

# North Kent Lotus Group



## Editorial.

Christmas is rushing up to greet us at alarming speed (unless, unlike me, you have things completely under control and the presents already wrapped!) but we already have the first of next year's events to look forward to. Roger and Chrissie have arranged a film night for us to enjoy in January. Please see overleaf for details.

We still have a couple of 2016 events to tick off the list first though, the trip to JotaSport and the Christmas meal. The JotaSport visit is fully booked (they wanted names in advance some time ago) and whilst the hotel wanted early bookings for the meal on 3<sup>rd</sup> December I am sure they would be able to manage a few last minute additions if you now find that you could make it but feel that you'd missed the deadline. Just get in touch with Michelle if that's the case

We also have one more clubnight this year on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December too. Hope to see you there and/or at one of the forthcoming events.

Finally my thanks to Jenny for the report on the Brooklands visit, and to Roger for sending the film night invitation.

## Brooklands Run.

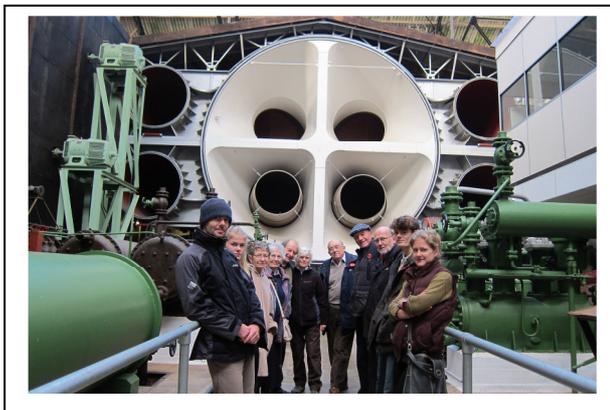
The visit to Brooklands Motor Museum took place in ideal sunny weather on Sunday 13th November. The first group of Roger and Helena, John Potts, Chris and Judy, accompanied by their daughter and family assembled at the Harvester, Riverhead and proceeded to the Grasshopper to be joined by John and Joan, together with Howard and Jenny. The run travelled west with a slightly tortuous detour around suburban Redhill to avoid Armistice Parades and proceeded on to Leatherhead, where Roger skilfully and timely parked up the convoy to observe the two minute silence. (Complete luck! – Ed.)

On arrival at Brooklands and over a welcome refreshment of coffee, John Underhay's knowledge of the museum proved invaluable in planning the best route to see the maximum in the short time available as the choice of exhibits is so extensive. Starting at the Malcolm Campbell Shed the history of the circuit was summarised along with a display of Brooklands racing cars. This led into the ERA Shed which housed the Speed Record Breaking exhibition of cars and achievements of their drivers and lead in to the Brooklands Cycle Exhibition and Raleigh Display. There was time before a break for lunch to review the Jackson Shed containing the Grand Prix Exhibition of cars and driver information together with the McLaren Formula 1 Simulator.

Revived by a satisfying and convivial lunch, John guided us past the Wellington Hangar in first stages of restoration, past Concorde and finally to the location of a temporary hanger housing the Wellington Bomber, appearing wingless due to its accommodation, with its wings temporarily alongside the fuselage. The final point of interest was the Barnes Wallis Stratosphere Chamber built in 1947 to test engines, aircraft and boats in a variety of climatic conditions. The building also housed an informative exhibition of jet engines, illustrating their development and examples of armaments designed by Barnes Wallis. This ended a rewarding day, frequently enhanced by the helpful and informative staff who were always available to answer questions in great detail, but leaving us aware there was so much more to see during another visit.

Our thanks go to Roger and Helena, who so ably guided us across country, John Potts for his organization and John Underhay for his wealth of knowledge of the site that enabled us to see such a variety of motor and aviation history in the time available.

Jenny.



**NKLG Film Night  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January.**

To keep the Lotus flame going through the dark winter months, Roger & Chrissie are kindly organising a film night, to be held on Thursday 26th January at the Stanhope Arms in Brasted.

Starting at 8pm, they will show two films of about an hour each with an interval in between to top up drinks and enjoy a simple buffet. The buffet will be £5 per person.

For those of you who don't know the pub, location details can be found at <http://www.the-stanhope-arms.co.uk/contact-us/>

Parking outside the pub is limited but they have given their permission(!) to use the large church car park, which is just beyond the pub on the left hand side.

There is a wide selection of one hour films to choose from so, to make sure you see the films you want to see, Roger is giving you the chance to vote. Please let him have your TWO CHOICES from the following list by email as soon as possible.

Also please let Roger & Chrissie know you are coming as soon as possible to firm-up on buffet numbers, and you can pay on the night.

Driven: Jim Clark

Driven: Jackie Stewart

Lotus in the 60s (about the F1 team)

Lotus - le joyau de Colin Chapman (French view of the history of Lotus and Club Lotus - in English)

Lotus - racing through time (racing especially F1)

Motor Racing at the BBC - Episode 1, Moss and Fangio

Motor Racing at the BBC - Episode 2, oily rag engineers emerge from British garages

Motor Racing at the BBC - Episode 3, the 1960s, golden age of British racing drivers

Motor Racing at the BBC - Episode 4, the 1970s, Jackie Stewart

Motor Racing at the BBC - Episode 5, the 1980s, the era of sponsorship

The History of Grand Prix Racing (general history including Lotus)

Wheeler Dealers (how not to restore an Elan)

I hope to see you there!

**Contacts**

**Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, The White Rock Inn, Underriver, TN15 0SB**

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