



North Kent Lotus Group



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DEAR ENTHUSIAST



Thank's must go to Neil this month for spending minutes on our very own club Christmas card this year - Leeds Castle has a lot to answer for. Unfortunately, long negotiations with Clintons Cards didn't come to anything.

The Christmas meal has come and gone once again and with a bumper turnout space was short at the Bottle House. They've done a nice job of the refurbishment without spoiling it's character and everybody seemed to have a good time. Food-wise I think it's fair to say that there were mixed reports on what you thought about it but keep the feedback coming in. I was a bit unprepared as "MC" so apologies for that - but the donations of raffle prizes went way beyond expectations and interest was high as the tickets were drawn.

We drew the winner of the mystery photo competition, which I included in last month's newsletter after Howard threw down the gauntlet.

John U was the first correct answer drawn but John H was the first correct answer received, as he texted me as soon as he got the last newsletter. I had to point out the rules -

he needed to be present at the meal, but you know what Lotus people are like for rule bending. I wanted to text back that it was, in fact, a 1984 Crayford Argocat but then that doesn't have a Lotus connection! (as far as I know) I wonder if he's heard of that!

And the car - it's an Evante 140 TC Convertible and although he tried to deny it, it's now in the careful ownership of a certain Mr Emes



The winner of the amusing guess? John Pots - TVR Tasman "It doesn't know if it's coming or going"

One last thing re the meal - does anybody have any photos for the website, as I took a few but they're not much good. If you do, please email them to Terry at the email address above.

Terry has added a link to the new Lotus FI website on our website (find it in "Lotus Links") where you can find all the latest on the new team. The site is conspicuous by it's lack of a Lotus logo though - it'll be a shame if they can't come to an agreement, it's key to "brand awareness"

Terry also reported seeing a Lotus factory display in the City near to where he works including four Evora's - no doubt sniffing out a few bonuses that some lucky City types

may have at their disposal. I've still yet to see an Evora on the road although Chris said he did see one in the West Country.

The results of the photo competition are over the page. Chris took first prize with a nice shot of a 2 Eleven with Chrissie and your's truly taking joint second place. I must admit I was a bit surprised. Anyway Chris received a small prize on the night and with any luck we'll also be seeing the picture on the Club Lotus magazine if it fits the bill.

Magnus has passed on the details of the clay pigeon shooting day scheduled for Saturday 16th January. It starts at 10 am and costs £45 - payable in cash (no credit cards). The venue is the Hawley Clay Pigeon Shooting Ground and website can be found at www.hawleycsg.co.uk If you'd like further info or register please give Magnus a ring on the number below. We do have six of us at the moment but the more the merrier. As I said last month I'm not much good at it but I'm willing to give anything a go twice!

The only other event to a note in your diary is the quiz night on the March club night and quick reminder- if you're looking for insurance or financial stuff, don't forget to have a look at Tiger via our website.

So I hope you have a great Christmas and New Year.

The first meeting of 2010 at the White Rock will be on January 13th, so I'll see you there.

John



4. Elise in Front

2nd



3. JPS liveried 2/111 owned by Scott Walker of Bell & Colvill taken at HLC visit

WINNER



2nd

12. M100 bonnets, NKLG Spring Run - Aug 2009



2. Unique prototype version of Type SS F2 1967 taken at Malvern



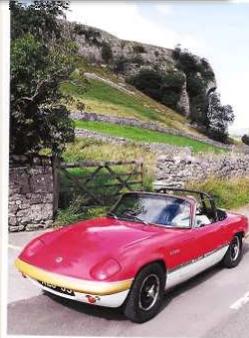
13. Lotus models and Caterham photo - Jan 2009



9. NKLG display, Bexhill Classic Car Show - Aug 2009



1. Unusual harotop on Elan M100 at Lotus Parts Fair, Malvern



8. Elan Sprint at Kilnsey Crag, North Yorkshire - Sept 2009



6. Gertie Laidlaw



7. No commentary



10. Esprit reflection in M100, Bexhill Classic Car Show - Aug 2009



11. M100 bonnets, Bexhill Classic Car Show - Aug 2009



5. The Eagle had accident