

spalding classic car club and east elloe

NEWSLETTER

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What's On www.seecc.co.uk/events

Tuesday 10 April

CLUBNIGHT: PUB RUN

FINAL CALL FOR ENTRIES! This event is organised by Steve Le-Sage. We plan to meet at The Vista, Spalding, PE11 2RA from **6.15pm**, ready to leave at **6.45pm** to head to The Woodhouse Arms at Corby Glen, **NG33 4NS**; classic cars preferred – if weather permits! Pre-booking essential for food. **Menu on page 3. Book with Steve by Wednesday 4 April please**; contact him on 07950 742372 or by email at steve@lesage1.plus.com



Sunday 22 April

DRIVE IT DAY RUN

Organised by Steve Saunders & Liz Bollons. This year our Run for FBHVC Drive It Day heads from Birchgrove Garden Centre at Pinchbeck PE11 3XY via the **Lincolnshire Wolds** to the Water's Edge Visitor Centre at the south end of the Humber Bridge. Lunch will be at Caister Lakes en route (£5 deposit per person required). Full details are in the attached flyer. **AGAIN, LAST CALL FOR ENTRIES!**

Tuesday 24 April COMMITTEE MEETING Saracen's Head, 8pm

Tuesday 8 May

CLUBNIGHT BIRTHDAY RUN

Organised by Adrian & Caroline Cunnington and celebrating the Club's 10th birthday – our inaugural meeting was held at Whaplode Manor on 13th May 2008 – how time flies! We'll start in Spalding and tour around some local roads en route to a bite, subject to confirmation, at The Wishing Well at Dyke. Book a place by calling 01775 761520 or email seecc@btinternet.com. More later by email.



Tuesday 29 May

CLUBNIGHT NATTER

Informal gathering at the Mermaid, Surfleet from 7.30pm. If you wish to eat beforehand, please contact the pub in advance on 01775 680275.

Sunday 10 June

ANNUAL CLASSIC CAR RUN

This year the Run is based around Peterborough, heading from Sacrewell to Milton Park and Elton Hall. Don't forget to get your entry in ASAP to Barry Aistrup. If you don't have an entry form, please download one from the website or email aistrup@btinternet.com



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Chair's Chatter

Our March clubnight was an excellent talk given by Brian Page on 'classic car assessment', Unfortunately, I was unable to attend but I understand Brian gave a comprehensive summary of the kind of work he does assessing all kinds of vehicles around the country. The talk raised a truly fantastic £120 for the *Help for Heroes* charity. Thanks to Brian for giving up his time, to Neil & Pamela Williams for organising the evening and to everyone who attended and donated so generously.



Later in the month, we had another good gathering of members for our Sunday brunch at Benny's and some nice weather brought out several classics for their first appearances of the year. Again, thanks to our organiser David Chapman, to the staff at Benny's for some tasty breakfast fare and to all who came out to support the event.

For April, we again have two events for you to take part in. On Tuesday 10th, we will be driving across to The Woodhouse Arms at Corby Glen for our clubnight whilst, later in the month on Sunday 22nd, we will have our 2018 Drive It Day Run heading through the Lincolnshire Wolds to the Humber Bridge. Please book your places straight away if you wish to take part.

I hope to see you on at least one of these occasions and wish you some happy classic motoring for the forthcoming summer, including the various classic car shows which we will be attending. Details appear within this newsletter and those of us involved in organising the stands would appreciate it if you are able to let us know well in advance if you'd like to attend. Some of the shows, such as Bourne for example, require us to submit a club entry so, if you wish to support our stand, please ensure you book through the Club as detailed.

Finally, I apologise if you have been experiencing any problems with receipt of the Newsletter recently. We are aware of some issues for a few members but are at a bit of a loss to know exactly why. We have just re-checked our distribution lists so hopefully that may have ironed out any wrinkles. Please also ensure you have saved seeccc@btinternet.com in your email program's Contacts so we don't get diverted into junk mail and do get in touch with Joy (or me) if any problems recur. Many thanks.

Adrian Cunnington

Summer shows

SEECCC will be at the following shows over the summer. Please book now if you wish to join us.

Sat/Sun 16th/17th June: Holbeach Town & Country Fayre

Steve Sanders and Liz Bollons are representing the Club: contact Steve on 01406 424735 or email ssaunders@eemc.co.uk

Sunday 17th June: Bourne Classic Car Show

Extensive show on the Wellhead Field in the town centre. To join the SEECCC stand you *must* book through Joy Mann: call 01775 723856 or email jmann@eemc.co.uk

Sunday 1st July: Baston Car Show

There is a group attendance process in place at Baston, so if are able to attend as part of our stand, please ensure you book in with Adrian Cunnington on 01775 761520 or email seeccc@btinternet.com



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Saturday 14th July: Mid-Lincs Rover Classic Show, East Kirby

No need to pre-book for this event held on the East Kirby Airfield near Horncastle. Terry Carter is looking after our presence on the day. Further information from MLRC Rally Secretary David Jackson 07970 035550 or email enquiries@midlincsroverclub.co.uk

Sunday 12th August: Boston Classic Car Club Show, Kirton

Numbers are restricted at this event. Again please book through Joy Mann: call 01775 723856 or email jmann@eemc.co.uk

Saturday 1st September: Sleaford Classic Car & Motorcycle Show

Contacts are Alan Aistrup aaistrup32@gmail.com and Steve Saunders ssaunders@eemc.co.uk

April 10th clubnight pub run: menu

Woodhouse Arms: 2 Courses £15.45 or 3 Courses £18.95

STARTERS ■ Butternut Squash Soup ■ Skegness Blue Cheesecake, Red Onion & Balsamic Relish ■ Warm Ham Hock Terrine in Breadcrumbs, Curried Carrot Chutney ■ Hot Smoked Salmon Rillettes, Pickled Beetroot & Crème Fraiche

MAINS ■ Baked Chicken Carbonara with Linguine ■ Crispy Half Roasted Duck with Orange Jus, Lyonnaise Potatoes ■ Steak & Ale Pie, Chips & Garden Peas ■ Pan Fried Sea Bass, Steamed Pak Choi, Hoisin & Sesame Noodles ■ Jerk Sweet Potato & Black Bean Curry, Pineapple Salsa, Braised Rice & Peas

DESSERTS ■ Sticky Ginger Parkin, Honeycomb & Vanilla Custard ■ White Chocolate Crème Brulée, Apricot Flapjack ■ Dark Chocolate & Salted Caramel Delice, Clotted Cream ■ Cheese & Biscuits, Celery and Grapes

Book with Steve Le-Sage; please contact him on 07950 742372 by **Wednesday 4 April** latest.

Snippets

TULIPTIME PARADE AT MOULTON CHAPEL: SUNDAY 6 MAY

SECC have again been invited to display members' classic cars as part of the Moulton Chapel Tuliptime Parade held in the village on Bank Holiday Sunday, 6th May. Further details are in the flyer attached to your newsletter email (right) or on Facebook at *Moulton Chapel Tulip/Flower Parade*.

If you are able to assist, please contact Jenny Stanberry on 07793 782617 or mail@tulipland.co.uk



'LAZY DAY BY THE RIVER' FOR CHARITY

SECC members James and Liz Wherry have again kindly invited members to join them at their home for this event on Saturday 16th June.

James says: "Arrive in your classic from noon, bring a picnic, a comfy chair and the sun! 😊 Walk around our garden, chat to like-minded people and have a hot dog on us. Informal collection for The Sepsis Trust. It's all at Mill House, Stamford Road, Market Deeping, PE6 8AB. Call Liz or me on 01778 342343 or email thewherrys@hotmail.com"

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My Classic: Rover P6

BDO 332C was first registered on the 1st February 1965, in fact she has only just had her 53rd birthday. The car was first delivered to Ray Bettinson (my father in-law) at Fulney Service Station on Holbeach Road, Spalding.

On dry days the car would always stand in pride of place outside the garage for all customers to admire, as shown in the picture from the BP progression paper which was printed May 1965. Ray would only ever use the car at the weekends and for holidays (weather permitting). I was actually allowed to drive the car once when Ray asked if I could pick him up from the Worksop airfield. Before setting off, I was given a complete debrief on how to drive the car, including instruction to never go above 50 miles an hour!

In 1987, with only 45,000 miles on the clock, the car was laid up after having a generous coating of oil and grease to protect the underside, and a covering of blankets protecting the paintwork. In 1998, Ray announced that he would like me to have the car and transferred the log book into my name. I duly became only the second proud owner of BDO 332C.

The car lay idle until my daughter Joanne was due to be married in 2005, and asked if she could use it for her wedding, as Christine and I had done for our wedding. So BDO 332C was to be reborn. One very cold day in January 2005, my friend Keith (luckily he was an engineer) and I opened up the workshop door to uncover and hopefully start the Rover. After replacing the fuel and oil and fitting a new battery the key was turned for the first time in twenty years. At this point Ray entered the workshop and asked what we were doing. I told him that we were trying to start the Rover because Joanne his granddaughter had asked if she could use the car for her wedding. The smile on his face at this point was one of great satisfaction and pride. He took one look at us and said "well that will never start, first you will need to clean the carburettor, blow out the jets and replace the 'O' rings and gaskets". I said: "Where on earth would I get the parts required for that?" "In the stores over there" he answered with confidence. He would deal with the carb during the following week so Keith and I could return the following Sunday to start the car.

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CLASSIC CAR EVENTS

There are a number of local classic car events taking place across the summer. Here are some to look out for:

Blue Bell pre-1990 Classic Meets at the Blue Bell, Whaplode St Catherine, PE12 6SN.

First Wednesday of the month starting on Wednesday 2nd May. Runs until September. 5pm start.

Also new Blue Bell Breakfast Car & Bike Meet and Autojumble on Saturdays 12th May, 30th June, 21st July, 18th August & 29th September. Start at 8am. For information ring Richard 07860 689858

Willowbrook Classic Car Meeting, Stamford Road, Helpston, Peterborough, PE6 7EL

Second Wednesday of month, starting 11th April

Langrick Station Café, Main Rd, Langrick, Boston PE22 7AH

Every 3rd Sunday of the month – for breakfast. Meets next on 15th April

Fenland Wings & Wheels at the Airfield, Holbeach St Johns,

PE12 8RQ Sunday 1st July www.fenlandairfield.co.uk

King's Lynn & DMC 41st Annual Classic Rally King's Lynn >

Long Melford Sunday 8th July www.kingslynnmc.co.uk

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Nigel Mann 07850 749090



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The next weekend soon arrived. Anxiously, I returned to the garage to hopefully see my Rover running. After a lot of huffing and puffing and 24 volts spinning the engine over, the car finally burst into life. In the process, it nearly killed those of us who were trying to revive her. She threw out so much black smoke and fumes in the workshop, that we all had to run outside for some fresh air! But, after a couple of hours of altering this and tweaking that, she soon began to idle very nicely. At this point we called it a day and I returned the following weekend to drive it home to valet both inside and out thoroughly. My first job was to remove a very tasteful pair of leopard skin front seat covers! After a full weekend of cleaning and polishing, my Willow Green Rover 2000 began to resemble a car fit for a bride.

The Rover performed perfectly over the wedding weekend, admired by all family and friends. At this point, I decided that I would like to refurbish the car, not a full refurb but just to tidy up the rust bubbles that were starting to appear on the rear wings. I wanted to keep the car original, so as it looked as close as possible to the car back in 1965. That included keeping the original Radiomobile long and medium wave radio that was fitted to the car from new. Sadly, you can now only listen to Radio 4, something you begin to get used to when you are in the car for any length of time.

In 2006, a specialist rebuilt the engine, replacing big and small ends, pistons, polishing the head and hardening the exhaust valves to enable the engine to run on green fuel. The following year the car went into the paint shop to have a corner of the roof replaced as it had a problem with aluminium rust. Whilst it was there, I decided to have the four wings replaced including the rear inner wings plus the outer and inner sills and a respray in the original colour. The car came out of the paint shop after 3 months looking fantastic. Over the years many people have commented about the unusual colour and how much it suits the car. These comments encouraged me to take the car to local shows. On these outings the car would gain a lot of attention; there was always someone who would be very pleased to tell me that their father or grandfather owned a car just like mine. During 2017 I worked on the interior as 22 years of my father in law's cigar smoke had certainly paid its toll, bless him! I have dyed the leather seats and roof lining and lately fitted a new carpet which I am very pleased with. Now BDO322C is ready for its next show.



As a member of the Rover P6 Owners Club, in 2013 we took the car to the Rover 50th anniversary National show at Waddesdon Manor, where both Christine and I were extremely proud that the car came away with a first for the Rover 2000 class. In 2017, at the National show at Castle Howard in North Yorkshire, BDO 332C took the runners up prize for the Rover 2000 class; I was very pleased but slightly disappointed it didn't take the first prize. A little more polish and elbow grease needed perhaps? For anyone who is an Owners Club member and has not attended the National shows, I can highly recommend them. You meet so many great people who are always willing to offer help and advice if required. Our chairperson Deborah organises these shows brilliantly, makes everyone welcome and is always pleased to meet and greet new members.

Due to our success at Castle Howard, the Club invited me to take my car along to the Classic Car Show at the NEC in November 2017; what a great experience! I didn't realise that the show was so big and well attended; it plays such an important part of the classic car calendar. So many people visited our stand and made positive remarks about the car, particularly about its unusual colour! Having had so much interest at that event, I'm invited to display the car again at the NEC Classic Car Restoration Show. Apparently, the chairperson said she would like me to help on the stand again at the NEC, but I think the truth is she would really like to see BDO 332C there again! Better go now as I have a lot more polishing to get on with!

Steve Le-Sage

Got a classic story to tell? Please email it to seeccc@btinternet.com

2018 Club Calendar

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CELEBRATING 10 YEARS: 2008-2018

Month	Date Day	Event	Organiser	Venue
January	9 Tu	Clubnight quiz	J Baxter	Consti Club, Spalding
February	13 Tu	Clubnight: fish'n'chip night	N & J Mann	Market Deeping
March	13 Tu	Clubnight: talk	N & P Williams	Consti Club, Spalding
	25 Su	Brunch meet	D Chapman	Benny's, Long Sutton
April	10 Tu	Clubnight: pub meal	S Le-Sage	Spalding > Corby Glen
	22 Su	Drive It Day	S Saunders/L Bollons	Pinchbeck > Humber Br
May	8 Tu	Clubnight run	A Cunnington	Spalding > Dyke*
	20-23 Su-We	Spring Trip: Stratford upon Avon	J & T Overson	Ellington Hall Hotel
	29 Tu	Clubnight social	Committee	Mermaid, Surfleet
June	10 Su	SEEECC CLASSIC CAR RUN	B & E Aistrup	Sacrewell > Elton Hall
	12 Tu	Clubnight social: meal	N & P Williams	3 Horseshoes, Roydon
	16/17 Sa/Su	Holbeach Town & Country Fayre	S Saunders	Holbeach
	17 Su	Bourne Classic Car Show	J Mann	Bourne
	27 We	SEEECC/PhAB charity social	J Overson	Fenland Airfield
July	1 Su	Baston Show	A Cunnington	Baston
	10 Tu	Clubnight run	P & J Pollard	TBC
	14 Sa	Mid-Lincs Rover Classic Show	T Carter	East Kirkby
	24 Tu	Clubnight social	Committee	The Ship, Long Sutton
August	12 Su	Boston CCC Show	J Mann	Graves Park, Kirton
	14 Tu	Clubnight run	J & H Sidebottom	TBC
	27 Mo	Brunch meet & run	A & C Cunnington	TBC
September	1 Sa	Sleaford Show	A Aistrup	Sleaford
	11 Tu	Clubnight run	C & C Cornish	TBC
	15-21 Su-Fr	Autumn Trip: North Wales	B Patmore/AMCT	Tyn-Y-Coed Inn
October	9 Tu	Clubnight: talk or visit	A Cunnington	TBC
November	13 Tu	Clubnight: pub meal	S Le-Sage	TBC
December	4 Tu	AGM	Committee	TBC
	16 Su	Christmas lunch	J Mann	Toft House Hotel

*PROVISIONAL

CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE