The "Nelly" Newsletter August 2025

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Next Clubnight –

- Tuesday 12th August

John Foster's –

"Comedy Classics on Vinyl"







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Hi Everyone - and welcome to your August Newsletter...!

Bernard and I enjoyed a pleasant drive around the Thames Valley countryside recently, when we took part in Allan Goddards "Cream Tea Caper" classic run, although there were a few comments when we got to the finish and everyone found out it was actually sandwiches and cakes...! Nevertheless, with a significant proportion of the population probably enjoying the final day of Wimbledon during the recent heatwave, it was an ideal time to get out and explore some of the quieter Berkshire lanes.

Although, in order to stay cool, several entrants (self included) decided to use their daily drive with air-con, rather than their usual classic wheels.

At the end of this month, there is another classic run starting near Cambridge and venturing into Suffolk if any of you are interested – details are on the main Boundless website, or I can email them direct.

OK, classic vehicle plug over, so back to all things Nelly - but saying that, I haven't received any articles this month, which hopefully will mean a September surge of all your recent holiday and activity reports...?!

The size of this issue has received a late boost though, with the recent arrival of the bumper Summer Communiqué, containing news and updates from Member Communities in Brighton, as well as the wider club community.

And, one final thought, on a completely different, but topical, subject.

Why do we still bother to have Bank Holidays - when there aren't any banks ...?

That's all for now – Dave

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

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Chairman's August Chatter

Welcome to our August offering, here to keep you informed and even entertained. Much of the latter depends to a large extent on keeping your articles coming in to the Editor.

I should raise again here the question of who would like to take on the role of editor when Dave stands down next year. It would be good to think that there is one of our group members who would be prepared to spend a bit of time each month pulling things together on their computer and keeping our well-respected Nelly newsletter going.

My current degree of absent-mindedness resulted in me making a very late appearance at our Nelly Drive meeting last month, armed with the all-important box of tricks (cards, dice, egg cups etc), but we did eventually sort ourselves out and various fine examples of a Nelly were created on the score sheets when we played our version of Beetle Drive. The scores go into the Championship table.

Also now registered with Mike are the results of the pétanque evening at the Old Bulls Head, a most pleasant place to have a social get-together with the added spice of a competition element. I spent a large part of the evening backing my car in and out of the pub car park to free up the cars I was blocking in. Horse drawn stage coaches were, I suspect, a bit narrower than my great big car.

Finally, points were earned at Phil and Jeanette's walking treasure hunt around Stanstead Abbotts last Sunday, followed by pub grub in the Red Lion at the end of the High Street – well planned out and good fun.

I am a fan of Canal Boat Diaries and was watching the episode when Robbie was heading into Birmingham and had reached Aston. He pointed out that one of the over bridges had been named Black Sabbath and this was the very day that Ozzy Osborne passed away which I felt was quite a coincidence.

I'm also a fan of Boom radio which plays all the oldies, for the oldies, and this is our theme for this month as we have John entertaining us with another of his music nights from his best collection of records. Always good to hear some old favourites and also, I would imagine, some new to me records, so join us at the Beaufort Suite once more.

One day last month I happened across a fleet of classic buses driving round Hertford and couldn't resist climbing aboard one of them, and just enjoying the ride. It's quite amazing what can be seen from the top deck that can't be seen from a car — people's back gardens for a start. The one that I jumped on went down to Hoddesdon and stopped a few times, including this stop at the top end of Hoddesdon. At these stops a few die-hards got out and crossed the road to take a picture of the bus each time. I couldn't see the point in doing that!



Clubnight Tuesday 12 August - Music Night

Our resident disc jockey (with real discs) will be playing some of his oldies from his collection.

Monthly Dinner Tuesday 26 August

With the longer days we are meeting at our summer location for dinner at The Galley Hall, Hoddesdon - John would like to know if you are intending to join him.

Sunday Walk 7 September

Led by Mick O'Blath, who will be exploring around Glen Faba, near Dobbs Weir.

Clubnight 9 September - Speaker

We are delighted to have join us again our good friend Phil McKinder to give us one of his favourite talks, see next page for details.

As they say (all the time) -

Take care, Bernard

ROBERTS RAMBLINGS

It is August and I start off with a correction to the scores for pitch and putt. The correct scores were- David Smith 40, Robert Daines 42, Richard Smith 43, Ron Barnett 49, Curtis Storey 50, Brian Beard 52. Looking back to July, sixteen of us enjoyed the Fish and Chip supper trip on the Epping to Ongar Railway. Two return trips from North Weald to Ongar, and thanks to John. Clubnight was a change due to Trica Thompson being not available and we brought forward the Nelly Drive from September. Eight of us took part with three spectators. Then that was followed by our second annual sporting event, Pétanque, starting at 18.30, at The Old Bulls Head, Ware. Eleven of us took part, followed by a meal at the pub, although yours truly came home to watch The Lionesses play Italy. Left it late to win.

These notes are being written just after the Treasure Hunt. Four teams of two took part. Well organised with clear instructions, the results were 1st Alan and Tina with 56 points. Second were John and Robert with 49 points, third were Brian and Curtis with 46 points and Fourth were Richard and David with 43 points. This was followed by a lunch at the Red Lion.

So, what of our future program. Clubnight will see John give another of his vinyl record talks; the subject this time is "Comedy Classics" and then this is followed by a return to The Galley Hall for evening dinner, and we have a request. Can we have a few our lady members join. Please inform John if you wish to join us for a meal.

No museum visits this month but here is some STOP PRESS news. For September clubnight we will have Phil McKinder giving us another talk, with audience participation. See Staff's write up below.

Keep it on the road.

Robert

NEL Clubnight 9th September

Corpus Delecti - all at sea – a talk by **Phil McKinder** with audience participation.

"Corpus Delecti"?

This is a principle that a crime must be proven to have occurred before someone can be convicted of committing it. This ensures that any crime is substantiated by evidence not solely by confession.

This principle will be illustrated by a murder trial where you will be once again be summoned to be jurors and decide the fate of the accused.

A similar talk has already been given to us by Phil in the extraordinary 1931 murder case in Liverpool where William Wallace was tried for the murder of his wife.

Phil is himself a Boundless member who has many interests which includes music, he is an accomplished guitarist; railways; canals, he owns a canal boat; and he is an official guide to the Copped Hall Trust, some of you may remember he gave us a talk and guided tour of the Hall, most of his fee for these goes towards the Trust. The other talk he has already given us is on the Lynton, Lynmouth flood disaster.

Stafford Steed

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. Closing date for booking will be 2nd September and if I have not received 6 entries by then I may decide to cancel the event.

Please contact Mick O'Blath on: <u>mickoblath20@gmail.com</u> 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

Motor Sport Coordinators' Bulletin

August 2025

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 Pedo ()	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

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.

Mike Biss: NLR Motor Sports Coordinator Tel: 07753 137415 E-mail: mike.biss@btinternet.com

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!



Member Communities Communique

Summer Update

A message from Geoff Gaunt, Club Leader

Firstly, thanks again for the patience you have shown with our Member Communities team following the restructuring and other staff departures last year. I am pleased to confirm the Team is now back at full strength and later in this communique Kadie will be introducing the latest team arrival and explaining where all the various responsibilities now lie.

Of course, just when we start to think all is now settled, another change comes along. After five years as Chief Operating Officer with us, Pete Worster has left Boundless to pursue new opportunities. I am sure you will join me in thanking Pete for his contribution to Boundless and, in particular, his great support for the Member Communities. We wish him every success in whatever comes next. For the time being, can you please direct any issues or enquiries that you would have previously raised with Pete to Kadie instead.

I know this time of year tends to be particularly busy with Group events and many turn their focus towards the great outdoors. Sometimes this can come with heightened risks, so we have included below a reminder of the importance of completing and following risk assessments when planning and delivering all our events.

I am told that your nominations for the Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards have started to arrive in Brighton as well as responses to the invitations to the inaugural Club Awards Dinner. Please keep these coming and we look forward to getting together for an exciting celebration of our volunteers in Stratford Upon Avon in October.

Also, of course, for all our Group Treasurers, Summertime means budget time. The budget papers were circulated even earlier than usual this year to give our Treasurers extra time to meet the usual deadlines. We can then ensure that we are able to feed all of our Groups' financial requirements into the wider Association planning for next year.

In the meantime, if you are busy organising a summer event, be it a Camping and Caravan rally, a Local Group outing, a Classic Vehicle Run, or anything else, may it be blessed with fine weather and with smiles all around.

All the best, Geoff

Volunteer Recognition Nominations Now Open

Nominations for our Volunteer Recognition Awards are now open until 8th August. It's a wonderful chance to celebrate someone in your committee or wider group who goes above and beyond to support your activities.

We've already received some fantastic entries and it's been heartening to read the kind words being shared, please keep them coming!



Click here to make your nomination

And don't forget to let us know by 15th August who will be attending the Awards Evening to represent your group. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Local Group Representative Announcement

We're pleased to confirm that we received one nomination for the role of Local Group Representative and are delighted to announce that Phil Pallent will be stepping into the role from October.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to extend a huge thank you to Jeff Kenyon, who has done a fantastic job in the role over the past six years. His dedication and support have been greatly appreciated by all, and we're incredibly grateful for everything he's contributed.

Upcoming Election

The next election which will open in August is for the role of Club Treasurer. If you're curious about what this role involves, feel free to send Kadie an email, kadie.crichton@boundless.co.uk. Kadie will be happy to share more information and arrange an informal call to answer any questions you might have.

Thank you to the three nominations for the role of Independent Council Member, from Mark Brumwell, Trevor Warren and Richard Ashcroft. Voting forms will be circulated after 24th September ahead of the Annual General Meeting. Further details can be found at www.boundless.co.uk/agmvoting

Group Budget Deadline

This year, we've shared the budget request forms earlier than usual to give groups as much time as possible to plan and prepare. Just a reminder the deadline for submissions is 3rd September, so be sure to get yours in ahead of time. If you have any questions or need support, don't hesitate to get in touch!



Get Rewarded for Referring Friends to Boundless

We know many of you love recommending Boundless to family and friends, so we're excited to let you know we're currently running an enhanced referral offer!

For a limited time, when you refer someone to Boundless, you'll both receive a £10 Love2shop voucher once they join.

The more members we have, the more amazing perks and exclusive benefits we can secure for everyone, so it's a great time to share the value of Boundless and get a little something back, too.

Referring is easy: simply share your unique referral code from your Boundless account or give your friend your membership number to use when they join.

Click here for more details

The Gift of Membership

You can now share the fun of Boundless and Boundless Plus memberships with someone special, as membership is now available to purchase as a gift.

Whether you choose to send a voucher directly to the recipient or to yourself for a personal touch, it's simple and easy to buy, making it an ideal gift for anyone eligible to join. Plus, our gift presentation box adds an extra touch of elegance to a thoughtful gift.

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Don't miss out on our final Member Days of the year!

We're ending the year on a high with a series of truly magical Member Days, including some spectacular winter glow events. All tickets are better than half price, so make sure to grab yours soon to avoid missing out!

Upcoming Member Days:

13th September – Chessington World of Adventures

27th September – Blists Hill Victorian Town

22nd November – RHS Garden Wisley Glow

29th November – All Aboard the Magical Santa Express Train

A 6th December – RHS Garden Bridgewater

Click here to book your tickets.



Upcoming Online Events

Don't forget our online events are now open to all, so you can invite your friends and family to join the fun too! It's a great way to share fascinating talks and experiences with others.

Upcoming Events:

➡ 5th August – Boundless BBQ Masterclass

2nd September – Eclipses: A Mesmerising Cosmic Coincidence

a 16th September – The Off-Limits Collection at the British Motor Museum

23rd September – Exploring the UK Through Its Most Symbolic Foods

🔃 7th October – A Day in the Life of a Zoo Director

7 14th October – The Making of the Millennium Seed Bank

And there's even more to come—from the story of the Tower of London to celebrating 100 years of MG.

Check out the full list of online events here

Meet the Team

We're thrilled to introduce another new addition to our Member Communities Team, who will be supporting all the amazing work you do as volunteers. Jack joined us in July and is our new communities administrator, please give him a warm welcome as he gets settled in.

The best method of contacting the team remains through our general inbox which we all have access to: membercommunities@boundless.co.uk



Kadie Crichton, Senior Marketing Manager

Kadie manages the department, providing overall support to all volunteers while driving key projects to shape the future of the club. Kadie also leads on the Boundless magazine and digital content across the website.

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Emily Witty,
Senior Marketing Executive

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Benita Farore,
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Benita is supporting the *Investing in Volunteers* accreditation over the next 6-months. Benita is also supporting the development and delivery of the volunteer onboarding and nurture journey.

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Holly Orgee, Marketing Executive

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Jack Bell,
Marketing Communications Administrator

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Health & Safety

As we head into our busiest season of events, please make sure you're completing any necessary health and safety requirements, especially SEN's and Risk Assessments.

Completing the Single Event Notice (SEN) and Risk Assessment process is a crucial step in the planning and delivery of events. It ensures Boundless by CSMA is informed of the event details, including the activities involved, from initial setup through to operation and dismantling.

The risk assessment identifies potential hazards, assesses the likelihood and impact of those risks, and outlines measures to mitigate or eliminate them. This process helps protect the safety of all involved and ensures compliance with Boundless by CSMA's legal and organisational health and safety responsibilities.

For Boundless by CSMA-organised events, volunteers are classed as employees and are covered under Boundless by CSMA's insurance if injured while performing their duties'.

Information submitted by volunteers during the planning stage also enables Boundless by CSMA to confirm that event activities fall within the scope of their insurance. Volunteers planning and running events will be covered under Boundless by CSMA's Public Liability Insurance. This protects against injury or damage to third parties, provided they are acting within their agreed roles and adhering to Boundless by CSMAs health and safety procedures.

Volunteers acting independently or outside the scope of their agreed responsibilities may not be covered. Therefore, clear communication and proper documentation between volunteers and the organisation is essential to ensure adequate insurance protection is in place at all times.

If you have any questions or require any help with completing your SEN or Risk Assessments, please do reach out to the team as they are on hand to help you.

Incidents & Near Misses

It's also important to report any incidents or near misses to the Member Communities Team so we can continue to keep both you, our volunteers and members safe. A reminder the emergency contact number for any urgent incidents is 0330 123 2011.

Thank you for helping us ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone!

News from the Groups!

Camping & Caravanning Rallies

Members have been busy rallying, with fantastic events recently in Hereford, Lancing, Llangollen, and even France!

With a packed calendar ahead, we're excited to see even more of our members' adventures on the road, here's to more great getaways!











Leeds Group Get Creative!

The Leeds Group enjoyed a fun and relaxing afternoon at Riverside Paint a Pot in Castleford, where they got creative decorating their own ceramic masterpieces. A





Afternoon Treats & Historic Adventures

The Bexhill Group recently gathered for a lovely afternoon, enjoying delicious tea and good company, while the Tamar Group took a trip to Cornwall to explore the fascinating War Museum at Davidstow. A great time for both groups!





Summer Days on the Water

With the beautiful weather, many groups have been making the most of it out on the water! The Thames Valley Group enjoyed their annual Thames river boat cruise, complete with a delicious cream tea, while the Swindon Group boarded the Cotswold Canal Trust boat near Inglesham for a relaxing hour-long cruise through spectacular scenery. A perfect way to spend a summer's day!













Surrey Group Riverside Catch-ups

The group enjoyed two lovely riverside meet-ups recently. One gathering at Thames Court in Shepperton included a delicious lunch, plenty of conversation, and a surprise visit from Edna, who recently retired from the committee after 30 years of service.

Another planned Hampton Court boat trip turned into a relaxed lunch at Bill's in Kingston due to last-minute changes, with plenty of laughs and great food. Both outings were made even better by the beautiful summer weather!





Thames Valley Ride Out

A sunny start at Java Café in Winnersh saw 16 bikes and one pillion join AG's ride-out, covering scenic roads through Berkshire, Wiltshire, and Hampshire. With smooth riding, stunning views over the North Wessex Downs, and a delicious lunch at Kimbridge Barn—especially the trout pâté bagels—it was a fantastic day. Special thanks to Graham for stepping in as Tail End Charlie and to AG for organising another great outing!







About the Communique

The Communique is sent to around 350 of our volunteers, Group and Association Officers and other interested members. Many of our Group Secretaries also forward the Communique to those members who regularly attend their Group events.

We're always looking to improve the Communique, and would really appreciate your feedback regarding what you like and what you don't, what you'd like to see more of, or less of, is the format ok, etc.?

Let us know by emailing: membercommunities@boundless.co.uk

Dates for your Diary - 2025

Club Night Venue: Bishop's College Churchgate, Cheshunt, EN8 9XQ

Evenings start at 7.45 for 8.00pm

Clubnights - 2nd Tuesday

Lunch / Dinner Venues may vary month by month so keep a close watch on the Newsletter each month for precise details of location.

<u>Daytime Lunches, 12.30pm – 4th Tuesday</u> <u>Evening Dinners, 7.30pm – 4th Tuesday</u>

Month	Event			
Aug	Tue 12 th – Clubnight: John Foster's - "Comedy Classics on Vinyl"			
	Tue 26 th - Monthly Dinner at: The Galley Hall, Hailey Lane, Hoddesdon, SG13 7NY			
Sept	Sun 7 th – Countryside Walk, starting from Dobbs Weir, EN11 0AY			
	Tue 9 th – Clubnight: Speaker, Phil McKinder – <i>"Corpus Delecti – all at</i> sea"			
	Tue 23 rd - Monthly Dinner at: The Galley Hall, Hailey Lane, Hoddesdon, SG13 7NY			
Oct	Tue 14 th – Clubnight: Audio-Visual Show: <i>"My World</i> "			
	Tue 28 th - Monthly Dinner at: The Galley Hall, Hailey Lane, Hoddesdon, SG13 7NY			
Nov	Tue 11 th – Clubnight: Speaker, Tricia Thompson – <i>"Deck The Halls"</i>			
	Tue 25 th – Monthly Lunch at: The Plough, Sewardstone Road, EN9 3QQ -			
Dec	Tue 9 th – Christmas Clubnight: Fun, Games & Festive Food			

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 Or, contact him via E-Mail on: robert.daines12@googlemail.com
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