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Vacant

Clubnight Beetle Drive

Tuesday 7th January

At our clubnight venue
The Red Lion PH
Starts 8pm



THE BIRTHDAY BOX !

January's birthday wishes go to **Alex Austin**.



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Boundless North West London Group

Editorial

I hope you all had a good Christmas and are now looking forward to the New Year celebrations.

Not only is October 2025 going to be the 800th edition of the Big End, it will also be the 75th anniversary of North West London Group being created. So we are looking for ideas of how we can celebrate both these milestones. Perhaps a new cover design for the Big End.....

I was out on the Preston rally again mid December, doing my usual stressful job of stewarding (not). There was a lot more sealed surface this year and the weather was mild for the time of year, but it turned out to be a tough event for crews to make it to the finish. There were some very nice cars out, including this Zetec powered Mk1 Cortina and several that looked like their owners had no idea what they were letting themselves in for. At the finish after a 150 mile route, only 27 cars made it round, some not necessarily with all the bits they started with, and there were 35 retirements!



The Dakar rally is gearing up as planned and will be returning to Saudi Arabia for the sixth time. Running between the 3rd and 17th of January, the route distance is 7,805 km, of which 5,209 km will be raced against the clock, and includes a two day special in the SW of the country. This year there are 599 entries across the seven classes of Bikes (136), Rally2-bikes (115), two others (44), Cars (207), Prototypes (53) and Trucks (44), plus another 95 entries in the Classic event. You can watch it daily on Eurosport. Route map on Page 7.

In the picture last month of Ott Tanak off in a ditch, with another car on top, it turns out that the other driver was none other than ex F1 driver Heikki Kovalainen.

The full list of team drivers for the 2025 World Rally Championship are shown on Page 7 and shows Ford have had to go back to promoting newcomers to the top level, whilst Toyota and Hyundai are sticking to experienced drivers, with a lot of part time seasons sharing cars. The technical regs from 2027 will be fixed for 10 years, but will give significant cost savings and greater flexibility in bodywork designs. This is all designed to attract more interest from other teams. Other WRC news is that Jari-Matti Latvala is stepping away from his duty at Toyota for a large chunk of the season. He's off to compete in the FIA European Historic Rally Championship in his own Toyota Celica. He will be at the first two rounds of the WRC, and then it'll depend on his rallying calendar. In his place comes four-time WRC champion Juha Kankkunen to look after the team.

At the last 'Chat and a Drink', we had a bit of fun ribbing Doug about his parking ability and the fact he was taking up two spaces. Mind you, its not as bad some very selfish people who think it is their right to take up four spaces! And it seems there are quite a few of these people around and are even serial offenders. Just need a couple of cars, one to park at the front and another at the back, problem solved.....



The next 12 Car Rally is set to run on the 7th February, so can all competitors try and help this event to have a decent entry please, seeing as the last one didn't receive enough to make it worth running.

Keep safe.

Mike B.



NOTE: Deadline for contributions to the February newsletter is Saturday 23rd January



Chairman's notebook

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My thanks to Anne and Steve, for once again providing the nibbles and excellent Christmas Quiz at our December clubnight. It was nice to see it so well supported.

For our January clubnight, Alan Thurbon is once again providing a Beetle Drive for our entertainment, on the 7th January 2025 at the Red Lion PH.

The final round of the F1 World Championship was held in Abu Dhabi on the 8th December and although the drivers' championship had already been decided, there was still a good scrap to be had between Ferrari and McLaren for the manufacturer's world championship and we were not to be disappointed. Lando Norris kept a cool head and after gaining pole on the Saturday, maintained his composure and maturity to bring his car home in first place on the race day, despite the efforts of both Ferraris drivers, to give a well-deserved and popular win to his McLaren team.

Lewis ended his time at Mercedes with a well-deserved 4th place and I look forward to seeing how he now fits in at Ferrari in the New Year.

I trust everyone had a great and safe Christmas (and New Year to come) and everyone enjoyed their Christmas presents. This year, well at least in the Harrison households; there was a massive shift towards LEGO across all ages, from us oldies to the very young ones, with kits ranging from cars and Marvel characters, to America Cup racing yachts, Harry Potter Houses and Disney Castles. Well at least it kept us all busy for a few days!

Glad to report that Doug has finally got his engine back from the engine builder and he is now awaiting Dave Smith to install it and the gearbox back into the car, ready for the new season. I must say I am really looking forward to sitting in the left hand seat once again, although I will be nervous on the first event, until the cobwebs get blown away that is! With a sizable increase both in BHP and torque, it will be interesting to see how much quicker it is.

Unfortunately, our end of November 12 Car rally in 2024 had to be cancelled due to a lack of entries. The next one is due to be run on the 7th February 2025 by NEL, with the last final 12 Car rally being run on the 7th March, organised by Ian and myself. Let's hope we can gather up more support for both these rallies. Our one will hopefully start and finish at the John Bunyan PH, which is located just North of St Albans, and I am currently just awaiting confirmation of this from the pub.

I finally got my Audi back on the 20th December. After finding and fixing a fault in the wiring loom, which in turn then allowed the car's diagnostic system to identify the fault as an injector on the fuel system being stuck fully open. Apparently this is a common problem with VWs and Audis. With the new Bosh injector costing over £300, the overall bill as one can imagine was expensive, but certainly cheaper than a new car, which I was beginning to consider, given that with modern car electrics, unless the internal self-diagnostic system can identify the fault, the mechanics are left scratching their heads in frustration and you eventually have to consider scraping the car!

After my Pre-Op at Hillingdon Hospital on the 23rd December, I am now advised that I am on the fast track list to have my right knee replaced. Finger crossed I won't have to wait too long.

If you don't make our January Beetle Drive at the Red Lion PH on the 7th January, then perhaps I will catch up with you at our Drink and a Chat on the 16th January which is also held at the Red Lion PH.

Sadly, Ann and I are unlikely to see you at our post-Christmas Meal at Dunstable Golf Club on Saturday the 11th January, as Ann's minor operation that was to have taken place in November last year, has now been rearranged for the 10th January 2025. If Ann and I are not there, then you will know why and perhaps you will raise a glass to us both in our enforced absence and I will therefore take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for 2025.

Mike H

Secretary's spot

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I do hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and Santa has turned up with all the gifts from your 'wish list'! I wonder if our Chairman has eventually got his Porsche, which is top of his list every year – I did receive a fantastic Porsche 2025 calendar, with some brilliant pictures of Porsche through the ages. No doubt we are now looking forward to a happy and healthy 2025.

Our Christmas clubnight on Tuesday 3rd December saw our traditional festive evening take place in the hands of Anne and Steve, who arranged a Christmas quiz, which not only contained some festive questions, but also guess the song title from the lyrics of some Christmas songs, spot the names of various celebrities and test your taste buds of numerous flavours of crisps. All in all, it was a tremendous evening enjoyed by all and a big thank you to Anne and Steve for putting it all together for us.

Unfortunately, I missed the last 'Chat and a Drink' of the year due to family commitments, but hope all who attended had a nice evening.

2025 sees the 75th anniversary of the inauguration of North West London Group, which was officially granted in October of that year, so look out for special happenings towards the end of this year. This will also coincide with the publication of the 800th edition of our magnificent newsletter.

Our first clubnight of 2025, will see our annual adventure in drawing beetles in the Beetle Drive, that takes place at The Red Lion on Tuesday 7th January. Please make your way to The Function room for an 8pm start. This evening is always fun and an ideal post Christmas tonic – please come along if you can.

On Saturday 11th January, we have a NW London Group meal at Dunstable Downs Golf Club, which is supported by many of you and I am sure it will be a very enjoyable occasion.

The next 'Chat and a Drink' gathering will be held on Thursday 16th January at The Red Lion, so do please join us if you can, for an informal and sociable evening normally commencing around 8:30pm.

Please make a note in your new diaries (that's if you have a paper one as I have!) of NWL Annual General Meeting on March 4th, where it is likely that there may be vacancies on the Committee, so please give some thought to helping the running of the Group by offering your support.

Our planned future programme is as follows;

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
Tuesday 4th February	– NWL Clubnight – fun darts
Thursday 20th February	– NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion
Tuesday 4th March	– NWL A.G.M. and quiz
Friday 7th March	– NWL 12 Car Rally
Thursday 20th March	– NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion

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

Alan T

Date	Day	Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club
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

December 12 Car Rally Unfortunately, this event was 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.

Future Events

February 12 Car Rally The start for this event is hoped to be from The Catherine Wheel PH, Pelham Rd, Gravesend, Albany, Ware SG11 2LW, MR 167/ 439257. Using maps 166 (edition MAY 2018) and 167 (edition FEB 2016) for the 50 mile route, with the 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 and the regs will be out early January. The organiser is Graham Robinson and you can contact him on graham.e.robinson@btinternet.com.

March 12 Car Rally Starting from The John Bunyan PH, Colman Green, Herts AL4 8ES, MR 166/189125, it will use map 166 (edition MAY 2018) for the 45 mile route, with first car starting at 8:31pm. There will be the usual 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. The organiser is Mike Harrison and is contactable on mike.harrison@boundlesscommunity.co.uk.

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!

World Rally Championship Teams - 2025

Manufacturer	Entrant	Car	No.	Driver name	No.	Driver name
Ford	M-Sport Ford	Ford Puma Rally1	13	Grégoire Munster	??	Josh McErlean
Hyundai	Hyundai Shell Mobis	Hyundai i20 N Rally1	16	Adrien Fourmaux	11	Thierry Neuville
			8	Ott Tänak		
			<i>Part Time</i> 6	<i>Dani Sordo</i>	4	<i>Esapekka Lappi</i>
Toyota	Toyota Gazoo Racing	Toyota GR Yaris Rally1	89	Andreas Mikkelsen		
			5	Sami Pajari	33	Elfyn Evans
			<i>Part Time</i> 18	<i>Takamoto Katsuta</i>	69	<i>Kalle Rovanperä</i>
			17	Sebastien Ogier		



Join the **Classic Vehicle Group** for the:

New Year Run

on **Sunday 12th January 2025**



- Members & their families & Guests are invited to come along & join us on this first-motoring-event-of-the-year in their Classic, Modern or whatever you have!
- The Start venue will be at Sheeplands Garden Centre, London Road, Hare Hatch, RG10 9HW.
- The Entry Fee is just £50 for Boundless Members and £55 for Non-members, per car and two people, (extra adult passengers are £12 each, and children under 16, are £6 each). Entry fee will include tea/coffee and biscuits at the refreshment stop as well as a little sustenance at the finish venue.
- The route will be planned using predominately some lesser-known 'B' & 'C' roads within the Thames Valley but, inevitably of course, some 'A' road use is unavoidable.
- If you plan on having the 'optional' breakfast, you'll need to arrive by 9:30 and Signing-On will 'open' at 9:45am;
- The briefing will be at approximately 10:45 and first car will start as near to 11am as practical.

Contact: daverosher@gmail.com for an entry form.

Member Communities Communique

December 2024 Update

A message from Geoff Guant, Club Leader

Before the festive season is fully upon us, and 2024 heads towards its close, it feels like a good time to look back and reflect on another year of activity across our club.

I know everyone will have their own favourite memories of all the fun and friendship we have shared. For you these might include making new friends this year on a Boundless social break or meeting up with old friends on your favourite caravan rally. Perhaps you remember swapping stories at the end of a day on a classic vehicle gathering or motorcycle ride out. Or maybe it was that special coach trip with the local group?...



So, it seems to me an appropriate time to remind ourselves that without you, our legions of wonderful volunteers, there would be no member communities and none of these memories would be made. I hope alongside all the hustle and bustle of the season, you will also find time to rest, relax and recharge your batteries ahead of another year of making more memories for our fellow members.

On their behalf, I thank you so much for all you do to make our club special!

2024 AGM

The 2024 Annual General Meeting took place on Thursday 31st October 2024, 2.30pm at The Clermont Charing Cross, The Strand, London, WC2N 5H

The Business of the Annual General Meeting included:

- A presentation on the Association.
- Approval by show of hands, of the 2023 Annual Report and Accounts
- Approval of the Reappointment of the Auditors by show of hands.
- Approval of the 3 Special Resolutions that have been proposed by the Board of Directors.
- The Announcement of the results of the ballot for the election of an Independent Club Council Member

The Association Chair announced that with 55.09% of the votes cast Mr Mike Harrison was duly elected as the Independent Council Member for a twoyear term of office. We'd like to congratulate Mike Harrison on his new role.

Following the brief adjournment to allow the voting papers to be counted, Mr O'Sullivan announced the results of the Special Resolutions as follows;

Special Resolution 1 passed with 88% in favour

Special Resolution 2 passed with 91% in favour

Special Resolution 3 passed with 78% in favour

Please visit boundless.co.uk/agmvoting and log in for AGM slides and meeting minutes.

2025 Budgets

On behalf of Club Treasurer, Janice Stace, we would like to thank everyone for getting there 2025 budgets in on time for approval.

All groups have now been contacted regarding the approval of their 2025 budget.

Should you have any further questions do not hesitate to reach out to Janice at Janice.Stace@boundless.co.uk

Interest Group Committees

The deadline for nominations to our Interest Group committees is the end of January.

If the opportunity to join one of our Interest Group committees is of interest to you, we'd recommended you speak with the Leader of the Group you're interested in to establish what's involved prior to putting forward your nomination to: membercommunities@boundless.co.uk.

Your nomination should include a brief outline of your experience in the relevant area, plus what you would like to contribute towards the future of the Group.



The Leaders of each interest Group can be contacted via email using the contacts below:

- Camping and Caravanning Group Leader: grahamdavis297@gmail.com
- Classic Vehicle Group Leader: daverosher@gmail.com
- Karting Group Leader: demetriorros@hotmail.co.uk
- Motorcycling Group Leader: allan.goddard@boundlesscommunity.co.uk
- Motorsports (inc. 4x4 and Marshalling) Group Leader: mike.biss@btinternet.com

We look forward to hearing from you!

Social Breaks Ideas

Have you been somewhere that you think might make for a good Boundless Social Break – we'd be interested to know!

The team have started putting together the programme of Breaks for 2026 and would appreciate any ideas you might be able to share.

Please email your ideas to: social.group@boundless.co.uk



Groups Out and About

The Dorset Group at a recent tour of Weymouth Pavilion.

'After an excellent lunch we were shown all the backstage features including the sound and lighting of the theatre. A really good visit which was enjoyed by all. The photo shows a number of members with Weymouth Esplanade as a backdrop.'

- Phill Brinson, Dorset Group Treasurer



Photo from the recent Cheltenham Chase Hotel Social Break:



Photo from Tamar Group showing their Christmas lunch which took place on the 11th of this month!

Online Events

Our series of Online Events continues next year with a host of interesting topics!

Upcoming Online Events:

Tuesday 14th January, 7pm: Solo 2 Darwin with Amanda Harrison

Tuesday 21st January, 7pm: Star Gazing – A look around the night sky

Tuesday 28th January, 7pm: A Psychiatrist's life with Dr Benji Waterhouse

Tuesday 4th February, 7pm: Three Bridges with Roma Agrawal

Tuesday 11th February, 7pm: Amazing railway journeys across the UK and Europe

Tuesday 18th February, 7pm: Wings of History: the Second World War in Aviation.

Check out the Member Events page on the Boundless website for full details and event more events:

[Boundless Events & Member Days | Boundless by CSMA](#)

Thank You!

We'd like to thank all those Groups who have already submitted their 2025 SENs – some of whom have submitted their events for the whole year!

Please make sure to send them in as soon as possible as this provides members, and in particular new members, with a great opportunity to join in with the Group's activities.



Merry Christmas!

Best wishes to all our Volunteers and other members for a safe and enjoyable festive season, from the Club Leadership and the team in Britannia House.

We'll be taking a break from Friday 20th December through until Tuesday 2nd January 2025.

However, should there be any emergencies or urgent matters that can't wait, please email kadie.crichton@boundless.co.uk



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



Diary NWFL 2025



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

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

March

Tue 4th NWL Clubnight - AGM and Quiz - The Red Lion, HH
Fri 7th NWL 12 Car Rally
 Sun 16th F1 - Australia
Thu 20th NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH
 21st-23rd WRC - Kenya
 Sun 23rd F1 - China

Dates to reserve: