The Squeaky Wheel

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Introduction from Bernard Ward, Chairman



Welcome to our Spring issue of the Squeaky Wheel

which was to be full of events starting this month but that was not to be and, as you will see, we have had to cancel everything except Donington until the end of June, with the first opportunity to get out and about in an organised manner being the invite to the Cream Tea Caper that AG is intending to run at the end of July.

This means that the South Devon Railway event won't happen in May, but there is a chance that we can offer something on those lines (get it?) later in the year. Dave and Pete's SSS run has been affected but, undeterred, they have been able to switch it to 14th August and entries are now open!

What we will need to do is keep you updated using our e-shots and, of course the website, as our summer Squeaky Wheel won't be out in time to give sufficient notice of any additional events that we can squeeze in.

With little else to do (I doubt it) AG has kindly produced a potted history of the Curtis-Bennett Rally and his involvement over many years. It brings back many happy memories for me as well, and we had many battles between us, and the local CSMA groups that we represented, over the years. It was sometimes necessary to turn up in a

motor that was less than suitable for the Welsh countryside and I recall a Mk3 Cortina (which I did at least get to change the front shocks on the day before), a Honda Accord estate that had belonged to my dad, a Citroen BX, a Mk 3 XR3i Escort, and even a Suzuki Whiz-Kid which Paul Wright reminded me of recently. This shows it at the start of a test on the Dunlop Autotest, which was run the morning after the rally.



It is a brilliant idea of AG to consider a reunion of like-minded crazy people at the old Llandrindod hotel which was the base of the rally for so many years, and I hope that something will be possible next year.

One possible appearance in Wales may be our latest Association Governor Dave Farris, piloting his trusty Anglia – congratulations Dave on your appointment.

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We shall be at the NEC Classic Motor Show in November, and we intend to be at Silverstone again this year, but without the fancy fold-out trailer. There have been no offers as yet for a genuine old van or caravan that we can base ourselves in so we will likely be found in our inflatable tent that we used several years ago.

So, read on and enjoy what we have to offer.

Bernard

Articles, event reports and original photographs are greatly appreciated for Issue 53 of Squeaky Wheel and should be sent to <u>Editor.CVG@talktalk.net</u> to arrive before *26th May2021*

Please note that any articles received after the date will be held over to the next issue

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Local Classic Vehicle Groups

Severn & Avon

All details are now on our web site and Geoff Davies' Severn and Avon local group is still going strong although Coved-19 and the lockdowns completely disrupted the 2020 program.

The Noggin 'n Natters will resume when the Coved-19 restrictions permit. If you are in the Severn and Avon area and would like to come along then get in touch with Geoff to make sure that he expects you and then get along to their meetings.

Contact Geoff Davies on

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North Staffs and Stone Classic Car Group

Pete Cresswell, Boundless by CSMA CVG member, has been unable to arrange any meetings at the regular watering hole, the George and Dragon, but hopes to get back to normality before too long. One of the events this summer will be his 10th Anniversary Tour, as that's how long this successful group has been running.

When back to normal, the George and Dragon is on Meaford Road, Stone ST15 OPX on the first Monday of each month, from 7.30 pm onwards. It is not a club as such, so no entry fee, just a monthly meet for people interested in classic cars. For more details on this group contact Pete direct at:

Email: pete.cresswell.t21@btinternet.com

South West Breakfast Meets

Meet up with members who have an interest in all aspects of motoring. You do not have to own a classic car or bike. Or bring them to the meet. Noggin'n' Natter every other month at South Devon Railway Café, Buckfastleigh Devon TQ11 0DZ (not too early, 11 am). For more details, please contact Peter at:

Email: peterandrosemary@talktalk.net

Windlesham, Surrey

Boundless by CSMA CVG members are invited to join in with the classic car Noggin & Natters that take place at The Half Moon, Church Road, Windlesham, nr Bagshot, GU20 6BN (2 miles from the M3, J3) on the 3rd Sunday of each Month, from 08.30 to 11.30 with Coffee and Bacon Rolls available in the Bar from 09.30. All are welcome to stop for Sunday Lunch.

This has been run over the last year by Boundless by CSMA CVG member Colin Manley who will welcome Boundless by CSMA CVG members in the coming year.

For more details, please contact Colin at:

Email: sundayclassiccars@gmail.com

Classic Vehicle Group Events

Dates for your Diary

Enjoy the Classic Vehicle Group's Drive-it-Day run in south and mid-Hampshire Postponed due to Coved-19

The April 25th run has been postponed due t Coved- 19 but we are still looking at the possibility of organising a run in the Hampshire area later in the year.



1st and 2nd May



It's never too early to block out your diary for a key event – and the 2021 Donington Historic Festival is a definite `must-do' entry for classic car and motor sport fans.

Donington Park will see motorsport history come to life, as hundreds of racing cars spanning nine decades take to the track.

The event is going ahead .If you are interested in attending there is still time to get the club 50% discounted tickets, the ticket deadline is **5pm Sunday April 25th 2021**. Please note entry by advanced ticket only.

Give me a call or an email. Contact Geoff Davies <u>a5gcdgeoff@gmail.com</u> for for club discount details and to register interest.

Classic Vehicle Group display at the: South Devon Railway Postponed due to Coved-19









At the time of writing it is still uncertain whether or not the events above will take place due to ongoing Coved-19 restrictions. However by the time this reaches you it will be known one way or the other. If the event is going ahead and you are interested in attending please check on the <u>Boundless.co.uk/cvg</u> web site

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Thursday 22nd July 2021

There are places still available for this guided tour of The National Museum of Computing which is in the grounds of, but independent of, Bletchley Park Estate, near Milton Keynes. The museum houses the world's largest collection of functional historic computers, including the rebuilt Colossus, the world's first electronic computer, and the WITCH, the world's oldest working digital computer. Visitors can follow the development of computing from the ultra-secret pioneering efforts of the 1940s through to the large systems and mainframes of the 1950s, 60s and 70s, and the rise of personal computing in the 1980s and beyond.



One of the volunteer guides for the day will be Sheridan Williams, whom many of you will have met on our display stand at the NEC three years ago with his Sunbeam Tiger.

- Assemble at 11 am for tea/coffee and biscuits
- Introduction from Sheridan
- Guided tour until 12.30 pm when we will break for our buffet lunch
- Tour continues and refreshments will be available from 3 pm

The exhibits are fascinating for anyone with an interest in computers and the history of how Britain led the world in computer development. Many of you with a Post Office background will recognise the equipment used on the first computers.

To what your appetites here is a link to a virtual tour <u>https://www.tnmoc.org/3d-virtual-</u> tour

An inclusive price of £25 per person has been negotiated which will cover the entrance charge, the refreshments and buffet lunch and the guides.

The Museum is a separate entity to the Bletchley Park estate, so access is through the main gates by arrangement and there is ample parking right outside the museum entrance.

This flyer, together with the registration form, will be on the CVG website and will also be available from <u>bernard.ward3@btinternet.com</u>. On receipt of entry full payment and access details will be sent out with confirmation.



The Classic Vehicle Group are once again having a display area at this event and, as usual, will also welcome members from the Club's other Motoring Groups, as well as those from CVG of course. This will enable as many members as possible to take advantage of the popular, Car Club Package, at the 2021 event.



The package includes: Two adult general admission Event Tickets and an Infield Vehicle Display Pass, which allows you to display your classic vehicle within our own club display area.

The organisers will be looking for the majority of vehicles displayed to be 20 years old, or of special interest, so please bear this in mind when applying.

To take advantage of this offer, visit:

https://www.boundless.co.uk/cvg

and download the registration form; or contact Dave Rosher, who will email you a copy.

Once completed, return to: <u>daverosher@gmail.com</u> and you will then be sent our discount booking code, which will enable you to buy discounted tickets and obtain the necessary infield pass directly from the Silverstone Classic website (booking fee may apply).

For more details of the event visit: www.silverstoneclassic.com

CVG Display at Coolings, Knockholt Saturday 7th August 2021, 11.00am - 3.00pm St Christopher's Hospice Charity Car Show

- now with *Gift Aid* for entry



Last year's event was a great success with over £4000 being raised and the display will once again be held in the front meadow at:

Coolings Garden Centre, Rushmore Hill, Knockholt, nr. Sevenoaks, Kent, TN14 7NN.

As an invitation only event, advance registration is essential.

As well as the Garden Centre, the meadow is ideal for a picnic by the car, or if you prefer breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea are all available in Arthur's Restaurant.

The Jazznights trio will also be playing in the meadow between 12.30 & 1.30 pm

Entry is from £3 per car minimum donation, with all proceeds going to St. Christopher's.

For more information and an entry form, email Mike Twomey at: <u>miketwomey2@gmail.com</u>

Event organisers web: www.stchristophers.org.uk/event/cvg-car-show/

West Berkshire Classic Vehicle Show at Newbury Sunday 8th August

raising funds for Leukaemia Research (now re-named 'BLOODWISE')

Club volunteers wanted to Display their Classic on the boundless by CSMA Stand.

Venue: Newbury Racecourse, Thatcham, Berkshire. RG14 7PN Location: Off the A4 to the east of Thatcham in Berkshire. Date: Sunday August 8th 2021.

Required arrival time on site for Exhibitors : Between 9am and 9.30am.



After the event was cancelled due to the Pandemic in 2020, we are hopeful that it will return this year! So I'm looking for support for our boundless by CSMA Club 'Classics' stand at the West Berkshire Classics Show on Sunday August 8th. BUT PLEASE NOTE : THE EVENT IS STILL YET TO BE 'CONFIRMED !

Anyway, being positive, our display will follow our usual approach with up to twenty 2 & 4 wheel Classic vehicles

on display, in front of our Club awning or stand, supported by me on behalf of our Classic Vehicle Group committee & our enthusiastic Thames Valley Group Members. Once again I'm afraid there is no Club budget for this event so we are ALL doing this at our own expense, for our own pleasure, and for our Club !

If you can help, and are willing to display YOUR Classic vehicle at this lovely show, and it's for such a good cause, please get in touch. We will need to ask that you arrive on Sunday morning between 9 and 9.30am please as all vehicle movement on site is prohibited after that time (Organiser's rules, not ours !). All major routes to the area are usually signed to the Show when you get close.

The gates will open to the Public at 10am and our day should finish around 4.00pm but,

as I always say, it's quite common at these shows for people to take some time clearing the site so I'd bring a picnic tea and consider staying on a bit if I were you! And, as always, I will attempt to keep you 'entertained' if we are delayed a little !!!!

I and the Classic Vehicle Group Committee would really appreciate your support and we hope we can welcome YOU on the 8th August, but, in the meantime, if you have any queries or questions, or would like to book your



vehicle in to display on our Club stand, please contact me, either by e-mail: <u>allan.goddard@boundlesscommunity.co.uk</u>: or on my mobile: 07785 903 000.

Thanks very much in anticipation of your support, and, as I always say, we really cannot do this without you!

The Sussex Summer Spree

Saturday 14^h August 2021

For 2021 we are hoping to be able to run the postponed event from 2020.

Outline details are given below but are subject to alteration and/or cancellation if government restrictions at the time dictate otherwise.

The start will be from the Llama Park, on the A22 near Wych Cross RH18 5JN, which many of you will already be familiar with it, as it's where we finished the run in 2018.

The route will use many previously unused roads in East Sussex, before crossing over the border into Kent to reach our final destination.

We hope that a selection of breakfast options will be

and, after a short briefing, cars will then head off at around 9.45am for our first stop of the day, Austin Healey and Jaguar specialists, Orchard Restorations near Heathfield. Here you will be able to look around their workshops and partake of some light refreshments.

From here the route will head south-east to a pub or picnic lunch halt before we head to our final destination of the day; the Brenzett Aeronautical Museum TN29 OEE, which houses the

Romney Marsh Wartime Collection. As well as the many exhibits on display here, refreshments will be available in their newly completed café.

Entry fee will be £40 per car and two occupants to include:

Tulip Roadbook, Rally Plate, Entry at Brenzett, Tea/ Coffee/Juice at the start and light refreshments at Orchard Restorations.

Extra passengers are welcome but there will be a charge of £7 per passenger

Entry forms will be available on the website in the New Year at: www.boundless.co.uk/ cvg , or email Dave, who will send you one direct.

Should it assist your journey home, the main A2070 road will take you from Brenzett directly onto the M20 at junction 10, Ashford.

For more information, email: <u>daverosher@gmail.com</u> Tel: (M) 07724 164576 or petergordonblake@gmail.com</u> Tel: 01227 506223,(M) 07767 311358

Look forward to seeing you all for our 11th run - Peter & Dave







For an idea of attractions that you can visit on the tour, please see http:// www.isleofwightattractions.co.uk/index.html

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The Windrush Run 22nd August 2021

If you follow the Vietnamese Horoscope last year was the year of the Rat - some would

say it should be the year of the Bat! This year is the year of the Ox – strong and dependable, and if we believe a popular advertisement for insurance, calm.

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What could be better than a nice, calm drive in the Cotswolds? The Windrush Run will be on 22nd August this year and the countryside is still there to be explored and enjoyed - most of the venues are awaiting us too.

Starting in Upper Oddington we will head north then

eastwards taking in a couple of stops then on to a lunch halt in Chipping Campden which offers lots of choices of places to eat.

> We then journey westwards to our destination which is still to be confirmed, but there are several options, all of them good.

> The Cotswolds will be at their most glorious at that time of year, it will be a great day out.

Entry fee to be confirmed.

For more information, email: derrickholden72@gmail.com Tel: (M) 07905005963

CVG trip to the Isle of Wight Postponed to 2022 due to Coved-19

barry.haughton@sky.com - and

Coved-19 has made it impossible to get any firm commitments for accommodation for the Isle of Wight trip.

We will therefore be unable to run the formal 'trip abroad' in 2021. Our regrets to those who have expressed interest already.

For more information please keep an eye on the calendar and future newsletters or contact Barry by email at -





The CSMA Curtis Bennett Rally

A very personal glance back over my four-and-a-bit decades of the Curtis Bennett Rally weekend 1964 ~2007, a somewhat dis-jointed and rather self-indulgent reminisance, for which I apologise.

I was very fortunate to be competeing in the era of, probably our Clubs most high-profile motorsports event, the Curtis Bennett Rally, and (it's true) I actually contested 43 of them over consecutive years. It all came to an end circa 2007 when the final event took place but of course many of the cars I used are now considered Classic – hence me writing this memory for our Squeaky Wheel.

So, to the point – recent thoughts of all this set me thinking even further and I found myself unexpectedly riding on something resembling an emotional roller-coaster. So I thought I'd offer our CVG members the following few brief and very personal thoughts, totally un-researched, just memories really. Please forgive any inaccuracies or gross omissions because I can't ever explain in mere words what the Curtis Bennett Rally, the Adventure, the camaraderie and THE weekend came to mean to me over those forty-odd years that I was a part of it.

Having joined the CSMA (Civil Service Motoring Association, now Boundless by CSMA) expressly to go rallying (almost everybody did in those days), I entered half a dozen events with my best mate Len Hillier as navigator before we first went International and entered the 1964 Curtis Bennett Rally about a six-hour drive away. Based in a place that had far too many consonants and far too few vowels in its' name to be good for it, we set off for the Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod Wells, which we understood was somewhere in Wales. Can you imagine arriving at the Metropole for the first time ? A couple of lads aged 18 or so, in the middle of the swinging 60's ? Wow.

The CB Rally itself began life as the All Centres Rally in 1935 and up until the Second World War



AG with David Head 1982 or 3 driving a Vauxhall Astra

went round most of the UK with routes averaging up to 500 miles. In 1938 the CSMA President, Noel Curtis-Bennett, presented the event with the well known and much loved Curtis-Bennett Trophy (aka : the Golden Gargoyle) and the Rally was re-named in his honour with the famous Trophy being presented to the winning Club Team.

The CB was suspended throughout the war years but was resurrected in 1951 and based at Stone in Staffordshire (a few GPO/BT memories there for some I'll wager). After four years the event moved to a North Wales location before, in 1959, moving again to its new long-term home base in

Llandrindod Wells. Apart from 1974 when there was a Foot

and Mouth epidemic in Wales and the Rally was temporarily run in Lincolnshire, the Curtis Bennett Weekend stayed firmly based at the Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod Wells until 2004 when it moved to Whitemead Park.

In those earlier days, most local-Group participants either drove home immediately after the Rally and the Dunlop Auto tests were over or, those that could afford to, stayed in various BandBs scattered all over the town. The Rally entry fee was something like 4/6d (22½p) and the BandB was shillings rather than pounds per night - doubtless someone will remember more accurately and will suggest that I was paying far too much.

In the mid-seventies I first took responsibility for organising our local Groups' accommodation arrangements and we subsequently stayed at several different Digs in and around the town before finally making the Mostyn Hotel our regular base for the CB weekend. We fondly referred to the place as the Mouldy Mostyn as the state of decoration was, err, well a bit casual ! However, the beds were comfy, breakfast was good and it was but a short walk to both the

Metropole (where all the 'posh' people stayed) and the Llanarch Inn where we either ate or retired to for a beer after one of the many visits the Group made en-masse to the Dil-Raj restaurant in town the night after the rally.

The Rally itself took place on the Friday night after a full day's work and a long drive down to Wales for most of us - single or part days Annual Leave were a rarity then, it was a week off or nothing for most. Rally Routes approaching 200 miles in length were offered and were usually finished, for those of us near the back of the field anyway, well after the sun had got up. Strangely, I seem to remember the sun did put in an appearance on most mornings as we were finishing the CBs of old but the final two or three hours of day-light dicing with only the very occasional farm worker, milkman or postie to worry about didn't seem to bother us then. Laterly, 50% of the population it seemed were only just thinking about going to bed as we finished the later Events and we had to be much more mindful.

Now I don't know how many Old-Timers are likely to read this so, to put the record straight, I should mention we also had some appalling weather on CBs of the 60's and 70's too. It is well known that Wales can produce all four seasons weather-wise in just an hour and a half and many CBs were run in exactly those mixed and sometimes extreme conditions. All the Mini and Mini-Cooper pilots usually carried two spare wheels and more often than not those spares were shod with Town and Country treaded Dunlop SP44s, just in case. I recall competing on several Events when the snow caused a few problems, sometimes snow that had fallen many days previously and hadn't yet melted. Dealing with flood water (notably the 2005 Event I re-call) in one form or another was commonplace – but I liked it. I loved the conditions to be as awful as possible because it made it tougher for everyone, and we just seemed to go a little better when

the weather was doing its' best to make things difficult. Unfortunately, this made things very uncomfortable for those oft un-sung heroes in Motorsport – the Marshals; and over the years, our local Groups provided lots of them for the CB weekends too.

The weekends' representatives as Organisers, Officials, Competitors and Marshals on the Curtis Bennett Rally over those past four and a bit decades included Board members, our Club Officers, and just about everyone who's ever considered themselves to be active as a Motoring enthusiast within our Club. It's a notable fact that in the Eighties and early Nineties our local North London Centre (now sadly



AG with Norman Hughes in Dave Wiles' Honda Civic VTi

extinct) regularly provided up to half of the rally entries between them and many of the Marshalling crews too. Our group proudly displayed the familiar red, white and blue WMx Group logo designed and produced many, many years ago by my old friend Keith Lay. Keith was also a long-time participant on CBs of old, and, with a better memory than mine, I fully expect he'll be able to add (hopefully via these pages) a great deal of detail and quite a few anecdotes regarding our collective activities on the CBs of those great years.

Over my forty-odd years I was accompanied by no less than fourteen different Navigators (yes, some of them did come with me more than once) and I'm pleased to say that most of them I'm still in touch with today.

I also used a variety of different cars – they included the humble Triumph Herald Estate, two Saab 96s (a two stroke and a V4), a Mk 1 Healey Sprite, a Hillman Minx series 111a convertible, two Mini-Coopers, an 1800 Landcrab (great on the Dunlop), two Escort Mk 1s(a meGT and a Mexico), an Avenger GT, a Talbot Sunbeam Ti, a Mazda 626 Coupe, a couple of Triumph 2.5s, a Toyota Corolla liftback, and latterly, various Peugeots in 106 form, several 306s both petrol and diesel flavours, and I once turned up in a borrowed 406 automatic (oh no, don't). Also several types of Novas and Astras were pressed into service, and latterly I used a brace of Honda Civic

VTis – one of which was borrowed on the night, just hours before the off, from Dave Wiles when our Team decided the aforementioned Peugeot 406 automatic wasn't quite up to the job.

The Honda was offered to me to use by Dave, even though he'd just bought it new only a few weeks previously, and it had barely covered a thousand miles! DW kindly allowed me to use it again the following year and I enjoyed the car so much I bought one for myself. I still think it's a great drivers' car and was probably my favourite road-rally car that I ever owned. Unfortunatley it had to go eventually and I eventually sold it 2018 with more than 60 rallies behind it.

Anyway, back to the CB, and throughout the sixties, seventies and into the eighties Curtis Bennett rallies ran with full entries, and such was the standard, that the high-spec competing cars were often bought to the event on trailers. These were very quick events and attracted top class crews and cars. Plot 'n' bash navigation and, pre-plotted timed to the second Selectives were used – accidents could and did happen in the challenging, sometimes unforgiving, Welsh lanes and inevitably some competitors needed trailers to get their cars home. But all in all, this was the heyday of the CB and for the most part the finishing rate was very high. I recorded just three non-finishes in my forty odd events, two with mechanical problems but thankfully only one due to the scenery stepping out in front of me.

To some extent road rallying was softened by the Authorities in 1987 and even more emphasis



AG with Marilyn Tricker In an Astra 1300 Saloon

was placed on the Navigation – the rally became more appealing to those with less specialist cars but, as a consequence, a number of competitors with proper rally cars moved on to other, more hard-core competitive events. And there were plenty of them.

Personally, I enjoyed all the different mixes of CBs. In the seventies the event settled on a Bank-Holiday weekend in May with the rally run on the Saturday night and the Dunlop starting late the next morning. Thus, as the Monday was a day off for most of us, the social side of the weekend grew and one of the

weekend highlights became the Sunday Presentation and Awards evening. These evenings overseen by the inimitable Geoff Eteson

and included various forms of entertainment as well as incorporating the serious business of giving out the Awards and Trophies earned over the weekend. I took over the M/C job in the early nineties (?) and continued to offer all sorts of games, quizzes, guest speakers and general silliness. Simon Lowe, Ray Kressinger and Mel Watt, all of Frizzell fame, singing a ten minute version of "New York, New York" was absolute proof of the latter and unforgettable stuff. All this and more was served up as entertainment for sometimes a few dozen people and sometimes a couple of hundred members, their families and friends, to round off what was always a jolly good weekend.

As for the Rally itself, I, with various navigators, enjoyed a modicum of success with several Class awards and overall placings but failed to actually ever win the Event outright. Marilyn Tricker, David Head, Chas Davies, Stephen White, Martin Saunders, Dave Rillie, Len Hillier, and Rob Richardson all took me tantalisingly close to a good result a number of times but, for one reason or another, outright Victory always eluded us if only sometimes by a few minutes.

One of those near-misses with Dave Head was almost a non-finish, it was the early-eighties, nip and tuck with a star driver from NEL Group, Phil Spurge, and nearing the end of the event the sun was just coming up. Our big Triumph 2500TC had lost its reverse gear a hundred miles before when we'd had to turn around on the handbrake somewhat quicker than the gearbox wanted to. We were now approaching a ninety left with a gate straight ahead. Can't remember why the old girl wouldn't go round the corner – trying a bit too hard I expect - but we overshot into the slightly downhill gateway, just a few yards - that's all. No reverse, so out jumps David, pushing and shoving with all the energy that adrenalin, Pro-Plus, Lucozade, and all the grunt his nine stones weight could muster. That big ol' Triumph was a heavy old bus, no way was young

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AG, Dave Head and Simon Lowe (Frizzells) at the awards night, Metropol Hotel, 1970.s

David going to push us up that slope. So, on with the tow rope and we waited for the next car, it was another WMx crew, Darryl Armstrong and Keith Lay in their big V6 Capri. Now they were also having a good run, probably their best ever, but they stopped, pulled us back to the tarmac and, after unhitching the rope from the Ford, we careered off into the sun-rise with our Saviours struggling in the dust raised by our Dunlop SPR3s (who in their right mind would use those on a tarmac road rally). We lost a few minutes, and with not enough miles left in the Event, the damage was done. Worse still, in helping us Darryl and Keith had also dropped a place and a Class win too I think. I suspect they've both long since

forgotten that few moments but I haven't, thanks again guys,

we nearly did it.

The final incarnation of the Curtis Bennett Motorsport Weekend included a variety of motoring and motorsport related activity apart from the CB rally and the Dunlop Autotests. The precursor Metropole Run was very enjoyable and proved a perfect warm-up for the main event; the Motoring Gymkhana is great fun as is the Slot car racing, two Treasure Hunts, a Scenic Drive and everything else that went into making a 21st century CB weekend. We also end up with an Awards Presentation on the Sunday afternoon to finish things off so that those that have to can return home and back to the real World in time for work on Monday. Sadly, despite its long and successful history and the new format, the event and the weekend was not sustainable. In my forty-odd years of involvement, Teams from the North London Centre won the CB Trophy many times and finished Runners-up on even more occasions. Our local Group enjoyed tremendous success with lots of different crews spread across all the Classes on both the Rally and on the Dunlop.

Its been a long time since the final event in 2007 - a thought occurs to me. Perhaps 2022 might be a good time to have a bit of a Curtis Bennett Weekend reunion, maybe at The Metropole or at Whitemead Park, so we can all have a chance to share our CB memories – and I'll bet there's a lot of them out there too. Many of the regular, successful and otherwise, competitors have retired now or gone on to other things, and those awesome days will never return, but wouldn't it be great to get some of the old names together just one more time? I've probably completed my last proper road rally too, but I'd be happy to host such an occasion if there's enough support – would YOU consider coming along to join me in telling all these youngsters how good it really used to be? Could be quite a special weekend. Maybe I'll keep it in mind and see what we can do.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank

- everyone who navigated for me on any of those forty odd years on the CB
- all my Team mates and local Group members, past and present
- and my lovely Mum, who very sadly died on the Saturday of the 1988 CB Rally but told me emphatically, just before the event, that whatever happened, I was to do the Rally, but be careful. She knew me very well. My then Navigator, Dave Head in particular was a great support to me that weekend too, physically and emotionally, - thanks mate.

Other things of note I recall from the CB weekend in 1988 included :

- Mike Scott finding his Marshalling point without any outside assistance. (without a map)
- Hugh Johnstone and Alan Smith getting wetter than any Marshall should ever expect

Oh, and CVG Committee member, Derrick Holden, won the Raffle at the Awards evening. Long live the Curtis Bennett Rally memories.

> Allan Goddard December 2020

Member Communities Communiqué

Summary of the February 2021 Update

The Club Council met for their 75th meeting, once again via Zoom due to the ongoing Government Restrictions.

The usual Interest Group Leaders and Local Groups Representatives reports were fairly brief due to the ongoing in-activity of many Groups and the uncertainty of when they will be able to return to their usual activities. However, the Local Group Representatives were able to report an encouraging number of Local Groups (13) are currently running their Club Nights via Zoom, with several more considering this option should the restrictions on physical meetings continue.

One of the issues raised, was to gain some clarity regarding Local Group AGMs and whether they were permitted to go ahead using Zoom. It was confirmed Groups can hold their AGMs via Zoom and the following advice is suggested to ensure the Group's AGM is conducted appropriately, (if Groups chose to operate them via Zoom):

- Ensure the AGM is advertised on the Group's website page and in any Group Newsletters
- To ensure the meeting is quorate, the Group Secretary should request member's membership numbers either in advance via email (this could be part of the meeting invitation), or via the Zoom 'Chat' function at the start of the meeting - ensuring members direct their comment to the Secretary only (i.e. not 'everyone' which is the default setting)
- All participants should be muted for the meeting (except for the Chair)
- Should anyone wish to speak they should either raise their hand (make sure they have their camera on!) as you would in a normal meeting, or alternatively they can comment in the 'Chat' function
- Elections and votes should be conducted via members raising their hands, or via the 'Chat' function
- When the Treasurer, Secretary, (or any other contributors) is presenting a report to the meeting, ensure all participants are, once again, on mute.

Alternatively, if Groups wish to hold off holding their AGMs until later in the summer, then this is fine. The Groups Charters will be sent out at a later date, once it is safe for Group Committees to meet as normal.

The Club Treasurer, Gerard O'Sullivan updated the Club Council on the initiative he is leading to help Boundless better recognise our many volunteers and the value they provide the organisation. Gerard, via the Club Council Expenses Sub-Committee will be presenting a paper to the April Club Council meeting with recommendations for delivering the most effective ways to value our volunteers, whilst also encouraging more members to step forward to volunteer with Boundless.

Martin Fearn, Independent Council Member (ICM) updated Club Council members on the progress he and the other ICMs are making looking at the apparent under representation of females on the Club Council. This project was originally identified as part of the Investors in Volunteers accreditation Boundless is working towards but is also in place to ensure that the Member Communities governing bodies are fully representative of the membership base, where possible.

Club Leader, Madeleine Grubb updated the Club Council with regard to the need to postpone the Groups Networking meetings once again. It is now anticipated these meeting will take place in the Autumn, provided it is safe to do so.

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Club Leader's Online updates

Following the success of the Zoom sessions before Christmas, Club Leader, Madeleine Grubb will once again be hosting a series of online catchups with members.

These sessions are open to any member and following the first session on Wednesday 17th February, a further two will follow on Tuesday 23rd February at 11.00am and Thursday 25th February at 7.00pm, all via Zoom.

To book on to a session contact <u>nicholas.hoath@boundless.co.uk</u> who will send you the appropriate Zoom meeting link.

Zoom Club nights

With the increased usage of Zoom for many Club Nights during the current Government restrictions on social events, we've designed an SEN for Groups to use for submitting the details of these events. This SEN should only be used for Zoom events, please use the usual SEN for our more traditional, physical events.

The **Zoom Events only SEN** can be found here:

https://volunteerhub.boundless.co.uk/events/sen-forms

You will notice the Zoom SEN has removed all the usual Health and Safety questions associated with physical events but will still allow us to populate both the individual Group's website page and also the new Zoom specific events webpage.

The new **webpage for Group's Zoom events** can be found here: <u>https://www.boundless.co.uk/our-community/group-zoom-events</u>

Without the limitations of geography, all members are encouraged to consider participating in other Group's Zoom events.

Here's what's coming up next month, with more events being added all the time:

- Tuesday 9th March North East London, March Club Night
- Tuesday 9th March Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells, The Shetland Bus WW2
- Friday 12th March Ipswich Group, What they didn't teach you in History
- Wednesday 31st March York Group, Around the UK in Classic Railway Posters
- Recording meetings

A useful feature of Zoom is the ability for the host to record the session. These recordings can then be made available to members who may have missed the live event.

However, Zoom hosts should be aware of a few requirements, should you wish to record a Zoom event.

Firstly, you should make all participants aware that the session is going to be recorded, and thereby allowing those who wish to leave the session to do so. Secondly, you should ensure any speakers are happy for the session to be recorded, in particular if they will be using copyrighted materials. And thirdly, you need to indicate to all participants (including any speakers) what the recording will be used for, the potential circulation of the recording and also the period of time the recording will be retained for.

Zoom Speakers list

Following our request earlier in the year and the great response from several Local Groups, we now have a list of potential Zoom Speakers should your Group wish to enquire. Please contact the Member Communities team to request a copy. Of course, if your Group have discovered a great Zoom speaker and they'd be prepared to potentially speak to other Groups, then please let us know and we will add them to the list.

Content/events deadline for the July/August magazine is 6th April. Please send all content to Kadie. Email: <u>kadie.crichton@boundless.co.uk</u>

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Groups Newsletters

During this period of enforced isolation, what better way to keep in touch with your regular attending members than via a Group Newsletter.

Many Groups (see below) already circulate a Newsletter, examples can be found on their specific website pages.

- Bath and Bristol's, 'BABs'
- Dorset's 'Newsletter'
- Edinburgh and Lothian's 'Newsletter' *their first after 38 years!* (see opposite)
- Exeter's 'Events Programme'
- Kingdom of Fife's 'Programme of Events and Outings'
- Ipswich's 'Traveller'
- Leeds' 'What's On'
- North East London's 'Nelly'
- North West London's 'The Big End'
- Peterborough's 'Newsletter'
- Shropshire's 'Forthcoming Events'
- Surrey's 'Newsletter'
- Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells' 'Spotlight'
- Thames Valley's 'The Visor'
- York's 'Events Programme'

Newsletters can be of your own design or can follow the simple template found on the Volunteer Hub here: <u>https://volunteerhub.boundless.co.uk/forms-and-information/logos-and-</u> templates

Equally, if you'd like to put together a Group Newsletter but need some help, please contact the Member Communities team.

New Governors Appointed

Following the recommendation by the Club Council, the Association Chair with the support of the CSMA Board has appointed two new Association Governors.

John Herington will be known to many members either through his involvement with Local Groups, or as Club Captain, or in his role as a Non-Executive Director for CSMA and ultimately as Association Chairman from 1996-2003.

Dave Farris equally will also be known to many members through his involvement with Local Groups and in several Non-Executive Director roles for CSMA and ultimately as Association Chairman from 2011-2015.

Both John and Dave are both also currently Vice Presidents of the Association and join the other five current Association Governors: Brian Comber, Bev Cooper, Peter Denny, Geoff Lockwood and Graham Rood.

The role of the Governors is a voluntary role to be the guardians of the Association's ethos and to monitor the activities and management of the Association and the Club Council to assess whether the Association operates in a manner that is consistent with its Memorandum and Articles of Association and in the collective interests of its members.

If you, or any other member you know, would like to be considered as becoming an Association Governor, please contact the Club Leader, Madeleine Grubb (<u>Madeleine.Grubb@boundless.co.uk</u>) in the first instance to discuss this opportunity.

Post Brexit Advice

With all the focus on the pandemic, you may have missed *(although we'd suggest highly* 18 Visit boundless.co.uk/CVG



unlikely!) that the UK ended its transition period and left the European Union on 31st December 2020.

Several Members have been enquiring as to how this will affect travel to Europe, whether that be by car, motorcycle, motorhome, caravan or on foot!

New Online Groups

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As part of the ongoing development of the Member Communities online presence, we have recently re-launched two of our Facebook Groups.

Our Boundless Gardening Group (formerly Green Fingers) has had an amazing start with over 700 members joining in the past few weeks and already becoming a really active community discussing and passing on their hints and tips for time in the garden. Plus they have their very own Gardening expert who provides monthly updates via her online video.

Equally our Boundless Cooking ang Baking Group (formerly Foodies) have also had a strong start with many members sharing a huge range of mouth-watering creations.

Check out both Groups by searching for them on Facebook!

Sad News

We heard over Christmas that long-standing North-East London Member, Graham McLean, sadly passed away last June.

Graham was a member of the former Essex Group where, as a keen marshal, he founded and led the North London Centre Marshalling Team (NLMT) for many years. When the Essex Group folded, he became a regular at North East London Group and the enthusiastic support of his marshalling team was instrumental in the successful running of many North East London events, such as the Noreaster Rally, Grasshopper and Juniper Autotests. He and his NLMT were also out flying the

CSMA flag most weekends on many other clubs' stage rallies in the south east, as well as assisting on the annual RAC Rally.

Despite not being a competitor in Motorsport events himself, his valuable marshalling contribution to the Club was recognised as being significant enough to merit him being awarded "Sportsmember" status.

Although he had not been actively involved in recent times, during the 80's and 90's he was someone who could always be relied on to turn out for an event - whatever the weather.

Our condolences are with Graham's family.

Boundless Member Events

As part of the ongoing issues caused by the Coronavirus pandemic forcing the temporary closure of many events venues and the subsequent absence of their staff who have been placed on furlough, plus the reluctance of those venues that are still operating to accept large group bookings, is all causing havoc within the whole events industry and our Britannia House led Member Events programme has not been immune.

As such we have made the very difficult decision to cancel all our planned 'physical' Member Events until the end of July 2021. We will however be increasing the number of our hugely successful online events for members to participate in during the coming months to help fill the void.







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Here's what's coming up in the next few months:

Tuesday 23rd February, 7pm: Celebrating Concorde

Hear from Concorde pilot John Tye about what it was like to fly this fantastic aircraft.

Tuesday 9th March, 7pm: Photography Masterclass – Larger than Life

Learn how you can use your digital camera to pick out minutiae in ordinary, everyday life and magnify them.

Tuesday 16th March, 7pm: A Victory Lap of Silverstone

Join Rob Jaina from Silverstone as we dig into the rich archives of the home of British motorsport.

Tuesday 23rd March, 7pm: A Day in the Life of a Hollywood Stuntman

He's been a stuntman on James Bond, Indiana Jones and Star Wars movies, doubled for Lee Marvin on The Dirty Dozen and coordinated stunts for the Top Gear and Grand Tour crews for 10 years.

Tuesday 23rd April, 7pm: To the Olympics and Beyond – with Robin Cousins MBE

Join ice-skating legend Robin Cousins as he talks through his amazing career including reaching the pinnacle of his sport as a gold medallist at the 1980 Lake Placid Olympics. But, as you'll discover at this special Boundless member-exclusive event, there's much more to Robin's story.

Tuesday 20th April, 7pm: The Spectacular Science of Shooting Stars

Will Gater explores the extraordinary scientific story behind shooting stars – just in time for you to view a real meteor shower (the Lyrid Meteor Shower) on the following 2 nights.

Tuesday 27th April, 7pm: 10 Easy Ways to Upgrade Your Garden

Join TV Gardener Nick Bailey for an inspiring webinar focused on simple garden projects anyone can do to upgrade their plot ready for the new season.

Tuesday 4th May, 7pm: South Indian Cookery with Kanthi Thamma

A member-exclusive event giving you a chance to take part in one of Brighton Community Kitchen's renowned cookery classes online from your own home.

Tuesday 25th May, 7pm: Ben Collins, Stories from The Stig

Your chance to get to know one of the men behind the Stig, BBC Top Gear's mystery motoring maestro.

....and there'll be more coming!!

All events are FREE for members to participate in and can be found on our website at:

Boundless by CSMA CVG regalia

CVG badged shirts and caps

The Classic Vehicle Group have arranged for Polo shirts These maroon shirts are available in sizes Small to 5XL at £12.00 plus P&P.



CVG hats are available at £10.00 each plus P&P.

The Shirts and hats can be ordered direct from K and K Printing and Embroidery by phone 01235 516699 or email sales@kandkprinting.co.uk.



Payment can be made by credit/Debit card by email, over the phone or by post quoting the reference CSMA-CVG. Other coats and shirts may be available. Contact Geoffrey Wooldridge for details. Email

Editor.CVG@talktalk.net

Programme of EVENTS for 2021

All dates are provisional and subject to confirmation/change especially given the COVID19 situation. We have assumed that we will not be able to organize any events before 12th June.

Runs: Any decisions for the future should be based on the following assumptions:

- the virus will still be around,
- the majority of our entrants will be vulnerable to some extent and will have had at least one inoculation.
- We may be limited to family members only in a car but expect that this would be widened to including friends in bubbles.
- By the time runs are planned, venues should have got their acts together and will have completed their individual Coved-19-19 risk assessments and we would know if we can be accommodated. We might even have to suggest bringing refreshments.
- **Displays:** These are another matter; if they are running then our organisers would need to be able to stay safe and it would be a personal choice as to whether to attend.

Each respective CVG organiser can pass on anything that is published by the main event organiser to help with those decisions.

Drive it Day Run Postponed due to Coved-19

We are still looking at the possibility of organizing a run in the Hampshire area later in the year.

Contact: Chris Laver chris@whitesands82.co.uk

May

1st & 2nd Donington Historic Festival

Our Severn and Avon members are planning to be here again during the weekend and the discounted ticket booking code is available Contact:- **Geoff Davies** <u>a5gcdgeoff@gmail.com</u>

Display at The South Devon Steam Railway, Buckfastleigh, Devon Postponed due to Covid

This was a very popular event again last year, with members coming from far and wide to be part of the display at this popular west country attraction.

Contact:- Peter Adams peterandrosemary68@gmail.com

Isle of Wight weekend Postponed due to Covid Postponed to 2022 Contact:- Barry Houghton barry <u>barry.haughton@sky.com</u>

July

3rd Museum of Army Flying

An opportunity to visit the museum and to see the collection of aircraft and helicopters on display. This event was postponed from 2020. Contact:- **Peter Gregory** <u>pete.gregory@boundlesscommunity.co.uk</u>

22nd Visit to The National Museum of Computing - Bletchley Park We will have a guided tour of this working museum with the chance to see a working Colossus and Bombe. Contact:- Bernard Ward bernard.ward3@btinternet.com

25th Cream tea Caper

Invitation from The Thames Valley Group for this popular Run. Another chance to drive around the narrow and seldom explored roads around Berkshire and to enjoy AG's games.

Contact:-Allan Goddard allan.goddard@boundlesscommunity.co.uk

April	l 2021	Classic Vehicle Group Calendar	lssue 52
30 th -1 st	Aug /	Display at the Silverstone Classic Weekend, Northants Provision 30 th anniversary event held over Date will be confirmed once 1 calendar is decided We have again registered for a Club disp discounted Car Club Package and details of how to register for will be on the website. Contact: Dave Rosher <u>daverosher@gmail.com</u>	the 2021 Formula lay area using the
August			
1st	Cranle	<i>igh Classic Car Show -</i> (Provisional), Contact: Dave Rosher <u>daverosher@gmail.com</u>	
7 th	Displa _.	<i>y at Coolings in The Meadow</i> , near Sevenoaks, Kent Display at Coolings in the meadow Nursery in aide of St Christo Contact: Mike Twomey <u>miketwomey2@gmail.com</u>	opher's Hospice
8 th	Displa _.	<i>y at The West Berkshire Classic Car Show</i> , Newbury Held in the grounds of Newbury College, this will be the members have supported this friendly show in aid of the Blood Contact: Allan Goddard <u>allan.goddard@boundlesscommunity.c</u>	lwise charity.
14 th	Sussex	This will be the 11th anniversary running of this event, so we able to come and celebrate it with us. Event held over, so almovenues are still available. Contact:- Peter Blake petergordonblake@gmail.com or Dave Rosher daverosher@gmail.com	
21 st	The Ca	pel Classic Car & Bike Show This show has been cancelled	
22 nd	Windro	ush Run Route to be arranged, this will be a full day run around the roa and the Cotswolds. Contact : Derrick Holden <u>derrickholden72@gmail.com</u>	ds of Oxfordshire
Septem	ber		
17 th -19	th R	<i>Petro Run -</i> Llandrindod Wells This popular hotel-based weekend offers two daytime ru entertainment. Contact: Malcolm Grubb <u>malcolm.grubb@boundlesscommunit</u>	-
25 th	Cider H	<i>op Run</i> An early autumn run around the rural lanes and villages of Kent. Held over from 2020 Contact:- Bruce Manning <u>mail@brucemanning.co.uk</u>	
October	r		
2 nd	Midland	<i>d Meander</i> Our usual late season run organised by our Severn & Avon me again take in some of the best roads in the SW Midlands Contact: Geoff Davies <u>a5gcdgeoff@gmail.com</u>	mbers, which will
Novemb	ber		
12 th -14	th NEC	<i>Classic Motor Show</i> (tbc) We hope to be back again next year to see you all again with a stand at this annual showcase event. Contact: tbc	display and Club
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CVG - 2021 Event Interest form

If you do not have email and wish to be posted details of any of the events below when they become available, please tick where appropriate and return completed form to: Dave Rosher, 5 Barnsite Gardens, Rustington, Littlehampton, BN16 3QG

Date	Event (run by CVG)	Tick
	New Year Run (moved to Spring) Postponed due to Coved-19	
	Chatham Dockyard Postponed due to Coved-19	
	Drive it Day Run Postponed due to Coved-19 possible later run in Hampshire may be arranged.	
1 st & 2 nd May	Donington Historic Festival	
	Display at The South Devon Steam Railway Postponed due to Coved- 19	
	Isle of Wight weekend Postponed due to Coved-19 to 2022	
3 rd July	Museum of Army Flying	
22 nd July	Visit to The National Museum of Computing	
25 th July	Cream tea Caper	
30 th July —1 st August	Display at the Silverstone Classic Weekend (Provisional)	
1 st August	Cranleigh Classic Car Show (provisional)	
7 th August	Display at Coolings in The Meadow	
8 th August	Display at The West Berkshire Classic Car Show,	
14 th August	Sussex Summer Spree	
21 st August	The Capel Classic Car & Bike Show CANCELLED	
22 nd August	Windrush Run	
1 7 ^{t h} — 1 9 ^{t h} September	Retro Run	
25 th September	Cider Hop Run	
2 nd October	Midland Meander	
12 th —14 th November	NEC Classic Motor Show (TBC)	

Name:		
Address:		
	Postcode:	
Tel, Home:	Mobile:	
Membership No:		

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