

The "Nelly" Newsletter

November 2024



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Next Clubnight –
- Tuesday 12 November
Speaker - Mel Byron
“Old Films Saved My Life”



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Hi Everyone

Thanks to Owen this month for his article on a return trip to the Beamish Museum. Staff & Lesley have also provided full details and a booking form for the New Year Lunch at The Galley Hall – something to look forward to once Christmas is done and dusted.

On returning from the CVG's Kent & East Sussex run a few weeks ago, we discovered the tell-tale signs of a roof leak on the ceiling of our utility room. After a more detailed inspection, it seems most of the felt and battens are rotten, so we have decided to have the whole lot stripped and replaced. One thing leads to another, so we thought; while we're at it, it might also be a good time to have a loft clearout - and then you discover quite few things you had forgotten about...!

So, if anyone out there has been searching car boot sales and autojumbles for 1970's copies of Cars & Car Conversions and early Practical Classics magazines, I think I may be able to help you out...

Also up there (for any archivists amongst you) was all the paperwork, and maps, for the last Noreaster Rally in 1996, which ran that year as a navigational event in Essex.

It's the Association AGM at 2.30pm this coming Thursday (31st) at: The Clermont Hotel, Charing Cross in the Strand. I can't make it this year but if any of you are planning to go along, you might see a few familiar faces.

That's all for now - Dave

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

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Chairman's November Natterings

Welcome to our November Nelly, and to darker evenings. Such is the way that time passes that it is only seven weeks or so until the shortest day.

As time passes, so do anniversaries, Ruth and my wedding anniversary reached 40 this summer but that is surpassed by the Hannafords, who have just celebrated their 50th, how about that? Jim and Christine moved down to Yeovil decades ago but still keep in touch whenever they can, including a visit early this month, so a good opportunity to compare beards.

October seems to have raced by, with our virtual visit to Norway feeling as if it was last week. However, Lesley and Staff couldn't accept our speaker's word for the wonders of the country and had to fly straightaway off to Norway to see for themselves. On their return they were able to report that it was still there, and was as beautiful as ever. Which reminds me, my Ruth was treated to a spa day last month with pampering massages and a posh lunch, up at Hanbury Manor and, when I delivered her, we were faced with serious high security to get into the house as the whole complex had been taken over by one of the NFL football teams, who were staying there for a couple of weeks while I guess they played at the Spurs ground; which cleverly converts from a soccer pitch into a grid iron pitch using lots and lots of rows of bearings. Those guys are enormous, I wouldn't like to mess with one of them, even without them wearing their padding and protection layers.

Two weeks after the talk we had our last evening get together at the Galley Hall, when several Nellies enjoyed spending some of their hard-earned money wisely, on beer and food.

Perhaps some of you relented and paid out a penny or two to the small children who were dragging around a guy, destined for the bonfire. The guy, that is. Progress probably meant that health and safety would stop it being burned in case someone objected to perceive cruelty. I read the other day that fireworks are likely to be made in future that don't go bang, where's the fun in that? Although our cats wouldn't agree. Next month we expect a bumper attendance of curious Nellies for our Clubnight talk to discover what our speaker will reveal when he talks about Old Films that saved my Life. I shall be part of the curious as I have no idea what this is about.

We are returning to our lunch get togethers on the fourth Tuesdays as the nights draw in, and we shall assemble in The Plough to sample their fish & chips and pie of the day.

What's coming up?.

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'.

Group lunch Tuesday 12.30 – 26 November

At the Plough – let John know to expect you

Clubnight Tuesday 10 December – Christmas social

You are invited to our regular Christmas Social, with some quizzes, some nattering and of course the food, which is courtesy of those who bring it to share, details and arrangements later.

Bernard

ROBERTS RAMBLEINGS

November has arrived, time has reversed by one hour and the dark mornings and evenings have arrived. Last month we were treated to a talk, with pictures, by Joanne Lerner on The Wonder of Norway. She went through some of the words in the Norwegian language. It is no wonder they understand English. I could not make our evening dinner at The Galley Hall, but I am sure it was fine. This was the last of our visits till next year.

So, what does November bring us. Club night will be a speaker, Mel Byron, talking on "Old Films Saved my Life." For our meal, we return to our lunchtime venue, The Plough in Sewardstone Road. For those who wish to go please let John know.

In "Fourteen Hundred and Ninety-Two, Columbus sailed the Ocean Blue." But in Twenty Hundred and Twenty-Four, yours truly walked on El Galleon Wooden Floor.

Yes, the local news on the BBC announced that a replica of a Spanish Galleon would be visiting Saint Katherines dock for one week. So, tickets bought, and off we set. The first thing that struck me was the size. It was not the large ships that we see on TV documentaries, but a bit smaller. In fact, the true Spanish Galleons were used as merchant ships and were only lightly armed with cannons. No wonder the British pirates had a field day.

The following week we visited Somerset House. Nowadays all the records have been moved elsewhere, but we arranged to go on the tour. Unfortunately, they were getting ready for an exhibition, but I found the tour very interesting. The House used to be on the banks of the Thames before The Embankment was built. So, at one point we stood over the old original river entrance.

Looking forward to December club night, I am preparing our annual charity cake.

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

Robert.



A follow up to Roy Hart's Walk article last month....

TONWELL TOWER - October 2024

The transformation from Water Tower to AirBnB is now complete and bookings are being taken, don't all rush. Details: - 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, for 8 people. 600 sq. feet of living, kitchen, dining space on the top floor. It has taken 5 years to convert, as a home, location and a venue. 21 metres or 71 feet tall.

There is space on the roof but not as a garden and there is no lift, as was originally

planned, only a 350 step spiral staircase. Who carries the cases ?

There are some Special Offers coming up, wait for it, please be seated:

1 night - £800 to £900. 1 week - £5000 to £6000



The landlady of The Robin Hood and Little John pub is looking forward to all the extra custom.

Mick O'Blath

NEL group New Year lunch

Sunday 19th 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 are basing it on the Galley Hall's standard Sunday menu which offers a wide choice. Under the circumstances it will be difficult to offer a fixed price package so please make sure you complete the booking form carefully and accurately including noting down the correct price. For those used to ordering Chinese takeaways we have annotated a reference number per item, this will help us in checking that the correct items have been ordered. For the Traditional Roast, as well as the reference number, don't forget to state type of meat and regular or small. The restaurant has a range of deserts which changes daily, should anyone still be hungry and in need of one of these they should be ordered and paid for separately along with any drinks ordered. I'm sure they will set up individual tabs should this be necessary. To be clear we will be responsible for paying pre ordered items on the booking form. Additional items must be paid for separately.

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 4th 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

The Galley Hall

Sunday Menu

Starters

1	Soup of the Day <i>Home-made soup served with a crusty white roll and butter</i>	£6.50
2	Garlic Breaded Mushrooms u <i>Mushrooms coated in garlic breadcrumbs served with garlic mayonnaise</i>	£6.50
3	Southern Fried Chicken Goujons u <i>Deep fried breaded goujons served with a barbecue dip</i>	£7.50
4	Butterfly King Prawns <i>Lightly breaded King Prawns served with a sweet chilli sauce</i>	£7.50
5	Prawn Cocktail u <i>Served with Marie Rose sauce and brown bread and butter</i>	£7.50

Roast Dinners

All served with roast potatoes, vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy

6	Traditional Roast Lamb, Roast Turkey or Honey and Mustard Glazed Roast Gammon u u <i>£15 regular/£12 small</i>	
7	Slow-cooked beef short-rib u u	£17
8	Lamb Shank Roast Dinner u u <i>Braised in minted gravy</i>	£18
9	Minted Lamb Chops u u <i>Three grilled lamb chops</i>	£17
10	Roasted Chicken Breast	£17
11	Vegetarian or Vegan Roast <i>Ask for today's vegetarian/vegan roast option</i>	£14

Sides

12	Parsnips and stuffing	£3
13	Stuffing balls	£2
14	Cauliflower Cheese	£4
15	Pigs in Blankets	£3

If you suffer from any food allergies please speak to a member of staff to discuss your dietary requirements. There is a code system within the menu identifying gluten free/dairy free meals, however you must still discuss your requirements with our staff as many of our dishes can be modified at the time of ordering to make them gluten/dairy free to you. While we make every effort to prevent cross contamination in our kitchen, we cannot guarantee that any food item we make is 100% free of any specific allergen

Δ Gluten Free

u Dairy free

New Year Lunch
Sunday 19th January 2025
The Galley Hall, Hoddesdon

Name	Starter	Price	Main	Price	Total / person
Example	5; Prawn C	£7.50	6; Traditional Roast, Lamb, Reg. Side 12; Parsnips and S.	£18.00	£25.50
				Total cost	£25.50

Please state any allergies or special requirements:-

Booking form to Stafford and Lesley Steed, 4 Cedar Rd, Hatfield, Herts., AL10 8PA e.mail: Stafford.steed@btinternet.com With payment which can be made by:- Cheque payable to CSMA (NE London group) Cash Bank transfer to CSMA (NE London group); sort 20-92-54; account 13620034.	Lead name - E.mail - Tel. -
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ANOTHER RETURN VISIT TO LIVING MUSEUM OF THE NORTH

In 2017 when Pat and I's Alfa Travel break to Newcastle included a visit to Beamish, plans to construct a 1950's town were underway to add to those of the 1900 town, pit village, 1940's and 1950's farms and 1820 waggonway. So when I noticed that Enfieldian Tours had a break in Durham from 4 to 6 October this year that had an all day visit there I was interested to see what new attractions had been added on the 350acre site.

Early pick ups from 7am enabled a lunch stop at Clumber Park near Worksop. Originally owned by the Dukes of Newcastle, this now National Trust estate has nearly 4000acres of woodland, gardens and 87acre lake. A magnificent mansion was built but even by 1938 its upkeep was so great that it had to be demolished; only the Dukes's study survived, along with the stables and imposing church. In the 1990's Network Q Rally of Britain (previously RAC) used the extensive roads for stage rallies and I believe North London Marshalling Team once had a duty there.

Fortunately Saturday dawned bright and a short drive to Beamish enabled entry at 10am giving 6 hours there. The popularity of the Museum is such that there is now a bus service in both directions to augment the tram one as these can complete the one and a half mile circuit in half the time without the impediment of passing points.



Operated by heritage buses, a 1954 Daimler with Charles Roe of Leeds bodywork new to Rotherham Corporation passes the replica garage of Northern General Bus Co (forerunner of today's nationwide GoAhead Group who provided old artefacts from their Stanley garage).

Completed in 2019 this has modern facilities to maintain and restore the fleet of heritage and replica buses adapted for wheelchair use.

I alighted this tram, Sheffield Corporation 264 built in 1907, at the 1900's Town where original buildings like the print and sweet shops and terrace houses from which dentist, music teacher and solicitor practiced, all fitted out with period features, are in the background.



Other premises, Annfield Plain Co-op, stables, tramway shelter, a motor garage, bakery, chemist, Barclays bank and newest addition, a Masonic Hall from Sunderland, make up this remarkable collection of re-located north-east buildings.

Just past these is the newly built 1950's Town which includes a State Cinema, and parade of shops with hairdresser, fish and chips and electrical so typical of this period. Inside the latter it is fascinating to recall the 'never-never' times when even deposits could be paid in instalments – who, apart from John, still has their Dansette record player, that would have cost around £2. 15. shillings then?



The rear repair shop has 405 line black and white TV's with tubes and radios with valves from times when things were repaired or renovated and not thrown away.

Another notable place is a Police House from Gateshead with office attached but the home had a kitchen with a Liden whitewood cabinet and drop-down Formica table – anyone else started their home with these?

Also in this complex is a welfare hall, bowling green and clubhouse with more developments to come that includes a separate trolleybus route for which they have already obtained a former Newcastle Corporation one in authentic bright yellow livery (what a contrast to the awful drab corporate liveries of Arriva and First today).

On Sunday there was a bonus with a visit to the Tanfield Railway before heading south. Completed in 1725, it is the earliest railway in the world, built to transport coal from the vast Durham field to Gateshead for shipment. Initially there were flanged wheeled wagons drawn by horses or rope hauled on inclines on wooden sleepers that lasted until replacement by iron rails in 1842. 30 years later steam engines took over but the enormous extraction of coal caused the pits to be worked out and the collieries at Tanfield were progressively closed, the last at East Tanfield in 1965. Although the Tanfield Railway was for transport of coal, apart from a short period in late 1840's when a passenger service was unsuccessful, rail enthusiasts decided in the late '60's, when preservation was in its infancy, that there was a possibility for its restoration.

At Marley Hill there were disused engine sheds from which they had a base in 1971 and whilst the first half a mile section from there to Sunnyside reopened in 1977 it took until 1991 for 3 miles track to be cleared, bridges rebuilt and three stations to be constructed. East Tanfield Station was finally opened in 1996 to complete the task.

At Andrews House Station engine no 2, built in 1911 by Hawthorn Leslie for Keithley Corporation Gas Works and acquired in 1976, has been refilled with water before starting off for Sunnyside (which now has a Station) hauling restored ex GWR Victorian open balcony carriages that gives passenger a close up view of the loco cab.



These two examples at Beamish and Tanfield of enthusiastic volunteers who have had the vision and determination, often enduring all sorts of difficulties, to preserve the past for future generations to be educated in a practical way about how people lived deserve so much credit for their dedication and perseverance.

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Here's a taster of Staff & Lesley's Norway trip report - expected in the December issue...



Date	Day	Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club
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
	Sat 7	* Donington Autosolo (Cm)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Loughborough CC
Jan	Fri 10	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
	Sat 18	Donington Autosolo (Cm)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Loughborough CC
Feb	Fri 7	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NEL
	Fri 14	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
	Sat 15	Donington Autosolo (Cm)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Loughborough CC
Mar	Fri 7	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL
	Fri 14	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
Apr	Fri 11	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

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 would be appreciated by Pete Gregory and you can contact him on either pete.gregory@boundlesscommunity.co.uk, 01525 861673 (Work) or 07709 221115 (Mob).

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.

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.

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NWL 12 Car Rally

Friday 1st November

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

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)

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

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)

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

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

Regs now available from Mike Biss or website

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

Daytime Lunches, 12.30pm – 4th Tuesday
Evening Dinners, 7.30pm – 4th Tuesday

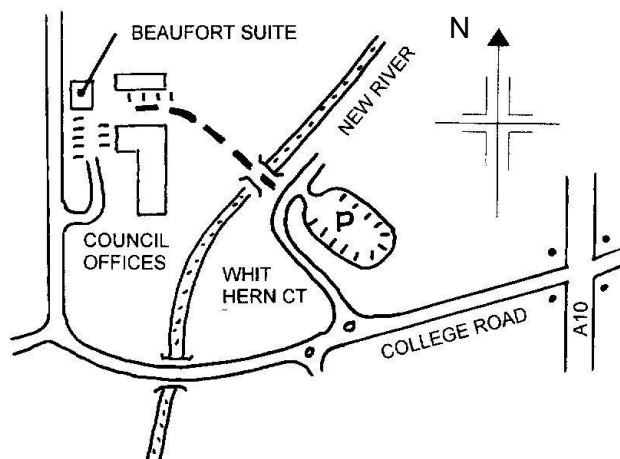
Clubnights – 2nd Tuesday

Month	Event
Nov	Fri 1 st – NWL group 12 Car Rally Tue 12 th – Clubnight: Speaker – Mel Byron – “Old Films Saved My Life” Tue 26 th – Monthly Lunch at: The Plough, Sewardstone Road, EN9 3QQ Fri 29 th – NWL group 12 Car Rally
Dec	Tue 10 th – Christmas Clubnight – Festive Fun Quizzes and Games
Jan 2025	Tue 14 th – Clubnight: Committee Quiz Sun 19 th – Post New Year Lunch at The Galley Hall
Feb	Fri 7 th – NEL 12 Car Rally Tue 11 th – Clubnight: Photographic Evening Tue 25 th - Monthly Lunch at: The Plough, Sewardstone Road, EN9 3QQ
Mar	Fri 7 th – NWL group 12 Car Rally Tue 11 th – Clubnight: A G M Tue 25 th - 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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