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## Club night



Tuesday 6th August, from 7:30pm

**BOULE**

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

## THE BIRTHDAY BOX !

August birthday wishes to **Dave Gordon, Graham Smith, Anne Graves, Eric Crease and Dave Smith.**



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# NWL Editorial

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The Paddock autotest is now planned to run on the 1st September at this venue, so some simpler tests may be required for the afternoon session by the looks of the results of the previous one. Mind you, these are the same tests we have used for numerous years without as much problems, so perhaps they were being distracted by the views!

In the WRC, a new star was born, when Martins Sesks shone on his non-hybrid Rally1 debut in a Ford Puma last month on Rally Poland, where he finished an amazing fifth. Local star Martins Sesks and co-driver Renars Francis then stunned everyone in Latvia, with an incredible performance. Sesks' now with full-hybrid power in his Puma Rally1, found himself fighting for a place on the podium all the way until the very last stage, until transmission problems dropped him from third to seventh. Sesks rounded off Friday in second place, with a world champion either side of him, on one side Rovenpera, and Ogier on the other. He also managed to collect two stage wins!



Parking in my road can be dangerous at times, especially from the delivery drivers with their big vans. Seems they are not that careful when turning round and have even managed to hit one of the neighbours front porch. They were not impressed and are thinking of putting up bollards to prevent it happening again, but it will also stop some other neighbours from parking outside their front windows, which they are not happy about, but there is legally only access rights to the garages, and the parkers and garages are not the same houses. Welcome to "The Close".

Well Formula One seems to have three teams fighting at the front now, or four if you include Ferrari, which makes the races a lot more interesting. The last race in Belgium was a big disappointment for George Russell, when he was disqualified from the win for being 1.5kgs underweight. This gave the win to his team mate Lewis Hamilton.

Keep safe.

Mike B.

**NOTE:** Deadline for contributions to the September newsletter is Thursday 22nd August



# Chairman's notebook

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Thanks to all of you who entered the Two Brewers Scatter last month, in all we had seven crews and that amounted to 15 people. Hopefully the new location proved to be successful and it certainly made it easier for me the organiser and we had a nice evening for it as well!

As in past years, the results were not known until the last team came in and handed in their answer sheet. The same was true this year and Dean and John once again came home first (they won it last year), with Kit and Jan in second, just ahead of two other crews, and also winning the Novice crew. The full results can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Last month Ann and I took the Sprite down to Wheels and Wings at Middle Wallop, which was a combination of a classic car show and a display of aircraft /helicopters and was held at the Army Flying Museum at Middle Wallop, which is located just off the A303 near Andover.



This was an event proposed by both the Classic Vehicle Group and the New Aviation Group, however, on the day, Ann and I were the only people to take advantage of the much reduced entry fee of £10 for two people and their classic car. I had several enquiries from interested people from the Boundless website, but none of these actually turned into entries on the day, which I must say was a bit disappointing.



However, on the day there were plenty of classic cars to see and from the photograph you can see that we were parked next to a very pretty Alpine Renault A110. The flying displays were somewhat limited; however, a Spitfire and Mustang gave a good display, followed by some helicopter displays and a French army parachute team gave a good display, which was then followed by some army co-operation displays using WW11 Auster's.

The following weekend we were to have taken the Sprite out again on Allan Goddard's Cream Tea Caper, but unfortunately the throttle return spring broke on the way out to get fuel on the Sunday morning, so having managed to get it back home, we jumped into the Focus and used that instead. Nice to have air con and a radio one can hear!

Allan had a good entry of 17 cars on the day and the weather was kind for once. Allan used most of the route from the New Year's Run that was excluded due to flooding, not that you would have known without Allan telling us this and the roads and countryside were very enjoyable. Unfortunately, due to navigation errors, we didn't make the finish, deciding to cut and go home, as we were running rather late and needed to get home. However, we did enjoy the event and I would recommend it to anyone for a nice drive out for the day.



The other two photographs in this report are from the hot rodding club that displayed their cars in the garden of the Red Lion on our Drink and a Chat last month. Quite a diverse range of cars and these two were my favourites. Despite not going around corners very well I have always fancied one. Some might say with my driving, that doesn't matter!



*Chairman's notebook - continues on page 7*



# Secretary's spot

My 'Spot' this time around is being written on the eve of the running of the Greenacres Autotest, where after months of land searching, it is hoped we have eventually found a field that can accommodate our requirements. Mike B and Ian will be organising the event and it is hoped that the dry weather lasts another day and we can all enjoy a great day's motorsport. Huge thanks are due to Mike B for putting together this autotest pretty much at the same time that he should be wearing his Editor's hat, in order to get our monthly newsletter out on time. By the time you get to read this, it is hoped that the event will have successfully taken place and various reports should appear on other pages.

Last month's clubnight saw the 41st running of the Two Brewers Scatter and for a second consecutive year, the magnificent shield ended up in the hands of Dean Askew and John Clavey – well done Gentlemen, and a big thank you to Chairman Mike for putting the event on in a slightly different area, enabling new roads and clues to be used.

Our clubnight on 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. Despite the pitch being outdoors, we are hoping for a bright, dry evening and floodlighting is provided if the light fades too much. All equipment will be provided and the action starts at 7:30pm.

The next 'Chat and a Drink' will be held on Thursday 15th August 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 another autotest on Sunday 1st September, subject to how the Greenacre's goes, so let's all keep our fingers crossed!

Also in September, on Tuesday 3rd, we will be returning to the tenpin bowling lanes at Go Bowling, Dunstable. It is likely that two games of bowling plus a basket meal will be available, but I have been unable to negotiate a deal as yet, so please watch this space next month for full details.

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

- Tuesday 6th August – NWL Clubnight – boule evening at Stanbridge**
- Thursday 15th August – NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion**
- Sunday 1st September – NWL Paddock Autotest**
- Tuesday 3rd September – NWL Clubnight – tenpin bowling at Dunstable**
- Saturday 14th September – NWL Fish and Chip supper cruise on River Ouse**
- Thursday 19th September – NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion**
- Sunday 29th September – NWL Chiltern Autotest**

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

Alan T

| Date | Day    | Event (Status)          | Type of Event                 | Club            |
|------|--------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Aug  | Sat 10 | * Autotest/PCA (Cm)     | Grass autotest                | Blackbird AC    |
|      | Sun 11 | * Autotest/PCA (Cm)     | Grass autotest                | Blackbird AC    |
|      | Sun 18 | * Autotest/PCA (Cm)     | Grass autotest                | Falcon MC       |
| Sep  | Sun 1  | * Paddock Autotest (Cm) | Grass autotest - TBC          | <b>CSMA NWL</b> |
|      | Fri 13 | * 12 Car (Cm)           | Navigational rally            | Blackbird AC    |
|      | Sun 29 | Chiltern Autotest (Cm)  | Grass autotest - TBC          | <b>CSMA NWL</b> |
| 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            | <b>CSMA NWL</b> |
|      | Fri 8  | 12 Car (Cm)             | Navigational rally            | Blackbird AC    |
|      | Fri 29 | 12 Car (Cm)             | Navigational rally            | <b>CSMA NWL</b> |
| 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

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### Future Events

**Paddock Autotest** We will be returning to the Greenacres site for this event, thanks to the landowner agreeing to one more visit. Regs are now available from the website. This will have two permits again, one for passengers and one without and is held on a grass field. Nice easy all-forward tests are on offer and are suitable for your standard car. Entry fee is £28 (juniors £15) and entries and marshals can register on the website links shown in the advert.

**Chiltern Autotest** With us back to looking for another permanent venue, it might be that we can source a couple of different ones and spread the use out, to keep the ground in a better condition over the year. We might be able to go to our original venue for this year, but again it is not going to allow us the early usage we would like for a full season.

**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

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.

The final photograph is of our secretary Mr Thurbon, getting over excited on the Greenacres Autotest last weekend, where he demolished the finishing box! The event had to be cancelled on the Monday before the event, because the farmer had decided to go on holiday, but with help from Chris Warburton another fielded was located and Mike was able to give out the good news on the following day that the event was back on, all be it in a different location!



Mike and Ian had a good entry of 21 cars, although this was reduced down to 19 on the day and with good weather, everyone had a really good day and the results can be found in the newsletter. Fingers crossed, hopefully, this is a field we might be able to use again in early September.

Hopefully I will see you at the Boules evening at the Five Bells pub in Stanbridge on the 6th August. I will not see you for our usual Drink and a Chat on the 15th August at the Red Lion, as with luck, I will be on the Greek Island of Kafalonia enjoying the sun, sea and wine etc. with Ann, Claire and Jacob!

Mike H

### Two Brewers Scatter - Results

| Crew                | 1 | 2 | 3  | 4  | 5 | 6 | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | Score | Pos |   |
|---------------------|---|---|----|----|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|-----|---|
| Dean & John         |   |   |    | 10 | 5 | 5 | 12 |    | 15 | 8  |    | 12 |    | 10 |    | 77    | 1   |   |
| Kit & Jan           | 8 |   |    |    | 8 | 5 | 5  | 12 |    |    |    | 12 | 12 |    | 10 |       | 72  | 2 |
| Alan, Trevor & Doug | 8 |   |    | 10 | 8 | 5 | 5  |    |    | 15 | 8  |    |    | 12 |    |       | 71  | 3 |
| Steve & Anne        | 8 |   | 10 |    | 8 | 5 | 5  |    |    |    |    | 12 |    | 12 | 10 |       | 70  | 4 |
| Alan & Hazel        | 8 |   | 10 | 10 | 8 | 5 | 5  | 12 |    |    | 8  |    |    |    |    |       | 66  | 5 |
| Chris & Terry       | 8 |   | 10 | 10 | 8 | 5 | 5  |    |    |    | 8  |    |    |    | 10 |       | 64  | 6 |
| Ian & Mike          |   |   | 10 | X  |   | 5 | 5  |    |    |    | 8  | 12 | 12 | 12 |    |       | 64  | 6 |

### NWL Paddock Autotest - Sunday 1st September

Venue - Weston Underwood, near Olney

Organisers: Mike Harrison / Mike Biss - Entry Fee £28 (Juniors £15)

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

Great fun day out driving - Marshals required

Regs now 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>

## Clubnight 6th August - Five Bells at Stanbridge

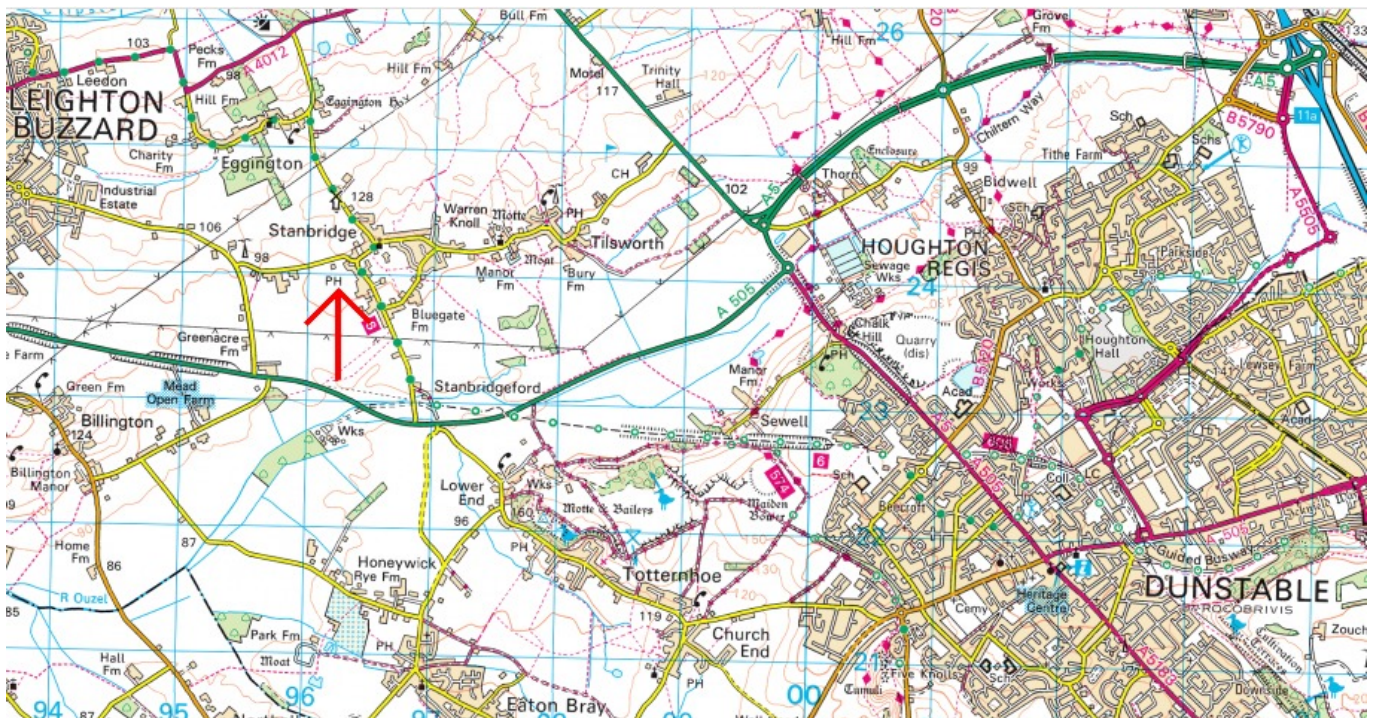


Station Road, Stanbridge LU7 9JF

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'.



### **NWL Chiltern Autotest - Sunday 29th September (TBC)**

Venue - TBC

Organisers: Graeme Presswell / 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 (when site confirmed) from Mike B or from the website - Online entries only

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

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# 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

## 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 - Weston Underwood**  
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**

## October

**Tue 1st NWL Clubnight - Buzzer Quiz - The Red Lion, HH**  
**Thu 17th NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH**  
18th-20th WRC - Central European  
Sun 20th F1 - United States (Austin)  
Sun 27th F1 - Mexico

Dates to reserve: