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Club night Crazy Golf

Tuesday 4th June
Starts 7-7:30pm

The Lost Jungle
Edgware HA8 8DD



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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 **Boundless North West London Group**

NWL Editorial

I had a smell in my kitchen the other day that was like from a paint spray can. Checked all the cupboards but couldn't isolate where it was coming from. It subsided, but a couple of days later, I went into the cupboard under the sink to get the washing gel out but I couldn't move it, it was stuck to the cupboard floor! Turns out the can of spray glue that was in there had rusted at the bottom seal, causing a leak and the contents had leaked out as a liquid and stuck about five containers to the floor. Managed to lever them all out without splitting them as well!

The parking sagas continue, with lorries now getting in on the act! Admittedly, not as bad as the parking picture Mike H has sent in. See page eight later in the newsletter.



The Formula One race at Monaco was a bore fest after the restart, when the race was red flagged after the big shunt on the first lap. Carlos Sainz was the biggest winner of that, even if he wasn't involved with it, as he got to restart in his previous grid spot, rather than trailing around at the back, which he was destined for, when he got a puncture at the first corner. Also on the first lap, how not to get on with your team mate in the Alpine team. Esteban Ocon made a dubious move down the inside of his team mate and then hit him instead, causing his own car to be launched into the air and cause a lot of damage to both cars. He is out of contract at the end of the year and now looks unlikely to keep his seat. One of those odd stats happened at the race, turns out the first eight finished in the same order they qualified, which has never happened in F1 before. There are calls for changes to be made to the way the race



is run, to try and make it possible for something to happen on track, like very soft tyres and a compulsory number of pit stops, like three of them. The Monaco organisers of the race, look like they will resist any attempts to change the physical nature of the track.

We are going ahead with the grass autotests, with the first one planned for Sunday 28th July, with the other two to follow on the success of the first one.

On the recent Rally Portugal, it was Sebastien Ogier who calmly went about his driving to score his record breaking sixth win on this event. It was a case of him driving his own event, whilst everyone else went faster, but then had a problem or two at some point. Elfyn Evans had a good start to the event, but problems caused him to lose a lot of points and although still second in the championship, he has fallen another 18 points from the leader. One crew had a little trip over onto the roof, but they did manage to finish the event.



Keep safe.

Mike B.

NOTE: Deadline for contributions to the July newsletter is Thursday 20th June



Chairman's notebook

My thanks to both Anne and Steve for providing us all with a very entertaining walking treasure hunt last month for the May clubnight, which was the first of the year away from the Red Lion. Although we have used Sarratt Green previously as a location for the walking treasure hunt, it was some time ago and I didn't remember any of the locations of the questions. All in all, a nice gentle walk around the green, on a nice dry night and most importantly, enjoyed by all.

Ann and I took the Sprite along to the Boundless Members day at Brooklands on the 11th May, which coincided with the closure of the M25 between junction 9 and 10. Fortunately, we got off at junction 11 and went the back way in to Brooklands and to be honest, we were ahead of the rush arriving at Brooklands nice and early at 8am, even the gates were closed and I had to call Malcolm to let us in!



Despite the M25 closure, out of the 650 allocated tickets, just over 550 people turned up on the day to enjoy a discounted visit to the museum. I managed to pick up our new Aviation Group polo shirts from the manufacturer in Didcot the day before, so the five of us, Malcolm, Madeleine, Pete, Ann and me, all looked very smart and presentable as we advertised the new Aviation Group and all of the other interest groups within the Club, as well as helping with directions to all the various and many exhibitions scattered around the museum site.



It was a great day, with plenty of sunshine, which required large amounts of sun cream to avoid burning! They had a good display of vintage commercial vehicles there on the day, which I had not seen before and as one can see from the photographs I took, they were all in fantastic condition, probably even better than they were first manufactured!

The next Aviation Group event is on the 19th June, where we have a private tour of the RAF Control Bunker at Uxbridge booked between 10 and 11am. Spaces are limited to 20 and the cost is £20 per person. Once again, please go to the Boundless website to book your place.

NEL and ourselves, have organised another visit to the British Heritage Motor Museum at Whitney in Oxfordshire, where they manufacture complete new body shells and parts for Minis, Midg-ets and MGBs etc. The visit has been arranged for the 13th June. The take up on this so far is non-existent and unless I have some interest, I will cancel the event, so please email me if you are interested. The cost is £10 per person, which we donate to charity and we have in the past visited the local golf club for a very reasonable lunch afterwards. Please see the advert elsewhere in the newsletter for more details.



I believe the canal / river boat trip that Alan is organising has moved to the 14th September. No doubt he will give out more details either in his Secretary's bit next or there might be an advert in the newsletter.

Chairman's notebook - continues on page 7

Secretary's spot

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Another month has flown by and we should, by now, be sampling some pleasant spring/summer weather, bad sadly we are still getting a little damp due to the large amount of rain. Luckily the rain stayed away for our May clubnight where Anne and Steve organised a super walking treasure hunt around the lovely village of Sarratt. All participants enjoyed the exercise and most answers to the questions were easily found, apart from one about Jeremy Clarkson!! The Boot pub provided a welcome drink and rest at the end of the walk and a three-way tie concluded the evening. Thanks to Anne and Steve for the organisation.

Ian and Lorraine will be taking charge of a new venture for NWL people on Tuesday 4th June, where we intend to make use of The Lost Jungle Adventure golf course, which is basically an outdoor crazy golf course located on the Watford-by-pass, Edgware, HA8 8DD. We will be playing the Congo Course, which is supposed to be the easiest of the two at the site and I can assure you previous golf expertise is not really a great help. I can also assure you that the game is simple for all to take part, as I recently took my grandchildren to the venue and they coped admirably. It is advised to be ready to go at 7:30pm, but there is a cost of £12 per player but all equipment is supplied – let's hope the weather is fine. The full 18 holes should take about one hour to complete, after which it is hoped we can find a suitable hostelry to diagnose our performance's!!

The next 'Chat and a Drink' will be held on Thursday 20th June back at The Red Lion, so do please join us if you can for an informal and sociable evening, normally commencing around 8:30pm. England will be playing a football game that day, but the kick-off is at 5:00pm, so the pub should be relatively clear by the time of our arrival.

Our July clubnight on Tuesday 2nd, will see the running of the Two Brewers Scatter event, which will take place in a slightly different area to previous years. Please check with our Chairman exactly where this will be, or have a close look within this publication for further details.

It is hoped that by the end of July, we may have access to a grass autotest venue so again please 'watch this space' for further details.

The avid readers of this publication will have noticed a paragraph in my 'Notes' last month detailing a fish and chip supper cruise on the River Ouse in July. I received a good response from many of you, however when I went to book with the boat company, there was not enough space available for our Group. I have therefore had to postpone the event until Saturday 14th September, so please see the revised advert below and please confirm with me by June 4th clubnight, if you wish to come along.

A revised date for your diaries is Saturday 14th September, where we are hoping to enjoy a 2 hour river cruise (commencing 6:00pm) on the River Ouse from the Priory Marina, Bedford. We intend to be sailing on the John Bunyan Community boat and a fish and chip supper (alternative meal available) will be provided. A licenced bar will be open throughout the trip and the price per person will be £20 each.

Our planned future programme is as follows;

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| Tuesday | 4th June | – NWL Clubnight – crazy golf at Lost Jungle Adventure Golf |
| Thursday | 20th June | – NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion |
| Tuesday | 2nd July | – NWL Clubnight – Two Brewers Scatter event |
| Thursday | 18th July | – NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion |
| Sunday | 28th July | – NWL Greenacres Autotest |
| Saturday | 14th September | – NWL Fish and Chip supper cruise on River Ouse |

Take good care and hope to see you at some of our events

Alan T

Date	Day	Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club
Jun	Sat 8	* Autotest/PCA (Cm)	Grass autotest	Blackbird AC
Jul	Tue 2	* Two Brewers Scatter ()	Treasure Hunt	CSMA NWL
	Sat 13	* Autotest/PCA (Cm)	Grass autotest	Blackbird AC
	Sun 28	* Greenacres Autotest (Cm)	Grass autotest - TBC	CSMA NWL
Aug	Sat 10	* Autotest/PCA (Cm)	Grass autotest	Blackbird AC
	Sun 11	* Autotest/PCA (Cm)	Grass autotest	Blackbird AC
Sep	Sun 1	Paddock Autotest (Cm)	Grass autotest - TBC	CSMA NWL
	Fri 13	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
	Sun 29	Chiltern Autotest (Cm)	Grass autotest - TBC	CSMA NWL
Oct	Fri 11	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
Nov	Fri 1	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL
	Fri 8	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
	Fri 29	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL
Dec	Fri 6	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC

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

Past Events

Future Events

Future 12 Car Rally Season We are changing the 12 Car Rally dates for next season, due to the January event being the most likely to be hit by bad weather, so the events will now run in Nov, Dec, Feb and Mar. The existing January event will move to Nov and the existing April event will move to Dec, with the existing February and March events staying as is. This also allows for the two uses of the John Bunyan PH start to be better separated. The December event, as Blackbird have moved their event forward a week (most likely to miss the Preston Rally weekend), will now run on 29th November instead, but that is still four weeks from the previous event.

Two Brewers Scatter Why not give this NWL event a go, for some treasure hunting action. There are 15 possible locations to visit, to find the answer to a question, but you only need to supply eight answers. The scoring is then done on you get more points for the location the less people who put in the same correct answer. This means the winner is not known until the last car comes in. The start is at the Verulamium Museum car park, St Albans from 7pm.

Grass Autotest Season Good news, we have the use of a new venue for our autotests, but unfortunately, we can't get on it until the grass has been cut for hay. This will take place early in July, so we have put in dates for three events, starting on Sunday 28th July. There may be a chance to use a different part of the field earlier in the year, but that option won't be available until next year. Regs will be going out for the first event mid June.

Alternative Grass Autotest Season Blackbird AC are running a series of five grass autotests this year at their venue on the A5, just north of Towester. They are all on a Saturday, except the last one, where it is a double header weekend with a BBQ and camping available overnight.

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.

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).

Out next clubnight is the Crazy Golf located in Edgware on the 4th June. I believe Ian has asked us to arrive there around 7pm, but please check the advert elsewhere in the newsletter for exact details and the location. Please remember you don't need to have played proper golf to take part, in fact it's most likely more of an advantage not to have played proper golf!

For our July clubnight we have the Two Brewers Scatter on the 2nd July. However, please note that we have moved the start away from Chipperfield and the start is at the Roman Museum on the outskirts of St Albans, post code AL3 4SW or map ref 136073 Map 166. Same format as previous years and I will supply maps if required and the car park is open 24hrs. The finish will be at the Red Lion PH, Kings Langley. Start from 7pm and please aim to finish no later than 9:30pm.



Hopefully I will see you at the Crazy Golf on the 4th June and if not, then perhaps at our usual drink and a chat on the 20th June at the Red Lion PH.

Mike H

Visit to Jim Stokes Workshop



10:30am to 1:30pm, Tuesday 30th July

The Motorsports Group would like to invite you to the famous Jim Stokes Workshop in Waterlooville. We have arranged a visit on Tuesday 30th July to the famous Jim Stokes Workshop in Hampshire to be given a two-hour tour by Jim Stokes himself, to have an insight into the maintenance and repair of some of the most famous racing cars in the country, and the workshop will be busy preparing the racers for the Goodwood Festival.

The tour will cost £30 and will include a buffet lunch and a donation to charity.

Jim Stokes Workshop, Unit 8, Pipers Wood Industrial Park, Waterlooville, PO7 7XU

Please contact Bernard Ward - bernard.ward3@btinternet.com 07532 11786

Crazy Golf Club Night Tuesday 4th June

The Lost Jungle
Edgware HA8 8DD

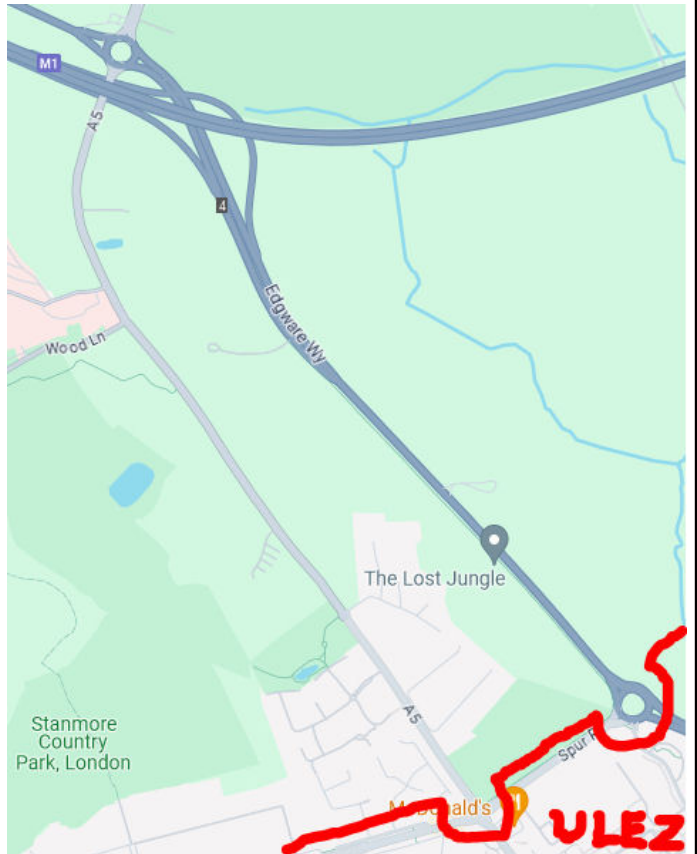
Just off the **M1** at Junction 4
(Southbound)

7-7:30pm start time, last entry 8pm

Staggered start time can minimise queuing (the course is open to the general public during this period)



ADVENTURE GOLF	
18 HOLES	
ADULTS	£12.00
<small>Aged 18+</small>	
SENIOR	£11.00
<small>65 Years & Over</small>	
STUDENT	£11.00
<small>ID Required</small>	
SCHOOLIE	£10.00
<small>Ages 5-17</small>	
INFANT	From £2.50
<small>£1.50 per year of age</small>	
FAMILY	£36.00
<small>2 Adults & 2 Children or 1 Adult & 3 Children</small>	
CARD PAYMENT ONLY	



This is a pay and play course, please see price notice board. We are aiming for one round of 18 holes. Duration will be about 1 - 1½ hours and we can then move on to a local watering hole for the 19th.

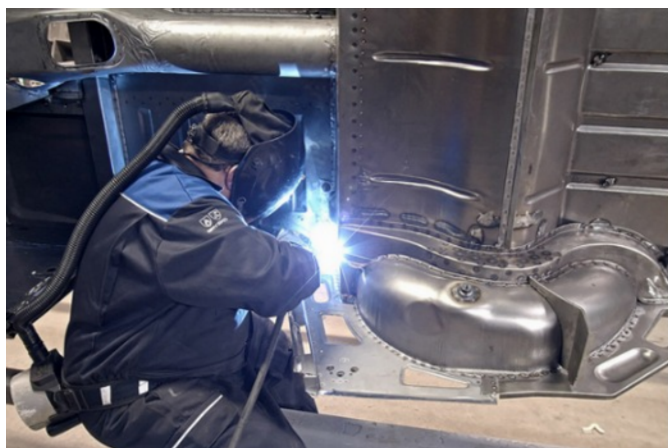


Remembering Mike's comments on the terrible parking around his way over the last couple of newsletters, Ann and I woke up the other morning to find that we couldn't get out of our estate because some idiot had parked his car in the House at the entrance to the estate! Luckily no one was hurt, even the driver was ok!

The house is currently being rebuilt and I wonder if they will plant trees or erect a wall to give better protection next time. This happened to the house opposite, but fortunately they had a line of fir trees in the front garden and that prevented the car from reaching the house.

Mike H

BRITISH MOTOR HERITAGE – NWL & NEL 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, Thursday 13th June 2024.

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.

Aviation Group visit to Battle of Britain Bunker

10am to 12pm, Wednesday 19th June

The Aviation Group would like to invite you to join them for an informative, private tour of The Battle of Britain Bunker.

A private tour of the famous underground bunker at Uxbridge that was pivotal to the control of the skies above London during the Battle of Britain and to the new above ground museum and exhibition hall.

Price: £20 per person

Battle of Britain Bunker, Wren Ave,
Uxbridge UB10 0GG



Contact Mike Harrison to book a place

The Visitor Centre and Exhibition space is fully accessible, with lifts and wheelchair access. There is also a Reception Desk at the entrance to the Visitor Centre, where staff are happy to help with any questions you may have.

As a Grade I listed building, the Bunker and the Operations Room can only be accessed via 77 steps. There is no lift or ramp access. For visitors with reduced mobility, we can provide a pre-recorded virtual Bunker Tour in our wheelchair accessible auditorium. The tour comes free with a Visitor Centre and Exhibition ticket.

There are benches in the Exhibition and chairs in the Bunker. We do not have folding, portable stools. We do not have a cloakroom or lockers.

THE TWO BREWERS TROPHY SCATTER - TUESDAY 2nd JULY

Compact route and no map plotting required.

--- New area this year ---

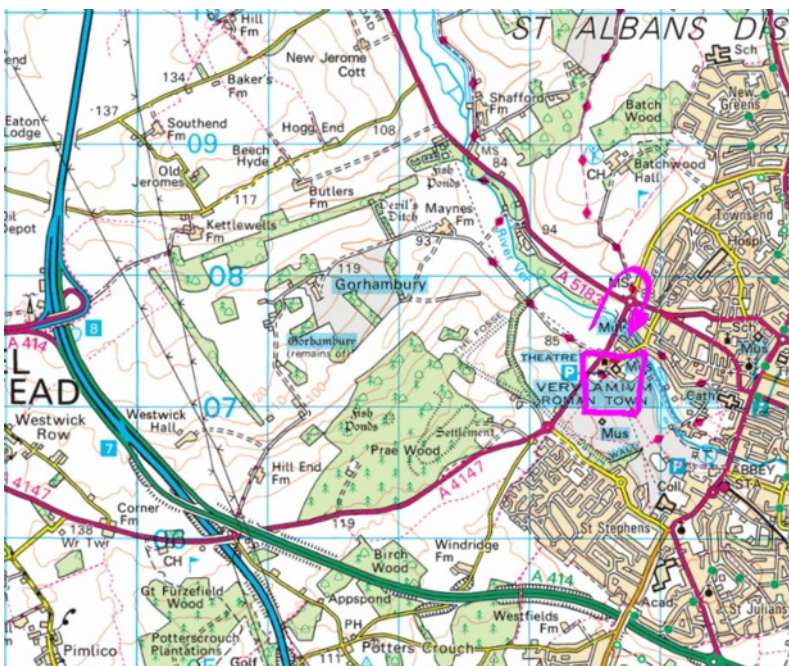
You are invited to the 41st running of the Two Brewers Scatter. This year's event will be of a similar format to previous ones. You may need a torch to find clues if it gets too dark!

The start will be 7:00pm onwards from the car park at Verulamium Museum, St Albans AL3 4SW - Map ref 136073. If you arrive after about 8:30pm you'll probably find I've already moved to the finish venue (The Red Lion, Kings Langley) so find me there.

A copy of the relevant section of map will be provided, if required.

- Motorsport UK exemption certificate 136425 has been issued.
- The entry fee for the event is £5 per crew
- Crews will be entered in two classes, Experts (won the event within the last 5 years) and Novices.
- There are 15 easy questions but each crew are only required to answer a maximum of 8.

I hope you have a very enjoyable evening! Mike Harrison (organising this year)



NWL Greenacres Autotest - Sunday 28th July

Venue: Cublington, Bucks (near Wing)

Organisers: Ian O'Connor / Mike Biss - Entry Fee £28 (Juniors £15)

All forwards tests, passengers (PCA) or no passengers (Clubmans)

Great fun day out driving - Marshals required

Regs available mid June from Mike B or from the website - Online entries only

[MSUK Clubman Licence](#) (free) & [Boundless MSUK card](#) (free) required

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

NWL Fish and Chip Supper Cruise

--- NEW DATE ---

Saturday 14th September 2024

from Priory Marina, Bedford, MK41 9DJ

on board the John Bunyan Community boat



start 6:00pm for two hours

***Fish and Chip supper included and licenced bar available
(alternative meal available upon request)***

Discounted price of £20 per person

***Please indicate whether or not you wish to support this trip no later than
Tuesday 4th June preferably by email to Alan T or to request further details***



Diary NWFL 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

June

31st-2nd WRC - Italy
Tue 4th NWL Clubnight - Crazy Golf - Edgware
 Sun 9th F1 - Canada
Thu 20th NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH
 Sun 23rd F1 - Spain
 28th-30th WRC - Poland
 Sun 30th F1 - Austria

July

Tue 2nd NWL Clubnight - Two Brewers Scatter
 Sun 7th F1 - Silverstone
Thu 18th NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH
 19th-21st WRC - Latvia
 Sun 21st F1 - Hungary
Sun 28th NWL Greenacres Autotest - TBC
 Sun 28th F1 - Belgium

August

2nd-4th WRC - Finland
Tue 6th NWL Clubnight - Boule - Stanbridge
Thu 15th NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH
 Sun 28th F1 - Netherlands

Dates to reserve: