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Vacant

Clubnight Beetle Drive

Tuesday 2nd January
At our clubnight venue
The Red Lion PH
Starts 8pm



THE BIRTHDAY BOX !

January's birthday wishes go to **Alex Austin**.



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Boundless North West London Group

Editorial

I hope you all had a good Christmas and are now looking forward to the New Year celebrations.

The 12 Car rally season kicks off soon, but we could do with a few more entries for the first one, on Friday 5th January. Marked maps for beginners, and all the types of navigation used are shown in the regulations, so you won't be sitting there scratching your head wondering what it all means.

Don't forget if you are competing on our 12 Car rallies that you need a Motorsport UK licence to compete, with the new RS Clubman the minimum level and this is free. Please make sure you get one in plenty of time (see page 6 for details).

I was out on the Preston rally again mid December, doing my stressful job of stewarding (not), with no action required yet again!. This year was running a week later than normal, due to new landowners request, and this actually helped avoid the really bad weather on the normal date. It was a dry and mild night, but all the tracks were still muddy and wet from all the previous days rain, so crews were going to have a hard time of it, as usual. At the finish, 34 cars made it round, some not necessarily in prime condition, and there were 27 retirements.



In the World Rallycross championship, the full electric cars are being joined by returning sustainably-fuelled ICE cars next season, marking the first time both technologies have competed side-by-side in an FIA world championship. This seems to have occurred due to the small amount of teams that took up the full electric route. There has been no mention of whether the electric cars are actually cleared to race next season, but the fire at Lydden Hill has partially been explained, but again, not the exact cause. The statement read: "Various testimonies, surveillance camera footage, telemetry data, and expertise based on samples taken from the debris have definitively established the origin of the blaze: a thermal runaway of the lithium-ion battery onboard the car." The battery manufacturers are still saying they cannot guarantee against another occurrence, so not sure where that leaves all the teams!

The Dakar rally is gearing up as planned and will be returning to Saudi Arabia for the fifth time. Running between the 5th and the 19th of January, the route distance is 7,923 km, of which 4,676 km will be raced against the clock, and includes a two day special in the Empty Quarter. This year there are 448 entries across the five classes of bikes (150), quads (10), cars (206), prototypes (36) and trucks (46), plus another 81 entries in the classic event. You can watch it daily on Eurosport. The route map of the event can be found on page 8.



The full list of team drivers for the 2024 World Rally Championship are shown on page 8 and shows Ford have had to go back to promoting newcomers to the top level, whilst Toyota and Hyundai are sticking to experienced drivers, with a lot of part time seasons sharing cars.

Keep safe.

Mike B.

NOTE: Deadline for contributions to the February newsletter is Thursday 25th January



Chairman's notebook

A huge vote of thanks to both Anne and Steve for an excellent quiz, and nibbles, at last month's Christmas clubnight, that was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Also, a fitting end to an excellent year for the group, as we enjoyed increasing numbers at most events, which make such a difference. I must thank Ian and Lorraine for this, as on the whole, it is their friends and family who make up the numbers, although they do on most occasions also walk off with the prizes!!

There was also good attendance at our drink and a chat at the Red Lion on the 21st December and we very nearly had to take over another table!

Well, Christmas is over for another year and I trust you all will have a very Happy and Safe New Year as well and this coming year we will once more try to entertain you all again at both our clubnights and other events over the coming year. As always, if you have ideas for a clubnight, etc., please don't hesitate to speak to me or one of the committee members and we will see what we can do. As I have said countless times, we are always open to suggestions, providing they are of course legal!

No sure what I have got for Christmas this year, although no doubt I will have plenty of models and Lego to make up, for the benefit of the grandchildren, honest! I finally finished the train set (for the grandchildren) last month and no doubt I will find an excuse to get it down from the wall for them all to play with. Ann and I are taking five of them (the youngest deemed too young) to see a traditional Panto in a couple of weeks' time, at a church hall in Northwood Hill. We have been before with three of them, so hopefully we will survive!

These in the past have been great fun, with plenty of "**he's behind you**" and everything else that goes with a good old fashion Panto!

Ann and I are also going to the Ace Café on New Year's Day, with the Midget and Sprite Club, for lunch and so if you fancy a ride out, why not come along. If you do come, expect to park elsewhere, as the car park is usually reserved for classic cars only. Hopefully, it won't be as manic as Brooklands, which has unfortunately just got too crowded for its own good, although it often depends on the weather.

Doug and I have entered Pete and Graeme's 12 Car on the 5th February and places are filling up, so if you intend to enter, you had better hurry up or you may well be disappointed. The next 12 Car is on the 2nd February, organised by NEL, and then you have mine on the 1st March, which will also start and finish at the John Bunyan PH, located just North of St Albans.

If you fancy a nice drive out in the countryside, you might enjoy Allan Goddard's New Year's Run on Sunday the 7th January. Ann and I are taking the Sprite along to help run the new diff in. Hopefully the weather will be kind. The route will be defined by a tulip road book, which is very simple and the event isn't timed and there is generally at least one stop for refreshments on route and a nice tea provided at the end as well. See the Club website for details or contact Allan direct by email using allan.goddard@boundlesscommunity.co.uk, or just telephone me.

This year, there will no doubt be lots of exciting Boundless events provided by Headquarters for you all to enjoy, as indeed there were last year. However, if there was a lesson to be learned from last year, it would be to book early to avoid disappointment, as these proved to be extremely popular and will no doubt be popular again this year.

I hope to see you all at our January clubnight on the 2nd January 2024, which is as per previous years, a very entertaining Beetle Drive. Yes, it really is 2024. Just where does the time go!! If not, then perhaps I will see you at our Drink and a Chat on the 18th January, both of which are at the Red Lion.

Wishing you all a safe and very happy New Year from Ann and myself.

Mike H



Secretary's spot

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Another year is rapidly drawing to a close and it definitely seems to be that the years rush by quicker and quicker! I do hope you all make some wonderful resolutions and all of the good one's come true. I do think it is about time for that much desired Porsche to appear in the Chairman's garage. Hopefully Christmas has also been a super time for us all and Santa arrived with all the goodies that you wanted.

Our December clubnight had a bit of a Christmas theme to it, where Anne and Steve put together a wonderful quiz, which was certainly enjoyed by all. In the haze of December I have to say that I cannot recall exactly who won, but I am sure the results will appear elsewhere in this issue, but big thanks to Anne and Steve for a great evening.

Moving on to 2024, our first clubnight of the year on Tuesday 2nd January will take the form of a Beetle Drive. This seems to have become our traditional new year activity, so do please come along to the Function Room at The Red Lion pub, to throw a few dice and be the first to assemble (or rather draw) the little creature. The fun starts at 8:00pm and if anyone has not attended this evening before, the rules are very simple and a huge amount of fun is always on the agenda.

A few days later on Friday 5th, Pete Gregory and Graeme Presswell will be organising the first 12 Car rally of the winter season, so if you wish to tackle the event, please contact Pete in the next few days to ensure your entry can be accepted.

The following 12 Car will be run on Friday 2nd February by Graham Robinson, on behalf of NEL Group – note the date in your new diary and look out elsewhere for the regulations and entry procedure.

The next 'Chat and a Drink' will be held on Thursday 18th January back at The Red Lion – do join us from around 8:30pm for a sociable evening.

February clubnight on Tuesday 6th, will be a Fun Darts evening, where you will not need to be a darts world champion to possibly win a prize. This has been a really enjoyable activity in recent years, so do come along and have some fun. Usual time 8:00pm and usual place The Red Lion.

North West London Group's Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th March, where you will get the opportunity to have your say in the running of the Group. Our Chairman normally clears the business pretty quickly and a short quiz should be run to round off the evening

Our planned future programme is as follows;

Tuesday	2nd January	– NWL Clubnight – Beetle Drive
Friday	5th January	– NWL 12 car rally
Thursday	18th January	– NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion
Friday	2nd February	– NEL 12 car rally
Tuesday	6th February	– NWL Clubnight – Fun Darts at The Red Lion
Thursday	15th February	– NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion
Friday	1st March	– NWL 12 car rally
Tuesday	5th March	– NWL Clubnight – AGM and quiz
Thursday	21st March	– NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion

Have a great 2024 and hope to see you at some of our events

Alan T

Date	Day	Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club
Jan	Fri 5	* 12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL
	Fri 12	* 12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
Feb	Fri 2	* 12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NEL
	Sat 10	* 20:20 Rally (Cm)	100 mile Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
Mar	Fri 1	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL
	Fri 8	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
Apr	Fri 5	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL
	Fri 12	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
	Sun 28	Autosolo (Cm)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Oxford MC

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

Past Events

Future Events

With the coming of the winter months, also sees the start of our 12 Car rally season early in the New Year. Please see if you can make up a crew to make the organisers efforts worthwhile.

January 12 Car Rally Starting from The John Bunyan PH, Colman Green, Herts AL4 8ES, MR 166/189125, it will use map 166 (edition FEB 2018) for the 45 mile route, with first car starting at 8:31pm. There will be three classes:- Beginners / Novices / Experts and the navigation will be tailored to suit the classes. Entry fee is £16 per car. Offers of entries or marshals would be appreciated by Pete Gregory and you can contact him on either pete.gregory@boundlesscommunity.co.uk, 01525 861673 (Work) or 07709 221115 (Mob).

February 12 Car Rally The start for this event is hoped to be from the Rose & Crown PH, Upper Green Rd, Tewin, Herts AL6 0LE, MR 166/272148. Using map 166 for the 45 mile route, with the first car starting at 8:31pm. There will be three classes:- Beginners / Novices / Experts and the navigation will be tailored to suit the classes. Entry fee is £16 per car and the regs will be out mid December. The organiser is Graham Robinson and you can contact him on graham.e.robinson@btinternet.com with regard to entries or marshalling.

March 12 Car Rally Starting from The John Bunyan PH, Colman Green, Herts AL4 8ES, MR 166/189125, it will use map 166 (edition FEB 2018) for the 45 mile route, with first car starting at 8:31pm. There will be the usual three classes:- Beginners / Novices / Experts and the navigation will be tailored to suit the classes. Entry fee is £16 per car. The organiser is Mike Harrison and is contactable on mlh.bhm@btconnect.com.

MSUK Clubman Licence Almost all these events in the calendar require you to have one of these licences as a minimum to compete, either as a driver or passenger. If you go to <https://rsclubman.motorsportuk.org>, you can order your free licence, but please make sure you don't leave it to the last minute. The 2024 renewals became available from the beginning of December.

Other Events Please see the calendar above for other events we have an invite to. I can get regs for any of these, just contact me if interested. Most of these events are entered via the Sapphire System, so regs, etc. can be found there. We will be invited to all the Anglian Motor Sport Club autosolos/autotests throughout the year.

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RS Clubman Licence Renewal

<https://rsclubman.motorsportuk.org/>

Remember, to enter any MSUK permit event these days, you need the above licence as a minimum (which is free).

If you had one in 2023, you can now go onto the above site and renew your licence.

You will get an email with a digital version of your licence (in a nice yellow colour).

NWL 12 Car Rally

Friday 5th January

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

Map 166

There will be three classes:- Beginners / Novices / Experts - £16 entry fee
Navigation will be tailored to suit the classes - Map 166 FEB 2018 required
Standard Navigation Guidelines introduced for organisers – see regs for details

Pete Gregory/Graeme Presswell (pete.gregory@boundlesscommunity.co.uk)

Competitors required - Arrive before 8pm, first car starts at 20:31

<https://rally.sapphire-solutions.co.uk/register.php?sitename=boundless>

Regs now available from Mike Biss or website

NEL 12 Car Rally

Friday 2nd February

Rose & Crown PH, Upper Green Rd, Tewin, Herts AL6 0LE MR 166/272148

Map 166

There will be three classes:- Beginners / Novices / Experts - £16 entry fee
Navigation will be tailored to suit the classes - Map 166 FEB 2018 required
Standard Navigation Guidelines introduced for organisers – see regs for details

Graham Robinson (graham.e.robinson@btinternet.com)

Competitors required - Arrive before 8pm, first car starts at 20:31

<https://rally.sapphire-solutions.co.uk/register.php?sitename=boundless>

Regs now available from Mike Biss or website

NWL 12 Car Rally

Friday 1st March

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

Map 166

There will be three classes:- Beginners / Novices / Experts - £16 entry fee
Navigation will be tailored to suit the classes - Map 166 FEB 2018 required
Standard Navigation Guidelines introduced for organisers – see regs for details

Mike Harrison (mlh.bhm@btconnect.com)

Competitors required - Arrive before 8pm, first car starts at 20:31

<https://rally.sapphire-solutions.co.uk/register.php?sitename=boundless>

Regs available mid Jan from Mike Biss or website

12 Car Rally Timing

We are running the 12 Car rallies, starting next month, and we will again be using the John Clavey rally app. This means that the events can be, if required, run with no marshals or passage check boards required (but manned controls can still be used), as the crews use GPS on a phone to check where and when they have been places. The event details are downloaded onto the phone before the start and it gives notice of when approaching a PC/Time Control location. All will be explained to new organisers well in advance and a Zoom call to competitors prior to the event as well, if required.



World Rally Championship Teams - 2024

Manufacturer	Entrant	Car	No.	Driver name	No.	Driver name
Ford	M-Sport Ford	Ford Puma Rally1	13	Grégoire Munster		
			16	Adrien Fourmaux		
Hyundai	Hyundai Shell Mobis	Hyundai i20 N Rally1	4	Esapekka Lappi	11	Thierry Neuville
			6	Dani Sordo	89	Andreas Mikkelsen
			8	Ott Tänak		
Toyota	Toyota Gazoo Racing	Toyota GR Yaris Rally1	17	Sébastien Ogier	33	Elfyn Evans
			18	Takamoto Katsuta	69	Kalle Rovanperä

DAKAR Rally Route 2024



Member Communities Communique

December 2023 Update

Interest Group Committees – Nominations sought.

Nominations remain open until Tuesday 2nd January for members to indicate an interest in joining one of our Interest Group Committees.

If you would like more information on the roles, or you would like to nominate yourself, please email nicholas.hoath@boundless.co.uk with a brief outline of why you'd like to join the committee of your choice and what experience and skills you bring:

Camping & Caravanning Committee - 3 vacancies

Classic Vehicle Group - 1 vacancy

Motorsports (inc. Marshalling) - 2 vacancies

Karting - 2 vacancies

Motorcycling - 2 vacancies

We look forward to receiving your nominations.

Groups Out and About

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

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

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



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



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

Volunteers Sought!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Thank You!

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

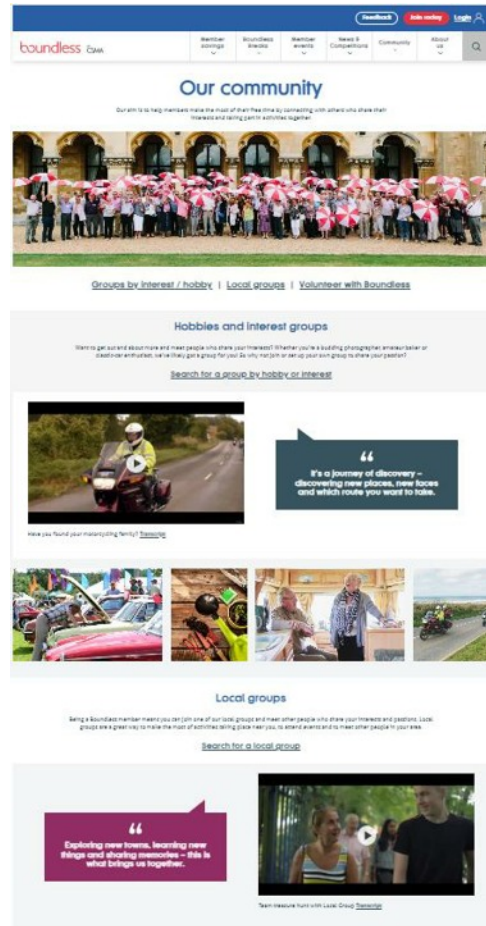
This provides members, and in particular new members, with a great opportunity to join in with the Group's activities. Well done to all those Groups (you know who you are!) and thank you from the team.

Magazine Deadlines for 2024

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

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

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



Merry Christmas!

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

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

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

About the Communique

The Communique is sent to around 350 of our volunteers, Group and Association Officers and other interested members. Many of our Group Secretaries also forward the Communique to those members who regularly attend their Group events. Can we improve it in any way?

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



Diary NWL 2024



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

January

Tue 2nd NWL Clubnight - Beetle Drive - The Red Lion, HH
Fri 5th NWL 12 Car Rally
Thu 18th NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH
25th-28th WRC - Monte Carlo

February

Fri 2nd NEL 12 Car Rally
Tue 6th NWL Clubnight - Fun Darts - The Red Lion, HH
Thu 15th NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH
16th-18th WRC - Sweden

March

Fri 1st NWL 12 Car Rally
Sun 3rd F1 - Bahrain
Tue 5th NWL Clubnight - AGM and Quiz - The Red Lion, HH
Sun 10th F1 - Saudi Arabia
Thu 21st NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH
Sun 24th F1 - Australia
29th-31st WRC - Kenya

Dates to reserve: