Arising
5. Chairman's Report
6. Secretary's Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Competitions Secretary's Report
9. Election of Officers
10. Election Of Committee
11. Consideration of Motions
12. Signing of Groups Charter
13. Any Other Business

Nominations and motions should be sent to the secretary by email:

robert.daines12@googlemail.com

And should be received no later than 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024

The AGM will be swiftly followed by a photo session featuring NEL members taking part in past motorsport competitions.

Refreshments will be provided

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## AGM and Nelly, CSMA, Boundless motorsport.

Club night on the 12<sup>th</sup> March will be the group's AGM, one of those necessary events which help the group in developing ideas for the future, Bernard and Robert will no doubt further extol its virtue in their pieces.

Hopefully the AGM won't take too long leaving time for me to give another photographic presentation of our past activities.

My presentation last April covered our social and sporting activities. In March I will be focussing on the Association and group's sporting activities with archive images going back to the founding of the CSMA and launch of the Curtis Bennett rally which first ran in 1937 (*see report further on...Ed.*) and subsequently ran for 72 years, 44 of which were based at Llandrindod Wells in Wales. In the late 1970's 80's NE London group won it 11 times.

I don't know the exact date our NEL group was formed, probably post war and with a strong motorcycle influence. An influx of younger members in the early 1970's created an interest in rallying and autotests. It wasn't long before our own Noreaster and Grasshopper autotests were conceived for which we have collected a number of action images of the events.

*Stafford Steed*

## A look ahead to April Clubnight with Guest Speaker – - **Bill Hamilton**



**Bill Hamilton**, who hails from Dundee, has enjoyed a 60 year career as a journalist and broadcaster. He started from very humble beginnings as a junior reporter on the Fife Herald before later becoming presenter of BBC Scotland's flagship news programme, *Reporting Scotland*.

He moved to London in 1979 and served successively as Home Affairs, Foreign Affairs and Special Correspondent with BBC Television News.

His role took him to some of the worst trouble spots at home and abroad – from arctic winter in Scotland (where he took part in the extraordinary rescue of snowbound train passengers) to inner-city riots in Brixton and Toxteth, and from IRA bombs in Brighton and London to a tragic war in Lebanon, the terrible consequences of HIV/AIDS in Africa, the Soviet Union's nuclear testing programme in Kazakhstan and the plight of dying and neglected children in Stalinist Albania.

It was his exclusive reports from Albania that sparked a huge international aid effort – involving among others, Norman Wisdom (Albania's favourite comedian) and the Duchess of York – and won him the Order of Mother Teresa, the country's highest civilian award. He was also honoured by The Royal Television Society and Rotary International.

A Paul Harris Fellow, Bill is the author of three books, *I belong to Glasgow*, *Albania Who Cares?* and his recently published autobiography, *Man on the Spot*. Bill is also a football referee. Having begun as the youngest in Scotland at age 14, he is now officiating in his 65th season, having refereed over 2,000 matches.

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## Walking Treasure Hunt – Sunday 9th June 2024

Starting from the Lower Green in Tewin at 10.30am, then to Hertingfordbury, and lastly, Birch Green.

Lunch is booked at Plume of Feathers in Upper Tewin, AL6 0LX 01438 717265, at 1 p.m. You will need to walk round each village answering the questions I have set, before returning to the lunch venue by 12.50. Teams of two are required, singles will be paired up, if required. Entry fee per person is £1.50, to cover the cost of the event plus the prizes. A minimum number of 6 and a maximum of 12 are required by the closing date of 6th June.

Please contact Mick O'Blath on 01920 423738 or [mickoblath20@gmail.com](mailto:mickoblath20@gmail.com) for more details or to book (early).



Please bring a clipboard if you can, some will be available.

Mick

**Chairman's Report 2023**

This is my 21<sup>st</sup> Chairman's report and we have seen several changes in that time, the most significant of which is our move to this venue. The Beaufort Suite itself is very welcoming and suits us fine – we are fortunate to have such excellent facilities in such a central location, and we don't have to put the chairs and tables out each time, which is a real bonus.

Our Group managed a full programme of clubnights and pub meals during the year and was pleased to be able to run our trip to the IWM Duxford, as part of the CSMA's Centenary year celebrations.

However, attendance has remained pretty constant and we have been delighted to greet some new faces over the year. We hope that this will continue and that our calendar for 2024 will prove sufficiently attractive to add a few more regulars to our attendance record.

Our fourth Tuesday gatherings continued, with the regular pitch and putt evening, and then our petanque evening at the Old Bulls Head, ending with a meal. John will make sure that these are certainly on the calendar for 2024. We propose introducing a degree of competitiveness into the proceedings by awarding points for performance, which will go towards a new championship that is being organized.

On the motorsport front the series of Friday evening 12 car rallies took place, and the introduction of the RallyApp system has proved very successful and welcomed by the competitors. The timing of the competitors was controlled through mobile phones, which did away with much of the paperwork and the need for marshals. Once again, the summer series of autotests didn't happen due to a lack of venues, and our flagship event, the Juniper Autotests, which is run on hard surfaces, didn't happen either, again due to a lack of a suitable venue.

The year ended with the customary Christmas party here, and the appearance of one of Robert's excellent cakes, but the annual lunch at the Galley Hall was moved into the following January, with thanks to the organising skills of Staff and Lesley.

I should like to thank those who contributed to the continued success of the newsletter – especially Dave for putting it all together each month – and for its production and distribution and also many thanks to our members who have continued to support us.

We are now at AGM time and we need to appoint a committee for next year. I am pleased to report that all current members, who did such an excellent job during the year, are willing to stand again, in their respective roles. However, there is always room for another member on the committee, and if there is someone out there who feels they can contribute in some way to the running of our NEL then do please put yourself forward.

Bernard Ward  
Chairman NEL

## **Boundless by CSMA, NEL Group - Secretary's Report 2023**

Well, here we go and look back on 2023. I hope it was again, a year that had a bit for everyone. We managed to hold twelve indoor club nights, on the second Tuesday of the month, at the Beaufort Suite, Bishop's College, Cheshunt. These were month by month, with the number of attendees in brackets, the following :-

January	Chris Turan spoke on A funny thing happened on the way to the Old Bailey. {19}
February	Paul Baker spoke on The Huguenots in Soho. {25}
March	AGM, followed by a quiz. {16 members plus 8 guests}
April	Nostalgia evening. Those attendees saw various images of NEL. £75 raised for Children's Air Ambulance. {18}
May	Lucy Lewis gave a talk on Bomb Disposal. {16}
June	Mike Beech spoke on History of the Postal Services. {17}
July	Committee quiz. {15}
August	Dave Stimpson spoke on Jowett Car Company. {22}
September	Martin Adams spoke on The Manhattan Project. {12}
October	Mary & Graham Brace spoke on A Walk on the Wild Side in Brazil rain forest. {17}
November	Phil McKinder spoke on Guilty or Not Guilty. Attendees were asked, at the end, to vote on the verdict. {22}
December	Usual fun, quizzes, games, and nosh. {20}

So, the average attendance was 19.0.

In addition, we held 11 lunch time or evening events on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Again, the number of attendees is shown in brackets.

January	Monthly lunch at The Plough. {10}
February	Monthly lunch at The Plough. {5}
March	Monthly lunch at The Plough. {6}
April	Monthly dinner at The Galley Hall. {7}
May	Monthly dinner at The Galley Hall. {9}
June	Evening Pitch and Putt at Kings Mead, Ware. {7}
July	Pétanque at The Old Bulls Head, Ware. {11}
August	Monthly dinner at The Galley Hall. {6}
September	Monthly dinner at The Galley Hall. {11}
October	Monthly dinner at The Galley Hall. {7}
November	Monthly lunch at The Plough. {3}
December	There was no Christmas Lunch event in December, as it was decided to switch the event to January 2024.

The attendance, average 8.0, at these does seem to depend on the time of year.

In addition to these, we held four other outdoor events again with, the number attendees in brackets.

June	Full day visit to Duxford. {14}
July	Full day treasure hunt. {12}
August	Full day on Epping to Ongar railway. {7}
September	Countryside walk near Ware. {7}


As 2023 was the Centenary of the CSMA, now Boundless, our trip to Duxford was our celebration of this. In addition, HQ at Brighton organised a weekend to Stratford upon Avon, and to celebrate the Curtis Bennett, a weekend in Llandrindod Wells. A few members went on these to represent the group.

In closing I must thank the rest of the committee and others for all their help in organising events. Finally, a big THANK YOU to Dave for producing our newsletter each month.

Robert Daines  
Secretary, North East London Group.

# NEL Treasurers report 2023

		2023	2022	2023 Significant events					
						Income	Exp	Profit/loss	
Opening balance b/f		1,397.12	1,532.34						
		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure				
Imprest	Imprest	2,795.00		3,660.00		Feb 12 car	272.00	215.48	56.52
Admin	T&S		494.40		293.30				
Admin	Tel / BB					Curtis Bennet reunion	0.00	0.00	0.00
Admin	Other admin		291.25		63.14	Centenary event			
Events	Room hire		1,162.98		1,378.13				
Events	NEL awards		10.00			Visit IWM, Duxford	0.00	355.50	-355.50
Events	Social	1,157.00	1,415.40	1,190.70	2,956.62	Subsidised centenary event			
Events	Competitions	272.00	231.48	187.00	140.00				
Publicity	Newsletter		471.12		341.73	Epping - Ongar rail trip	206.50	206.50	0.00
Publicity	Other publicity								
R	Recognising volunteers	600.00	1,200.00						
Total income		4,824.00		5,037.70					
Total exp			5,276.63		5,172.92				
Profit/loss for year		-452.63		-135.22					
Closing balance		944.49		1,397.12					
Expenditure									
Represented by:- Cash		0.00		0.00					
Bank		944.49		1,397.12					
Uncleared cheques		0.00		0.00					
Total reserves		944.49		1,397.12					



Stafford Steed, NE London Group Treasurer



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## A report of the first Curtis-Bennett Rally

Taken from the August 1937 issue of the C.S.M.A. Gazette

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THE C.S.M.A. GAZETTE



### THE NORWICH TEAM

One of the two  
teams to tie  
for the Trophy

Drivers : I. C. Smith  
(with Trophy) and  
G. L. Mabb

## THE FIRST ROAD RALLY For the New "Curtis-Bennett" Trophy

By V. J.

A difficult event to describe—this Curtis-Bennett Rally. In an ordinary trial the conscientious reporter almost does manage to be in two places at once ; he sees half the entry through one observed section, dashes at a breakneck speed across country by a carefully selected route and sees the other half of the competitors through a second section, repeats the process for a third and fourth section, reports that " there was an animated scene at the start " and that at the finish " the competitors were weary but full of praise for a most enjoyable trial "—and really does achieve an air of ubiquity.

But pity your poor reporter, for here were competitors starting, all at seven p.m. or thereabouts, from places as remote as Edinburgh and Southampton, as Cardiff and Norwich, and pursuing tortuous routes of 550 miles from there to Donington. But no doubt the scenes at the start were animated, even at Southampton where Secretary Horder sped off a solitary competitor, D. O. Porter (Royal Enfield 976 c.c.) or at Liverpool, where it took no fewer than three officials to get G. Fazakerley (M.G. 847 c.c.) on his way.

Perhaps the best thing is to try to give you, by a series of impressions, some idea of the event. The London competitors, started from Marylebone at 7 p.m. by Mr. Kent and Mr. Pike, all filed through Bicester between 9 and 10 p.m., Bill Cosslett bravely leading the way on a 249 c.c. S.O.S., a nice contrast to some of his train, which included two big Bentleys with engines roughly twenty times the size of his. Cosslett unfortunately lost his compression between Sheffield and Wansford and had to retire. Hard luck, after doing well over 400 miles, and being dead on time at every check.

Birmingham was one of the busiest controls— all the competitors (except the one Birmingham entrant, and the Plymouth entrant who started from Edinburgh) checked in here as the start of the course through Wales, common to all routes. At Birmingham, curiously enough, more marks were lost through lateness than at any other control, due partly, I suspect, to the fact that the control garage was well outside Birmingham (necessarily, since it had to be used by competitors arriving from every point of the compass but departing along a common road), and partly to the notorious ease with which strangers in Birmingham lose themselves—this although every competitor had been supplied with an R.A.C. plan of the town.

Soon after the last man left Birmingham—at 2.5 a.m.—Messrs. Blockley, Belsey and Maddison were welcoming the first man in at Machynnleth—if anything except a bed or a hot drink could be

welcomed at 3.04 a.m. And here a word in praise of the martyrdom of Mr. Ainsworth, Manchester's Treasurer, who travelled to Warrington simply to check in one competitor from Birmingham at 10.41 p.m. and one from Edinburgh at 1.08 a.m., last minute withdrawals having depleted the teams too late to allow of the routes being changed.

At Pentre Voelas, Messrs. Forster and Read, fortified by a day's successful fishing in Welsh streams the day before, rose at 5.23 to greet W. Mills (Riley 9) from Manchester, and after signing out D. O. Porter (Royal Enfield 976 c.c.) at 8.16 returned to their hotel, to eat, I hope, between them the six breakfasts they had certainly earned.

Even at Chester, where the competitors were checking in from 7.18 to 10.11 a.m., there were still sixty left out of the sixty-three starters, only E. C. Vivian (Morris 14.9 — South London), J. C. R. Tollervey (Austin 7 — North London) and H. G. Mundy (Panther 598 — North London) being on the missing list here.

From Chester they all followed a common route through Congleton to Sheffield, and thence down the Great North Road, some turning off for Donington at Grantham, some at Wansford, some at Huntingdon, according, of course, to the varying mileages from each starting point to Birmingham, where the common route began. Even at these points most drivers showed no signs of fatigue at all; even the heroic pillion riders, barring a tendency to doze on the grass verge of the Wansford check; evidences of special equipment were numerous — spot lights for reading signposts, elaborate routes and time charts (one which I saw had, in the "comments" column "sun rose 4.44 a.m."), and weird and wonderful warmth-producing and water-excluding clothing for the motor cyclists.

At Donington all surviving competitors had to compete a lap of the short circuit, immediately on arrival, in not more than 3 minutes 10 seconds, a feat which only four, who shall be nameless, failed to achieve — one of them by only one-fifth second. The best times were put up by A. Metcalfe (Ariel 497 — Leeds), 2m. 15s.; N. V. Knight (Bentley 4.398 — North London), 2m. 17 2/5s.; C. J. H. Day (A.C. 1.991 — South London), 2m. 20 2/5s.; J. W. Pales (A.J.S. 350 — North London), 2m. 24 1/5s.; and E. J. Bores (Sunbeam 347 — North London), 2m. 24 2/5s.

Two personal notes:—Congratulations to Miss Daisy North, solitary lady competitor, who drove single handed throughout, and retained a clean sheet; also to R. M. Mackenzie of Manchester, who, though he has only been riding a few months came through to the finish with a clean sheet in spite of having to be pulled out of a ditch where he landed, with his machine on top of him, through misjudging a corner in the dark, and of having to continue with damaged forks and steering.

### PROVISIONAL RESULTS

CURTIS-BENNETT CHALLENGE CUP:—Awarded jointly to Norwich Group, and a combined Manchester and Merseyside Centres Team.

The following retained clean sheets, and will all qualify for a special award:—

Merseyside: Mackenzie, R. M. (Triumph 249 c.c.), Mills, W. (Riley 9). Cardiff and Southampton: Edwards, H. L. (Ford 10), Hall, N. A. (Morris 8), Porter, D. O. (Royal Enfield 976), Longstaff F. C. (Austin 7). Leeds: Bevan, H. P. (Morris 8), O'Connell, J. F. (Austin 12.8), Dover, K. J. (Ariel 348), Adgie, J. R. (Triumph 350), Metcalfe, A. (Ariel 497). North London: Kilvington, T. (Morris 8), Knight, N. V. (Bentley 4.398), Hadfield, W. (Singer 9.72), Barnett, H. E. (Standard B 9.10), Pales J. W. (A.J.S. 350), Bores, E. J. (Sunbeam 347), Rushforth, L. (Essex 17), Harris R. V. (Riley 9). Chatham: Banks, R. J. (Talbot 10), Jury, E. (Velocette 348). Nottingham



THE MANCHESTER AND MERSEYSIDE TEAM  
(Left to right): R. M. Mackenzie, T. S. Shepherd (passenger), W. Mills and S. A. Wilkinson

and Birmingham: King, C. R. Y., Jnr. (Austin 7.8), King, C. R. Y., Snr. (Talbot 10), Tomlinson, W. H., Kimble, A. J. (Ariel 348). South London: Thurston, G. W. (Austin 10), Harry, G. S. (Hillman 10), Blythe, N. (Ford 8), Day, C. J. H. (A.C. 1.691), Robson, R. E. (Morris 8), Ivison, P. (M.G. 8), North, Miss D. D. (Morris 8), Townsley, A. (B.S.A. 250), Quarmby, A. C. (Morris 10), Dibdin, P. H. (Hillman 1.184 c.c.), Osborne, L. E. C. (Morris 8), Wessell, E. T. (Morris 8). Norwich: Mabb, G. L. (Morris 8).



THE SHEFFIELD CHECK

Date	Day		Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club
Mar	Fri 1	*	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL
	Fri 8	*	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
	Fri 15	*	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Chelmsford MC
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

**February 12 Car Rally** The second winter season round got a reasonable entry of eight crews, for the start over at Tewin. Ran by Graham Robinson, the route was back to the right hand side of map 166, but the route nearly had problems with fibre broadband installations causing a lot of traffic lights on the route survey, but thankfully they weren't in place on the night, although another set of roadworks had the road still closed after they were supposed to have finished. This caused a note to be sent over the system to crews on how to get round it. Results are found elsewhere in the newsletter.

### Future Events

**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. Regs are currently available. Entry fee is £16 per car. The organiser is Mike Harrison and is contactable on [mlh.bhm@btconnect.com](mailto:mlh.bhm@btconnect.com).

**April 12 Car Rally** Starting from The Farmers Boy PH, 216 Common Road, Kensworth, Dunstable LU6 2PJ MR 166 / 028182, 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. Regs are currently available. Entry fee is £16 per car. Organiser is Alan Thurbon and you can contact him on [alanthurbon@yahoo.com](mailto:alanthurbon@yahoo.com).

**Future 12 Car Rally Season** We are planning to change the 12 Car Rally dates for next season, due to the January event is the most likely to be hit by bad weather, so it is planned that the events will now run in Nov, Dec, Feb and Mar. The existing January event will move to Nov and the existing April event will move to Dec, with the existing February and March events staying as is. This also allows for the two uses of the John Bunyan PH start to be better separated. Just need to sort out the Nov and Dec dates with the other clubs.

**Grass Autotest Season** Unfortunately, we still currently have no venue for these events.

**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 April**

**The Farmers Boy PH, 216 Common Road, Kensworth, Dunstable LU6 2PJ**  
**Map 166 / MR 028182**

There will be three classes:- Beginners / Novices / Experts - £16 entry fee

Navigation tailored to suit classes - Map 166 FEB 2018 required

Standard Navigation Guidelines for organisers – see regs for details

Alan Thurbon ([alanthurbon@yahoo.com](mailto:alanthurbon@yahoo.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

Crew	Start MTC1	RC1	RC2	RC2a	TC2	RC3	RC4	TC3	RC5	RC6	TC4	RC7	TC5	SGW1	RC8	RC9	TC6	RC10	TC7	RC11	RC11a	RC12	RC12a	TC8	RC13	RC14	RC15	RC16	TC9	RC17	SGW2	RC18	CB1	RC19	RC20	CB2	MTC10	Time Penalties	Other Penalties	Total	Overall Position	Class Position
Ian Hazleton (2) Brian Cammack (Expert)	20:32	✓	✓	✓	20:39	✓	✓	20:45	✓	✓	20:58	✓	21:06	✓	✓	✓	21:15	✓	21:26	✓	✓	✓	✓	21:38	✓	✓	✓	✓	21:52 1 LT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	22:07 1 LT	2	0	2	1	1
Curtis Jacoby (4) Dexter Jacoby (Novice)	20:34	✓	✓	✓	20:42 1 LT	✓	✓	20:49 1 LT	✓	✓	21:03 1 LT	✓	21:11	✓	✓	✓	21:20	✓	21:29	✓	✓	✓	✓	21:41	✓	✓	✓	✓	22:06 12 LT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	22:24 4 LT	19	0	19	2	1
Ben Cutting (1) Steve Cumbers (Expert)	20:31	✓	✓	✓	20:38	✓	✓	20:45 1 LT	✓	✓	20:57	✓	21:06 1 LT	✓	✓	✓	21:14 30 EX	✓	21:25	✓	✓	✓	✓	21:36 2 ER	✓	✓	✓	✓	21:50 1 LT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	22:06 2 LT	7	30	37	3	2
Julie Skuse (3) Nick Skuse (Novice)	20:33	✓	✓	✓	20:40	✓	✓	20:48 2 LT	✓	✓	21:02 1 LT	✓	21:12 2 LT	✓	✓	✓	21:20 30 EX	✓	21:32 1 LT	✓	✓	✓	✓	21:46 2 LT	✗ 30	✓	✓	✓	22:06 7 LT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	22:24 4 LT	19	60	79	4	2
Christopher Warburton (8) Terry Warburton (Beginner)	20:38	✓	✓	✓	✗ 30	✓	✓	20:55 4 LT	✓	✓	21:11 3 LT	✓	21:20 1 LT	✓	✓	✓	21:29	✓	21:40	✓	✓	✓	✓	21:54 2 LT	✓	✓	✓	✓	22:09 2 LT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ 30	✗ 30	12	90	102	5	1
William Johnson (5) Geoff Woolley (Novice)	20:35	✓	✓	✓	20:45 3 LT	✓	✓	20:54 3 LT	✓	✓	21:16 9 LT	✓	21:24	✓	✓	✓	21:34 1 LT	✓	21:55 10 LT	✓	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	22:09 2 LT	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	22:28 30 OTL	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	28	480	508	6	3
Mark Brumwell (6) Nicky Brass (Novice)	20:36	✓	✗ 30	✓	20:48 5 LT	✓	✓	20:59 5 LT	✓	✓	21:16 4 LT	✓	21:27 3 LT	✓	✓	✓	21:43 7 LT	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	24	630	654	7	4	
David Smith (7) Richard Smith (Novice)	20:37	✓	✓	✓	20:47 3 LT	✓	✓	21:06 30 LT / WR	✓	✓	21:30 11 LT	✓	21:41 3 LT	✗ 30	✓	✓	21:53 30 OTL	✗ 30	22:10 30 OTL	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✓ 30 WR	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	✗ 30	17	690	707	8	5	

# 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday**

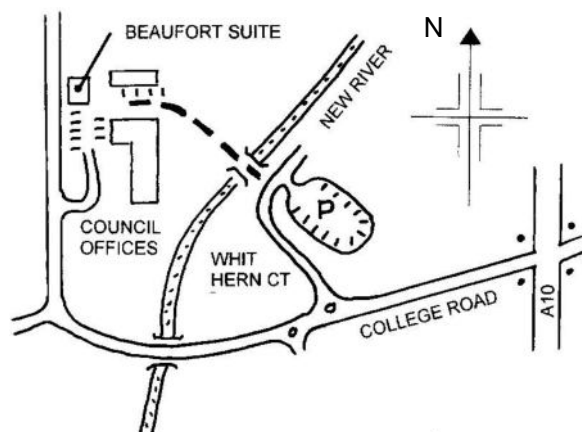
**Daytime Lunches, 12.30pm – 4th Tuesday**  
**Evening Dinners, 7.30pm – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Month	Event
<b>March</b>	Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> – Clubnight, AGM - followed by Photos of NEL in competitions Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> - Monthly Lunch at: The Plough, Sewardstone Road, EN9 3QQ
<b>April</b>	Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> – NWL Group 12 Car Rally Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> - Clubnight: Special Guest Speaker – - Former BBC Presenter, Bill Hamilton <i>“My life as a journalist at the BBC”</i> Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Monthly Dinner at: The Galley Hall, Hailey Lane, Hoddesdon, SG13 7NY
<b>May</b>	Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> - Clubnight: T.B.A. Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Monthly Dinner at: The Galley Hall, Hailey Lane, Hoddesdon, SG13 7NY
<b>June</b>	Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> - Treasure Hunt – Tewin Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> - Clubnight: Speaker – Tricia Thompson <i>“Conkers and Skipping Ropes”</i> Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> – Pitch and Putt, followed by a Noggin & Natter at Kingsmead, Ware

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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