



# North Kent Lotus Group

Dear Enthusiast

Happy New Year and here's to a good Lotus motoring year. 2012 was a relatively quiet year as far as Lotus Cars goes. A shame but probably inevitable that the new five car line-up was shelved with only the Esprit dangling on a thread - rumours abound that that's been canned as well. That was around October time but no more info since then, so it's still a waiting game. Other than that we had the Exige S which has been quoted to be the best sports car Lotus has ever produced and some new Evora variants leaning towards full race cars with the GTE. All good stuff. So the current offering includes the Elise, Elise S and Elise CR; Exige S and Exige Roadster and the Evora and Evora S. No mention of the 2-Eleven - did they stop production? I must have missed that.

On the theme of info etc and as news is a bit thin at the moment, Terry sent me some statistics awhile back regarding the website. Ok, they are a little out of date now, but anyway, for the year ending June 2012 the site had had over 141,000 "hits" and just under six and a half thousand visits. So that's over 500 visits per month - pretty impressive.

And incidentally whilst we've been talking about Lotus production models, Terry posted some info on the website about a new Lotus bike (push that is, not motor) which they've designed in conjunction with a

cycle manufacturer. The picture on the website shows the finished article in resplendent JPS colours. I heard they're going to produce two versions a road one and a full race version - there's no difference in the spec but the race one comes with a years supply of dope.

And more statistics - A couple of months back, Howard was wondering who travels the furthest distance for the club night. Well for starters, If Alain from Belgium made it, he would come top of the list but as this survey includes attendees (be it regular or occasional) I'm afraid he doesn't qualify. All mileages have been scientifically calculated by my trusty Tom Tom using the "fastest route" (what else?!). To be fair, I suppose we should split the result into two groups, regulars and occasional attendees. For the regulars the clear winners have to be Jon and Michelle a 72.4 miles round trip and for the occasional club-nighters it has to be Mark with a round trip of no less than 111.8 miles!

Roger's mystery cars from last month. Did you know what they were? Well, the yellow custard coloured one is a Panhard Dyna Junior CC.



And the white one - a GM Solstice, and as Roger says "a surprisingly good looking car for a Yank.."

No prizes for guessing them but it's a bit of fun and that's what it's all about. If you ever see

anything unusual please pass it on.

I had to buy a new mouse for my home PC recently, so I went to my trusty Wilkinson shop and amongst their collection was a car-shaped model *with* working front and rear lights all for seven quid!! I couldn't resist, so I handed over my money and rushed home to plug it in. On closer inspection I realised it's based on an S2 Exige! I don't know how I lasted this long without one. (mind you I don't get out much) Get yours now whilst stocks last!!



Being the first letter of the year, thoughts turn to events and what's in store for 2013. The first NKLK thing will be the General Meeting to be held at the Harrow in March. Full details will be supplied under separate cover.

The Lotus Festival has been confirmed for 24-25th August; the Senlac show at Bodiam is on Sunday 16th June and I see that the ACO have moved the 24 Hours of Le Mans to the weekend of the 22nd/23rd to accommodate it! Crystal Palace is on the May Bank Holiday 26th/27th. As for regular NKLK events the calendar should be with you next month.

Just a reminder that this is your last newsletter if you haven't forwarded the £8 and membership form to John. Please send or see him at the February club night which is on the 13th

See you then.

John