



Dear Enthusiast

Another June, another Le Mans and Audi did it again. Porsche didn't quite make the distance and Toyota had to make do with third - very tough luck - will they ever do it!? Their elusive top podium spot may be even tougher to reach now that Porsche has had it's first year back in the prototype category.

And that's not to mention the recent announcements that Lotus and Nissan will field prototypes next year. There's also a big rumour that Ferrari will also be joining the fray. Take a look at the pictures of the proposed Ferrari they are fabulous. There's an element of, dare I say, "wacky racers" but do a Google search and you'll see what I mean.

Anyway we had a great time this year thanks to Ian & Heather's hospitality. Some great racing and also some lovely weather. No Lotus branding on any cars this year but they may want to ensure next year's entry isn't confused with what has gone before. They did have a factory display in the "village" at the circuit though, I wasn't too keen on the Exige colour scheme but still a lovely car.

Sorry to go on about sports-car racing - but take a look at Pistonheads (or youtube) and sit back and watch the in-car footage of the great Stefan Bellof (at least they think it is) in a 956 racing at Spa back in the Group C days - most enjoyable.

Now due to Le Mans, we weren't able to make the June meeting but I can report that it was a healthy turn-out with 15 cars in attendance. The weather has been holding up well, so lets hope the July meeting, which is next week, will be a "car-park" evening.

The Barbeque will soon be upon us, it's the Sunday following the meeting and John U has asked me to mention that it's £8 this year and if you haven't got your tickets yet please get in touch with John or Howard. We won't be able to make it this year but have a good time and please pass on any photos or info.

Terry mentioned it a while back on the website, but I must say that looking at the pictures of the limited edition Lotus bike - not to mention the spec - Titanium Carbon-Fibre, V-Twin motor, 200 bhp, makes you want to go out and buy some leathers. They're probably all I could afford though!

Please see John on club night.

Well, believe it or not, were off to Le Mans again this week for the Classic. There's a few of us going, so I'll report on that fully next month. But we will see you at The Plough on the 9th.

Other up and coming events are the Anniversary Meal on the last Sunday of July (menu over the page) and the Brands Hatch Lotus Festival on the weekend 16-17th August. See Howard E for the Anniversary and John P for Brands. We'll be staging a club display as usual and John will have some free tickets. So depending on numbers, entry will be free or a nominal charge will be made.

*John*



**ROLLING EVENTS DIARY**

**JULY**

09	Club Night	The Plough	
13	Annual Barbeque	The Plough	Howard
27	20th Anniversary Event	London Golf	Howard

**AUGUST**

13	Club Night	The Plough	
16-17	Lotus Festival	Brands Hatch	John P
27	Midweek Run		John F

# North Kent Lotus Group

## 20th Anniversary

Package price - £39 pp

To include:

Room hire of the Henry Cooper room

Three course dinner served with coffee and mints

### **Starter**

1 Chef's Soup of the Day with a Bread Roll

2 Smoked Salmon and Trout Roulade, Cucumber Spaghetti and Mixed Cress

3 Parma Ham with a Mango and Melon Salsa

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### **Main**

4 Pan Fried Chicken Supreme with a Fondant Potato, glazed Carrots and a creamy Mushroom Sauce

5 Fillet of Pork encroute with Savoy Cabbage and Bacon, mash Potato and Cider jus

Fish Teriyaki glazed Salmon with Yakisoba Noodles

6 Mushroom & Truffle Risotto with a Parmesan Crisp (v)

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### **Dessert**

7 Strawberry and Raspberry Eton Mess

8 Lemon Posset with Shortbread

9 Selection of English Cheeses with Chutney & Walnut Bread

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Coffee & Mint Chocolates