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Vacant

Clubnight Christmas Quiz Evening



Tuesday 3rd December

At our clubnight venue
The Red Lion PH
Starts from 8pm



THE BIRTHDAY BOX !

Our Christmas birthday wishes for December go to **Robert Gregory** and **Dolores Taylor-Keane**.



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NWL Editorial

In October 2025, it will be the 800th edition of the Big End, so I'm looking for ideas of how we can celebrate this milestone. If you have any thoughts on what special items we can include, please let me know.

In the World Rally Championship, the drivers championship was decided on the first stage of the last day, when Ott Tanak had a big crash whilst in the lead and handed the title to Thierry Neuville for the first time. Tanak's problems were compounded when another competitor made the same mistake and landed on top of his car! Thierry had been worried, as he had dropped out of the top 10 with an engine problem that haemorrhaged him time. He had clawed his way back up into the points and was on the verge of getting close to Tanak, points wise. In the teams championship, it was amazing that before the very last stage, Hyundai and Toyota were equal on points and the winner would be decided by who could get the most points on the power stage. At the finish, Toyota had done enough to beat their rivals by three points over the whole season.



I seem to have been given an award by the MSUK for services to the sport and autotesting specifically. It is a Community Contribution Award that is being presented at the MSUK's Night of Champions Awards Dinner, which is a black tie event at the Royal Automobile Club in Pall Mall. Originally I thought it was one of those awards you get before they get rid of you.....

In the F1 championship, Max Verstappen has been crowned champion again for the fourth time, after the challenge from Lando Norris failed to continue. Verstappen stepped up his performance in the last two races to get the score beyond challenge. The teams championship is still open with two rounds remaining, with McLaren 24 points ahead of Ferrari, who in turn are 29 points ahead of Red Bull.



Was up at the NEC recently and the roadworks caused by both the HS2 and new M42 junctions was still causing problems. Hopefully by next year they will all be completed and the planned improvements actually work. The M42 is getting a new junction, at 5A and a new slip road at J6, to relieve the traffic congestion at J6 for both Birmingham Airport and the NEC.

Yet again there are drivers who are either trainee idiots or fully qualified ones, when it comes to parking. What, if anything, is going through their minds when they decide to park like this! No thought as to making people walk in the road or through someone else's garden. This driver has been parking in the road several days now, to go buddies with the other driver who lives in the road, but has managed to park properly previously, but why not now. Answers on a postcard.....



Keep safe.

Mike B.



NOTE: Deadline for contributions to the January newsletter is Saturday 28th December



Chairman's notebook

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A big thank you to both Alan and Lee for providing all the pub games for last month's clubnight and to everyone else who attended. However, from my experience on the night, some of them could have been called how to get frustrated games!!

This month's clubnight on the 3rd December, is our traditional Christmas gathering, with a light hearted quiz and nibbles provided by Anne and Steve, so please do make a special effort to attend if you can.

Last month saw the running of the first of this season's 12 Cars on the 1st November and was organised by Pete and Graeme and started and finished at the John Bunyan PH, which is located just North of St Albans. This year I navigated for Mark in his Porsche and we had a great run up until the last route card, where I made a mistake with the grid lines, which resulted in a fail for the last control. I wasn't the only one to make this error, but it still hurt. Never the less, we still came home first Novice and 3rd overall, so not a bad night after all and no doubt you will find a full set of results elsewhere in the newsletter.

Thanks for the ride Mark, it was great fun. Unfortunately, I am away down in the New Forest for the next 12 Car, which is taking place on the 29th November and this one is being organised by Alan Thurbon and he could do with some more entries, so if you are available or know someone who is, please get in touch with either Alan or Mike Biss.

Unfortunately, on the way home from the last 12 Car, my car decided not to start again after a comfort break. It was turning over but not firing up. After it was recovered to the house, my mechanic plugged the diagnostic computer in, but no faults were indicated. The fuel pump was check and that's working. The current theory is that it might be the rev-counter sensor, as apparently when this fails it doesn't show up on the diagnostic check, so just awaiting the car to be collected and taken to a garage for hopefully repair. Modern cars with all their sensors and electrics!!! However, fingers and toes crossed as they say!

As announced at the recent Club AGM, I am pleased to announce that I was successful in my application for a seat on the Club Council as an independent Council Member and I would take this opportunity to thank all of you who voted for me.

The good news is that having seen the consultant at Hillingdon Hospital last Friday, they have agreed that I need a replacement knee, as apparently I fit the criteria and that it should happen within the next six months, or even sooner, and I will have a meeting with the surgeon shortly. As we have five days booked for a visit to Florence in mid-May, it may have to take place after that date, but no doubt the surgeon will advise accordingly.



Well with Christmas only around the corner and snow having arrived for some of us already, the big question is, will we have a White Christmas? Let's hope so, although for some it is unwelcomed because of the disruption it causes on the roads and to services etc., but it would be nice to have a White Christmas for once. I can't remember when we last had one! (ED: It was in 2010)

If you haven't done so already, it is perhaps a good time to check your tyres, add some anti-freeze to your radiator or expansion tank and to check your washer fluid and perhaps put some anti-freeze or WD-40 into the door locks

If you don't make our Christmas chat and a drink on the 19th December, do have a safe and happy Christmas and don't forget to book your place at our post-Christmas meal on Saturday the 11th January with Alan Thurbon, if you haven't done so already.

Mike H



Secretary's spot

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It's the final weekend of November and I have to admit spending most of the two days in front of the TV! I will also admit however that most of my viewing was motorsport related, culminating in two World Champions being crowned on exactly the same day! I am sure our Editor and Chairman will fill you in with more detail but just in case you are not aware, Max Verstappen has become F1 World Champ for the fourth consecutive year and Thierry Neuville has become World Rally Champion for the first time in his career. Congratulations to both drivers.

Going back to the last day of October saw the running of the Boundless AGM where our Chairman Mike was elected to the Club Council, in the role of Independent Council Member – well done Mike. At least we now know who to have a moan at when things within your Boundless membership don't go to plan.

The first 12 Car rally of the winter series was held on Friday 1st November and after allowing for last minute 'drop outs' only five crews made the start.

Our clubnight on Tuesday 5th November saw us gathering in The Function Room at The Red Lion where a selection of indoor table games had been laid out for our participation. As usual, great fun was had by all and it was quite amazing how the competitive streak in us all becomes foremost. It was nice to see Lee Craker come along and bring with him some of his collection of games.

The 12 Car rally that I have been busy putting together for Friday 29th November has had to be cancelled due to a lack of entries. I was aware of a number of apologies from members who wished to support the event who had other commitments, but at least we have an event all ready to go on a date sometime in the future.

Our Christmas clubnight on Tuesday 3rd December, will see our traditional festive evening take place at the Red Lion, with Anne and Steve putting on a quiz and possibly other festive delights for our enjoyment. Do please come along if you can, to enjoy the fun and sample some free nibbles. Fun starts in The Red Lion Function Room from 8:00pm.

The next 'Chat and a Drink' gathering will be held on Thursday 19th December at The Red Lion, so do please join us if you can, for an informal and sociable evening, normally commencing around 8:30pm.

Date for your diary!!

Please make a note of Saturday 11th January 2025, as we propose to hold a post-Christmas meal at Dunstable Downs Golf Club, to say thank you to as many of our loyal supporters as possible. Only stipulation is you have to be a Boundless member, however spouses / partners are also included. A heavily subsidised three course meal (menu choices and further details will be found on a separate page within this Big End), however a £10 per person charge will be requested as a contribution towards the cost of the evening. The full meal cost will be covered, but you will need to pay for any drinks or personal requirements at the time of purchase.

Our planned future programme is as follows;

Friday	29th November	– NWL 12 Car rally - cancelled
Tuesday	3rd December	– NWL Clubnight – Christmas social
Thursday	19th December	– NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion
Tuesday	7th January	– NWL Clubnight – Beetle Drive
Saturday	11th January	– NWL Post Christmas Meal at Dunstable Downs GC
Thursday	16th January	– NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion

Have a wonderful Christmas and prosperous 2025

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

Alan T



Date	Day		Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club
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
	Sat 25		20:20 Rally (Cm)	Navigational rally	Oxford MC
Feb	Fri 7		12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NEL
	Sat 15		20:20 Rally (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

November 12 Car Rally With the new date, we had the better weather, but we didn't have a lot of entries. We had six of them, but only five starters, which was a shame for the organisers. It was interesting watching the crews progress on the App, with the results being updated as they went through the controls. You can see when crews are having problems and it was true for the last section, where most navigators put in an extra grid line crossing and tried to approach the finish from the wrong direction. They realised their mistake and retraced their steps to get back on route, with only a time drop. Except that is, chairman Mike, who arrived at the finish thinking the App hadn't worked at the last control, until he was enlightened. It spoils a very good result for him and Mark. Results can be found elsewhere.

Future Events

December 12 Car Rally Unfortunately, this event has had to be cancelled due to a lack of entries, with only five at the closing date. Hopefully we will have better luck in the New Year, when they start again in February.

20:20 Rallies These events are an intermediate style event between a 12 Car rally and a full night rally. The title refers to a maximum of 20 cars and 20 controls, and is usually held on a Saturday night and run for about 100 miles. The Blackbird AC one in February will be reverting to full old school format with marshals and paper handouts, with food and drinks at the finish. They are looking for some support from marshals.

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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RS Clubman Licence Renewal

<https://motorsportuk.sport80.com>

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 2024, you can soon go onto the above site and renew your licence.

This is a new system and you get a file to store in your phone wallet!

Crew	MTC1	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4	TC2	PC5	TC3	PC6	PC7	PC8	TC4	PC9	PC10	PC11	PC12	TC5	PC13	TC6	PC14	PC15	PC16	PC17	PC18	TC7	PC19	PC20	TC8	PC21	MTC9	Sub Total	Time Pens	Other Pens	Total	O/A	Class		
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Brian Cammack (Exp)	20:33	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	20:45	✓	20:57	✓	✓	21:20	✓	✓	✓	✓	21:37	✓	21:52	7 LT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	22:10	✓	✓	22:24	✓	22:34	29	29	0	29	2	2	
Graham Robinson (Exp)	20:34	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	20:46	✓	20:58	✓	✓	21:13	✓	✓	✓	✓	21:29	✓	21:43	6 LT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	21:59	✓	✓	22:10	✓	X	44	14	30	44	3	1	
Mark Brumwell (4)	20:31	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	20:44	✓	20:54	✓	✓	21:08	✓	✓	✓	✓	21:22	✓	21:48	18 LT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	22:05	✓	✓	22:15	✓	22:30	54	24	30	54	4	3	
William Johnson (1)	20:36	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	20:52	✓	21:04	✓	✓	21:24	✓	✓	✓	✓	21:51	✓	21:48	18 LT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	22:05	✓	✓	22:15	✓	22:30	384	24	360	384	5	2	
Harry Brierley (Exp)																																						
Dean Askew (6)																																						
John Clavey (Nov)																																						
Malcolm Russell (5)																																						
Duncan Russell (Beg)																																						

Non Starter

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NORTH WEST LONDON GROUP

Post Christmas Meal

Saturday 11th January 2025 7:00pm for 7:30pm

Dunstable Downs Golf Club, Whipsnade Road, Dunstable LU6 2NB

MENU

Creamy Stilton Mushrooms on a Toasted Crouton

Homemade Roasted Red Pepper & Tomato Soup with Croutons

Traditional Prawn & Smoked Salmon Cocktail with Marie Rose

Traditional Roast Turkey with all expected trimmings

Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes and seasonal vegetables

Roasted Cod wrapped in Pancetta with creamy Champagne Sauce, crushed roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables

Avocado stuffed with Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables served with crushed roast potatoes and homemade tomato sauce

Fruit Salad

Vanilla Cheesecake with Mixed Winter Berries & Rich Coulis

Profiteroles and Homemade Chocolate Sauce

Tea, Coffee and Mints

The intention of this dinner is to say thank you to as many of our loyal supporters as possible and it will therefore be heavily subsidised from the Boundless Volunteer Recognition Fund, however we do request a contribution of £10 per person towards the cost of the evening, We do need to restrict the event to Boundless members, however spouses / partners are also included.

If you wish to attend please send an email to alanthurbon@yahoo.com stating menu choices for each attendee no later than Sunday 29th December.

Please also arrange a bank transfer to Treasurer Doug for £10 per person to:-
 CSMA North West London No 1 Account,
 Sort Code 09-01-51, Account No 16928301
 with payment reference of "Meal - Surname"



Diary NWL 2024/25



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

December

- Sun 1st F1 - Qatar
- Tue 3rd NWL Clubnight - Xmas Social - The Red Lion, HH**
- Sun 8th F1 - Abu Dhabi
- Thu 19th NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH**



January

- Tue 7th NWL Clubnight - Beetle Drive - The Red Lion, HH**
- Sat 11th NWL Post Christmas Meal - Dunstable Downs GC
- Thu 16th NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH**
- 24th-26th WRC - Monte Carlo

February

- Tue 4th NWL Clubnight - Fun Darts - The Red Lion, HH**
- Fri 7th NEL 12 Car Rally
- Thu 20th NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH**
- 14th-16th WRC - Sweden
- 26th-28th F1 - Bahrain pre season testing

Dates to reserve:

