

spalding classic car club

and east elloe

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NEWSLETTER

What's ^{not} On

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Saturday 9 May – CLASSIC TEAM LUNCH **CANCELLED** (if it was organised by Peter Limming. Details have gone direct to those members attending.

Tuesday 12 May – CLUBNIGHT RUN / PUB MEAL

Organised by Charles & Celine Cornish. The plan is to leave Spalding Market Place by 6:30, so meet up from 6:00 pm. Run heading to The Plough at North Kyme, nr Sleaford, (A410) until 10 pm. **POSTPONED** Tuesday 5th May by email to charlescornish67@gmail.com or telephone 01775 840300. The pub can accommodate any food allergies/intolerances but they will need to know beforehand, contact them on 01526 861400 Quote: Spalding Classic Car run of 12 May.

Due to lockdown, June events all on hold at the time of writing but please check the website periodically for news.

CHAIR-MANN'S CHATTER

Joy Mann jmann@seeccc.co.uk



I'm afraid I must tell you there are three of us in this marriage... me, Nigel and Wayne "Unbelievable" Carini! Nigel's WC fetish has developed over lockdown and I am really concerned. Mind you, he could be into The Great British Sewing Bee; then I'd be *really* worried! (The petrol-heads among us will recognise WC as the rather irritating (IMHO) American TV personality(?) and his "Chasing Classic Cars" show).

I hope the last few weeks have been bearable and you are all fit and well. We have quite taken to this new type of existence, but I realise it must be difficult for many. To add to this, our SEECCC "adventures" are all on hold for the time being until we receive instructions from the powers that be allowing us to take to the roads again. Keep an eye on the website for any developments.

I would like to thank all those who have kindly contributed to the newsletter, please keep your ideas coming. Please email Adrian, our Editor, at acunnington@seeccc.co.uk

I must also thank those who have been in touch about the Make & Model Teasers – glad to hear you have enjoyed the "challenge". The answers to last month's selection are in this newsletter. The challenge will hot up in the June edition as we will be offering a prize for the winner. Watch this space!

Hopefully, we will also have more news about our forthcoming events and on that note I must also acknowledge all the people who had already started organising the May and June calendar for us. We are very grateful.

Finally, rather ironically, the well-regarded national journal, Practical Classics, kindly gave us some coverage.....see the snippet below. When I spoke to the journalist several weeks ago we were chatting quite optimistically about the forthcoming SEECCC calendar. If only...

Look after yourselves, hopefully we'll be able to catch up again soon,

Joy



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SNIPPETS

PRACTICAL CLASSICS



Spalding and East Elloe Classic Car Club
Second Tuesday of the month

Joy Mann is chairman of the Spalding and East Elloe Classic Car Club that was set up in May 2008 as an offshoot of the more motorsport focused East Elloe Motor Club. She told us: 'We meet on the second Tuesday of the month when not in lockdown, plus on the fourth Tuesday in season; the location differs from one meet to the next to. Everybody is very welcome.'

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TECHNICAL INSIGHT: TOOLS EXPLAINED by Allan Beesley

ANGLE GRINDER : A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

PLIERS : Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

BELT SANDER : An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing.

HACKSAW : One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle... it transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

MOLE-GRIPS : Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

OXY-ACETYLENE TORCH : Used almost entirely for setting on fire various flammable objects in your 'shop.

But also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub you want to remove a bearing race from...

TABLE SAW : A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wooden projectiles for testing integrity of the workshop wall.

HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK : Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST : A tool for testing the tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER : Used a lot for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and simultaneously splashing oil on your shirt. Can also be employed, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER : A tool for opening paint. Also used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws while butchering your palms.

PRY BAR : A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50p part.

HOSE CUTTER : A tool used to make hoses too short.

HAMMER : Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent to the object we are trying to hit.

STANLEY KNIFE : Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Also for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

ADJUSTABLE SPANNER: aka "Another hammer", aka "the Swedish Nut Lathe", aka "Crescent Wrench". Used as a one-size-fits-all wrench, often to round off nut heads before the use of pliers. Will randomly adjust size between bolts, resulting in busted knuckles, curse words, and multiple threats to inanimate objects.

B***D TOOL** : Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage in frustration while yelling 'b*****d' at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need...

AND FINALLY...

from John Read

Doctor: 'Congratulations on the birth of your son!
And what are you going to name him?'

Mr & Mrs Singh: 'Soshal Distan'...





APRIL CAPTION COMPETITION

Thanks for your various entries... The winner? You choose!

'I wish I'd gone earlier'

'I'll swap you this fork 'n' sausage for that car you're selling'

The latest Calais refugees were quite disrespectful

'Oh, for goodness sake, Derek, I said "Thumbs up!"...'

NAVAL HUMOUR from TC

Paddy rushes into the bar:

"Murphy, two blokes have just driven off in your car, and I think they have stolen it."

Murphy: "Did you get their description, and see which way they went?"

Paddy: "No - but I got the registration number..."

FOR SALE

What must surely be one of the best and well maintained E39 BMWs.

Having a full BMW service history by Sandal BMW in Wakefield, including all brake fluid and coolant changes exactly as required, it is in superb, immaculate order throughout.

It is a 520i SE Auto in Titanium Silver from 2001 with 57k miles and only two private owners. Plus, of course, it has the gorgeously smooth six cylinder engine complete with air con and all SE extras.

So, is this an exceptional everyday car or a classic in the making?

£5950

Nigel Mann

07850 749090

Social distancing respected of course.



Intimate knowledge by Neil Jervis

Sue and I have always liked classic cars and thanks to our nomadic lifestyle we have been lucky to see them at many iconic venues across Europe; race tracks, mountain passes, rallies and exhibitions. A decade or so ago we decided that it would be fun to own a classic car, but at that time we lived in the Alps and had no garage so we put our dream on ice, literally. (It is hard to consider a classic soft top when it is minus 15 degrees outside and there is 7 feet of snow in the garden).

Our shortlist included an MGB, an Austin Healey, an E-type, a TR6 and even a Ferret Armoured Car; however, we struggled to agree what was best. I liked the E-type, but Sue was not so keen, Sue liked the big Healeys, but my legs were too long. We even got as far as sitting in a nice MG at the dealers but my heart was not there because I had fallen for the SS100 Jaguar. Although reality said that I was never going to afford one, I searched the internet and I discovered Suffolk Sports cars who make a replica kit using parts from an XJ6. Some homework and phone calls later I was assured that I would be able to build a car for £40K, but for that I could have the Ferret and an MG.

We visited the UK late one November, principally to attend Sue's PhD graduation ceremony in Bristol. On the way back we detoured via Ipswich and visited Suffolk Sports Cars. The car was beautiful and they had one in the workshop which matched Sue's graduation robes from the day before. Was this fate?

After much thought we went ahead with the project and early the next year we placed our order. The kit would be delivered in 3 or 4 stages to our home in Belgium with enough to build a rolling chassis being delivered first. Over the next month or two, I got the garage ready. I bought two torque wrenches from Halfords, a set of UNF spanners from Draper and sold my Triumph Trophy motorcycle to make room in the garage. Our biggest challenge was to find an



engine crane; this was difficult because nobody knew what they were called in French, even my native French speaking friends! Eventually, we discovered the direct translation was "climbing goat" or "lifting giraffe"! But even that did not help because the only tool hire shop with one was 60 miles away and the daily charge meant it was cheaper to buy one when we returned home.

All was set, the garage clear, tools ready and manuals read. Finally on the first of April (!) a van arrived and unloaded a chassis, engine, gearbox, back axle and lots of components in cardboard boxes. Now all I had to do was work out what each bit was and how I was going to put them together...

Next time: Building the beast

'MAGNIFICENT MEN' AEROPLANE QUIZ: take 2

by Patrick Limming



Sorry folks. Patrick didn't want us to say what they were – he just wanted us to identify which planes were real and which ones were models.

For a closer view use the zoom control on your screen (lower right on Word). So answers next month now...

MAKES & MODEL TEASERS

Last month's answers

Roundheads and [Cavaliers](#)

[Victor](#) Hugo

John Steed and Emma [Peel](#) were

[Avengers](#)

H. M. Queen Elizabeth is one [Sovereign](#)

Signs of the [Zodiac](#)

Afternoon mathematician [Riley](#)

(as in [Rachel Riley](#) on [Countdown](#))

Golf club [Driver](#)

[Cherry](#) blossom

Avoid [Dodge](#)

[Sunny](#) side up

Sounds arachnid [Spyder](#)

Expensive "girlfriend" [Escort](#)

Less important [Minor](#)

Select group [Elite](#)

Caught in the [Crossfire](#)

Small & mischievous [Imp](#)

Small & mischievous [Elf](#)

Small & mischievous [Sprite](#)

George Town [Cayman](#) ([Islands](#))

A few more make and model teasers for May.....

Mr. Powers	
Boris' ex	
Sounds like rocker Suzi	
Samsung's chocolate phone	
Rod's ex, Rachel	
Pharmaceutical giant, Zeneca	
Minnie the	
Kinky, fast girl	
Tierra del	
Fancy a chukka?	
Donald's hydroplane	
Frothy coffee	
Mr. Meldrew	
Sounds like an older woman seeking much younger man	
Bossa	
Christmas angels	
At a brisk speed (in music)	
Spanish painter	
£25	
Brother to Barry, Andy and Maurice	

from Joy & Nigel Mann; answers next month

1	26 = L of the A	
2	100 = P in a P	
3	7 = W of the W	
4	39 = B in the OT	
5	4 = S of the Y	
6	13 = BD	
7	54 = C in a D (with J's)	
8	366 = D in a LY	
9	12 = S of the Z	
10	9 = P in the SS	
11	240 = OP in a P	
12	20 = FO in a P	
13	13 = S on the AF	
14	1953 = CY	
15	32 = DF at which WF	
16	18 = H on a GC	
17	1215 = D of the MC	
18	90 = D in a RA	
19	8 = W of H the E	
20	200 = P for PG in M	
21	454 = G to a P	
22	7 = S of a FPP	
23	3 = BM (SHTR)	
24	180 = MTDS	
25	4 = Q in a G	
26	18 = VA	
27	3 = F in a Y	
28	24 = H in a D	
29	640 = A in a SM	
30	12 = D of C	
31	4 = F on the H	
32	24 = H from T	
33	57 = HV	
34	11 = P in a FT	
35	2001 = a SO	
36	29 = D in F in a LY	
37	64 = S on a DB	
38	88 = TFL	
39	40 = D and N of the GF	
40	1066 = B of H	
41	76 = T in the BP	
42	2 = W in a F	
43	3 = S of a T	
44	7 = B for SB	
45	7 = C of the W	
46	24 = B (B in a P)	
47	1001 = AN	
48	9 = L of a C	
49	20000 = L under the S	
50	21 = K of the D	