



North Kent Lotus Group



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Dear Enthusiast

So much for hoping for better weather for this years opening rounds of the Lotus on Track Elise series. Sue and I got up early - watched the Grand Prix then set off for Brands Hatch with a few snow flakes falling. The few turned into a full-blown snow storm but we soldiered on 'till 12 noon. Other brave souls from the group included John H, Simon, Terry and his daughter and Bob in his Excel. We were all guests of the Historic Lotus Club and it was a shame when you consider the amount of effort that John Oakley and rest of the HLC had put into the event. The parade lap, scheduled for 9.40 was abandoned although the practice sessions were put in for the Elise Trophy. Andy was all geared up to go but called it off and Tim probably made the best decision and turned up at lunch-time to watch the afternoon proceedings. We'd returned home by this time..... we can only hope for better weather next time.

I forgot to mention Andrew and Debbie last month. We hadn't heard from them for a while but they included a letter in with their subs to John last month. They've had some major family matters to attend to and an extension to their house which is underway at the moment. As for his four wheeled exploits, Andrew has now added an Alfa Spider and a Ford GT40! The Ford is dark blue with white Le Mans stripes and was factory built under licence by GT Developments. They're planning to

take it to the Classic Le Mans this year with the GT40 Club. Also, congratulations are in order as they are getting married in May and the Classic Le Mans is part two of the honeymoon - part one being a trip to Guernsey in the Ferrari!!

Howard sent me a quick low-down on Donnington which appeared to be a bit of a wet one. I didn't go, I was thinking about it but vowed last year to give it a miss as it can get a bit samey. I'm sure I'll be there next year though.

Ian and Heather did us proud on the club night with an excellent quiz. It was quality stuff and I've every reason to be pleased as Sue and me were n the winning team. With Richard's encyclopedic knowledge of 1988 F1 drivers not to mention plenty more, we couldn't lose. That's not to say that Sue and me didn't add to some of the score!! Anyway, Richard's available for future quiz nights for a very reasonable fee!! We heard that one local lady turned up hearing that it was a quiz night but quickly disappeared when she discovered it was a motoring one. A good night and we should do it more often.

I haven't had an update from Howard for the Europa - he sent me photos of the famous wing a couple of months back but no "full report". He also sent a pic of a rare Europa that was recently sold on eBay - not quite sure what to make of it. It's Esprit at the front; Europa in the middle and a bit nautical at

the back. I've included bits of the advert' over the page.

The factory is having another bash this year - a sixty year birthday celebration (is it ten since the fiftieth??!!) It's on September 14th so put it in your diary if you fancy another Lotus celebration bash.

Going back to the club night, Neil turned up late with Graham and announced that his suspension had collapsed on the way to the meeting. The quiz was in full swing as he arrived so there wasn't much attention aimed at the poorly Solero - although I did manage to get a picture!



He got back home with the aid of the RAC and discovered that settings he had been given with some new suspension he'd just fitted were completely wrong! - probably supplied by an expert.

Neil did manage to give us some application forms for the "Leeds Castle Classic Car Day" which is a strange title as it's a two day event! Anyway, NKLG is going to do the Sunday - so if you

want to display your p and j send the form included with this letter as soon as possible. It might be an idea to indicate which day you are going to do but bear in mind that the club display will be Sunday only. Neil is looking after this so please let him know if you're going - see the panel over the page. As far as the Bromley Pageant goes, Howard didn't get a reply to his letter re the new charging policy but hopefully Leeds Castle might become our new annual display.

We've got the Surrey Group Goodwood trackday coming up on the 3rd of May. The latest list from Chris Parker includes Myself, Magnus, John U, Chris and Tim from our group although Tim could be a non-starter without a Lotus. Whether that will change in the next couple of weeks only Tim knows, I'm sure he'll have a run down with us and get some passenger rides. If you want to meet up to go down in convoy, give me a ring.

I haven't spoken to Pauline re any entries for the photographic competition, but it's very early days. So it's just a reminder to get snapping.

It's about time we had a Sunday run or meet-up, I was looking at the Goodwood Breakfast Club but the May one is for any vehicle as long as it doesn't have



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four wheels, so that kind of rules out most Lotuses. TVR has a monthly meeting the first Sunday at the Woodman at Ide Hill so perhaps we could join them again. Andy was wondering if we were going to have a Sunday run mid-May - how about 18th? Perhaps we could discuss something at the next meeting but it's only four days before. Please give it some thought.

So the only thing coming up is the Goodwood day so I'll see you there, otherwise the next club night is the 14th of May.

John

Hi John

Re: Donington



I needed a speed boat rather than a car going up on Friday. Thankfully the M1 was a steady 60mph which made you feel more comfortable with minimum visibility.

I took the T140 hoping to have the pleasure of a new year blast and simply being a visitor for a change Ha Ha. Never mind, the journey back was dry and I drove in tandem with Roy driving the ex Mark Camp ESSEX. When Alen Morgan new I had the T140 he offered a place inside for the weekend which I was grateful for as it rained most of the weekend. The only other club member I spoke to was Clive Larby looking very well with Malcolm Whale who used to have a +2.

The Jim Clark display was very nicely laid out with single seaters, Cortina and original nose cone and original decals. The Scotch Pipers did Jim proud and Sunday there was a minute's silence.

The show has now become a car show and club stand event, and of course the usual dealers.

Alan Morgan was pleased to hear about our Website efforts and said he must visit us some time.

Howard

Team	Members	Quiz Section	Max Score	Actual Score	Place
Esprit	John Frisby Sue Frisby Richard Cox	Car Corners	175	143	1st
		Sports Car History	120	43	
		Grand Prix Drivers	105	105	
		Formula One Season	100	97	
		Car Specifications	100	75	
		Automobile Brain Teasers	80	60	
		Automobile Brain Teasers	120	50	
		Total Score	800	575	
Europa	David Luery Vaughen Rackham Howard Emes	Car Corners	175	126	2nd
		Sports Car History	120	37	
		Grand Prix Drivers	105	100	
		Formula One Season	100	66	
		Car Specifications	100	60	
		Automobile Brain Teasers	80	65	
		Automobile Brain Teasers	120	30	
		Total Score	800	484	
Elise	John Underhay Joan Underhay Steve Ince Bernard Flanagan	Car Corners	175	93	3rd
		Sports Car History	120	42	
		Grand Prix Drivers	105	80	
		Formula One Season	100	9	
		Car Specifications	100	70	
		Automobile Brain Teasers	80	35	
		Automobile Brain Teasers	120	50	
		Total Score	800	379	
Elan	Simon Davies Pat Davies John Haigh	Car Corners	175	114	4th
		Sports Car History	120	36	
		Grand Prix Drivers	105	60	
		Formula One Season	100	15	
		Car Specifications	100	40	
		Automobile Brain Teasers	80	35	
		Automobile Brain Teasers	120	30	
		Total Score	800	330	
Elite	Roger Rogowski Chrissie Rogowski Mick McDonald	Car Corners	175	100	5th
		Sports Car History	120	25	
		Grand Prix Drivers	105	35	
		Formula One Season	100	19	
		Car Specifications	100	15	
		Automobile Brain Teasers	80	20	
		Automobile Brain Teasers	120	10	
		Total Score	800	224	
Exige		Car Corners	175		
		Sports Car History	120		
		Grand Prix Drivers	105		
		Formula One Season	100		
		Car Specifications	100		
		Automobile Brain Teasers	80		
		Automobile Brain Teasers	120		
		Total Score	800	0	