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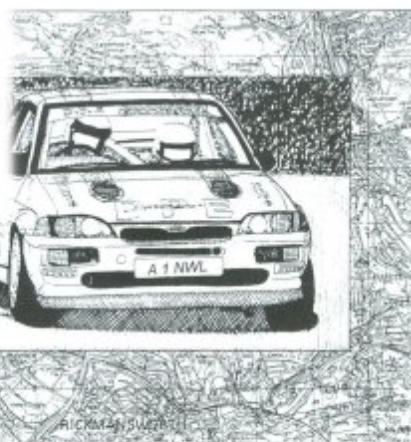
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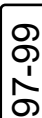


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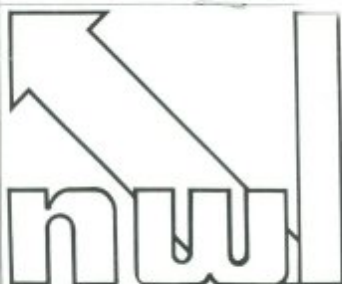


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Club night

Tuesday 1st July, from 7:30pm

THE 42ND TWO BREWERS TROPHY - 2025

Starting from Gadebridge Park Car Park, off Gadebridge Lane, Hemel Hempstead HP1 1LS
Map ref 051³/₄081³/₄

With 15 easy questions and only 8 answers required to complete the event

Map 166 required but photocopied map provided

Finish is at the Red Lion PH

THE BIRTHDAY BOX !

July's birthday wishes go to Jan Yardley, Kit Yardley and Steve Graves!



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 **Boundless North West London Group**

I went up to the championship autotest at Coventry at the beginning of the month and although the MotoFest wasn't running this year, there was still a classic car gathering, as seen by the convoy of American police cars going past, with sirens and lights going of course! With ear plugs fitted, it was out on the course to marshal the first test and action got underway with a couple of wrong tests and several cones being hit. They got better during the day, until the person in the lead, got a wrong test on their last run. Fortunately for them, they had a big enough lead to keep the win. There were two entries from southern Ireland and three from Northern Ireland, but the latter arrived late due to their ferry crossing being cancelled and having to wait two hours for the next one. The three entries were in three cars, the Nova in the back of the van and the Mini saloon and Mini special in the trailer. It certainly makes it more economical on ferry fares.



The WRC sees Elfyn still in the lead of the championship, but his margin is getting smaller each event. He is going to have to try and manage his driving first on the road, to make sure he is still in contention come re-seeding on Saturday, something he has not managed as well as some of the other drivers. A rough event in Greece is next up and hopefully may give him a chance to get a good points haul.

Next clubnight is the Two Brewers scatter, which is a random route treasure hunt, where although there are 15 locations to visit, you only need to submit 8 answers, which means you can choose to either visit them all or not. Scores are determined on the number of people submitting answers for that location, so it usually comes down to when the last crew gets to the finish, that decides who is going to be the winner. So long as you get all of your 8 answers correct, anyone is in with a chance of winning the Two Brewers shield.

Over in F1, it does seem to look like Lando Norris has a pressure problem, as whenever he needs to provide a strong showing, he falls away or makes a big mistake, like he did in Canada, hitting his team mate in the closing laps. When out in front, he seems to be able to manage fine, but tries too hard when behind. Meanwhile his team mate Oscar Piastri, in only his third season in F1, has already won five races this year and is leading the championship by 22 points. With 10 of the 24 rounds gone, it looks like McLaren will at some point have to change who they are backing for the championship.

It is going to be a bit of a long shot, but does anyone have a copy of the 400th edition of the Big End Newsletter, from May 1992, which seems to be missing from the NWL archive? If you do, we would like to borrow it please, so that we can get it scanned.

Keep safe.

Mike B.



Yawn.....!!!

NOTE: Deadline for contributions to the August newsletter is Thursday 24th July

Chairman's notebook

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Once again my thanks to both Anne and Steve Graves, for providing us with an entertaining night walking around the streets of Abbots Langley, looking for those elusive answers to their walking treasure hunt. Fortunately, arriving later than the rest of the entrants, Ann and I avoided the questions of the local residents as to what were up to, wandering around with the clip board and looking at road gullies, manhole covers and in every shop or restaurant window!



