



North Kent Lotus Group



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Dear Enthusiast

Well, the club night had quite a buzz about it and was well attended for a dark cold March evening. It was good to see Roger and Chrissy, they have been a bit busy of late and have missed a few meetings. Chrissy's new business venture is going well so she's treated herself to an MX5 - I know it's not a Lotus, but we all know where Mazda got the idea from.

Tim also appeared and confirmed the sad departure of S946 SCL but the good news was that he was clutching internet ads for Exiges so the Lotus flame is still burning!! He's going to be doing plenty of looking around at Brands this weekend.

We've firmed up a couple of dates since last month. The Summer picnic will be on 17th August and will be similar in format to the excellent barbeque we had back in 2006. Being a picnic, it'll be a case of bring your own food and drink. Also, Howard has confirmed the Annual Barbecue with the Landlord and that will be on the 20th July at the White Rock.

Howard has also sent a letter to the Bromley Pageant organisers, letting them know what we think about the entry charge for club displays. He hasn't had a reply as yet but perhaps there will be something next month. The bad news is

that there's no Hop Farm pageant this year so we are pursuing John U's invitation from the Triumph group for a display at Bodiam Castle on July 6th. The invitation is there and it might make a change to try something a bit different. Full details will follow next month.

More important for you to note is that the next club night will be a quiz night. John H suggested we have one and we realised that Ian and Heather hadn't done part two of the one we did quite a while back - so, anyway, it's on the 9th April starting around 9 o'clock so try and aim to be there for 8.30 so we can get things organised. If it goes down well again, we'll organise John H's one for the Autumn.

Other up and coming events include the Brands Hatch Lotus on Track meeting this weekend and the Club Lotus annual show at Donnington on the 29/30th. If anybody wants to go in convoy up to Donnington I suggest leaving sharp at 8 a.m. from the Hilton Hotel entrance at the Dartford crossing on either day.

Andy fancies giving the Goodwood breakfast meeting a go on the 6th April. It's titled "Modern Sports Car Legends - great drivers' cars, from 1980 to the present day" Sue and I are off to Belgium that day so we won't be able to go - which is a shame.

Give Andy a ring if you fancy a convoy.

We haven't done a Sunday Lunch at the Woodman for a long time and Howard said that the TVR and Cobra groups still meet there on the first Sunday of the month. Perhaps we could give May a try?

If you've ever wondered what happens to your yearly fivers and other funds held by the group, John U has supplied us with some annual accounts which I've printed on the back - as you can see things are pretty healthy but we've got a way to go before we can start construction on our dedicated club house and Lotus heritage centre.

Andy, Shane and me had a great time at Buckmore for some karting on Saturday 15th. The rain started gently during the safety briefing (I think it had a trial run) but then carried on with a vengeance more or less right through the three hour evening endurance. We were quite pleased as we came sixth out of 35 teams and if you discount the first and second placed teams who were in a

class of their own we felt pretty pleased with the result. If you want some fun - try Buckmore when it's dark and wet I'm glad I had full weather gear though!!

Over the page are the rules for our new annual (hopefully) photographic competition. It should be a bit of fun as we've tried not to impose too many regulations. You can enter three pics per member and per partner so that's six in all, per couple. It might be an idea to submit your entries during the year rather than holding them back till the last minute. So please get snapping and give them to Pauline on a club night or post them to her (address over the page)

I'll leave you with a picture from Neil who reports good winter progress on the Solero

So don't forget Brands this weekend, Donnington the week after and The Goodwood Breakfast in April --- Otherwise I'll see you at the White Rock on the 9th for a quiz.

John



Watch out for Neil on Dragon's Den with his Lotus powered skate-board