



# North Kent Lotus Group



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Dear Enthusiast

It's that time of the year, not too much going on - but the club night had a real buzz with a big turnout, there must have been getting on for thirty of us in the bar I think it even caught the landlord out as quite a few of us were eating.

The Christmas meal may have had something to do with it as it was booking cutoff day and with the post being dodgy quite a few made their bookings on the night. So it's pretty much fully booked now (I think there were two places left last time I checked). So that's excellent!

After a flurry of articles over the last couple of months the only thing I received this month were two obscure photo's from Howard with the promise of a pint if anybody can guess what the car is. Well, I didn't have much of a clue, so I thought it might be a bit of fun if we keep it as a little light entertainment for the Christmas meal. So if you know what it is - have a go on the night. We'll repeat the pics on the tables and paper will be supplied for you to write your name and answer - the first correct entry drawn out will win. We'll have a prize for the winning answer (if anybody gets it right!) and another for the most amusing. So two entries per person.



Howard tells me it's Lotus related but that's all - he has supplied another snap

and we'll have that on the night but I wouldn't say it's much more help other than it having the reg. number on it!

Chris and I did manage to get to Brands for the last round of the Elise series - despite the fact that it was on the grotty Saturday with the wind and rain howling, we did bump into Andy and Shane but I think a few others abandoned plans when they saw the weather. It wasn't too bad and wasn't cold up until the last half hour or so but the racing was good so we didn't mind. Quite a few racers ended up in the gravel at Paddock with the wet spot at the bottom of the hill. All in all not a bad day for six quid!

Another new member on club night - Bob Gadsden from Copthorne, he has a Silver V8 Esprit and he discovered us on the Spring Run - he heard some *gentle* revving in the pub car-park during lunch (Andrew giving the GT40 a little feed of gas) and on investigation saw a flock of Lotus.

So welcome to Bob. He's having some trouble with manifold bolts at the moment so we passed him Norman's number, let's hope he can help.

Talking of the Spring run - I know it's a long way off, Howard provided us with a good one this year so if anybody wants to have a go at next year's event please let us know. And on the subject of events, John U has had a letter from the organisers of the Bexhill show thanking him for putting on a nice display. John has asked me to pass on thanks to all those involved.

And now for something completely different! - Magnus fancies organising a clay-pigeon shooting morning. It will be on a Saturday - probably in January costing £45 each. If you want to have a go, let any of us know. I tried it year's ago and was useless *but* willing to try it again. Before that, Andy is thinking about organising a Christmas karting session to work off some of that Christmas pudd - so we'll keep you posted.

One other event to mention, which is a long way off, I know, but time flies - is the Le Mans Classic in July. Roger and Chrissie

are going and are interested to find out who else fancies it - I must admit I wouldn't mind giving it another go. A club night discussion is needed!

Terry has added an interesting link on the website. It's a Youtube Lotus history along with some other interesting stuff - well worth a look. He's also added some new content and is generally keeping it fresh and up to date. And whilst on the subject don't forget to forward your pictures and details for the members car pages.

John H had his ten minutes of fame with a nice reproduction of his FOS article in the Club Lotus magazine this month, - did you also spot his "nightly club meeting" snippet, very good. No sign of that Esprit yet though.

Well, all that remains is to mention the Christmas meal on Friday 4th. Be there as early as you can but the official time is 7.30 for 8. It'll be the usual format with a raffle, also the photographic competition winner to announce and also Howard's mystery car competition.

The next club night is on the following Wednesday the 9th and I'll leave you with a plea over the page from Vaughn and the annual subs reminder.

John

## CLAY PIGEON

- 1 It is open to all (ie never shot before)
- 2 £45 per person
- 3 Includes safety training, how to shoot tea/coffee sausage/bacon roll
- 4 50 clay pigeons&cartridges pp
- 5 Held on Saturday mornings
- 6 Six or more for this deal

Venue is Hawley clay shooting ground, Sutton-at-Hone nr Dartford.