

# The "Nelly" Newsletter

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**Next Clubnight –**  
**- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

**A G M – followed by:**  
**In Search of The Northern Lights**



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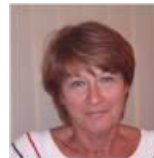
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*Hi Everyone*

*It's AGM time again and further on you will find the minutes of last year's meeting, along with all the various officer's reports for 2024.*

*Once the meeting's proceedings are done with, Staff will be giving a presentation on his and Lesley's recent Norway trip. His earlier article, "In Search of The Northern Lights", is reprinted further on as a reminder of what to expect.*

*After 10 years of owning our Fiesta Zetec, bought using the CSMA's former, Lex discount car scheme, we decided it was time we had a change. So went and bought - another Fiesta...! No longer available new of course but with just 700 miles on the clock, it's pretty close. This one is a mild hybrid automatic, with umpteen bells, whistles – and beeps, which we are still fathoming out.*

*Annoyingly, the driver's manual for this particular 2021 onwards facelifted model is only available to view online and not even as a downloadable PDF file like earlier models. Sitting in the car scrolling through all the various options on the infotainment screen isn't quite the same as sitting on the sofa browsing through a printed version with a coffee.*

*No spare wheel either, just a lump of moulded polystyrene the size of a suitcase containing the dreaded canister of mousse, an electric inflator and a towing eye. Fortunately, I did manage to find a virtually as new space saver on eBay for £50 including delivery, complete with a jack and wheel wrench.*

*That's all for now - Dave*

Please send copy for next issue to Dave Rosher at the email address above: **to arrive by 21 March**

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## Chairman's March Mutterings

Welcome to our March Nelly, daffodils month.

Having just got through a couple of bad months it all seems a lot brighter for me and I'm looking forward to getting back to some semblance of normality. Thank you all for your support and for your kind words over these last two months - it's been a challenge, but I have to look forward to getting more involved in things as the weather improves. That started with an appearance at last month's clubnight and enjoying a convivial lunch in The Plough at Sewardstone with half a dozen of the Nelly regular noshers.

This month is important in our calendar as our Clubnight is our AGM. Not only will you be attending our most significant meeting of the year, you will be able to enjoy it with a complementary drink and nibbles, while we the committee go through the formal business of the evening but you will all have the opportunity to vote in the new committee and to air your views on what we are doing and how we are doing it to provide you with some entertainment and company. This is in the form of Clubnight presentations, and monthly get-togethers in our regular watering holes, with the odd visit thrown in for good measure.

Robert has been in touch with the Broxbourne Council people about the new parking charges that have been introduced recently, and received an apology for not giving us, one of their well-established regular customers, notice of the change. Thankfully no-one seems to have been charged last month for not paying. I hope that this new charge, perhaps not unexpected, won't deter you from your monthly Clubnight visit - a three hour charge is still less than a cup of coffee in most of the establishments in the area.

The AGM will mark the end of Phil's involvement on the Group committee as he has decided to retire after many years but assures us that we won't see the last of him and Jeanette, despite the fifty mile round trip from their new home in Royston. Our loss is Royston's gain as they have been increasingly involved with activities local to the town.

I hope you enjoyed the two slide shows last month, which transported us to far off lands and allowed us to share with Robert, and Phil and Jeanette, their memories of their trips away. We shall be taken to Norway this month, with Staff, as he will share with us his and Lesley's trip to the land of the fjords and midnight sun. That will follow on from the AGM.

What's coming up?.

### **NWL 12 car Rally - Friday 7 March**

The final rally of the season, but will only run with a few more entries, let's hope that does happen as our 12 car last month had to be cancelled for that same reason.

### **Clubnight Tuesday 11 March our AGM plus more Holiday snaps**

The evening will include drinks and nibbles for all and a chance to visit Norway and enjoy some breathtaking scenery. Take your seats by 8 o'clock.

### **Group lunch Tuesday – 25 March**

Our final visit to this most pleasant watering hole – next month we return to our evening dinners – let John know to expect you

### **Clubnight Tuesday 8 April – speaker Mark Lewis**

We welcome back Mark who will be presenting his talk on The City of London – we may think we know all about our city but there is always more to learn.

Best wishes, *Bernard*

## ROBERTS RAMBLEINGS

March comes round, and it is unfortunate that the council has decided to withdraw the free parking in the staff car park that we have all used for free in the past years. There is parking outside the Beaufort Suite, NOT FREE. There is limited free parking in White Hern car park, next to The Old Green Dragon Pub. This was the car park that some of us used when the bridge over the New River was under repair. By now you will have received the e-mail that I received from Linda Collingridge. The wording of it was, I think, fair. For those who are going to park outside the Beaufort Suite, remember that you can pay using the Ringo App. In the short term this is all the committee can do, but we shall be looking at other venues in the future. Please remember this.

Last month saw two power-point presentations from Jeanette and Philip, about their trip to Japan, and my trip to Prague. If you all enjoyed the presentation, then we can be repeat it in 2026 for holidays taken in 2025 as it can be difficult to find speakers for our club night. SEE NOTES ON THE AGM. These notes are being written before the lunch-time meal at The Plough, but I like to think that it will be fine.

So, what about this months' Clubnight. It is the AGM and in this edition of the newsletter you will find the reports from The Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Competition Secretary, and a copy of the minutes for the 2024 AGM. Remember that this is your opportunity to tell the committee what events you would like to do. So please speak up, practically if you know of any speakers who you think we would like to invite. Just pass their names to me and leave the rest to me, or other members of the committee. We shall try and have some wine and eats for all. This will be followed by a photo presentation of Lesley and Staffs trip to Norway. At the end of the month, we have our last lunchtime visit to The Plough so please contact John. After that we return to The Galley Hall for our evening meals from April.

So, what else. Last month a friend and I went to Kew Gardens to see the extra exhibition on Orchids. We had booked a slot for 13.00, and so we started to form a queue. After about ten minutes I looked around a saw the back of the queue had grown to well over one hundred yards. After the usual bag search, we entered the greenhouse and moved slowly around to see all the different shapes and colours of the flowers. About forty minutes later we reached the end. Below are just two of the pictures I took.

Keep it on the road - *Robert*



## **CIVIL SERVICE MOTORING ASSOCIATION**

### *North East London Group*

#### **AGENDA FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025**

**covering calendar year 2024.**

To be held at: **The Beaufort Suite, Bishops College, Churchgate, Cheshunt, EN8 9XQ**

**20.00, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

1. Chairman's Introduction.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of 2024 AGM. (to be printed in March newsletter)
4. Matters Arising.
5. Chairman's Report. (to be printed in March newsletter)
6. Secretary's Report. (to be printed in March newsletter)
7. Treasurer's Report. (to be printed in March newsletter)
8. Competitions Secretary's Report. (to be printed in March newsletter)
9. Election of Officers.
10. Election Of Committee.
11. Consideration of Motions.
12. Signing of Group Charter.
13. Any Other Business.

Nominations and motions should be sent to the Secretary by email:

[robert.daines12@gmail.com](mailto:robert.daines12@gmail.com)

They should be received no later than 4th March 2025.

Ten counter-signatures are required plus your own.

Refreshments will be provided.

The AGM will be followed by a photo show.

# *North East London Group*

**Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting,  
held at the Beaufort Suite, covering calendar year 2023.**

**8.00 pm 12th March 2024**

**Meeting Commenced at 20.00 hrs.**

- 1) The Chairman gave a brief introduction and welcomed all present to the meeting.

## **THOSE PRESENT**

The Chairman plus 11 members, and 3 guests. Total 15.

- 2) Apologies for absence received from:-  
Mike Biss; Dave Roshier; Bill and Pat Farrow; Steve and Jackie Ames:
- 3) MINUTES OF THE 2023 AGM  
The minutes of the 2023 AGM were circulated at the beginning of the meeting. After time for reading, they were nominated for acceptance by Bernard Ward and seconded by Ron Barnett.
- 4) MATTERS ARISING  
None
- 5) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2023 - Bernard Ward  
This had been printed in the March edition of the group newsletter. It was nominated for acceptance by Jeffrey Kenyon and seconded by Philip Perry
- 6) SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2023 - Robert Daines  
This had been printed in the March edition of the group newsletter. It was nominated for acceptance by Ron Barnett and seconded by Mick O'Blath
- 7) TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2023 - Staff Steed  
This had been printed in the March edition of the group newsletter. It was nominated for acceptance by Jeffrey Kenyon and seconded by Bernard Ward.
- 8) COMPETITIONS SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2023 - Mike Biss  
This had been covered in the Chairmans report printed in the March edition of the group newsletter.
- 9) ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
The Chairman temporarily stood down and passed the chair to the Secretary, who announced that the existing Chairman, Bernard Ward, had agreed to stand for another year. He was elected non-oppose. Having done this the Secretary passed the chair back to the Chairman who announced that the other officers had agreed to stand. All the officers were therefore re-elected non-opposed, en-block by unanimous vote.

Post	Nominee
Chairman	Bernard Ward
Secretary	Robert Daines
Treasurer	Staff Steed
Comp Sec	Mike Biss

10) ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

The committee was elected non-opposed, en-block.

Post	Nominee
Committee	John Foster
Committee	Phil Perry
Committee	Lesley Steed
Committee	Vacant

11) CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS

The secretary stated he had received no motions.

12) CHARTER

To be signed at the next committee meeting.

13) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 A discussion then took place, instigated by an e-mail from Dave Rosher, on the lack of information of what groups are doing, printed in the Boundless Magazine. It was agreed that information would be e-mailed to Brighton so a mail shot could be done to local members.

13.2 The increase in the car insurance from LV from some members was noted.

13.3 The possibility of a boat trip on "The Lady of the Lee" with Fish and Chips was considered.

13.4 A return trip Roman Baths at Welwyn.

13.5 A trip to a pub at Nuthamstead, with American Museum next door.

13.6 The new competition for NEL events, with rules and scoring is to be introduced.

The meeting was then declared closed at 20.30.

N.B. Post Meeting Information Regarding The Trip To Duxford.

At the next North East London Committee, it was noted that the income should have been £285 with expenditure £355.50. The difference of £70.50 equated to £4.70 per person, which was covered by the Boundless centenary subsidy. The Treasurer stated that "the error in the accounts was mine not the computer. If I'm going to blame anyone it was Father Christmas as I may have been distracted during the Christmas festivities."

CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**Chairman's Report 2024**

This is my 22nd Chairman's report and we have seen several changes in that time, the most significant of which is our move to this venue. The Beaufort Suite itself is very welcoming and suits us fine – we are fortunate to have such excellent facilities in such a central location, and we don't have to put the chairs and tables out each time, which is a real bonus.

Our Group managed a full programme of clubnights and pub meals during the year and was pleased to be able to run a trip to the Nuthampstead Air Museum, with many thanks to John.

However, attendance has remained pretty constant but we have been delighted to greet some new faces over the year. We hope that this will continue and that our calendar for 2025 will prove sufficiently attractive to add a few more regulars to our attendance record. There is little help given by our colleagues at Brighton regarding publicity of our Group so it is down to word of mouth to encourage some more Nellies.

Our fourth Tuesday gatherings continued, with the regular pitch and putt evening, and then our petanque evening at the Old Bulls Head, ending with a meal. John will make sure that these are certainly on the calendar for 2025, as now have the results qualifying for our Group championship, which was established this last year.

On the motorsport front the series of Friday evening 12 car rallies were badly affected by a lack of entries, although the introduction of the RallyApp system proved very successful. Once again, the summer series of autotests didn't happen due to a lack of venues, and our flagship event, the Juniper Autotests, which is run on hard surfaces, didn't happen either; again due to a lack of a suitable venue.

The year ended with the customary Christmas party here, and a further appearance of one of Robert's excellent cakes, but the annual lunch at the Galley Hall was moved into the following January, with thanks to the organising skills of Staff and Lesley.

I should like to thank those who contributed to the continued success of the newsletter – especially Dave for putting it all together each month – and for its production and distribution and also many thanks to our members who have continued to support us. I have appreciated the support given to me by the committee this last year in what was a difficult time for me but the support was there and most valued.

We are now at AGM time and we need to appoint a committee for next year. I am pleased to report that we have a new name to submit to you for the committee post, replacing Phil Perry who is retiring after several years on the committee. We should all be grateful for Phil's contributions to the continued successful running of the Group

***Bernard Ward, Chairman NEL***



## **NEL AGM - Secretary's Report 2024**

Well, here we go and look back on 2024. I hope it was again, a year that had a bit for everyone. We managed to hold twelve indoor club nights, on the second Tuesday of the month, at the Beaufort Suite, Bishop's College, Cheshunt. These were month by month, with the number of attendees in brackets, the following :-

Jan.	Talk on Smart Meters by Mike Payne. {20}.
Feb.	Talk on Dinosaurs by Mike Howgate. {17}.
Mar.	AGM followed by Photo presentation by Staff Steed on NEL Competitions. {15}.
Apr.	Talk by Bill Hamilton. {20}.
May	A new event, Balloon Debate. Winner Lesley Steed as Florence Nightingale. {15}.
Jun.	Talk by Trica Thompson on Conkers and Skipping ropes. {22}.
Jul.	Talk by Paul Baker on The Battle of Barnet. {19}.
Aug.	Talk by John Foster on music from the 70s'. {18}.
Sep.	Talk by Phil McKinder on the Lynton and Lynmouth Flood disaster. {19}.
Oct.	Talk by Joanne Lerner on The Wonder of Norway. {19}.
Nov.	Talk by Mel Byron on Old Films Saved My Life. {16}.
Dec.	Usual Fun and Light Hearted Quizzes. [19}.

So, the average attendance was {18.0}.

In addition, we held eleven lunch time or evening events on the fourth Tuesday of the month, except in January, when we held a New Year Sunday Lunch. Again, the number of attendees is shown in brackets.

Jan.	New Year Sunday Lunch at The Galley Hall. {31}.
Feb.	Monthly lunch at The Plough. {3}.
Mar.	Monthly lunch at The Plough. {7}.
Apr.	Monthly dinner at The Galley Hall. {11}.
May	Monthly dinner at The Galley Hall. {5}.
Jun.	Evening Pitch and Putt at Kings Mead, Ware. {6}.
Jul.	Pétanque at The Old Bulls Head, Ware. {12}.
Aug.	Monthly dinner at The Galley Hall. {8}.
Sep.	Visit to Nuthampstead Air Museum. {13}.
Oct.	Monthly dinner at The Galley Hall. {7}
Nov.	Monthly lunch at The Plough. {5}.

The attendance, average {10.0}, at these does seem to depend on the time of year.

In addition to these, we held two other outdoor events again with, the number attendees in brackets.

Jun.	Sunday Treasure Hunt. {13}.
Sep.	Countryside Walk. {10}.

In closing I must again thank the rest of the committee and others for all their help in organising events. Finally, a big thank you to Dave for producing our newsletter each month.

***Robert Daines, Secretary North East London Group.***

## **NEL AGM - Competition Secretary's Report of 2024**

2024 was not a good year for motorsport events, with only the 12 Car rally running. The planned new field for the grass autotests was pulled at the last minute and only a frantic call for help to everyone saw a new venue sourced in 24 hours. This did mean with only two events allowed, we could not run the Grasshopper. With the same limit for 2025, we are trying to find some other one use venues to allow more events to run, including the Grasshopper.

The Juniper autotest was again missing from the calendar, simply due to no suitable venue being available.

The new Club championship was affected by a shortage of events in its first year, but hopefully there will be more counting for 2025.

***Mike Biss, Competition Secretary - February 2025***

**NEL Treasurers report 2024**

		2024		2023		2024 Significant events			
Opening balance		944.49		1,397.12		Income	Exp	Profit/loss	
		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure				
Imprest	Imprest	2,885.00		2,795.00		New Year lunch	819.00	800.03	18.97
Admin	T&S		582.94		494.40	Feb 12 car rally	272.00	215.48	56.52
Admin	Tel / BB					June walking Treasure Hunt	18.00	18.00	0.00
Admin	Other admin		5.60		291.25	July Fish and Chip boat trip	900.00	900.00	0.00
Events	Room hire		918.32		1,162.98	July Petanque	0.00	0.00	0.00
Events	NEL awards		1,012.16		10.00				
Events	Social	1,745.00	2,601.23	1,157.00	1,415.40				
Events	Competitions	394.00	279.25	272.00	231.48				
Publicity	Newsletter		176.29		471.12				
Publicity	Other publicity								
R		750.00	750.00	600.00	1,200.00				
Total income		5,774.00		4,824.00					
Total exp		5,314.13		5,276.63					
<b>Profit/loss for year</b>		<b>459.87</b>		<b>-452.63</b>					
<b>Closing balance</b>		<b>1,404.36</b>		<b>944.49</b>					
Expenditure									
Represented by:-									
	Cash	0.00		0.00					
	Bank	1,404.36		944.49					
	Uncleared cheques	0.00		0.00					
	<b>Total reserves</b>	<b>1,404.36</b>		<b>944.49</b>					



Stafford Steed, NE London Group Treasurer

As a follow up activity to follow this years AGM on 11<sup>th</sup> March I will be giving a projected image presentation on Norway based on our trip last October. Details are contained in the article below which was first published in last December's Newsletter. - *Staff*

## Norway, In Search of the Northern Lights

At our October club night, we were treated to an excellent talk by Joanne Lerner who gave an interesting presentation on the history and culture of Norway which was supported by a mixture of her own and archive images.

The following day saw Lesley and myself heading in the direction of our own trip to Norway via Lesley's son near Scunthorpe before picking up one of Fred Olsen's small cruise ships in North Shields

The weather left a bit to be desired, the tail end of the storms which raged in America, it wasn't so much the rain but a critical part of the A1(M) was closed a few miles short of Newcastle because of the floods. Luckily the floods cleared in time and the rest of the journey through the Tyne Tunnel to ship was uneventful.

The Balmoral, our ship which was to take us to the very North of Norway, well within the Arctic Circle, slipped anchor and smoothly made its way along the estuary before being met with a vengeful North Sea; did the mighty Norse god Thor have it in for us before we even got started?

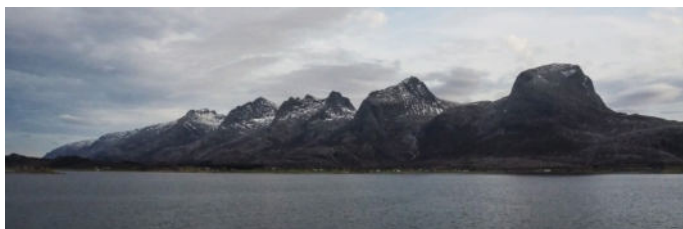
Whilst at dinner that night we had a pleasant surprise, the restaurant manager invited us to dinner at the captain's table the following night, one of the two formal evenings of the trip. Lesley couldn't wait to tell her kids then started to question what she was going to wear, had she made full enough use of our 90 Kgs pp luggage allowance. Apart from the captain there were seven guests and Laura a senior manager. The evening started with a cocktail reception in the corner of the main theatre while the captain introduced the senior members of the crew to the passengers. When he joined us he escorted us to his table in the largest of the Dining rooms, Lesley went all a quiver when she found that she had actually been seated next to the captain.

As you can imagine the service and presentation was to an unbelievably high standard.

Having crossed the North Sea our first Port of Call was Molde, a picturesque town situated on a notorious stretch of coastline concealing many shipwrecks. From here we took an optional excursion along the Atlantic Ocean Road, an 8km stretch of road between Molde and Kristiansund with several bridges spanning several small islands and claimed to be the most beautiful road in the world, something we can't deny.



The following day was spent cruising the dramatic coastline, in particular we passed a row of peaks rising 1,000ft above the sea known as the Seven Sisters. According to legend the Maiden of Leka, and her Seven Sisters, were chased down the Helgeland coast by a Horseman Troll who was filled with passion and very enraged that he could not catch the beautiful maiden. In the heat of the hunt the trolls forgot to be mindful of the time and, with the first rays of sunlight, they all turned to stone.



On a separate island at the end of the Seven Sisters is a distinctive hat-shaped mountain "Torghatten", famous for having a large hole through it. According to legend, the hole was created when Sulis, the Troll-King, threw his hat into the air to deflect an arrow fired at the Maiden by the enraged Horseman chasing her.

The hat also turned to stone. It is believed that, in modern times, this is where most of the Trolls who reside in the region live, in the hole made by the arrow.

A couple of hours later we crossed the Arctic Circle marked by a globe shaped monument on a tiny island. Soon after this the ship arranged a ceremony where King Neptune initiated those who had not previously crossed the Arctic Circle, think in terms of the Ice Bucket Challenge. I could not believe how many people volunteered to be initiated.



Late the following day the ship moored at Alta, high up the North Norway coast and not that far from the Russian border. The town itself is a waste of space, there is nothing there but a cathedral and museum however, with it's clear winter skies and free from Light Pollution this is said to be one of the best places in the world to see the Northern Lights, but of course nothing can be guaranteed even though the previous week a large proportion of people in the UK saw them. With the rain we had experienced recently I began to wonder whether we would be in luck.

Late that night we were driven out into the country well away from any light pollution, apart from a full moon which we couldn't turn off. Temperature now well below freezing and icy snow on the ground. I was out of the coach as quickly as possible to find the best spot, camera bag and tripod in one hand and Lesley hanging on for dear life to my other arm. In the end we were fortunate to see some of the Lights however I can't help but think that another time they would have been more dramatic.



It is a known fact that Northern Lights can be viewed better via a camera than by the human eye. It is to do with the amount of light allowed through the human eye's Iris and on to the Retina compared to the light allowed through the camera lens and on to the sensor. If you do have the opportunity to photograph them here are a few tips – set the ISO reasonably high, say 3000, not too high or the final image will be noisy (grainy in pre-digital lingo); set the aperture as wide as possible f3.5 or wider if you can; set to manual focus look for a bright star or something in the distance to focus on; then, with the camera on a tripod, experiment with shutter speed, try something between 3 and 6 seconds to start with.

Good results have been obtained from an I phone but you will have to find a teenager to advise on that.

Alta was our furthest destination, from here we started the return journey back, broadly the same route but with different stopping ports.

Overnight we travelled the relevantly short distance to Tromso, the most northerly city in the world which greeted us with freezing cold rain. From here we were taken across the Tromso bridge, past the Arctic Cathedral to a cable car. We were warned that they might close the cable car in bad weather, but then our interpretation of bad weather is completely different to that of the Norwegians. From the viewing platform 1,000 ft up there was a good view of the town which is where I left Lesley on terra firma for a few minutes while I took a walk on the snow and ice a little further up the mountain.



The following day was again all day cruising, once more passing the arctic circle monument and Seven Sisters mountain range.

Our final Port of call was Alesund, a delightful town which was completely burnt down in 1904 with the exception of one house which is now a museum. Following the fire the town was rebuilt in an Art Nouveau style. During the day Lesley did some last minute shopping, I haven't seen the credit card bill yet, while I went on a 4 mile hike to the top of Mt Aksla where fine views were afforded of the town from the top.

Alesund was our final port of call so all that remains was to re-cross a calmer North Sea back to N. Shields before the drive home.

If there is anyone considering a cruise we can highly recommend Fred Olsen, their ships are smaller giving easier access into some smaller ports. The crew were 80% Filipino; a happier, hard working bunch of people you will not find anywhere.

I have shown here a snapshot of the images I took from the trip. By the time you read this I hope I will have updated my website to include a few more, ( [Stafford Steed World of Travel www.staffordstead.co.uk](http://www.staffordstead.co.uk) ).

*Stafford Steed*

Date	Day		Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club
Mar	Fri 7	*	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL
	Fri 14	*	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
	Fri 21	*	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Chelmsford MC
	Sun 23	*	Autotest/PCA (Cm)	Grass autotest	South Oxon CC
	Fri 28	*	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
Apr	Fri 11	*	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
May	Sun 4		Bocardo Autosolo (Cm)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Oxford MC
	Sun 11		Autotest/PCA (Cm)	Grass autotest	Blackbird AC
Jun	Sun 8		Autotest/PCA (Cm)	Grass autotest	Blackbird AC

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### Past Events

**February 12 Car Rally** Another 12 Car has fallen victim to a lack of entries and the next one is not looking good at the moment. Such a shame for all the work that goes into them, but at least they will keep for another time.

### Future Events

**March 12 Car Rally** With Mike Harrison recovering from an operation, it has been decided to replace Mike's event with the cancelled December event. Starting from The Farmers Boy PH, 216 Common Road, Kensworth, Dunstable LU6 2PJ MR 166 / 028182, it will use map 166 (edition MAY 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).

**Grass Autotests** For this season we are trying to find some more venues that we may only be able to use once each year, but with several to use, this may help us get a season together. We currently have the Olney venue for two events, but watch this space for any others we can get.

**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 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!

# 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>Mar</b>	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> – NWL group 12 Car Rally Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> – Clubnight: A G M Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> - Monthly Lunch at: The Plough, Sewardstone Road, EN9 3QQ
<b>April</b>	Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> – Clubnight: Speaker Mark Lewis on <i>The City of London</i> Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Monthly Dinner at: The Galley Hall, Hailey Lane, Hoddesdon, SG13 7NY
<b>May</b>	Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> – Clubnight: Speaker Paul Baker on <i>Camden Town</i> Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> - Monthly Dinner at: The Galley Hall, Hailey Lane, Hoddesdon, SG13 7NY
<b>June</b>	Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> – Clubnight: Speaker – subject tba Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> – Pitch & Putt followed be a Noggin & Natter at Kings Mead, Ware
<b>July</b>	Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> - Clubnight: Speaker – subject tba Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Petanque, followed by a Noggin & Natter at: <b>The Old Bulls Head, Ware, SG12 9DZ</b> Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> – Riverside Treasure Hunt – Amwell and Stanstead Abbots area

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 pay parking in the Council Offices and Whit Hern Court car park off College Road, then a short walk over the New River footbridge to the venue.

Free parking is available in the Whit Hern Park car park – entrance between the two white pillars, just beyond the Green Dragon pub in Churchgate.



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

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