

# The Squeaky Wheel

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CVG stand at the NEC November 2019

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## Introduction from Bernard Ward, Chairman



**Welcome to our late-May issue of the Squeaky Wheel** which has a very different look to it, as you might expect in this current situation.

Inside we have a report on the excellent New Year Run, when we all innocently met up for our breakfasts, sat together in the Café at Greenham Common and finished on a high with our cream tea, and heads together to solve the quiz. Well done AG for a well-organised day out, and little did we know that it would be our last outing in a while.

Plans were pretty much finalised for the Drive It Day run at the end of April before everything was put on hold but, all being well, we should be able to use the route and the stopping points next year. Refunds have now been made for the entries for this, and for the Sussex Spring Spree, so we must start again next year.

However, we do have something to report as the call went out for photos of some of the committee's cars holding their own private displays, even observing the social distancing you will note.

You will have seen in the Boundless magazine how the many planned national events have been cancelled and we are in the same situation, except that the moratorium on holding group events has been extended through to the end of August. Our runs, known as touring assemblies, require authorisation and a permit from Motorsport UK and all permits have been cancelled until the end of June, although the decision by the Club Leadership has effectively extended this the end of August for our events. No organiser of classic car shows will be willing to commit to their event for the foreseeable future and, even if the restrictions are eased somewhat, it will need much thought to see how people can be kept apart, nosing round the autojumble stalls and sticking their collective heads under the open bonnets of the cars (okay keep the bonnets closed and no autojumble but that is part of the income stream gone). You may see some events advertised and you may decide to take part, but that attendance must be for you as individuals as CVG won't be sanctioning any until cleared to do so.

The big open-air event of any year is the Silverstone Classic Show, scheduled this year for the last weekend in July but of course CVG won't now be there. It is always held two weeks after the Silverstone GP to take advantage of the infrastructure, the market area, Ferris wheel etc. and the talk is that the GP will happen behind closed gates so no infrastructure needed so who knows where it leaves the classics show organisers?

What I can say is that, bearing in mind the well-being of our volunteers who man the stand, we have decided not to apply for a stand at the Restoration Show at the NEC, currently re-scheduled for August - it may even still be a Nightingale Hospital. We haven't ruled out the Classic Show there in November but, again, who knows?

Our calendar is included at the back but has many future events cancelled or 'to be confirmed' and, be assured, we will keep you informed of their status as we drag ourselves out of this difficult situation.

It may be that COVID-19 will have run its course by the end of the summer, or at least be manageable, in which case the Retro Run, in September, may not be at risk but a decision will be made nearer the time, and we shall keep you all informed.

Our next Squeaky Wheel is due out in October and will be publicising our draft 2021 calendar, but that feels a long way off right now.

Please, all look after yourselves as best you can. At some stage there will be opportunities to take your classics out but, for now, just think what effect this is having on your average miles covered per year.

Bernard

Articles, event reports and original photographs are greatly appreciated for Issue 50 of Squeaky Wheel and should be sent to [Editor.CVG@talktalk.net](mailto:Editor.CVG@talktalk.net) to arrive before **13th September**. 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 going strong and was busy during last year

If you are in the Severn and Avon area, then why not get in touch with [Geoff](#) and get along to their meetings.

Noggin 'n Natters - second Tuesday of each month at: The Bell Inn, Lower Broadheath, Worcester, WR2 6QG

Meet from 7pm onwards, to eat, drink, just natter, or any combination of the three.

Contact Geoff Davies on

Email: [a5gcdgeoff@gmail.com](mailto:a5gcdgeoff@gmail.com)

## North Staffs and Stone Classic Car Group

Pete Cresswell, Boundless by CSMA CVG member, is inviting all fellow members to join him at the George and Dragon, Meaford Road, Stone ST15 0PX on the first Monday of each month, from 7.30 pm onwards.

It is the regular meeting place for the Stone Classic Car Group which 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sundayclassiccars@gmail.com)

# Dates for your Diary



## Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

We have been invited to a guided tour of The National Museum of Computing which is in the grounds of, but separated from, Bletchley Park Estate. It 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. The museum enables visitors to 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 two 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 inkling of 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.

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

We will have parking available for us all but the Museum is a separate entity to the Bletchley Park estate, so access is through the main gates by arrangement.

This flyer, together with the registration form, will be on the [www.boundless.co.uk/our-community/classic-vehicle-group/](http://www.boundless.co.uk/our-community/classic-vehicle-group/) and will also be available from [bernard.ward3@btinternet.com](mailto:bernard.ward3@btinternet.com). On receipt of full payment entry and access details will be sent out with confirmation.

Spaces limited!





**SilverstoneClassic**  
**31 JULY - 2 AUGUST 2020** \*Provisional dates

**CANCELLED**

Car Club  
Vehicle  
Details

Package  
Display

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 2020 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/our-community/classic-vehicle-group>

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

Once completed, return to: [daverosher@gmail.com](mailto:daverosher@gmail.com) and you will then be sent our discount booking code, which will enable you to buy discounted tickets and obtain the

## CVG Display at Coolings, Knockholt Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2020, 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 £1000 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 by donation, with all proceeds going to St. Christopher's.

For more information and an entry form, email Mike Twomey at:



## The Capel Classic Car & Bike Show

### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020



This show comes highly recommended by several of our members and so we have decided to include it in this year's calendar. It has a traditional village fete atmosphere and, as well as the cars & bikes, there is a flower show, dog show, plus a range of craft, plant and refreshment stalls.

The focus of this year's show will be on: Sunbeam vehicles.

The show is aimed at vehicles registered before 1995 - unless of special interest.

To enter, go to the Capel Classic Car & Bike Show website at:

<https://www.capelcarshow.com/>

Select **Register** from the options menu and follow the instructions to apply online.

When you get to the **Group** option, select the, **I'm entering as a Club member** option and then in the next box, enter **Boundless by CSMA** as the club name.

Entry is by charitable donation to *Friends of St. John The Baptist* and you can choose from a range of suggested amounts.

If you are unable, or choose not to apply online, you can download and print off an entry form from the event website and post it off or, let me know and I will post one to you.

**Entries close on Sunday 9th August**

Once you have entered, if you could let me know by email, then I will know how many to expect on the day – thanks,

Dave Rosher

Email : [daverosher@gmail.com](mailto:daverosher@gmail.com)



**The Classic Vehicle Group invite you to take part on  
The Windrush Run  
23rd August**



This year the Windrush Run is starting in Upper Oddington, near Stow-in-the-Wold. The



route will take us via a Distillery (and more) to the finish venue which is planned to be the Jet Age Museum, Gloucester.

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

Contact : Derrick Holden email: [derrickholden72@gmail.com](mailto:derrickholden72@gmail.com)

## Welcome to the 22nd Retro Run 18th-20th September 2020

Due to popular demand the 2020 Retro Run will be based at the historic Metropole Hotel in the heart of Wales.

This privately run and friendly hotel in Llandrindod Wells has a long and illustrious history with the CSMA as it was often used as the base for the Curtis Bennett Rally, a road rally open to teams of 3 cars from any group within the CSMA. It is ideally located to allow us to explore the magnificent roads and scenery in and around central Wales. There should be something for everyone to enjoy!

The Saturday and Sunday runs are untimed, so you can go at your own pace with plenty of time to relax, enjoy the countryside and visit some of the interesting and attractive places on the way.

We have booked 30 rooms for the weekend and the entry fee will be £395 per crew of 2 for two nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast in a Classic room\* together with welcome drinks on the Friday and afternoon tea on the Sunday. Also included are detailed Road Books with information about places of interest en route, and of course, a Retro Run Rally Plate to add to your collection!

*Note: Superior (larger) rooms are available for an additional £10 per night. You can also add a Sunday night DBB for a supplementary cost of £100 per crew.*

Full details and booking forms will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020. Bookings are on a first come first served basis and a deposit of £100 per crew will secure your reservation with final payment due by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020. All entries will be acknowledged

*We look forward to welcoming our Retro Run regulars and newcomers too.*

Contact:: [malcolm.grubb@gmail.com](mailto:malcolm.grubb@gmail.com)

Malcolm and Madeleine Grubb





## Midland Meander Saturday 3rd October 2020

On the assumption that we will be able to get our classics out and socialise by the end of September, the Classic Vehicle Group is again pleased to offer a MIDLANDS run, a leisurely Saturday run through some of the more interesting roads and byways of the Severn and Teme river valleys which is approximately 110 miles long and without stops will take around 3 hours to drive.

The start is again at the Mayfly café, The Cob House Country Park near the village of Martley in the beautiful county of Worcestershire. The venue is able to offer us a wide variety of essential pre run refreshments. [www.cobhouse.org/mayfly-cafe/main-menu/](http://www.cobhouse.org/mayfly-cafe/main-menu/)

An interesting tour with no need to rush, just enjoy the countryside and get to know fellow enthusiasts. The start will be from 10:00am with an easy to follow Tulip road book, a rally plate is also provided.

Our route will take us from Worcestershire into Shropshire and on to Ironbridge [www.ironbridge.org.uk/explore/](http://www.ironbridge.org.uk/explore/) for a visit to the Coalbrookdale Museum of Iron. Find out how iron, and particularly Coalbrookdale iron, changed the course of the world. And



also visit the Coalport China Museum, you will be amazed by the spectacular treasures made in these quirky buildings – from elaborate statuesque vases to hand-painted miniatures, they



were made for everyone from wealthy families to Queens and Tsars.

You will then return via a different route to the Masons Arms, Wichenford, (3/4 mile from the start venue) [www.themasonsarmswichenford.com/](http://www.themasonsarmswichenford.com/) where a function room is



booked for a group dinner before you make your way home or to your B&B.

A number of B&B rooms are available locally for those who wish to make it a leisurely weekend and stay Friday and/or Saturday night.

The cost of the event will be £22 per car (£25 for non-members) to cover planning, Motorsport UK authorisation and admin expenses.

An entry form will be on the Boundless web site ([www.boundless.co.uk/](http://www.boundless.co.uk/)) but for more information or to be sent an entry form please contact;- Geoff Davies on 01905 641281, [a5gcdgeoff@gmail.com](mailto:a5gcdgeoff@gmail.com)

or write to:

Geoff Davies, Pond Barn, Lower Broadheath, Worcestershire, WR2 6QR.

# Invitation

## Headcorn Classic Car Meets 2020

CVG members are once again invited to attend a series of Sunday classic car meets organised by Dave Coe at Headcorn Aerodrome in Kent; postcode – TN27 9HX.

Start time is from 10.00 am and, weather permitting, there are usually light plane flights taking place, including Spitfires. There is also a café and bar onsite.

Dates for the 2020 meets are: 30th August and 27th September.



## The Classic Motor Show 2020 & Meriden Manor Hotel Break Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November

New for 2020 - we invite members to join us on this Social Group break staying at the four star Manor Hotel in the village of Meriden for two nights with entry to the Classic Motor Show and private coach travel to the nearby Birmingham NEC included on Saturday. As well as full English breakfasts we will be dining each evening as a group enjoying three course meals followed by coffee or tea with a welcome drink too on the first evening. This well rated Best Western Plus family run hotel has a large car park and WiFi at no extra charge.

The Show brings together the world's largest gathering of 300 car and motorcycle clubs with over 3,000 iconic classic and vintage cars and motorbikes on display across seven halls. Have a look at the vehicles on the Boundless stand and maybe meet some of the Classic Vehicle Group members. There's also the largest indoor autojumble in the UK, specialist traders, classic cars for sale with live auctions, talks from motoring celebrities, restoration demonstrations and much more. Within walking distance of the Show halls there's outlet shopping at Resorts World as an extra thing to do there.

Other popular attractions to visit whilst in the area are the famous Frankfurt German Christmas Market in Birmingham, the National Motorcycle Museum and Warwick Castle.





The price for this break is £199 per person for the two night stay based on two sharing double or twin room on a half board basis.

Single room supplement £25 per night. Extra nights can be added to this break to extend your stay at £70 per person per night for Thursday 12th and Sunday 15th November.

Bookings must be made with Just For Groups on 01603 886740 quoting

**Boundless Classic Motor Show GXAOBIM3.**

Any special requirements should be discussed with them before booking.

If you would like to contact the organisers and hosts for this break please email

[alan.murray@boundlesscommunity.co.uk](mailto:alan.murray@boundlesscommunity.co.uk)

More details are available from the Boundless by CSMA web at:

<https://www.boundless.co.uk/events/interest-group-events/social-group-events/meriden-manor-and-classic-motor-show-2020>

# Event Reports

## New Year Run - 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020

This annual event was organised by Allan Goddard on behalf of the Classic Vehicle Group.

Ann and I had intend to take the Sprite out as I need to run the rebuilt engine in, however, due to unforeseen circumstances on the morning of the event we swapped the Sprite for Ann's MGZR as we took our Grandson Jacob out with us, and as you know the Sprite only has two seats!

I have to admit the MGZR was certainly more comfortable than the Sprite and we could even hear ourselves speak for once, but if it had been a nice sunny day the Sprite would have been preferred as we could have taken the roof down. I know Malcolm and Madeleine in the MX5 and a few others braved the cold and took their roofs down, but they did look slightly frozen on the way round.

We had some minor rain or drizzle on the way down to the start at the Angel Hotel on the A32 just SW of Alton in Hampshire, but the weather did improve and generally it was a nice sunny, if cold day. At the hotel we enjoyed coffee, tea and biscuits before the intended start at 10.30am, however, if wanted bacon rolls were available at an extra charge.



In the car park were approximately 30 cars of different ages, including a nice Hillman Super Minx convertible and several other interesting cars, but the ZR certainly wasn't out of place. Anyway, after a short briefing at which AG explained the road book and apologise for one or two last minute alterations due to road works

etc.

AG also explained that this is not a race or even a rally, the timing is very relaxed, just follow the tulips and enjoy the views afforded by the fact that there are no foliage on the trees to obscure one's view and he also recommended a stop at the view point noted in the road book in the first half.

AG then flagged us all away out of the car park at approx. minute intervals in no particular order. The distance to the lunchtime stop was noted as 39.5 miles in the road book, so approximately 2hrs timewise if you say the average speed it likely to be below 30mph. We turned left out the car park and then left again some 1.4 miles up the road and wandered through the charming villages of Monkwood, Bishop's Sutton and Swarraton to name but a few, passing along the way under the Mid Hants Railway which is also known as the Watercress Line for obvious reasons.

Then still travelling northwards we travelled through the villages of Preston Candover,



Axford, Dummer, North Waltham and Overton to arrive over the M3 to the West of Basingstoke, encountering numerous cyclists on the way, who generally behaved themselves for once and didn't insist on riding in twos down the narrow and often single track roads.

Just South of Kingsclere on the B3051 you come across the viewpoint AG mentioned in the briefing at the start. Here you have a wonderful view across the downs and is generally thought to be the inspiration behind the book and film "Watership Down". The views were stunning but the wind was freezing and I have to say the three of us didn't hang about long to admire the view, preferring instead the warmth of the car!

Jacob had been great and just amused himself drawing various things such as houses and animals from pub names along the way, just complaining now again at my driving because he couldn't draw a straight line, well the ZR does have rather hard suspension, especially if you are sitting in the back!

After our short walk away from the car, we again set off through the villages of Kingsclere, Headly and then on to the lunchtime halt at the recently renovated airfield control tower at Greenham Common, having thoroughly enjoyed our morning drive through the countryside and often in very nice bright sunshine (but cold).



Although the runways are no longer evident, having been dug up and used as a road base for the Newbury Bypass, you do get a fantastic view across the common and former airbase from the top of the tower. The hardened shelters for the nuclear cruise missiles are still there, although in private use, as well as the main aircraft hangers. Apparently, the shelters are used for filming etc.

Within the control tower are some good photographic exhibitions giving the history of the airfield from its early days in 1939 as an RAF Training base, onto the USAF stage in 1943 when it was used primarily as a parachute and glider assembly base for D Day and finally as a strategic base for the Nuclear cruise missiles which then provoked the famous Greenham Common peace marches and camps of the 1970's.

A nice touch in the café on the ground floor, is the glider and glider tug representation on the underside of the ceiling, very clever I thought. Anyway, having enjoyed a nice snack in the café we set off on the second part of the run to the finish. This second half was only some 17.3 miles, so approximately 1 hour timewise and AG had asked us not to arrive at the finish hotel before 3.30pm, so no hurry!

Travelling roughly east beneath the M4, we then travelled through the villages of Brimton, Pamber Heath and Beech Hill, finally ending up at the Mill House Hotel just South of Reading and junction 11 on the M4. Here, I have to admit, we did wait in the car park for 15 minutes, so perhaps the second half could have been a bit longer.

In the hotel we were greeted with a very nice cream tea and AG laid on a short clever quiz, about car and bike manufacturer's names, both past and present. Ann and I score



very well on the car makers names but were hopeless on the bike manufacturer's names. Malcolm and Madeleine won, although with Malcolm's connections with Brooklands, one might have guessed he would have a good knowledge of both subjects.

With a very enjoyable day driving around the countryside at a relaxed pace behind us and a great mid-day lunch halt, finished off with a nice cream tea and light hearted quiz, we headed a short distance up the road to the M4 and were home in 45 minutes.

So, if you have a car you enjoy, be it modern or classic, why not join us next year or come on the Retro Run in September for a somewhat longer drive around the fantastic roads and countryside of North Wales. For further details get onto the Boundless Web site and look up events under the Classic Vehicle Group.



Mike Harrison

From my point of view I, and our Classic Vehicle Group, really appreciated all the support - another fabulous day out for everybody with an early opportunity in the year to exercise our Classics! I hope you all enjoyed it all !

AG : Organizer on behalf of the Classic Vehicle Group.

## Drive-it-Day - 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020

As COVID-19 has prevented unnecessary outings some of our members have sent photographs of what they did instead of attending our planed run.



I don't think the bike has been cleaned so much.

AG



Even my lucky mascot Alginon decided to get in on the act!

Alan Ashby





We had DiD already to go, if we could have done it, all the visits fully planned and agreed with the venues, and everything ready to go for the Run. Including the road book. Maybe ready for 2021.

Barry Haughton



Chris Laver



My classics out on the drive and front garden, spot of cleaning and chatting to passers by .

David Slaney



Rosie & I had to do a fair bit of pushing & pulling to get our driveway display in order.

Dave Rosher



Changing the cambelt on the Lexus!!  
Now I know why the dealer charges so much money – about 8 hours labour!!  
Norman Hughes



A 10 metre drive from the garage to the front drive picnic.

Geoff Wooldridge



No, you can't come out' and 'Maybe next year.

Pete Gregory

*I guess the mini might not make it in 2021 -Editor*



Don't Drive it Day.

Geoff Davies



A photo of KBY jobs ( a 1966 Volvo Amazon 122S). Exhaust and manifolds have had a brush up and paint along with the engine block and a couple of Lucas spot lights fitted along with LEDs for the side and brake lights ( which make a big difference). Rob Green

## Member Communities Communiqué

### February 2020 Update

#### February Club Council Meeting

The Club Council met on the 4th February for their 70th meeting and were joined by Elizabeth FitzGerald, our recently elected (June 2019) Member Director.

The Club Leader, Madeleine Grubb tasked the Club Council members with reaching out more to those Groups with whom they are not involved. Madeleine wishes to see more engagement between the Club Council and grass roots members Madeleine invites any Group who would like for a member of the Club Council to visit them. Group Secretaries should contact Madeleine at [madeleine.grubb@boundless.co.uk](mailto:madeleine.grubb@boundless.co.uk) and she'll pass on the invitations.

The Club Council have been reviewing the role of the Club Captain. Ian Jarrett provided feedback from the Motoring . Following extensive discussions, the Club Council have asked the CSMA Board to consider removing this role.

Independent Council Member, Martin Fearn introduced the Investors in Volunteer accreditation .This is a nationally recognised award aimed at assessing all areas of volunteering within an organisation.

The Club Council approved the next set of Networking Meetings to be held in October in the Chester and Reading areas.



If you sit on a Group Committee you will shortly be receiving the annual Volunteers Survey. We will use the feedback to guide some of the Networking Meeting topics as well as the Investors in Volunteers initiative. Please take the time to fill this out as it should help benefit everyone.

### CRM system

Our CRM system (Customer Relationship Management) is an electronic database of members.

It becomes complicated when it integrates with the other digital platforms we use, such as our website, our delivery of bulk emails or even our Member Services contact centre. For example, take something as simple as logging in to the Boundless website. This requires the CRM system to continually validate an individual member's details are both updated correctly and also held securely.

Whether a member is updating their interest preferences or our many Volunteers, access the additional resources within the Volunteer Hub; the CRM system is needed to run in the background. Hence, our ongoing issues with the Volunteer Hub are directly dependent on the CRM system's integration.

Our CRM system holds many hundreds of thousands of records and as such is absolutely central to the day-to-day operations of the organisation.

With the growth of the organisation and the ever increasing amount of data required to be held, our previous CRM system became overwhelmed and we decided to invest in a new system to improve the level of service for our members. In the long term this will enable us to personalise service for members, providing offers and information more specific to each member's interests.

Inevitably, the installation of such a complex system has had its problems, the digital team have worked tirelessly to overcome these, whilst maintaining an ongoing level of service to the members. But the good news is there is light at the end of the tunnel and we're hoping to be able to re-activate the Volunteer Hub and all the other related resources in the next few weeks.

The short term pain will definitely be worth the long term gains

### Attendance Returns

Thank you to all Groups for achieving returning 100% of their Attendance returns

Please remember that all Attendance numbers are meant to be returned to Member Communities within 4 weeks of the event. Please let us know separately to your Group minutes as we will no doubt miss them if they're part of the minutes!

The next Club Council meeting is on Tuesday 21st April in London, if you or a member of your committee would like to attend, please contact the Deputy Club Leader and Chair of the Council, Pete Gregory Email: [pete.gregory@boundlesscommunity.co.uk](mailto:pete.gregory@boundlesscommunity.co.uk)

Nick, Head of Member Communities

### Group of the Year 2019 - Norwich Group

Club Leader, Madeleine Grubb was delighted to travel to Norwich for their January Club Night and surprise the Group with the 2019 Group of the Year Trophy.

Congratulations to everyone involved with Norwich Group!

Norwich Group Chairman, John Allen was delighted to receive the award from Madeleine.

### Club Awards

Any Member can be nominated for a Club Award, either from an individual Member or on behalf of a Group Committee.

Recommendations should, in the first instance, be submitted to the Member Communities team,

or exceptionally directly to the Club Council, via the Deputy Club Leader. The award is intended to recognise outstanding service to Group activities over a substantial period of time and is not intended to be made for one-off occasions or events. Likely reasons for recommending a member for a Club Award include long service on a Group Committee or a long standing involvement with a Group event, however an award may also act as a means of recognising the efforts of a member on retiring or standing down from a particular post after a worthwhile period in office. Very occasionally, a recommendation may be made for non-members who have provided outstanding support to Boundless Groups through their efforts, again generally over a period of a number of years.

Camping & Caravanning Leader, Graham Davis was delighted to travel to the North West Lunch Bunch to present long time Club stalwart, Mike Docker with a very well deserved Club Award.

Well done and congratulations Mike.

### Furness Group

It is with much sadness that we have to announce the closure of our Furness Group.

### The Britannia House led Member Events Programme

Given the restrictions on meetings please see full details of all these events on the Boundless website at:

<https://www.boundless.co.uk/member-events/whats-on>

### Recruitment Posters

Our Design team have helped us to develop a set of Recruitment posters that can be tailored to a specific Group or event.

These posters can be printed and posted to you in either A3 or A4 format for use in your local area such as in libraries, Council offices, community centres, hospitals, etc.

We can also provide you with the new recruitment leaflets aimed at encouraging anyone who is paid by the public purse (and is therefore eligible) to join.

You tell us what resources you need and we'll do our best to provide them for you!

### About the Communique

The Communique is sent to around 350 of our volunteers, Group and Association Officers and other interested members. Many of the Group Secretaries also forward the Communique to those members who regularly attend their Group events. Plus of course the Communique is added to the Volunteer Hub (when it's back up and running!) <https://volunteerhub.boundless.co.uk/> for members to download if they wish.

We'd really appreciate your feedback regarding the Communique; what you like and what you don't, what you'd like to see more or less of, is the format ok, etc.?

Let us know by simply emailing [membercommunities@boundless.co.uk](mailto:membercommunities@boundless.co.uk)

### Financial Seminars and Webinars

Our Boundless Partnerships team have partnered with Lighthouse Financial Advisors to give our members the opportunity to attend either a seminar or webinar entitled Financial Peace of Mind or How to secure the income you need when you retire (or both).

From February through to May, Lighthouse will be holding four seminars and four webinars, where experts will explore counter inflation ways to increase your income, building nest eggs tax-





efficiently, boosting your pension and more. These sessions are free to attend and everyone is welcome.

The seminars will be at Ghyll Manor Hotel, Horsham and the West Cliff Hotel, Bournemouth. If you can't make one of our seminars, each seminar will also be available online as a webinar

More information, dates and to book your place please visit: [www.boundless.co.uk/semweb](http://www.boundless.co.uk/semweb)

### Future Items for the Communiqué

If you have something to be included in the Communiqué? Email us at: [member.communities@boundless.co.uk](mailto:member.communities@boundless.co.uk) or Telephone: 01273 744763

The full Communiqué can be downloaded from <https://volunteerhub.boundless.co.uk/>

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:Editor.CVG@talktalk.net)

## Programme of EVENTS for 2020

All dates are provisional and subject to confirmation/change, especially given the COVID-19 situation. Please check with the event organizers web site before setting out to attend shows.

### July

23<sup>rd</sup>

*Visit to Bletchley Park National Museum of Computing*

**CANCELLED**

Contact:-Dave Rosher ([daverosher@gmail.com](mailto:daverosher@gmail.com))

31<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> *Display at the Silverstone Classic Weekend, Northants (Provisional)*

## **CANCELLED**

Contact: Dave Rosher ([daverosher@gmail.com](mailto:daverosher@gmail.com))

August

8<sup>th</sup> *Coolings in the Meadow*

## **CANCELLED**

Contact: Mike Twomey ([miketwomey2@gmail.com](mailto:miketwomey2@gmail.com))

19<sup>th</sup> *Display at The West Berkshire Classic Car Show, Newbury*

## **CANCELLED**

Contact: Allan Goddard ([allan.goddard@boundlesscommunity.co.uk](mailto:allan.goddard@boundlesscommunity.co.uk))

15<sup>th</sup> *The Capel Classic Car & Bike Show*

## **CANCELLED**

Contact: Dave Rosher ([daverosher@gmail.com](mailto:daverosher@gmail.com))

23<sup>rd</sup> *Windrush Run*

## **CANCELLED**

Contact: Derrick Holden ([derrickholden72@gmail.com](mailto:derrickholden72@gmail.com))

September

18<sup>th</sup>—20<sup>th</sup> *Retro Run at Landrindod Wells*

This popular hotel-based weekend offers two daytime runs and evening entertainment.

Contact: Malcolm Grubb ([malcolm.grubb@boundlesscommunity.co.uk](mailto:malcolm.grubb@boundlesscommunity.co.uk))

26<sup>th</sup> *The Cider Hop*

Run to be Confirmed taking in some of the best roads and produce Kent has to offer.

Contact: Bruce Manning ([mail@brucemanning.co.uk](mailto:mail@brucemanning.co.uk))

October

3<sup>rd</sup> *Midland Meander*

Our usual late season run organised by our Severn & Avon members, which will again take in some of the best roads in the SW Midlands

Contact: Geoff Davies ([a5gcdgeoff@gmail.com](mailto:a5gcdgeoff@gmail.com))

November

13<sup>th</sup>—15<sup>th</sup> *NEC Classic Motor Show (TBC)*

We hope to be back again next year to see you all again with a display and Club stand at this annual showcase event.

Contact: tbc

## CVG - 2020 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
23rd July	Visit to Bletchley Park National Museum of Computing <b><u>CANCELLED</u></b>	
31 <sup>st</sup> July- 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Display at the Silverstone Classic Weekend, Northants (Provisional) <b><u>CANCELLED</u></b>	
8 <sup>th</sup> August	Display at Coolings in the meadow Nursery <b><u>CANCELLED</u></b>	
9 <sup>th</sup> August	Display at The West Berkshire Classic Car Show, Newbury <b><u>CANCELLED</u></b>	
15 <sup>th</sup> August	The Capel Classic Car & Bike Show (TBC) <b><u>CANCELLED</u></b>	
23rd August	Windrush Run <b><u>CANCELLED</u></b>	
18 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> September	Retro Run, Llandrindod Wells	
26 <sup>th</sup> September	Cider Hop Run	
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Midland Meander	
13 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> November	NEC Classic Motor Show (TBC)	

Name: .....

Address:.....

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Tel, Home: ..... Mobile: .....

Membership No: .....

# It's your Club... enjoy it !

Our Classic Vehicle Group is run by enthusiasts for enthusiasts and caters for lovers of any vehicle, regardless of age.

For more information:

Visit: [www.boundless.co.uk/CVG](http://www.boundless.co.uk/CVG)

Email: [cvg@boundless.co.uk](mailto:cvg@boundless.co.uk)

Call: 0800 66 99 44\*

\*Lines open 9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm on Saturday.



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