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Vacant

Clubnight

NWL AGM (followed by a quiz)

Notice of North West London Group AGM

Tuesday 7th March @ 8pm, (AGM starts at 8:30pm)

At our clubnight venue: The Red Lion PH
56 London Road, Hemel Hempstead HP3 9TD

THE BIRTHDAY BOX !

In March we have several celebrations - starting with **Steven Harrison**, followed by **Alan Thurbon** and **Pete Gregory**. Happy birthday to you all!



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Boundless North West London Group

Editorial

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Thought I had better include a mention of the CSMA 100th year on the front cover, as we are 100 years old as of the 27th February, which will stay until the December issue. Hopefully you will be joining in with the various events going on to celebrate.

We have a large edition this month, as we have all the paperwork for the AGM available, plus another Communique. Hopefully we will see a lot of you for the event, which doesn't take long (usually) and then we have a quiz evening.

I was out marshalling a time control on the last 12 Car rally and it was quite easy to use the App to do this. It is one of those things that you think is going to be difficult to understand, but once you start to use it, it becomes a lot easier to understand how it works. If you would like to try it out, why not come out on either of the last two events and tag along with someone else to see how it works.

F1 testing has come to an end and it looks good for the Red Bull team again, with a strong run for both drivers. There have been some driver changes for this year and Fernando Alonso is now at Aston Martin and seems to be very happy with the car, having shown some good speed at the top of the times. Mercedes are still not at their full potential, but are happy that they at least have a stable car to start with, but still a lot of work required to be in with a chance of vying for the championship. As they say, testing is one thing, but actual racing will really show where the teams really are performance wise. And, we don't have to wait long to find out, as the first race is this weekend at the same circuit in Bahrain.



On the way home recently, I was coming through a 30mph zone and approaching a mini roundabout, I noticed a car catching up quicker than the speed limit. As I started to go into the roundabout, this car accelerated and went down the other side of the bollards and other side of the road and overtook me! I thought "what a plonker" (or words to that effect) and of course had caught them up not long after, when they were behind another car and didn't fancy being an idiot again, which does seem odd. If you drive like that in one place, you would expect them to be an idiot everywhere.

No lack of snow at the recent WRC round in Sweden and Ott Tanak gave Ford a much needed boost, with a win in only the second event in the car. He was on the pace all event and managed the competition well. Elfyn Evans again had been in contention until a tyre problem dropped him back and he couldn't recover the time. Craig Breen had his first drive on his return to Hyundai and put in a very good drive to be in second place on the last day. The team decided to ask Craig to drop back behind Thierry Neuville, which he did, as Craig is only doing part of the championship, but when it came to the Power Stage, Craig had the problem of having to go quickly enough to not lose another place, but not beat Thierry, without the help of in car timing updates. In the end, Thierry made a minor mistake on the stage and dropped just enough time to fall behind Craig. The team then decided not to ask Craig to drop time again, as it would actually drop him two places, so he ended up second overall!



Keep safe.
Mike B.

NOTE: Deadline for contributions to the April newsletter is Thursday 23rd March

NWL Chairman's notebook

My thanks to Alan for running an excellent pub games evening for our February clubnight and also to Lee, for bringing along some extra games as well. We had a good turn out and everyone was equally frustrated at some of them!!

I have to correct an error in my last month's chat, as it was Ian O'Connor and not Alan Thurbon, who partnered me to victory on the January Beetle Drive competition. Sincere apologies Ian, how could I possibly get the two of you mixed up!

Please remember that we have our Annual General Meeting (AGM) this month, so do make a special effort to attend. I know it might not be the most entertaining clubnight of the year, but it is the most important. I will try as usual to entertain you all and keep the formal business as short as possible. We will then have our usual short quiz afterwards.

If you can't make it, for whatever reason, please advise Alan Thurbon accordingly.

Alan and I had a very good run on the February 12 Car and in complete contrast to the January one, came home 3rd on 0 fails and 1 minute, the 1st place crew had 0 fails 0 minutes and the 2nd placed crew also had 0 fails 1 minute, but beat us on the furthest cleanest rule! Full results elsewhere in the newsletter, as usual.



The event had a full 12 Car entry, although on the night sadly one crew had to pull out. It was a good route with uncomplicated navigation, (it must have been for me to get the result!) and well done to Graham for organising it, on behalf of NEL Group. I am organising the next 12 Car, which runs on the 3rd March, we still have one or two places to fill, and if you would like to marshal, please let Mike or myself know. Then Alan Thurbon is organising the last of this year's 12 Cars on the 31st March. As ever, entries and offers to marshal would be very much appreciated.

I have included some photographs of the cars on display at the recent HRCR open day at Gaydon in January, which I forgot to include in last month's newsletter. Doug and I attended the HRCR annual dinner and awards ceremony the other weekend and although we didn't pick up an award for 1st in class, as you need to finish a minimum of three events, and we only did two, Doug did manage to win the charity raffle and went home with an "air fryer", whatever that is, and I picked up the 4th prize, which was a set of jump leads!



You might be interested to know that a couple of the London boroughs are taking the Mayor to court over his proposed ULEZ in August, arguing that it wasn't democratic (as he has apparently simply ignored survey results) and that it's hitting the low paid the hardest and that instead, he should turn his attention to buses, etc. He is now trying to say that offering free school meals to all junior school children will help offset the cost of buying a compliant vehicle. He must be on a different planet if he thinks we are all going to believe that!

Doug's new engine for the Chevette is progressing, but it won't be finished in time for the Weston Park Stage Rally on the 12th March, which is probably just as well, as they have 160 entries, but with only 80 places available, so it was going to be a lottery anyway, as to whether or not we got in, any way! The next rally we are aiming for is the Dixies, on the 30th April, so fingers and toes crossed!

I mustn't forget to mention that I am organising a visit to the British Motor Heritage factory on the 6th June. This is the factory where they manufacture new shells and other body parts for MGs, TRs and Minis etc. However, there are only 12 spaces available and they are filling up fast. Please see the advert in the newsletter or on the club website. But don't despair, if it's full when you try to book, as we will organise another visit later in the year.

Well, here's looking forward to the AGM on the 7th March and if we don't see you there, then perhaps we can catch up at our normal drink and a chat on the 16th March at the Red Lion PH.

Mike H



Secretary's spot

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I am sure that Chairman Mike will lead his article with much the same story, but after he and I competed on the January 12 Car rally, (where we were both rubbish and 9th out of 10 starters was achieved) we thought we should have another go, hoping to learn from our previous mistakes (and there were many!). Anyway, we had a bash at the February event, organised by Graham Robinson on behalf of NEL, and it all went extremely well and we managed joint 2nd, only dropping one minute on the entire rally. The next 12 Car on Friday 3rd March will be organised by Mike H, so our successful partnership will have to wait until next year, before we might get another chance to prove ourselves!

Our February clubnight saw a number of us making use of many different pub/table games in The Function Room at The Red Lion and a few very competitive 'battles' were witnessed. I am sure all who participated had some fun, which is exactly what the evening is designed to promote.

Next month's clubnight, on Tuesday 7th March, will see the group's Annual General Meeting at The Red Lion commencing at 8:30pm. I am sure the formalities of the AGM will swiftly be taken care of by Chairman Mike, but please come along with any ideas or requests of what and how you would like to see the Group progress. Any thoughts or suggestions will always be investigated and you may well have an idea that appeals to all. It is anticipated that a short quiz will take place after the AGM and it would be encouraging to have your support for the evening. You should find all the relevant paperwork for the AGM within this copy of The Big End.

Thursday 16th March will see our regulars gather in the bar at The Red Lion from about 8:30pm for our 'Chat and a Drink' informal occasion. As well as discussing local Group topics we may well spend some time putting the world to rights.

Yours truly will be organising the last 12 Car of the winter on Friday 31st March, so please make a note of the date to make sure you are able to come along. Please contact me or Mike B for any further details or information you may require.

We have managed to organise a real 'scoop' for our April clubnight on the 4th, as we will have the Manager/Curator of our wonderful toy and motor museum in Bourton on the Water, Michael Tambini, coming along to The Red Lion to present to us an illustrated talk on The History of the CSMA. Michael has a passion about the club's history and this should prove to be a very interesting and informative evening. Michael is also using our event as a 'shakedown' for the following week, when he will be repeating very much the same presentation 'online' to the entire Boundless membership. With the Association in its 100th year, this evening should be particularly pertinent.

Whilst mentioning the 100th Anniversary, there are a number of events up and down the country to celebrate this very special year, so please keep an eye on the magazine, (of which a special celebration issue should be dropping through your letter box any day now), the website, our very own Big End and various emails that may appear in your inbox promoting these events. Most events will represent very good value for money and will benefit from some special Centenary additions.

Our planned future programme is as follows;

Friday	3rd March	– NWL 12 Car Rally
Tuesday	7th March	– NWL Annual General Meeting
Thursday	16th March	– NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion
Friday	31st March	– NWL 12 Car Rally
Tuesday	4th April	– NWL Clubnight – talk on The History of CSMA
Thursday	20th April	– NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion
Tuesday	2nd May	– NWL walking treasure hunt in Bushey

That's about it for now – hope to see you at some of our activities

Alan T

Date	Day	Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club
Mar	Fri 3	* 12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL
	Fri 10	* 12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
	Fri 31	* 12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL
Apr	Fri 14	* 12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
May	12-14	* Curtis Bennett Rally	Re-Union get together	CSMA Motorsports
Jun	Sun 11	Greenacres Autotest (Cm)	Grass autotest	CSMA NWL

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 better entry when 12 crews entered, but only 11 assembled, at the start over on map 167. Ran by Graham Robinson, the event even had two lots of marshals doing time controls out on the route, hopefully continuing on future events. We had several new crews out, care of starting a lot further east, and eventual winners William Johnson/Harry Brierley cleaned the event. Nice to see novice crew Alan Thurbon/Mike Harrison getting round with just dropping the single minute. 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 three classes:- Beginners / Novices / Experts and the navigation will be tailored to suit the classes. Entry fee is £16 per car. Organiser is Mike Harrison and is contactable on mlh@bhmarchitects.com

April 12 Car Rally Starting from The Farmers Boy PH, 216 Common Road, Kensworth, Dunstable LU6 2PJ MR 166 / 028182, it will use maps 166 (edition FEB 2018) and 165 (edition JUN 2018) or 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. Organiser is Alan Thurbon and you can contact him on alanthurbon@yahoo.com

Curtis Bennett Rally Re-union Allan Goddard is running a CB re-union weekend on the 12th-14th May in Llandrindod Wells, for all past competitors, marshals, organisers, etc. to get together and chat about old times. There is also a plan to have a non-competitive route with a Road-book for the Saturday, around some of the old roads we once used on CB's of old. More information, prices and booking details are now available on the Boundless site, so if you are going to be interested in attending, then please keep the weekend clear.

Summer Grass Autotests These dates are still only provisional, as we still don't have a venue. The last venue was only a stop gap one, and unlikely to be available other than a once a year.

MSUK Clubman Licence It is now time to renew your free MSUK licence, so that you can compete on our 12 Car rallies. If you go to <https://rsclubman.motorsportuk.org>, you can click on the option to renew for 2023. Please make sure you don't leave it to the last minute if planning on doing the January event.

Car Club Membership If you know of anyone who had Bedford Car Club membership to do our 12 Cars and Autotests, now that the club has ceased issuing new cards for this year, the best alternative it to join Harrow Car Club. They have the same cost for competition membership and are already invited to all our events. <https://harrowcarclub.net/>

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. We will be invited to all the Anglian Motor Sport Club autosolos/autotests throughout the year.

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NWL May Clubnight - Walking Treasure Hunt

Tuesday 2nd May - We will be holding the walking treasure hunt in Bushey. The car park opposite the start is free from 6:30pm. The treasure hunt will start from 7:30pm and will be run along the High Street and back, starting & finishing at The Red Lion Public House, 50 High Street, Bushey WD23 3HN, opposite the car park.

We have reserved a couple of tables in the pub for results and a drink afterwards.

Anne & Steve

NWL 12 Car Rally

Friday 3rd March

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

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@bhmarchitects.com)

Competitors required (on-line entry only) - 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

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MR 166 / 028182

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Standard Navigation Guidelines for organisers – see regs for details

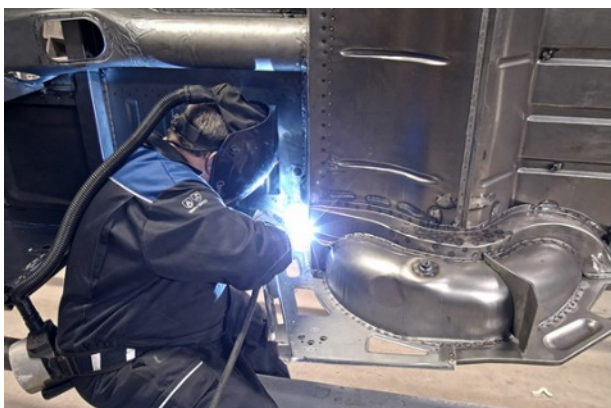
Alan Thurbon (alanthurbon@yahoo.com)

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Regs now available from Mike Biss or website

BRITISH MOTOR HERITAGE – Motorsports Group Factory Tour



British Motor Heritage Ltd, Range Road, Cotswold Business Park, Witney OX29 0YB

With unparalleled knowledge, authentic production information and original drawings and patterns, the factory manufactures previously unattainable body parts for British classic cars such as Mini's, Morris Minors and more! Watch the craftsmen working and get a unique insight into the whole process.

The tour will take approximately two hours and space is very limited, so make sure to get in quick. As there is limited space, payment must be made to confirm your place on the tour. For bank and payment details, please contact Mike Harrison. **Time:** 10am-12:30pm, Tuesday 6th June 2023. **Price:** £10 charitable donation

Please Note: The factory is not a suitable environment for anybody with a heart pacemaker due to the strong electrical fields created by the welding equipment.

Curtis Bennett Reunion Weekend



Motorsports Group

Friday 12 May to Sunday 14 May 2023

Join the Motorsports Group for a two-night stay at the Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod Wells for their Curtis Bennett Reunion event in celebration of the CSMA's 100th Anniversary.

The Curtis Bennett Rally was a long running popular event with our motorsport enthusiasts for over 70 years, presented annually from 1935 to 2007 only cancelled by WW2 and the Foot and Mouth outbreak in 2001.

As part of the CSMA's 100th Anniversary celebrations we are holding this reunion event at the Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod Wells which was the most popular host venue over the years.

The event will involve a 2 night stay on a Dinner Bed & Breakfast basis and there will be a non competitive scenic drive on the Saturday, covering many of the lovely roads used on the rallies of old and maybe some evening entertainment. Entrants will also receive a roadbook with the route to follow and places to stop for refreshments, along with a commemorative rally plate.

Price

Event entry including 2 nights Dinner Bed & Breakfast in a Classic Double or Twin Room:

Members: £378 per room based on double occupancy

Non-Members: £393 per room based on double occupancy

Event entry including 2 nights Dinner Bed & Breakfast in a Single Bedded room:

Members: £230 per room based on double occupancy

Non-Members: £245 per room based on double occupancy

Event entry including 2 nights Dinner Bed & Breakfast single occupancy in a Classic Double or Twin Room:

Members: £260 per room based on double occupancy

Non-Members: £275 per room based on double occupancy

Upgrade to a Classic Plus room - for £10 per night

Upgrade to a Superior room - for £25 per night

Metropole Hotel and Spa, Temple Street, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5DY

Boundless by CSMA – North West London Group
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday 7th March 2023

AGENDA

***Agenda for the Annual General Meeting to be held at The Red Lion,
56 London Road, Hemel Hempstead HP3 9TD and commencing at 8:30pm***

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 2022 AGM
3. Matters arising
4. Chairman's report
5. Secretary's report
6. Treasurer's report
7. Election of Officers and Committee
8. Boundless by CSMA – Group's Charter
9. Open Forum
10. Any other business

BOUNDLESS by CSMA

NORTH WEST LONDON GROUP

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the North West London Group of Boundless by CSMA held on Tuesday 1st March 2022 at The Red Lion, London Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, commencing at 8.30pm.

Present were Mike Harrison (Chairman), Doug Harrison (Treasurer) and 14 other members and 2 guests,

1. Apologies for absence

Alan Thurbon (Secretary), Suze Endean, Gwilym Griffiths, Alan Robins, Anne Graves and Lorraine O'Connor

2. Minutes of the 2021 AGM

These were circulated to the meeting, and along with all other reports were published in the Group Newsletter. The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising that would not be discussed later.

4. Chairman's report

This was presented to the meeting in written form and also circulated via the newsletter. The Chairman commented on how successful the Zoom clubnights had been during lockdown and had the added benefit of allowing members who had moved away from the locality to take part in the programme. He thanked the Committee members for dealing with all the covid restrictions making special reference to Mike Biss for publishing our newsletter each month.

The Chairman also mentioned that CSMA will be celebrating its' centenary in 2023 and he was considering planning a short break for the Group, probably in the Cotswolds consisting of a one night stay with dinner, bed and breakfast included and a number of members showed interest. Further details to follow.

5. Secretary's report

The Secretary's written report was also published in the newsletter. Thanks were extended to the tremendous work and support that our professional Member Communities team were providing and the superb programme of online Member Events that were being promoted for the entire Association membership to enjoy.

In the Secretary's absence the Chairman offered a big thank you to AT for all the hard work put in in the background.

6. Treasurer's report

The Group accounts were circulated via the newsletter and made available to the meeting. They were accepted without comment.

7. Election of Officers and Committee

Prior to the commencement of this item John Dossett, supported by Ian O'Connor offered a vote of thanks to the Group Officers and Committee during the difficult last two years.

No written nominations had been received.

The following nominations were received from the 'floor':

Chairman – Mike Harrison, proposed Dave Robins, seconded Mike Biss.
Secretary – Alan Thurbon, proposed Mark Brumwell, seconded John Dossett.
Treasurer – Doug Harrison, proposed Ian O'Connor, seconded Ann Harrison.

The following were proposed as Committee members for the coming year;

Mike Biss, Pete Gregory, Anne Graves, Ian O'Connor and Lorraine O'Connor.

It was proposed by Dave Smith and seconded by John Dossett that the above Committee members were voted 'en bloc'.

8. CSMA Club Groups Charter

The Charter was made available for all to view and was signed by the Chairman

9. Open Forum

Various suggestions for future Group visit and/or support included;

Classics on the Green at Croxley with Group publicity stand. Chairman to follow up
Quinton Railway Centre visit in conjunction with NEL Group
Heritage body shells and parts at Whitney
Tring Brewery
Karting event although these are being very successfully run twice per year

10. Any other business

The Chairman once again gave notice of the sad passing of Ted Manktelow and commented that Joyce would very much like to remain in contact with the Group as and when time permits.

Dave Robins enquired as to the health of Shirley Baldwin and it was reported she is sadly not very mobile but remains in good spirit.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Chairman **Date**

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NORTH WEST LONDON GROUP

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023

Well, it will be very nice to see you all once again and I will thank you in advance for attending our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday the 7th March 2023.

Last year was amazing in that we finally managed to shake off the dreadful COVID epidemic, although I hear of people still going down with it or suffering from the side effects, commonly known as long Covid. I am glad to report that our clubnights are going from strength to strength, with the majority well attended and are of course, thoroughly enjoyable.

I believe that the majority of you will agree that we manage to provide a varied and interesting series of clubnights and events that cater for everyone. As with previous AGMs, we will attempt to keep the formal proceedings as short as possible, followed by a short break to refill your glasses and then continue with a quiz to finish the evening.

My thanks again once more to my fellow committee members, especially Alan Thurbon our secretary and Doug Harrison our treasurer and not forgetting Mike Biss our newsletter editor. All three are ably supported by the rest of the committee, Pete Gregory, Anne Graves and finally Ian and Lorraine O'Connor.

It falls to me, to remind you that without the committee we wouldn't have a group and I thank them publically on your behalf, for all their hard work over the past year.

I am delighted to confirm that all current committee members have agreed to stand again this year, but we are always looking for new faces on the committee, especially as we have a vacant position at this time and of course this may well allow some of us old faces to stand down. Even if you are not interested in becoming a committee member, or can't for whatever reason find the time, if you have any new ideas etc., please do make these known to us. Your views and ideas are important to us.

During the pandemic we relied heavily on the newsletter to keep things going and Mike Biss has done an amazing job in this and this has continued and I must take this opportunity to thank Mike once again for the time and effort he puts into what is an amazing club newsletter.

Mike as ever, would of course welcome articles on any subject for inclusion in the newsletter. The newsletter is still the most effective and best way of communicating to both the active and none active members of the group and of course the wider general membership, who are perhaps looking for something interesting to do or to read.

This year the club celebrates its 100th birthday and a number of special events will be laid on to celebrate this, so please keep an eye on the website and the club magazine. We will, via the newsletter, try and advice you in advance of these events, but no doubt tickets for them will disappear quite quickly, so stay alert if you don't want to miss out.

As a group, I am pleased to confirm that we have our very own event, based at Bourton on the Water in the Cotswolds on the 30th September, which I believe is now fully booked, although please check with Alan Thurbon if you haven't booked and want to go.

As with past years, we seem to be holding steady with our numbers and post Covid dare I say it, these have even increased at clubnights, which is amazing!

The 12 Car Rally series went well last year, even though it was rather a steep learning curve for all of us organisers in regard to using the new rally app, and this year, the events are still proving very popular and we even had 11 competitors out on the February one!

Sadly, our series of grass autotests are still a problem, due to a lack of a suitable venue and once again we are struggling this year, with the likelihood that we may well only be able to run one event. However, you never know, a suitable venue may well present itself.

Last but not least, a very big thank you, to all of you, the ordinary members who manage to attend our activities and clubnights etc. Let us not forget that without your support, there would be no group and of course without the group, there would be no club.

I look forward to seeing you all face to face at the AGM on the 7th March, at the Red Lion at 8pm.

Mike Harrison
NWL Group Chairman

CSMA North West London - AGM Accounts for 2022

	2022		2021		
	Receipts	Payments	Receipts	Payments	
Balance brought forward	594.82		Balance brought forward	387.03	
Imprests	600.00		Imprests	800.00	
Volunteers Payment	600.00				
Events Income	2,317.70		Events Income	1,930.00	
Travel & Meals		297.35	Travel & Meals	202.45	
Events Costs		2,157.93	Event Costs	2,264.53	
Room Hire		40.00	Room Hire	20.00	
Postage		4.95	Postage	9.51	
Stationery		5.99	Stationery	25.72	
Computer Supplies		0.00	Computer Supplies	0.00	
Balance carried forward		1,606.30	Balance carried forward	594.82	
Total	£4,112.52	£4,112.52	Total	£3,117.03	£3,117.03
Budget for 2022 - £1,202.00			Budget for 2021 - £1,150.00		
Imprests claimed - £600.00			Imprests claimed - £800.00		

Doug Harrison NWL Treasurer March 2023

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North West London Group

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

Secretary's Report

Well, here we are again with another AGM looming which means that another year has passed. Twelve months ago we were still very much in the throws of the pandemic, in fact so much so that I had to apologise for last year's AGM as I had gone down with the dreaded virus myself! Thankfully things very much improved and apart from some minor event cancellations and diary adjustments we managed to put together a complete programme of clubnights for us all to enjoy.

During the year, our Chairman Mike has once again worked tirelessly to organise and provide activities for our continued enjoyment, as well as keeping the rest of us on our toes. Doug continues to make a good job of Treasurer and has ensured we have always been financially viable. We would certainly be lost without the huge input from Mike B, who not only publishes our Big End newsletter each month, but also acts as our motorsport co-ordinator and normally organises many events along the way. The rest of the Committee, namely Anne, Lorraine, Ian and Pete are always around for committee meetings and contribute to the running of events and activities. Sadly, Gwilym did not seek re-election, but still organised a couple of successful karting evenings for our enjoyment. Unfortunately, only one autotest took place, almost totally down to the lack of securing suitable land to use. This seems to be an ongoing situation, so if you know of a grass field that may be available, please let us know.

We managed to organise and promote three 12 Car rallies during the early months of 2022 and these were fairly well supported and favourably received. The events mostly used the wonderful 'Rally App' superbly put together by John Clavey and now seems to be the norm for our 12 Cars, although it can eliminate the requirement for marshals, which is currently being addressed, so as not to lose the social aspect of these type of events.

Our August clubnight last year saw us make use of a 'club stand' at the Croxley Green Classic car event. For the first time, the event was held on a Sunday (which just happened to be scorching hot) and we did manage to get the NWL message across to a few of the attendees who showed interest in our activities.

The support from our professional Member Communities Team at Brighton (led by Nick Hoath) has always been there to help if required, even though they have been pretty much 'working from home' much of the time and are rather understaffed. There have been a number of excellent 'virtual' events that have taken place and been much appreciated, and it is planned to continue these presentations going forward. Look out for further details on the website and mentioned in the communiques that are published within our Big End newsletter.

I am sure you are all aware that 2023 sees the centenary of our Association and a number of Member Events are planned to assist with the celebration of this year. Once again keep a look out in the magazine for events that may be of interest to you.

The 'Open Forum' section of the Agenda is your chance to make some comments on the running and composition of our events and activities, so please come along to the AGM with a few ideas that may help to inject some new active life into North West London Group.

Alan Thurbon
NWL Group Secretary
March 2023

Member Communities Communique

February 2023 Update



100th Anniversary, Online Event – Date Change!

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, the date for the 100th Anniversary Online Event has changed from 16th February (*well done to those who spotted the incorrect day in last month's Communique!*) The new date for this event is: **Tuesday 11th April at 7pm.**

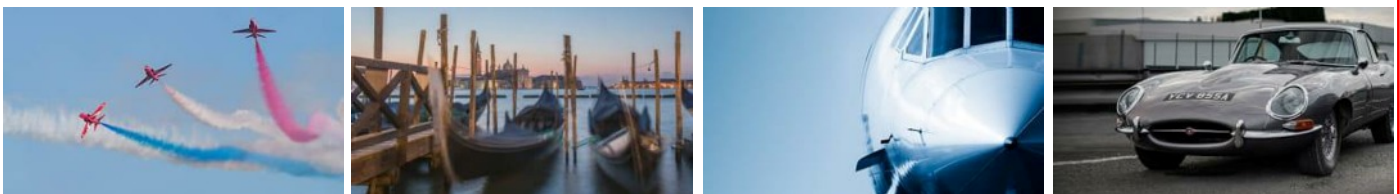
Our very own Cotswolds Motor Museum Manager, Michael Tambini, will provide a fascinating insight into how 100 years of CSMA reflects a century of cultural change across the UK.



Register for this FREE event here: [Boundless Online Events - More than just a motoring club – 100 years of CSMA](#)

Did you know you can **re-watch any of the online events** at anytime?

Whether you fancy catching up with a Red Arrows pilot, improving your photography skills or just reminiscing about great British icons such as Concorde or the Jaguar E-Type..... all our online events are available to re-watch on the Boundless website here: [Events search \(boundless.co.uk\)](#)



2023 Member Events

In addition to our Online Events programme, we'll also soon be able to confirm the series of Member Days planned for 2023.

Already in the diary is a fantastic family day at Alton Towers (3rd June), plus of course the 100th Anniversary Event at the Shuttleworth Collection, Old Warden (2nd July). We're also planning Member Days at the Beaulieu Motor Museum (7th October) and the Bristol Aerospace Museum (14th October), plus two fantastic events at RHS Hyde Hall (16th September) and RHS Harlow Carr (30th September).

We'll be finishing the year off with an exclusive Member Day at the Wakehurst Place 'Glow Wild' on 7th December. Tickets will go on sale in March for all these events (with amazing offers for Members and their guests!!) – watch this space as tickets will likely sell very quickly this year.

2023 Networking Meetings

Our series of Networking Meetings commences on Thursday 2nd March in Edinburgh, this is then followed by the Tunbridge Wells meeting on Tuesday 7th March. Later in the Autumn we'll be holding meetings in Leeds (10th October) and Bournemouth (1st November).

We still have spaces at the Tunbridge Wells meeting on 7th March and would invite any Groups who wish to attend this meeting to forward their representatives to membercommunities@boundless.co.uk as soon as possible.



Club Council Update

The Club Council met for their 86th meeting on 24th January via Zoom.

Following the usual updates from the Motoring Groups, Camping and Caravanning and the Local Groups, the Club Leader, Madeleine Grubb outlined a number of the initiatives the Club Management Group have been working on for the last few months. The Club Management Group (CMG) is made up of the Club Leader, Deputy Club Leader (Pete Gregory), Club Treasurer (Geoff Gaunt), Head of Member Communities (Nick Hoath) and the Member Communities Marketing Manager (Kadie Crichton). The purpose of this Group is to progress any initiatives agreed by the Club Council and deal with any significant daytoday issues within the Member Communities Groups. The CMG normally meet approximately every 6 weeks.

Madeleine outlined that the CMG have been putting together the topics and discussion points for the forthcoming Networking Meetings, as well as progressing the changes to the Social Breaks and Holidays offering. Madeleine also outlined the Club Leader's 3-Year plan and the actions to be undertaken to help the Member Communities develop appropriately – a key aspect of this plan being the encouraging of new volunteers.

The final items on the Club Council Agenda included a review of the endofyear attendance statistics, plus an update from the Chief Operating Officer, Pete Worster on the Environmental Sustainability Initiatives being introduced throughout the Association, aimed at reducing our carbon emissions.

