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Club night Christmas Social / Quiz Evening



Tuesday 2nd December

At our clubnight venue
The Red Lion PH
Starts from 8pm



THE BIRTHDAY BOX !

Our Christmas birthday wishes for December go to **Robert Gregory** and **Dolores Taylor-Keane**.



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We have a bumper Christmas issue, due to the larger than usual Communique, which has lots of pictures from the recent AGM and awards evening.

The final round of the WRC takes place this weekend and it is a three horse race between Evans, Ogier and Rovanner. The event is a new round in Saudi Arabia and no one in the championship has any experience of what to expect from the sandy and rocky terrain. A puncture is almost guaranteed, so do you drive conservatively, hoping to keep out of trouble, or do you go for it to try and force the others to try and catch up?

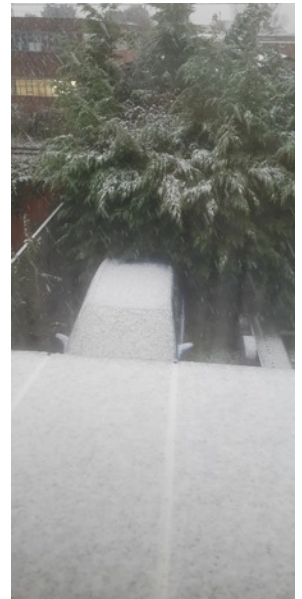
For 2026, there is going to be a lot of change among the teams' drivers, as both Kalle Rovanner and Ott Tanak are leaving Toyota and Hyundai, for circuit racing and a family break respectively. Toyota are bringing in Oliver Solberg for a full time drive, but Hyundai are currently searching around for another highly experienced driver.



In more WRC news, Lancia are making a return with their Ypsilon HF Integrale WRC2 car. This class is proving popular with manufacturers, but what is really needed is more in the top class, as currently there are really only two teams, as Ford are just making up the numbers. Hyundai are licking their wounds this year, having only won one event in the whole championship (so far).

It was nice to have the first 12 Car rally of the season take place, although the organisers left the 'organising' a bit late. Our next event also has enough entries to run, and it seems the new class structure has had enough of an impact to get those required extra entries in, to make the event run.

Last Wednesday saw the first snowfall of winter arrive in Flitwick, a bit unexpected mind, as the forecast was for heavy rain! It didn't hang around for long, but it was nice while it lasted.



In F1, McLaren have managed to make an easy ride to the drivers championship, become a lot more difficult for Lando Norris, with both cars being disqualified from the Las Vegas race, due to excess wear of the plank under the car. This has now brought Max Verstappen back into the fray, as both Max and Lando's team mate Oscar Piastri, are both only 24 points behind, with 58 points available from the last two races.

For 2026, we will see Sauber rebranded as the Audi team, with Audi using their own engines, whilst there is the new team of Cadillac entering, using Ferrari engines. They will have returning drivers of Sergio Perez and Valtteri Bottas, both back to prove a point.

On the Roger Albert Clark rally, which finished on Monday afternoon with a mammoth 61km stage, there were only three non Ford Escorts in the top twenty, a TR7 V8, a Volvo 262C and a Porsche 911. The winner was on a penalty of 4 hours, 41 minutes and 23 seconds, after five days of rallying. The oddest car on the event had to be the crew in a Jaguar XJS V12, which didn't finish!

Keep safe and have a good Christmas.

Mike B.



NOTE: Deadline for contributions to the January newsletter is Sunday 28th December



Chairman's notebook

Thank you to all of you who came to last month's Buzzer Quiz and hopefully you all enjoyed it. It would seem that this quiz is fated! The month before, the room was double booked and last month I left the questions and answers behind at home! Fortunately, with help from Ian, who found questions and answer on line on his mobile phone, we managed to overcome my mistake and we managed to run it. Now this month I have come to do the results for Mike, I can't find them, so please forgive me if I have made a mistake with them as I am working from memory, but I believe Loraine's team won, which included Kit Yardley and Alan Robins.

When I eventually find them, I will ensure they are published for all to see and in the meantime, please accept my apologies.

The first of our 12 Car rallies ran last month on the 31st October, organised by Pete Gregory and Graeme Presswell, and this had a good entry of eight cars and you should find the results elsewhere in the newsletter. This month's 12 Car is on the 28th of November, and has an entry at the time of writing this article of seven cars and is being organised by Alan Thurbon, and once again I have entered with Mark Brumwell in his Porsche. The next 12 Car is then in the New Year at the beginning of February.

The main event last month was of course our dinner, organised by Alan Thurbon, to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Group, which was founded in October 1950. The dinner was held at the Dunstable Downs Golf Club and attended by 27 of us and we all enjoyed a very good three course meal, which concluded with a short speech by me and a toast to the group for the next 75 years!!

The two photographs this month, show the superb Lego Porsche 911 RSR that my kids bought me for my 70th Birthday, and this held my complete attention for some considerable time, until it was completed.

Having endured vans backing into her car at junctions, twice now, and the driver's then turning round and saying she ran into them, we are finally having a front and rear dash cam fitted to the Focus this month, which will hopefully allow us to take advantage of the Black Friday deals that are available at the moment. Halfords seems to offer some good deals at the moment and they offer a fitting service and will even come to the house to install it, so that looks to be the one we will settle on at this point in time and I will let you know how we get on next month.



Numbers were down this month for some reason at our monthly meet at the Red Lion for a Drink and a Chat, although the weather was horrible and Ian was away providing food crew for someone on the RAC (Roger Albert Clark) which began on that Thursday. This fantastic event runs for five days from Thursday through to Monday and takes in the forestry stages in Wales, the Yorkshire Moors and finally Scotland. This is a very tough event indeed, perhaps not quite up to the RAC of old, but certainly a lot tougher than most modern events. There are some very good clips on YouTube if you are interested.

For our Christmas clubnight on December the 2nd, we have Anne to thank once again for the nibbles and Mike Biss is providing a Quiz this year for our enjoyment as well and it would certainly be nice to see you there, if you are able to attend. If not, then perhaps I will see you at the Red Lion on the 18th December for our normal Drink and a Chat.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your participation over this past year and may Ann and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mike H



Secretary's spot

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Our Clubnight last month was intended to be our Chairman's buzzer quiz, which was abandoned from the previous month, due to the double booking of the function room at the Red Lion. All was well, with a good turnout eagerly awaiting what questions Chairman Mike would be throwing at us! Unfortunately, after laying out the buzzers and randomly drawing the members of each team, the quiz was ready to start, but sadly it was then realised that the questions had been left at home!!! In true NWL fashion, all was not lost, as Ian quickly resorted to Google or some other mobile aid and soon found some ideal questions, which allowed the quiz to take place after all.

The highlight of November was the Group's 75th Anniversary Celebration dinner, held at Dunstable Downs Golf Club on Saturday 15th. Once again the golf club looked after us very well, with a super meal and a glass of fizz to toast the Group's 75 years. The Chairman made a short speech and a couple of tables were laid out with memorabilia and photos, which gained a lot of interest.

I will be running the November 12 Car rally on Friday 28th starting and finishing near Dunstable.

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 Christmas Quiz for your enjoyment!! Do come and join us if you can.

The December Chat and a Drink will be a very informal gathering on Thursday 18th in the bar of The Red Lion, but come along for some pre-Christmas cheer if you can.

Our traditional start to the New Year will once again be a Beetle Drive, in The Function Room at The Red Lion on Tuesday 6th January commencing 8:00pm. This is always a fun event, however the competitive element sometimes gets a little serious, especially when the dice will not show the required numbers!

Our planned future programme is as follows;

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
Tuesday	6th January	– NWL Clubnight – Beetle Drive at The Red Lion
Thursday	15th January	– NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion
Tuesday	3rd February	– NWL Clubnight – Music Quiz at The Red Lion
Thursday	19th February	– NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion

Do have a wonderful Christmas and hope Santa brings you all you want!

Alan T



Date	Day		Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club
Dec	Fri 5	*	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
	Sat 6	*	Donington Autosolo (Cm)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Loughborough CC
Jan	Fri 9	*	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
	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
	Sat 14		20/20 (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
Mar	Fri 6		12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL
	Fri 13		12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
	Sun 29		Bocardo Autosolo (Cm)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Oxford MC
Apr	Fri 10		12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC

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

Past Events

October 12 Car Rally The first round of our winter season saw a reasonable eight entries take the start, for the challenge of some of the best Hertfordshire roads. With four experts, one Semi-Expert, two Novices and one RallyRun crew, the new classes have had enough of a benefit to make sure the event took place. With the organisers only deciding to 'organise' the event when there were enough entries, the navigation didn't get checked and one error slipped through. It was only picked up just after the first car started, so we resorted to the App option of contacting the crews with a message to make them aware. Unfortunately, this didn't reach all the crews, with one receiving it on Saturday afternoon and one has still not had it! Thankfully, those without the message either worked it out themselves or used the Help option to get to the next control. Naturally, this section had to be voided at the finish. Thankfully everyone got to the finish in time for refreshments and will be back for the next event.

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

Future Events

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.

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RESULTS

Friday 31st October 2025

Crew	MTC1	PCA	PCB	PCC	PCD	TC2	PCE	PCF	PCG	TC3	TC4	PCH	PCI	PCJ	PCK	TC5	PCL	PCM	PCN	PCO	TC6	PCP	PCQ	PCR	PCS	TC7	PCT	TC8	MTC9	Sub Total	Time Penalties	Other Penalties	Total	Overall Position	Class Position	
Mike Winfield (1) Brian Cammack (Expert)	20:31	✓	✓	✓	✓	20:44	✓	✓	✓	21:00	21:06	✓	✓	✓	✓	21:22	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	21:40	✓	✓	✓	✓	21:57	✓	22:05	22:16	0	0	0	0	1	1
	20:36	✓	✓	✓	✓	20:49	✓	✓	✓	21:05	21:11	✓	✓	✓	✓	21:28 4 LT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	21:45	✓	✓	✓	✓	22:02	✓	22:10	22:21	0	0	0	0	2	1
William Johnson (2) Harry Brierley (Expert)	20:32	✓	✓	✓	✓	20:45	✓	✓	✓	21:01	21:07	✓	✓	✓	✓	21:43 9 HU	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	22:01	✓	✓	✓	✓	22:20 2 LT	✓	22:27	22:38	2	2	0	2	3	2
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Kevin Lowe (7) Pete Richards (Novice)	20:37	✓	✓	✓	✓	20:51 1 LT	✓	✓	✓	21:08	21:13 30 EX	✓	✓	✓	✓	21:34 5 LT	✓	✓	X 30	X 30	✓	22:00 8 LT	✓	✓	✓	✓	22:17	✓	22:27 2 LT	22:42 4 LT	106	16	90	106	5	2
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Mark Brumwell (5) Mike Harrison (Semi- Expert)	20:35	✓	✓	✓	✓	20:48	✓	✓	✓	21:09	21:15 5 LT	✓	✓	✓	✓	21:51 9 HU	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	22:17 30 OTL	✓	✓	✓	✓	22:36 30 OTL	✓	X 30	X 30	125	5	120	125	7	1
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ER (Early) LT (Late) EX (Exceeded Make Up) HU (Help Used)
WR (Wrong Approach) BS (Black Spot Entered) OTL (Over Time Limit)

Member Communities Communique

Volunteer Recognition Meeting and Awards

A message from Geoff Gaunt, Club Leader

At last week's Annual General Meeting I was elected as Vice Chair of the Association, so I must now relinquish the Club Leader role that I have held for only the past eighteen months, and it does feel like I hardly got my feet under the table! I have greatly enjoyed every minute and want to put on record my sincere thanks to you all for your support. Special thanks must go to Kadie and the Member Communities Team for whom my tenure has coincided with a difficult period of re-building following last year's re-structure. Now back at full strength, I know they are busy with a number of initiatives that I am certain will help sustain and grow the active club and make life easier for all our volunteers. Watch this space! The election for my successor is also underway and I wish him/her every success in the role going forward.

There have been a number of other significant recent comings and goings from the Club Council and you can read about these elsewhere in this update. Whilst on the subject of comings & goings, I am delighted to introduce Clair McMahon, recently appointed as the Head of Member and Business Operations, a role that includes oversight of the Member Communities Team. Clair comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience of the active Club having previously worked for CSMA/Boundless in a number of roles, with much of that time having been spent supporting the active club.

It was a special pleasure that my "last official duty" was the presentation of awards at our inaugural Volunteer Recognition Event. The smiling faces of the award winners, and the enthusiastic applause of their colleagues, will long stay in my memory. You will get to read more about the event and the awards themselves in the pages that follow.

By all accounts, another highlight for those who came to the Volunteer Recognition event was the Networking Meeting held earlier in the day. As well as a chance to meet and chat with each other, volunteers had the opportunity to meet a range of staff from across the departments at Brighton, learn about what they do and discuss ways in which this could support the active club. Ideas are already forming on how we might build on the success of the meeting going forward.

We will, of course, be collecting feedback from those who came to Stratford upon Avon, as well as from those who did not, so that we can look to make the event even better in future.

I will sign off now with a final thank you for all you continue to do to provide events and enjoyment for your fellow members

Geoff Gaunt

Three Cheers to our Governors

A heartfelt thank you to our Governors who have recently completed their tenure and been awarded Fellowship of the Association in recognition of their outstanding contribution and many years of dedicated service.

After 15 years as Governor and 36 years of membership, Graham Rood stepped down in June 2024; Bev Cooper, who served 10 years as Governor and has been a member for 37 years, completed her tenure in March 2024; and Geoff Lockwood, with an incredible 61 years of membership and 10 years on the Board, concluded his tenure in June 2025.



We are immensely grateful for the time, expertise and passion they have given to Boundless, helping to shape and strengthen our community over the years. As they step into their well-deserved Fellowship, we are delighted to welcome our new Governors, Madeleine Grubb and Jeff Kenyon, who bring a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm to continue guiding the Association into its next chapter.

You will all know Madeleine for her fantastic work on the Club Council, and most recently serving as Association Vice Chair, bringing insight and a true passion for the club. Jeff Kenyon will also be a familiar face to many, having served for many years on the Club Council, most recently as a dedicated Local Group Representative. We're delighted to welcome them both as they step into their new roles as Governors.

Thank You Pete Gregory

We would like to recognise Pete Gregory, who was awarded Fellowship of the Club on 14th October upon stepping down at the end of his tenure as Chair of Club Council. Pete has been a dedicated member for 40 years, since joining in 1985, and has made an outstanding contribution to Boundless through his leadership, commitment, and unwavering support for our members and volunteers.



2025 Annual General Meeting

The 2025 Annual General Meeting took place on Wednesday 15th October 2025, 2pm at the Crown Plaza Stratford Upon Avon.

The Business of the Annual General Meeting included:

- A presentation on the Association
- Approval of the 2024 minutes of the ninety-fourth Annual General Meeting, by a show of hands
- Approval by show of hands, of the 2024 Annual Report and Accounts
- The Announcement of the results of the ballot for the election of Vice Chair and an Independent Club Council Member
- Approval of the Re-appointment of the Auditors by show of hands
- Approval of the 3 Special Resolutions that have been proposed by the Board of Directors.

The Association Chair announced that Richard Ashcroft was duly elected as the Independent Council Member for a two-year term of office. We'd like to congratulate Richard on his new role.

Gerard O'Sullivan announced the results of the Special Resolutions as follows:

Special Resolution 1 passed in favour

Special Resolution 2 passed in favour

Special Resolution 3 passed in favour

Please visit boundless.co.uk/agmvoting and log in for AGM slides and more.

Volunteer Network Meeting

We were thrilled to host a successful Volunteer Networking Meeting, bringing together over 80 volunteers along with staff from our Brighton office. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect, share ideas, raise concerns and discuss the exciting opportunities for the club. The meeting began with a presentation from Geoff Gaunt and Claire McMahon, highlighting current projects and developments within the Member Communities team.



Volunteers then had the chance to network with one another and mingle at dedicated drop-in tables, which included Boundless staff and representatives from across the organisation.

Round tables included:

- **Our Governors, Brian Comber, Dave Farris and John Herington**, answered questions about the Association and their roles in guiding and supporting the future direction of Boundless.
- **Rachel Hall**, *Digital Applications and Development Manager*, who showcased the new website refresh launching in May 2025, including exciting new features like postcode and location look-up for events and a refreshed volunteer hub.
- **Andrew Hunter**, *Group Head of Data and Compliance*, who shared updates on location information such as member heat maps to support groups.
- **Emma Hesketh**, *Senior Marketing Manager (Member Value)*, who discussed how marketing campaigns are developed and how groups can get involved in promoting their activities.
- **Simon Back**, *Member Services Manager*, who spoke about how his team supports members as the first point of contact and explored ways they can assist volunteers even more.
- **Kadie Crichton**, *Senior Marketing Manager (Member Communities & Magazine)*, who led discussions around the Boundless magazine, its renewed focus on member stories, and how groups can get involved in future features.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and contributed, it was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and collaboration.





2025 Volunteer Recognition Awards

What a fantastic evening we had celebrating so many incredible stories at the Boundless Volunteer Recognition Awards. It was truly inspiring to hear about the passion, creativity and dedication that each of our volunteers brings to the Boundless community. From long-time organisers to those new to volunteering, every story shared on the night reminded us of the amazing spirit that keeps our club thriving.

A heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers, both those who joined us at the awards and those who couldn't be there in person. Your time, effort and enthusiasm are what make Boundless so special. Every event you plan, every member you welcome, and every idea you share contributes to something bigger - a community that connects, supports and inspires.

As we continue to celebrate your achievements, we invite you to enjoy reading the stories of our finalists and winners over the next few pages. Each one is a wonderful reflection of the kindness and passion that make the club truly extraordinary.



Social Break Host of the Year

Hosts who go above and beyond to ensure members feel welcomed and cared for



Finalist: Geoff and Marjorie Hadnam

Geoff and Marjorie have been Boundless members for over 40 years, bringing warmth, energy, and fun to every social break they host. Their thoughtful balance of relaxation and connection creates memorable experiences for guests - from lively evening activities to selfless hosting, even on Marjorie's birthday. Their dedication truly embodies the Boundless spirit.

Winner: Karen and Alan Murray

Members for over 35 years, Karen and Alan truly are renowned for making social breaks extra special. From warmly welcoming solo travellers to working closely with hotels, they ensure every guest feels comfortable and cared for. Their commitment and warmth foster a truly inclusive atmosphere where lasting memories and friendships are made.



Camping and Caravanning Rally Marshall of the Year

An exceptional Rally Marshal who has organised an unforgettable rally for members



Finalist: Simon Amos

Deputy Leader for the Camping and Caravanning Community and a Boundless member for over twelve years. Simon is known for being an exceptional Rally Marshal, friendly, approachable and always ready to lend a helping hand. Those who know Simon describe him as supportive, organised and the kind of person who makes every rally seamless and welcoming.

Winner: Gordon and Katharine McKinnon

Gordon and Katharine truly personify the spirit of Boundless volunteering. This year, they led the Bristol Balloon Fiesta Rally, one of the largest and most complex rallies in the calendar and delivered it with great success. They show great resilience, guiding a team of new marshals and first-time ralliers through a memorable event.



Innovation Award

Members who introduce new ideas, events, or approaches



Finalist: Karen and Alan Murray

Our finalists Alan and Karen continue to show creativity and forward-thinking in everything they do. From supporting in developing exciting new breaks that consistently sell out, to adding thoughtful touches such as welcome teas and evening activities, Alan and Karen know how to turn a great idea into a truly special member experience. A shining example of innovation and member focus.

Winner: Rick Lee (*not in attendance*)

Although unable to join us on the evening, our winner Rick Lee deserves huge recognition. As secretary of Swindon local group since 2014, Rick Lee has tirelessly sourced events and speakers, often travelling long distances to ensure every meeting is engaging and enjoyable. Over the years, Rick's efforts have grown the group's attendance and strengthened its sense of community. Always welcoming, organised and dedicated, Rick's work has made a lasting impact. A true testament to what consistent, passionate volunteering can achieve.

Online Champion

A volunteer who has excelled in engaging with Boundless' online presence

Finalist: Gwilym Griffiths

Gwilym has been a Boundless member for 23 years and is the driving force behind the Karting Group's online presence. As group treasurer and events manager, Gwilym keeps members informed, engaged, and inspired, updating and promoting events and maintaining the group's social media with enthusiasm. His efforts ensure members stay connected, whether on or off the track.



Winner: Trevor Warren (*not in attendance*)

Our winner Trevor has brought real energy and positivity to Boundless' online spaces. Trevor shares uplifting posts, exciting upcoming events and keeps the conversation going long after events have ended. Always ready to help others, Trevor creates a sense of fun and belonging, ensuring everyone feels part of the Boundless community, both online and in person.

Newsletter of the Year

Editors who create an engaging read for members to find out more about their group



Finalist: John Barnes

John has transformed the Thames Valley Group newsletter into a vibrant and engaging publication. Producing up to six issues a year, John blends event updates, motoring features, quizzes, and member stories into a newsletter that captures the Boundless spirit. His attention to detail, creative flair, and commitment make it a true highlight for members.

Winner: Barry Haughton

After becoming the CVG's newsletter editor, Barry has used his dedication and passion to ensure The Squeaky Wheel remains a vital tool for engagement. He has expanded its reach, sharing events and updates with a wider audience of members who might otherwise have missed out. His enthusiasm continues to help the group grow and thrive.



Membership Champion

For actively engaging in Boundless membership and encouraging new faces to events



Finalist: Denise Griffiths

Denise is a long-standing and valued Boundless member, contributing across areas from rallying to karting. Always seeking to grow the community, Denise promotes membership, supports events, handles communications and helps with finances. Her drive, organisation and love for Boundless shine through in everything she does. A true ambassador for the club and its values.

Winner: Allan Goddard

Allan has dedicated 57 years to Boundless, playing an important role in shaping the club we know today. A former Club Captain, he still chairs groups, organises ride-outs and events, and inspire others, leading over 2,000 activities to date. Allan's energy and commitment make him a true Boundless legend and a worthy Membership Champion.



Rising Star

A new volunteer who has made a significant impact

Finalist: Barry Weller *(not in attendance)*

Barry has made a great start in his first year as the Karting Group Secretary. He has shown initiative, professionalism and real promise for the future. His confidence and attention to detail have made a strong impression, setting the stage for more successful events to come.

Winner: Pauline Johnson

Pauline joined the Leeds Group committee earlier this year and has already made a real difference. She's brought fresh ideas, started a WhatsApp group to connect members, and given energy to each meeting. Her enthusiasm for engaging with everyone, new and old, has inspired us all and created a renewed sense of excitement. A true breath of fresh air and a wonderful Rising Star.



Long Service Award

Honouring a long-serving volunteer dedicated to the Club's growth and progress



Finalist: Peter Morris

Our finalist Pete has been a Boundless member for over 45 years and has served faithfully on the committee for as long as anyone can remember. Quiet, steady and always with a smile, Pete performs his duties with humility and grace. A shining example of commitment that truly stands the test of time.

Winner: Sheilagh Dickinson

Our winner Sheilagh has been part of Boundless for many years and has served as the Leeds Group's Treasurer since its very beginning. Taking on one of the most demanding volunteer roles, Sheilagh has managed it with care, accuracy and dedication. Even through personal challenges, she has continued to keep the group running smoothly, embracing new systems and ensuring its future. Her resilience and loyalty make her a cornerstone of the group and a most deserving Long Service award winner.



Above and Beyond

This category is full of winners and an opportunity for us to select several volunteers we felt should be recognised for the amazing support they have given when they have gone above and beyond.

Anne Gilbert



Anne's energy and enthusiasm make the Dorset group a joy to be part of. She's always at the heart of things, finding great speakers, planning visits, and making everyone feel welcome.

George Bacon



George's creativity and intuition provide members with exclusive behind-the-scenes experiences at museums and aviation sites, creating unforgettable moments and truly elevating the Boundless experience.

Bob Thomas



Bob continues to give his all to the community, producing three monthly newsletters, representing local groups on the Club Council and supporting at Member Days, always bringing positivity and dedication.

Nikki & Mark Hart



Described as 'incredibly valuable' by the Events Team, Nikki and Mark add magic to every Boundless social break and member day, filling each event with laughter, thoughtful touches, and unforgettable memories.

Paul Whiting



Paul always makes guests feel welcome. At one member day, his quick thinking during a medical emergency showed compassion and calmness. Always dependable, Paul's kindness and dedication have made a lasting impact.

Volunteer Group of the Year

A group that stands out in its own way, whether trying something new, creating an epic event, or supporting members

Finalist: Peterborough Group

The Peterborough Group is a wonderful example of teamwork and dedication. Each committee member contributes by organising events, planning the annual programme, and creating a welcoming, family-like atmosphere. With over sixty years of history, their sense of togetherness and shared effort keeps the group thriving year after year.



Winner: York Group

The York Group continues to go from strength to strength. One of the most active and engaging groups, their committee works tirelessly to organise talks, trips, and social events, from stately homes and river cruises to gin distillery tours! With around forty members attending each event and a strong spirit of teamwork, they truly embody what Boundless is all about: friendship, fun and community.

Volunteer of the Year

A volunteer has shown outstanding commitment and has made a big impact

Finalist: Denise Knight

Denise is a true all-rounder: Treasurer, Newsletter Creator, Event Host, Member Day Steward and Local Group Representative. She brings enthusiasm to everything she does, growing her group and supporting Boundless nationally. Balancing volunteering with work and family, Denise is the definition of dedication and heart. A fantastic role model for us all.



Winner: Pauline van der Sanden

A member for over 35 years, Pauline continues to innovate the Swindon Group with passion. From embracing new tools to manage bookings, to creating member-friendly systems that make events run smoothly, she combines creativity with commitment. Always forward-thinking and looking for ways to promote Boundless, Pauline is a shining example of what volunteering can achieve.

NEW Online Networking Sessions!

Following the fantastic immediate feedback from our recent networking meeting, we're thrilled to announce that we'll be launching online drop-in sessions with different departments across Boundless. These sessions are a great opportunity to connect directly with staff, ask questions, and learn more about the tools, resources and developments that can support your group.

Our first session will be hosted by Andrew Hunter, Group Head of Data and Compliance, where you'll be invited to discover more about how data insights, such as member heat maps, can help with planning and promoting events.

Looking ahead, future sessions will feature teams from Website Development, Events, Marketing and Communications, and more, giving you a behind-the-scenes look at how Boundless operates and how each department can support you in your volunteer role.

Keep an eye out for an email invitation in the coming weeks with full details and sign-up information - we can't wait to see you online!

We want your feedback!

We recognise that 2025 has been a year of change in how we celebrate and recognise the incredible contributions our volunteers make. A huge thank you to everyone who has already shared their feedback. We've received a wide range of thoughtful comments and suggestions, all of which will be carefully reviewed and considered as we plan for 2026.

As we look ahead, we'd love to hear from all of you (whether you attended the awards or not) to share your honest opinions and ideas on how we can continue to recognise and celebrate our volunteers in the future. Please take a few moments to complete our short feedback survey; your input will play a key role in shaping how we celebrate your achievements in 2026 and beyond.

Survey Link: <https://form.typeform.com/to/wxdTvrA2>

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



Diary NWL 2025/26



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Function Room, The Red Lion,
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Hemel Hempstead
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DRINK & CHAT Venue
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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

February

Tue 3rd NWL Clubnight - Music Quiz - The Red Lion, HH
Fri 6th NEL 12 Car Rally
11th-13th F1 - Bahrain pre season test 2
13th-15th WRC - Sweden
18th-20th F1 - Bahrain pre season test 3
Thu 19th NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH

Dates to reserve: