

# spalding classic car club and east elloe

## NEWSLETTER

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**What's On** [www.seeccc.co.uk/events](http://www.seeccc.co.uk/events)

### **Tuesday 11 September - CLUBNIGHT RUN**

Starting from the **Spalding Market Place** to the Ebrington Arms at Kirkby-on-Bain, near Coningsby, this is our last run of the season. Gather from 6.00 for 6.30/6.40pm departure. Organised by Charles & Celine Cornish. Email [charlescornish67@gmail.com](mailto:charlescornish67@gmail.com).

### **Sunday 16 – Friday 21 September - AUTUMN TRIP TO NORTH WALES**

Brian Patmore at AMCT has put together a very comprehensive programme for this trip based at the Tyn Y Coed Inn in North Wales. Bookings already secured. Contact Brian if you have any queries at [allmarquecartours@gmail.com](mailto:allmarquecartours@gmail.com)

### **Sunday 30 September – SUNDAY BRUNCH MEET**

At The Kitchen at Springfields, Spalding, 9.45am. Order on the day – please book with Adrian & Caroline Cunnington on 01775 761520 or email [seeccc@btinternet.com](mailto:seeccc@btinternet.com)

### **Tuesday 9 October - CLUBNIGHT TALK**

Save the date! A talk by Phil Treversh on his career on the railways: more details to follow. Keep an eye on the website too!

### **Friday 9 November – NEC CLASSIC SHOW VISIT – please see Snippets on p3**

### **Tuesday 13 November - CLUBNIGHT PUB MEAL**

Provisionally at Thatched Cottage, Sutterton. More information/menu next month.

## Chair's Chatter

August is a holiday month for many - me included – but we still managed to put on a couple of events and to support the Boston Classic Car Show organised each year by our neighbours Boston Classic Car Club. Sadly the weather intervened a little for the Show (see page 2) but we had a good run to the Fortescue Arms at Billingborough courtesy of John & Hilary Sidebottom a couple of days later on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and an encouraging turnout for the Scatter event on Bank Holiday Monday at the end of the  
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## Boston Classic Car Show 2018

The very mixed weather that greeted the Spalding Classic Car Club's annual outing to the Boston Club's show didn't dampen our enthusiasm at all. Having endured record temperatures and wall to wall sunshine over the previous few weeks, the weather forecast warned us of showers and heavy rainfall for Sunday's sortie to Kirton. Even searching the internet for a forecast that we approved of was fruitless, so cagoules and brollies were the order of the day.



Breaks in the showers allowed time to wander amongst the varied selection of classics on show, plus trips to the burger wagons and ice cream vendors to check out their wares whilst the judges inspected the vehicles entered in the competitions for cleanest and best presented.

Winner of the motorcycle category was our very own Alan Aistrup (pictured left with his trophy) who brought along his beautifully presented Honda 400/4, restored by his own fair hand over the last five years.

Congratulations, Alan, well deserved!

A new addition to our show team was Ian & Wendy Braban's Austin 3 litre, an attraction for our stand and refreshing rarity for the show in general. It certainly looked supremely comfortable and a roomy retreat against the weather, Ian!

John and Pauline Read risked the elements on the 100 mile round trip with their Lancia Flavia to add some Italian flair to the proceedings. Phil Treversh and John



Sidebottom upheld MGB's honour, with David Shepherd (left) adding to the BMC offerings in his gleaming Austin A40 Farina. Tom Webster's MG TD was our only soft top submission, with Jackie Aistrup bringing their concours standard VW Beetle 1500.

Adding some colour to the SEECCC's presentation was Julie Baxter's Mini and not forgetting dear old 'Vera', our A35 Countryman that was persuaded into service to tow 'Bobby' the camping trailer with all the club's gear. ('Vera' because of the registration number LYN and 'Bobby' because it bobs along behind Vera. Yes - quite sad isn't it?!!)

Thanks to all for mucking in and helping with gazebo assembly and trailer loading at the end of a very enjoyable and sociable day.

***Nigel Mann***

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## Chair's Chatter

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month. Thanks to everyone who has supported any of these events.

For September we are heading north a little for our final Tuesday evening run of the season where Charles & Celine Cornish have kindly organised supper at the Ebrington Arms in Kirkby on Bain, near Coningsby.

And we will be running another Sunday brunch meet on September 30<sup>th</sup> at The Kitchen at Springfields on the edge of Spalding. We can sort menu choices on the day – we just need to know if you are coming! Email and phone number are provided on page 1.

After that, we will sadly be moving into autumn and that means cars in their garages for many, although we will of course still be running at least one clubnight a month. Phil Treversh has offered a talk on his career on the railways for October. We are just trying to finalise a venue! **If you have any suggestions where we can meet please contact Joy on 01775 723856 as soon as possible.**

We hope to see you all again soon!

***Adrian Cunnington***

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## Snippets

### ■ NEC CLASSIC SHOW

We still have an opportunity to organise a trip to the NEC Classic Motor Show on 9<sup>th</sup> November if there is sufficient support from members. But we need more of you to come forward! If you'd be interested in such an outing, please let Joy Mann know **by 11 September**: see her at the next meeting, call 01775 723856 or email

[jmann@seeccc.co.uk](mailto:jmann@seeccc.co.uk). Cost is likely to be around £10-£15 for travel, depending on numbers. Show admission (tickets we can buy in bulk for Friday as a Club at a cheaper rate) would be £28.

### ■ CORBY GLEN SHEEP FAIR

The organiser of this event, John Gurney, has invited us to take our cars along to this event. It's on Sunday 7/10/18 10am to 4pm. Jenny Overson advises that it's not necessary to pre-book or stay for the whole day. Further info is available at [www.sheepfair.co.uk](http://www.sheepfair.co.uk) or from John on 01476 552136/ 07590 398931.

### ■ FUEL CONSULTATION: RESPONSES REQUIRED!

The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs is asking classic car owners to respond to Government consultation on the proposed introduction of increased levels of ethanol in petrol. Here's a note from their Research Director, Paul Chasney:

"The Department of Transport has issued a consultation document on the subject of introducing higher levels of ethanol in petrol. Many older vehicles are likely to suffer damage and possibly dangerous fuel leaks if the E10 grade of petrol is used without modification to their fuel systems.

"For the purposes of this consultation the Government is focusing on vehicles more than 25 years old. Whilst wishing to introduce the higher ethanol level E10 grade of fuel, the Government are guaranteeing a 'protection grade' of petrol at the E5 grade that is equivalent to the currently available 95 RON petrol. However this guarantee will only last until 2020 when further consultation will take place. It is likely that on the introduction of E10 at the 95 RON level, the currently available 'Super' grades with an octane level of 97 RON or higher, will cease to be available.

"If you wish to read the consultation document it can be found by following this link: [Department for Transport consultation](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/e10-petrol-consumer-protection-and-fuel-pump-labelling). It closes on 16 September 2018. The full web address is: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/e10-petrol-consumer-protection-and-fuel-pump-labelling>.

"Please encourage your friends and fellow Club members to respond. Thank you for supporting the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs."

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## 'Just for Fun' Scatter: Monday 27 August

Twenty members and friends turned out for this event held on August Bank Holiday, starting from Weston, courtesy of Baytree Garden Centre.

The objective on a Scatter is to visit a number of locations and find a clue at each one. On this occasion organiser Adrian Cunnington had placed bright green cards with a word on each one in 21 locations from Swineshead in the north west, down to Whaplode Fen in the south east and asked competitors to find 14 of them in 3 hours.

An interesting clue location was the Elloe wapentake stone on Spalding Gate, Moulton (about which participants were given a little historic summary at the finish – see p6.)

There were also two checkpoints to visit – they were open for just 20 minutes each so they needed planning into the route carefully and 4 of the clues were dished out at each checkpoint to create some interesting dilemmas on whether to double back to get the answers or not! And just for good measure, there were bonus points for solving an anagram of letters hidden in the verge just along the road from the start!

Time penalties kicked in if you were late at the finish to deter last minute dashes to solve an extra clue and to allow everyone to sit down for a nice lunch at the Supreme Inn at Bicker Bar at 2 pm.

Congratulations were in order for the just-for-the-day pair of Steve Saunders and Liz Lilley (190 points) who won the wine. Runners up were Nigel & Joy Mann (170) with Alan & Jackie Aistrup (160) third. Clive & Diane Chapman and Trevor & Jenny Overson shared fourth spot on 150 points.

Many thanks to everyone who took part. Maybe the Scatter will return in 2019? You decide! But perhaps not on a Bank Holiday again – the traffic was a bit heavy in places!

## Brunch meet

**Sunday 30 September**

**9.45 for 10am**

The Kitchen at Springfields

Camel Gate

Spalding

PE12 6ET



**Bookings please to  
Adrian & Caroline Cunnington by 25 Sept  
01775 761520 or email seeccc@btinternet.com  
ORDER ON THE DAY**



### THE ELLOE STONE ON SPALDING GATE, MOULTON

The presence of the Elloe stone at this location, its traditional name and historical affinities are attested in the eighteenth century by two pre-eminent local antiquaries, William Stukeley and Maurice Johnson of Spalding. **'Between these two parishes [sc. Moulton and Whaplode], in a green lane northwards, stands a little stone call'd Elhostone, whence the name of this hundred\* is deriv'd. [...]** Old men tell us, here was kept in antient times an annual Court, I suppose a convention sub dio of the adjacent parts, to treat of their general affairs.' (Stukeley 1724, 22) 'The High Sheriff of this county and the King's Escheators have in ancient times held there Courts of the Tourne, for pleas of the Crown, out of the jurisdiction of the Lords' leetes throughout the south parts of Holland, and taken their Inquis' post mortem upon commission of the tenures and lands of the King's tenants here. At a place called Elloe stone, in the old way from Spalding to Whaplode, where a cross stood in a Quadrivium, long

disused, demolished, and gone, but there was an ancient seat and family which formerly took thence their names. This place is in records written very variously, sometimes Elloffestone, as in the most ancient town terrier of Whaplode MS. in 6 Hen. VII., A.D. 1491, it is called Elloftston. The very turning to the left hand, up towards Whaplode from Moulton stocks, is still called Elloe-stone-lane. In a Moulton terrier MS., made by Mr. John Mason and his fellow-jurors in 1618, it is called Ellowestone.' (Johnson in minute books of Spalding Gentlemen's Society, 1747, vol. IV, p. 123). When the green lane in whose broad course the stone had stood fell subsequently victim to agricultural encroachment, it remained in situ within a 'garden' said to have lain 25 feet (7.5m) from the new road edge. Before 1889, but apparently later than 1850, the stone was moved into the adjacent roadside hedge, when the 'garden' in turn was engrossed into the surrounding field (Foster 1889a, 142). It was photographed in that position in September 1905 (photograph and MS annotation in a copy of Foster 1889b in Lincoln Cathedral Library, MOU.913/159). In 1911 the stone was remounted in a modern base on the same roadside spot (Davies 1914–15, 170) with the following inscription: The Elloe Stone. Erected in Anglo Saxon times to indicate the place of meeting of the Hundred of Elloe courts.

The Elloe Stone therefore belongs to a relatively small group of monuments nationally, of early medieval crosses which mark sites other than burials. By far the largest sub-group of these standing crosses are those which define boundaries. Those which marked the boundary of the territory of Crowland Abbey are nearby Lincolnshire examples (Crowland 2 and 3–7). The Elloe Stone could be seen as a member of this group as it sits on a parish and deanery boundary. But it seems that its more significant role, at least in documented times, was as the marker for a meeting place. Other *hundred* and *wapentake* names imply that their meeting place was marked by a cross, for example the wapentake of Walshcroft in Lindsey (Anderson 1934; Cameron 1992, 1): and other stone crosses either have a comparable function associated with them or warrant consideration in that light (e.g. the Cleulow Cross, Cheshire (Harris with Thacker 1987, 281, 291)). It seems, nevertheless, that the Elloe Stone is the only clear-cut surviving *in situ* example of such a marker dating from the Anglo-Saxon period.

**\*Hundred (county division)** – The term is still used in other places, including South Australia. Other terms for the hundred in English and other languages include wapentake (as used in Elloe), herred, herad, hérað, härad or hundare, Harde, Satakunta or kihlakunta, kihelkond and cantref. In Ireland, a subdivision of counties is referred to as a barony. The name hundred may be derived from the number 100, it may once have referred to an area liable to provide 100 men under arms and it was a traditional Germanic system described as early as AD98 by Tacitus. The term 'hundred' is first recorded in the laws of Edmund I as a measure of land and the area served by a hundred court. The Hundred Ordinance, which dates to the middle of the century, provides that the court is to meet monthly, the name of the hundred was normally that of its meeting-place. During Norman times, the hundred would pay geld based on the number of hides. To assess how much everyone had to pay, a clerk and a knight were sent by the king to each county, they sat with the shire-reeve, of the county, there would be two knights from each hundred. After it was determined what geld had to be paid, the bailiff and knights of the hundred were responsible for getting the money to the sheriff, above the hundred was the shire, under the control of a sheriff. Hundred boundaries were independent of both parish and county boundaries, although often aligned, meaning that a hundred could be split between counties, or a parish could be split between hundreds.