

NERT Newsletter



SMILING HIGH SINCE 2008

Welcome

Welcome to April's Newsletter.

I have managed to get this one out nearly in time!!

We appear to be starting the warm up for the summer season, as lots has been going on regarding outings and runs as well as a lot of work going on, not only in the background, but by members for the big day in June. (More to come about that a little later on)

Just to let you know, my new job is going very well and I am now enjoying a social life again!!

But that's enough about me!

I am still eagerly awaiting any articles or anything anybody wants to share from anyone out there in Nertland,

Now let's get on with what's happened so far this month.....

Firstly before I go any further, I must issue an apology to Kevin and Adrian, I appear to have got you and your cars muddled up in the last news letter .Apologizes again from the Editor, i.e. the secretary, i.e. me.....Sorry guys, Mikki

Just for info, hard copies of this newsletter will be available at club nights if required.

Brands Hatch Racing

A few of us went to Brands Hatch on the 11th April to watch some MG's racing.

The sun was shining when we left home, we had the roof down and we meet up at the Café in Hatfield Peveral with Paul and Heidi (who were tucking into their breakfast when we turned up) Tony was by himself as Debs was horseracing. We took a leisurely drive down to Brands, with Paul and Heidi leading the way.

We met up with Chris and

Sue actually at the circuit, as they had been away for a few days and were MG less! As well as Elaine and Ian, who had driven down to spend the day with us, with his Honda Type R.

We found a good place to park up where we all meet up. The deck chairs, flasks and food came out and that is where we stayed to watch some racing. That is apart from Elaine, who appeared to have brought blankets and everything else you could possibly imagine.

The weather was sunny and dry but very windy, of which got worse during the day, but the weather was not really on our minds as we watched some spectacular racing and also even more spectacular crashes. Unfortunately one driver had to be air lifted to hospital, which put the racing times out a little, but Chris had his scanner on, so he kept us informed of what was going on in the pits. Great day, apart from the very red faces due to the wind!!!



"I did try, but only missed ONE turning!"

MG Owners – Bressingham Run

Several of us with MG's decided to have a go at one of the owner's club official runs.

We meet up at Frankie & Benny's and then drove onto the official starting point of the services on the M11.

The sun was out, roofs were down, although a little chilly. We were all quite happy have a chat until we realized the route

was marked out like a treasure hunt. The Chairperson elected the Regalia officer to lead us and what a good job he did to, sorry, or should I say, what a good job Su did, as she was navigating!

We stopped at Long Melford for a very civilized cup of tea. Although Paul did go on a toilet hunt, but nothing was open!

We left Long Melford with the Chairperson driving and the secretary navigating! I know, I did try, but we only missed ONE turning!

We did get a little held up on the way up there, by a slower driver, who was obviously enjoying the countryside, but eventually we all managed to pass him.

In the meantime, we all had two way radio's so the



Chat and banter was continuous all the way there.

When we did arrive at Bressingham, we were given our tickets for the steam train rides, as well as a goody bag.

We were directed to an area to park, of which we parked up and in true NERT style, out came the sarnies!! Then a miracle occurred!!! A little red

MGB parked next to us, being driven, by a ghost from the past!!!! It was Mr Collins (Only joking Steve, it was lovely to see both you and Susan out, enjoying your car)

As most of the Nert Members appear to be big kids, we all had a ride on all of the steam trains, as well as Chris Sue and myself went on the steam driven merry go round

(The ones that go up and down!) IF you have seen the photos on the website, you will see I had a bit of trouble getting off!!!

To round the day off, we all went for dinner at the Toby Cavery at Colchester on the way home. Thanks to Chris & Sue, Paul & Bev, Tony & Debs, as well as Gary who met us there and Steve and Susan, for another fab day out!

Club News

We had new members Roger and Carol Munt join us at our April club night, so welcome to you both.

We also had another ghost from the past at our April Club Night, Wayne's better half, Theresa. It was lovely to see you and

I hope your run of bad luck has now come to an end!

If anyone wants to drive either the new MG or MX5 to a show, come and see the club Chairman, but conditions will apply.

Just a reminder, Paul is now up and running with his MOT centre, so either give him a ring or grab him or his new receptionist Heidi for a booking in date.

Manningtree Show – First Club Stand

This show was the first of the season and we were all looking forward to it.

We had a lot of members come along, although some where a little later than others (Triumph drivers?) but the TR6 soon caught up with us, despite Gavin and me taking the wrong turning!

We were kindly loaned a new MX5 of which Gavin drove to the show, as well as a new MG, of which Mike drove to the show, with our new club gazebo kindly donated by Darren at Tollys.

By the time Gavin, Adam and I had got there, (due to our little detour!) All hands were on deck to get the gazebo up and the stand decorated. WELL DONE TO EVERYONE, WHO HELPED OUT, especially with the buntings and other bits and bobs for the stand. By the time we had it all up, it did look very impressive!!

We had a lot of interest in the new cars, as well as club members cars, although they appeared to be in favor of one rather than the other, i.e. the guys looking at the MG

would not even look at the MX5 or vice versa.

We were all ok, until it started to rain, but spirits were high, and my little burner provided some heat for those who were cold. (Sorry guys a patio heater will NOT fit in my boot!)

The sun did finally come out and it was all hands to the leathers, some more than others!

Thank you all for coming and supporting the club and we hoped you enjoyed the show, chat and the banter!



The new Gazebo at Manningtree Show

Club Birthday Show

It's creeping up on us and poor Tony will soon be claiming against the club for loss of his voice! His phone has been busy with people wanting to book, so the word is getting out there!

The committee is still closely in communication with Jacquie over the layout and what's happening when; final plans should be sorted out by June's club night.

Thank you to all members that have helped to promote the show, by

doing flyer drops at other shows and events.

We now have some owners clubs booked in which is nice to see, as well as individual entries.

So if we can keep up the good work, with the flyers, we will get the vehicles in through the door.

If you haven't taken any flyers but think you may be able to distribute some, then come and see a committee member, who will gladly let you have some.

We will need some members to help out with car parking on and off the show ground, so if you are able to help, could you kindly make yourself known to a committee member.

If you have any ideas or suggestions regarding the club show then just shout and we will take this on board.

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Well, we thought March Club night was busy; April's was the busiest to date!

We had around 12-15 guests turn up, of which the committee was a little stretched, as two committee members were unable to attend.

Therefore thank you to the

members who kindly sat and chatted with our guests, where committee members were not able to do so.

It was fantastic to see the great variation of what's out there as a rag top.

Hopefully the guests will return and become members.

Thank you to Shaun from Sprayshack for bringing along some different paint finishes on a wheel (Are you sure Shaun it glows in the dark?)

And finally well done to Su and Jimmy for coping so well for food and drink and Gavin for car park duties!!

"Shaun, are you sure they glow in the dark??"

Just a little reminder that Chris and Sue have a well stocked club shop, for everything NERT.

The new large Teddies should be available soon, as well as the club badges and caps.

So watch this space...

If there is anything that you think the club should stock and doesn't then let us know and we will see if we can source it.

In the meantime, I am sure that Sue would be grateful if we could spend some money in the shop, so she can have half of

her lounge back!!

Don't forget your NERT mugs for the shows.

9th May Henham Park – Wings and Wheels Show. We only have a couple of places left for those who want to attend. For those that have not been to club nights recently, this is one not to miss, only £3.00 a car. So get booking! Meet at 8.00 at McDonalds, Tolegate Colchester.

16th May – Club stand booked at Clacton Show, 8.30 am at McDonalds Tolegate Colchester

23rd May – Our Supertyres Day at Maldon. Get You're y tracking laser alignment done and get some super deals on tyres, brakes etc. Everyone welcome, all members please feel free to invite guests, no matter what type of car they drive.

29th May, (SAT) Little Totham village show. First of our breakfast runs, for those who would like breakfast, meet at the Hatfield Peveral Café at 9.00. (Please could you let

us know who is coming, so we can for warn them of numbers)

If you would like to book into any of these shows, check the website for details or speak to Tony at club night or ring Tony on 01787 476710.

For members with doggies, Scruffy Angels/Many Tears Animal Rescue/Blue Cross are having a fun day to raise funds on 22nd May, at Black Notley Vets, See me for info

GAV'S Gabble

From when the Nert idea was formed by just a couple of us, not being happy with the clubs that were available at the time, to the constant new members that have progressively joined from the concept, I can only say after having been involved with many different clubs in the last 20 plus years, it's the first time that the car club colleagues are now friends before being car nuts!

Nert seems to be going forward in vast leaps and bounds and this is purely down to the loyalty,

Bloody brilliant.

I have to say a BIG personal THANKS to Darren for the Gazebo; it has really helped out now the club has grown to the size that it is.

What I would endeavor to do now is to build upon these relationships because there is still some fantastic examples of rag tops, that I personally have never experienced and I am sure like me, there are many club members who would like to know. So if anyone has a contact at a Mercedes dealer or a

dedication and resourcefulness of the people who regard NERT as dearly as I do.

We have slowly started to be recognized as a positive way forward not only to individual members but from our friends at local dealers. Without the support and friendship of those dealers in particular Darren, Kevin, Alan Andy and Phil I am sure we would not have the standing in the car club community that we do.

The cars that we are very kindly lent present a fantastic opportunity to all

Daihatsu dealer, let me know.

I will encourage you to every club night or every show to be welcomed into Nertland. If you need help with your car or any other project that you have going on, then there are, I am sure that there is, a Nert person that can help.

We are looking forward to a fantastic show season; I welcome everyone that has been hibernating for the winter to join us on anything that we have

members to be able to experience the pleasures that they offer and pass this information on to the many, many people that enquire what they are like.

They all seem to be benefiting from this recent batch of sunshine, with sales booming to the point of, if you are looking to buy a new MG, you need to be quick before they sell out totally.

In an earlier news letter, I tried to answer the age old question about which is best, I now can confirm that there is a positive answer, and that answer is they are both

going on.

If you have any ideas suggestions or even moans and groans, please feel free at anytime to poke one of your friendly committee in the shoulder and say 'OI'

Just on a very personal note, I would want it noted that I would like to say THANK YOU to Kevin and Andy for really helping out with something that is very close to my heart, Scruffy Angels Dog Rescue.



Club Stop

Events for MAY

Big THANK YOU to Darren at Tolleys for the Gazebo and Andy at Perkins for helping out Scruffy Angels with their new transport.

