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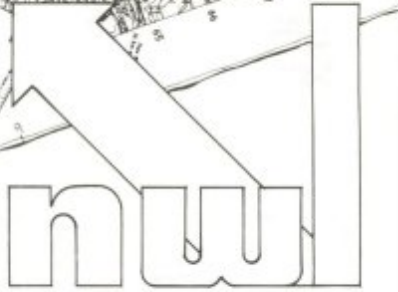
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## Club night

Tuesday 2nd July, from 7:00pm

### THE 41ST TWO BREWERS TROPHY - 2024

Starting from the car park at Verulamium Museum, St Albans AL3 4SW  
Map ref 136073.

With 15 easy questions and only 8 answers required to complete the event.

Map 166 required but photocopied map provided

Finish is at the Red Lion PH

## THE BIRTHDAY BOX !

July's birthday wishes go to Jan Yardley, Kit Yardley and Steve Graves!



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# NWL Editorial

I was looking at the website Britain From Above <https://www.britainfromabove.org.uk/> recently and thought I would see what they had for the Flitwick area. They unfortunately only had two photos, but this one is from 1931, and the yellow square highlights where my house will be built 44 years later. The houses at the top are still there, but the timber yard has gone. Looking at the larger pictures, nearly all the fields in the photos have been replaced by housing, marking Flitwick down as very much becoming a commuter town.



At the beginning of the month, I went and volunteered to marshal on the MSUK autotest as part of the Coventry Motofest. I remembered to take my ear plugs this time, as running underneath the inner ring road, it gets very loud when the cars are on test! It was a nice day in the 'shade' doing



timekeeper duties, using the timing App, and we got through all the tests in a very quick time. So far this year, Willie Keening in a sports car has usually started off in the lead on most rounds, only to start hitting cones trying just that little bit too hard, and has slipped back into second place



behind usual winner Alastair Moffatt. Of the five rounds held so far, he has managed to beat Alastair once, but it has been fun watching him try.

I wonder if Lewis Hamilton is having second thoughts about his move to Ferrari next year, as it seems Mercedes have finally got their car working now and are regularly beating the Ferrari's. However, it must be McLaren who are feeling very happy at the moment, as they seem to be on the same pace as Max Verstappen and Lando Norris came so close to catching Max again in Spain at the weekend. His run of good results has moved him up to second place in the championship.

On the WRC round at Rally Italia, it was a heart break for Sebastien Ogier, when on the very last stage, he got a puncture and lost the rally by just 0.2 seconds. Ott Tanak took the win, but he would know how Ogier felt, as he too has had the win taken away on the last stage of this event previously. Elfyn Evans finished in fourth, and despite dropping a place overall in the championship, he still took six points off the current leader.

On the way home from the Motorsports Group meeting, Pete and I were held up getting on to the M6 motorway at junction 2, due to a lorry carrying hay being on fire on the hard shoulder between the off and on ramps. All the west bound traffic was being taken off the motorway and made to use the roundabout at the junction, not helped by the phasing of the traffic lights. Traffic was stationary for two hours going that way, but fortunately we only had to negotiate the traffic on the roundabout, before going east bound and seeing the queue almost back to junction 1.



Keep safe.

Mike B.

**NOTE:** Deadline for contributions to the August newsletter is Thursday 25th July



# Chairman's notebook

On the nice sunny bank holiday Monday (for once) on the 27th May, Ann and I took the Sprite out to The Lamb PH at Chalgrove for a small charity classic car rally held in aid of the Oxford Air Ambulance, in memory of one of my scout leaders brother's son, who tragically died in a motor cycle accident in 2022.



It's a small run, which ran for the first time last year and this year's event included a short run from a nearby roadside café. About 30 vehicles took part and these ranged from bog standard Mini's to fully modified road legal drag racers and even an armoured car was included!

My thanks to Ian and Lorraine for a very entertaining game of Crazy Golf at last month's clubnight, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all of us who managed to attend. No doubt this will be considered again next year. You will find the results elsewhere in the newsletter.

On Wednesday the 19th June, I organised for the new Aviation Group, a visit to the RAF Command Bunker at Uxbridge. We had a private tour for 20 of us, which was highly informative and took just under an hour, and afterwards we were free to walk around the museum, which is above ground, whereas the command room was 75 steps down below ground!

Given the bunker was constructed in 1938/1939, it's in remarkable good condition and I can highly recommend a visit there. The control room was responsible for the RAF's response to the Luftwaffe during Dunkirk, the battle of Britain, the Dieppe raid and of course D – Day on the 6th June 1944.

Last month, Ann and I have also paid a visit to Chatham Dockyard, which I have been meaning to do for a long time, having visited it back in the late 60's as a Sea Scout! Given the delays currently caused by the road works on the M25 at the A3 junction, I elected to go clockwise round the M25 and over the Dartford River Crossing, to get there on the Friday morning. I have to say the £2.50 toll was well worth the money, as we encountered no hold ups and arrived there 30 minutes early, for the 10am opening time of the museum!

I have to say, rather like Duxford, there is simply too much to see in one visit, however, your ticket is valid for 12 months from the date of issue and you can visit as many times as you want to between the two dates. However, it is not transferable and they take photographs of you to ensure you don't pass it on to someone else, although I could probably lend it to Doug!

If you don't like confined spaces, don't visit the submarine, the rope making building is just unbelievable given its length and the covered slip is just a forest of timbers as you can see from the photograph. The other photographs show the torpedo tubes and one of the two diesel engines in the submarine and a view across the dockyard from the preserved WW11 destroyer. I have to say it was a great day out.

Unfortunately, I had to cancel the planned visit to British Heritage Motor Museum at Whitney, due to a complete lack of interest; but we may perhaps try again next year.

The canal / river boat trip that Alan is organising has moved to the 14th September and numbers are good, although I suspect Alan would welcome more if you are interested.

*Chairman's notebook - continues on page 7*

# Secretary's spot

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Our June clubnight was another outdoor activity when a number of us descended upon the Lost Jungle Adventure golf course at Edgware, where great fun was had by all who took part. Despite the evening being a little on the cool side, we were fortunate in that the showers stayed away and we enjoyed a dry event. Thanks to Ian and Lorraine for over-seeing the occasion and making sure we all found the 19th hole in the Battle Axes hostelry, where results were announced. The top three were yours truly on 47 shots, Kit on 48 and Ian on 49 – a really close finish!!

The next clubnight on Tuesday 2nd July will see the 41st running of the Two Brewers scatter event, in the capable hands of our Chairman. A decision has been taken to fractionally move the area in which the event is run, so the start this year will be from the Verulamium Museum car park (AL3 4SW) between 7:00pm and 8:30pm. Full details should be found elsewhere in this newsletter, but for any further information, please call or email Mike H. Let's hope once again for a nice warm and dry evening.

The next 'Chat and a Drink' will be held on Thursday 18th July back at The Red Lion, so do please join us if you can for an informal and sociable evening, normally commencing around 8:30pm.

It is hoped to run the Greenacres Autotest on a grass field at Cublington, (near Wing) on Sunday 28th July, so please do support this event as a competitor or marshal to make all the efforts in finding a field worthwhile. Again, further details are to be found elsewhere in this newsletter and further information can be had from Ian or Mike B.

Tuesday 6th August will see us return to the boule pitch in the lovely gardens of The Five Bells at Stanbridge, so do please put the date in the diary and come along to enjoy some very light exercise with a fun game of boule. All equipment will be provided and the action starts at 7:30pm.

## ***Our planned future programme is as follows;***

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2nd July</b>	<b>– NWL Clubnight – Two Brewers Scatter event</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>18th July</b>	<b>– NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28th July</b>	<b>– NWL Greenacres Autotest</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6th August</b>	<b>– NWL Clubnight – boule evening at Stanbridge</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>15th August</b>	<b>– NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1st September</b>	<b>– NWL Paddock Autotest</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3rd September</b>	<b>– NWL Clubnight – tenpin bowling at Dunstable</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>14th September</b>	<b>– NWL Fish and Chip supper cruise on River Ouse</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>19th September</b>	<b>– NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29th September</b>	<b>– NWL Chiltern Autotest</b>

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

Alan T

Date	Day		Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club
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
	Sun 13		Boanerges Autosolo (Cm)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Oxford MC
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

**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 are now available from the website.

**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.

**12 Car Rally Season** The 12 Car Rally dates for this season, due to the January event being the most likely to be hit by bad weather, the events will now run in Nov, Dec, Feb and Mar. The existing January event has moved to Nov and the existing April event 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.

**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).

### *Chairman's notebook - continued from page 4*

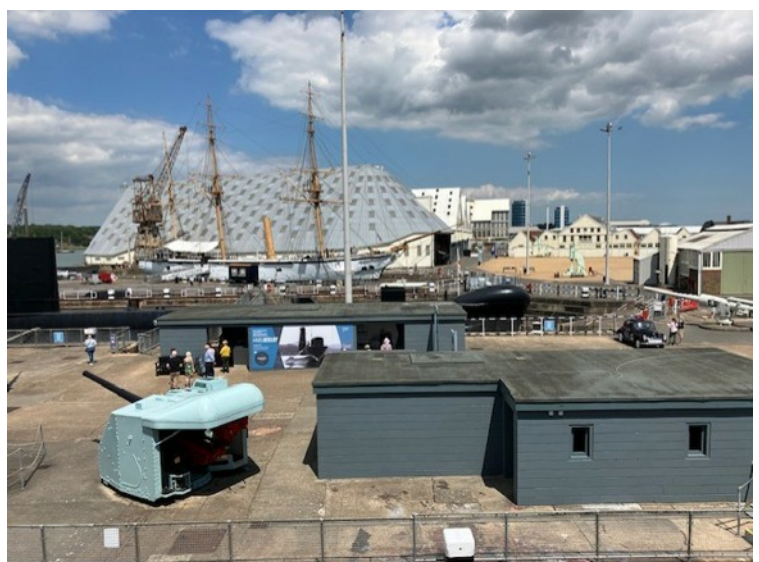
Last Saturday, Pete Gregory and I went along to the air show at Sywell Airfield in Northampton to see if it was suitable for a possible combined Aviation Group and CVG visit next year. At £45 per ticket it's not cheap, especially when you discover that you have to pay another £5 for the flight line walk, where you can get right up close to the aircraft flying that afternoon.

However, it must be said, that with nine Spitfires, two Hurricanes, three Vought Corsairs, a B17 and a B25 Mitchell flying amongst many others, it was a superb event and actually well worth the money! If you do go, remember to take a chair and a camera with a decent long lens on it, not just your normal 35mm or mobile phone. Oh, and yes a hat and plenty of sun cream!!

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 136 073 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 Two Brewers on the 2nd July and if not, then perhaps at our usual drink and a chat on the 18th July at the Red Lion PH.

Mike H





## **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 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>



# THE TWO BREWERS TROPHY SCATTER - TUESDAY 2nd JULY

*Compact route and no map plotting required.*

**--- New area this year ---**

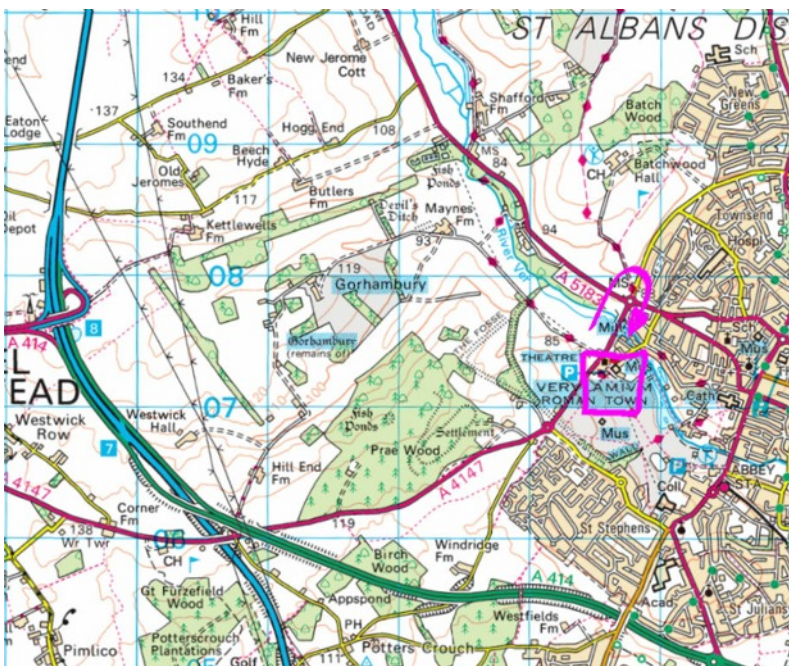
You are invited to the 41st running of the Two Brewers Scatter. This year's event will be of a similar format to previous ones. You may need a torch to find clues if it gets too dark!

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)



## June Clubnight Results - Crazy Golf



Alan T	47	Laura	57
Kit	48	Mike H	59
Ian	49 + a hole in 1	Katy	59
Mike B	51	Harriet	64
Peter	54	Ann R	67
Alan R	54	Lorraine	74 + a hole in 1
Dave R	54		

## 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](mailto:bernard.ward3@btinternet.com) 07532 11786

# 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 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

## 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  
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

## September

**Sun 1st** NWL Paddock Autotest - TBC  
Sun 1st F1 - Italy (Monza)  
**Tue 3rd** NWL Clubnight - Tenpin Bowling - Dunstable  
6th-8th WRC - Greece  
**Sat 14th** NWL River Cruise - Bedford  
Sun 15th F1 - Azerbaijan  
**Thu 19th** NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH  
Sun 22nd F1 - Singapore  
27th-29th WRC - Chile  
**Sun 29th** NWL Chiltern Autotest - TBC

Dates to reserve: