

spalding classic car club

and east elloe

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NEWSLETTER

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 10 April TRIP TO THE GREAT BRITISH CAR JOURNEY MUSEUM

Tuesday 13 April NO TUESDAY CLUBNIGHT THIS MONTH

Sunday 24 April DRIVE IT DAY – our annual DiD run will start 2022's classic car proceedings, this year heading from Long Sutton to Flixton in Suffolk - see page 3 for full details. Drive It Day plates in aid of the NSPCC available at <https://www.driveitday.co.uk/shop>. To book your place, contact Steve & Liz on 01406 424735 or email ssaunders12@btinternet.com

Sunday 1 May BAYTREE MONTHLY MEET - arrive at Weston, PE12 6JU from 10am

Sunday 8 May LAZY DAY BY THE RIVER at MARKET DEEPING

Liz and I hope you will be able to join us for another Lazy Day this year. We're running the day to our usual format – come in your classic car, bring your own picnic, a comfy chair and a sunny day. Wander around our garden, have a hot-dog on us, and support **The Sepsis Trust**. Arrive any time after midday to suit you at Mill House, Market Deeping, PE6 8AB. Please book ahead if you can join us – call 01778 342343 or email thewherry@hotmail.com. We hope to see you on the day! *James Wherry*

Tuesday 10 May TUESDAY CLUBNIGHT RUN

Charles & Celine Cornish's run will start in Spalding and head to The Wheatsheaf at Hubbert's Bridge. Meet in Spalding Market Place from 6pm for departure between 6.30 & 6.45. Contact charlescornish67@gmail.com or call 01775840300 / 07946361942 to confirm attendance and menu choices. **Menu is on page 4. Please book by 1 May.**

Sunday 29 May THE TRUNDLE: FINDING THE FENS

Steve Le Sage is the man behind this event starting at Gedney Hill Golf Club at 10.30 and heading through the fenland areas including Denver and Welney to finish at Outwell. Lunch at The Crown Lodge is on offer at the end of the run. **See the PDF attached to your email for full details & menu information; please book by 15 May.**



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Chair-Mann's CHATTER

Joy Mann jmann@seeccc.co.uk

Hello everyone!

April promises to be a busy month and we hope you are all raring to escape and take to the roads in your trusty classics. I can't organise the weather, I'm afraid, but we'll remain optimistic!



You'll notice I've had a bit of a face-lift; the new pic is me as one of the runners-up to Miss Post Office Telecoms in 1978, sporting a very trendy Purdey haircut!! Joanna Lumley would be proud. I bet you've all been eagerly awaiting the answer to last month's conundrum. No? Sorry, I forget that most people have a life and more important issues to mull over.

I was a little cheeky with the statements I made, particularly the theft of a fire engine, as Nigel didn't actually steal the fire engine, he simply snaffled the 4s 11d from his dad's loose change to buy the Simon Snorkel he'd been hankering after.

So, only one statement was true, I did indeed dance with Lionel Blair! But that's another story.....!! Talking of stepping back in time, a mini committee has been formed to pull together all the ideas and plans for our party to celebrate **East Elloe Motor Club's 50 years**. Hog roast, live music and a chance to catch up. Don't forget to save the date, **Sunday, July 10th**. Tickets will soon go on sale, just £5 per head for current and old members, or perhaps I should say ex-members! Please spread the word. This Sunday, April 10th, we're heading into Derbyshire for "The Great British Car Journey" visit, kindly organised by Jenny and Trevor Overson. Don't forget to get your names down for Steve Saunders and Liz Bollons' Drive-it-Day run on the 24th. Further details in this newsletter.

As you know, I'm always nagging folk to book early as it's often impossible for organisers to get tickets at the last minute. Two ticketed events that need booking now are Jenny's Jazz Picnic on August 21st and Jean and Paul Pollard's evening at Toilethorpe for a bit of Agatha Christie on July 19th. So, don't delay or I'm afraid you could miss out completely.

Email Jenny - jenniferoverson@tiscali.co.uk

Jean - jean_and_paul@hotmail.co.uk

Finally, I'm chuffed to report March events went ahead as planned with a reasonable gathering on our first Sunday morning meet at Baytree. The Colin Young talk on the 8th was a huge success and raised £200 for the Ukraine DEC appeal. The Lotus trip on the 12th was well received and we managed a very slick AGM (with very few changes to report) and a convivial catch up with buffet on the 29th. Thanks to all those involved in pulling these events together and Jean Treversh for fab sausage rolls!!

I look forward to seeing you again soon.

Joy

DRIVE IT DAY 2022

Sunday 24th April 2022 – Approx. 90 miles start approx. 10:30 am.

Start: Benny's Diner, A17/A1101 junction, Long Sutton, PE12 9AG

To book, contact Steve & Liz on 01406 424735 or email ssaunders@seeccc.co.uk



This run, originally scheduled for DID2020, will take us east into Norfolk and Suffolk with a distinct aviation theme, but with a bit of Gin & Whisky thrown in!

In a break from tradition, there will NOT be any formal stops on the route. However, there are places that you can stop and enjoy a Sunday lunch or picnic if you want. If you want a formal lunch stop, we recommend that you pre-book with one of the venues listed below (approx. 2 hours after the start). Please make your own arrangements. Or you might choose a 'full English' before starting from Benny's, and you probably won't need to eat for the rest of the day!

Food options for 2022 run:

- ❶ Benny's Diner <https://www.bennysdiner.uk/> 01406 364950 (no booking reqd – open from 7am)
The Angel at Larling <https://www.angel-larling.co.uk/> 01953 717963
- ❷ St George's Distillery <https://oakvilladistillery.com/> 01953 665065
The Old Ram at Tivetshall St. Mary <https://www.theoldramnorfolk.co.uk/> 01379 676794
- ❸ 100th Bomb Grp Museum <https://www.100bgmus.org.uk/> 01379 740708 (tearoom & picnics only)
- ❹ Norfolk & Suffolk Aviation Museum <https://www.aviationmuseum.net/> 01986 896644 (NAAFI tearoom)



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SNIPPETS



Uffington Scarecrow Festival
Discoveries and Inventions

Bank Holiday fun
1st and 2nd May
11am - 4pm

Parking Greatford Road
PE94SY
£5 per car. £2.50 (no car)
including quiz sheets, map and
programme.

Scarecrow trail
and quiz
Classic cars and
motorbikes
Historic flypast
Farm machinery
Alpacas
Caricaturist
Dog Show
Crafts and Cakes
Traditional Games
White elephant
Plants
BBQ
Refreshments
Tombola
Train rides
Model railway
Face painting
Bouncy castle

All proceeds to village causes.
scarecrows@uffington.org
www.uffington.org

As advertised on
RUTLAND & STAMFORD
SOUND

► NEW MEMBER

Welcome to new member **Dan Faulkner** of Gosberton Clough.

► BOURNE MOTOR RACING CLUB

BMRC's monthly Club night at the Bourne Corn Exchange is on **Thursday 14th April**, when the speaker will be former BBC frontman and motorsport enthusiast, **Steve Rider**. 7.30 for 8pm. All welcome. Entry charge for non-members.

► KING'S LYNN 44th ANNUAL CHARITY CLASSIC RUN

Details are now available for the King's Lynn & District Motor Club's Annual Classic Car Run on **Sunday 26th June**, being run in aid of the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service. The event runs from East Winch to Gressenhall, near Dereham. A copy of the regulations and an entry form are attached to your email delivering this newsletter or you can download more at www.kingslynndmc.co.uk

MENU FOR CLUBNIGHT ON 10 MAY

Any two burgers for £13. Served with chips and onion rings. Choose from:

- Beef burger with bacon & cheese.
- Pork & apple burger with bacon, onion chutney & stilton.
- Mushroom & stilton topped beef burger.
- Breaded parmesan chicken with lettuce & garlic mayo.

Alternatively:

- Broccoli & stilton soup £4.95
- Breaded prawns with sweet chilli sauce £4.95
- Slow cooked beef in Guinness gravy, mash & veg. £11.95
- Chicken Penang curry with rice and naan bread £11.95
- Lemon & mascarpone cheesecake £5.95
- Sticky toffee pudding £5.95

Contact
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01775 840300 / 07946 361942
to confirm
attendance and
menu choices

CLASSIC TEAM LOTUS VISIT: THIRD TIME LUCKY...

After two aborted attempts last year, a motley crew of 18 SEECCC members finally made it to **Classic Team Lotus**, for a tour of their workshops on Saturday 12th March.



TAKING ON SUSTENANCE BEFORE THE TOUR!

We all met up at the 'Bird in Hand', just down the road from CTL, in Wrenningham. The pub is a Mecca for Lotus enthusiasts in its own right, with loads of Lotus memorabilia that has been collected over the years.

There was a certain amount of trepidation on arrival, as it transpired their chef had walked out the previous week, and this was his replacement's first day.

We need not have feared, as we were treated to an excellent meal, with no complaints, although I believe Nigel was a little disappointed his piece of fish only measured about a foot in length!



THE AUTHOR ARRIVES....

Fully replete, we ventured the short distance to Potash Lane, Hethel, where CTL are located.

A couple of years ago they moved from their original premises, in a ramshackle collection of old sheds, to a brand new, purpose-built building, and very smart it looks too!

We were greeted by our host for the tour, Richard Parramint, whose combination of knowledge and humour made for an interesting and light-hearted afternoon's entertainment. The tour started with a presentation, where Richard explained how his passion for Lotus started and the positions he had held within the organisation, from production line worker

through to his current position of tour guide-cum-stand-up comedian. One of the reasons I wanted to visit in the 'off season' was in the hope that most of the cars would be 'at home' and not away competing at some historic meeting or other, and as the 'tour proper' started we were not disappointed. In the ground-floor workshops, we were treated to examples of Types 16, 18, 47, 72 and others I can't even remember the type numbers of!

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TYPE 18, LOTUS' FIRST GRAND PRIX WINNER



HILL'S TYPE 49 OF 1968

As we moved up to the mezzanine level, we were met by examples of just about every significant Lotus single-seater, from the delicate little Lotus 12 which started the dynasty through to the 99T, complete with active suspension and Honda turbo power.

There was also an eclectic selection of two-seaters, and even the once maligned Type 30 now seems to have garnered a bit of affection!



WITH APOLOGIES TO ALL CONCERNED, THE TYPE 25 IS STILL THE BEST-LOOKING THING IN THIS PHOTO!

Richard was able to recount the histories of every car, including championship winners for Jim Clark, Graham Hill and Emerson Fittipaldi. For me, seeing Graham's Type 49 was particularly poignant, as that was the car I sat in at the Lotus Open Day in 1968; I still have the photograph!

All too soon two and a half hours had slipped by and it was time to let Richard enjoy what was left of his Saturday. My only regrets from the day were that we were not allowed to take our favourite car home with us (the Type 25, thank you!) and that my pocket money didn't run to one of the superb large-scale models in the gift shop, even though they were only a few hundred pounds each... Is that right Richard?...

I hope everyone thought the tour was worth the wait, it certainly seemed like it from the reaction on the day, and our thanks must go to Richard for making our day so memorable.

Patrick Limming

Month	Day/Date	Event	Organiser	Venue
Feb	Tu 8	Clubnight Quiz	T & K Davies	✓
	Tu 22	Fish & Chip Supper	N & J Mann	✓
Mar	Su 6	Sunday Morning Monthly Meet	Committee	✓
	Tu 8	Clubnight talk by Colin Young, Auctioneer	N & J Mann	✓
	Sa 12	Classic Team Lotus Visit	P Limming	✓
	Tu 29	Annual General Meeting	Committee	✓
Apr	Su 3	Sunday Morning Monthly Meet	Committee	Baytree, Weston
	Su 10	Visit to Great British Car Journey	T & J Overson	Belper, Derbyshire
	Su 24	Drive it Day Run	S Saunders/L Bollons	Benny's, L/Sutton
May	Su 1	Sunday Morning Monthly Meet	Committee	Baytree, Weston
	Su 8	Lazy Day by the River	J Wherry	Market Deeping
	Tu 10	Clubnight Run	C & C Cornish	Spalding > Hubberts Br
	Su 29	The Trundle: Finding the Fens	S LeSage	Gedney Hill > Upwell
Jun	W 1	SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE!!		
	Su 5	Sunday Morning Monthly Meet	Committee	Baytree, Weston
	Su 12	SEEECC ANNUAL RUN	A & J Aistrup	Boston > Tattershall
	Su 26	King's Lynn 44 th Annual Classic Car Run	KLDMC	E Winch > Gressenhall
Jul	Su 3	Sunday Morning Monthly Meet	Committee	Baytree, Weston
	Su 10	CLUB'S 50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS	COMMITTEE	WESTON
	Tu 19	Agatha Christie: <i>The Spider's Web</i>	J & P Pollard	Tolethorpe Hall
	Su 24	Holbeach Classic & Modified Car Show	N & J Mann	Holbeach!
Aug	Su 7	Sunday Morning Monthly Meet	Committee	Baytree, Weston
	Tu 9	Clubnight Run	A & C Cunnington	TBA
	Su 14	Boston Classic Car Show	N & J Mann	Hubbert's Bridge
	Su 21	West Acre Jazz Picnic	T & J Overson	West Acre, Norfolk
	Tu 23	Clubnight	<i>Organiser required!</i>	
Sep	Sa 3	Sleaford Show	A Aistrup	Sleaford
	Su 4	Sunday Morning Monthly Meet	Committee	Baytree, Weston
	Sa 10	Railway Shed Tour & Holt Shopping	N & P Williams	North Norfolk
	Su25-W28	Autumn Trip	T & J Overson	County Durham
Oct	Tu 11	Talk: David Hyatt, Classic Hangar	S LeSage	TBA
	Su 23	Run to Sunday Lunch	P & J Treversh	TBA
Nov	Tu 15	Clubnight talk: Holt Myers on Leverton's	P Limming	TBA
	Su 27	Sunday Brunch Meet	A & C Cunnington	TBA
Dec	Su 11	Christmas Lunch	N & J Mann	Chequers, Weston

SAVE THE DATE...

1972- 2022

EEMC IS 50!

Join us to celebrate 50 years of
East Elloe Motor Club (our parent club)

Sunday 10 July at St Lambert's, Weston

2 - 5pm

HOG ROAST, BAR, JAZZ BAND, CARS/BIKES

1970s CLASSIC CAR FEATURE

and much more

£5 for current or former EEMC/SECC members; £15 for guests

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON

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Entries to seccc@btinternet.com by 28 April please.

THE TRUNDLE

Just a reminder to **download the PDFs** with your newsletter email which include full details of our 'Finding the Fens' Trundle on 29 May.

