



CLUB LOTUS CAMBRIDGESHIRE AREA
NEWSLETTER FOR 2011

We hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year although we are sure by now, this seems like a distant memory. Are you ready to dust off those Lotus's, get them out of the garage, MOT'd and serviced ready for the year ahead?

We would really like to see a few more of you in 2011, so if you haven't paid us a visit yet please do, as there are lots of things going on at both the club nights and the different events planned over the year, so we hope there is something for everyone.

We meet the 1st Wednesday of the month (but NOT in December or January) at The Crown Inn, www.thecrowninn.org/ Elton, off Junction 17 of the A1 (A605) nr Peterborough and start at 8.00/8.30p.m.

Club Nights 2011

5th January – NO MEETING

2nd February – What's happening in 2011

2nd March – Cambs Area 2010 "French Adventure" – Photos and a DVD of us going around Le Mans, they'll also be details of the 2011 Adventure available for anyone who would like to join us

6th April – Teams Quiz Night

4th May – Guest Speaker is Alan Morgan (Chairman of Club Lotus) – Talking about both Lotus F1 Teams and what's happening at Donington

1st June – Teams Games Night Build A

6th July – BBQ at The Crown Inn, Elton (places for this will need to be booked in advance please to ensure that we know numbers for catering purposes)

3rd August – Cars on the Green, judging the one you'd most like to take home

7th September – Guest Speaker is John Day (Chairman of the MG Car Club) – www.mgcc.co.uk. Talking about "MG - A Way of Life"

5th October – Scalextric

2nd November – Conker Competition

7th December – NO MEETING because the Christmas Dinner is the same week

Events for 2011

1st & 2nd May (Sunday & Monday) - The Bedfordshire Classic Motor Show at Woburn Abbey

Our Area will be attending this event on Sunday 1st May. This event is organised by Greenwood's Exhibitions please go to their web site at www.greenwoodsexhibitions.com or <http://www.woburn.co.uk/abbey/> for further details of this and other events in 2011 and to book your tickets in advance

7th May (Saturday) - Visit to Classic Team Lotus (am), Lunch in the Bird in Hand Pub and then a Visit to the Stratton Motor Company (pm)

We've been asked to organise another visit to both Classic Team Lotus and the Stratton Motor Company. **There will be a limit on numbers and so this will be restricted to members who regularly attend either Club Nights or Events, so if you're interested please let Mel know as soon as possible as this will be on a first come first serve basis.**

28th May (Saturday) – Castle Combe Track Day

See main Club Lotus News or go to www.clublotus.co.uk for further details

5th June (Sunday) – Drive to and Lunch at Oakley Hall, Oakley, Hampshire

For more details please either contact Mel or John Oakley (jm@jomo1.fsnet.co.uk) or go to http://www.historiclotusclub.org/upcoming_events.html

25th-26th June (Saturday & Sunday) – Classic Team Lotus Festival at Snetterton

<http://www.motorsportvision.co.uk/snetterton/news/article.asp?NewsID=6368>

26th June (Sunday) Haynes Village 100 Event & Classic Car Show, Bedford

Haynes is just off the A600 between Shefford and Bedford, so about 5 miles further West behind Shuttleworth. The whole thing is an old-fashioned village Gala day, so there are stalls and a funfair, teas in the hall and a show ring which last year had sheep dog demonstrations, a folk band and the local school children giving a dancing display. Alongside on the village playing fields is a car show, the "100" coming from "100 years of motoring history" so they actively encourage both old and new cars and motor bikes, plus tractors, steam lorries etc, so a good mix of vehicles. In a way I suppose it is a "small village" version of the Sporting Bears show at Kimbolton. The highlight is just after lunch, when they close the roads in the village so that everything can leave the show ground to parade around a set route. The cars leave through the show ring, and the commentator says a few words about each one as they go past. Last year it was real hoot – the villagers sat out in deck chairs in their gardens, all the pub customers came out to line the road and cheer people on, the local kids ran alongside on the footpaths (it's a slow parade!) and people all tooted their horns at the slightest provocation!

As everyone is parked in strict year sequence in numbered parking bays according to their entry in the programme, so cars of different ages do not park together, this is very much a "private car" event and not a "car club" event, so if you're interested please book as an individual entry as of course that doesn't stop you having lunch by one of your cars if friends go together as the cars are parked in single rows and not jammed together, so there is plenty of room around them – please go to their website to have a look and book your place - <http://www.thehaynesvillage100.org.uk/index.htm>

10th July (Sunday) – The Charity Classic Car Show and Country Fayre at Kimbolton Castle

This event is organised by the Sporting Bears Motor Club <http://www.sportingbears.org.uk/> and is held in the grounds of Kimbolton Castle (now a private school) and includes many stalls selling everything from home made fudge to wooden garden furniture. The ticket for the day (which gets in a 4 seater car) only costs £8 and will be collected as you enter the Showground on the morning. All money raised on the day goes to Cancer Research UK, so not only is this a fun day for all the family it helps a lot of many very ill people.

22nd-24th July (Friday to Sunday) – Silverstone Classic – “Rocking and Racing”

Please go to <http://silverstoneclassic.com/> for further details, but before booking tickets, DO check with Club Lotus for any discount codes available

7th August (Sunday) – Duxford Classic Car Show, Imperial War Museum, Duxford

The admission price will include access to the Museum and the use of all its public facilities. The cost of admission will be £9.50 per person - <http://duxford.iwm.org.uk>

13th & 14th (Saturday-Sunday) – Club Lotus Show and Festival at Donington Park

See main Club Lotus News or go to www.clublotus.co.uk for further details

28th & 29th August (Sunday & Monday) – Classic Motor Show at Knebworth House

Our Area will be attending this event on Sunday 28th August. This event is organised by Greenwood Exhibitions, please go to their web site to www.greenwoodsexhibitions.com and <http://www.knebworthhouse.com/> for further details of events in 2011 and to book your tickets in advance

11th September (Sunday) - Drive to and lunch at The Fox and Hounds in Riseley

Some of our members did this last year and had a good time, so we thought we'd give it another go in 2011 - <http://www.foxandhoundsriseley.co.uk/about-us>. Please contact Lindsey at lindsey.grinstead@nielsen.com or on her mobile – 07719 914933 to book your place.

5th November (Saturday) – The Historic Lotus Club Annual Dinner at Apollo Hotel, Basingstoke

We will hopefully have two Area tables again this year at this great fun event so if you would like to come along please let us know as soon as possible. For more details please contact Mel or John Oakley (jm@jomo1.fsnet.co.uk) or go to http://www.historiclotusclub.org/upcoming_events.html

9th December (Friday) – Christmas Dinner at The Crown Inn, Elton

Please let us know if you would like to come along to the Christmas Dinner being held at The Crown, Inn, Elton, near Peterborough.

Dates to be arranged for Events in 2011

- BBQ and Stargazing at Chez Quarrington (Ian & Marion to arrange)
- Treasure Hunt/Drive taking us around the surrounding villages and area and then back to The Crown Inn for Sunday Lunch (Derek & Donna to arrange)

Club Nights 2010

7th January – NO MEETING

3rd February – What's happening in 2010

3rd March – Teams Quiz Night

We had 4 teams of 4 players taking part in the evening who answered as many motoring questions out of 90 as they could in a set time. The winning Team were the "4 'E's, who were Marion, Neal, Fred & Chris who scored a total of 79.

7th April – Guest Speakers - Richard Parramint & Nick Adams

We had 21 members come along to hear Nick talk about his time with Lotus. He started his working life at Shelby then moved onto Lotus, where he worked for 25 years, starting in power train. He worked on both the Elise S1 and argued that they should keep the K-series Engine. He then moved onto the S2 where of course they replaced the K-series with a Toyota engine. He also worked on the Exige, supercharged Elise, 240R and 211. He is also the vehicle architect working on 2 new models to be unveiled later in the year.

Asked what Lotus he owned he told us that he has a 1968 S4 Elan, Chris Boardman's Bike, and Type 23B which he bought with his first student cheque.

5th May – Games Night – Build a ????

We had 21 members come along for what is now an annual club night. We had 5 teams of 4 people who set about building the Lego Racer Kits we had purchased. The winning team were Derek, Mark & Andy who completed the kit in record time, saying that having young children who liked making things had given them a huge advantage. As you'll see from the photos below, people certainly had a fun evening.



2nd June – Guest Speaker – Alan Morgan (Chairman of Club Lotus) – DID NOT GET TO US, so as you'll see from the photos below, the evening turned into an impromptu Cars on the Green
We had 12 cars and 20 people turn out for this club night and as you'll see although disappointed that Alan was unable to join us, we made the best of a lovely June evening.



7th July – BBQ at The Crown Inn, Elton

We had 43 people at the BBQ, most of whom had booked in advance so we were able to ensure that was enough food for everyone which as usual was great (thanks to Marcus and the Team at the Crown Inn) and as you can see from the photos below, we had a great evening



4th August – Cars on the Green – judging the one you'd most like to take home

We had 18 cars to choose from and the three top picks from the evening were:-

1st – Trevor's lovely 211

2nd – Duncan's lovely JPS Europa (Elinor)

3rd – Steve's lovely Exige

As you can see from the photos below, we had a really good evening.



1st September – Scalextric

We had 20 members turn up for an annual Scalextric competition, which always seems to bring out both the young and old kids. We also had an official Marshall on hand in the form of Marion Quarrington who ensured fair play at all times. After a really fun evening, the top three winners were:-

- 1st – Neil
- 2nd – Chloe
- 3rd – Steve



6th October – Guest Speaker - Guy Munday (The Stratton Motor Company)

We had 25 people come along to hear what Guy had to tell about the eagerly awaited new Lotus models which were released at the Paris Motor Show. He confirmed what we had all seen in the press over the last few weeks, that the models were well received, often knocking the likes of Ferrari and Lamborghini off the main headlines. We chatted about what was happening at Lotus under the management of Danny Bahar, who of course used to work for Ferrari.

We do hope that during the restructure of the Lotus Main Dealers, that Stratton Motors remains as Guy is not only a huge Lotus enthusiast and all round good guy (apologies for the pun) he is also a great ambassador for the marque.

3rd November – Nothing specific arranged

1st December – NO MEETING because the Christmas Dinner is the same week

Events Attended in 2010

17th & 18th April, the 2010 Club Lotus Show and Festival, Malvern Three Counties Showground

As everyone knows Alan and his Team at Club HQ had to think of another venue for the Club's main show of the year due to Donington Park being under re-construction for the aborted attempt to stage the British Grand Prix. It was finally decided that the Malvern Showground was to be the chosen venue. Obviously for us in Cambridgeshire this meant a much longer journey to the Show. However, a few of us decided that we would meet up en-route so after we (Gary, Mel & the Esprit) had collected Ian and Sebastian (his Norfolk Mustard S4s) at the Brampton Services, we headed off to meet Tony, Janette and their Elise (the Lotus) at the Junction of the A14/M1.

Whilst waiting we picked up another Elise but it was so funny as he just stopped because he saw us and wondered what was going on – he had no idea whatsoever about the show and had just been shopping with his disgruntled and cold girlfriend. He did tell us that he used to work for Lotus and now works for Aston Martin and the Elise wasn't his only car...

Tony and Janette then arrived and we made our way to Malvern, which was a rather picturesque journey going through some beautiful countryside.

When we arrived, our first port of call was the on-site restaurant for a full English breakfast, after which we all headed off in slightly different directions. A number of the usual stall holders were present and there was certainly plenty of room for all of them. Clive and Classic Team Lotus were there along with a number of F1 Cars, the Historic Lotus Club were also there with a great display as usual. As is the way with this day, we met up with many friends, John and Marylyn from the Historic Lotus Club, Malcolm Ricketts and the gang from Classic.

By mid-afternoon we decided to head off having made several purchases to add to the Parkin Lotus Memorabilia Collection.

This is always a good show and thanks to Alan and the Girls at Club HQ for all the hard work they put in to make it happen, back to Donington for 2011, so as least the journey will be shorter, although no where near as pretty.



13th-17th May – Area Trip to France

The idea of this “adventure” came about last year following Ian and Marion being involved in a similar trip with the Matra Club in Marion’s Matra known as “Yvette”. At our October Club Night they showed us a slide show of the Motor Museum in Loheac and everyone was so blown away by what they saw that the seed was sown. Wheels were then put into motion as to how many people would be interested in going and what they needed to sort out and once we’d confirmed who was coming along Marion and Ian set to work to ensure that every possible detail was arranged.

The cast were:-

Gary & Mel Parkin with their Black S3 Esprit

Ian & Marion Quarrington with their Norfolk Mustard S4s Esprit (known as Sebastian)

Tony & Janette Goodchild with their Silver S2 Elise (known as The Lotus)

Neal & Sharon Cade with their Red Twincam Europa

Duncan and Tough Ted Neal with their JPS Europa (known as Elinor)

Day 1 started at Ian and Marion’s where we presented the gang with their “tour t-shirts” which we’d had made especially. We were all given our itineraries and then we headed off to Portsmouth via a Little Chef for a late lunch to set us up for the long day ahead. We got to the Ferry in good time and after a few laughs at the Passport Control about no more wide access being available we got into our respective queues and soon got chatting to another group of Classic Car owners from Bristol who were doing a similar route to us. Once on board and having found our cabins, we all headed up to the deck for a drink and to wave off old blighty and chatted excitedly about the days ahead.

Day 2 started bright and early with us all having breakfast on the ferry before departing. We all went very carefully down the ramp, but poor Tony still ended up being handed his number plate by the security guard. Once out of the port, we headed for our main destination that day the Museum at Loheac and we arrived just after 10. We spent a couple of hours in there and then headed off into the town for a splendid 4 course lunch with Tony trying out his French and ordering for a few of us, before heading back for another session in the Museum. We left about 4ish and headed to our hotel in the suburbs of Rennes.

Day 3 still recovering from the amazing lunch the day before, we all arose to a bright morning and a quick bite of something before starting the second and longest day of our journey. The route was to take us to Le Mans via a Lotus expat who had contacted Ian via the Lotus Forum saying he needed a Lotus fix. The start was delayed slightly by a swift repair to the number plate of Tony & Janette’s Elise with more "super sticky tape" and we were off. We arrived at Nigel and Penelope’s house mid morning and they were great hosts, providing us with more pain aux chocolat and croissants than we could eat, it was hard to tear ourselves away but we had to get to Le Mans. So we headed off late morning and arrived at the Museum. We decided to take the cars around Le Mans twice and have some great in car footage of this. Once back we parked the cars in front of the famous sign and spent a good two hours in the Museum before heading off to our hotel in Falaise. Before having dinner, we decided it would be a good opportunity to sample some of the wine Neal & Sharon had purchased earlier, so we all took our plastic glasses (toothbrush holders) out with us and sat on the grass behind the cars.

Day 4 was our last day and had a different feel, as we headed to some of the historical sites, including the Bayeux Tapestry and Cathedral which were both amazing. We followed these by having coffee and crepes in the sunshine before we headed out to the coast, our first stop being the battery range La Pointe du Hoc. The quietness and stillness of the site, the enormity of the task the American Rangers faced in scaling the cliffs, the size and expanse of the shell craters and the severity of damage to the gun emplacements was a sobering experience. We then set off for Ohama Beach and into Port-en-Bessin-Huppain, a fishing village for a coffee and ice cream stop. As time was getting short we then left the coast and headed on to the Pegasus Bridge Museum at Benouville. We had identified a restaurant where we could have something to eat before heading for the Ferry home, but being Sunday and in France – it was closed, so we decided to head straight for the Port at Ouistreham as there were bound to be hotels with restaurants open. We found a really nice hotel and restaurant so sat down for our last meal together as we were leaving Neal & Sharon behind as they headed off to see friends who didn’t live too far away. After saying our sad goodbyes to Neal and Sharon we drove the 500 yards to the Passport Control and joined our respective queues. This time we had several French double decker buses full of children as our neighbours and with all the photos being taken, felt like we were on a red carpet.

After what seemed like ages we got onto the Ferry, found our cabins and made our way to the deck for one last drink to celebrate what had been a fantastic adventure.

Day 5 began with the Ferry's radio coming on 5.30 a.m. and to ensure that everyone was off by 6.30 a.m. it was fixed so you couldn't turn it down or off. Once off we headed to another Little Chef and filled up with a full English breakfast before the long trip home – which took longer than expected due to roadworks, accidents and extremely hot temperatures.

If you'd like to read the full daily write-ups and see the many photos and the Le Mans in car footage, please go to our website - <http://www.cambsclublotus.org.uk/index.htm>. We are already planning France 2011, so watch this space.



6th June, Drive to and Lunch at Oakley Hall, Basingstoke

This is an event we like to attend with our friends from the Historic Lotus Club. Unfortunately, we missed it in 2009 due to bad weather and nearly didn't make it in 2010 for the same reason.

We arrived at Oakley Hall, but due to there being a racing event on elsewhere, were missing the usual fantastic display of the old "historic" cars, but it was great to see the 3 JPS Europas all lined up together, including our very own Duncan Neal and Elinor. We understand that the owners had some very interesting conversations comparing the differences between the cars and the work that had been undertaken on them during their ownership. As you'll see from the photos below we're parked next to Rob and his lovely Highwing Esprit, it does seem that wherever we go the two of them always end up next to each other.

Lunch as always was very nice, added to by really good company and a lovely outlook across the grounds. Following lunch the various Awards were presented and the first award – The Autoglym Shield, was given to Gary and his Esprit, much to his surprise and delight for the best presented car considering age and use, especially when you saw the other cars in attendance.

This was another great day out with the Historic Lotus gang and a special thanks goes to John and Marylyn Oakley for inviting us along.



18th July, Sporting Bears Charity Classic Car Show and Country Fayre at Kimbolton Castle - Write-up kindly provided by Howard Farrar & Cathy Inman

July saw the annual pilgrimage to the Sporting Bears Charity Classic and Country Fayre. As always, the event was well attended with lots of Lotuses (and a Jaguar as our support vehicle). After a couple of wet years, it was lovely to see the Sun this year. It was a beautiful sunny day and there was a good variety of cars and entertainment - mostly from Ian, who managed to loose his keys and drop a flag pole on Julia the Jaguar, but thankfully there was no damage and the keys were also found.



23rd to 25th July, Silverstone Classic

For this event, we decided to join the Historic Lotus Club stand as they had been kind enough to invite us along and it was nice to be able to take both cars along to this. We had a good drive from home to Silverstone and as always came across many historic cars en-route going to the same event. We arrived in good time so the queuing was minimal. We were directed to the in-field area where we found the Historic gang which was right next to the sound stage. We helped John and Marylyn set up the stand and once this was done, decided to take a tour of the trade stands etc. We visited the Classic Team Lotus area and purchase our copy of the Limited Edition Print of the Lotus F1 Grid at Snetterton from earlier in the year, which was sent on a couple of weeks later after all the relevant signatures has been obtained.

We also visited the pit area and chatted to Bob and the mechanics that were busy preparing the various Lotuses for racing. Despite looking for Andy Shepherd, one of our members who was racing, we didn't manage to find him.

We did find really nice Jim Clark print which Gary was chuffed about so all in all another great day was had and we'll certainly be going again in 2011.



1st August, Classic Car Show at Duxford - Write-up kindly provided by Tony & Janette Goodchild

We all arrived at a decent time in the morning to make the usual start on setting up the gazebos, which was carried out in a swift manner with Duncan's uncanny ability to erect the structure without the aid of the instructions. Our numbers were boosted during the morning by some of the North Middlesex Club members, along with others which meant we had a good cross section of cars numbering 20 or so in total. To do something different Mrs G decided canvas the thoughts of others on the day. Unfortunately, we didn't record all the cars they brought along with them, but there were a couple of nice yellow Elans, Esprit, Europa. From our Area's point of view there was a particularly good selection of S1 and S2 Elise's (not that I'm biased in any way!)

Angelo and Demitri Agathangel - Great day out and well kept cars from Lotus among others. The planes flying overhead as engines start up get one excited. Good all round."

Jackie and Lesley - "A good afternoon out and chance to catch up with other Lotus enthusiasts. Local for us too." (Mel, hope you signed them up!)

Richard Warner Elan +2 (Spyder) - "Spur of the moment decision to come to Duxford today. Invited to join Club Lotus as I drove past. Made to feel very welcome by Mel and Co"

Anonymous (We know who you are!!) - "I turned up and all the hard work had been done. I enjoyed a Danish and coffee then spent some time looking at the lovely aircraft and old cars. The company was very nice although I was coerced into writing this..."

Anonymous (We don't know who you are) - "First meet we've been to! Really enjoyed the day [although] overcast the rain held off. Very friendly bunch, enjoyed talking to other Lotus owners – picked up a few tips! Also enjoyed looking round Duxford, great place for a day out, plenty to see."

North Middlesex Club - "Not been to Duxford before, great venue. Friendly people and a good turnout. I really enjoyed myself and was made most welcome by the Lotus Club. Many Thanks Ricky"

Russell Dearden Elan Sprint - "Forgot to bring my cooler box with Stella's! Should put advert in club magazine? Mine tipped over 60k on the way here – 59 sounds so much more. I'm nearly 60 – must be a message that I can get there, before my lad Sam nicks my car!"

Carl and Angela Pereira - "Nice to see 2 yellow Elans in such good condition – same year too! Great to meet new people and chat with everyone."

So as can be seen, the power of Lotus to bring people together and more new friends made. Everyone who came enjoyed themselves and had a great day and thanks to all those who gave Janette their comments all of which were freely given, (except perhaps James'!) The day concluded without accident or incident, bee stings, keys lost etc.!! which for us is quite good. Roll on next year.



29th & 30th August, Classic Car Show at Knebworth House - Write-up kindly provided by Roger & Lindsey Gudgin

One of England's most beloved stately homes, Knebworth House is famous worldwide for its rock concerts and as the home of Victorian novelist Edward Bulwer Lytton - author of the words "The pen is mightier than the sword"

But to Lotus Club members Knebworth is synonymous with the August Bank Holiday Classic Car Show. The show is held over two days and we choose to go on the Sunday. This year the weather forecast was changeable, and that is just what we had sun, rain and wind.

The morning started as usual with the early birds putting up the gazebos, this year we had no Duncan, so it took us a bit longer, we did however decide to use guy ropes as it was a 'bit' windy. The spot Mel and Gary had chosen was under a huge oak tree with views across the park. Putting the guy ropes on I fell down a rabbit hole and now have a new nickname 'Alice' – I can tell you that I found no Mad Hatters, White Rabbits or Cheshire Cats in that particular hole!

Anyway back to the important bit the cars! We had the normal selection of Loti (is there such a word?) turn up Esprits, Europas, Elises etc The weather must have put some people off as numbers were down on other years. The cars always look good when they are on display. Lotus owners seem to take pride in polishing their cars and they shone wonderfully in the sun. Knebworth normally has large numbers of car clubs and individual owners showing, but I think numbers were definitely down on previous years or are we comparing with Kimbolton, which must be one of the largest classic car shows in the country.

We had a couple of heavy showers and we huddled in the gazebos, about three o'clock an almighty gust of wind caught the gazebo and it went flying, No one was hurt and we did have a good laugh afterwards, but we decided to call it a day and pack up slightly earlier than normal. As that was the last of the year's shows, we can look forward to 2011, let's hope for better weather!



6th November, The Historic Lotus Club Annual Dinner at the Apollo Hotel, Basingstoke

Due to other commitments, we were down in numbers this year to just 8 of us, but as you can see from the photos below we had a great time and yet again this year won a prize – this year for the “best dressed French Table”.

We had been asked by John Oakley to take along both our cars, but unfortunately because both of them needed work doing (paintwork and interiors) we declined the offer. However, Gordon and Joy did take their lovely Excel which looked great along sitting at the end of the dining room with the Esprit and Elan M100.



3rd December, Area Christmas Dinner at the Crown Inn, Elton

This year we had 35 members who made it, we were also due to have the pleasure of the company of everyone from Club Lotus HQ, but the heavy snow falls unfortunately put pay to that.

We arrived at 2.00 p.m. and had a bite of lunch at the Pub, before going to our room. Roger and Lindsey then arrived about 3.30 p.m. and were kind enough to help us set up the room ready for the festivities. The tables were decked out with table top gold and green Christmas trees, a general knowledge quiz, car table games, bubbles, party poppers, two types of balloons – rockets and flying saucers, a programme for the evening, name places and people's menu choices.

The evening started at 7.30 p.m. with everyone gathering in the Bar area, dinner was prompt at 8.00 p.m. because we had such a lot to pack into the evening.

The meal was excellent as always and the Crown Inn staff were incredibly tolerant what with all the noise, mess and having to dodge all the flying balloons.

Thanks to everyone's generosity, we had a huge amount of raffle prizes brought along that ensured each attendee went home with something.

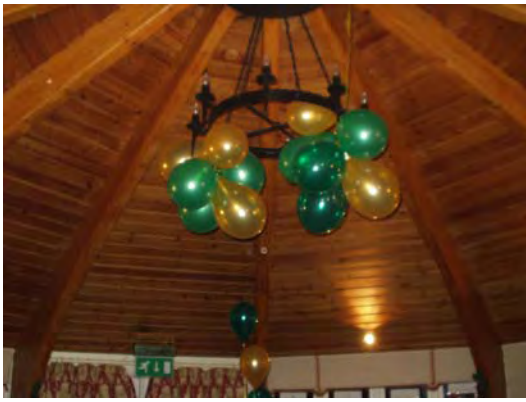
We also had a few thank you presents for certain members who had been such a huge support to us over the year. These included Wine for Marcus (the Crown Inn Owner), Chocolates for the Crown Inn staff, Orchids and Wine for Donna, Marion and Joy, Wine for Ian, Lotus Cortina mounted stamps for Derek and Mark and a personalised Winnie the Pooh and Club Lotus Cambs Area France 2010 number plate, some French butter and a Winnie the Pooh bean bag toy for Tony (who had been such a constant joy during our trip).

The team game this year was a 1,000 piece "Where's the Stig Puzzle" we had 5 teams and they had 1 hour to complete as much of the puzzle as they could and find the various characters hidden in it. The eventual winners were Team 1 – Philippa, Gary P, Marion, Howard, Sharon C & Duncan and were headed up by Philippa as Team Captain. Everyone in the Team had a present – smellies for the girls and Stig related smellies for the boys.

With this year's date being so close to Gary's 50th Birthday, the area members had suggested that we arrange a few surprises for him, so we had a cake made for him (thanks to Marion for organising this) and also a Photo Album which with the help of his Mum lending Mel some early photo albums and Tony pulling everything Mel sent him into a final PDF proof (Tony you were a star). The Photo Album is brilliant and meant a lot to Gary as did the cake, because it was our Lotus Family who arranged everything.

For the 10 of us who stayed in the Pub's accommodation overnight, we all had a delicious breakfast together on Saturday morning, which was good fun and highly entertaining – there were some interesting conversations going on – not always appropriate for the breakfast table.

As you'll see from the photos, everyone had a great evening.





TO SEE MORE PHOTOS OF THE EVENTS IN THIS NEWSLETTER AND THOSE FROM PREVIOUS YEARS,
PLEASE GO TO THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE AREA WEBSITE WHERE THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE TO VIEW VERY
SOON-

www.cambsclublotus.org.uk

Our web mistress is Joy Round (joy@cambsclublotus.org.uk) so she is the lady to send things to which you'd like to see on the website. The site contains details of Club Nights, special events, information, newsletters and links to other useful Lotus Sites. There is a password protected Members Area for anything relating to the Club that you want to see on there, but don't want to share with the whole world. If you would like full members access to this, please e-mail Joy so she can give you the required username and password to give you access to all the areas - it's your site so please don't be shy about providing input. Please note that this can also be accessed via the main Club Lotus website.

Special thanks go to our members who were kind enough to provide us with write-ups and photos for this Newsletter.

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