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Club night

Fun Darts Evening

Tuesday 7th April

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



THE BIRTHDAY BOX !

On our April birthday celebration list we have Antony Cox, Joyce Manktelow, Lee Craker and Suze Rogers - many happy returns to you all!



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Editorial

After the bumper AGM issue, we are back to a smaller issue this month.

Well the NWL AGM has been and gone for another year and we had a very good turn out again. Whether this was for the quiz afterwards, I couldn't say, but the AGM is a light hearted event on a serious business. A big thank you to Anne for her long stint on the committee, after she stepped down at the AGM. The quiz results are shown on page seven.

With three races now completed in the F1 championship, it does look like Mercedes have the best car and also two of the best drivers, as they have won all the races so far. Red Bull are lacking pace with their own designed new engine, whilst at Aston Martin, poor Alonso is having a bad case of Deja-vu with a bad/unreliable Honda engine. It is so bad with vibrations, the drivers are taking their hands off the steering wheel on the straights, otherwise their fingers would go numb! McLaren have had reliability problems, with both cars non-starting in China, but turned up in Japan with a lot better car. Ferrari had designed their car to be fast starting off the line and at all three races, they were overtaking the others, but falling back over a race distance. It was nice to see three different manufacturers on the podium in Japan. All the other teams are just that little bit off the pace compared to the top three teams. The next two rounds, due to be held in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, have had to be cancelled due to the war in Iran, so the next race will be in Miami at the start of May.

I wasn't able to get to the last 12 Car rally, as I was away that weekend, but I did follow it on the App, although I had to sign in as an admin to see them, as Mike forgot to make them public! I'm happy to see the numbers have crept up during the season, with 10 entries on the last event. It would be nice to see this continue for next season.

In the WRC rally in Kenya, it was trouble all round for most of the drivers, with Toyota suffering badly on the last morning stage of Saturday, when Evans, Ogier and Solberg all went out with broken cars. The weather wasn't very nice either, with lots of mud and if it wasn't mud, it was stones, and there were a lot of punctures during the event. Several stages were cancelled due to the safety vehicles not being able to get into place due to the mud. At the end of the event, it was Takamoto Katsuta who finally got his first WRC win in a Toyota, after coming so close on previous events.



It's nice when Amazon give you a month's free Prime membership and you can order bits for free next day delivery or binge watch some Prime Video series. Previously it has been a week for a £1 and I thought they wouldn't do it again, but have made use of the recent offer. I don't spend anywhere near enough to justify the monthly fee, especially as I can usually get a reduced delivery cost, by having it delivered to the local Co-op around the corner.

Had a puncture on the Skoda the other week, when I had an alert to say one tyre was lower on pressure than the other side. Turned out to be a bit of granite gone vertically into the outside edge of the tread, which means non-repairable. I don't have a modern system on this car, it only works when the car is moving and uses the ABS system to compare the wheel speeds across the 'axle', which means you can drive away with a flat tyre and it won't tell you until you have got up to a set speed. Not much use when you could have dealt with it at home! So I do the old school way of checking, of looking at all four tyres before going out, just to be on the safe side.

Keep safe.

Mike B.

NOTE: Deadline for contributions to the May newsletter is Thursday 23rd April



Chairman's notebook

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A big thank you to all of you who attended last month's AGM, it really does make for a good AGM when we have a good attendance.

I am delighted to say that all three officers, Alan Thurbon as Secretary, Doug Harrison as Treasurer and myself as Chairman were once again voted in, together with the rest of the committee, Mike Biss, Pete Gregory, Ian O'Connor, John Dossett and Mark Brumwell, all of whom were voted in once more.

Sadly, Anne Graves has stepped down after many years of service to the group, and she will be very much missed, and I would thank her for all her contributions over the past years and not forgetting the use of her front room for our committee meetings. This has meant that we have a space on the committee, if any of you feel you can contribute to the committee and if you feel you can, please speak to Alan or myself. You would be most welcome on the committee.

I think from the comments that the short quiz after the AGM went down well, and the results can be found elsewhere in the newsletter, and I am glad that everyone enjoyed it.

The final 12 Car rally of the 2025/2026 series got off to a good start on the 6th of March, with a good entry of 10 cars on the night. With no re-routes due to floods or road works, I believe Mike B and I kept everyone entertained on the night and with a good route and sensible navigation. With the absence of Mike Biss on the night due to a prior commitment, I was particular grateful to John Clavey for his assistance with the rally app on the night.

My thanks to Ian O'Connor for all his help prior to the event, driving me around the route to check the timings and mileage, etc.

A full set of results can be found elsewhere in the newsletter. *(ED: See page 8)*

I had trouble with the Focus ST last month, with the nearside suspension collapsing, when the bottom ball joint pin disappeared. Luckily, I was just driving it off Sarah's driveway when it happened and not in the outside lane of the motorway! No one has managed to explain how this has happened, but it needed a new hub etc., but it is now repaired and up and running again and my mechanic checked the nearside suspension and that was ok.

I was impressed with the recovery driver, as he managed with the help of a board under the front suspension, which had four wheels on it, that allowed him to winch the car up and onto the back of the recovery vehicle and then off again and onto the drive way at home, in front of the garage!

I am pleased to say that at least the Sprite has behaved itself and passed its MOT with no advisories!

This month we have our annual Fun Darts game for clubnight on the 7th of April, followed by our Drink and a Chat on the 16th of April and hopefully I will see you all at both.

Mike H



Secretary's spot

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Another month has passed and once again fairly quiet on the NWL front. Having said that, our March clubnight was probably the most important of the year, as our Annual General Meeting took place. I am pleased to announce that our three officers remained the same and Mike Harrison is Chairman, yours truly is Secretary and Doug Harrison is Treasurer for the forthcoming year. It was also pleasing to note that the majority of the Committee members were also re-elected, however it is very sad to report that Anne Graves has stood down for a break, after many years of organising and supporting the Group in many ways. Anne has also accommodated our committee meetings for many years, so it is a huge thank you to Anne (and Steve) for the wonderful support they have given NWL. The remaining Committee members are Mike Biss, Ian O'Connor, Pete Gregory, Mark Brumwell and John Dossett.

The formalities of the AGM were followed by a super multi-choice quiz put together by our Chairman and won (jointly) by Hazell, Alan G, Kit, Trevor and Doug, Jean, John.

Chairman Mike, with the assistance of Ian, also ran the last 12 Car rally of the winter series on 6th March, which was very much enjoyed by the 10 crews that competed. This is the largest entry that we have had for a few years, so it is hoped that the revised class structure and greater explanation of the route information has helped and we are hoping this will continue when the 26/27 series commences in the autumn.

Clubnight in April will take the form of another Fun Darts evening, which always generates some laughter, so put the date of Tuesday 7th in your diaries now and come along to The Red Lion for an enjoyable evening. As usual, all equipment will be provided, but if you have your own lucky darts, you are more than welcome to bring them along. Fun starts at 8:00pm.

Our Clubnights will revert to the great outdoors in May, as Tuesday 5th will see us playing Crazy Golf at the Adventure Golf course near Edgware. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us and if possible, please arrive by 7:00pm. There will be a charge for this activity, which I think will be £12, but hopefully Ian will be able to confirm this price for next month's newsletter. We will be retiring to the Battle Axes Inn, Butterfly Lane, Radlett, WD6 3AD after the fun, to discuss 'where it all went wrong'!

On Tuesday 2nd June, Doug will be organising a walking Treasure Hunt in Tring. We haven't been to this location for a number of years (*ED: it was last in Tring in 2019*), so watch out for further details and come along for some fun and a little exercise.

Our planned future programme is as follows;

- Tuesday 7th April – NWL Clubnight – Fun Darts**
- Thursday 16th April – NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion**
- Tuesday 5th May – NWL Clubnight – Crazy Golf**
- Thursday 21st May – NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion**
- Tuesday 2nd June – NWL Clubnight – Walking treasure hunt**
- Thursday 18th June – NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion**

Hope to see you at some of our events

Alan T

Date	Day	Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club
Apr	Fri 10	* 12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
May	Sun 10	* Autotest/PCA (Cm)	Grass autotest	Blackbird AC
	Sun 31	Bullnose Rally (Inter/Cm)	Targa Rally	Oxford MC
Jun	Sun 14	Autotest/PCA (Cm)	Grass autotest	Blackbird AC
Jul	Sun 12	Autotest/PCA (Cm)	Grass autotest	Blackbird AC
Aug	Sat 8	Autotest/PCA (Cm)	Grass autotest	Blackbird AC
Sep	Fri 11	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
	Sun 13	Autotest/PCA (Cm)	Grass autotest	Blackbird AC

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

Past Events

March 12 Car Rally At last we had a 12 Car event that didn't have a problem. We even had 10 entries out, which all got round OK. Shame we only had one expert crew out. The weather was kinder this time, with most of the water experienced on the previous event, having receded. Just have to hope these numbers carry over into next season.

Future Events

Road Rally Insurance Hopefully there is some good news coming soon about the high cost of on event insurance, like for our 12 Car rallies. Motorsport UK have been having talks with the insurance industry and are hopeful another provider can be brought into the market and help to reduce the very high fees that are hindering entries at the moment.

Grass Autotests We still don't have a venue yet, but we are invited to all the Blackbird ones, which are held at a field at Towcester. They are running an event each month between May and September, so why not join me.

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.

March Clubnight Quiz Results

=1st Place	46 points	Kit, Trevor, Hazel and Alan G
=1st Place	46 points	Doug, Jean and John
3rd Place	44 points	Anne R, Dave R and Alan R
4th Place	42 points	Pete, Mark, Mike B and Gwilym
5th Place	40 points	Alan T, Ann H and Ian
6th Place	38 points	Anne G, Steve G and Dave S



Classic Vehicle Group & Motorsports Group

Morgan Works Visit

Thursday 23rd April

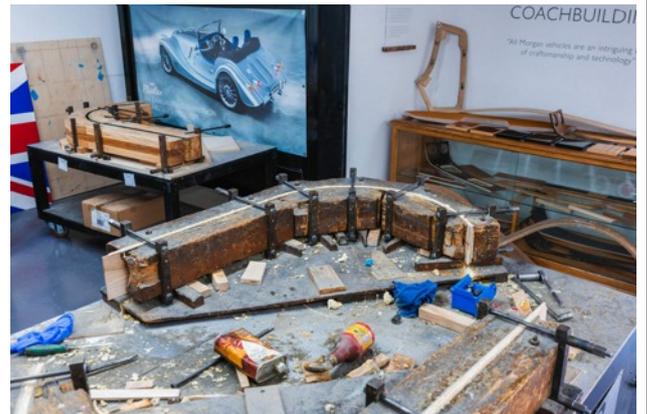
Explore the fascinating world of Morgan, where rare craft skills blend seamlessly with the latest modern technology to create each handcrafted sports car. On this guided tour, you'll step inside the historic workshops and witness first-hand the unique processes that go into building a Morgan, from the shaping of the ash wood frame to the final hand-finished details. Your knowledgeable guide will share insights into Morgan's heritage, innovation, and dedication to craftsmanship, offering a truly immersive experience.

Tour starts 10:20am for two hours

Cost is £29.25 per person

More details are available from
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Crew	MTC1	RC1	RC2	TC2	RC3	PC1	RC4	TC3	RC5	TC4	PC2	PC3	PC4	RC6	TC5	RC7	RC8	RC9	TC6	RC10	RC11	PC5	RC12	TC7	RC13	RC14	RC15	RC16	RC17	TC8	PC6	PC7	TC9	RC18	PC8	RC19	MTC10	Time Penalties	Other Penalties	Total	Overall Position	Class Position						
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Julie Skuse (3)	2033	✓	2043	2 LT	✓	2050	1 LT	2050	2058	3 LT	✓	✓	✓	2111	3 LT	✓	✓	2129	5 LT	✓	✓	✓	✓	2140	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	22:02	4 LT	✓	22:13	4 LT	✓	✓	22:27	2 LT	24	0	24	2	1					
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Joseph Dudswell (Novice)																																																
Curtis Jacoby (4)	2034	✓	2044	2 LT	✓	2052	2 LT	2059	2059	2 LT	30	✓	✓	2112	3 LT	✓	✓	2130	5 LT	✓	✓	✓	✓	2140	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	22:02	4 LT	✓	22:11	2 LT	✓	✓	22:24	21	240	261	7	4						
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Cheryl Somerscales (RallyRun)																																																

ER (Early) LT (Late) EX (Exceeded Make Up) HU (Help Used)
 WR (Wrong Approach) BS (Black Spot Entered) OTL (Over Time Limit)

This AC Cobra replica (with optional hard top) was photographed by Mike H in Wendover High Street



Crazy Golf Clubnight - Tuesday 5th May
The Lost Jungle, Edgware HA8 8DD
7pm Start



Treasure Hunt Clubnight - Tuesday 2nd June
Tring High Street
7:30pm Start



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

April

Tue 7th **NWL Clubnight - Fun Darts - The Red Lion, HH**
10th-12th WRC - Croatia
Sun 12th F1 - Bahrain - *CANCELLED*
Thu 16th **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH**
Sun 19th F1 - Saudi Arabia - *CANCELLED*
Thu 23rd CVG & MSG visit to Morgan Motor Company Works
24th-26th WRC - Canary Islands

May

Sun 3rd F1 - US Miami
Tue 5th **NWL Clubnight - Crazy Golf - Edgware**
8th-10th WRC - Portugal
Thu 21st **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH**
Sun 24th F1 - Canada
29th-31st WRC - Japan

June

Tue 2nd **NWL Clubnight - Walking Treasure Hunt - Tring**
Sun 7th F1 - Monaco
Sun 14th F1 - Catalunya
Thu 18th **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH**
26th-28th WRC - Greece
Sun 28th F1 - Austria

Dates to reserve: