

The "Nelly" Newsletter

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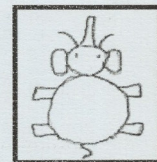


Next Clubnight –
- Tuesday 8th July
"Nelly Drive"

Nelly Drive

Head (1) 1 Trunk & Tail (2) 4
Tusks (2) 2 Ears & Eyes (4) 5
Legs (4) 3 Body (1) 6

Throw a 6 for a body, then add a head, tail & legs. A head is needed to add trunk, tusks, ears & eyes.
Score 1 penalty mark for each part NOT drawn.
Lowest total wins. (Max = 14) Winners move clockwise.



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Hi Everyone - and welcome to your July Newsletter!

Coming to you all a bit later than usual due to us being away for a summer break in the Peak District and returning via the Cotswolds.

Thanks to Bill & Pat Farrow this month for their Southwick, Spirit of D Day article and photos.

Our trip away was, like much of the country, mainly hot and sunny but we did have the occasional shower to catch us out. Some lovely roads up there, although maybe not as enjoyable to negotiate the 28% gradient of the Winnats Pass in a 6 metre Fiat camper van compared to a Peugeot 205 say. Still, the local home delivery guys seemed to manage it OK, so I thought why not give it a go....

Unfortunately, by the time we reached Snake Pass, the weather closed in and the expected views had disappeared into driving drizzle. Is it always raining in Glossop...?

We decided to avoid the M1, so went via M40/42 and A38 instead, which gave us an insight into how big a project HS2 is, with huge swathes of land being cleared east of Birmingham to accommodate all the various bridges and viaducts.

Talking of major projects, anyone thinking of venturing down to the south coast via the M3 between now and 2028 might want to look for another route, as work has just started on improving the M3/A34 interchange at Winchester; one of the few places we were held up during our travels.

If you are planning a journey away this summer and want to check if there are likely to be roadworks on your route, pay a visit the Causeway website at: <https://one.network/uk> where you can find details of all ongoing and upcoming scheduled roadworks across the country.

That's all for now – Dave

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

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Chairman's July Chatter

Welcome to our July offering, such a shame I missed the talk last month by Alan Smith, as he is good at explaining what goes on behind-the-scenes in these big rallies. Never mind, as I personally am feeling a bit better now but I still couldn't make the pitch and putt which was still too much for me but it seemed like a good turnout and I thought the scores were quite respectable so well done all.

I hope I will find the pétanque a little easier, later on this month, but first off we have the evening out on the steam train, this coming Saturday, when we meet up at North Weald as no heritage bus service that evening. I remember when we took a trip on a heritage railway a few years back and the disappointment when a smelly old diesel turned up because there was deemed to be a fire risk with the steam loco. Hopefully this trip will go as planned, as we have good ticket sales.

Clubnight should have seen us reminiscing over Morecambe and Wise but this has had to be postponed, so brace yourselves for a "Nelly" Drive instead...!

Then, it's the pétanque followed by the meal at the Old Bulls Head before. On the last Saturday, we rise up to the challenge of the Riverside Treasure Hunt. Sounds like we have good support for that.

You have read about Mike's suggestions for a revamp of the 12 car arrangements, in order to attract a few more entries from those who just enjoy a drive round the lanes following a map without the pressure of having to progress upwards to the next level of competition. Feedback so far indicates that a move to a Wednesday wouldn't be supported so we keep to Friday, but it looks like we can keep this element of the motor sport going as the summer field events seem to be fated with venue problems.

What's coming up?.

Epping Ongar Railway, Fish & Chip Supper , Saturday 5 July

Clubnight, Tuesday 8 July

A change to the previously advertised talk, which has been postponed; so we will now be bringing forward the "Nelly" Beetle Drive from September.

Petanque and meal at the Old Bulls Head, Tuesday 22 July

Our annual trip over to Ware to engage in some friendly Boules games, with the added incentive of collecting some NEL championship points. – let John know to expect you. The car park is free after 6.30

Walking Treasure Hunt, Sunday 27 July

Picture couples drifting round purposefully, clipboards in hand, intent on spotting Phil and Jeanette's cleverly worked out questions, whilst giving no indication to fellow competitors that they have discovered the answer. And no heatwave - thank goodness.

Clubnight, Tuesday 12 August

Once again John Foster will be treating us to some favourites from his vinyl record collection.

Best wishes, Bernard

ROBERT'S RAMBLINGS

Hey Ho and into July we all go. Yes, six months gone, six to go to the next year. So, what has happened in June.

Well, clubnight was a talk on the History of the Peking to Paris Rally. From the beginning in 1905, to the present-day edition, by Alan Smith, who has marshalled on the event.

The talk was followed by a DVD, showing various bits of the rally in different years. What stood out for me was how the size of the tyres has changed over the years.

This was followed by our annual game of pitch and putt. Six of us braved the sun, as in the past it has been cold, windy and a bit of rain. The scores were- David Smith 42, Robert Daines 42, Richard Smith 43, Ron Barnett 49, Curtis Storey 50, Brian Beard 52.

So, what of this month. The first event is our evening Fish and Chip supper trip on the Epping to Ongar Railway. It is fully booked.

Clubnight should have been another talk by Trica Thompson but has had to be postponed, so it will be a "Nelly" Drive instead.

After that we have our second annual sporting event, Pétanque, starting at 18.30, at The Old Bulls Head, Ware. Please contact John so he can arrange the teams. Finally, we have on the last Sunday of the month, our Treasure Hunt by Jeanette and Philip. Again, please let them know if you are going to take part. Looks like a full program.

Continuing our museum visits, last month a visit to Jurassic World was arranged. This was just outside the old Battersea Power Station complex and yes you are correct it was all about Dinosaurs. Travelling to Battersea via the Northern Line, we entered the exhibition, which is based upon the original film. After the usual security and ticket checks, we were invited to catch the boat to the island. Actually, you just sit down and watch a film, explaining what you will see later. The guide asked everyone, what was their favourite Dinosaur was. Most of us answered "T-Rex." Having reached the island, we went into the next room, to be greeted by life sized Dinosaurs. Not films but fully grown, moving and roaring models. This first room was dedicated to Herbivores.

As I said the exhibition was based on the original film, so the next room informed you how they would have brought the Dinosaurs back to life. The blood of the Dinosaurs was extracted from blood sucking Mosquitoes, who had then become trapped in tree sap, which had then become Amber. Dinosaur DNA was then extracted from this blood. If you wanted, you could even touch Dinosaur Poo. Puts you off my lunch I thought. After this we moved upstairs where you could touch a moving baby Dinosaur, held by one of the staff. Well, a moving model. Then it got scary. Moving into the next room we found ourselves standing in front of a cage. Then a life-sized Raptor appeared and performed a few tricks, before we moved into the last room where the "star" of the exhibition appeared. Protected by a fence with 10,000 volts running through it (er, not really), we waited. Then two Dinosaurs appeared. Yes, our favourite, "T-Rex." Huge, powerful and with a very large roar. That was the end, and we exited into the gift shop.

All in all, an enjoyable visit, which gave us an appetite for a visit to Nando's in the old Power Station.

Keep it on the road.

Robert.

Petanque at The Old Bulls Head Pub, Ware Tuesday 22nd July



You are invited to enjoy a game of Boules plus a meal afterwards at 6.30 pm at the Old Bulls Head Ware. For those who have never played before please come and have a go, I am sure you will find it's fun and easy to pick up, boules will be supplied.

Boules are made of metal (Usually Steel) and held in the palm of the hand. They are thrown at the Jack (the target ball) with the palm of the hand held downwards then the throw is an under arm swing ending with an upward flick of the wrist, this puts a back spin on the Boule providing more control and accuracy.

Please come along especially newcomers. There will be someone on hand to help those new to the game. Anyone who would like to have a meal afterwards can give their order to me, menus will be available before play so Chris (Pub Manager) can have our food ready by close of play usually between 8- 8.30. Entry to play Boules is free, you pay for your own meal.

Please be aware the adjacent car park charges are up to 8 pm now so please meet just after 6.30 pm so you only need to pay for 1 hour (this includes half an hour free parking).

The pub's address is 28 Baldock street, Ware, Herts, SG12 9DZ. Please let me know if would like to come to this friendly social evening with a difference.

Please contact me by phone 07984723449 or e-mail fosterjohn92@gmail.com.

Many thanks, **John**

NELLY RIVERSIDE TREASURE HUNT, 27 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 17 July at perryphilip47@gmail.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 17 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 (ie 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

Countryside Walk – 7th September

The Walk will start from the Free (mid - May) Car Park at Dobbs Weir, EN11 0AY.



A 3.3 mile, level walk on footpaths and hard surfaces, around both sides of Glen Faba.
On completion, a short drive to a pre-booked lunch at:

The Galley Hall, Hoddesdon, SG13 7NY .

We may need to pre order our choices, the cost of which will be covered by those taking part. No entry charge for the walk itself.

Meet at 10.45, for 11 a.m. Start. Lunch will be at 1 p.m.

The maximum number of entrants, for safety reasons, will be 12 including 2 organisers.
Please contact Mick O'Blath on: mickoblath20@gmail.com or 01920 423738 (ansa-phone available) to reserve your place, including if you are staying for lunch or not.

Recent Medical Advice has stated that Walking is helpful for the whole of the body, internal as well as external; so if any of our members feel they might benefit from taking more regular exercise, you may not already be aware that I am organiser and leader of Ware Walkers, a small Group that do a 2.5 mile walk every Wednesday between 10.30 and 12, in the area around Ware; changing each week and sometimes followed by coffee or lunch.

If you are interested in joining us, send your contact details to me - mickoblath20@gmail.com , or ring me for more information on: 01920 423738 .

There is no charge for the Walk .