The Club Council will be meeting on the following dates during 2023 and would welcome any interested members joining their meetings: 21st April, 27th June, 2nd November and 21st November.

Please contact the Head of Member Communities nicholas.hoath@boundless.co.uk if you would like to indicate your interest in attending a Club Council meeting.

100th Anniversary Commemorative Items

As previously mentioned, we will soon have a range of commemorative items to help enhance their events to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Association 2023.

These will include small items such as pin badges, pens, car stickers, air fresheners and key rings, plus a few larger items such as tote bags, hats, mugs and rucksacks. We would ask however, that you are considerate in what items you request as it is not the intention for all members, to have all items!



Please request any items directly from Kadie in plenty of time (at least a month!) in advance of your event as these will need to be packaged up posted out to you. Email: kadie.crichton@boundless.co.uk

Social Breaks Volunteering Opportunities

Thank you to all those members who have already indicated they'd be interested in hosting a Social Break in the next year or so – we've had a great response so far, but it's not too late to volunteer for this great opportunity to become part of our Social Breaks and Holidays Host Programme. We have 6 great getaways this year that we are looking for hosts for.

Volunteering as a host gives you a great opportunity to meet members and create friendships all while enjoying visiting a new place or hotel. You will even be rewarded with a complimentary stay at the break you are hosting, plus travel expenses will be reimbursed.

What does hosting involve?

Essentially, the Boundless host is there to facilitate the social interaction between the attending members. You'll be expected to host the Welcome drinks (included in the Break) on the first evening as this is the ideal opportunity for the host to circulate around the Group and get to know as many guests as possible. You will meet and greet members at the drinks so they know who you are should they need any further information about the break.

There will of course be other opportunities, such as dinner each evening, to ensure everyone is mixing with their fellow members (those that want to!). Many of our existing Social Break hosts enjoy participating in the break to a much greater extent, however this often comes with experience, not something you'll need, to host for the first time.

Below is the list of Social Breaks we're looking for hosts for. If you live within 90 mins travelling distance, we'd love to hear from you.

- Exploring Medieval Warwick and Warwick Castle: 8th – 11th September
- Liverpool and The Manchester Ship Canal: 18th – 21st September
- Exploring the Kent Downs and Hever Castle (based in Tunbridge Wells): 24th – 26th September
- Blissful Bournemouth: 2nd – 6th October
- Exploring Chichester Harbour and The South Downs Autumn Break (based in Northney, Hayling Island): 20th – 23rd October
- Potters Five Lakes Festive Break (based near Witham, Essex): 13th – 17th November

For more details about the breaks listed above click here: <https://www.boundless.co.uk/our-community/socialgroup>

We'd be delighted if you could fill out an Application Form (available from Member Communities) to indicate your interest and email this to membercommunities@boundless.co.uk and one of the team will be in touch.

If you do not see a break suitable for you this time but are interested in future hosting opportunities, please fill out the form and send it to us and we will notify you when breaks for 2024 become available later this year.

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.

We're always looking to improve the Communique, and would really appreciate your feedback regarding what you like and what you don't, what you'd like to see more of, or less of, is the format ok, etc.?

Let us know by emailing: membercommunities@boundless.co.uk





Diary NWL 2023



CLUBNIGHT Venue
Function Room, The Red Lion,
56 London Road,
Hemel Hempstead
HP3 9TD

DRINK & CHAT Venue
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March

Fri 3rd **NWL 12 Car Rally**
Sun 5th F1 - Bahrain
Tue 7th **NWL Clubnight - AGM - The Red Lion, HH**
Thu 16th **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH**
17th-19th WRC - Mexico
Sun 19th F1 - Saudi Arabia
Fri 31st **NWL 12 Car Rally**

April

Sun 2nd F1 - Australia
Tue 4th **NWL Clubnight - History of CSMA Talk - The Red Lion, HH**
Thu 20th **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH**
21st-23rd WRC - Croatia
Sun 30th F1 - Azerbaijan

May

Tue 2nd **NWL Clubnight - Walking Treasure Hunt - Bushey**
Sun 7th F1 - United States (Miami)
12th-14th WRC - Portugal
Thu 18th **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH**
Sun 21st F1 - Italy (Imola)
Sun 28th F1 - Monaco

Dates to reserve:
Greenacres Autotest - Sunday 11th June - TBC