

The "Nelly" Newsletter

January 2025



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Next Clubnight –
- Tuesday 14 January
Committee Quiz



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Hi Everyone

We start this first Newsletter of 2025 with very sad news that, after her long battle with cancer, Ruth Ward passed away early on Christmas morning. She will be greatly missed, and I'm sure you will all want to join me in passing on our sympathy and sincere condolences to Bernard, daughters Kirstie & Julia, and other family members.

After a family cremation service, there will be a church service in the afternoon on 30th January, more details of which are available from Bernard.

Staff has kindly written a fitting tribute to our dear Ruth, with a few words from Rosie.

Included in this issue are final details of the New Year Lunch, the December Member Communities Communique and the NEL Group Championship table, courtesy of Mike. Hopefully, with the inclusion of the upcoming Committee Quiz at the next clubnight, it will help to boost the number of events in 2025's table.

Also included are details of Allan Goddard's New Year Run for the Classic Vehicle Group around the Thames Valley next Sunday, 12th. Give him a call and you may get a late entry. If you decide to enter, I would suggest not washing the car beforehand...

That's all for now - Dave

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

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ROBERTS RAMBLEINGS

It is with sadness that I must report that North East London Group has lost one of its family members. On Christmas Day the Angels came to collect Ruth Ward who had lost her battle against cancer. Ruth first joined NEL in the 1980's and was always there to support our Chairman Bernard. I am sure that all our thoughts are with Bernard and Ruth's family.

Robert

Secretary.

January returns and we enter a new year. Looking back to December Club Night we had our usual fun games and quizzes. Many thanks to those who brought the food, and to Lesley and Staff for organising it. The weight of the cake was guessed by Alan, who was only one ounce out. I raised £27 pounds for Moorfields Eye Hospital, and received the following thank you message :-

Thank you, Robert for your generous donation! You've done something fantastic in enabling us to invest in life-changing eye health for hundreds of thousands of people.

Your gift makes a huge difference.

Every day 250 people start to lose their sight in the UK. This is equivalent to one person every six minutes. Your donation helps us research cures, find more effective treatments for blinding diseases and invest in state-of-the-art equipment.

Moorfields Eye Hospital is the leading provider of eye health services in the UK and a world-class centre of excellence for ophthalmic research and education. It's because of supporters like you Robert that we can continue providing the highest quality of eye care.

Thank you once again for your kindness.

Jo Green - Head of fundraising and engagement



Turning to January Club Night on Tuesday 14th, we commence 2025 with our usual committee quiz. Various rounds on different subjects, set by each committee member. Later in the month, on Sunday 19th we have our annual New Year Lunch at The Galley Hall, final details are published later in the newsletter.

I now make a plea. As I said at the last club night, your committee are again, going to run the balloon debate. This time we thought that we should invite other members to join in if you want to. All you must do is act out a real-life character who is dead, as you cannot libel the dead. Do a bit of research on whoever you are going to be and talk for about five minutes. The closing date for any volunteers will be the AGM. we do not know which club night it will be yet.

Looking towards February club night, this will be an evening of photos presented by Philip and myself, but more details later.

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

Robert.

Ruth Ward, 1945 to 2024.

It is with sad news that we have to announce the passing of Ruth Ward; for the few of you who don't know her, the wife of our chairman Bernard. Over the years she has not just been a supportive wife to our chairman but also a good friend to NE London group and other Boundless/CSMA members.

I first met Ruth in 1983, it was the weekend of the Le Mans 24 hour race. In those days the group regularly ran a coach to the event. Although Bernard had made me aware of Ruth's existence he kept her at arms length for a few weeks. The coach returned from Le Mans dropping us all off in Ware, just outside the Brewery Tap PH, which enabled us to round off the weekend with a pint or two following a good stag dominated weekend of racing. I remember we then ended up at Bernard's house when he announced that Ruth was coming round, at last a chance to meet her. When she arrived, I remember the slim attractive figure wearing tight leather trousers. I immediately thought to myself that he had done alright for himself.

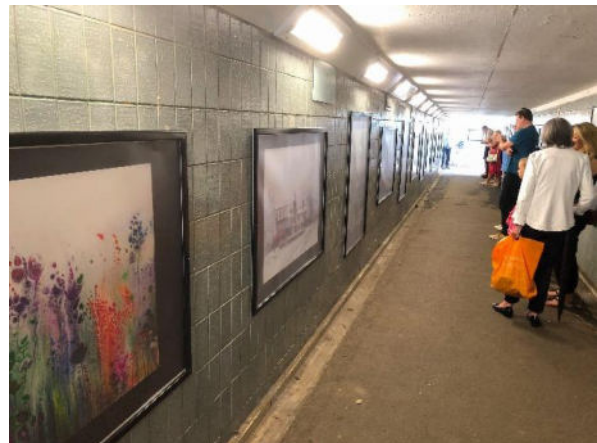
A year or two back I reminded Ruth of that meeting to which she responded, "I remember that day, you were all drunk, I wasn't impressed!". Bernard must have been on his best behaviour for the next few months as they got married one year later.

Bernard has always been very active within Boundless/CSMA not just NE London but also the Classic Vehicle group.

Ruth was always encouraging, supportive and participated as much as possible in all his activities including the Classic Car runs organised by Bernard.

As well as being very supportive of Bernard she was also her own woman with her own interests. A particular interest was art specialising in environmental subjects, trees, flowers, countryside etc, a skill she was able to hone whilst accompanying Bernard with one of his overseas tours of duty.

She belonged to Hertford Art Society which enabled her to participate in many exhibitions. Recently one of her paintings was selected to adorn a subway in Hertford.



Ruth was always keen to celebrate birthdays, particularly significant birthdays. For Bernard's 40th she made a large booking for the Medieval Banquet at Hatfield House for all his friends, a very large party. Ruth not only negotiated with Hatfield House but also ensured that everybody should arrive on time, in advance and parked where all the cars were out of sight. It was a brilliant evening.

More recently for Bernard's 70th birthday a large room was booked at the Salisbury Hotel, Hertford for again a large number of his friends. On the run up to that birthday I spent 2 or 3 hours with Ruth, while Bernard was out, going through his old rallying photos to enable me to produce a montage of the images which I gave to him as a framed print for the birthday.

That montage was reproduced by Dave, our newsletter editor, to commemorate Bernard's 80th birthday on the cover of the November 2023 issue of the newsletter.

By now Ruth was lacking the strength to arrange large parties but didn't want Bernard to miss out so she contacted me to remind friends of his 80th birthday so that he could at least have a large quantity of cards. The birthday coincided with a Nelly committee meeting at our house, Lesley had made a birthday cake to celebrate which she was going to present to him at the meeting. Unfortunately Bernard was a little concerned about Ruth and so at last minute sent his apologies. We in turn sent him a photo of the cake, Ruth in turn immediately thought it would at least be a celebration for him and, unconcerned about her own issues, packed him off to the meeting.

In Ruth's final years they drew up a bucket list of what Ruth would like to see or do. One of these was a flight in a small light aircraft, Bernard managed to book one of these at an airshow and took a perfect picture with her sitting smiling in the cockpit of the plane.



Another adventure was somewhere along the East Anglian coast to view a murmuration of starlings, this is where they form in a large group of thousands if not millions for safety in numbers; imagine them in the sky darting in and out as though dancing specially for Ruth. The last year or so they spent as much time as possible visiting places on the list.

Ruth suffered for a number of years with her health, first with bad migraines and then the effects of her cancer, but never complaining. She survived longer than some of her health care professionals expected, making it to Christmas Day. I'm sure she held on so that she could at least spend a little time at Christmas with Bernard and her girls. We can now take solace that she is now at peace and without pain.

With deepest sympathy to Bernard and Ruth's two daughters Kirstie and Julia.

Stafford Steed

Dave and I both feel very sad at losing our dear friend Ruth - she fought such a courageous & dignified battle against her earlier and more recent cancers. Life dealt Ruth many cruel cards health-wise in those last few years, but she bore them all without complaint.

We hold many happy memories of Ruth, either with other "Nellies"; or during the many classic vehicle events that she participated in; invariably in one of Bernard's many different cars (seen here in "Wobbly").



Our friendship started one evening during a "Nelly" clubnight, many years ago, when Ruth mentioned that she grew up in Hove, where her pharmacist Dad ran a chemists shop – just a few streets from where I grew up and, at the same time, in the late fifties. It also turned out Ruth's daughter, Kirstie, was born in the local hospital in Rustington, where we now live; and there were many other coincidences where our paths had crossed. But I couldn't replicate the many adventures she experienced in her lifetime, be it taking off at the top of the South Downs, north of Brighton, on a hang-gliding trip to celebrate one of her own "landmark" birthdays, or living in Ghana & Mozambique for a few years with Bernard; to her ballooning experiences (documented in an earlier Nelly newsletter article by Ruth) to name just a few.

Rosie Rosher

NEL group New Year lunch – final regs

Sunday 19th January 2025, 12.30 for 1.00pm

The Galley Hall

Hailey Lane, Hoddesdon, Herts, SG13 7NY

By the time you read this you will have feasted yourself silly courtesy of Father Christmas; danced the New Year in in your best party dress and now waiting for the fun and frolics of the New Year lunch.



The lunch has been well publicised in the last two issues of the newsletter. For anyone still teetering the final closing date is 4th January. This is to enable us to collate and present the information, menu choices etc, to the restaurant in advance. Confirmed numbers at time of writing is 30 so it will as usual be a good-time sociable event.

Not many people carry cash with them these days but please remember to bring some with you for the usual raffle and Heads and Tails, profit of which will go to the gratuity for the staff. There will be plenty of raffle prizes but if anyone has any of those unwanted Christmas presents, bottles of wine, gin, whiskey, Ferrari Dino, etc which could supplement the prize chest please bring them along.

As usual I will be responsible for paying for the Starters and Main course, ie that which you have already paid for. You will be responsible yourself for paying any extras, ie desert, if you can manage one; drinks, coffee, etc.

The pub itself often gets busy Sunday lunchtimes, if the car park is full there will be plenty of safe parking in the road outside.

Stafford and Lesley Steed

Group Championship 2024

Pos	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1	Robert Daines	10	8					18
2	John Foster	7	10					17
3	Curtis Storer	10	7					17
4	Brian Beard	7	9					16
5	Bernard Ward	8	8					16
6	Tina Farr		10					10
7	Phil Perry		10					10
8	Alan Farr		9					9
9	Jeff Kenyon		9					9
10	Mick O'Blath		8					8
11	Jeanette Perry		7					7
12	Ron Barnett	6						6

Key:

1	Pitch & Putt - 25th June	4
2	Petanque - 23rd July	5
3		6

Competitors

1st overall	10	points
2nd overall	9	points
3rd overall	8	points
4th overall	7	points
5th overall	6	points
6th overall	5	points
7th overall	4	points
8th overall	3	points
9th overall	2	points
other positions	1	point

Organisers

Not competing	10	points
Can't compete	7	points

Awards

First Overall	-	Eric Blake Cup
Second Overall	-	An Award
Third Overall	-	An Award

Events which count for this championship are Treasure Hunts, Pitch & Putt, Petanque, Clubnight Quizzes, etc. There is no restriction on the number of events to count

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, Albury, 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!



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

NEW YEAR RUN

on Sunday 12th January 2025



So, once again, it's time to advise all of, not just the rapidly approaching Festive Season, but extending an invitation to, and 'inviting' / advising our Members of the planned super-active year of motoring that is planned. And we start with the New Year Run!

- 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' this year will be at Sheeplands Garden Centre, London Road, Hare Hatch, RG10 9HW.
- As always, this NYR will be a 'Tulip' Road-book event with a nice, easy-to-follow format, and a full 'briefing before the 'off'.....!
- 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.
- The Entry Fee is just £50 for Boundless by CSMA Members, & £55 for Non-members, per car and two people..., (extra adult passengers are £12 each, and children under 16, are £6 each to cover the refreshment costs at the end of our event!) :
- A full range of teas, coffee's & breakfast items will be available from 9am for you to purchase at the Start (NOT included in the Entry fee!) but, as I've hinted(!), your Entry fee WILL INCLUDE tea/coffee and biscuits at the refreshment stop as well as a little sustenance at the finish venue. And, (by special request???) there may well possibly be a little ...err, shall we call it 'entertainment' (?) as well if you're very good !
- If you plan on having the 'optional' breakfast, you'll need to arrive by approximately 9:30 and Signing-On will 'open' at 9.45am;
- The 'briefing will be at approximately 10.45, & the first car will start as near to 11am as practical ...

I really look forward to having you along with us on 12th January when, hopefully, all will be well with the World, & we may have one or two nice little New Year 'surprises' for everybody !

In the meantime, please stay safe & healthy, and my very best Seasonal Good Wishes to you all! **AG**

Allan Goddard :

Boundless by CSMA, Classic Vehicle Group

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 Re-appointment 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 two-year 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

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 – 2nd Tuesday

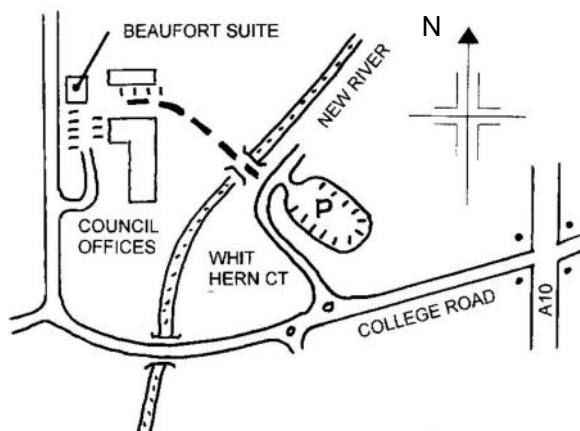
Daytime Lunches, 12.30pm – 4th Tuesday
Evening Dinners, 7.30pm – 4th Tuesday

Month	Event
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
April	Tue 8 th – Clubnight: Speaker Mark Lewis on The City of London Tue 22 nd - Monthly Dinner at: The Galley Hall, Hailey Lane, Hoddesdon, SG13 7NY
May	Tue 13 th – Clubnight: subject tba Tue 27 th - Monthly Dinner at: The Galley Hall, Hailey Lane, Hoddesdon, SG13 7NY

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

Or, contact him via E-Mail on: robert.daines12@googlemail.com

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