

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS 1994-2014

NORTH KENT LOTUS GROUP

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Dear Enthusiast

Things are starting to take shape event-wise and John P has been busy putting the list together for the year. I've inserted a copy over the page but keep an eye on the Website for the latest updates etc. It sure is a packed itinerary. In April we have a visit to Graham Capel's which unfortunately we'll miss as we'll be attending our annual trade fair that weekend - so I need volunteers for a write up with some photos please!

In May it's the bi-annual Komosa Cup treasure hunt which is being hosted by Howard and Jenny this time (they won last time) I always have a problem with Treasure Hunts as satnavs are not usually allowed!!

The rest of May is somewhat busy. The Bank Holiday at the end of the month has Motorsport at the Palace and the Edenbridge classic car event as well as the Masters at Brands Hatch. I'm going to give Crystal Palace a miss this year, I must admit that I

fancy Brands Hatch for a change. And then the icing on the cake for May is the return of World-class Sportscars at Brands over the weekend of 17/18th. Now, this clashes with Faversham which I've fancied going to for a couple of years and Jon's Supercar Seige at Leeds Castle - why does everything come at once!

So a busy start to the season. As for the Club Lotus Donnington event, I think I'm right in saying that it's not going to happen this year. I've just tried to look at the CL website

Now is the time to check your Lotus if it has been in storage for the winter.

Howard



that's on 3rd May which is fully subscribed but it's always worth going - to soak up the atmosphere and cadge a free ride (don't forget your helmet!)

The annual meeting took place earlier in the month and it has to be said that the turnout was small. Excluding the Planning Group and Terry

and Myself there were four others making a total of ten. Not what I would consider enough to make decisions about the group. And as I've said before with regard to making the group structured and official - do we really need it? After all we are an area meeting of Club Lotus and the monthly meeting is the forum for discussing things and talking about events etc. Is the small attendance a display of lack of support for a structured, formal group?

We've had several communications of interest this month including one from John P regarding the MSA's campaign to make it a whole lot easier for closed road events to be staged in the UK. As you probably know, an act of Parliament is needed to allow an event to take place on public roads but the MSA is pushing for the rules to be relaxed. Please take a look at the MSA website www.msauk.org for the latest info. Another website you need to look at is Classic and Sportcars Magazine. Richard sent a link regarding the latest utterances of Mad Boris in wanting to ban the driving of classic cars in central London to cut down on emissions. Surely this can't be the same Boris that wants to build an airport in the Thames - he must be working on zero emission aircraft as well.

Andy passed on a message regarding Bill's ongoing health problem and that he was due for an operation last week. I'm sure everybody wishes him well and a speedy recovery. I

hope to have more info for next month but for now get well soon Bill.

Scouring the news for any Lotus factory stuff still isn't very fruitful - although the news of an LM Prototype is rather mouthwatering. Not really a Lotus and not really much to do with the factory (more so than the F1 team though) but the great thing is seeing the Lotus badge on track. I hope it make Brands in May and Le Mans in June.



That's about it for this month. We missed last month's meeting - I was a bit up to my eyes with work, but we should be ok for April which is on 9th - so see you there.

John

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ROLLING EVENTS DIARY

APRIL

09 Club Night
13 Visit Graham Capel John P

MAY

03 Track day Goodwood
11 Komosa Cup Howard & Jenny
14 Club Night The Plough

NKLG Annual Events 2014

2nd Wednesday	NKLG Monthly meetings	The Plough Inn, Hildenborough TN11 9AJ	Planning Group
05-Mar	NKLG Annual General meeting	The Plough Inn, Hildenborough TN11 9AJ	Planning Group
13-Apr	Visit to Graham Capel	tba	JP
11-May	Komosa Run	tba	Howard/Jenny
25-May	Motor Sport at the Palace	Crystal Palace – 2 days	JP
26-May	Edenbridge Motoring event	ba	Richard
29-Jun	Sunday run and lunch	tba	Jon
13-Jul	NKLG Summer BBQ	The Plough Inn	Planning Group
27-Jul	20th Anniversary event	tba	Howard
16-Aug	Lotus Festival	Brands Hatch – 2 days	JP
25-Aug	Bexhill/Catfield	tba	Vaughn
27-Aug	Autumn Mid week run	tba	JF
21-Sep	Surrey classic vehicle gathering	tba	JP
12-Oct	Autumn Motorsport Festival	Brooklands tba	JP
19-Oct	Mystery run and Sunday lunch	tba	JP
06-Dec	Christmas Meal	Bartellas Meopham	Howard

NON NKLG EVENTS

17/18 May	Faversham Classic Car Event	http://www.faversham.org/carshow
8t-June	Bromley Pageant	
15-June	SENLAC Classic Car Show	Bodium
26-29tune	Goodwood Festival of Speed	
4-6t July	Le Mans Classic	
17-Aug	Cranleigh Classic Car Show	
12-14 Sep	Goodwood Revial	
14-Sept	Kent Classic Car Show	Aylesford Priory
2nd Sun	Riverside Classic Car Meet	
Nov	Lotus 6 hour	Brands Hatch



North Kent Lotus 20th Anniversary

Dear Member

It has been decided that we will have our celebrations on Sunday 27th July 2014.

After consulting club members and feedback at the General Meeting it was felt a two part day, will fit nicely into a single days 'event' and would please most members.

The two parts will consist of a Lotus Drive, which still has to be finalized, volunteers please for this Drive Event (speak to a member of the Planning Group) and Dinner in the evening.

The evening meal will take place at the London Golf Club 7.30 for 8.00 pm, early arrival is also available and members can use the Club House Bar facilities. The all in price for a three course meal and the use of the Henry Cooper Room is £39.00 per person.

We are looking for a minimum of 40 in numbers for the meal and will update you nearer to the time for choice of menu and payment.

We hope you like the idea of a flexible day, allowing you to choose to take part in both or one of the days event. We would like to emphasize that the Dinner will bring the days activities to a fitting conclusion for our 20th Anniversary Celebrations and we will do our best to invite a speaker from the world of Lotus.

Planning Group

Howard John U John P Trudi

'Komosa Cup
Treasure Hunt
Sunday 11 May.
Full details next
month.
Howard T