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Club night

Teams Buzzer Quiz

(carried over from last month)

Tuesday 4th November

At our clubnight venue

The Red Lion PH

Starts 8pm



THE BIRTHDAY BOX !

November's birthday people include **Russel Fry**, **Ann Harrison**, **Tracey Smith** and **Harry Spinks**. Best wishes to all.



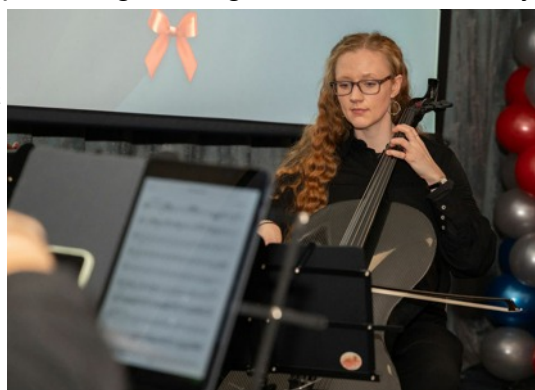
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 **Boundless North West London Group**

Many thanks to Mike H for the new front cover design we used for the special anniversary edition last month. It has been slightly tweaked for further editions, using the original source pictures, so are a bit clearer. You can find out who all these people are on Page 7, along with the car details and the results of the events they were doing.

The recent AGM in Stratford-upon-Avon was a success, with it being combined with the Volunteer Recognition Awards evening, as there were over 80 people in attendance, which is three times as many as previous events. This was followed by a Networking meeting, where the staff at Brighton could meet the members to discuss what they do and more importantly, put faces to names. It went down so well, it actually ran out of time, so they are thinking to extend the time allowed next year. The awards do in the evening went a lot better than most people thought it might do and was a very enjoyable evening. The compare did a good job of mixing comedy and doing the call out of award winners. There was even a string quartet playing during the evening, and with it right by the table I was on, we were expecting to be drowned out, but they managed to vary the volume to make it a pleasant situation. It was interesting in that they were playing classic versions of pop records and film scores. None of this flipping music pages and finding the sheets required, it is all on tablets with foot switches to move the pages on. I then had fun when I asked them if they do requests and they said yes. They got quite a few, including Bohemian Rhapsody! It was very interesting to see that the cello was made of carbon fibre and that a lot of the various string instruments are being done like this. They said it is ideal for this sort of event (must be a lot lighter to carry), but wouldn't get used in a proper orchestra, as the tone of it is not quite right.



Nice to see a F1 race with lots of action happening, although Lando Norris saw none of it, as he just pulled away after the first corner and was over 30 seconds ahead at the finish. He is now one point in the lead of the championship and just has to maintain his race pace on the remaining four races.

The first 12 Car rally of the 2025/2026 season is still to happen as we 'go to press', but with eight entries looks a hopeful sign for future events, as even with the insurance costs for competitors, one crew have taken it up. The forecast is for light rain during the evening, so with plenty of leaves on the roads, it could be an interesting night for crews.

The recent Bicester Scramble saw all the workshops being opened up to the guests on the Bicester Heritage site. I was there as a thank you from Motorsport UK, for being on one of the committees, and we even had a hot meal for lunch. There was a lot of very expensive cars on display, but you can only look at so many Porsches before you get bored with them!



Hopefully we will see you at clubnight for our second attempt to have some buzzer quiz fun, being provided by our Chairman. Hopefully we won't be double booked again!



Keep safe.

Mike B.

NOTE: Deadline for contributions to the December newsletter is Thursday 20th November

NWL Chairman's notebook

Well last month's clubnight was a bit of a surprise, as the room at the Red Lion that is normally reserved for our use, had been taken over by the Reform Party, which resulted in the car park being full and us having an impromptu Drink and a Chat evening in the bar area, rather than the planned buzzer quiz!

Never mind, these things happen as they say, and we will have the buzzer quiz this month instead! Our Drink and a Chat last month was no less exciting, with a punch up at the bar at the opposite end of the pub I am glad to say, providing our early evening entertainment, that is, until they took the disagreement outside.

Last month, Mike invited me along to the Bicester Scamble Day, as he had managed to obtain two free VIP tickets for the day, which gave us free entry and free catering at the Motorsport UK building, which is located fairly central within the site. A scramble day has nothing to do with motor bikes riding around a field, but is just an excuse to take your historic car along and show it off to other like minded petrol heads. These events have become very popular and are sold out very quickly and although the site doesn't open until 9am, the cars start queuing on the surrounding roads from about 8:30am onwards and by the time I arrived, the site was nearly full at 9:30am!

Mike and I met at the Motorsport UK headquarters for a coffee and then wandered around the various buildings and cars on display, of which there seemed to be a never-ending supply of very nice, but expensive Porsches and Jaguars. The few photographs I have included for your enjoyment, doesn't really show the sheer quantity and variety of cars on display and in the car parks and like the Goodwood Revival, there were probably more interesting and expensive cars in the car parks rather than on display!



Last month was also the occasion of the Boundless AGM, which along with the Volunteer Recognition Awards dinner, was held at the Grand Piazza hotel in Stratford Upon Avon, which is where the 100 years celebration dinner was held back in 2023. Following the AGM, I am pleased to report that the club is still solvent and that the club is in good financial health!

The AGM was held in the afternoon, with the dinner and awards presentation following on in the evening, with a break in-between.

I have to say, the dinner and awards evening was really nice and went off really well, helped along by a great compare/comedian. Doug had kindly nominated both Mike and myself for awards, but neither of us were lucky enough to win something, however, everyone present, including partners, came away with a nice engraved glass tumbler and some chocolates. My only comment on the event, is that they need to publish prior to the event, the names of all the nominees and the awards for which they have been nominated for and then a list of the award winners after the event. But all in all, it was a very enjoyable evening.

Having just watched qualifying for the Mexico Grand Prix, I was very pleased to see Lando on pole and Charles Leclerc second and Lewis third, with Max further down the grid for once. Hopefully a step in the right direction for Ferrari at long last, although of course the actual race may be completely different. And perhaps Elfyn is moving ever closer to that World Rally Championship crown, after yet another strong showing on the Central European Rally last weekend, after Sebastien Ogier made a rare mistake.

We had the first of this year's 12 Car rally's last month, with at the time of writing this article, had eight entries, which given the increase insurance for 12 Cars, was a surprise and hopefully this will continue with the remainder of them. I have entered in the semi-expert class with Mark in his 924 Porsche and Doug has Alan Thurbon reading the maps for him, in his Golf in the Rally Run class. Hopefully, it has gone well for all of us and no doubt it will be reported on in full next month.

So for this month's clubnight, we will attempt to run the Buzzer Quiz for your entertainment on the 4th, followed by our Drink and a Chat on the 20th, both of which are at the Red Lion PH our usual venue, and please don't forget we have our anniversary dinner on the 15th at the Dunstable Golf Club, full detail of which you will find elsewhere in the newsletter.

Mike H



Secretary's spot

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I must start this month by congratulating Editor Mike on producing, and circulating to us all, a brilliant 800th edition of the North West London Group newsletter, which included a reprint of Edition Number 1 and also carried lots of information of upcoming events including the 75th Anniversary Dinner, which will be held on Saturday 15th November. Well done Mike for the super publication and all the details contained therein.

Our return to the Red Lion function room for our October clubnight was rather scuppered by the double booking of the venue, so instead of the planned buzzer quiz, we had to squeeze up in a corner of the pub for a very cosy Chat and a Drink.

Not all is lost with the quiz, as we propose to alter the programme slightly and Chairman Mike will run the buzzer quiz at our November clubnight on Tuesday 4th. We have checked that the venue is booked in our name, so fingers crossed. The proposed DVD horse race night will now be put on hold until sometime next year

The first 12 Car rally of the winter series is due to take place on Friday 31st October and will be organised by Pete Gregory and Graeme Presswell. It is pleasing to note that a reasonable entry has been received for the event and it leads to more support for future 12 Cars as well.

As mentioned above, Saturday 15th November will see the Group celebrate its' 75th anniversary, with a celebration dinner at Dunstable Downs Golf Club. Full details and other information appears on the advert page, so please book the date now and let me know if you wish to attend. The latest time to book in (and pay) for the function is Sunday 9th November, so please let me know if you wish to attend by that date. The cost of the three course meal is £25 per person, which is very good value and the golf club has looked after us very well in the past.

I will be running the November 12 Car rally on Friday 28th, starting and finishing near Dunstable, so please have a look at the revised class structure, intended to attract new names to tackle a 12 Car, and come along to see what it is all about.

With Christmas rapidly approaching, our December clubnight on Tuesday 2nd will see our annual social evening in The Function Room at The Red Lion, where some nibbles will be available for your consumption and Mike B will organise a wall quiz for your enjoyment!!

Our planned future programme is as follows;

Tuesday	4th November	– NWL Clubnight – Buzzer Quiz at The Red Lion
Saturday	15th November	– NWL 75th Anniversary Celebration Dinner
Thursday	20th November	– NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion
Friday	28th November	– NWL 12 Car rally
Tuesday	2nd December	– NWL Clubnight – Christmas social at The Red Lion
Thursday	18th December	– NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion

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

Alan T

Date	Day		Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club
Nov	Sat 8	*	Donington Autosolo (Cm)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Loughborough CC
	Fri 14	*	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
	Fri 28	*	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL
	Sun 30	*	PCA (Cm)	Gravel autotest	South Oxon CC
Dec	Fri 5	*	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
	Sat 6	*	Donington Autosolo (Cm)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Loughborough CC
Jan	Sat 17	*	Donington Autosolo (Cm)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Loughborough CC
Feb	Fri 6		12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NEL
	Sat 14	*	Donington Autosolo (Cm)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Loughborough CC
Mar	Fri 6		12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL
	Sun 29		Bocardo Autosolo (Cm)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Oxford MC

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

Past Events

October 12 Car Rally The event hasn't taken place at the time of writing this, but we do have eight entries across the four classes, which is a good sign hopefully for future events.

Future Events

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.

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>

Almost all the 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 the above webpage, you can order your free licence, but please make sure you don't leave it to the last minute.

A Guide To Our New Front Cover Stars

Cover designed by Mike Harrison

Vauxhall Chevette HS

2019 Dixies Challenge
Doug Harrison / Mike Harrison
52nd O/A - 6th Class

Porsche 924

2024 Cotswold Club Historic
Mark Brumwell / Nicky Brass
15th O/A

Ford Escort 1300 GT

1971 Tour of Dean
Alan Thurbon / Tony Baldwin
66th O/A



Winning Team

1994 Curtis Bennett Rally
Ted Manktelow / John Evans
Alan Thurbon / Ian Buxton
Doug Harrison / Mike Harrison
2nd, 3rd & 7th O/A

Vauxhall Nova GTE

1995 Dunlop Autotest
Cath Woodman
18th O/A

Ford Escort 2000

1990 Tour Of Mull
Mike Biss / Pete Tilling
25th O/A - 5th Class

Retro Run 2025

This year's Retro Run ran over the weekend of the 20th and 21st September and was based in North Wales, at the lovely Wild Pheasant Hotel & Spa, which was located just outside of Llangollen. This town is famous for the spectacular canal aqueduct across the valley and the Steam Railway.

The event was once again organised by Madeleine and Malcolm Grubb and kicked off with a three-course dinner, with an introduction and questions session afterwards, on the Friday evening. This year, Ann and I took the Sprite up on the trailer, as the most direct route uses nearly all motorway, which is never that comfortable in the Sprite and there is the added bonus of much greater luggage space in the Audi, and a radio you can hear!

This year there were 19 entries in total, with cars ranging from a 1964 MG Roadster (making it 61 years old), right up to a 2019 Volvo and everything in-between. The Sprite was the second oldest at 58 years old (1967).

As on previous occasions, the route was indicated by the use of good old fashion tulips, with mileage given between instructions, with in-between junctions simply ignored, with the rule being that you just keep to the main road unless instructed otherwise. The total mileage for the first day was just over some 110 miles, which allowed for plenty of time to visit places of interest along the way, with an excellent collection of these places given in the road book.



As an added task, there was included a photographic quiz also given within the road book, with the locations indicated between junctions etc. and you simply had to match the location on the road book with the photograph. For an added twist, there were more photographs given than were needed. You needed to locate 15 photographs on the first day and just 10 on the second day.

After a good breakfast on the Saturday morning, we all assembled in the car park for a group photograph and then we all set off in no particular order.

At this time the weather was quite nice, although heavy rain was expected around lunchtime, so I kept the roof up erring on the side of caution. The road book instructions took us through the car park to the main road (A5) where we turned right back towards Llangollen, where we then turned left at the first set of traffic lights, which took us through the main town and over the river on the A542 towards Ruthin and the Horseshoe pass. In Ruthin, there was an opportunity to park and visit the town.

From Ruthin we travelled through Clawddnewydd and Llyn Brenig, where we stopped for coffee at the visitor centre. From here we passed through Denbighshire, Pentrefoelas, Nebo and finally to Betws-y-Coed, where you could park up and take lunch and coffee etc. and visit the Conway Valley Railway Museum etc. From here we then headed out towards Ysbytyifan and Frongoch, to finally arrive back at the hotel in Llangollen around about 3pm, having driven just over 110 miles in a very large circle.

The heavy rain experienced in the afternoon, did make driving difficult at times and I was quite pleased to get back to the hotel and a nice warm bedroom! That evening we reassembled in the main dining room for another excellent three-course meal, followed by the judging for the fancy dress competition (famous people) and an excellent quiz, organised once again by Derrick and Ann Holden.



Sunday proved to be very different from Saturday, with the rain and cloudy weather thankfully replaced by glorious sun and blue sky. So with a full English breakfast in our bellies, we once again set off on the second

day. Needless to say, we ran around the whole day with the roof down, enjoying the great Welsh roads and spectacular scenery.



This time we turned left out of the hotel carpark and on to the A5 towards Lidiart-Y-Parc and then passing through Corwen, Cynwdd and Llandrillo. From here we travelled on the B4401 through Pont Fawr to the town of Bala, where we stopped at the lakeside cafe for coffee, before driving around to the far side of the lake to go on the Bala Lake Heritage Railway, which travels alongside the lake, all the way back to stop just outside of Bala. Although there are plans to extend the railway into the centre of Bala, currently you have a 10 minute walk from where the railway currently terminates, to the centre of the town.

After a very pleasant ride on the railway, Ann and I headed to the village of Llangynog, on the B4391 across and over the moors on a fantastic road where one could enjoy the full potential of the K-series engine in the Sprite. Once over the moor, we headed on to Penybontfawr, where we then turned left on the B4396 SP Oswestry and then onto the A495 to Llynclys and then to Chirk Castle. We didn't take the opportunity to visit the castle, having spent quite a large chunk of time on the railway at Bala Lake, but drove around the grounds and back out to the A5 to Llangollen for a well deserved cream tea, which was available at around about 3:30pm at the hotel.

Sadly, this marked the end of this excellent event, the 95 miles of the run on Sunday in bright sunshine and blue sky more than making up for all the rain and gloom of the Saturday run!

Although some people disappeared off home after the cream tea, we stayed on with others to enjoy yet another three-course meal on the Sunday evening and on the Monday morning, after yet another full English breakfast, we loaded the Sprite back up on to the trailer and headed off home in the Audi, having enjoyed another great weekend.



If you have a car of any description, whether it be a classic or a modern car, you will enjoy the Retro Run, especially if you like driving on classic highland roads, but you will need to get your entry in early for next year, as the event quickly fills once it is open for entries.

My sincere thanks to both Madeleine and Malcolm Grubb for yet another great weekend

Mike Harrison

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)

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



University of Hertfordshire Observatory Visit

Group visit Thursday 6th November 2025 - Starting at 6pm sharp!

Off the B158 Lower Hatfield Road just south of Hertford

Bayfordbury Observatory University of Hertfordshire
Lower Hatfield Road, Bayfordbury
Hertford, Hertfordshire SG13 8LD

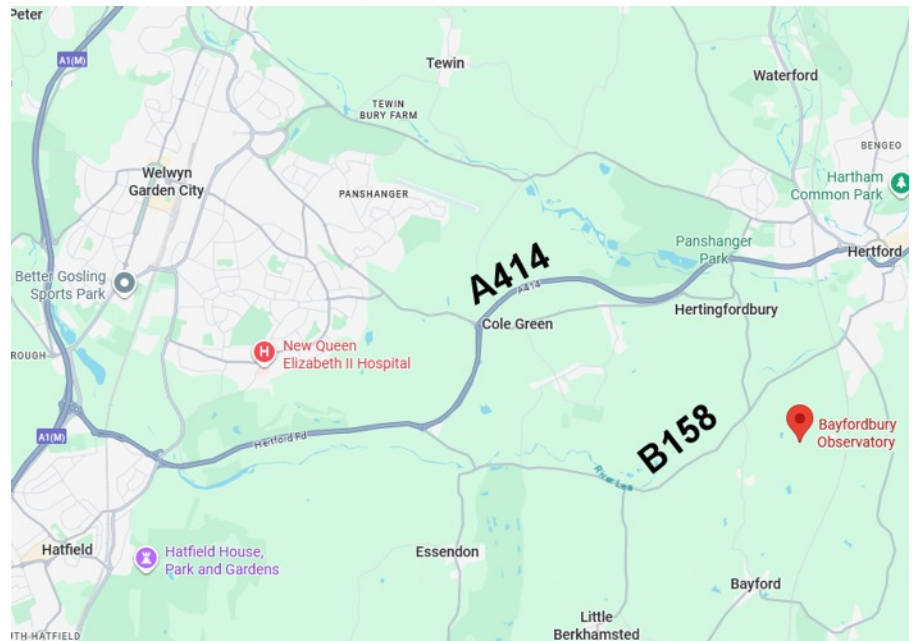
Could we aim for a 5:45 arrival latest please
The cost for the visit is £15 per person
Please bring cash on the evening

Important Note:

Can you indicate your interest ASAP please

I can be contacted on **07770 750800** or Email ianocon@hotmail.com

The visit should last about 2 hours



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NORTH WEST LONDON GROUP

75th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

Saturday 15th November 2025 7:00pm for 7:30pm

Dunstable Downs Golf Club, Whipsnade Road, Dunstable, LU6 2NB

£25 per head

MENU

Starter

Creamy Stilton and Mushrooms on a Toasted Crouton

Minestrone Soup with roll and butter

Prawn Cocktail with brown bread and butter

Main Course

Your choice of main course from the comprehensive Carvery

Vegetarian alternative will be available

Dessert

The sweet trolley will come amongst you offering many delightful dishes

Tea, Coffee and Mints

We intend to set up a Memorabilia Table, so if you have any photos or items of interest to fellow North West London members, then please bring them along for display

If you wish to attend, please send an email to alanthurbon@yahoo.com stating your choice of starter for each attendee no later than Sunday 9th November.

Please state if any vegetarian meals are required

Please also arrange a bank transfer to Treasurer Doug for £25 per person to the CSMA NORTHWEST LONDON NO 1 ACC,
Sort Code 09-01-51, Account No 16928301
with payment reference of "75th Meal - Surname"



Diary NWL 2025



CLUBNIGHT Venue
Function Room, The Red Lion,
56 London Road,
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DRINK & CHAT Venue
The Red Lion,
56 London Road,
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November

Tue 4th **NWL Clubnight - Buzzer Quiz - The Red Lion, HH**
7th-9th WRC - Japan
Sun 9th F1 - Brazil
Sat 15th **NWL 75th Anniversary Dinner - Dunstable GC**
Thu 20th **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH**
Sat 22nd F1 - United States (Las Vegas)
27th-29th WRC - Saudi Arabia
Fri 28th **NWL 12 Car Rally**
Sun 30th F1 - Qatar

December

Tue 2nd **NWL Clubnight - Xmas Social - The Red Lion, HH**
Sun 7th F1 - Abu Dhabi
Thu 18th **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH**

January

Tue 6th **NWL Clubnight - Beetle Drive - The Red Lion, HH**
Thu 15th **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH**
23rd-25th WRC - Monte Carlo

Dates to reserve: