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Club night Walking Treasure Hunt

Tuesday 2nd June

Forge Car Park
High St, Tring HP23 5AG
Starts 7:30pm

THE BIRTHDAY BOX !

Quite a collection of birthdays to celebrate in June - with Mike Biss, Gwilym Griffiths, Cath Woodman and Mick Bean.



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Had another example of the people in the Motorway control rooms not knowing what they are doing and making people more likely to ignore them in the future, as they will expect the next ones to be rubbish as well. This time we had “Lane Obstruction” message on the overhead signs, then “Left Lane Closed” Red X flashing lights, together with a 40 mph limit. Guess what it was, a van had broken down on the entry slip road, well before it joined the motorway and was on the hard shoulder of the slip road! This vehicle was of no hindrance to anyone whatsoever on the motorway itself and was yet another example of creating a dangerous situation all of its own, when there was no need to sign anything on the main carriageway in the first place.

There have certainly been changes in F1 since the forced break and the changes seem to be working, making the drivers more happy and the racing better. The last race in Canada was a superb event, with very close racing between the two Mercedes drivers (sometimes too close at times) and the drivers had to work at getting an overtaking move done, with none of them looking as easy as they have been. Shame a bit of unreliability has crept back in, which deprived us of an epic fight at the front, but there is still plenty of time. Shame we are off to Monaco next, where even with the new cars, there is unlikely to be any real racing taking place, but it would be nice to be proved wrong.

Meanwhile in the WRC, Thierry Neuville arrived in Portugal sitting only seventh in the drivers’ standings after a difficult opening few events, which included a final-stage crash whilst leading the Croatia Rally and no podiums from the first five rounds. Hyundai, meanwhile, have watched Toyota win every rally so far this year. Portugal looked set to continue that pattern until the penultimate stage, when Sebastien Ogier stopped to change a right rear puncture on the penultimate stage. The Toyota driver had started Sunday with a 21.9sec lead and was closing in on a record extending eighth Portugal win, but his victory hopes disappeared in the rutted, rock-strewn conditions, with the weather going from dry on Friday, to very wet and muddy on Saturday. Championship leader Elfyn Evans completed the podium, 29.1sec behind Neuville. He admitted he had not fully delivered the pace he wanted, but third place still increased his championship lead to 12 points over Takamoto Katsuta after six rounds.

I had a first trip out on an autotest this year, when I did the Blackbird event up at Towester. John Clavey brought out his MX5 and had a tribute to Dean Askew on the boot rack, with several examples of Dean’s terrible “groan” jokes. He is sorely missed when you get to the event and his happy nature is missing. We had a good time driving through the dust, which the ground had still not had enough rain to make the grass grow to recover properly from last years season. There were still large cracks in the ground surface.



With the Boundless AGM being on the 6th October this year, we have had to move the October Clubnight back a week. Please make a note in your diary now.

Don’t forget about the walking Treasure Hunt for the June clubnight, which hopefully we will have a warmer evening than the golf. Hope to see you in Tring.

Keep safe.

Mike B.

NOTE: Deadline for contributions to the July newsletter is Thursday 25th June



Chairman's notebook

Last month's clubnight allowed those of us who attended, to display our fantastic golf skills at the Lost Jungle crazy golf course North Edgware, and afterwards we had a chat and a drink at the Battleaxes Inn, Aldenham, which was located some three miles North of the golf course.

We all had a great time, and the results will show it was all very close at the end, with Alan Thurbon winning by just two points and you should find a full set of results elsewhere in the newsletter. My thanks to Ian O'Connor for making all the arrangements once again with the golf club.

Our Chat and a Drink was another quiet event as per last month, with the numbers down once more, but nevertheless those of us in attendance enjoyed the chat and debate as ever.



Well, the hot weather is really with us once more and at home we have the vertical fan chillers out again, especially in the bedroom at night when the temperature doesn't seem to drop very much and there is no breeze. Driving the Sprite with the roof down doesn't help either, as the air temperature last weekend was around 30/35 degrees, with the roof down one is simply being blasted with hot air and the engine runs hot as well, as its never liked traffic jams and really hot weather.

The Bank Holiday weekend proved to be quite busy as I attended two car events, the first one being the Porsche in the Park Day at Beechwood Park School, which is located a few miles West of Markyate village. I took my grandson Jacob with me in the Sprite and we met up with Alan and Doug who took Alan's Porsche to the event.



It is a low-key event for Porsche owners and enthusiasts, to showcase their cars in the picturesque setting of Beechwood School. Needless to say, there were numerous cars I could easily have driven home with and I have included photographs of four of them for your enjoyment.

Then on the Bank Holiday Monday, I took the Sprite along to a charity event in Chalgrove, which runs in aid of the Oxfordshire Air Ambulance, in memory of one of my scout leader's nephew, Matthew Marriage, who died on the 16th of May 2023. Last year the event raised some £5,000 in aid of the Air Ambulance and each year the event just gets bigger and bigger.



We assemble at the H Café, which is located just Northwest of Benson in Oxfordshire and then run in convoy to the Lamb PH in Chalgrove, passing the memorial of Matthew along the way. Mathew was in his early twenties when he died and he is still sadly missed by all who knew him. The cars assembled were a mixed bunch and the four photos included don't really show the diversity of the cars on show. I can well recommend the event for car lovers, and all the money goes to the air ambulance.

For this month's clubnight, we are once again away from the Red Lion, as we have a Walking Treasure Hunt, organised by Doug for our enjoyment, and this is located in Tring, with full details available elsewhere in the newsletter. If this doesn't suit you, we still have our regular Chat and a Drink at the Red Lion on Thursday the 18th of June.



For next month's clubnight, we have the Two Brewers Scatter for your entertainment, organised by me, and I do hope you can all attend.

Mike H

ED: Charity Run pictures are on page 6

Secretary's spot

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My scribbles this month are being written as we enjoy a wonderful heatwave (that's if you like it hot!) and likely to break numerous records for highest May temperature since records began. Shame it wasn't a weeny bit warmer for our crazy golf Clubnight in early May, but the coolness of the evening did not detract from the fun of the golf. The scoring was pretty close, but I just managed to beat our Chairman by two shots to take the spoils. Whilst only nine members played golf, it was encouraging to note that a number of our regulars came along to the Battleaxes Inn to analyse the stories from the golf course.

On Tuesday 2nd June, Doug will be organising our next Clubnight, which will be a walking treasure hunt in Tring. The start will be from the Forge Car Park in Tring High Street from 7:30pm and we will convene at the conclusion of trying to find the correct answers, in the Robin Hood PH. A detailed map of the locations was included in last month's newsletter and I am sure it will be shown again in this month.

I don't usually comment on worldwide motorsport events but I think we are all in for a treat in June and July for F1 and WRC events almost every weekend.

Our June Chat and a Drink gathering will take place on Thursday 18th at The Red Lion, where hopefully the weather will be kind enough to enable us to sit outside in the massive garden.

Make sure you have Tuesday 7th July clearly marked in your diary, as this will be the evening that our Chairman will be organising the Two Brewers Scatter event. Further information and details are included elsewhere in the Big End, so do please come along and support a now very traditional event.

Another note for your diaries will be a change of Clubnight date for our October gathering. This will now take place on Tuesday 13th October at The Red Lion, as the Association AGM takes place on October 6th in Coventry, where a number of NWL supporters will need to be.

Our planned future programme is as follows;

Tuesday	2nd June	- NWL Clubnight - Walking treasure hunt
Thursday	18th June	- NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion
Tuesday	7th July	- NWL Clubnight - Two Brewers Scatter
Thursday	16th July	- NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion
Tuesday	4th August	- NWL Clubnight - Boule at The Five Bells in Stanbridge
Thursday	17th August	- 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
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
	Sun 23	Autotest/PCA (Cm)	Grass autotest	Falcon MC
Sep	Fri 11	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
	Sun 13	Autotest/PCA (Cm)	Grass autotest	Blackbird AC
	Sun 27	Boanerges Autosolo (Cm)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Oxford MC
Oct	Fri 9	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	Blackbird AC
	Fri 30	12 Car (Cm)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL

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

Past Events

Future Events

Grass Autotests We still don't have a venue yet, but we are invited to all the Blackbird AC ones, which are held at a field at Towcester. The entry fee for these events is £30 and entries are limited to 25, as only one test is run at a time, but there are usually six different tests run. They are running an event each month between May and September, so why not join John Clavey and myself.

Road Rally Insurance There is some good news announced today (Monday) from Motorsport UK, regarding a new cover scheme. It is based on the existing one through Kingfisher and looks like Motorsport UK are providing some guarantee to the insurers, so that premiums may return hopefully to their previous levels. The new system will have payment via a permit surcharge to MSUK, per car needing it (rather than as paid currently to Kingfisher), with this surcharge figure passed on to the relevant competitor. So drivers pay the club the fee as usual, but the club make a payment to MSUK, rather than to Kingfisher. Waiting to see how this works for pre-paid permits, but may be an addition to when entry numbers are entered on the MSUK website against the permit after the event. This doesn't affect those that have taken out a yearly rally policy. The new cost for 12 Car rallies is now £35, up from the previous £25, but a lot lower than the current £65. Unfortunately, it is still an expensive £60 for a full night rally. Hopefully this will see a few more people come back out again on the 12 Cars, now the cost of doing the event has gone back to affordable levels.

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.



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.



May Clubnight Crazy Golf Results

1st	Place	45 shots	Alan T
2nd	Place	47 shots	Mike H (two hole-in-ones)
3rd=	Place	50 shots	Mark
3rd=	Place	50 shots	Ian
5th	Place	51 shots	Dave R
6th	Place	56 shots	Alan R
7th	Place	58 shots	Lorraine
8th	Place	63 shots	Anne R
9th	Place	64 shots	Nicky

Organiser: Ian

Treasure Hunt Clubnight - Tuesday 2nd June

Start: Forge Car Park, High St, Tring HP23 5AG

Finish: Robin Hood, 1 Brook St, Tring HP23 5ED

No map required for the walking treasure hunt.

Meeting in the car park for start from 7:30pm. Finish 9pm latest.

Doug Harrison organising



THE TWO BREWERS TROPHY SCATTER - TUESDAY 7th JULY

You are invited to the 43rd running of the Two Brewers Trophy scatter. This year's scatter will be of a similar format to previous events, with 15 easy questions and only 8 answers required to complete the event. You may need a torch to find clues if it gets too dark!

The start will be 7:30pm onwards from the car park on Chipperfield Common opposite the Two Brewers Hotel - Map ref 043½016. If you arrive after about 8:30pm you'll probably find I've already moved to the finish venue (The Red Lion) on the London Road next to the Railway Bridge (where we hold our Clubnights and our Chat and a Drink.



The scatter will take place in the SW corner of O.S. map 166, within the following area:- West of Easting 10, South of Northing 07. NOTE BLACK SPOT 100 m of Map Ref 166/022006

A copy of the relevant section of map will be provided, if required.

- Motorsport UK exemption certificate has been applied for.
- The entry fee for the event is £5 per crew
- Crews will be entered in two classes by the organisers:- Experts (won the event within the last 5 years) and Novices.
- There are 15 easy questions but each crew are only required to answer a maximum of 8.

1 correct answer	=	20 points	5 correct answers	=	8 points
2 correct answers	=	15 points	6 correct answers	=	6 points
3 correct answers	=	12 points	7 and over	=	5 points
4 correct answers	=	10 points			

Answer sheets should be handed in at the finish no later than 10:00 p.m. or one penalty point will be given for each minute late until 10:15 p.m., when the crew will be excluded. Please ensure only 8 questions are selected for marking.

The finish is at the Red Lion Public House, Hemel Hempstead HP3 9TD, M/R166/069 044. Parking should be ok.

In the event of a tie, the winner will be the crew who hand in their answer sheet in the shortest time taken.

The organisers decision is final in all matters.

I hope you have a very enjoyable evening! Mike Harrison (organising this year)

Herts Wings, Wheels and Water Run

Sunday 6th September 2026

Come and join the Classic Vehicle Group and North West London Group on a new event in the calendar this year, exploring the picturesque lanes of north Hertfordshire (plus some of Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire).

The run starts from **Vanstone Park** near Codicote with tea, coffee and a breakfast bap included, we'll visit **Stotfold Mill and Nature Reserve** with its working water mill, which we hope will be operating on the day, and will finish at the wonderful **Shuttleworth Collection** of classic aircraft and vehicles, where entry to the museum plus tea, coffee and cake are also included. Other points of interest will be en-route.



The route is predominantly rural in nature, but both starting and finishing points are located conveniently for the A1 and A1(M), for entrants coming from further afield.

Any vehicle can be used for the run. Classic vehicles are encouraged but are not necessary.

The entry fee will be £45 per car and two occupants (£50 non-Boundless members) to include: tea/coffee and breakfast bap at the start, tea/coffee and cake at the finish, entry to the Shuttleworth Collection Museum (valid also for return visits within 30 days), Tulip Roadbook and Rally Plate.



For more information and an entry form, please email Mark Brumwell at:-
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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

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

July

Sun 5th F1 - Silverstone
Tue 7th **NWL Clubnight - Two Brewers Treasure Hunt -**
Thu 16th **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH**
17th-19th WRC - Estonia
Sun 19th F1 - Belgium
Sun 26th F1 - Hungary

August

31st-2nd WRC - Finland
Tue 4th **NWL Clubnight - Boule - Stanbridge**
Thu 20th **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, HH**
Sun 23rd F1 - Netherlands
27th-30th WRC - Paraguay

Dates to reserve:

NWL - Herts Wings, Wheels and Water Run - Sunday 6th September

October Clubnight - Moved to 13th October (to avoid AGM)

27th October - Hatfield Bunker visit - 8pm