

The "Nelly" Newsletter

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Clubnights



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Group Visits



Next Clubnight –
- Tuesday 8th April
Speaker - Mark Lewis:
“The City of London”



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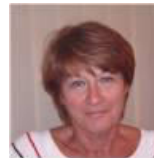
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Hi Everyone

I trust the AGM went off well and it was good to see that the committee vacancy left by Phil's departure has swiftly been filled by Alan Farr. (Photo awaited..)

Those of you who attended will also have learnt that I have taken the decision to stand down as newsletter editor once a replacement has been found – but you will still get your monthly updates until that happens – or maybe Al will take over...?!

Having been involved with producing the newsletter, on and off, since 1982, and not wishing you all to think I was hogging the position; I thought it was about time someone else out there should be given the opportunity to put their stamp on it.

Things have come a long way since those early days, when it was hand produced by Ron and his late wife, Vera, using a typewriter and hand turned duplicator; with Rosie & I then helping to stuff and stamp around 110 envelopes. Dropped off at Hertford sorting office on our way home around midnight; it was often to be found on the mat at 7am next morning if you lived locally...!

Tony Biss took over the role, after I became group secretary, I believe and introduced the concept of us receiving it by email, with Ron then taking over and creating the website from which it is distributed today.

You don't have to live locally either, so if there are any of you out there who have journalistic leanings and, are reasonably competent with a computer, this might be just the job for you – just let Bernard, Robert or myself know.

That's all for now - Dave

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

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Chairman's April Chatter

Welcome to our April Nelly, and longer days (than nights)

Not normally sent out in the previous month but of necessity, to tie in with Dave and Rosie's arrangements. Which reminds me as we are going to lose our most valuable newsletter editorial team and will be on the lookout for someone to take over this illustrious post. We made the announcement at the AGM last month (or this month, depending on when you will be reading this), saying that this expansive missive has been edited, formatted and sent out every month soon after they moved down to the South Coast, which was many years ago. What used to be posted is now by our group email.

It is important that we continue to produce this newsletter as it is an essential tool in our communications strategy as we can no longer depend on any help from Brighton in the form of adverts in the magazine or bulk emails to those members in our catchment area. Please have a think about taking this on as we do need someone, it's not onerous and the whole process can be readily explained by Dave as to what is entailed.

The AGM resulted in a new member joining the committee, with Alan Farr replacing Phil Perry. We already have a full programme of clubnights for this year so the committee will be looking further ahead, as is always the case, to provide you with something for next year. We are still looking to finalise some visits and extra events this year which we shall tell you about in due course and which, needless to say, you can read all about in this newsletter.

We had a discussion about the parking arrangements at our clubnight venue which centred on the recent introduction of a car parking charge, and the reluctance of some of our attendees to fork out £3.50 each month. Because of this reluctance to pay it was suggested that we consider moving to another venue and the discussion was over the pros and cons of such a move. There was an overwhelming vote in favour of staying where we are and paying the charge, as the hall and its facilities are so favourable. I am still trying to find out who is responsible for the car park further up Churchgate but from what people were saying it is communal and there are no parking charges so maybe that's the answer to save the outlay of £3.50, and I don't think it will be much further to walk anyway.

Staff's presentation on their recent trip to Norway was excellent and I got a good idea of the country and how beautiful it is. Unfortunately, the final 12 cars of the winter series was cancelled because of the all too common problem with a lack of entries. We need to think of a solution to this as our 12 cars have run continuously for so many years it would be so disappointing to abandon them.

It is my intention to join the noshers at The Plough at Sewardstone on the 25th, where we are always well looked after. Our last visit for a while.

What's coming up?.

Clubnight Tuesday 8 April

We welcome back Mark Lewis 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.

Take your seats by 8 o'clock.

Group dinner Tuesday – 22 April

Our first visit of the summer season to the Galley Hall, Hoddesdon – let John know to expect you.

Best wishes, *Bernard*

ROBERTS RAMBLINGS

Into April we go, and we have a new layout of my ramblings. As promised at the AGM here are details of some trips that your committee could organise later in the year. In no order, I start with information about a repeat the river cruise on "Lady of Lee Valley." Assorted options are available which are :-

Cream Tea @ £29 per person.
Afternoon Tea @ £42 per person.
Fish and Chips @ £36 per person.
Hot Pie @ £35 per person.
Curry Cruise @ £36 per person.
Sweet Treats @ 34 per person.

Secondly how about a visit to the North Weald Visitor Centre. This is where the Essex and Hertfordshire Air Ambulance is based, and a tour of about two hours will include films, and narrative features. The tour is free, but I suspect a charitable donation would be appreciated.

Thirdly a tour to the Hearing Dogs based at Saunderton which is between Princes Risborough and Wycombe. The pre-booked tour, £9 per adult, £5 per child under sixteen, will show you how, where, and why they train the dogs.

Fourthly a repeat Fish and Chips trip on the Ongar railway.

Now for an added item, advanced dates for your diary:

October clubnight :- audio show by Staff, "My World."
November clubnight :- Trica Thompson, "Deck the Halls."
Sunday 18th January :- usual New Year lunch at The Galley Hall.
April 2026 clubnight :- Peter Wayne, "Wildlife in Epping Forest."
May 2026 clubnight :-Tom Way, "Tooth, Claw and Mane."

Finally, a non-expected tick off the bucket list. In February Owen phones me to inform me that Enfieldian Coaches are running a trip on the 8th of March to the Nene Valley Railway. Once there we can enjoy a rail ride on the train, pulled by a Steam Engine. Well, not just any old Steam Engine but probably the most famous one in the world. Yes, you are correct, The Flying Scotsman. Walking down to Edmonton Green where I met Owen, we waited for the coach. Collecting John and my friend Alan and others at various pick-up points along the Hertford Road, we made our way to Peterborough, arriving around lunch time. After an excellent pub lunch, we made our way to the start at Wansford Station. We were booked on the 15.45 trip, so there was plenty of time to look around the sheds, museum and not forgetting the working toy railway. Thomas and all his friends. Soon the train arrived, and we all entered the carriages, which were all pre-allocated. Off we went to Peterborough where there was an opportunity to take some photos, and watch the train go pass. Ah there nothing like watching the sheer power of a steam engine go pass. Returning to Wansford there was a better opportunity to take photos. By now it was past five o'clock and we boarded the coach for home. Dropping off people along the Hertford Road, I arrived home around eight. An excellent day out and thank you Owen for finding out about it. Below are some of the pictures I took.

Keep it on the road.

Robert.



AGM Correction

At the AGM a question was asked as to why there was a difference in cost of NEL awards between 2023 and 2024.

If you look at the Treasurers report as published in the March Newsletter and add up the total expenditure for 2024 you will see that it amounts £6,325.79.

If you then delete the £1,012.16 marked down for NEL awards then add up the expenditure again you will see that it now amounts to £5,314.13; the figure shown as total expenditure.

As explanation, the figures were copied manually from my working file, in the process the extraneous incorrect figure of £1,012.16 somehow got inserted. All other figures are correct.

I don't think the revised a/c sheet needs republishing in the newsletter but hope this clarifies the situation.

Staff Steed – Treasurer

Dinner Socials for April & May 2025

The next of our Dinner socials will be on Tuesday evening 22nd April and 27th May starting at 7.30 pm at The Galley Hall P/H. Everyone will be welcome especially any new members who have not been before.

Come and enjoy the friendly atmosphere at this popular hostelry which has an extensive menu at reasonable prices, together with a friendly atmosphere.

I will be pleased to see everyone; you pay for your own meals and enjoy lively conversation. Please let me know in good time if you will be coming so I can book the correct places.



Galley Hall P/H address :- Hailey Lane, Hoddesdon, SG13 7NY.

Please get in touch with me by email fosterjohn92@gmail.com or Mob 07984723449.

Thanks John.

Date	Day	Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club
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
Jul	Sun 13	* Autotest/PCA (Cm)	Grass autotest	Blackbird AC
Aug	Sat 9	* Autotest/PCA (Cm)	Grass autotest	Blackbird AC
	Sun 10	* Autotest/PCA (Cm)	Grass autotest	Blackbird AC

Licence required: (I/Nat/Inter/Cm) = MSUK Licence, (C) = Club Card, () = Nothing, * = Regs available

Past Events

March 12 Car Rally Another 12 Car has fallen victim to a lack of entries and we will have to have a look at ways to try and keep these events running. Any ideas of changes we can make to make them more enticing for people to have a go or keep going when a class change is required. This will be discussed at the next committee meeting, but any suggestions or comments would be most welcome.

Future Events

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 in September, 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!

Now available from all good online retailers, it's the:-

**“Why won't this flamin' drawer open...?!?”
starter pack.**

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Dates for your Diary - 2025

**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
April	Tue 8 th – Clubnight: Speaker - Mark Lewis, a talk on: <u>“The City of London”</u> Tue 22 nd - Monthly Dinner at: The Galley Hall, Hailey Lane, Hoddesdon, SG13 7NY
May	Tue 13 th – Clubnight: Speaker - Paul Baker, a talk on: <u>“Camden Town”</u> Tue 27 th - Monthly Dinner at: The Galley Hall, Hailey Lane, Hoddesdon, SG13 7NY
June	Tue 10 th – Clubnight: Speaker – Alan Smith, a talk on: <u>“The Peking to Paris Rally”</u> Tue 24 th – Pitch & Putt followed by a Noggin & Natter at Kings Mead, Ware
July	Tue 8 th - Clubnight: Speaker – Tricia Thompson, a talk on: <u>“Morecambe and Wise”</u> Tue 22 nd – Petanque, followed by a Noggin & Natter at: The Old Bulls Head, Ware, SG12 9DZ Sun 27 th – 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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