MICK O'BLATH

Southwick Spirit of D-Day Revival 2025

On Saturday 7th June we visited Southwick village near Portsmouth, which is a rare village and a total anomaly in the 21st century, in that it is a feudal village still privately owned and run by a squire, who still lives in the vicinity. The whole village with a couple of exceptions is run by the Thistlethwayte family who have been in charge since the 16th century. Under the tenancy agreements of the Southwick estate, all front doors are painted dark red. It is a traditional village centred around a village green with half timbered mediaeval Georgian houses, an early mediaeval church, village hall, village store, tea rooms and two pubs.



The village itself has a long and varied history, but it is better known for its role in WW2, when it was the centre of operations for D-Day.



The manor house, where the squire lived, was requisitioned by the government initially for the duration of the war and was used as the control centre for D-Day under the control on General Eisenhower.

The manor house was never returned to the family after the war and the extensive grounds are now the headquarters and barracks of the Royal Military Police.

The day began with the opening of the event by 10 year old Alexander Churchill, great, great, grandson of Sir Winston, and accompanied by his father Jack.

There then followed a 50 vehicle WW2 motorcade. There were many 1930/40s cars parked along the main street, with military bands, the military wives choir sang, many stalls selling appropriate 1940s clothing, etc. and lots of events were programmed throughout the day.





We paid an extra £10 on our visit, which enabled us to ride on a vintage open top double decker bus from the village into the barracks, about three quarters of a mile from the village.

We then entered a palatial manor house and were escorted into the map room.

On the wall was the original map from D-Day which was approximately 30ft long and 12ft high, We had a very interesting and detailed talk by a military archivist, who described the lead up to D-Day so well that you could feel the tension that must have been in that smoke filled room, having the responsibility of 6,900 vessels with 195,000 Naval personnel and 133,000 troops, not knowing at the time that the forthcoming invasion would be successful.

We were told that the map itself, although showing the complete south coast of England from Cornwall to Kent, and on the French side from Calais to Brittany, was to be made from plywood by Tri-ang Toys of Wimbledon. They were commissioned to make a map of the complete mainland of Great Britain, due to the fact that somebody in the factory may have had a loose tongue and could inadvertently let the cat out of the bag as to where the exact invasion would be.



Two employees from Tri-ang were sent to Southwick to install the map, but only the bottom relevant part was used and the two men were not allowed to leave the premises until after D-Day.

The map itself only refers to operation Neptune, which was the naval code for D-Day. The white boxes shown on the map in the English Channel refer to British and German minefields, which were all cleared by our mine sweepers the night prior to the invasion. The actual code name for the invasion itself was operation Overlord. After leaving the map room we visited the RMP museum within the barracks before returning by bus to the village to enjoy the rest of the days events.

All in all it was a very interesting experience.

Bill and Pat Farrow

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 Pedito ()	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!

Boundless by CSMA Classic Vehicle Group

William Heynes Workshop Tour, Saturday 26 July 2025



Come and join us in Bidford on Avon B50 4JG for a tour of the William Heynes Workshop on Saturday morning, 26 July.

The factory tour, led by Mr William Heynes personally, will start at 10:30 am and will last for about 2 hours after which refreshments will be provided, in the form of sandwiches, cake and a drink.

William's understanding of the inner workings of an E-Type is unrivalled. Starting from being raised immersed in Jaguar heritage as a child, onto beginning his career working in fabrication and body work and through scouring the globe procuring cars for clients; there are few living who have amassed an understanding of these cars as thorough and as deep as William's.

William Heynes Limited have prepared E-Type projects for a wide range of events including a preservation project which was accepted into 2022's Pebble Beach Concours. In 2021, William was a judge at Hampton Court's Concours of Elegance for the Jaguar Trophy Award.

The entry fee will be £25 per person, collected in advance by CVG, and will include the refreshments and a donation to a local charity. More information and Entry form from Bernard Ward.

bernard.ward3@btinternet.com

Spaces are limited so be quick to book.

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
July	<p>Sat 5th - Evening Fish & Chip supper trip on the Epping and Ongar Railway</p> <p>Tue 8th - Clubnight: "Nelly" Beetle Drive (note change of format)</p> <p>Tue 22nd – Petanque, followed by a Noggin & Natter at: The Old Bulls Head, Ware, SG12 9DZ</p> <p>Sun 27th – Riverside Treasure Hunt – Amwell and Stanstead Abbotts</p>
Aug	<p>Tue 12th – Clubnight: Vinyl Record Evening</p> <p>Tue 26th - Monthly Dinner at: The Galley Hall, Hailey Lane, Hoddesdon, SG13 7NY</p>
Sept	<p>Sun 7th – Countryside Walk, starting from Dobbs Weir, EN11 0AY</p> <p>Tue 9th – Clubnight TBA :</p> <p>Tue 23rd - Monthly Dinner at: The Galley Hall, Hailey Lane, Hoddesdon, SG13 7NY</p>
Oct	<p>Tue 14th – Clubnight: Audio-Visual Show: "<u>My World</u>"</p> <p>Tue 28th - Monthly Dinner at: The Galley Hall, Hailey Lane, Hoddesdon, SG13 7NY</p>

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.



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