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# Clubnight

# 100 Years of the CSMA A History Talk by Michael Tambini

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

### THE BIRTHDAY BOX!

On our April birthday celebration list we have Antony Cox, Joyce Manktelow, Lee Craker and Suze Endean - many happy returns to you all!



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Well the NWL AGM has been and gone for another year and we had a good turn out. Whether this was for the quiz afterwards, I couldn't say, but the AGM is usually a light hearted event on a serious business. The quiz results are shown on page six.

Two races into the new F1 season and it is ominous already for the championship, as at this early stage it looks like Red Bull can win every race, irrespective of where they may start on the grid. Fernando Alonso has finally managed to move into a new team, that didn't turn out worse than the one he left! He has landed a plumb seat at Aston Martin and looks like he is in the third best standing on the grid, having finished in third place in both races. Why did Mercedes plough on with their dead-end design over the winter and one race in, only then to decide to build a new one? Seems to be a total lack of thought at the top of the team and only time will tell if they are on a full decline or will recover in time to show a challenge for the top spot.



I hope you will be coming along to our next clubnight, as we have a talk by Michael Tambini on the history of the CSMA, which he is doing as a shakedown for his live online presentation a week later.

In the WRC, Elfyn Evans lost out on second place on the very last stage, which he had held from Saturday morning, when he dropped 3.1 seconds to Thierry Neuville. Sebastien Ogier got his seventh Rally Mexico win, moving him clear of rival Sebastien Loeb, after rally leader Esapekka Lappi crashed on the first stage on Saturday, hitting and bringing down an electricity pole onto the car. After a while, the car caught fire, with the pole still live, but they managed to put the fire out, with the help of an extinguisher from the following car. He didn't restart.



The Skoda had some more repair work done on it recently, as I was sure the rear tailgate couldn't just be opened by using the key, as it was a right pain on the 12 Car, stopping to put out codeboards. Feeling the handle didn't give any indication there was a button there, but checking on the "Net" revealed there was a micro switch that was supposed to operate the lock. So I took the rear panel off and could see two wires coming from the handle. I disconnected this and then shorted the wires, and lo and behold, the tailgate lock operated. I ordered up a cheap 'copy' version for a tenner and when fitted, it worked as it should, by pressing on the handle and not having to use the key. Result! I then took the old one apart and found the micro switch was working fine, it was the plastic lever that had broken one of its retaining brackets. Seems when you operate the button, you then put your full force into lifting the tailgate, whilst still holding the plastic lever operated. A bit of a design flaw!

The recent 12 Car rally threw a spanner in the works for the marshals, when we forgot to change the operation of controls from 'navigator' to 'marshal'. It didn't affect the operation of the event and all crews could get round without problem, but it did mean the marshals could only manually record times and not interact with the App. It was an interesting problem to have, as it is when these things happen, it tends to give you a better understanding of how things work. It also means that if it were to happen again (hopefully not), we would know how to correct it before the event actually started.

Keep safe.

Mike B.

NOTE: Deadline for contributions to the May newsletter is Thursday 20th April



First of all, a really big thank you to all of you who took the time and effort to attend last month's AGM. I fully appreciate that it is not the most exciting clubnight of the year, but it is perhaps the most important one! Anyway, I am pleased to report that all of the existing officers and committee have been voted in for yet another year and my thanks to all of you for your continued support.

My thanks also to Alan as secretary, Doug as treasurer and Mike as newsletter editor, and not forgetting the rest of the committee, Anne, Pete, Ian and Lorraine for all continuing to stay on for another year. We have our fist committee meeting on the on the 28th March, at which we will no doubt discuss the many suggestions for clubnights and other activities/visits etc., which we will report on in due course.

After the AGM, we had a short break for refreshments and nibbles and these were then followed by a short quiz, which I trust you all enjoyed. The results of which you should find elsewhere in the newsletter. My thanks once again to Anne Graves, for providing the nibbles etc.

A most import year as it happens, as this is the centenary year of the CSMA! If you read through the club magazine and our newsletter in the coming months, you will find lots of special events taking place and they often have large discounts or are free to members, in acknowledgement of this special year. Tickets might be restricted numbers wise, so you might need to book early, to enjoy the free or reduced entry price.

To help us understand the real significance of the centenary and the part played by the club in motorsport and other motoring activities, a book has been published on the history of the club. Our guest speaker for this month's clubnight, on the 4th April, is Michael Tambini the author of the book and he is also the current Manager/Curator of the motor museum at Bourton on the Water, will be giving us a presentation on the subject. If you unfortunately can't make our clubnight for some reason, Michael is also giving the same presentation on line later on in the month. Copies of the book will also be available to buy as well, at a very reasonable cost of £10.

We have the last of this year's 12 Car ralliess on the 31st March, organised by Alan Thurbon. Not sure where we are entries wise (*ED: Nine currently*), but if you want to take part, please contact Alan. Last month's 12 Car, organised by me, went well with an entry of six cars (we did have eight, but illness intervened and we lost two entries). The results are further on in the newsletter and my thanks to the marshals, and to Mike Biss for all his help.

If you were thinking of going to Old Warden on the 2nd July, for the aircraft and classic car display/run, you need to be quick, as the ticket allocation to members has very nearly expired. You will find further details and entry forms etc. on the club web site.

Unfortunately, Doug and I missed out on our entry on the Manx Rally in May this year, as the 125 places sold out in 12 hours and we only made the reserve list! However, with Doug's engine still at the engine builders, it's probably just as well and even the Dixies Rally at the end of April is looking doubtful.

However, missing out on the Manx, now allows Ann and I to take part on the Curtis Bennett Reunion Weekend on the 12 – 13th May, which is based at the Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod Wells in mid Wales. Contact Allan Goddard for more details.

I am pleased to report that the Sprite once again passed its MOT the other week and had a service and spanner check at the same time, in anticipation of the new season of classic car runs and track days and it needed just a new wheel bearing on the front nearside wheel hub. The first track day is at Snetterton on the 15th May, where we have been kindly allocated five places in the sessions, run by MGs on Track. At the time of writing, we only have two remaining spaces.

The next track day is at Castle Combe on the 12th July and this is only available to our members and guests, with 36 spaces available. If you are interested, or want to know more, get in touch with me or speak to Allan Goddard the organiser. We have two further track days available later on in the year; both are in partnership with MGs on Track. The first of these is at Castle Combe on the 4th September, where we have been allocated our own session of 12 cars and then finally at Goodwood on the 23rd October, where we again have been allocated our own session of 10 cars. For more information please email me at <a href="mailto:mlh.bhm@btconnect.com">mlh.bhm@btconnect.com</a>.

If you are interested in the visit to the British Motor Heritage factory on the 6th June, I have two spaces left, so be quick if you want to go!

Finally, if you can't make clubnight on the 4th April, then we might perhaps see you at our normal drink and a chat on the 20th April, at the Red Lion PH.

Mike H



By the time you read this month's 'notes', the clocks will have sprung forward with the effect that spring is here and summer is just around the corner, the evenings will become brighter and hopefully the temperature should rise a little, so the energy sapping central heating can be turned down or even off!!

The Group's Annual General Meeting has been and gone and once again Chairman Mike did a fine job controlling the audience and ensuring NWL goes forward for another year. It was certainly pleasing to note that all the group officers and committee members wished to remain in post for a further year, bringing consistency to NWL activities. Some very good suggestions were put forward during the 'open forum' agenda item as to what may prove popular, so I am sure some of these proposals will be investigated, and instigated, so watch this space in the coming months to see what we may be able to provide for you. The AGM itself, I believe, was amongst the quickest on record, which enabled Mike to baffle us (well me!) with an excellent quiz. I am sure the full results will appear elsewhere in this publication, but it was interesting to note that three person teams had a definite advantage over two person teams.

Yours truly will be organising the last 12 Car rally of the winter on Friday 31st March, which I hope will be well received. 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, 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.

Moving on to our May clubnight on Tuesday 2nd, this will take the form of a walking treasure hunt based in Bushey and organised by Anne and Steve Graves. This will be the first of our outdoor summer clubnights, so let's hope for some pleasant weather and an enjoyable evening. Full details will be included in The Big End, so do try to reserve the date and come out for some fresh air and light exercise.

### Our planned future programme is as follows;

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

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

Alan T

### Motor Sport Coordinators' Bulletin

### **April 2023**

Date	Day		Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club
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
Jul	Sun 9		Grasshopper Autotest (Cm)	Grass autotest	CSMA NEL
Aug	Sun 13		Paddock Autotest (Cm)	Grass autotest	CSMA NWL
Sep	Sun 10		Chiltern Autotest (Cm)	Grass autotest	CSMA NWL
Oct	Sun 8		Autumn Autotest (Cm)	Grass autotest	CSMA NWL

Licence required: (I/Nat/Inter/Cm) = MSUK Licence, (C) = Club Card, () = Nothing, \* = Regs available

### **Past Events**

**March 12 Car Rally** The event unfortunately only had six starters, when two withdrew leading up to the event. The rally ran ok, with the crews making their own mistakes to give a clear result. Unfortunately, a slight mistake with setting the marshalled controls on the App, meant the marshals were unable to use it and they had to do manual recordings only. Another one of those errors, that give you an idea of how to rectify it in future, if it were ever to happen again. Some nice roads used again and thankfully no road closures to contend with, although an option was in hand if one had still been in place.

### **Future Events**

**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 <u>Boundless site</u>, so if you are going to be interested in attending, then please keep the weekend clear.

**Summer Grass Autotests** These dates are all 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 <a href="https://rsclubman.motorsportuk.org">https://rsclubman.motorsportuk.org</a>, 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. <a href="https://harrowcarclub.net/">https://harrowcarclub.net/</a>

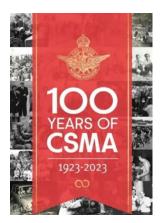
**Other Events** Please see the calendar above for other events we have an invite to. I can get regs for any of these, just contact me if interested. We will be invited to all the Anglian Motor Sport Club autosolos/autotests throughout the year.

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NWL March Clubni	ght - Quiz R	Results
Dave S, Mike B and Pete	63 points	1st
Alan R, Dave R and Anne R	62 points	2nd
Ann H, Steve and Anne G	62 points	2nd
lan and Lorraine	46 points	4th
Alan T and Trevor	45 points	5th
Heather and Alan G	36 points	6th

### **NWL April Clubnight - CSMA History Talk**

At just after 5:30pm on 27th February 1923, the first general meeting of the Civil Service Motoring Association was called to order and our club came into being. In this very special exclusive event, Michael Tambini – manager of Cotswold Motoring Museum – will take us back over 100 years of CSMA/Boundless history. But this is more than just the history of a motoring club. You'll hear stories of camaraderie, achievement and adventure from members through the years, captured on film, in photographs – even on 78rpm gramophone records. Find out how our staff at Cotswold Motoring Museum are transforming these fascinating snapshots of days gone by, into a digital archive of national importance, which is destined to provide a catalogue of changing times and shifting cultural and social attitudes.



NWL will have some copies of the 96-page 100th Anniversary Commemorative Book available on the night, priced at £10 each, saving you the £2.50 P&P costs.

### **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

### **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

# 12 Car Rally - Results

# CSMA North West London Group

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-	1 William Johnson / Harry Brierley (Exp)		0		0			_	0			0		30	0		0			3	1	4	30	34	4	4
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Organiser: Mike Harrison Key: WR - Wrong approach ER - Early arrival

John Foster, Mick O'Blath, Chris Warburton and Mike Biss

EX - Exceeding make up time allowed

All signed on marshals will receive a memento and be entered into a prize draw for a number of significant cash awards.

The event will run a Seafront stage in Clacton twice on Saturday evening, followed by three loops of four stages on Sunday. The Sunday stages are similar in location to last year, but new sections of road have been incorporated on most stages and the loops runs in the reverse order to last year.

To join us, marshal registration is being handled via the Rally Stage Team web site at www.rallystageteam.co.uk. The rally's web site at https://corbeauseatsrally.co.uk/ contains a marshal's page with details of how to register with Rally Stage Team for those who are unfamiliar. When registering, you are asked to select a preferred stage, if you have no preference then you can choose 'Any Stage on Sunday' and we will allocate you to a stage where resources are most needed. The stages and stage commanders are: Saturday:

Clacton Sea Front (SS 1/2)
Bacons End (SS 3/7/11)
Park Farm (SS 4/8/12)
Burnt Heath (SS 5/9/13)
Bradfield (SS 6/10/14)
Any Stage on Sunday (SS 3-14)

Sunday:

Stage Commander: Jon Cordery Stage Commander: Simon Marks Stage Commander: Ian Evans Stage Commander: Graham Frary Stage Commander: Paul Rees John Davie - Chief Marshal, Corbeau Seats Rally Tendring and Clacton 2023 email: marshal@corbeauseatsRally.co.uk



Marshals and radio crews are needed to assist in the running of this event.

Marshals



# Member Communities Communique March 2023 Update

### **New Milton Keynes Group**

We're looking to start a new Local Group in the Milton Keynes area.

Their first Club Night will be with a fantastic magician/ventriloquist on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at the Windmill Hill Golf Course, Tattenhoe Ln, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK3 7RB starting at 7pm.

If you're in the area and would like to support this new Group, you'd be very welcome.





# 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banners & Flags for Groups Events

Are your Group holding a specific 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event? Then we've got some special banners and flags for you to borrow if you wish?

Obviously, the banners are only designed to be used for indoor events, the flags can be used inside or outside.

Contact Member Communities in plenty of time to have them sent to you in time for your event. Please also be aware that another Group may have already reserved them, so the more notice you can give us the better!

Many thanks



### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Online Event

On **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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



### 2023 Member Days

Our 2023 Member Days programme is now confirmed (see below). Members will be able to begin purchasing tickets from the 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

We'd recommend you get in early as we're expecting considerable demand based on the number of members who have already preregistered for the fantastic offer we have for members in our centenary year (also see below)!



2023 Member Days: 3rd June: Alton Towers

2<sup>nd</sup> July: Shuttleworth Collection Airshow, Old Warden

16<sup>th</sup> September: RHS Hyde Hall, Essex 30<sup>th</sup> September: RHS Harlow Carr, Yorkshire

7<sup>th</sup> October: Beaulieu Motor Museum 14<sup>th</sup> October: Bristol Aerospace Museum 7<sup>th</sup> December: Wakehurst Glow Wild

As you may have already seen, **Members go free** to these events and their guests (up to a maximum of 3 per member) pay only £10 per person. Members are defined as the fully paid-up individual – i.e. not their partners, unless they're also a fully paid up member in their own right. We've also put in place some additional requirements for members to be able to obtain tickets to avoid wastage, more details on the Boundless website here: <u>Events search (boundless.co.uk)</u>

If you've preregistered then you'll receive an email in the next few days and be able to purchase tickets in advance of everyone else. As you'll see there are some fantastic events planned and incredible savings to be had – so these tickets may sell quickly!

### **Rewatching Online Events**

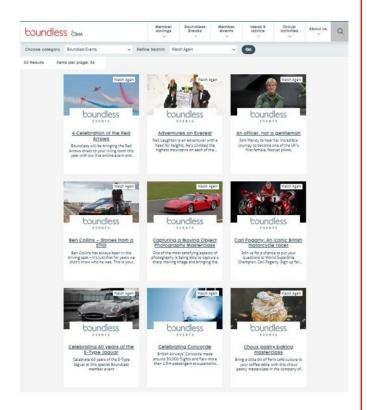
Were you aware you can re-watch any of Online Events that you may have missed?

I've just enjoyed the Hidden Britain at its best event – great inspiration for days out in the UK!

Simply visit the Member Events – Watch Again page on the Boundless website to view the back catalogue: Events search (boundless.co.uk)

We will also be introducing the opportunities for Groups to have recordings of online events for them to potentially use as a resource for their Club Nights. This might be particularly useful to hold in reserve should your booked speaker not be able to attend at short notice?

Contact Member Communities to enquire about this resource.



### 2024 Event Ideas

Yes, we start to think about next year's events this early in the year! So, if you've got any ideas of great venues to visit, or events to attend, please let us know.

Email: member.communities@boundless.co.uk

### **March 2023 Networking Meetings**

18 Members from our 2 Scottish Groups, joined the Club Leadership and invitees from York Group for the first of the year's Networking Meetings in Edinburgh. Covering issues such as Membership, Groups promotional channels and encouraging more volunteers, the meeting provided an excellent opportunity for information sharing and discussion.

The previous evening the Vice Chair, Gerard O'Sullivan hosted the first of the Association's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations – a dinner for the Scottish volunteers and their partners. A fun filled evening sharing friendship with fellow Boundless members.



27 Members representing 16 of our Groups gathered in Tunbridge Wells for the second of year's Networking Meetings. The usual lively debate covered the same topics areas as discussed at the previous meeting in Edinburgh – albeit with differing viewpoints being expressed.

We will be pulling together a summary of these 2 meetings for the next Communique, along with the actions to be undertaken as a result of member's feedback and the discussions held.



### **Autumn Networking Meetings**

Due to the necessitated change of venue (and date) of the 2023 Association AGM, we will now not be holding the planned Bournemouth Networking Meeting.

However, we will still be going ahead with the Networking Meeting in Leeds on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at the fantastic Weetwood Hall Estate, and I would encourage all Groups to consider sending representatives to this meeting.

Due to the cancellation of the Bournemouth Networking Meeting, those Groups from the south and west of the country who would like to send representatives to this meeting, are encouraged to contact Nick <a href="micholas.hoath@boundless.co.uk">nicholas.hoath@boundless.co.uk</a> to discuss travelling and accommodation requirements as appropriate.

### 2023 Association AGM Update

As previously mentioned, the Association AGM will now be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at the Clermont Charing Cross, in London.

Commencing at 2.30pm in the Regency Suite, Groups are encouraged to consider sending a representative to this meeting to represent your views in the meeting and take back information to share with your Group. The Group representative can claim their travelling expenses for this meeting.



The deadline for Member's resolutions and ICM nominations to be considered at the 203 AGM is Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Contact <u>nicholas.hoath@boundless.co.uk</u> for further details.

### **Volunteering Opportunity – Badminton Horse Trials**

Air Ambulances UK, one of our Boundless Foundation Charity Partners and the charity of the year in 2023 for Badminton Horse Trials presented by Mars Equestrian is looking to recruit 180 volunteers to help with fundraising at this year's event. The event takes place from Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May in South Gloucestershire.

Air Ambulances UK is the national charity supporting the lifesaving work of the UK's air ambulance charities, enabling them to save even more lives every day.

Simmy Akhtar, Air Ambulances UK CEO said "We are extremely honoured to be chosen as the charity of the year for Badminton Horse Trials 2023 presented by Mars Equestrian. For us to get the most out of this wonderful event we are hugely dependant on volunteers. Many people have something to give, and Badminton is a great time to get involved with a volunteering opportunity, to make new friends and to connect with others. You will also be able to spend your time at one of the most renowned equestrian events. We're sure you will find the experience rewarding and volunteering your time means you will truly be making a difference to someone's life by supporting the lifesaving work of air ambulance charities across the UK."

Volunteers will be tasked with helping out on the AAUK trade stand, selling merchandise and raising awareness about AAUK's work. In return volunteers will be able to take in some of the action during the 5-day event and enjoy all that Badminton Horse Trials has to offer. To register your volunteering interest please email <a href="mailto:info@airambulancesuk.org">info@airambulancesuk.org</a> with your preferred date and contact details.

To find out more about Badminton Horse Trials please click here.



### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

We've just received a couple of cancellations for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner on the 21<sup>st</sup> April, so if you're interested in taking up these spaces, please contact Nick <a href="micholas.hoath@boundless.co.uk">nicholas.hoath@boundless.co.uk</a> as soon as possible – these will be allocated on a first come basis.



### **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** №₩**L** 2023



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

### **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

### June

2nd-4th WRC - Italy

Sun 4th F1 - Spain

Tue 6th NWL Clubnight - Boule - Stanbridge Sun 11th NWL Greenacres Autotest - TBC

Thu 15th NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH

Sun 18th F1 - Canada 23rd-25th WRC - Kenya

Dates to reserve:
Paddock Autotest - Sunday 13th August - TBC