

# The "Nelly" Newsletter

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Group Visits



**Next Clubnight –**  
**- Tuesday 8 October**  
**Speaker - Joanne Larner**  
**“The Wonder of Norway”**



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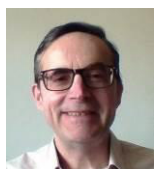
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*Hi Everyone*

*A bumper issue this month, so many thanks to Roy & Jane Hart for their Sunday Walk report, as well as John Foster and Keith Endersbee for their articles, all helping to boost the page count. The Brighton Communique is also back after a few months absence.*

*We took a break in the Cotswolds recently, staying first at Broadway and then Cirencester. The Broadway campsite was handy for steam railway buffs, with the Gloucestershire, Warwickshire, Steam Railway station just across the road from the campsite entrance, where trains run right alongside. On the site itself, the old goods shed has been converted into an amenities block, complete with Prince Philip's very own 1993 "Fleetwood Garland" caravan, which he used to use at carriage driving trials. (Photo Rosie)*



*Whilst in Cirencester, we recalled the NEL group visit there some years back (1999...?), when we all visited the then, newly acquired Cotswold Motor Museum...!*

*I believe we stayed at The Kings Head on that occasion, which looks to be a bit trendier these days, along with a noticeable increase in upmarket delis and eateries around the town as well.*

*That's all for now - Dave*

Please send copy for next issue to Dave Rosher at the email address above: **to arrive by 24 October**

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## Chairman's October Chatter

Welcome to our October Nelly, draw up a chair by the fire and read all about your group with your mug of cocoa.

In other words, it's gone a bit chilly and the leaves are turning brown. Something else of significance is that our Michaelmas daises are starting to burst into flower, another harbinger of autumn.

Apart from all the wars the news has been full of the floods across the country (I wonder if they have managed to pump out the large puddle on the A421 yet? That's a good example of road design, if you are going to build a new main trunk road in a cutting, make sure there are stand by pumps in case the main one fails) and I was reminded again of the talk we had last month by Phil McKinder on the devastation in Lynton and Lynmouth caused by the floods there. Another lesson on road building, don't build a new road in a river bed, it was that wide because it needed to be.

Phil gave us another excellent presentation, well prepared and researched as always. It was all very personal when we learnt of the actual families who were affected, not forgetting the Jack Russell.

Our Group visit to Nuthampstead Aircraft Museum was a great idea, a fish and chip lunch in a nice old pub and then across the carpark and straight into the museum; a series of three huts with all sorts of memorabilia, and much about the B17s that flew from there. Our guide was so knowledgeable, and our questions drew out lots of stories from him. Thanks to Jeff and Phil for setting it up. The pub, The Woodman, was actually within the airfield during the war, surrounded by runways.

In between these two events we had Mick's Saturday Walk around Tonwell, his swansong, so many thanks to Mick for organising so many of these successful walks and treasure hunts over the past years.

This month we welcome Joanne Larner who will share with us her memories and photos of a trip to Norway so prepare to be blown away with images of vivid blue waters and fjords rising up from them, and her stories of the visits.

As the nights are now drawing in, we will be returning to the Galley Hall for the last of our evening get togethers on the fourth Tuesday, to sample their fish & chips and pie of the day.

What's coming up?.

### **Clubnight Tuesday 8 October – Speaker**

For those of you wondering if a cruise to the Fjords of Norway is your thing, wonder no more as our Clubnight entertainment this month is, The Wonders of Norway, when we welcome Joanne Larner to tell us all about what we are missing.

### **Group dinner Tuesday evening – 22 October**

At the Galley Hall – let John know to expect you

### **Clubnight Tuesday 12 November – Speaker**

Something different for us this month, as we have Mel Byron joining us to explain, with suitable big screen support, how 'Old Films saved my Life'.

*Bernard*

## ROBERTS RAMBLEINGS

October is here, the Autumn equinox has been and gone and so, shorter daylight hours are here. Looking back to the end of August, eight of us enjoyed an evening dinner at the Galley Hall. For September club night, we were treated to a fascinating talk and audio show by Phil McKinder on the infamous Lynton and Lynmouth Flood Disaster. Like his talk last year, it was well presented.

Our normal evening dinner was replaced by a visit to the Nuthampstead Airfield Museum

The first Sunday in September saw North West London manage to organise another grass Autotest, just north of Newport Pagnell, with Mike as Clerk of the Course. Again, yours truly marshalled. In fact, I was the only marshal, so only two layouts. This time no problem going home as I used the Sat Nav.

So, what does October hold in store for us. Club night will see a talk on The Wonder of Norway. Many years ago, along with Mum and Dad we had a holiday in Norway. One thing stands out. Driving along the road there was a girl waiting at the bus stop, who stuck her thumb out asking for a lift. We stopped and all she wanted was a lift to the next village. Ever helpful we offered her a lift, and then I spotted her bike. She told us that she would leave her bike there as it would be there when she returned. Try doing that in London I thought. It would be nicked before you can say, Eric The Viking. Later on in the month, we conclude our evening dinners at The Galley Hall. For those who wish to join us please let John now.

Extra ramblings this month as I write about my holiday to Scotland. I had not flown since a few months after the Lockerbie disaster. However, if I am to visit places on my bucket list, I will need to fly. The flight was an early morning one. Seven fifty-five, so I needed to book a hotel at the airport. Waking up and leaving the hotel around five, I made my way to departures. I had already checked in on line the day before, so through the first barrier, no problem. The next bit was different. Er what do I do? Fortunately, somebody behind me helped me and I soon found my way in the departures lounge, and finally onto the plane. Then we waited for an hour, because four people had booked in, but failed to turn up before the gate had closed. So, their luggage was required to be unloaded. Finally, we took off, and in two hours we landed at Inverness. Off the plane, picked up my case and as I went through the door, there was the courier. Members of the holiday were flying from different airports, so as we all arrived at different times, I and the other early arrivals were transported into Inverness, before we were transported to the hotel in Carrbridge. Unpacked, evening meal and then to bed.

Next day, Friday, we were transported into Inverness, before catching the local train to the Kyle of Lochalsh. Reaching this I could see a good view of the Skye bridge. Our coach was waiting for us and took us over the bridge to Skye, and as we went over the bridge, the dot matrix board lit up with "Danger High Winds". Er, they close the bridge in the event of high winds. Fine idea I thought. A quick visit to the café, before returning to the coach and over the bridge back to the mainland. Making our way back to Carrbridge, we stopped at some Lochside locations, which have been used for many locations, by film and TV crews. Continuing we travelled along Loch Ness, again stopping at a few of the Lochside castles but no views of Nessie..

Next day, Saturday, saw a change of schedule. Due to action on the Railway by Scot Rail, our railway trip on this day was in the late afternoon. Firstly, it was a visit to the Commando Memorial at Lochaber, which is where all the training has taken place. Then it was onto Neptune's Staircase, a series of Locks which rises, or lowers the canal. Then it was back onto the coach to catch our train. On the way we tried to stop and view a certain viaduct used in The Harry Potter films. No chance, not a spare parking space. We returned to the hotel after travelling over the viaduct by train.

The next day, Sunday, saw us travel towards Aviemore. Going up a mountain, a visit to the highest telephone box was a must. Returning to Aviemore for a short shopping trip, before our final railway trip on steam hauled train. Soon it was time to return to our hotel, pack, and then the next day, Monday return to London.

Well, that is all for this month. So, keep safe.

*Robert.*

# *NEL group New Year lunch*

*Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 12.30 for 1.00pm*

## *The Galley Hall*

*Hailey Lane, Hoddesdon, Herts, SG13 7NY*

At the NEL group AGM in March it was agreed to continue with a New Year lunch instead of Christmas for 2025. We will still treat it as a festive occasion although they will undoubtedly have taken the Christmas decorations down. We will still have the usual raffle and Heads and Tails game so bring along a little extra cash, any profit will go towards the gratuity for the staff. The Galley Hall is a country pub set in the Hertfordshire countryside to the North of Hoddesdon, it has its own car park, should this be full there is ample safe parking in the road outside.

By January you will probably have had enough Christmas Turkey so we will be basing it on the Galley Hall's standard Sunday menu which offers a wide choice. Menus will be available to us for publication in the November newsletter after which bookings will be taken on a first come first serve basis which must be accompanied by booking form and payment in full. Booking forms, choice of menu and payment is required to us by Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January at the latest so that all arrangements can be coordinated and presented to the restaurant in time for the lunch. Payment will be accepted by cheque, cash or bank transfer.



The Galley Hall building dates back to 1374 when it was then a farmhouse known as "Collewelle Haw", but by 1765 its name had evolved to the "Galley Hall". The Galley Hall became a Beer House during the 1830's being kept by one Benjamin Logsdale. The deeds were conveyed to Christie and Cathrow Brewers of Hoddesdon in 1837. Bringing us up to date the Pub has been extended in character to provide an extra Function Room and Patio area providing comfortable dining etc

Stafford and Lesley Steed

## Tonwell Country Walk - September 14th

We met in the car park of the Robin Hood & Little John public house in Tonwell as planned. There were 10 of us in our group and the weather was sunny and ideal for walking.

The walk started at 11am and we proceeded along a side road to our first gravelled path, where the Grade II listed water tower is situated. This was built in 1964 and is currently being transformed into a private home and an Airbnb.



At the entrance to Sacombe House we gathered for a group photograph near the sign post, this house is also Grade II listed and has now been converted into flats.

We were all happily talking, then over a brow of a hill we had a spectacular view and we were able to watch the Red Kite birds of prey high in the sky. It was nice to be in a lovely group exploring nature. Continuing along the path we were suddenly able to see a family of deer running for cover into the woods. After a while we came upon two friendly horses, who galloped up to the fence to see if we had any food, which was forbidden according to the sign on the fence.

All too soon our walk was over and we returned to the pub car park, where we dined in the restaurant. The pub was very welcoming and friendly, the menu had a very good choice and the food was good and at a reasonable price.

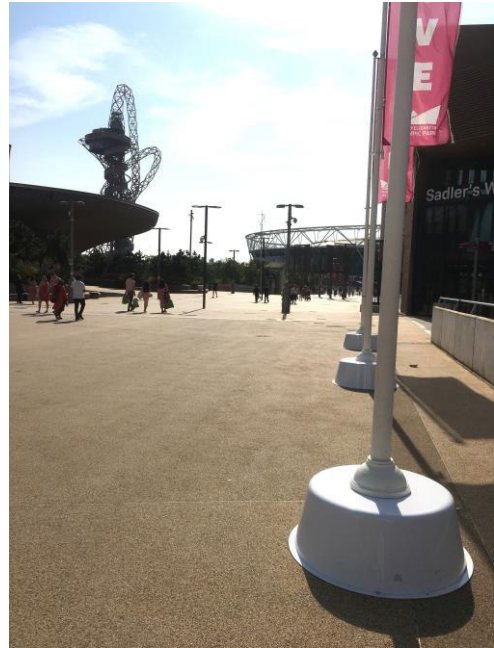
Just to finish we would like to say a big thank you to Mick O'Blath and Alan Farmer for a great day out.

Roy & Jane Hart

# Stratford Olympic Park Revisited

It's been 12 years since the London Olympics when I went with Ann and her friend Brenda to see the 2012 Paralympic games in the stadium. Ann and myself wanted to see how much had changed over the last 12 years, and with the current Paris paralympic games going on.

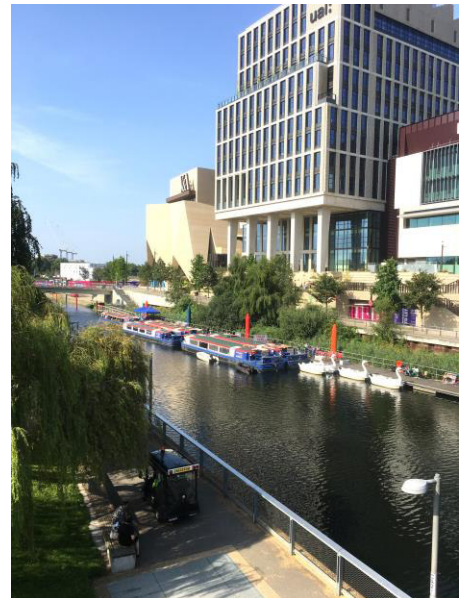
Getting off the train at Stratford station we entered the park through Westfield retail area. The objects that first caught our eye were the Orbit structure spiralling skywards and the Olympic stadium now occupied by West Ham football club and the Aquatic centre. (below)



The day was very warm so we were pleased to see so many mature trees along the paths giving us welcome shade.

As we carried on walking passing the Velodrome another reminder of the games also the cut in half telephone box and the Copperbox arena which was further along. Many wild flowers that were noticeable in 2012 were not so good this time, the reed banks, trees and bushes are now very large.

The canal was busy with a large cruiser with a birthday party crowd on board, also many families were enjoying Swan pedallo rides.



On the way out we stopped at the Westfield centre and enjoyed happy hour cocktails at a South American bar while sharing Duck Tacos and sweet potato fries.

Leaving the the many restaurants and shops and before boarding the train for home we had a last look at all the high rise buildings that surround Stratford bus terminus.

*John*

## The Italian Job Experience

Thank you Owen for your insight into Harrington coaches, ALR 453B in particular. It prompted me to share my Italian Job experience of 2 years ago.

As a birthday treat, the family gave me a voucher for this experience organised by Car Chase Heroes ( <https://www.carchaseheroes.com> ) and our David's wife's family did the same for her dad, Peter, so we could enjoy the day together.

Not being superstitious, we booked for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Elvington, near York and arranged to stay the night before at a hotel beside the A1 with our spouses, Kathy and Anne. Kathy and I took the opportunity to book an Air B&B in Yorkshire for the following week to explore Herriot and Heartbeat country.

Guess what? A week before the 13<sup>th</sup> we had a message that the event was cancelled - a mix up over the venues! So, we had to find an alternative date.

However, Kathy and I kept our original accommodation bookings and thoroughly enjoyed a relaxed time touring around Yorkshire.

### 14<sup>th</sup> August, Tockwith, west of York.

Peter and I arrived at 2.30 pm, just on our booked time, after being driven here by David through slow heavy traffic on the A1. We had to join a lo-o-ong queue out in the hot sun for signing on - their computer had gone down at lunchtime and all was delayed.

Not a good start but we were eventually called to sit in the paddock area and await the first car instructor who would sit alongside whilst driving three laps around the old airfield peri track. The Italian Job experience begins at last.

As there were so many people signing up for a drive on the day and the whole operation had been delayed, once in a car the experience was intense as the instructors had to get through their list of drivers (many having to endure 50 sessions in the day) as quickly as they could. No time for detailed discussion.

### Mini Cooper S

Hmm. What a stark interior; a brief briefing and hurried start up then told to gun it along the right hand side of the track to allow other cars to pass on the inside; check mirror Oh! can't see in any mirrors. The instructor uses them and tells you when it's safe to move over. That was the hardest part of the afternoon, not to be able to check for myself.



So, after negotiating the first 90 left bend, I was told to accelerate hard until he advised to brake before the sharper 90 left corner, where I could see some spectators looming up ahead; braked hard - but a slow response and I found a risk of my feet slipping off the pedals as they had no rubbers - it was a hairy moment!

After the first two laps, I began to settle in. At the end of the third lap we pulled into the paddock and I stood on the brakes to bring the Mini to a halt.

The instructor scribbled a brief comment on my record card about my drive: "Good start"

### E-type Jaguar

An instructor was frantically beckoning me to the car. Getting in and out all day to engage with the next driver was obviously too much effort from the cockpit of an E-type!



Dropping into the seat, with some difficulty, the smell of petrol was distinct but we were off in a hurry for a quicker ride that needed more muscle power to control the beast. Again, this was stripped out and with a roll cage, prepared for track work.

But it's a blue coupe model! This was a far cry from the smooth sedate ride with the top down that I'd envisaged and looked forward to for weeks in advance, remembering the lovely open top car in the film. [after its 'destruction' in the film E-type 848 CRY was restored and is now In good care]



Instructor's comment: a smiley face !

### Car 3

Finally, an instructor called me and we walked across to my last ride. Wow, that looked more like it. Top down and shining in the sunlight was a silver Aston Martin DB9.



On the way he asked whether I'd used a paddle gear change? No way! So a quick briefing and we then accelerated smoothly away. What a delight!

A three lap cruise in this would have been bliss, but, again, I was egged on to drive fast. Once used to the gear changing it was a joy to drive. Improving each lap, my last of the day left me with a smile to my face as I changed down and slipped through the chicane without lifting off.

Wouldn't mind driving this one home!

Instructor's comment: "Excellent, very smooth"



So, what's this DB to do with the Italian Job? Well, nothing really.

My third experience should have been being driven in a Mini, as passenger, up the ramp into the rear of the Italian Job coach but the coach was u/s on the day with gearbox failure so I had to choose an available car from the 30 or so that had been brought along instead. I'd chosen the DB9.

The coach sat forlorn some distance away from the action. It wears plate **ALR 453 B** but looks different to the photos of the Harrington - over to you, Owen?

Browsing the website, I came across [www.theitalianjobminis.com](http://www.theitalianjobminis.com) that's well worth a look, having info on filming of The Italian Job, some of the people involved and pics of the replica Minis that they built [that can be booked for an experience].

The ghost of ALR453B lives on here too as they are painstakingly restoring a Harrington Legionnaire to replicate the Italian Job coach and they hope to complete it for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the original film in 2029.

*Keith Endersbee*

[Photos from <https://www.carchaseheroes.com> website]

Date	Day	Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club
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



**Paddock Autotest** Although we only had 10 starters, three going ill the day before, and one marshal, it was still an enjoyable day for everyone. Split into two groups, we have Pete G to thank for stepping in to marshal the other test (whilst wearing his Stewards 'hat'), that allowed the event to run three sets of two tests. The test diagrams had been simplified a little from last time and everyone seemed to enjoy them. With no rain since the last event five weeks ago, the surface was starting to get a bit dusty, but held up well. Thankfully the field owner is



happy for us to return for a couple of events next year, but we still need to find another venue (or venues) to run the other rounds. It might be a case of having several venues that we only use once, thus hopefully keeping the owners happy. Mind you, we have enough trouble just finding one!

## Future Events

**Chiltern Autotest** Unfortunately, we didn't find another field for this event, so it has been cancelled for this year. Mind you, looking at the weather forecast, it might not have been a pleasant day.

**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.

**November 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 £18 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](mailto:pete.gregory@boundlesscommunity.co.uk), 01525 861673 (Work) or 07709 221115 (Mob).

**December 12 Car Rally** Starting from The Farmers Boy PH, 216 Common Road, Kensworth, Dunstable LU6 2PJ MR 166 / 028182, 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. Regs are currently available. Entry fee is £18 per car. Organiser is Alan Thurbon and you can contact him on [alanthurbon@yahoo.com](mailto:alanthurbon@yahoo.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://motorsportuk.sport80.com>, you can order your free licence, but please make sure you don't leave it to the last minute. The MSUK have introduced a new system for licence registration and it is still a work in progress, much to the users frustration. You will have to change your log-in details and the whole ordering process is different. From an organisers point of view, they don't issue you with a licence that is easy to show in advance, it is more geared to showing it on your phone in person!

**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.

## NWL 12 Car Rally

**Friday 1st November**

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

### Map 166

There will be three classes:- Beginners / Novices / Experts - £18 entry fee  
Navigation will be tailored to suit the classes - Map 166 FEB 2018 required

Standard Navigation Guidelines for organisers – see regs for details

Pete Gregory/Graeme Presswell ([pete.gregory@boundlesscommunity.co.uk](mailto:pete.gregory@boundlesscommunity.co.uk))

Competitors required - Arrive before 7:45pm, first car starts at 8:31pm

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

Regs now available from Mike Biss or website

## NWL 12 Car Rally

**Friday 29th November**

**The Farmers Boy PH, Kensworth, Dunstable LU6 2PJ MR 166/028182**

### Map 166

There will be three classes:- Beginners / Novices / Experts - £18 entry fee  
Navigation will be tailored to suit the classes - Map 166 FEB 2018 required

Standard Navigation Guidelines for organisers – see regs for details

Alan Thurbon ([alanthurbon@yahoo.com](mailto:alanthurbon@yahoo.com))

Competitors required - Arrive before 7:45pm, first car starts at 20:31

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

Regs available mid October from Mike Biss or website

Only one entry – and one correct answer - to last month's mystery car photo from - guess who..? - Mike Biss.

It was of course, a Davrian Mk 8.

*Dave*



# Member Communities Communique

## September 2024 Update

### A message from Pete Worster

Firstly, I would like to apologise for the absence of the Communique and thank you all for your patience. As some of you are aware, we have recently gone through a restructure, which has seen a few changes within the Boundless head office. The changes have been made to build on the success of the Boundless strategy and to bring a singular focus on membership.

Over the past 3-years we have successfully introduced new core benefits included free within the membership fee; invested in bringing members together through member events and recruited growing numbers of new members year on year, with over 10,000 expected to join in 2024. The launch of Boundless Plus earlier this year has also given new and existing members more choice and has increased our geographic coverage, especially with free access to National Trust of Scotland places. Member retention continues to be very strong, for both long-standing and new members.

The new changes include moving the magazine and all member communications into my department, alongside member communities and member services. This allows us to own all member communications channels, ensuring we can show the membership everything Boundless has to offer. Our aim is to focus communications on members gaining value through their membership and bringing members together to further showcase our ethos.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know more of you. If you do have any further questions do not hesitate to get in touch with me at [Peter.Worster@boundless.co.uk](mailto:Peter.Worster@boundless.co.uk)

### AGM update – Change of venue

This year's AGM will now be held at The Clermont Hotel, Charing Cross, The Strand, London WC2N 5HX on Thursday 31st October 2024, 2.30pm and attendance will solely be in person.

Members can find the full meeting agenda, ballot and proxy form online.

**[www.boundless.co.uk/agm](http://www.boundless.co.uk/agm)**

Alternatively, Members can request a printed copy of the Agenda, Voting Pack and the Annual report and Accounts by ringing our Member Services team on 0800 669944. Being mindful not to send out unwanted documents to those entering online, paper copies will not be sent to every group secretary this year, should anyone want a paper copy please contact member services

Email: [info@boundless.co.uk](mailto:info@boundless.co.uk)

Call: 0800 669944

The closing date for ballot and proxy form is **Saturday 26th October 2024.**

## SEN process

The new SEN process is progressing, and we have now moved onto the collaborative stage with a number of volunteers.

Once this is complete and we are confident that the process is the best it can be and works for both Health and Safety and volunteers, we will be ready to go live.

At this point volunteers will be given a process guide, and FAQs will be supplied, if anyone has any questions on the new process once it is live please send them into Member Communities.

[membercommunities@boundless.co.uk](mailto:membercommunities@boundless.co.uk)

## Motoring Groups Leader Election

I would like to announce that Ian Jarret, has been re-elected as the Motoring Group Leader. Congratulations Ian.

## Budget & Finance updates

It's time for group budget submissions and you will have been sent an email in August to submit your group's budgets by 18<sup>th</sup> September.

Please note all future group or individual expenses should now be sent to the member communities email for processing.

[membercommunities@boundless.co.uk](mailto:membercommunities@boundless.co.uk)

Treasurers submitting imprest requests please can you indicate what month the forecasted expenditure is for on each event cost line. Example below:

Event 1 costs	Member meeting March	200.00
Event 2 costs	Member meeting April	200.00
Event 3 costs	Committee meeting April	130.00

## Group Event Promotional Emails

If you have any events organised that you would like extra promotion on, please get in touch and we can arrange a localised email to your postcode area. This is a great way to reach out to members to let them know all about your group and the events you organise.

In our marketing team we are always working two months ahead on email plans. The sooner you notify us that you would like a promotional email we can get a date secured. We recommend sending the email 2-3 weeks before your first event and to include 3-4 events. This means members will see a range of what you organise while giving time to save the date in their diaries.

If you would like to find out more or reserve an email date, please contact Kadie at

[Kadie.Crichton@boundless.co.uk](mailto:Kadie.Crichton@boundless.co.uk)

## Boundless Clothing Branded Items....

We still have some items remaining, as shown below.

If you, or your Group, would like some of these items, let us know what sizes and how many as soon as possible, and we'll pop some in the post you. Please note this is a final call and we only have limited sizes/stock, so we might not have what you're after. And as before, once they're gone, they're gone!




## Boundless Member Days/Online Events

The team have some great in person Member Days and Online Events planned, below are a few upcoming events.

All the events are listed on the Member Events page on the Boundless website, plus the details of new events when they become available.

[www.boundless.co.uk/events/whatson](http://www.boundless.co.uk/events/whatson)

 <p>Member Days</p> <p><b>boundless</b> EVENTS</p> <p><u>28/09/2024 - Black Country Living Museum Member's Day</u></p> <p>Step back in time and explore the fascinating history of the Black Country, an area known for its...</p> <p>Event sold out log in to join the waitlist</p>	 <p>Online Events</p> <p><b>boundless</b> EVENTS</p> <p><u>08/10/2024 - British Motor Museum - a tour through the decades</u></p> <p>Join us for a virtual tour of the British Motor Museum and a journey through the history of the motor car.</p>	 <p>Online Events</p> <p><b>boundless</b> EVENTS</p> <p><u>15/10/2024 - A complete beginners guide to knitting</u></p> <p>Join us to discover the magic of this enduringly popular yarn craft. In collaboration with Simply Knitting,...</p>
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## Groups Out and About

Members enjoying the Member Day at Brooklands Museum on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024 with the Aviation Group in attendance.



## Groups Out and About Continued



It was Bonjour from the **Camping & Caravanning Group**, who had a brilliant time on their Step into France Rally.



Up next are the **Chester & Wirral Group's 90<sup>th</sup>** celebrations.



The **Dorset Group** had an exciting and educational trip to the RNLI headquarters in Poole.





## Groups Out and About continued



Paul Egerton gave us a report of the **Milton Keynes Group's** first event.

'Last Wednesday I organised the first group outing of the Milton Keynes Local Group. We went to the Motor Museum at Bourton-on-the-Water and had a ride on the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway, travelling from Toddington to Cheltenham Racecourse and return finishing with refreshments in the Cotswold Halt cafe at Toddington Station. It was a great day helped by the weather as it was sunny and warm.'

**Peterborough group**  
visiting the Museum of  
Technology  
(gadgets and gizmos)



## Volunteer Updates

### Martin Brook

We have sadly been notified of the passing of Oxford Group Leader, Martin Brook. Many of you will know Martin and the support he dedicated to the club in his many roles since 1967. Our thoughts are with his family at this time.



### Jan Collins

We were extremely saddened to learn of the passing of former Portsmouth Group Secretary, Jan Collins.

Trevor Warren - 'At the wake the Club Award was presented to Mike and Julie Collins. Jan joined the Portsmouth Group committee in 2012 and became secretary in 2016 until she retired in may this year, Jan was very ill and passed away on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024 before the award could be presented to her, so it was decided to hold the presentation at her wake as this was attended by over 60 members and friends, and to present it to her son and daughter.'

## 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](mailto:membercommunities@boundless.co.uk)

# Dates for your Diary - 2024

**Club Night Venue: Bishop's College**  
Churchgate, Cheshunt, EN8 9XQ

Lunch / Dinner Venues may vary month by month so keep a close watch on the Newsletter each month for precise details of location.

Evenings start at 7.45 for 8.00pm

Clubnights – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday

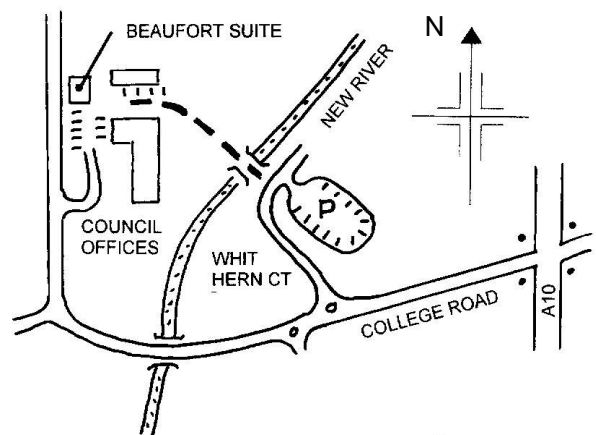
Daytime Lunches, 12.30pm – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday  
Evening Dinners, 7.30pm – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

Month	Event
<b>Oct</b>	Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> - Clubnight: Speaker – Joanne Larner – “ <i>The Wonder of Norway</i> ” Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Monthly Dinner at: The Galley Hall, Hailey Lane, Hoddesdon, SG13 7NY
<b>Nov</b>	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> – NWL group 12 Car Rally Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> – Clubnight: Speaker – Mel Byron – “ <i>Old Films Saved My Life</i> ” Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> – Monthly Lunch at: The Plough, Sewardstone Road, EN9 3QQ Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> – NWL group 12 Car Rally
<b>Dec</b>	Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> – Christmas Clubnight – Festive Fun Quizzes and Games
<b>Jan 2025</b>	Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> – Clubnight: Committee Quiz Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> – Post New Year Lunch at The Galley Hall
<b>Feb</b>	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> – NWL group 12 Car Rally Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> – Clubnight: Photographic Evening Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> - Monthly Lunch at: The Plough, Sewardstone Road, EN9 3QQ

Our Indoor Club Night venue is: **Bishop's College**, EN8 9XQ (Civic Offices), located on Churchgate, at its junction with College Road, about 300m West of the A10 junction with College road (Traffic lights and pedestrian footbridge).

Our Clubroom is in the Beaufort Suite, which appears to be an old Chapel from outside.

There is a **Free Car Park** in Whit Hern Court off College Road (**Ignore “Permit Holders Only” sign**) then a short walk over the New River footbridge to the venue.



For further details, see inside or, ring the Secretary; Robert Daines on: 07944 732890

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