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Clubnight Beetle Drive

Tuesday 6th January

At our clubnight venue
The Red Lion PH
Starts 8pm



THE BIRTHDAY BOX !

January's birthday wishes go to **Alex Austin**.



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NWL Editorial

We have another bumper issue this month, due to another Communique and an article from Ian about his feeding exploits on the Roger Albert Clark rally. Unfortunately, we also have to sadly announce the passing of Dean Askew just before Christmas and John Clavey has kindly done a nice tribute to Dean on Page 7. He will be sorely missed on the autotests, but maybe not his professional groan level jokes. Our condolences to his family at this sad time.

If it's mid December, I must have been out on the Preston rally again, doing my usual job of stewarding. Thankfully nothing to deal with again, so just did some spectating at a few finishes, both petrol halts and the assistance area, which was very busy as usual, patching up the cars. Last years winner only managed to get to Test 5, before having a big off, whilst car 2 had the engine fail on the penultimate Test, adding to his list of non-finishes on this event. With 33 finishers and 18 retirements, this works out at a 64% finishing rate, which is quite good for the Preston.



I've finally got around to solving the problem of not checking the spare wheel tyre pressure in the Skoda, due to it being mounted upside down, bolted in, jack assembly on top and then under a cover. I have fitted an extension hose to the spare wheel valve and it can be accessed to the side of the boot for a pressure check or pump up, even with a full load in the rear.



The full list of team drivers for the 2025 World Rally Championship are shown on Page 9 and shows Ford have added another newcomer to the team, whilst Toyota and Hyundai are changing their line up, with Rovanner and Tanak both stepping down from the action. The technical regs from 2027 will be fixed for 10 years, but will give significant cost savings and greater flexibility in bodywork designs. This is all designed to attract more interest from other teams. Cost control was one of the key limiting factors on participation in the top level of the category, and therefore the 2027 costs will be capped at €345k for a basic car, which delivers about 300bhp, ready to compete. This represents more than 50% reduction in costs to the outgoing cars. The homologation conditions for WRC27-type cars mandate the production of at least 10 units within 24 months of the homologation date. Constructors must also be capable of supplying at least 10 race-ready WRC27-type cars per calendar year to customers. In addition to reducing the cost of the cars themselves, running costs for teams are set to be reduced by limiting personnel, reducing logistics transport costs, increasing the use of local infrastructure and increasing data connectivity to aid off-site engineering.



The Dakar rally is gearing up as planned and will be returning to Saudi Arabia for the seventh time. Running between the 3rd and 17th of January, the route distance is 8,005 km, of which 5,009 km will be raced against the clock, and includes a two day special in the SW of the country. This year there are 433 entries across the seven classes of Bikes (125), Cars (162) and Trucks (47), plus another 99 entries in the Classic event. You can watch it daily on Eurosport. Route map Page 9.

The next 12 Car Rally is set to run on the 6th February, so can all competitors try and help this event to have a decent entry please, seeing as the last one just about had the minimum to run. Why not give the RallyRun class a try, where you can just have the fun of driving the route at your own pace?

Keep safe.

Mike B.

NOTE: Deadline for contributions to the February newsletter is Thursday 22nd January



Chairman's notebook

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Thank you to all of you who came to our final clubnight of 2025 on the 2nd December, which was our traditional Xmas social with a light hearted quiz, organised by Mike Biss, followed by nibbles, provided as usual by Anne Graves. Mike did a good job with the quiz, in that unlike me, he managed to bring the questions and answers, with Doug, John and Steve winning and Anne as usual provided a nice selection of chocolates and mince pies etc. My thanks to the two of you.

I trust you all had a merry, but safe, Christmas and you received lots of presents. Sadly Ann had a bad cold or flu over Christmas, despite having her flu jab. I was ok, but I've had a dry cough now for about five weeks! So as one can imagine, we had a somewhat quieter Christmas than usual!

The scheduled dash cam installation in the Focus has been delayed, due to the fact that the clutch broke the other week. The slave cylinder apparently burst and being inside the housing, this has ruined the clutch as well. As the car has an electronic LSD, this has complicated the removal of the clutch. Hopefully, we will have it back in a few days and another thing; you can only get the new clutch from Fords, as it's special. Looks like my wallet is going to need to be special as well!

We have a rest from 12 Cars this month, but Alan T provided an excellent route (despite the last minute water main repair works) and navigation, with Mark and I having a good run round the route, coming home 2nd semi-expert, losing out to first place semi-expert by 1 minute! Doug and Alan Smith also had a good run round on the sight-seeing class, but Doug found out he needed a new tyre when his Golf had an MOT the following week, due to a bulge on the inner wall of one of the front tyres, no doubt down to one of several nasty pot holes on the route. These are always difficult to see in the dark, especially when it's raining.

The next 12 Car is on the 6th February and is being organised by North East London, with the last one running on the 6th March and I am the organiser, with help from Ian O'Connor.

Ann and I have once again entered Allan Godard's New Year's Run, on the 11th January; this is an excellent event, especially if the weather is kind, as he uses the excellent roads in the Thames Valley. It is non-competitive, with a Tulip Road book with generous timing between venues and is highly recommended, with the entry list usually filling up fast.

I know some of you will already know, having received an email from Mike Biss, but for those who might still be unaware, Dean Askew, one of our long standing club members and regular autotest and 12 Car entrants, sadly died over Christmas. Dean had been diagnosed with cancer earlier this year. Our thoughts and condolences are with his family at this most difficult time.

For our first clubnight of 2026 on January the 6th, we have our traditional Beetle drive, organised by Alan T at the Red Lion. If you are unable to make this, then hopefully I will see you at our Drink and a Chat, which is also held at the Red Lion on the 18th January.

May Ann and wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Mike H

Secretary's spot

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Sadly, I must open my 'Spot' this month with the very tragic news that Dean Askew passed away a couple of days before Christmas. Dean was a wonderful guy, never without a joke and always with a smile on his face. Dean's dad Derek was also a strong NWL supporter and a very good autotest driver some years ago. I am sure all our thoughts go out to the Askew family at this very sad time.

With the valuable assistance of Mike B, I ran the most recent 12 Car rally at the end of November. I do have to say that the pre event preparation went very well and a good route was found to test drivers and their navigators. Unfortunately, it all went a little bit wrong on the day of the event as three of the roads to be used were closed mostly due to water supply problems. Fortunately, we managed to re-route the competitors but not without some hastily arranged directions. This all seemed to work out and a pretty good rally was achieved which everybody seemed to enjoy.

Our December clubnight was the usual pre-Christmas social evening, with Mike B providing a Christmas themed quiz and Anne G bringing along some lovely sweeties and minced pies for our consumption. I can't recall the quiz winners but I am sure they will appear elsewhere in this publication. Many thanks to Mike and Anne for a very enjoyable evening.

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!

The January Chat and a Drink will take place on Thursday 15th, where a few of us gather in the bar of The Red Lion to put the world to rights.

We have a new feature for the February clubnight, where Mark and Nicky will be putting together a music quiz for our entertainment. The date will be Tuesday 3rd February, commencing at 8:00pm in The Function Room of The Red Lion.

Later that week, on Friday 6th, North East London Group will be running the next 12 Car rally of the winter series. Regs are now available and if you want any further details, please contact Mike B.

Please put March 3rd in your diaries, as that will be the date of the NWL Annual General Meeting and your attendance and support will be much appreciated,

Our planned future programme is as follows;

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
Friday	6th February	– NEL 12 Car Rally
Thursday	19th February	– NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion
Tuesday	3rd March	– NWL Annual General Meeting
Friday	6th March	– NWL 12 Car Rally

Do hope 2026 brings you much health, wealth and happiness

Alan T

Date	Day	Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club
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

November 12 Car Rally This time we had seven entries, with two in the new RallyRun class. Everything had been planned and ready to go and Alan went out to do a recce in the morning. Then the problems began! We had three emergency sets of roadworks appear on the day, one in the morning recce, one noticed in the afternoon on Google maps and the last one during the event, when Alan was out putting the code boards out. We managed to sort the first one out, but the second didn't get sorted until just before the start and in the haste, Mike forgot to set the new TC6 location live on the APP, doh! The last one was resolved by getting Alan to see meet crews at TC9 and to tell them to use a different route to the next control, which was lucky to be a non-competitive section. In the end a decent event still emerged and Doug Harrison/Alan Smith, in the RallyRun class, managed to get round with the lowest penalties.

Future Events

February 12 Car Rally The start for this event is hoped to be from The Catherine Wheel PH, Pelham Rd, Gravesend, Albany, Ware SG11 2LW, MR 167/ 439257. Using maps 166 (edition MAY 2018) and 167 (edition FEB 2016) for the 50 mile route, with the 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 and the regs are currently available. The organiser is Graham Robinson and you can contact him on graham.e.robinson@btinternet.com.

March 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 the usual four classes:- RallyRun / Novice / Semi-Expert / Expert and the navigation will be tailored to suit the classes. Regs are currently available. Entry fee is £18 per car and the regs will be out mid January. The organiser is Mike Harrison and is contactable on mlh.bhm@btconnect.com.

20:20 Rallies These events are an intermediate style event between a 12 Car rally and a full night rally. The title refers to a maximum of 20 cars and 20 controls, and is usually held on a Saturday night and run for about 100 miles. The Blackbird AC one in February will be reverting to full old school format with marshals and paper handouts, with food and drinks at the finish. They are looking for some support from marshals.

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.

Dean Askew 1962 - 2025

It is with a heavy heart that I now write this tribute to one of my oldest and best friends.

I first met Dean on our first day at BT and we then spent the next few years inseparable during our apprenticeship years, often seen flying around in Dean's Mini Clubman in Bedford or at the arcades playing on the driving machines. Dean was very easy to get on with; he was not shy at all and soon found his true love Libby and was married in his early twenties. We will all remember Dean's endless catalogue of Christmas cracker jokes, which he used to great effect to attain a light-hearted rapport with all that he met.



After Dean was married to Libby and I left BT, we lost touch for a short while, but once we found out that we were now family men and both had daughters, we soon rekindled our friendship. Dean went on to have two daughters and now several grandchildren. We both attended each others daughter's weddings in recent years, great memories.



Just over ten years ago, after attending yet another motorsport "experience" day, we decided it was time we followed in Dean's dad's footsteps (Derek Askew) and tried our hand at autotests. We first bought a Toyota Starlet SR, which we found handled well, but was a bit underpowered for the two of us (neither of us being on the smaller size). This was followed by a MG ZR, Toyota Corolla T Sport, Suzuki Ignis Sport and two Suzuki Swift Sports. The Swift being the best for reliability, handling and power for our driving styles.

Dean very often won either our class or FTD. His driving style was vastly different to my own, very often hitting the odd cone, but making up for it with faster times. He was very strong and could really throw the car around. He was also very handy when it came to doing running repairs, with his vast knowledge of car mechanics.

Last year Dean bought another classic Mini Clubman. The plan was to prepare it for the summer autotests this year. We attended the Mini show in January and bought all the parts we needed, with the plan to start on this in the spring, once it was warmer and drier. Unfortunately, Dean was diagnosed in the spring with stage four cancer. I went on to complete the Mini modifications, which Dean was very pleased with, but unfortunately he never got to drive the completed car, as he was in too much pain. His last autotest was in the early summer in the Swift, where he won his class yet again. I plan to use the Mini in 2026 as a fitting tribute to Dean.

Dean will be sorely missed by all that had the pleasure to know him. RIP my dear friend.

John Clavey



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.

NEL 12 Car Rally

Friday 6th February

The Catherine Wheel PH, Pelham Rd, Gravesend, Albury, Ware SG11 2LW MR 167 / 439257

Maps **166** MAY 2018 and **167** FEB 2016 required

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

Graham Robinson (graham.e.robinson@btinternet.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

NWL 12 Car Rally

Friday 6th March

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

Mike Harrison (mlh.bhm@btconnect.com)

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

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

Regs available mid January from Mike Biss or website

December Clubnight - Quiz Results

1st	Doug / John / Steve	22 points
2nd	Mark / Kit / Ian	21 points
=3rd	Ann H / Mike H / Dave R	19 points
=3rd	Nicky / Alan G / Trevor	19 points
5th	Jean / Hazel / Anne G	18 points
6th	Anne R / Alan T / Alan R	12 points

World Rally Championship Teams - 2026

Manufacturer	Entrant	Car	No.	Driver name	No.	Driver name
Ford	M-Sport Ford	Ford Puma Rally1	??	Jon Armstrong	55	Josh McErlean
Hyundai	Hyundai Shell Mobis	Hyundai i20 N Rally1	16	Adrien Fourmaux	11	Thierry Neuville
			6	Dani Sordo	4	Esapekka Lappi
			??	Hayden Paddon		
Toyota	Toyota Gazoo Racing	Toyota GR Yaris Rally1	5	Sami Pajari	33	Elfyn Evans
			18	Takamoto Katsuta	??	Oliver Solberg
			Part Time	17	Sebastien Ogier	



Join the **Classic Vehicle Group** for the:

New Year Run

on **Sunday 11th January 2026**



- Members & their families & Guests are invited to come along & join us on this first-motoring-event-of-the-year in their Classic, Modern or whatever you have!
- The Start venue will be at The Taplow House Hotel, Berry Hill, Maidenhead, SL6 0DA.
- The Entry Fee is just £50 for Boundless Members and £55 for Non-members, per car and two people, (extra adult passengers are £10 each, and children under 16, are £5 each). Entry fee will include tea/coffee and biscuits at the refreshment stop as well as a little sustenance at the finish venue.
- The route will be planned using predominately some lesser-known 'B' & 'C' roads within the Thames Valley but, inevitably of course, some 'A' road use is unavoidable.
- Signing-on and breakfast will be between 9.00am until 10.00am.
- The briefing will be at approximately 10:15 and first car will start as near to 10:30am as practical.

Contact: daverosher@gmail.com for an entry form.

The Roger Albert Clark Rally 2025

Having serviced for John and Gill Cotton on the 2023 Roger Albert Clark rally, I was keen to repeat this task for 2025. John was not competing this year, so in the summer I was touting my services. My role in John and Gills team was feeding the team, keeping the teas and coffees flowing and sending the chase car out with food, hot drinks and soup. I earned the nickname Gordon Vansee, as my temporary kitchen was in the back of the service transit. Back in 2023, John had an MG ZR 1400 running at the front in the Open category.

The car was built by Owen Turner to his usual high standard, having built a number of this marque. John drove really well, kept it out of the trees and was determined to get to day five, for the sting in the tail of the 37 mile stage in Kielder Forest and to cross the finish ramp in Carlisle. The chase car team had very little to do all event, having only to replace one nut and bolt that had fell out from the sump guard. The main services were just spanner checks and fluid levels top ups. What a doddle this RAC lark is.



The co-driver for this year Russ Smith and the chief mechanic Charlie were out in Japan with the Cottons on a Rally the Globe event and John mentioned I wanted to do the event again. My place in the 2025 team was secured.



The car this year was a Seat Ibiza 1 litre 16 valve, resplendent in lime green. The car owner and driver Dave Aincham, had built the car over many years, however had to put a few weeks of late nights to get the car ready for the Carmarthen start in late November. The team took the opportunity of the Tuesday scrutineering, allowing the Wednesday to iron out any issues and an opportunity to add the graphics.

As this was a new build, a full spanner check was undertaken on Wednesday, with a replacement alternator fitted, after being purchased from Euro car parts close to the start venue.

A rear shock absorber mounting bolt was giving a bit of concern, but with a crack pair of mechanics on the case, this was soon sorted, ready for the ceremonial start in Carmarthen town centre. The MC for the start event was former Seat WRC co-driver Howard Davies, along with the lady mayor waving the crews off. Unfortunately, in the line-up we encountered our first real issue where the auxiliary belt had come off. The cause was the water pump being part of the belt tensioner and the adjustment was at its maximum. The Seat went over the start ramp and back to the showground for some further fettling. Before retiring to the digs ready for the Thursday start.



The first chance the service teams got to see the crews in anger, was at the Pembray racing circuit for stages 3 and 4. The crews could swap to tarmac tyres if you were carrying them. After stage 4, the tarmac tyres were done with and these could be left at the drivers house in Cheshire, on our way to Carlisle on Saturday. The stages later on Thursday would be run in the dark and would include the classics such as Myherin and Cefn. This event was Dave's first on gravel and first with pace notes. The repairs on Thursday night included loose sump guard, gear lever that would not allow 6th to be engaged, although Dave admitted he probably would have not have selected 6th in the forest at night anyway.

A late finish in service back at Camarthen Showground as the snow began to fall. We headed back to the digs after 10pm, where the trusty frying pan was put into service for sausage sarnies before bed.



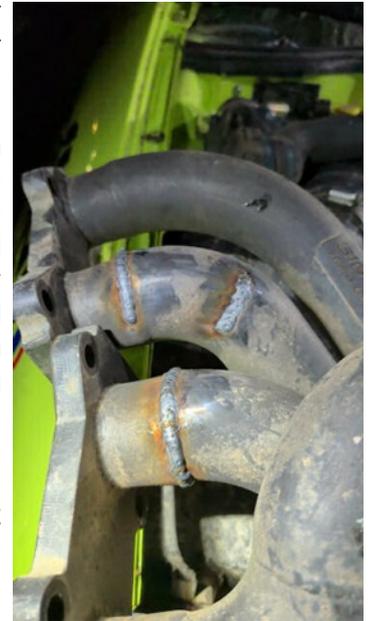
Friday morning saw the mid Wales classics such as Sweet Lamb and Hafren. Our service van was to be shifted up to Welshpool for the major service and the management car was filled with soups, coffee and ham or cheese wraps to add a bit of variety. There was a full service in the evening, before we packed up to head for Carlisle, ready for a slightly later start on Saturday. We took a moment for the obligatory team photo as the sun shone in Welshpool.

The service included the power steering pump issues and loose engine mounts again. While the boys worked on the car, I threw together a chicken curry to take the chill off the evening, as we planned on breaking the journey, by checking into a Travelodge in Wrexham.



Saturday saw us pitch up at Carlisle Airport, ready for the afternoon re-start. The airport offered good facilities for service crews, as there were some comfy sofas in the lounges, along with a decent coffee shop. The media attention was focussed on Hollie McRae, making her rally debut. The Mini Cooper championship was taking on the Saturday stages in southern Scotland, including Ae and Twiggles. The Mini Coopers ran at the front of the field for smoothness. Unfortunately for Hollie, they were also frozen. A test for any driver and like many of her fellow competitors, the car ended upside down in a ditch.

Those ditches in Ae seem to pull you in and don't let you go. John Cotton can bear witness to that. I managed that feat after only nine miles of the McRae Stages, many year's previous. The stages on Saturday really took its toll on the Ibiza. That engine mount had sheared one of its mounts to the gearbox and all but stripped the threads on another. The exhaust manifold was split in a few places and retirement was a serious consideration. Dave had a spare standard box, but back down in Macclesfield, and time was marching on if he was to run back home for it. We had a new team member who offered to drive down with Dave, so at least he could get some sleep, along with a few hours in his own bed. Before coming back in the morning, giving us time to either replace part of the casing on the box, that at least was a competition box with an LSD, or replace the whole box. One of our boys had a contact in another team, so the exhaust was dispatched and half an hour later, it was going back on the car in very fine welded up fettle.



Saturday night saw us head to the digs at about 2am in the middle of Carlisle centre, right above a nightclub, and the music was still hammering out! I don't think any of us were awake long enough to hear the inevitable shouting and screaming at chucking out time.

The Sunday stages moved to Kielder, with the Seat now back in the game. Only management service was allowed during the day, with main service in the evening. Time to check out the sofas in departures, for a little well-earned snooze. Sunday was easier

on the car and by checking back into main service time, we were starting to think that a rally finish was on. Monday was another trip to Kielder for the crews, with a major service at Kielder water car park, before the final stage of the event.

This stage was shortened to 37 miles, but still the length of a BTRDA rally. After last service, I returned the service van to the Airport and got a lift to Carlisle station, just in time to board the express back to Watford Junction. During the journey, the team sent photos of the Seat, with Dave and Russ on the finish ramp at the airport. This was down to a superb team effort from Charlie and Peter on spanner's, Russ in the hot seat and also on spanners and Dave keeping out of the ditches and avoiding trees and Tom on logistical support and acting as my sous chef. All I did was keep them fed and watered.



Ian O'Connor

Boundless by CSMA NWL Group RESULTS Friday 28th November 2025

Crew	MTC 1	CB 1	PC 1	PC 1A	TC 2	TC 3	PC 3	TC 4	PC 4	TC 5	TC 6	PC 6	TC 7	PC 7	TC 8	PC 8	TC 9	PC 9	TC 10	PC 10	TC 11	PC 11	TC 12	PC 12	TC 13	PC 13	TC 14	PC 14	TC 15	MTC 15	Sub Total	Time Penalties	Other Penalties	Total	Overall Position	Class Position
Doug Harrison (6) Alan Smith (Rally/Run)	20:36	✓	✓	20:44 1 LT	20:48 1 LT	20:54	✓	21:02	✓	21:12	X 30	✓	21:32	✓	21:47 2 LT	21:59	✓	X 30	22:08 1 LT	✓	22:25 1 LT	✓	22:31 1 LT	✓	X 30	22:37 1 LT	8		8	0	8	1	1			
Dave Morris (1) Brian Cammack (Expert)	20:31	✓	✓	20:43 5 LT	20:48	20:54	✓	21:02	✓	21:12	X 30	X 30	21:30 30 HU	✓	21:43	21:53	✓	X 30	22:01	✓	22:11 1 LT	✓	22:24 1 LT	✓	X 30	22:29	8		8	0	8	2	1			
Kevin Lowe (5) Peter Richards (Novice)	20:35	✓	✓	20:43 1 LT	20:48	20:53 30 EX	✓	21:02	✓	21:12	X 30	✓	21:32	✓	21:49 4 LT	22:02	✓	X 30	22:11	✓	22:22 2 LT	✓	22:31 3 LT	✓	X 30	22:45 1 LT	46		16	30	46	3	1			
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 WR (Wrong Approach) BS (Black Spot Entered) OTL (Over Time Limit)

Member Communities Communique

Winter Update

A message from Ian Jarrett, Club Leader

As you will be aware from the Volunteer Recognition Meeting and Awards special communique, Geoff Gaunt has taken up the duties of Vice Chair of the Association thus creating a vacancy for the role of Club Leader.

Following the AGM, I was nominated for the role and have been appointed for a term lasting until October 2028. I offer a few words of introduction outlining my 'club' involvement by way of assurance that my roots are firmly placed in member participation. Alongside being Chair of Shropshire Group I have been representing Motoring and Motorsports interests of members at Club Council in my role as Motoring Leader. Stepping up into the role of Club Leader is an extension of this, whilst remaining a part of and contributor to the Club Council forum.

The Club Leader by default becomes a member of the CSMA Board. Part of the Club Leader role is to carry forward the opinions, concerns, requests and contributions from the Club Council and ensure that they are taken into consideration in discussions and decisions made by the Board. In close co-operation with Member Communities, duties also include keeping Club Council aware of matters that relate to member activities and the way activities are enjoyed. The Club Leader is also a member of the Club Management Group, consisting of our Club Officers, the Head of Member and Business Operations and key staff from Member Communities. This group essentially manages an overview of arrangements of how groups and active members continue to successfully deliver our activities

My personal mission will be to continue the work of my predecessor and be the two-way link between Club and the wider Association and in doing so endeavour to improve arrangements to reduce perceived obstacles to arranging events, encourage participation and to secure sustainability. The role of Club Leader does not preclude me from taking an active part with my Group or the West Midlands Marshalling Team and I fully intend to enjoy our activities, after all, it's why I became a member in the first place.

Looking to the future, in this edition you will find lots of interest for the coming year. One item to note is the 'touchy subject' of Risk Assessments for your planned activities and events. Your concerns are very much recognised, and you will see that arrangements are being made to secure third party advice to be able to streamline the process where possible. It is understood that the process may seem overly onerous, however, please bear in mind that overall risk to Boundless, such as reputational damage and financial and insurance liability, is a necessary consideration as well as local health and safety.

Also intended for 2026 will be a continuation of opportunities for Networking Calls and Club Leader Calls, where we will be able to get to know one another better and talk through issues. Details are still to be finalised, as it's been a bit of a whirlwind since my appointment and I'm still finding my feet.

Finally, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a fruitful 2026, Ian

Boundless Plus Just Got Even Better!

Boundless Plus membership now includes a National Art Pass from Art Fund, giving you free or discounted entry to hundreds of museums, galleries and historic houses across the UK. From major attractions like the Natural History Museum to hidden local gems across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, it's perfect for members who love to soak up a little culture in their free time. Even better, you can bring an adult guest and any children in your household along to enjoy the benefits too.



If you're already a Boundless Plus member, simply activate your National Art Pass at www.boundless.co.uk/artpass. To find out how to upgrade, visit www.boundless.co.uk/upgrade or call 0800 669 944.

Last Minute Christmas Gift Needed?

Don't forget 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.

[Click here to find out more](#)

Christmas, Your Way!

We'd love your help with our Christmas Your Way survey, which is all about discovering how our amazing members celebrate the festive season. Your responses will help us gather valuable insights and uncover wonderful stories that may be featured in the Autumn 2026 magazine.

The survey only takes a few minutes to complete, and as a thank you, you'll be entered into a prize draw to win one of five £50 Love2shop vouchers.

[Click here to complete the survey](#)



Merry Christmas from Member Communities

We'd like to send our very best wishes to all our volunteers and members for a safe, happy and enjoyable festive season. From everyone in the Member Communities Team, thank you for another fantastic year. We've really enjoyed supporting your events and meeting so many of you at meetings and at the Awards Evening this year.



The Member Communities Team will be taking a short break from Friday 19th December until Friday 2nd January 2026. If there are any urgent matters or emergencies during this time, please email kadie.crichton@boundless.co.uk.

2026 Updates...

Interest Group Committee Positions

The deadline for nominations to our Interest Group Committees is the end of January. If you're interested in joining one of our committees, we recommend speaking with the Group Leader first to find out more about the role and what's involved before submitting your nomination.

Nominations can be sent to membercommunities@boundless.co.uk and should include a brief overview of your relevant experience, along with a short statement outlining what you would like to contribute to the future of the Group.

We encourage anyone with an interest in helping shape and support our Interest Groups to get involved. The Leaders of each Interest Group can be contacted via email using the contacts below:

- Aviation Group: aviation.mjg@gmail.com
- Camping and Caravanning Group Leader: grahamdavis297@gmail.com
- Classic Vehicle Group Leader: daverosher@gmail.com
- Karting Group Leader: demetriorros@hotmail.co.uk
- Motorcycling Group Leader: allan.goddard@boundlesscommunity.co.uk
- Motorsports (inc. 4x4 and Marshalling) Group Leader: mike.biss@btinternet.com



2026 Budgets

On behalf of Club Treasurer, Janice Stace, we would like to extend our thanks to everyone for submitting their 2026 budgets on time. We're pleased to confirm that all groups have now been contacted regarding the outcome of their budget approvals.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please don't hesitate to contact Janice directly at Janice.Stace@boundless.co.uk

SENs and Health & Safety Update

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their 2026 SENs to the team. Please continue to send in your group events as soon as they're confirmed, so we can advertise your fantastic activities early and help encourage even more members to take part.

As Ian mentioned in his introduction, we're currently working with a third-party health and safety consultant to review our risk assessment process. The aim is to identify improvements that better support you while continuing to ensure the safety of everyone involved. We'll keep you updated as this work progresses.

Also a great time to remind everyone it is 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!

New Rallies and Social Breaks!

Our 2026 Camping and Caravanning Handbook and Social Breaks Guides are now available, both online and in print.

They're packed with exciting destinations and events, so why not take a look and see where each group will be exploring next - perhaps plan to join them!

Find out more at

www.boundless.co.uk/candc or
www.boundless.co.uk/social.



Our 2026 Member Days Need You

Thanks to the tremendous success of our Member Days this year, the Events Team is expanding the programme for 2026. We're delighted to share that we'll be offering more than 30 Member Days, almost double the number held in 2025.

To bring even more fantastic days out to members across the country, the team is now contracting a wider range of venues. While our current programme has focused on large attractions able to welcome hundreds of members, this has limited the types of venues and locations we could offer. Next year, we'll be adding smaller, more local venues alongside our big favourites - making it easier for members to enjoy a brilliant day out right on their doorstep.

To make these events possible, we need your help. We're looking for volunteers to support at Member. If you or your group would like to get involved, please email volunteer@boundless.co.uk with the events you're interested in.

As a volunteer, you might help with raffles, queue management, or simply ensure everything runs smoothly during the first hour at smaller venues. You'll also be there to provide a warm welcome and assist members with any questions. As a thank you for your support, we'll cover your travel expenses, contribute towards your lunch, and provide free entry tickets to the venue.

Upcoming Member Days:

-  **7 March** – Studley Grange Butterfly World & Farm Park
-  **14 March** – BeWILDerwood Cheshire
-  **21 March** – Howletts Wild Animal Park
-  **28 March** – Sudeley Castle (*Sold Out – Waitlist Available*)
-  **18 April** – Yorkshire Wildlife Park
-  **25 April** – The Historic Dockyard Chatham
-  **25 April** – The Royal Mint & A Welsh Coal Mining Experience
-  **2 May** – Warwick Castle
-  **9 May** – Hever Castle
-  **16 May** – Silverstone Museum
-  **20 May** – Belvoir Castle
-  **6 June** – Chester Zoo
-  **20 June** – BeWILDerwood Norfolk
-  **4 July** – Cheddar Gorge

Find out more about each event or book your tickets here:
www.boundless.co.uk/memberdays





Upcoming Online Events

Don't forget, we also have a fantastic programme of online events for you to enjoy from the comfort of your own home. This year, the team has introduced three inspiring themes Hidden Histories, Curious Minds, and Learn in an Hour.

Our online events are open to everyone, so feel free to invite friends and family to join in too!

Upcoming Events:

-  **13 January** – Flying forwards, facing backwards
-  **20 January** – Getting to the truth
-  **27 January** – Stop standing in your own way
-  **3 February** – Creating your own luck — is it possible?
-  **10 February** – Hidden London walks
-  **24 February** – An introductory journey into the world of herbalism
-  **17 March** – The lost villages of England
-  **24 March** – The ultimate guide to time travel
-  **31 March** – First aid for life
-  **14 April** – The Potton poisoner
-  **21 April** – Borrowed time — the science of how and why we age
-  **14 July** – The women who flew for Hitler

More events will be added over the coming months, so make sure you're signed up to your favourites by [clicking here](#).



News from the Groups!

Festive Events All Round

Our groups have been wonderfully busy rounding off the year with some fantastic festive celebrations. From seasonal gatherings to end-of-year socials, it's been a joy to see members coming together to share the spirit of the season.



**Bexhill Group
Christmas Dinner**



Portsmouth Group Christmas Meal



Swindon Group Comedy Night



Peterborough Scrooge Talk

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 2026



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

DRINK & CHAT Venue
Bar area, The Red Lion,
56 London Road,
Hemel Hempstead
HP3 9TD

January

Tue 6th **NWL Clubnight - Beetle Drive - The Red Lion, HH**
Sun 11th CVG New Year Run - Maidenhead
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**

March

Tue 3rd **NWL Clubnight - AGM and Quiz - The Red Lion, HH**
Fri 6th **NWL 12 Car Rally**
Sun 8th F1 - Australia
13th-15th WRC - Kenya
Sun 15th F1 - China
Thu 19th **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH**
Sun 29th F1 - Japan

Dates to reserve: