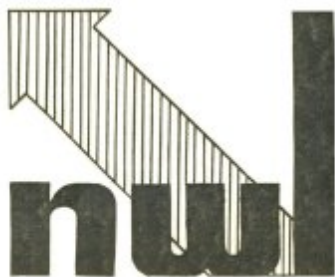


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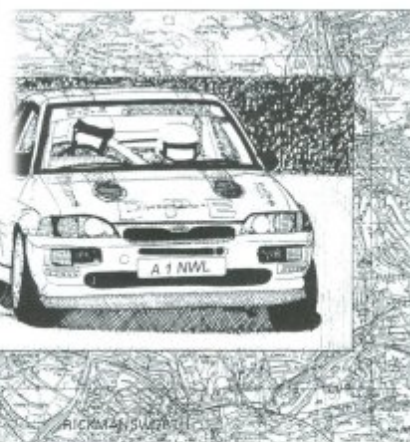


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Club night



Tuesday 6th June, from 7:30pm

BOULE

The Five Bells,
Station Road,
Stanbridge, Beds LU7 9JF

THE BIRTHDAY BOX !

Quite a collection of birthdays to celebrate in June - with Mike Biss, Gwilym Griffiths, Cath Woodman and Mick Bean.



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Editorial

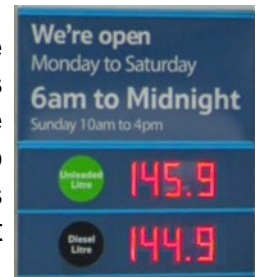
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The Formula One race in Monaco at the weekend really showed up the downside of the venue, with no overtaking at the front as usual and it was left to Sergio Perez and Lance Stroll to fight it out as to who could hit the most other competitors during the race. It was only when the rain came did the race come alive, with only part of the circuit wet to start with, until it came down properly over the rest of it. Then the drivers had to drive carefully on slicks until they could get back to the pits for proper tyres. In the end it didn't make any change to the results, but at least it gave it the chance for change to happen. Amazingly, there were no virtual/safety car periods throughout the race. Monaco is doing some land reclamation from the sea and they sorely need some new track included to give the race a chance of being anything other than a procession.



Unfortunately, the first two grass autotests have had to be cancelled, due to a lack of a field and no time to organise them if one suddenly became available. We are still trying to get one, as these events are great fun, for little money.

The cost of fuel has gone silly here in Flitwick recently, especially at Tesco's. The cost of diesel is usually about 20p more than unleaded, but in the last few weeks the price of diesel has been coming down, but unleaded hasn't. It then got to the point where the price came down to the same as unleaded, only for unleaded to go up! Now diesel is 1p cheaper than unleaded! Seems about 10% of garages around the country are doing this, due to a fall in diesel wholesale prices (but not petrol). Strange old world isn't it...



I've just had the roof of my garage in the block replaced, after it was found to be leaking through every seam in the roof boards. This may have been helped along by the one next door having its roof done last year and having been disturbed, has caused the water ingress. Thankfully it was caught in time and none of the roof boards needed changing, plus all the ivy entangled in the boarding at the back has been removed. The fascia board at the front was even infested by ants!

On my walk to get the paper in the morning, I've passed these three SUVs parked up and realised they all seem to be looking very similar in design. We have, left to right, a German made 18 plate Vauxhall, a Korean made 20 plate Hyundai and a Chinese made 22 plate MG.



Recently the northbound M1 was closed to vehicles, after yet another accident, and so all the traffic decided to come through the middle of Flitwick, causing a solid line of lorries trying to get through the two roundabouts over the railway. Luckily it wasn't closed the other way as well, otherwise it would have been mayhem!

When you get to page 8 of this edition, you will see within the May Communique a picture of the NWL members who were at the 100th Anniversary celebration dinner in Stratford-upon-Avon. This has been replaced by the high resolution one that was available to attendees, so you can zoom in a lot better to see the details (if so inclined).

Keep safe.

Mike B.

NOTE: Deadline for contributions to the July newsletter is Thursday 22nd June



Chairman's notebook

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A big thank you to Anne and Steve, for a great walking treasure hunt last month in Bushey. Ann and I were a little late getting there and so finished the event in the dark and thus had a little difficulty in getting the last questions and hence came last, but never the less, we had great fun and as always enjoyed getting strange looks from people out and about doing "normal" early evening things!

Anyway, well done the two of you and we will try and get there early next year! You will find the results elsewhere in the newsletter.

The weekend after the King's Coronation, Ann and I headed off up to the Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod Wells for the Curtis Bennett Rally Weekend "re-union". We drove up on the Friday in the Audi, with the Sprite behind us on the trailer, as we intended to drive across from Llandrindod to Snetterton on the Sunday for the track day there on the Monday, but also wanted to drive the rally roads around the valley's surrounding Llandrindod Wells in the Sprite.

The weather was fantastic and we drove all of Saturday on the rally roads with the roof down and I will write up the event as a separate article for next month's newsletter. But it was a very enjoyable weekend with excellent food and company and with yet another walking treasure hunt on the Sunday morning, before we departed for the hotel/restaurant to stay on the Sunday night, located just seven minutes away from the circuit.



The advantage of staying so close to the circuit was that with signing on open at 7:30am on the Monday morning, we only had to leave the hotel at 7am, so a lie in of sorts one might say!

The weather at Snetterton was good and far better than the forecast, with only one short spell of rain, which caused several cars to spin, but fortunately not me! This track day was organised by MGs on Track and rather than have a separate session as we do at Castle Combe and Goodwood, we were incorporated within their session, which limited the type of cars they would accept.

This unfortunately reduced us down to just two cars, my Sprite and a MX5. We did have another car which was a VW Bug, but unfortunately the driver caught Covid and therefore didn't attend.

With 38 cars on track, one might have thought the track would be very busy, but Snetterton is now a big circuit and even with that number on the circuit, after the first one or two lap's, one often found oneself alone on the track.

As Ann was with me for a change, she came out on a couple of sessions and hopefully she enjoyed the ride, well, she hasn't indicated otherwise yet! The car ran perfectly all weekend both in Wales and on the track, which just shows the versatility of the K-Series engine conversion.



Our clubnight this month is at a pub in Stanbridge for an evening of Boule, which is normally very popular and we try to start early to enjoy the daylight as much as possible! Our drink and a chat is on the 15th June at the Red Lion as usual, although I must give my apologies in advance, as I have a Trustee meeting that night and won't make it.

I have also organised a trip to the British Heritage Motor Factory at Whitney in Oxfordshire on the 6th June, but with only 10 spaces available, it's full and hopefully I will give a full report on the visit next month.

Ann and I are also off to Duxford for the day, on the 17th June, as part of the contingent from the Sprite and Midget Club and then off down to Lynton and Lynmouth, for a long weekend at the end of the month, also hopefully in the Sprite.

Mike H



Secretary's spot

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I write this month's notes with June just around the corner and some pleasant weather to see out the end of May. The winter we have just endured seemed rather 'grey', so let's hope the summer months see us blessed with some fine weather.

The weather for our May clubnight was dry, but a little bit chilly, and saw our first outdoor clubnight of the year, when Anne and Steve organised a walking treasure hunt up and down Bushey High Street, which was a 'new' location for many of us. As usual Anne and Steve put on a wonderful evening which, if my memory serves me correct, was won by Mike B with yours truly tagging along with Mike, answering the questions that were near to the ground!! Very good evening as always, with thanks to Anne/Steve.

Our June clubnight will take place on Tuesday 6th in the lovely garden of The Five Bells pub at Stanbridge. We will be making use of the boule pitch for some friendly games, so please arrive by 7:30pm so that we may all get a couple of games. The pub lies just off the Leighton Buzzard by-pass, but please give me a call for further directions if required, and has a good restaurant if you wish to have a bite to eat prior to the activities.

Our monthly, informal 'Chat and a Drink' evening will take place at our normal meeting place, The Red Lion, Hemel Hempstead on Thursday 15th June, where we gather from about 8:30pm onwards.

Chairman Mike will once again be running The Two Brewers Scatter event on Tuesday 4th July and starting from Chipperfield Common (opposite The Two Brewers pub). The event takes the form of a pleasant drive through the lanes to collect simple answers to questions along the way. Once again a prompt start at 7:30pm will enable the best use of daylight.

An advance date for your diaries will be our August clubnight on the 1st, where we have reserved 10 places for a trial flight in a glider. There will be a £30 per flyer charge to cover the cost of a winch launch and hopefully between 10 - 15 minutes in the air where you normally get a chance to fly the glider yourself (obviously, a skilled pilot will accompany you). The venue will be the London Gliding Club just outside Dunstable, where wonderful views of Dunstable Downs will be beneath you. If you do not wish to 'fly', please come along anyway, as the flying club bar will be open to refresh us after the flights are completed. The fun starts at 6:00pm, but please let me know prior to the date if you wish to be included in the action.

Our planned future programme is as follows;

Tuesday	6th June	– NWL Boule evening at The Five Bells, Stanbridge
Thursday	15th June	– NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion
Tuesday	4th July	– NWL Two Brewers Scatter event, Chipperfield
Thursday	20th July	– NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion
Tuesday	1st August	– NWL Gliding evening at London Gliding Club
Thursday	17th August	– 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

Date	Day	Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club
Jun	Sun 11	Greenacres Autotest (Cm)	Grass autotest - Cancelled	CSMA NWL
Jul	Sun 9	Grasshopper Autotest (Cm)	Grass autotest - Cancelled	CSMA NEL
	Sun 23	Twisted Arms Autotest (Cm)	Grass autotest	Oxford MC
Aug	Sun 13	Paddock Autotest (Cm)	Grass autotest - TBC	CSMA NWL
Sep	Fri 8	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
	Sun 10	Chiltern Autotest (Cm)	Grass autotest - TBC	CSMA NWL
Oct	Sun 8	Autumn Autotest (Cm)	Grass autotest - TBC	CSMA NWL
	Fri 13	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
	Sun 22	Boanerges AutoSolo (Cm)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Oxford MC
	Fri 27	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Oxford MC

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

Past Events

Future Events

Summer Grass Autotests Well, the first two planned dates are now cancelled, due to being too close to get anything done, if we suddenly found a field to use and the rest of the dates are all still provisional. The last venue was only a stop gap one, and unlikely to be available other than a once a year. People are still trying to find somewhere, but it is difficult to find the right person to ask or know.

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 is 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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THE TWO BREWERS TROPHY - TUESDAY 4th JULY

Compact route and no map plotting required.



40th Anniversary Event



You are invited to the 40th running of the Two Brewers Trophy. This year's event will be of a similar format to previous ones. You may need a torch to find clues if it gets too dark!

The start will be 7:30pm onwards from the car park on Chipperfield Common opposite the Two Brewers Hotel - Map ref 0431½016. If you arrive after about 8:30pm you'll probably find I've already moved to the finish venue (The Red Lion) so find me there.

I hope you have a very enjoyable evening! Mike Harrison

Clubnight 6th June - Five Bells at Stanbridge

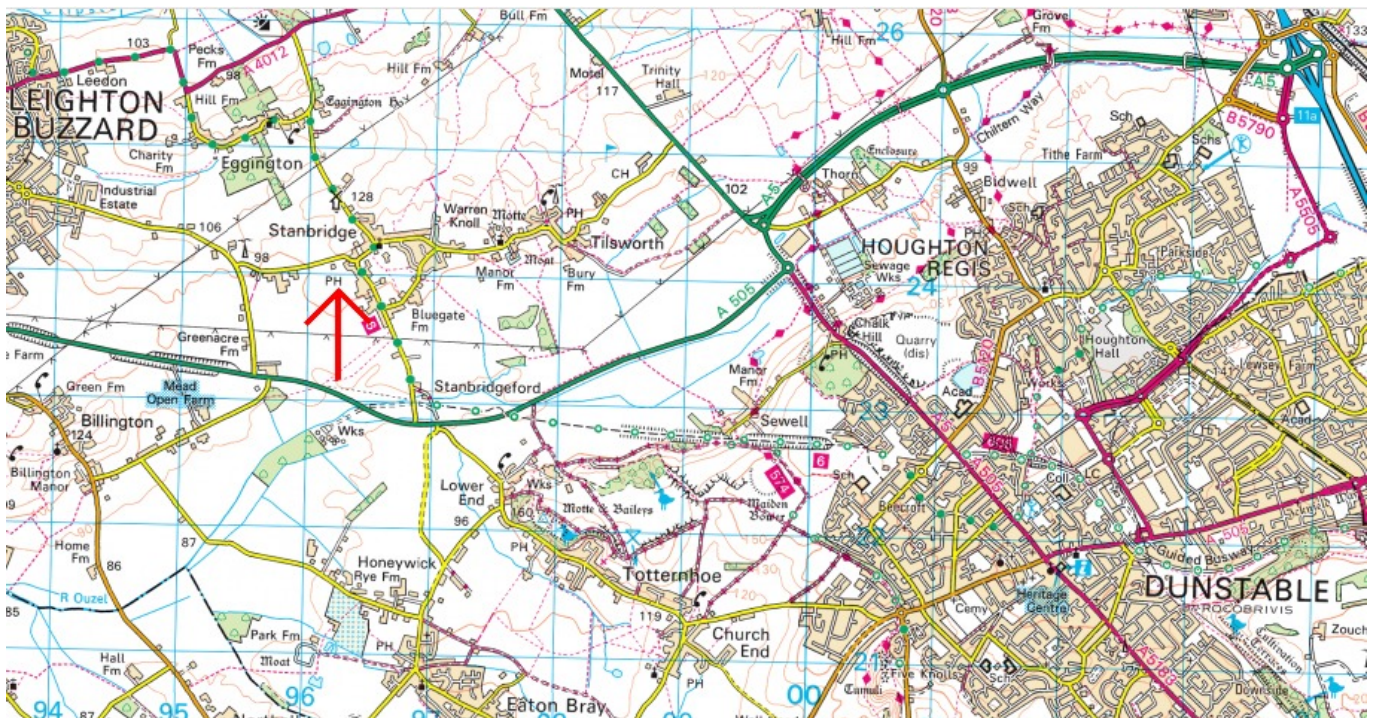


Station Road, Stanbridge LU7 9JF

Boule commencing at 7:30pm

(optional wearing of berets, stripy tee shirts and onions around the neck)

The pub does very good food if you wished to 'eat out'.



May Clubnight Walking Treasure Hunt

Results

1st	Mike B and Alan T	51
2nd	Alan R, Dave and Anne	50
3rd	Mark and Nicky	48
4th	Alan G and Hazel	47
5th	Mike H and Ann	41

Organisers: Anne and Steve

Member Communities Communique

May 2023 Update

100th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

Nearly 200 Members and their guests gathered over the 21st and 22nd April in Stratford-Upon-Avon to celebrate 100 Years of the Association.

The event gave members the opportunity to catch-up with old friends and enjoy the company of their fellow members, often reliving many shared experiences over the years.

The gala dinner on Friday evening brought out the glamorous side of our members, whilst the Treasurer Hunt on Saturday morning confirmed the competitive element is still alive and well!



Association Governor and former Chairman, Dave Farris, reflected on the 100-years of history and heritage of the CSMA



Thames Valley Group



North-West London Group



North London Karting Group



Peterborough Group



Treasure Hunt winners, Mike Biss and Alan & Karen Thurbon, collect their prizes from Club Leader, Madeleine Grubb

Many thanks to all those who attended and helped make the event such an enjoyable occasion for all.

Here's to the next 100 Years!

Club Council Meeting – 21st April 2023

The Club Council met for their 87th meeting on Friday 21st April. Following the Motoring and Camping & Caravanning Groups reports, the Local Group Representatives went through their comprehensive report on the status of our Local Group network. The Club Council were saddened to hear of the closure of the Exeter and Lincoln Groups at their AGMs, although noted the successful launch of the new Milton Keynes Group last month.

Club Leader, Madeleine Grubb provided a detailed update on the activities of the Club Management Group, who meet every 6-8 weeks to monitor the day-to-day activities within the Member Communities. This included reflecting on the 2 Networking Meetings held in March and the issues raised, plus the other initiatives being trialled to help support promoting the Groups. Madeleine also confirmed the allowable tenures for Club Council members (6 years in any one post and 9 years maximum membership of the Council). Following Madeleine's update Nick Hoath, Head of Member Communities and Events outlined the recent successes the new Member Events ticket sales have seen, noting that 4 of the events have already sold out; Alton Towers, Shuttleworth Museum, Beaulieu Museum and Bristol Aerospace Museum, with only limited tickets available for the remaining 3 events at RHS Harlow Carr, RHS Hyde Hall and the Wakehurst Glow Wild. Nick also remarked that nearly 50% of the total number of bookings taken had been from members who have joined in the past 2 years – thereby re-emphasising the need for members to be web registered and to keep a close eye out for the Boundless promotional emails. Nick concluded his update to note the successful start to the year for the Social Breaks, with many breaks either being sold out or receiving healthy booking numbers.

Club Treasurer, Geoff Gaunt provided a brief update on the Member Communities financial situation to note that we are currently on-track within our budget, however Geoff advised continued prudence due to there not being any spare capacity within the overall budget. Geoff also invited members of the Club Council to volunteer to join the Expenses Sub-Committee who will be meeting in the coming weeks to review the Recognising Volunteers Funding, introduced 2 years ago to replace the previous Honoraria payments.

The next Club Council meeting is on 27th June, commencing at 10.00am, via Zoom. Anyone interested in attending a meeting as an observer should contact Nick nicholas.hoath@boundless.co.uk

Did you know.....?

Members now have FREE entry to our Cotswold Motoring Museum and Toy Collection in the beautiful village of Bourton-on-the-Water, in the Cotswolds?

More details here: [Cotswold Motoring Museum | Boundless by CSMA](#)



SEN (One Trust Assessments) – help available!



If you're struggling with any of the technical aspects of our One Trust, SEN system, then help is even more easily at hand. Member Communities Executive, Christina Loizou now has access to a piece of software called 'Team Viewer' which can enable you to share your screen with hers directly, so she can more accurately diagnose and solve any problems. You'll just need to be connected to the internet. (Don't worry it's only your screen she'll be able to see!)

Email the team to request any support when completing SENs: membercommunities@boundless.co.uk

Important Updates from our Membership Team!

Introducing tastecard including Coffee Club

To bring our members the best possible value and great benefits, we've made the decision to replace Dine with tastecard including Coffee Club. So, not only will members continue to enjoy dining discounts at independent restaurants, but they'll also get:

- 2-for-1 dining or 25% off food and drinks at restaurant chains including Prezzo, Zizzi, Carluccio's and Burger King.
- 50% off pizza seven days a week with Domino's, Papa Johns and Pizza Hut Delivery.
Minimum spend £30
- 25% off barista-made drinks with Caffè Nero, Black Sheep Coffee, Krispy Kreme, plus thousands of independent coffee shops with Coffee Club.
*For independent coffee shops, Coffee Club's offer applies to all standard-sized hot and cold drinks to stay in or take away. No limits.
Caffè Nero offer includes all standard-sized hot, cold and speciality drinks, dietary milk and extras. Twice a day.*

This brand-new partner deal offers savings on fast food, bakeries, takeaway pizza and barista-made drinks – all the tasty treats that keep you coming back for more. Plus, with wider geographic coverage of restaurants and coffee shops members will have more choice and variety to enjoy with tastecard.



Hungry? Visit [tastecard](#) | [Boundless by CSMA](#) to grab your free tastecard!



tastecard and Coffee Club

Boundless members get free access to tastecard including Coffee Club

On average tastecard members save £33 a month so, if you dine out once a month and grab a coffee twice a week, you could save around £396 a year*

Our core savings are now worth £260

With annual admission prices increasing at Kew and WWT and the introduction of tastecard including Coffee Club – our core benefits have a combined worth of £260, which is amazing value when you compare it with the price of membership. And that doesn't include the individual savings that can be made through tastecard, Coffee Club, Kids Pass and all the other great benefits we provide!

We're increasing our membership fee – for new members only

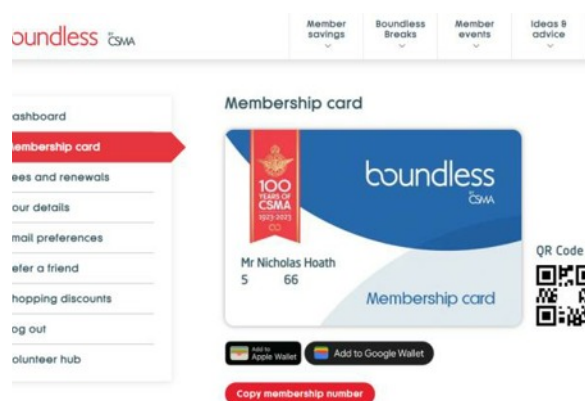
From 10 May 2023, the price for new members joining Boundless will increase from £35 per year to £40. Existing members will not be affected by this price change. Membership prices will continue to be reviewed annually.

Introducing Google/Apple Wallet Membership Cards

We're making it easier for members to access and use their membership cards. From 10 May we're adding the option for members to add their membership card to a Google or Apple wallet within their Boundless account.

This means that members can access their membership card offline – perfect for event queues, or at Kew, Wakehurst and all 10 WWT sites where the phone signal might be limited.

The easiest way for members to download their membership card is to visit the "membership card" page in their account on their preferred device. The page will then automatically offer the relevant download button for their device.



If you have lost your Membership card and would like it replaced, you can get a new one by applying to our Member Services team, email: info@boundless.co.uk or calling the free phone line 0800 669944. The Member Services team are available open from 08:00 – 18:00 Mon - Fri, 09:00 – 17:00 Sat, closed Sundays.

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



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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

June

2nd-4th WRC - Italy
Sun 4th F1 - Spain
Tue 6th NWL Clubnight - Boule - Stanbridge
Sun 11th NWL Greenacres Autotest - Cancelled
Thu 15th NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH
Sun 18th F1 - Canada
23rd-25th WRC - Kenya

July

Sun 2nd F1 - Austria
Tue 4th NWL Clubnight - Two Brewers Scatter
Sun 9th NEL Grasshopper Autotest - Cancelled
Sun 9th F1 - Silverstone
Thu 20th NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH
21st-23rd WRC - Estonia
Sun 23rd F1 - Hungary
Sun 30th F1 - Belgium

August

Tue 1st NWL Clubnight - Gliding at Dunstable Downs
4th-6th WRC - Finland
Sun 13th NWL Paddock Autotest - TBC
Thu 17th NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH
Sun 27th F1 - Netherlands

Dates to reserve: