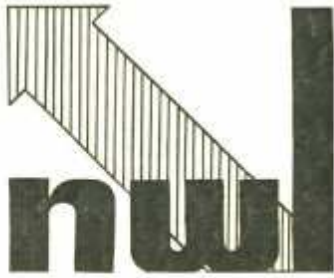


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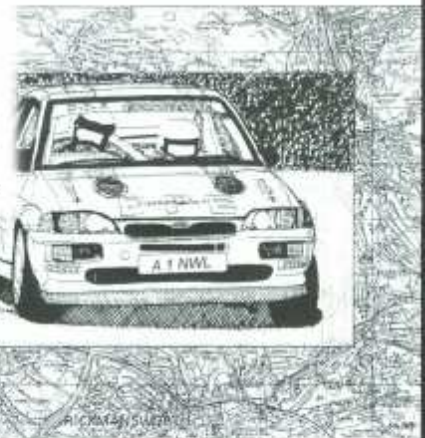


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Club night

Old Rally Film Night

Tuesday 4th April

At our clubnight venue

The Red Lion PH

Starts 8pm



THE BIRTHDAY BOX !

On our April birthday celebration list we have **Antony Cox** on the 9th, **Joyce Manktelow** on the 25th and **Lee Craker** on the 28th - many happy returns to you all!



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NWL Editorial

Nice to see that Chairman Mike had a good result on his recent 12 Car event, with all the crews getting round without problems. Hopefully this will continue on the last event of the winter season this coming Friday.

In Australia we had the new season of Formula One and we had the faster cars, wider cars and more fragile bits. How did they all manage to get round the first two corners and no one even touched. Also, it was the first time in ages that there hadn't been a safety car deployed during the race. Amazingly, we actually had some competition to Mercedes, with Ferrari taking the win, but we will have to wait a fortnight for the next race in China and see if this was tyre management or luck, with Hamilton stuck behind Verstappen. Whatever was changing at the front, it was the same old story at the back, with McLaren yet again having a fragile car. Mind you, there seems to be a lot more colour in the liveries this year, although some are better than others!



Kris Meeke had one of the most luckiest escapes in WRC history when he nearly lost the rally win in Mexico after going off near the finish of the last, televised stage. He got caught out on a bump on a fast corner, which threw his car to the side of the track, went down the embankment through the bushes and then hit a glancing blow to the back corner of a spectators car. To make matters worse, they became disorientated where the track was and drove around the spectator area between parked cars before finding a gap to get back on to the track. The off resulted in a front puncture, but he just had enough time in hand to keep the advantage and take his first win of the season. Sebastien Ogier had his gearbox sealed at post event scrutineering as they felt it was under weight, and the results showed his position as under further investigation. The unit was sent to the FIA and compared to the homologated gearbox but was found to comply. He now goes to the next event in Corsica, still in the lead in the championship.



With the Mini coming out for my first round of the autotest championship recently, I decided to take the bike carbs off and see if I could solve the fuel leakage problem when the engine was cold. When they were originally put on the Mini engine, a fabricated inlet pipe was made to go between the two carbs, but there was too much sideways movement and the rubber seals on the end didn't work properly until they warmed up. I took the two spacer tubes off and shortened them slightly, put it all back together again and fingers crossed, it hasn't leaked again since. Hopefully the lack of starting at the first event has also now been cured, as a battery pack, push start and then a tow start all failed. It only started up when towed, stuck in second gear and the clutch raised and then just kept going until it finally gave in and fired up! It has always been bad but never like this. Previously it would fire up with the battery pack on after a few attempts, but this time it just didn't want to know. Have got another coil on it now and this seems to have made a difference.

The grass autotest season will be getting under way in June, so hopefully the weather will be kind to us this year and we can get the first two events off the ground. The first event will be our Greenacres autotest, so please put it in you diary to help out marshalling or competing.

Mike B.

NOTE: Deadline for contributions to the May newsletter is Thursday 20th April



Chairman's notebook

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A very big thank you to all of you who managed to come along to last month's AGM. It certainly makes a difference speaking to a full room! Although we didn't have the steady hand of Alan Thurbon to guide us through it, as he was on yet another holiday in Australia, despite my best efforts, it seemed to go quite well!

For those of you who didn't make it, I am very pleased to confirm that the committee still stands, the same as last year with the one exception, in that Anne has stepped down as treasurer, although remaining on the committee and that Doug has now taken over the role of group treasurer. I would like to confirm my thanks to Anne for all of her service to the club as treasurer over the years and that I am also very pleased that she has agreed to stay on the committee.

And a big thank you to Doug for taking on the role once again (he was previously our treasurer a very long time ago!).

So just to confirm, I remain as your chairman, hence this article, Alan is Secretary, Doug is treasurer, Mike, Pete, Shirley, Antony and Anne make up the remainder of your committee. Oh yes, mustn't forget, Ian O'Connor has also agreed to be seconded to the committee as and when available, which is brilliant news and we look forward to his input.

For clubnight this month we have a film night, courtesy of Doug, which is usually good fun to watch and entertaining, as he usually spends hours watching the full length movies and then editing them for all the interesting bits!

There is the MG Car Club meet for anything MG or related to MG at Brooklands this coming Sunday the 2nd April. As various bits qualify on the Sprite I shall be in attendance. I have never been before but understand from others is a very good event, and at £11 entry fee per person, it's also good value for money. Let us hope it's a nice sunny day and I can take the roof off!

As mentioned last month Doug and I have managed to secure an entry on the Dixies Historic Challenge Rally in Wales at the end of April and he also returned from New Zealand earlier last month to be presented with the Lancia sitting in Dave's garage with a nice new set of twin 45's sitting under the bonnet. Apparently only a few more horse power, but a much better power delivery. However, I am sure Doug will give you the full story in his next article after the rally.

I am pleased to report that my 12 Car rally on the 3rd March went down really well with all the competing crews and everyone made it back to the finish. The change to the novice route cards to include the map reference of the next control certainly helped, as did Mike Biss checking the route cards first! We enjoyed a good entry and the next one at the end of this month is also well supported with I believe 9 entries at the time of writing and I have entered with Allan Goddard, as all my normal drivers are otherwise engaged, so it will be an interesting night no doubt for both of us!

Finally, I managed to arrange a tour around the Mini factory in Oxford at the end of the month. Unfortunately the 15 available spaces filled up very quickly, but if you are interested please let me know and I can put you on the reserve list or we may even organise another one later in the year, provided of course the tour is any good. But hopefully I can report further on the visit next month. The tour is on Thursday the 27th April at 1:30pm and lasts for 2-3 hours, and costs £15, so hopefully will be good value for money.

So hopefully I will see you all at next clubnight on the 4th April and if not then, at noggin on the 20th April.

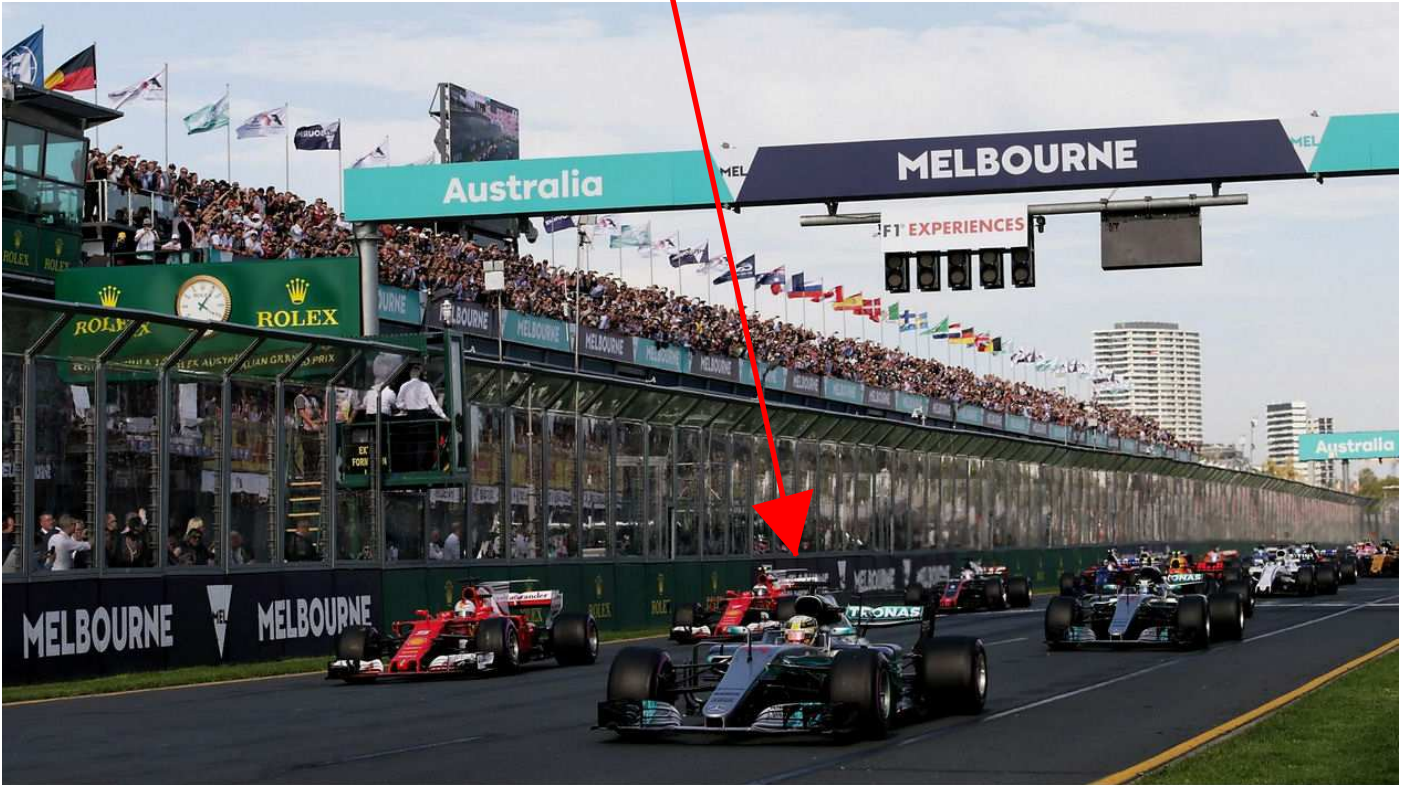
Mike H.

NWL Secretary's spot



Where's the Secretary? Alan has taken his first "selfie", at the Australian Grand Prix, but looks like he was struggling a bit, as you are supposed to be smiling Alan! As for the other selfie, well I'll keep that one for Halloween!

Last seen about here:



For the immediate future we have the following;

Tuesday 4th April – NWL Clubnight will be a film and DVD night so if you have any favourite (short) films that you think would be enjoyed by all please contact Doug H who is co-ordinating the evening.

Thursday 20th April – NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion, Hemel Hempstead, from 8:30pm.

Tuesday 2nd May – NWL Clubnight will be a radio controlled car autotest (plus maybe a helicopter and articulated lorry). Light hearted fun trying to keep things under control (and the cars!).

Thursday 18th May – NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion, Hemel Hempstead, from 8:30pm.

That's about it for now – having to make my apologies for being away until mid April but hope to catch up soon.

Alan T

Date	Day	Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club	Champ
Apr	Sun 9	* April Solo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Farnborough DMC	
	Sun 23	* Rockingham AutoSolo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Peterborough MC	
	Sun 23	* Bocardo AutoSolo/PCA (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Oxford MC	
	Sun 23	* Debden AutoSolo/PCA (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	West Suffolk MC	
May	Sun 14	Spring Solo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Farnborough DMC	
	20/21	* Miglia Quadrato ()	City of London treasure hunt	UH&ULMC	
Jun	Sun 4	Greenacres Autotest (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NWL	Region
Jul	Sun 9	Grasshopper Autotest (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NEL	Region
	Sun 9	Summer Solo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Farnborough DMC	

Licence required: (I/Nat A/Nat B/Cm) = MSA Licence, (C) = Club Card, () = Nothing, * = Regs available

Past Events

March 12 Car Rally Another very good turn out for the third event saw nine entries with eight crews taking part this time. Thankfully we got the navigation just right this time, with extra help for the novices with the end controls given. The nature of the roads also helped in that they were more open than previously, allowing crews more chance of maintaining time. The weather didn't help with some torrential rain at times, so spare a thought for Dave/Alan in the open top car who got soaked and had a disintergrating map! The results were close, as Pete and Graeme were on for the win until they got a front puncture when they hit a pothole. They were actually quite lucky, as both wheels were dented and the rear tyre had a bulge in it.



1st	Car 2	John Bryant/ Steve Jenkins	E	NEL	0 Fails	1	Mins	1st O/A
2nd	Car 1	Pete Gregory/Graeme Presswell	E	NWL	0 Fails	5	Mins	1st Exp
3rd	Car 4	Rod Botteley/Michael Botteley	N	BCC	0 Fails	10	Mins	1st Nov
4th	Car 5	Suze Endean/MAtt Endean	N	CMC	0 Fails	24	Mins	2nd Nov
5th	Car 3	Dave Thomson/Alan Smith	E	NWL	1 Fail	20	Mins	3rd Exp
6th	Car 9	Jane Robinson/Graham Robinson	N	NEL	1 Fail	35	Mins	3rd Nov
7th	Car 6	Ian O'Connor/Daniel O'Connor	B	NWL	1 Fail	0	Mins	1st Beg
8th	Car 8	Alan Wakeman/Simon Mummery	B	WMx	4 Fails	5	Mins	2nd Beg
	Car 7	Matt Costin/Lucy Costin	B	BCC	Non-starter			

Future Events

Greenacres Autotest The first event in our grass autotest season will be on the 4th June this year and will run at the usual Dunstable venue. This will be a passenger carrying event and is held on a smooth grass field. Nice easy all-forward tests are on offer and is suitable for your standard car. Entry fee is £20 (juniors £10) and regs will be available mid April. Mike Harrison is organising and all offers to marshal will be appreciated.

Other Invites 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. We will be invited to all the Anglian Motor Sport Club autosolos/autotests throughout the year.

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More BOUND for BOUNDLESS

My recent suggestion to CSMA of adding info about motor cars to the monthly BOUNDLESS holiday brochure plus helpful tips from members might not bring a flurry of enthusiastic activity. So here are a couple of tips for the excellent NWL Big End motoring publication (this is a personal observation - I have no connection with the Editor).

TIP 1: Clock stops; open little door. White fluff from battery leakage. Found this in six clocks when resetting few months ago. All batteries within date, all above 1.2 volts (tendency to leak when voltage low). All well-known make and none nicked or from dodgy source. Alkaline type.

Remove fluff instantly with earbud dipped in vinegar (white works best). Follow with earbud and water. All done.

DID YOU KNOW: The white fluff used on Hollywood film sets (Wizard of Oz, White Christmas, etc.), on shop window displays and sold to peasants in cardboard boxes to sprinkle on Christmas trees, was on sale from 1920 until 1950 as 'Fake Snow'. It was actually FLAKED ASBESTOS!

TIP 2: Magnetic pick-ups will recover steel bits but nowt else. But what if an earring, a pound coin, a brass nut or copper ear trumpet falls out of finger reach? Off to a stationers to buy a packet of about 60 Glu Dots. Attach one to a long screwdriver, knitting needle, wooden dowel or anything, and you can regain all items and hopefully dignity.

You can do so much more with Harry's tips. But you must have some too?

Harry Spinks, being grumpy and helpful

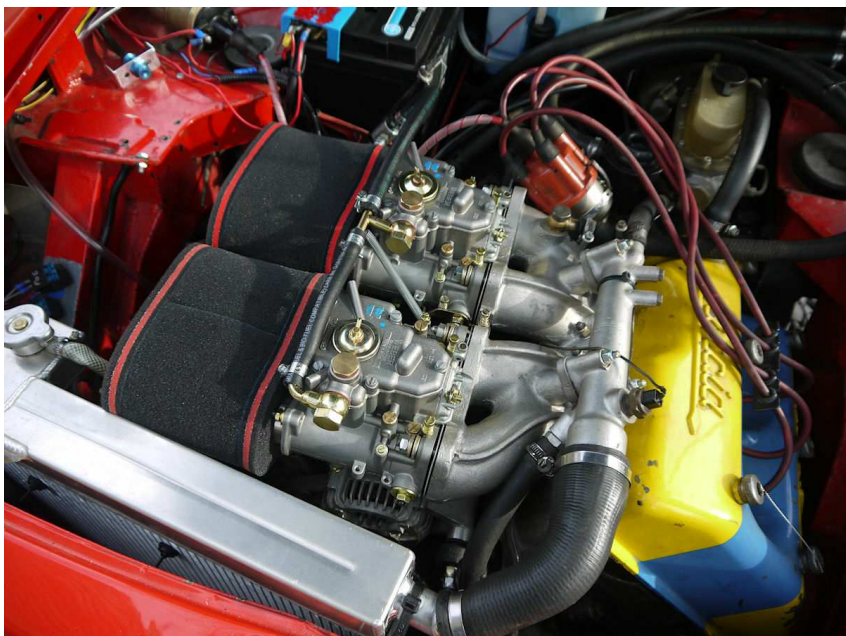
Lancia Update March 2017

Well I finally have the Lancia back from Dave after a few months in his garage and at Northampton Tuning.

Dave has done a great job fitting the new alloy and foam filled petrol tank in the boot (capacity increased from 25L to approx. 50L) and replaced the mechanical fuel pump with an electric one and new fuel filter, relocating them at the same time to the boot. This also makes more room under the bonnet for the new pair of 45 Weber carbs. Dave also refitted the 123 electronic distributor, which had gone faulty after the old alternator died just before the Manx last year!



The car then went off to Northampton tuning to have new 45 Webers fitted and to be set up on their rolling road. I must say they have done a really professional job and the work was not as straight forward as it should have been. The so called works replacement inlet manifold from Omicron needed some minor modifications (i.e. grinding!) in order to get the Webers to fit correctly and to enable the distributor to be fitted. They also had to relocate the throttle assembly to underneath the carbs in order to clear the bonnet. On the subject of the inlet manifold, Dave also had to have a new alloy, high capacity radiator made up to replace the existing one which has a rather large expansion tank at the top, as the carbs with inlet trumpets and filters would not clear the expansion tank!!!. Not very impressed with Omicron!



Anyway, from the photos you can see that the engine bay is now full of carbs and filters!

The rolling road outputs have shown a small increase in BHP and Torque, but the main benefit has been in lifting the power and torque output lower down the rev range, which should improve our stage times. The car also starts and runs a lot smoother.

Whilst in NZ, Mike managed to secure an entry on the Dixies Challenge Stage rally, which takes place on the Epynt roads on the 30th April.

See you all at the film Clubnight on the 4th April, I still have space for any film clips you would like to share.

Cheers Doug

Member Communities Communique

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February/March 2017 Update

New Boundless by CSMA Branding and Templates

As part of our efforts to work towards a more consistent look and feel across all the Member Communities activities, Groups are being encouraged to work towards standardising their documents, flyers, promotional leaflets, etc. to more closely reflect those produced by the Britannia House Marketing team.

Clearly this is a considerable task and not something that can be achieved overnight! There may also be a little trial and error involved as we integrate the new 'Boundless by CSMA' branding in to the many varied printed and online materials produced by the Groups and Member Communities team.

We've also been listening to feedback from members within the Groups and have amended the 'Brand Guidelines' for use by volunteers to try and make them as easy as possible to use. In addition, many of the templates for Groups to adopt for Newsletters, Event Flyers, etc. have also been changed. These Templates can all be found on the Extranet, the revised Brand Guidelines will be uploaded in the next few days.

Here's a summary of some of the key aspects of the Brand/Templates:

Use of Boundless Logo

Another slight amendment to our branding comes as a result of the concerns a number of members raised regarding using the large swirl (part of the 'infinity symbol') at the bottom of all documents. It has subsequently been accepted that this was taking up too much room and as such the Boundless by CSMA logo can now be used on its own (either the line or block form) and normally be located in the bottom right hand corner of documents.



LINE LOGO



BLOCK LOGO

Templates

There are a range of templates available on the Extranet (in 'Forms and Info') for everything from a Group Newsletter, to an Event Flyer or Entry Form. Where possible Groups should use these templates for all member or public facing literature.

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Fonts

For signage and permanent display materials, 'neo-sans' font should be used (printing and display companies will have access to this), however as this font is not currently available in standard Microsoft/Apple packages, 'Arial' should instead be used.

Colours

There are two primary colours that should be used; red and grey. There are also two secondary colours available, blue and yellow.

Primary colours

Red



Red=231
Green=52
Blue=63

Grey



Red=36
Green=61
Blue=71

Secondary Colours

Fresh Blue



Red=49
Green=183
Blue=188

Zest Yellow

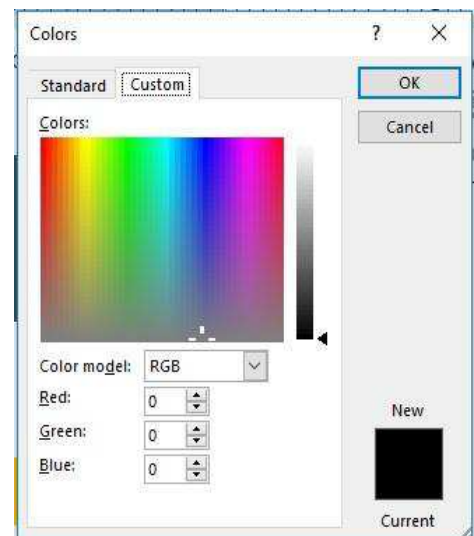


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Green=199
Blue=0

To create these bespoke colours, you should open the 'More Colors' option.



You can then amend the Red, Green and Blue colour levels to generate the correct colour. The colour levels are shown next to the colours



Brand Guidelines

The revised Brand Guidelines will be placed on the Extranet in the next few days and will include the relevant details to enable all members to generate their own documents and event literature. However, if you need any further help or assistance please don't hesitate to contact the Member Communities team.

Independent Council Member Nominations

Would you like to be able to provide an independent voice to the Club Council?

At this year's Association AGM in June, Members will have the opportunity to elect an additional ICM to the Club Council. Any member is eligible to be nominated as a candidate for election as an ICM unless at any time during the two years prior to June 2017 they have been a member of the Association Board, Club Council or one of the national Interest Groups, or they have held the position of Governor or Vice-President.

Prospective candidates should be nominated in writing by one of their fellow members stating both the nominators and nominees Membership numbers. All nominations should be sent to the Company Secretary, c/o Member Communities, Britannia House, 21 Station Street, Brighton, BN1 4DE before the deadline of **Thursday 23rd March 2017**.

Interest Group Committees

Following the nomination and election period during November to February for the Interest Group Committees, a number of new faces have been added to many of the Interest Group Committees.

Peter Adams joins both the Classic Vehicle Group and Social Committees, Graham Maxwell joins the Motorsports Committee, Malcolm Grubb joins the Classic Vehicle Group Committee and Gwilym Griffiths joins the Karting Committee.



Camping & Caravanning welcome 4 new Committee Members following the election held during January and February. Congratulations to Victoria Saunders, Robin Ferris, Graham Davis and Philip Leech as they start their tenures on the Committee.

The Motorcycle, 4x4 and Social Committee still have a couple of vacancies. If you'd be interested in joining any of these Committees, please contact the Member Communities team who will put you in touch with the relevant Interest Group Leader.

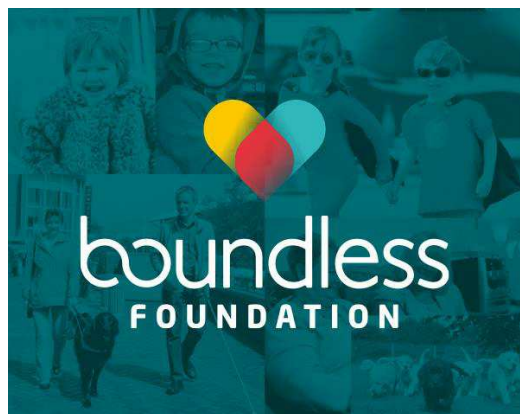
Volunteers with your Group

Volunteering with Boundless can take many forms. Many of our members who volunteer and support Groups activities may not necessarily be on the Group's Committee and hence might not necessarily be known to the Member Communities team or outside of their own particular Group.

Does your Group have any volunteers who regularly help out but are not a part of the Group's Committee? We'd love to know so they can be added to our volunteer register. Please can Group Secretaries forward any details of volunteers (check with them first) to the Member Communities team.

One of the many potential topics for discussion at the June Networking Meeting will be how we as an organisation can better value the many volunteers who provide such great events for their fellow members. If you or your committee have any thoughts regarding this, please forward them to the Club Leader, Heather Glanville at heather.glanville@boundless.co.uk or the Head of Member Communities, Nick Hoath at nicholas.hoath@boundless.co.uk

Charity Fundraising Day



Boundless will be holding a day of giving on Friday 20th October.

With the idea of raising as much money as possible for the Boundless Foundation over a 24-hour period. We're really hoping that members will get together and be inspired in to doing something to benefit the good causes the Foundation support. Whether it's a ramble in the woods, a swim in the sea or a drive in the car, what could your group do to become involved in this great day?

For more information on the Boundless Foundation Lottery, have a look at the website here: <https://www.boundless.co.uk/landing/boundless-foundation-lottery>

Club Handbook

The revised Club Handbook has just been posted on to the Extranet. This includes all the Terms of Reference for the Member Communities Groups, Committees and Officers plus all the relevant policies and guidelines covering the many different aspects within the Member Communities.

If you can't find something in the Club Handbook, please contact the Member Communities team who should be able to help.

Sad News

It is with great sadness that we have to report on the recent bereavement of two of our long standing Group Officers.

Norman Fish, Lincoln Group Treasurer sadly passed away on Thursday 2nd February. Many members will have known Norman from his involvement with both his local group in Lincoln, the former East Midlands Region and the Camping and Caravanning Group, plus of course the many other roles Norman undertook during his long association with CSMA.

Neill Manchee, Pendle Group Chairman sadly also passed away following a period of illness on Monday 13th February. Neill was one of the founder members of the Pendle Group and served as the Group's Secretary until the last few years when he became Chairman. He was also very active nationally within CSMA and served on various committees, including the Properties Committee.

Our thoughts and condolences go out to both Norman's and Neill's families.

New Communique Layout

Member Communities Communique

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Following feedback from members, we're trialling a new layout for the Communique. You will notice it now resembles the Newsletter Template. We've also done away with the 3 columns format to enable the communique to be more easily read on mobile devices.

What do you think – good, bad? We'd love to hear your feedback.

Future Items for the Communique

Do you have something you'd like to be included in the Communique? Maybe some photos of one of your recent events, or a major milestone being reached by one of your members, or even just an update on something your group have been doing? Let us know and we'll endeavour to fit in!

Email us at: member.communities@boundless.co.uk or Telephone: **01273 744763**



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April

- Tue 4th** **NWL Clubnight - Film night - The Red Lion**
- 7th-9th WRC - France
- Sun 9th F1 - China
- Thu 20th** **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, Hemel Hempstead**
- Sun 16th F1 - Bahrain
- 28th-30th WRC - Argentina
- Sun 30th F1 - Russia

May

- Tue 2nd** **NWL Clubnight - Radio Controlled car autotest - The Red Lion**
- Sun 14th F1 - Spain
- Thu 18th** **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, Hemel Hempstead**
- 19th-21st WRC - Portugal
- Sun 28th F1 - Monaco

June

- Sun 4th** **NWL Greenacres Autotest**
- Tue 6th** **NWL Clubnight - Walking Treasure Hunt - TBA**
- 9th-11th WRC - Italy
- Sun 11th F1 - Canada
- Thu 15th** **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, Hemel Hempstead**
- Sun 25th F1 - Azerbaijan
- Thur 29th Boundless by CSMA AGM - Warwickshire

Dates to reserve: