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Dear Enthusiast

There seems to have been a rash of new car buying this year - but unfortunately not a Lotus in sight! Sorry if I've missed you but

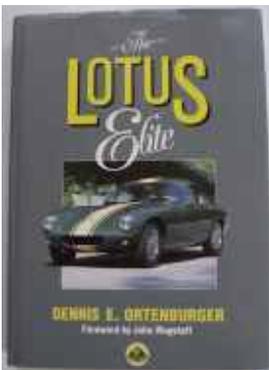
the family and known to many of us in the group.

Not much to report this month again, and what there is features planning for next year's events.

**A Unique Opportunity to acquire a piece of Lotus History. Howard is thinking of selling his Geneva Sport, details can be found on N.K.L.G Website, Members Cars.**



here's some acquisitions. There's Richard P with his GT3; Roger has purchased a work-horse Seat Estate to augment the Elan; me with the MG and Richard C has just taken delivery of an Evoque. Now, we know that Richard has a baby Elan and you might know that he had a VW Eos and now he has the Evoque. There's a pattern emerging here. Colin Chapman's inspiration lives on!



And whilst I say there's not a Lotus in sight, the recent midweek Goodwood trackday, which incidentally was rather rain-battered, witnessed long-time Goodwood organiser, Chris Parker fielding an Evora on the wet circuit. I know he's not an NKLG member but he's part of

First off, Jon and Michelle are putting forward a suggested gathering at next year's Classical Concert at Leeds Castle on Saturday 11th July. It's a bit of a cultural evening and something we've not done before as a group. Jon has offered to look after all the booking arrangements etc and if we have a group of ten or more there is a 10% discount. Please see the panel for more information.

Howard asked me to include an ad for a copy of "The Lotus Elite Book" by Dennis Ortendurger that he's acquired. You can haggle with him over the price but please get in touch with him direct or see him on club night if you want to add it to your collection.

His other shock disclosure is that the Geneva is up for sale! A controversial piece of history but what a car. If I hadn't spent all my money on holidays this year I'd beat his door down! The haggling may be a little more difficult than the book but lets hope it stays in the group.

Trudi has been trying to arrange a run and Jon suggested an eatery in Tonbridge but it's been difficult to pin everybody down, so the idea has been abandoned for now. January has been suggested - so watch this space. Trudi has also asked me to remind everybody about Simon's Cup nominees. If members could email or speak to her at the next club night it would be very much appreciated.

AND John P would like any suggestions for 2015; "As 2015 approaches I am anxious to get input for next years events. We have a number of regulars: Crystal Palace 2 days Brands Hatch 2 days Spring weekend run Summer Wednesday run Plus Edenbridge, Bexhill and already suggested for 2015 Angouleme by Roger.

Should we continue with these and/or what else would you like to be included e.g. Weekend in UK, Weekend perhaps 3 days in France or Belgium, visit to Hethel or another major Race event?

Your input and any other ideas would be very much appreciated. It's your Club please call me, email or discuss when we meet. Kind regards John.

See the panel for John's contact details or see him on club night.

Stop press stop press.....A few of us are planning to meet up at the Riverview Cafe at Forest Row RH18 5DW this coming Sunday 9th. Sue and I have never been, so we'll give it a try as long as it's not pouring with rain.

Club night is next week (12th). The Christmas meal is on the 6th Dec. No need to pre select your menu choice but you must book a place (contact John or Howard). To ensure a smooth running evening please aim to be at Bartellas at 7pm - the food will be served at 7.30.

*John*

Hi all

As some of you may know, Chrissie and I are planning a trip to Angouleme next September (19th and 20th). For those of you who don't know, the Circuits des Remparts is a great event, which includes classic car displays around the town, a concours competition, a days' racing round the city centre (see the website <http://www.circuit-des-remparts.com/> to get an idea of how close you are to the action) and a classic car rally.

If I've whetted your appetite and you plan to go, I suggest booking accommodation asap using your usual favourite online booking website. Reserved seats for the racing and reservations for the rally aren't available yet but, rest assured, I'm checking on a regular basis.

Let me know if you are interested in going and I will try to keep you informed as when they do go on sale.

It would be good to organise an unofficial NKLG meeting in Angouleme at the same time, possibly involving some food and wine!

**Roger**



## Leeds Castle Classical Concert.

**Saturday 11th July 2015**

Hope this email isn't too late for the news letter. As discussed at the last meeting please find attached details for Leeds Castle Classical Concert. I'm more than happy to pay for the tickets, they sell out fast so if people are interested they can let me know by phone or email. Cheers  
Jon

Would any members be interested in attending the above event? If 10 or more people would like to attend Jon & Michelle will make a group booking. Groups of 10+ receive a 10% discount making the tickets £29.15 for picnic style (bring your own seats) or £38.15 for pre booked seats

**Contact either Jon or Michelle**

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### BARTELLAS

**WROTHAM ROAD MEOPHAM DA13 OSE**

**NKLG Christmas Dinner 6th December 7pm**

**Includes a 175ml glass of house wine, soft drink  
or small draught beer & quality cracker**

Creamed parsnip & chestnut soup with sweet potato crisps (v)  
Smoked salmon & cream cheese brulée with grilled pumpernickel  
Smoked beetroot with a walnut, chicken & blue cheese salad  
Wild game course terrine with a kumquat & five spiced chutney

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Roast turkey with peach & chestnut stuffing, honey glazed parsnips & all the trimmings  
Fillet of sea bass with braised fennel & dill potato cake, pearl onions & tarragon sauce  
Smoked pork chop with a parsnip gratin, apple & cinnamon rosti & a sweet cider jus  
Puff pastry basket filled with a wild mushroom ragout & slow roasted vine tomatoes (v)

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Traditional figgy pudding, mince pie, brandy butter & rum sauce  
Double chocolate Drambuie mousse with dipping shortbread biscuits  
Clementine brulée with a blood orange sorbet

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Cheese & Biscuits  
Coffee, Tea & Petits Fours

**£33.00 for 3 Courses including gratuities**

**Please make your cheques payable to John Underhay or see him on club night.  
MAKE YOUR WAY STRAIGHT TO THE DINING ROOM ON ARRIVAL**

There is no need to pay or queue for drinks at the bar.  
Waiter service provided with a 10% service charge on drinks tabs.

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