

North Kent Lotus Group



Dear Enthusiast

Well, it was a good turn-out for the July club night and it was also good to welcome new members, Paul and Julia from Langton Green. They have an '85 Esprit Turbo and are keen to get involved with the group. I forgot to get a picture of the Esprit for inclusion in the letter, so I'll have to get one next month or perhaps they'll email one to me??

It was a busy evening and the weather was fairly kind for mid-summer. We got talking about the sunshine (when it comes out!) and how it sometimes messes up car paintwork, particularly red, so Roger R, currently looking for a good paint protection system following his re-spray, as come up with the brilliant idea - sun-protection lotion for car bodies. I can picture Roger making his Dragon's Den presentation. I'm sure he wouldn't have a

problem getting funding! I'd like to suggest an SPF of about 200.

I've been lucky again this month with plenty of contributions, in fact Richard C has forwarded a nice piece entitled "A Day Out" which I'll have to hold over 'till next month - but it's worth waiting for.

So Roger D has provided a write-up for Jon and Michelle's "Power Run" and Roger R reports on Crystal Palace.

Up and coming events include the BBQ which is this weekend. John U reports a good number of attendees but as Frank at the White Rock is handling all the cooking arrangements etc I'm sure we can add further names - so please give John U a ring asap if you're thinking of coming. The Lotus Festival will soon be upon us - it's the weekend following the next meeting - so full details and tickets

should be available on club night. A great event and well worth attending.

We have the Bexhill show, also a good day, which Vaughn is looking after - I can recommend the "Curry and a Pint for a Fiver" in Catsfield on the way home! Please see his email regarding attendance. And finally the midweek run - on the Wednesday before the Bank Holiday. I think there was some confusion earlier in the year regarding the Bank Holiday date, as we had it as the 24th for a while and therefore the mid-week run, which is traditionally after the BH, is the week before this year. Details will be in next month's letter.

The August club night is on the 12th so see you there or at the White Rock on Sunday.

JOHN

Motorsport at the Palace, run over Sunday and Monday of the late May bank holiday weekend, was very enjoyable again this year. Organised by the Sevenoaks and District Motor Club, the hill climb is staged over part of the old Crystal Palace race circuit and features a wide range of classes so there was always something of interest on the track.



There were some very good automobilia stalls selling books, prints and models, even models that John Harper didn't have yet, and there was also a very good static car show. supported again by NKLG. Our display on Monday was slightly dominated by M100s with Trevor, John U and myself present and Trevor's friend supplemented our display with a very fine Sunbeam Lotus, which drew a lot of interest.

On the track, Lotus was represented on Monday by two mark 1 Cortinas, two Elises, a series 1 and a series 2, a Sunbeam and a very pretty twin cam Centaur-Lotus Formula Junior and mention should be made of a very presentable and competitive distant cousin, a Westfield XI.

There were plenty of good vantage points to see the climb including the start, at Big Tree Bend and the chicane at the



bottom of North Tower Crescent. The paddock was completely accessible so that spectators were able to admire all the cars and chat to the drivers and mechanics.

It was an excellent day out and I would recommend the event to anyone who hasn't been to pencil it in their diaries for next year.

Roger R



ROLLING EVENTS DIARY

July			
26	Annual Barbeque	White Rock	Planning Group
August			
15-16	Lotus Festival	Brands Hatch	John P
26	Midweek Run	Meet at Moat Wrotham	John F
31	Bexhill Classic Show		Vaughn
September			
6	Autumn Run		

Power Run 26th June



Four cars met at Wrotham on Friday 26th June, Chris and Judi in their Elan Sprint, me in the Elise with a recently retired friend, Gary, for company, for a run down to Dungeness, led by Jon in the Esprit, along with Jasmine, and Michelle in the Elan bringing up the rear and making sure none of us got lost.

John had planned a great route through the Kent countryside, stopping-off at Lamberhurst Golf Club for a coffee break on the way. In spite of some weekday traffic and an outbreak of temporary traffic lights throughout the county we got to Dungeness just in time for a guided tour of the power station. We were met there by Jenny and Howard who were staying on the coast that week, and Joan and John, who had been unable to join us for the run down.

The tour of the power station was about two hours long, and I think we all found it really informative and interesting. I understand that a number of club members had expressed a wish to join the run but were unable to, so perhaps another run could be

I have been in contact with the Bexhill car show organisers and asked what is the last possible time they will allow NKLG members cars to enter the show ground on this August Bank holiday. As the gates are opened to the public at 10 am they suggest we arrive prior to 09.30 am to be safe. I have explained that after last years bad weather, I am unable to pre book places as the number of NKLG attendees is uncertain but suggested six is a possibility. They seem happy to let us come in and pay at the

organised. I would certainly recommend a visit and the tour. (Tours are only available in the week).

The power station obviously gets a lot of school and university groups visiting, but they seemed so pleased to see a club like us they took some photos of us themselves, for their publicity and website.

Joan and John unfortunately had to get back home immediately after the group photographs had been taken, but the rest of us adjourned to The Pilot pub for fish and chips. The wind was strong enough to blow the peas off the plate, but it was otherwise very pleasant sitting outside, with the miniature steam trains puffing by every so often.

Jon then kindly offered to lead the group homewards. He appears to have an encyclopaedic knowledge of the roads of Kent and Sussex, so we had an equally enjoyable run back, enhanced by the soundtrack of the Esprit's V8 when number two on the road behind him.

Many thanks to Jon and Michelle for organising yet another excellent run and day out.

Roger D



gate (the cost per car is less than they charge for pedestrians or so it was in previous years).

I suggest we all meet on promenade on the East side of the De La Warr Pavilion prior to 9 am and then transfer to the show ground as a group. I suspect we will not be allocated a specific plot but would be able park together.

Regards Vaughn

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Paintwork Protection

Thanks for all the advice received both by email and last night on this. I know that some of you are contemplating having your own cars protected so thought you might be interested in this article I came across this morning....

<http://www.pistonheads.com/gassing/topic.asp?t=1123305> I'll let you all know what I finally decide, probably via the newsletter.

Regards
Roger R