



North Kent Lotus Group



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Dear Enthusiast

A reasonably Summerish evening for the May meeting. We counted about 12 cars in the car park and quite few of us assembled in the chilly evening air. All the regulars were there plus Richard and Janice in that lovely Exige; Mark, who we haven't seen so much of since his move and Roy B who's not selling his Essex, despite the advert in the club magazine. Howard had the Europa which I must say did look good (more info next month). We also had a new member, David Luery, who comes from Lingfield and has a metallic green S1 Elise., he's also a karting fan, which is good news! There was a bit of a mix up, as David was at the April meeting, but because we were all engrossed in the quiz I didn't get his details in time for the April letter along with Stephen Ince from Bexley who also joined in April, who I don't have any info on. So apologies for the mix up.

Neil has sent an update on the Leeds Castle event in August, which is shaping up really well. He was a bit worried that his email address was not very clear in last month's letter so I've redone it. If you've lost the entry form, contact Neil and he will email you a copy.

We had a splendid Goodwood trackday with not a drop of rain until the journey home. Chris and I took a steady run down in the morning and met up with John U and Magnus at the circuit. We had some great laps and the organisation, as ever, was su-

perb. NKLG was well represented with Neil, Tim and Lorraine, Simon, John H and Lawrence joining us. Lawrence was rather suffering as he'd recently had an op on his back and shouldn't really have driven there. Let's hope he's well on the mend. Highlight of the day must have been following a Type 14 Elite doing four wheel drifts around Madgwick. I had a struggle getting past and not only that, the owner was old enough to have had the car from new. He and his wife, as a passenger, were having a whale of a time. Great stuff!

It's been a bit of a "website" and email month this month with Neil passing details of a very interesting technical site - carbibles.com; Howard forwarding lotuselansprint.com; Clive sending me a nice shot of the 2-Eleven at Donnington; Vaughn supplying an update on Kermit, which I'll have to hold over 'till next month and Roger passing on details of a factory "scare yourself sensible" day that he has booked for Chrissie for 16th August. Get in touch with him if you fancy having a go - It should be a good day as the factory will be closed for the Summer that week so they are doing a Classic Team Lotus tour instead of the usual factory one.

Roger and Chrissie are also going to the Classic Le Mans this year and if anybody else is going and would like to meet up get in touch with Roger

As for the NKLG website, we're nearly there. Full details should

be with you next month - so watch this space.

The Eagle has landed - that's if you can believe the You Tube video taken at the Nurburgring, which has now mysteriously been withdrawn.

If it's a 2+2, the car in the video is plus 2 midgets. I reckon it's a series three Elise!??? Speaking to Norman, he seems to think that the +2 will be coming later. Anyway, there sure is a lot going on at Lotus at the moment, they've linked up with Spyker for parts and technology sharing; taken over "Holden Lightweight Structures" to build the Eagle chassis (to be known as Lotus Lightweight Structures) and registered the name "Ethos" which even the dictionary has a problem describing. All should be revealed in July.

Going back to Chris at Goodwood, I did manage to have a chat and it was nice to hear that Judy is making good progress and is currently undergoing physiotherapy. So that's very good news.

Don't forget the photographic competition, get snapping and

let Pauline have a copy. Also, just a quick mention that next month's Octane magazine has an article entitled "Lotus Seven Tour of Chapman Landmarks" which could be interesting (out on 28th May)

Pauline has also supplied an up to date members and cars list over the page - if any changes are needed please let one of us know.

I've had to hold a few things over for next time as space is a bit tight, also I can't believe that next month's meeting is "Le Mans Eve" again - my visit will be pretty quick. That's on 11th June - so see you then.

John