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- Thanks to everyone who supported our [October events](#): the brunch at Benny's Diner; the noggin and natter at Tydd plus the excellent Burghley Spooky Tour.
- **Our next events:**
[Tuesday 3 November Clubnight Talk: Helen Craig, BA pilot](#) by kind invitation of South Lincs Jaguar Drivers Club (free drink on arrival!). Whaplode Manor, 7.45pm
[Tuesday 17 November Pub night, 7.30pm at the Victory, Clenchwarton](#) Please pre-order with Pamela Williams before 9 November. [See page 2 for full details](#)

FROM THE CHAIR

My first duty this month is a very sad one. We regrettably received the news last month that Robin Clarke from Holbeach, a frequent contributor to our summer show displays with his immaculate Porsche 944, had passed away after a period of ill health. Our thoughts are with his wife Gill, their family and friends. Robin's funeral was held on 22 October.

This month we have had three events; the brunch at Long Sutton was very well supported with 29 members coming to Benny's Diner for some excellent breakfast fare – thank you. Our clubnight was a low key noggin and natter at the Five Bells at Tydd St



Mary – thanks to Brian Patmore for making the arrangements – and finally, over 30 members ventured over to Stamford for an exhilarating and shocking (literally!) Spooky Tour as part of their Hallowe'en celebrations. Thanks again to all who came to enjoy the fun, especially the ladies who donned fancy dress for the occasion (left) and to Joy for making it all happen – and for sorting supper beforehand.

As I mentioned in the October newsletter, your Committee have been hard at work compiling a calendar of events for next year and, with just one or two details still to be confirmed, we hope to have a full calendar to share with you by this time next month. One date you can plan for: **Sunday 12 June 2016** will be our main annual classic car run, with Barry & Liz Aistrup at the helm.

For November, we have two events: both are not on our usual nights so I hope that doesn't prevent you from attending. On Tuesday 3rd November at Whaplode Manor we have been invited to the last meeting of the South Lincs Jaguar Drivers Club, which is sadly winding up, to hear Captain Helen Craig share her experiences as a British Airways pilot, all in aid of charity. And, on Tuesday 17th November, we have a pub night at The Victory at Clenchwarton, just over the border into Norfolk for us South Lincs Yellowbellies, where Neil & Pamela Williams have organised a meal. Please book your food choices with Pamela as soon as possible. That's all from me for now. **AC**

Your SEECC Committee:

Adrian Cunnington (Chair); Joy Mann (Secretary); Simon Leonard (Treasurer); Nigel Mann; Brian Patmore; Ian Pollard; Jean Pollard; Paul Pollard; Jenny Overson; Steve Saunders; Neil Williams

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

Warwick Banks of Allington

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 3 November

Talk by Capt. Helen Craig, British Airways pilot

at Whaplode Manor Hotel, Saracen's Head, PE12 8AZ. 7.45pm. Invitational event courtesy of South Lincs Jaguar Drivers Club: this is that club's final meeting. All welcome. In aid of Capt Craig's nominated charity.

Tuesday 17 November

Clubnight social

Meal at The Victory, Clenchwarton, PE34 4AQ arranged by Neil & Pamela Williams. Note the change of date to 3rd Tuesday. Full menu attached to the email delivering this

newsletter. Food choices to Pamela at wilhaven@lineone.net or 01553 841857 by 9th November please.

Tuesday 8 December

AGM at Whaplode Manor Hotel, 8pm

Sunday 13 December

Christmas Lunch

At Toft Hotel, near Bourne, PE10 0JT. Full menu also attached to your email. We are eating at 1.30pm and hope to organise a short run over to Toft beforehand. Bookings and choices to Joy Mann please on 01775 723856 or jmann@eemc.co.uk

MY CLASSIC: BRIAN PATMORE

Mercedes 230e 4 door sedan

We have revived our 'My Classic' feature in SEECC News because, as the Club has grown, we now have many more cars we could potentially include. If you'd like to send in a short article about your car, please email it – along with some pictures if possible – to seeccc@btinternet.com. Thanks. AC



I purchased this car new in London in August 1981 and at that time was employed by a company in Reading as an M&E consulting engineer. In January 1982, I was sent out to the United Arab Emirates to oversee the installation of four dockside cranes and associated equipment in Abu Dhabi. The contract would last two years so, as I would live there most of the time, I decided to ship the car out (with other equipment in a container) for my own use.

During this time in the Gulf, I used to have to visit other sites in Sharjah and Dubai twice a week which was a round trip of 300 kilometres each time. In July 1984 I returned to the UK and the car had recorded 87,000 miles. This was quite high as, on my days off, I'd quite often drive up into the mountains of Oman to enjoy the scenery. Cars generally do not last long in the Gulf states, due to heavy saline activity, so I had my car regularly steam-cleaned underneath.

On my return, I continued to use it daily in the UK until about 1992. After that, I only used it to tow a large caravan for holidays and to take part in Mercedes Club rallies, as I had a company car for my work.

The car now has nearly 380,000 miles recorded. In all that use, it has only let me down once when the battery died. The body has had just the front wings replaced, about 15 years ago, and some minor paintwork. To conclude, as the car cost me just short of £14000 in 1981, it owes me nothing and continues to serve me well during our summer time rallies.

Brian Patmore

AND FINALLY...

Did you know that only vehicles made *before 1 January 1973* may legally display traditional 'black and white' number plates, i.e. white, silver or grey characters on a black plate like this?

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