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## Club night



Tuesday 5th August, from 7:30pm

**BOULE**

The Five Bells,  
Station Road,  
Stanbridge, Beds LU7 9JF

## THE BIRTHDAY BOX !

August birthday wishes to **Dave Gordon, Graham Smith, Anne Graves, Eric Crease and Dave Smith.**



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# NWL Editorial

Thanks to Mike for another excellent Two Brewers event last month, but just a shame there were only five crews taking part. As ever, the results were decided by the last crew coming in and changing all the current scores. It is the only event where you don't know how well you have done until everyone has finished. Results can be found on Page 7.

I joined the recent visit by the Aviation Group to the Imperial War Museum at Duxford. Pete has done a write up of the visit, see Page 8. When we headed over to the American Air Museum, unfortunately that was when the heavens opened, for the one down-pour of the day, so we were a bit wet

when we arrived! If you look at the size of the building, it is amazing that the B52 goes from one side to the other, allowing several other planes to be displayed under the wingspan, including a B17! The rest of the site is vast and we just didn't have enough time to see everything that this museum has to offer. I think another visit is required, to see all the bits we missed. The cafe does a really nice sausage roll and chips.



Nice to see Oliver Solberg and Elliott Edmondson get a fantastic first WRC win on the recent Rally Estonia, when they were given a seat in a Toyota Rally1 car. They took the lead on stage two and were never headed and they got nine stage wins. It is a major change from the last time he appeared at this level, two years ago, when driving for Hyundai. They should now be hoping for a regular drive in future, but it is back to the Rally2 class for the next event in Finland. Elliott has been with Oliver for four years now and he has come a long way since doing one of our grass autotests as a 16 year old, along with his brother and father. See where doing grass roots events can lead you to!



In F1, such a shame the event at the Spa circuit started under a rolling start format, as it caused the McLaren drivers to swap places on the long run down the Camel Straight and relegated Lando Norris to second for the rest of the event. With the slight mistakes Norris was making in the chase at the end, against the calm progress Piastri was managing on the different tyre option, it does give the impression that Piastri is now more of a favourite to clinch a first title than Norris is. Nice to see Lewis Hamilton make something of his poor qualifying start and was the first onto slicks and jumped from 16th to 7th place as a result.

Please see Mike's column for a request for pictures of club activities, so he can produce a new cover for the newsletter, in time for our 75th anniversary in October.

Keep safe.

Mike B.

**NOTE:** Deadline for contributions to the September newsletter is Thursday 21st August





# Chairman's notebook

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My thanks to everyone who turned up for the Two Brewers Scatter last month, we had five crews in total and hopefully everyone enjoyed it. The Robins won the event and Doug has the trophy, which I managed to get engraved the other day, and will hopefully present it at the August clubnight on the 5th August. Hopefully, Mike will have found room for the results in the newsletter.

The reason why Doug will present it, is that Ann and I are in the Emerald Isle for just over two weeks, returning on the 9th August. We are spending a week up in Donegal and then a week down in Waterford. Cross fingers the weather will be kind, last time we were there just after the pandemic in 2021, we were lucky and had temperatures of 30 degrees on the beach in Kerry.

So I am missing the Boule evening and also our Drink and a Chat on the 21st, as we will be in Cornwall for two weeks, but Ann and I will be back for Bowling, on the 2nd September.

The Sprite is at Frontline again, as the clutch failed last month. Apparently, the whole assembly failed for some reason and I need a new clutch and flywheel! I will know more once I have been to collect it, as they are saving the items for my inspection.

The plus side, if there is a plus side, it's that this meant we had to take the ST down to Lynton and Lynmouth last month, where we have a long weekend down there celebrating our wedding Anniversary. Needless to say, I had a play in sport mode across Exmoor and up and down Porlock hill, only spoilt whenever I caught up with slower cars!

I am pleased to report that the River Boat cruise along the river at Bedford, was very pleasant and highly enjoyable, with the river managing to take the edge off the temperature, which was great, given the high temperatures we had all been experiencing that week at home. The food and drink wasn't spectacular, but it was very acceptable, given it was a river boat and they seemed to cope remarkably well.

Sadly I cancelled the visit to Hendon, as there was only going to be four of us. I believe that July and August events probably need to be avoided, as we just can't get the numbers, what with holidays and other distractions which take place over these two months in the summer.

Since it was announced that Christian Horner was leaving Red Bull, the rumour merchants have been having a field day speculating where he is going to end up next. First it was Ferrari and then he was going to buy out Sauber, or Alpine. And at the same time, the same thing has been happening with Max. First he's moving to Aston Martin, then it was to Mercedes and now it's Alpine! No doubt it will all settle down this month, after the Belgium Grand Prix, but I suppose this all helps to sell newspapers etc.

It was great to watch Oliver Solberg take his 1st WRC win last weekend, on the Rally Estonia. Well he is certainly just as talented as his dad and Petter must be so proud to watch his son move into the top level.

As with last month, we were down on numbers at our Drink and a Chat at the Red Lion on the 17th July, but the hot rods and American bangers were back (*ED: Plus a dodgy looking VW!*).

As we are returning from Cornwall on the 30th August, Ann and I will make the bowling at Dunstable on the 2nd September and also our Drink and a Chat at the Red Lion on the 18th September.

One last thing, the group is celebrating its 75th Anniversary this coming October and the proposal is a celebratory meal on the 15th November. What I would like to do, is to produce a new newsletter cover to celebrate this and so can you all please look back at your photos. They can be of cars, clubnights or competitions, really anything to do with the club and if you can take a copy in either black & white or colour format, I will try and use them in the design of a new cover for the newsletter.

If you can bring them along to the September clubnight it would be very much appreciated.

Mike H



# Secretary's spot

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I can't believe it is August already!! The shops will very soon be putting out their Christmas cards and I believe Halloween outfits are already filling the shelves. Time certainly doesn't stand still these days.

Last month's clubnight was the annual running of the Two Brewers scatter and once again Chairman Mike put a super little event together which, as usual, prompted a few discussions at the finish about the whereabouts of one or two of the answers. The Robins team won the magnificent shield, so well done to them, and thanks to Mike H for a great event.

Saturday 12th July saw many of us take to the River Ouse at Bedford, for a fish and chip supper cruise on the John Bunyan Community Boat. The weather was wonderful, the two hour trip was very enjoyable and the fish and chips were pretty good too. Everybody seemed to thoroughly enjoy the evening and thanks to the Robins family for providing the details of the voluntary organisation that run the boat.

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. Although the boule pitch has floodlights, it is still best to play in daylight, so Doug will be there for a 7:30 start. The pub does good food, should you require it, but obviously will be glad to serve you a drink or two at the end of the proceedings.

Chat and a Drink will take place at The Red Lion on Thursday 21st August, where we normally convene from about 8:30 onwards. Please join us if you can.

On Tuesday 2nd September, we will be paying our annual visit to Go Bowling at Dunstable. The ten pin bowling alley has offered us a superb deal of three games of bowling for £10 per person. The normal price for two games is £14.99, so our deal represents very good value. If you consider three games is a bit much for you, you can retire at any time but it will still cost you £10. Food and drink will be at your own expense, if you require it. Please arrive in time for a 7:30pm commencement of the bowling.

At long last, we have eventually finalised the digitisation of the almost 800 editions of the newsletter, since it commenced publication in 1960. If you wish to have a copy of all our newsletters (in digital form, i.e. USB memory stick) then please let Editor Mike or myself know, and we will arrange to get a stick done for you at minimal cost.

***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;***

<b>Tuesday 5th August</b>	<b>– NWL Clubnight – boule evening at Stanbridge</b>
<b>Thursday 21st August</b>	<b>– NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion</b>
<b>Tuesday 2nd September</b>	<b>– NWL Clubnight – tenpin bowling at Dunstable</b>
<b>Thursday 18th September</b>	<b>– NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion</b>

***Take good care and hope to see you at some of our events***

Alan T

Date	Day		Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club
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	<b>CSMA NWL</b>
Nov	Fri 14		12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
	Fri 28		12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	<b>CSMA NWL</b>
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

**12 Car Rallies – Future Working** The revised class route, allowing people to choose how much they have to plot/plot on the move will be used for future events. It will be interesting to see what sort of response we get for the first event at the end of October. Regs for the first round should be available early in September.

**Grass Autotests** If anyone knows of a venue, that doesn't get used for a grass cut, which most likely would be used by sheep, then please let me know. If you want to do a grass autotest this year, then have a go at the Blackbird ones up at Towcester or the Falcon one at Eddlesborough, both of which I'm 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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### 12 Car Rally – A guide to the new format

- Any standard car can be used. Event limited to only 12 cars. Around a 45 mile route, timed at an average speed of 30mph. Friday evening, starting at 20:30, with the start/finish at the same location at a pub, for a social before and after the event.
- Novice class now split into **Semi-Expert** and **Novice** classes. **Expert**/Semi-Expert/Novice class based on navigators experience only. Expert/Semi-Expert class have to work out the route from navigation issued at controls around the route. Novice class will have the route issued before the start, so they can plot the navigation before leaving the start (and get help if required). Semi-Expert/Novice class have a more straight forward navigation style.
- Beginners class now called **RallyRun**, for anyone to use marked maps for as long as they like, which allows people to just enjoy doing the event. You can do all the same things as the other classes, but don't have to work out the route.
- Penalties are incurred for missing loops and booking in early/late at time controls. Time recording and route checks are done using a Smart Phone and the Timing App, which give notice when approaching a control/check, so you know you are on the right route.



### 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)!



## Two Brewers Scatter - Results

Crew	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Score	Pos
Robins Family	10				20	15	10					20	12	12	12	111	1
Mike & Doug	10	12		10		15	10						12	12	12	93	2
Alan & Hazel	10		12	10			10		12	12				12	12	90	3
Ian & Lorraine		12	12	10		X	10	20	12	12						88	4
Alan & Trevor	10	12	12	10		X			12	12			12			80	5

## Clubnight 5th August - Five Bells at Stanbridge

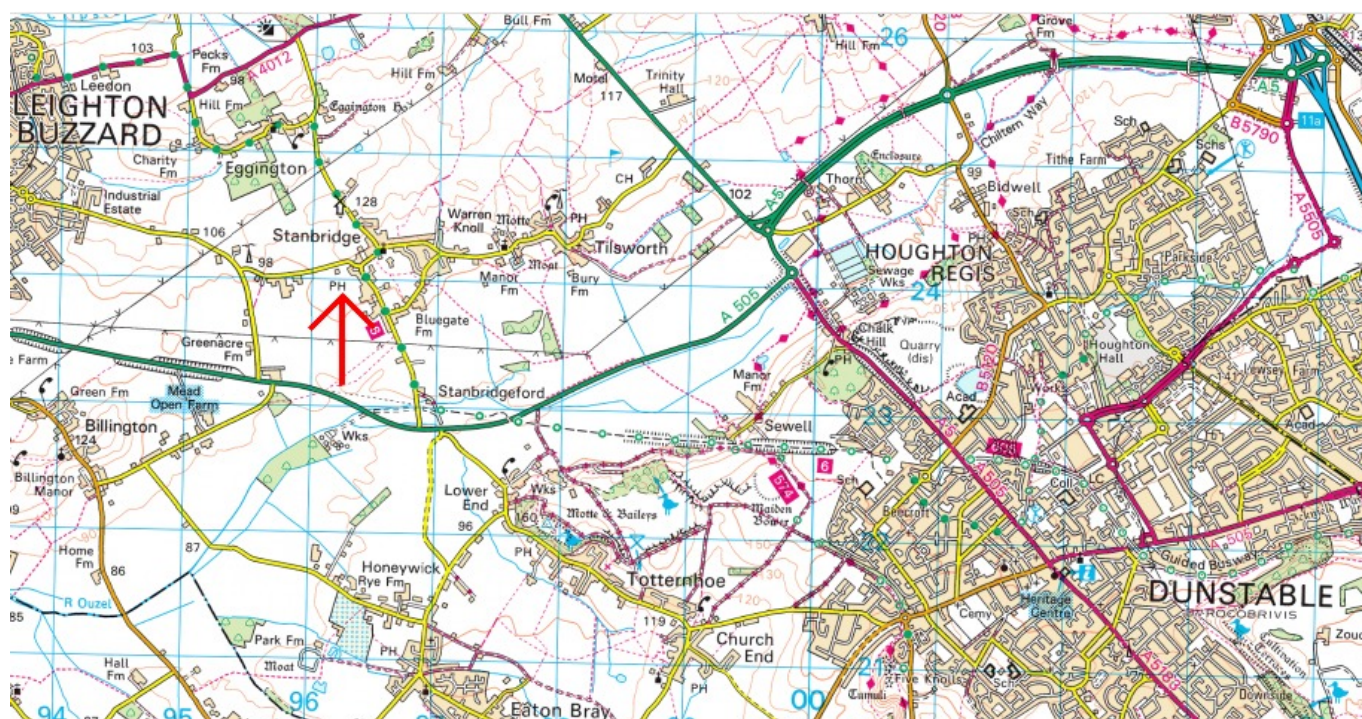


Station Road, Stanbridge LU7 9JF

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'.





## Aviation Group visit to IWM Duxford

On June 26th, a small but enthusiastic section of members of the Boundless Aviation Group met for a very special experience, at the renowned IWM site at Duxford. After a welcome and briefing, the first part of the day was a superb introduction to the history of the Airfield and some of the airmen and commanders, who served and helped build Duxford into the important part it played in WW1 and WW2. John Lewis gave a fact filled and very informative presentation in the former Command Bunker, complete with pictures and videos, before we moved on into the Battle of Britain hanger.



Again, an excellent presentation about the airmen and aircraft, conducted in front of a Mk1 Spitfire, which was used for an air display the previous weekend. A signature on the cockpit hatch was not some anonymous painter, but the then Prince William, who visited just after the aircraft was restored. There



was then an opportunity to sit in the Spitfire, if you emptied your pockets first! There is no floor in a Spitfire and any loose objects or change can jam the controls, which is not desirable.



Before lunch, there was time to explore and some of us visited the recently completed American hanger, to view the comprehensive history of American military aviation displayed there. en we arrived! The size of the B52 was awesome.

In the afternoon, we were privileged to be able to have a conducted tour of the Aircraft Restoration Company hanger and workshops. Our guides, who are full time employees of the company,

gave us free access to everything there, with nothing off limits, and their knowledge was expertly and freely given. Among their projects was a Focke Wulf (a 189 if I remember correctly), which is the only one left in the world. The restoration is being done from old photographs and sketches, as there are no original drawings left. Quite an undertaking, especially as the Germans loved having compound curves everywhere, which are a nightmare to reproduce!



Also sitting in the hanger was the Stearman bi-plane used in the latest Mission Impossible film.

There was then unfortunately very little time left to look at other exhibits, but it was an excellent day and well worth repeating. Thanks to Malcolm Grubb and George Bacon for organising a brilliant day.

PG



## Motorsports Group Visit to Tuthill Porsche Workshops

6pm to 8:30pm, Monday 22nd September 2025

Get the rare chance to have a guided tour around the workshop of the famed Porsche specialists, who restore road cars, build race and rally cars and also road going specials.

With a rich history of innovation and victory, Tuthill has built a global reputation for restoring, racing, and rallying. For over 50 years, they have been known for reliability, competitiveness, desirability, and integrity in the automotive world. Whether you dream of driving on ice, racing through the desert, or owning the perfect car for everyday enjoyment, they make it happen.

Bookings close on Sunday 14th September or when full - there is a limit of 15 spaces and are likely to fill up quickly.

Price £10 per person.

Tuthill Porsche, Wardington, Near Banbury, OX17 1SA

Contact Mike Biss to book a place.



## Rali Ceredigion - Marshals Required

FIA European Rally Championship and the British Rally Championship  
5th - 7th September

The organisers are looking for help to marshal this event, a closed road rally, which is the only round in this country for the European championship.

Mainly they need marshals for timing in/out of service and you don't have to be there all day and only on Saturday and Sunday.

They also have space for marshals or timing marshals on the stages, during Saturday and Mynydd Bach on Sunday.

Training and Webinars are available.

Registrations are via Rally Stage Team <https://www.rallystageteam.co.uk/default.aspx>





# Diary NWL 2025



CLUBNIGHT Venue  
Function Room, The Red Lion,  
56 London Road,  
Hemel Hempstead  
HP3 9TD

DRINK & CHAT Venue  
The Red Lion,  
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## 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

## October

Sun 5th F1 - Singapore  
**Tue 7th NWL Clubnight - Tenpin Bowling - Dunstable**  
**Thu 16th NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH**  
17th-19th WRC - Central European  
Sun 19th F1 - United States (Austin)  
Sun 26th F1 - Mexico  
**Fri 31st NWL 12 Car Rally**

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