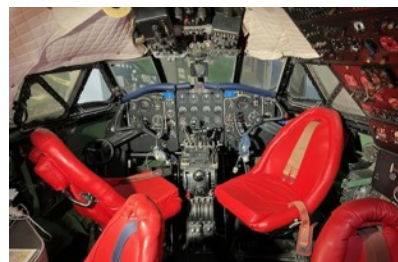
Apparently, Doug and Mike B, who were first out, attracted the vast majority of these questions, mind you, the pair of them probably looked dodgy anyway, but it didn't put them off answering nearly all the questions and winning the event!

As on previous occasions, the questions were a good mixture of easy and hard questions and Ann and I, as usual, found the easy answers and then worked back to get the difficult ones we had missed, although that didn't always work!



May I remind you that I have the Two Brewers Scatter for your entertainment at this month's clubnight on the 1st July. You should find the location elsewhere in this newsletter, but it starts at 7:30pm in the Gadebridge Car Park, Hemel Hempstead and finishes back at the Red Lion afterwards. Printed A4 sized O.S. maps can be provided if required and obviously together with the required question and answer sheet.

Also, we have our River Boat and fish and chip supper cruise this month, on the 12th July, starting at 6:00pm at the Priory Marina in Bedford. Again, for more details see the advert in the newsletter.



For anybody interested in Cold War aircraft, the Aviation Group have organised a visit, and private tour, of The RAF Museum at Hendon on this subject on the 22nd July, starting at 10:30am. The cost is £10.00 per person and the booking form can be found on the Boundless website or contact me and I will send you the link for the form direct. The tour is limited to 20 people, so book and pay early to guarantee a place. The pictures are from the Aviation Group visit and tour of the DeHavilland Museum on the 27th May.

We were really down on numbers at last month's Drink and a Chat at the Red Lion on the 19th June, most likely too hot for everyone. However, there was a good selection of both American hot rods and gas guzzlers' to see there, as well as some quite nice classic UK cars. This month our meeting is on the 17th July and if the Two Brewers is not for you, then hopefully I will catch you there instead!

Oh I nearly forgot, we have been invited out on NEL's Treasure Hunt on Sunday the 27th July and again details should be found elsewhere in the newsletter. Ann and I are unfortunately in Ireland, hopefully enjoying good weather and the joy of the ST, on the lovely Irish country roads!



We are back on the 9th August, so will unfortunately miss the August clubnight of Boules at Stanbridge. We will also miss the August Drink and a Chat on the 21st, as we are then in Cornwall, enjoying the UK beaches and surf, but we are back in time for the Bowling in Dunstable on the 2nd September! Looks like I will be doing both August's and September's chairman's Chat in advance!

Mike H



Secretary's spot

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If you like the sunshine, the weather has been glorious and record temperatures have been set day after day. I am sure the weather will not be as good as soon as the kids break up towards the end of July!!!

Unfortunately, I missed last month's walking treasure hunt clubnight, due to being detained by NHS in L&D hospital. Thank you to all of you who made contact one way or another and cutting a long story very short, my admittance was related to my heart by-pass operation 28 years ago. I am happy to report that all seems well and a slight medication adjustment should keep me fighting fit.

I have heard however that, once again, Anne and Steve put on a super treasure hunt, which was enjoyed by all and the finish pub was very accommodating. I am sure the full results will appear elsewhere in this publication, but thanks to Anne and Steve for a great evening.

On Tuesday 1st July, our Chairman will once again be running the Two Brewers Scatter event. Full details of the scatter were included last month and I am sure you will be able to find them this month as well, but for your information, the event will start from Gadebridge Park Car Park, Hemel Hempstead from 7:30pm. There will be a £5 per car entry fee and the answers to eight questions, from fifteen possibilities, will count towards the results. The finish venue will be The Red Lion, Kings Langley.

Saturday 12th July sees many of us take to the River Ouse at Bedford, for a fish and chip supper cruise on the John Bunyan Community Boat. The trip is now fully booked and I will be sending out detailed information about the evening, about two weeks before we set sail.

We have been invited by our neighbours NEL, to participate in their Riverside Treasure Hunt on Sunday 27th July (full details in last month's Big End and most likely this edition as well), so please take a look at the happenings and support if you possibly can.

August clubnight will be a boule evening at The Five Bells pub at Stanbridge on Tuesday 5th. I should be on holiday, so Doug has offered to look after the proceedings – watch out for further details next month.

You may already be aware that North West London Group will be 75 years old later this year and it is proposed to hold a celebration dinner on Saturday 15th November, of which further details will be circulated shortly. In the meantime, if you have any stories, memories or even photos relating to NWL, then please mention them to Chairman Mike or myself, as we intend to put together a 'history' of the Group.

Our planned future programme is as follows;

| | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|--|
| Tuesday | 1st July | – NWL Clubnight – Two Brewers Scatter event |
| Saturday | 12th July | – NWL Fish and Chip supper river cruise |
| Thursday | 17th July | – NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion |
| Tuesday | 5th August | – NWL Clubnight – boule evening at Stanbridge |
| Thursday | 21st August | – 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 |
|------|--------|---|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Jul | Tue 1 | * | Two Brewers Scatter () | Treasure Hunt | CSMA NWL |
| | 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 |
| | Sun 24 | | Autotest/PCA (Cm) | Grass autotest | Falcon MC |
| Sep | Sun 4 | | Londinium Pado () | Walking Treasure Hunt in London | UHULMC |
| | Fri 12 | | 12 Car (Cm) | Navigational rally | Blackbird AC |
| Oct | Fri 10 | | 12 Car (Cm) | Navigational rally | Blackbird AC |
| | Sun 12 | | Boanerges Autosolo (Cm) | Cross between autotest/sprint | Oxford MC |
| | Fri 31 | | 12 Car (Cm) | Navigational rally | CSMA NWL |
| Nov | Fri 14 | | 12 Car (Cm) | Navigational rally | Blackbird AC |
| | Fri 28 | | 12 Car (Cm) | Navigational rally | CSMA NWL |
| Dec | Fri 5 | | 12 Car (Cm) | Navigational rally | Blackbird AC |

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

Past Events

Future Events

Future of 12 Car Rallies Thank you to all those people who have replied to the request for how we go forward with these events. The change to mid-week didn't get much favour, due to work commitments, so we will stay on Friday evenings and go down the revised class route, allowing people to choose how much they have to plot/plot on the move. It will be interesting to see what sort of response we get for the first event at the end of October.

Grass Autotests Bad news for our grass autotest season, as we do not have the use of the field we used last year. This is due to the lack of rain we have had over the winter/spring, meaning there hasn't been much grass growth. Hopefully things will change for next year. If anyone can find a venue that doesn't get used for a grass cut, then we might have a chance, but it is starting to get a bit late for this year. If you want to do a grass autotest this year, then have a go at the Blackbird ones up at Towcester, as myself, John and Dean are doing.

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 Requirement

<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 (if you can work out how to do it!)

THE TWO BREWERS TROPHY SCATTER - TUESDAY 1st JULY

Compact route and no map plotting required.

--- New area this year ---

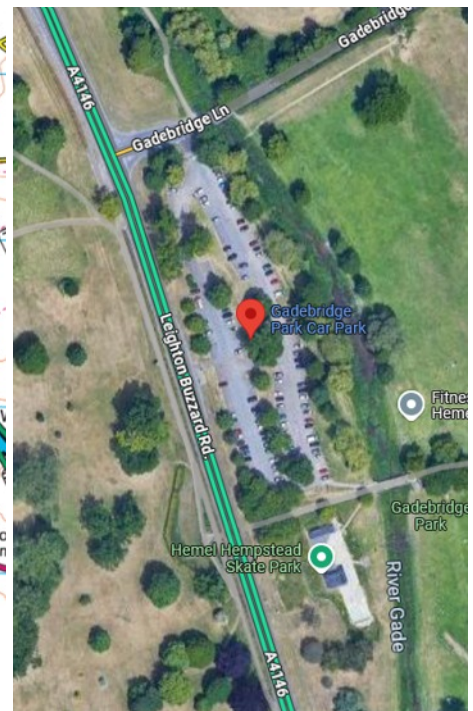
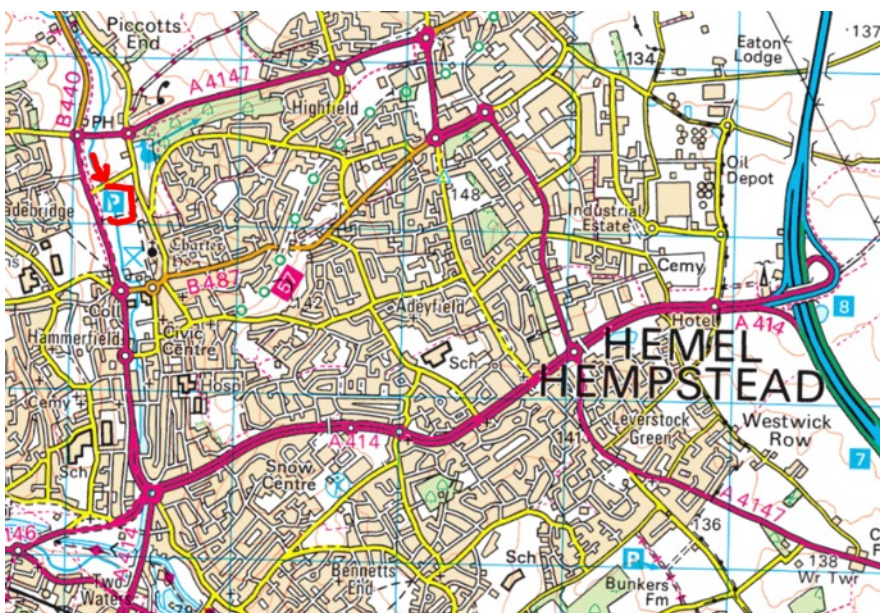
You are invited to the 42nd running of the Two Brewers Scatter. This year's event will be of a similar format to previous ones. You may need a torch to find clues if it gets too dark!

The start will be 7:30pm onwards from the car park at Gadebridge Park Car Park, off Gadebridge Lane, Hemel Hempstead HP1 1LS - Map ref 051³/₄081³/₄. If you arrive after about 8:30pm, you'll probably find I've already moved to the finish venue (The Red Lion, Kings Langley) so find me there.

A copy of the relevant section of map will be provided, if required.

- Motorsport UK exemption certificate has been issued, 203738.
- The entry fee for the event is £5 per crew of two (but three OK).
- Crews will be entered in two classes:-
Experts (won the event within the last 5 years) and Novices.
- There are 15 easy questions, but each crew are only required to answer a maximum of 8 questions.

I hope you have a very enjoyable evening! Mike Harrison (organising this year)



NWL Fish and Chip Supper Cruise

Saturday 12th July 2025

from Priory Marina, Bedford, MK41 9DJ
on board the John Bunyan Community boat
start 6:00pm for two hours
*Fish and Chip supper included
and licenced bar available
(alternative meal available upon request)*



--- NOW FULLY BOOKED ---

NWL Invite to NEL Riverside Treasure Hunt - Sunday 27th July

The Riverside Treasure Hunt, for teams of two people, comprises 24 questions at Great Amwell and then 40 questions at Stanstead Abbots, concluding with lunch at the Red Lion in the High Street. **Please let us know by 17th July at perryphilip47@mail.com if you wish to join us, so that we can make the lunch arrangements.** By then, you will have needed to visit <https://theredlion.net/kitchen/> to check out their Sunday menu, so that you can tell us in advance what you would like to eat. After 17th July, late entries are permitted, but you would have to contact the Red Lion to make your own arrangements for lunch or, of course, just stay for a drink.

Great Amwell

Please park by 10:00am in Amwell Lane in the vicinity of the War Memorial and the sign-post pointing to the Nature Reserve. If you park facing south (i.e. with the New River on your right), you will be ready to drive straight off to the second part of the Treasure Hunt. We will note what time you start at Great Amwell and what time you finish at Stanstead Abbots, and will use overall time taken to determine the winners in the event of two teams being tied on number of correct answers. Please take particular care, as you will walk around the village as, for the most part, there are no pavements. At the end of this stage, we shall be looking to collect your answers, so that we can start marking, but if you cannot find us, do not worry.

Stanstead Abbots

Drive down to the southern end of Amwell Lane and then left into High Street. Drive past some shops and then turn left into the public car park opposite "Abbots Stoves". The charge is £1.50 – both cards and cash accepted.

In this section of the walk, you will be visiting the main branch of the River Lea, and also one of its mill streams, as well as spotting clues along both sides of the High Street. The deadline for finishing at the Red Lion is 12:45.

Phil & Jeanette Perry

Clubnight 5th August - Five Bells at Stanbridge

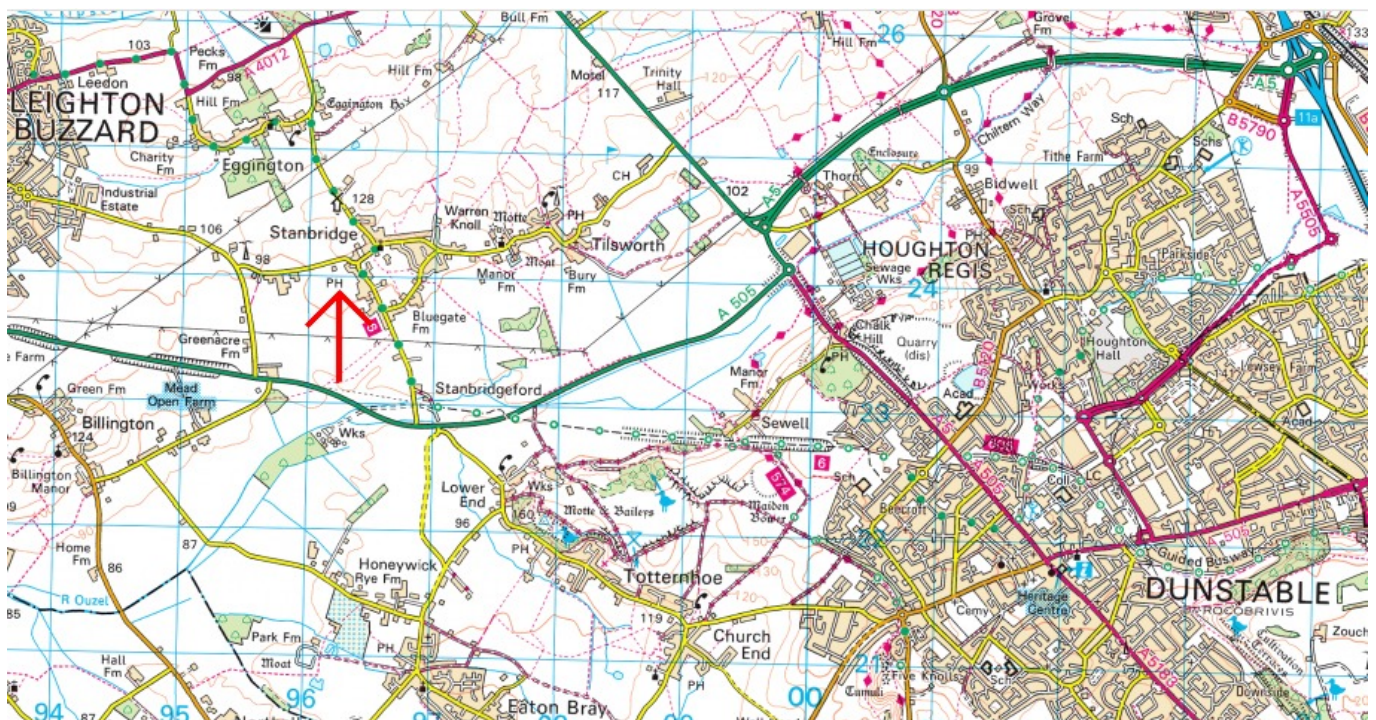


Station Road, Stanbridge LU7 9JF

Boule commencing at 7:30pm

(optional wearing of berets, stripy tee shirts and onions around the neck)

The pub does very good food if you wished to 'eat out'.



June Clubnight Walking Treasure Hunt Results

| | | |
|-----------|-----------|------------------|
| 1st Place | 41 points | Mike B and Doug |
| 2nd Place | 39 points | Mark and Nicky |
| 3rd Place | 37 points | Mike H and Ann |
| 4th Place | 36 points | Ian and Lorraine |
| 5th Place | 33 points | Alan G and Hazel |

Organiser: Steve & Anne



Diary NWL 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

July

Tue 1st **NWL Clubnight - Two Brewers Scatter**
Sun 6th F1 - Silverstone
Sat 12th **NWL Fish and Chip Supper Cruise - Bedford**
Thu 17th **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH**
18th-20th WRC - Estonia
Sun 27th NEL Treasure Hunt (NWL invite) - Amwell
Sun 27th F1 - Belgium

August

1st-3rd WRC - Finland
Sun 3rd F1 - Hungary
Tue 5th **NWL Clubnight - Boule - Stanbridge**
Thu 21st **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH**
29th-31st WRC - Paraguay
Sun 31st F1 - Netherlands

September

Tue 2nd **NWL Clubnight - Tenpin Bowling - Dunstable**
Sun 7th F1 - Italy (Monza)
12th-14th WRC - Chile
Thu 18th **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH**
Sun 21st F1 - Azerbaijan

Dates to reserve:
Saturday 15th November - NWL 75th Anniversary Dinner