

# The "Nelly" Newsletter

## October 2025



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**Next Clubnight –**  
**- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Stafford Steed – “My World”**  
**Audio Visual Presentation**



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*Hi Everyone - and welcome to your October Newsletter...*

*This month's issue has recent event reports from Bernard, Mick & Staff and you will also find early notice of the New Year Lunch from Staff & Lesley - more details and menu next month.*

*No article from Robert this time as he is only just back from his Canadian trip and also has problems with his broadband, so he sends his apologies - but will no doubt have plenty to report on in November.*

*Rosie & I had a short break at the beginning of September – not as far as Canada – but still west, to Wiltshire and Somerset. First stop was Longleat, where there is a very nice campsite within the estate. We thought it best not to risk taking the camper for a drive through the monkey enclosures though - but there was plenty to see elsewhere. A few days later, we met up with fellow Nellies Jim & Christine Hannaford and spent a very enjoyable day in the sunshine with them at Montacute House - the only day of our break it didn't rain in fact...!*

*Bernard and his neighbour Neil made the long journey down to Sussex last week for another Classic Vehicle Group run that went across to Kent. Being on my own this time, I managed to tag along behind them to the finish during the second half.*

*Rosie had her scheduled shoulder operation earlier this week, so is a bit sore but is now persevering with her exercise regime.*

*And finally, this month sees the Association AGM taking place in Stratford on the 15th, along with the new Volunteer Recognition awards and dinner. If any Nellies are going, please send me something to put in next month's newsletter – thanks.*

*That's all for now – Dave*

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

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## Chairman's October Chatter

Welcome to our October offering, here to keep you up to date with our activities.

We were entertained last Clubnight by one of our regular speakers, Phil McKinder, and he didn't disappoint on the murder case he was describing. We were again faced with a choice to make having heard the evidence given in court and I must admit to changing my guilty vote and I think a few others of you did as well, so well done to Phil for keeping us guessing.

Last month was the end, almost, of my classic car activities, I made it down to West Sussex to start the last run in this area, a day out driving round so many lovely lanes, even a sortie into Kent. The finish was at Chiddingstone Castle, a grand old house, where we finished off the day with a cream tea, posh cups and saucers and a huge matching tea pot. Dave Rosher came round the route, solo in his 205, as Rosie was unable to come along in his passenger seat, so, with the help of a few tows, made it round.

After numerous emails and texts the day arrived when I was to be connected up to fibre broadband by Openreach. Big build up, be ready for the technician to arrive between 8 o'clock, normally a bit early for me, and 1 pm. He arrived with his huge toolkit at 12.45 and connected me up in no time at all, so I am now VOIPed with my land line connected to the internet. The only difference being that for all my local calls I now have to add the local area code, not that I use the landline anymore.

I seem to have spent a large part of last month watching the golf, late into the night; what a badly behaved American load of spectators, serves them right that we won!

This month at Clubnight we have Stafford taking centre stage and giving us a presentation of his lifetime involvement with photography. Look forward to some interesting background to his hobby, and to his developing skills with presentations. He is calling it, My World.

October is the last visit to the Galley Hall for our evening get togethers as we move next month to lunchtimes and a change of venue, the Plough on Sewardstone Road. You are welcome to continue going to the Galley Hall but there won't be anyone there!

The 12-car rally scene is looking decidedly bleak, the first in the series is due to be held this month, this one organised by North West London but entries are not forthcoming. Competitions Sec Mike had modified the classes in order to encourage more novices to take part and we were confident that this would create more interest and provide more entries, but the bombshell has been the massive increase in the one-off insurance cost that most likely will put those potential new entries off, and doubtless some of our regulars as well. Fingers crossed but it is of concern.

What with the non-appearance of any autotests and autosolos this summer, due to a distinct lack of venues, the motorsport side is not looking healthy.

What's coming up?

### **Clubnight 14 October – Audio Visual Presentation**

Stafford will be presenting his photographs via PowerPoint with the subject matter 'My World', giving us an insight into his lifelong hobby of photography.

### **Monthly Dinner Tuesday 28 October**

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. Last time here!

### **Clubnight Tuesday 11 November – Speaker**

A taste of the Christmas Season when we will have Tricia Thompson joining us with her talk on Deck the Halls.

Take care, Bernard

## **NE London Group October Clubnight - “My World” by Stafford Steed**

Most people who have a photographic interest take images of their own favoured subjects and I am no different, hence the title of the evening “My World”.

On the evening I will show a selection of images I have taken in the format of Audio Visual. Although predominately travel, my photography is of a general nature, my website [www.staffordsteed.co.uk](http://www.staffordsteed.co.uk) gives a broader snapshot of my work.

I started photography back in my school days but lacking patience in dark room processing moved into slide photography. I bought my first 35mm SLR camera in 1969, an East German Praktica Super TL. After building up a reasonable collection of slides I wondered what I could do with them and started projecting them to a music soundtrack. T

his was before I had even of heard the term Audio Visual or belonged to a photographic society.

As time progressed, I came across, and purchased, a purposely packaged Audio visual system which comprised of 2 x 35mm slide projectors and specially designed cassette recorder. The package also included the electronic gismos to allow AV sequences to be pre-recorded and, with the 2 projectors, enabled 2 projected images to dissolve into each other. After building up a collection of AV sequences I started to give presentations to friends and local societies.

I have been on the PAGB's approved list of lecturers since 1990 and since 2015 an approved lecturer to the Women's Institute. Since 1990 I have given over 350 presentations to Photographic Societies and other interested groups.

Around this time I started to travel to more interesting and adventurous destinations, some of these got added to my list of talks. Later that decade I was awarded LRPS (Licentiate of the Royal Photographic Society) and CPAGB (Credit from the Photo Alliance of Great Britain) both gained in Audio/Visual.

With the introduction of digital photography, the new century was a pivotal time for me; photographic societies became totally wrapped up in Photoshop, digital processing and no longer interested in 35mm slide presentations. Although I bought a digital camera it wasn't until some time later, when we took a trip to the North American Southern states, that my Audio Visual interest was reinvigorated. Well one couldn't put together a travel presentation visiting places like Nashville, Memphis and New Orleans without including the music.

During the evening I will try to demonstrate how audio visual has developed during the years I that have been involved; from the very first presentation I gave using a single projector, record deck, 6 watt amplifier with a pair of speakers housed in photocopy paper box cabinets; to the use of twin projectors; use of the spoken word necessitating multi track sound recording; through to the digital revolution and the more advance digital AV programs used today.

*Stafford Steed LRPS, CPAGB.*

# *NEL group New Year lunch*

*Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026, 12.30 for 1.00pm*

## *The Galley Hall*

*Hailey Lane, Hoddesdon, Herts, SG13 7NY*

At the NEL group AGM in March it was agreed to continue with a New Year lunch instead of Christmas. We will still treat it as a festive occasion although they will undoubtedly have taken the Christmas decorations down. We will still have the usual raffle and Heads and Tails game with any profit going towards the gratuity for the staff.

By January you will probably have had enough Christmas Turkey so we will be basing it on the Galley Hall's standard Sunday menu which includes a wide choice of Roasts etc. Under the circumstances it will be difficult to offer a fixed price package, full details, menu and booking form will appear in the November and December newsletters.

Bookings will be taken on a first come first serve basis which must be accompanied by booking form and payment in full. Booking forms, choice of menu and payment will be required to be with us by Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January at the latest so that all arrangements can be coordinated and presented to the restaurant in time for the lunch. Payment will be accepted by cheque, cash or bank transfer.



The Galley Hall is a country pub set in the Hertfordshire countryside to the North of Hoddesdon, it has its own car park, should this be full there is ample safe parking in the road outside.

The building dates back to 1374 when it was then a farmhouse known as "Collewelle Haw", but by 1765 its name had evolved to the "Galley Hall". The Galley Hall became a Beer House during the 1830's being kept by one Benjamin Logsdale. The deeds were conveyed to Christie and Cathrow Brewers of Hoddesdon in 1837. Bringing us up to date the Pub has been extended in character to provide an extra Function Room and Patio area providing comfortable dining etc

Stafford and Lesley Steed

## COUNTRYSIDE WALK - 7th September 2025.

The Walk started from the Free Car Park, opposite The Fish & Eels at Dobbs Weir near Hoddesdon. There were 7 Walkers, including one who had driven from Southend and one from my Walking Group.

The first part of the walk was along the River Lea towards Enfield, then left on a footpath behind the houses of the road to Roydon. At the end of the houses we turned left and crossed the road to Roydon, which took us to the start of Glen Faba via a bridge across the Lea Navigation. Passing between 2 lakes, with the right hand one having many yachts, from Cheshunt Sailing Club, on it.



This was a sight not usually seen on our weekday walk. The full view of Glen Faba is at this point. I would say it is 1/2 mile wide and 3/4 mile in length, but only fully visible in a few places. Another left turn to start along the length, crossing a road leading to the back of a large house. Left again at the top and along the width, then left taking us slightly away from the water near a lock on the River Lea. As you continue down the length again, the front of the house seen earlier becomes visible until hidden again by an island in the lake. A right then left turn across the bridge again, then a footpath on the right takes you nearer to the River Lee and an open space and a gate next to the Fish & Eels Pub, crossing the road to the Free Car Park. Six of us then drove to The Galley Hall, eating in the Conservatory with a total of 39 people, for a very enjoyable meal.

My thanks to those who joined me, as this was going to be my last Group Walk.

*Mick O'Blath*

### Countryside walk ( take 2 ), 7<sup>th</sup> September

Seven of us gathered at Dobbs Weir for another of Mick's Sunday walks. After a short delay we headed down the Lea navigation before turning left on to a small path and were suddenly hit by peace and tranquillity. The sun was shining but not too hot, what more could you wish for.

Ahead of us lay numerous ponds and lakes converted for leisure after years of gravel extraction. In the distance we could see sailing boats on one of the lakes. We also saw a few seriously athletic dog walkers; and even more serious fishermen. Two of them had extremely large military style fishing trolleys, probably SAS in disguise. One could only assume the trolley contained a machine gun or two and a few grenades to keep in check any over zealous dog walker.



Having previously lived not far from Dobbs Weir it seems odd that I hadn't come across these paths before so thank you Mick, assisted by Alan, for 3.3 miles interesting and enjoyable walk.

*Stafford Steed*

## Classic Excursion - Bernard

A friend of mine had been given a voucher for a classic car ride up in Derbyshire and he thought it would be a good idea for the two of us to go up and spend the voucher and have a couple of days doing classic things.

We planned it to spend two nights in a hotel in Buxton, on the way up calling in on the Great British Car Journey at Ambergate, near to Matlock, which was an amazing place and had an array of British cars probably 60 in a warehouse alongside the River Derwent and some further cars outside that were available to drive around; if you paid them a lot of money, which we didn't. Inside, one of the cars was a rarity I'd never heard of before which is a Paramount, twelve of which were made in Swadlincote followed by fifty in Derby before they ran out of money. Out of all the cars there I identified ten models that I had owned at various times.



The next day was spent going back in time to the National Tramway Museum at Crich where I had been many many years ago with the Group but several new buildings had appeared since then and many more trams. We spent several happy hours riding the trams, looking round the sheds and the museum, and enjoying a guided tour from a very knowledgeable volunteer describing how it had all started and how the volunteers had got together many years ago to create such a wonderful collection. I then thought we could end the day with a visit to a preservation railway but we turned up at Wirksworth at the northern end of the Wirksworth to Derwent line to find we had just missed the last train

of the day so that's for another time, but a very nice chat to the ticket collector.

Then, the last day was when we took advantage of the voucher that my friend had got and we arrived at the Buxton pump house which is facing the wonderful Crescent and there were four classic sports cars lined up for us, all with the tops down because the day was nice and sunny if a little bit chilly. The organiser who owned these cars said that this was his last but one trip for the season so we were lucky to book our slot. He took off in his van after giving us a briefing of the cars and explained that the cars would keep in the same running order but the crews would move round.



We took some wonderful routes around Derbyshire and just into Staffordshire stopping three times at a farm, an old mill, and the pub overlooking Monsal Head, where we swapped around each time. First was the red MGA, then the blue MGB followed by the Morgan and a yellow TR6. We all therefore had a decent drive in all the cars and everyone felt that the Morgan was awful, much too bumpy certainly for those roads and they all loved best the MGB although the A had a single Weber carburettor, a 5 speed box and improved suspension which I particularly liked. So, three days of wonderful nostalgia.

Date	Day		Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club
Oct	Sat 4	*	Autotest/PCA (Cm)	Grass autotest	Blackbird AC
	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

**October 12 Car Rally** Starting from The John Bunyan PH, Colman Green, Herts AL4 8ES, MR 166/189125, it will use map 166 (edition MAY 2018) for the 45 mile route, with first car starting at 8:31pm. There will be four classes:- RallyRun / Novice / Semi-Expert / Expert and the navigation will be tailored to suit the classes. Entry fee is £18 per car. The organiser is Pete Gregory and you can contact him on either [pete.gregory@boundlesscommunity.co.uk](mailto:pete.gregory@boundlesscommunity.co.uk), 01525 861673 (Work) or 07709 221115 (Mob).

**November 12 Car Rally** Starting from The Farmers Boy PH, 216 Common Road, Kensworth, Dunstable LU6 2PJ MR 166 / 028182, it will use map 166 (edition MAY 2018) for the 45 mile route, with first car starting at 8:31pm. There will be four classes:- RallyRun / Novice / Semi-Expert / Expert. Regs are currently available. Entry fee is £18 per car. Organiser is Alan Thurbon and you can contact him on [alanthurbon@yahoo.com](mailto:alanthurbon@yahoo.com).

**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!

## **NWL 12 Car Rally**

**Friday 31st October**

**The John Bunyan PH, Coleman Green, Herts AL4 8ES MR 166/189125**

### **Map 166**

There are four classes:- RallyRun / Novice / Semi-Expert / Expert - £18 entry fee

Navigation will be tailored to suit the classes - Map 166 MAY 2018 required

Standard Navigation Guidelines for organisers – see regs for details

Pete Gregory/Graeme Presswell ([pete.gregory@boundlesscommunity.co.uk](mailto:pete.gregory@boundlesscommunity.co.uk))

Competitors required - Arrive before 7:45pm, first car starts at 8:31pm

<https://rally.sapphire-solutions.co.uk/register.php?sitename=boundless>

Regs now available from Mike Biss or website

## **NWL 12 Car Rally**

**Friday 28th November**

**The Farmers Boy PH, Kensworth, Dunstable LU6 2PJ MR 166/028182**

### **Map 166**

There are four classes:- RallyRun / Novice / Semi-Expert / Expert - £18 entry fee

Navigation will be tailored to suit the classes - Map 166 MAY 2018 required

Standard Navigation Guidelines for organisers – see regs for details

Alan Thurbon ([alanthurbon@yahoo.com](mailto:alanthurbon@yahoo.com))

Competitors required - Arrive before 7:45pm, first car starts at 20:31

<https://rally.sapphire-solutions.co.uk/register.php?sitename=boundless>

Regs now available from Mike Biss or website

# 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday

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

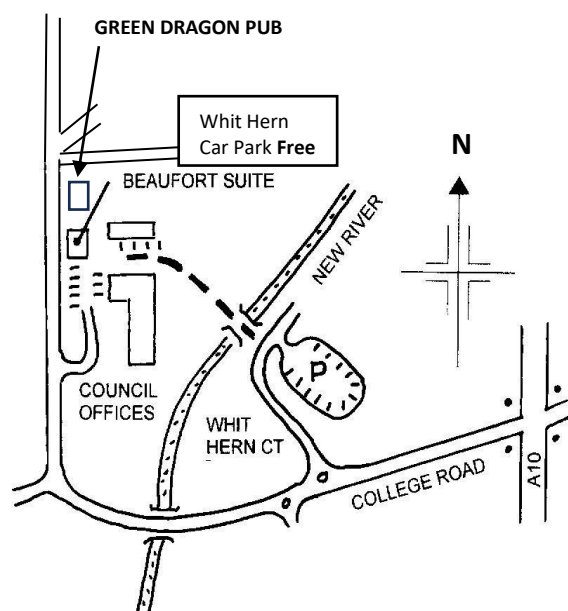
Month	Event
Oct	Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> – Clubnight: Audio-Visual Show: “My World” Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> - Monthly Dinner at: The Galley Hall, Hailey Lane, Hoddesdon, SG13 7NY Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> – NWL Group 12 Car Rally
Nov	Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> – Clubnight: Speaker, Tricia Thompson – “Deck The Halls” Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> – Monthly Lunch at: The Plough, Sewardstone Road, EN9 3QQ – Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> – NWL Group 12 Car Rally
Dec	Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> – Christmas Clubnight: Fun, Games & Festive Food
Jan 2026	Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> – Clubnight – tbc Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> – New Year Sunday Lunch
Feb	Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> – NEL 12 Car Rally Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> – Clubnight: Photos of Trip to Canada Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> - Monthly Lunch at: The Plough, Sewardstone Road, EN9 3QQ

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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