

No 189 - March 2024

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 3 March

SUNDAY MORNING CLUB MEET-UP

Baytree Garden Centre, Weston, PE12 6JU – from 10am

Meet for breakfast (optional), coffee and chat. Classic cars very welcome but not essential. Just turn up; no requirement to book.

Wednesday 13 March

MIDWEEK LUNCH AT 'THE THATCH'

Thatched Cottage, Pools Lane, Sutterton, PE20 2EZ – 12.00 for 12.30 pm

Trevor & Jenny Overson are organising - contact jenniferoverson@tiscali.co.uk

Tuesday 26 March

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tigers' Club, Park Road, Holbeach, PE12 7EE – 7 for 7.30 pm start

See agenda on page 5.

Sunday 7 April

SUNDAY BRUNCH MEET-UP

Westwood Lakes, Wyberton, Boston, PE21 7JA – from 10am

We have a venue change as Waterside remains closed following severe flooding. Meet at **Fisherman's Rest Café** at **Westwood** from 10. No pre-order required, but please book places with Steve Saunders ssaunders12@btinternet.com. Preview the menu at: <https://www.westwoodlakes.co.uk/fishermans-rest-cafe/>

Wednesday 17 April

CLUB VISIT: LOTUS FACTORY

Hethel, Norfolk

Sunday 21 April

SECC 'DRIVE IT DAY' RUN

The Ivy's Farm Shop, Swineshead, PE20 3NG – from 9 for 10.30 am start

ENTRIES NOW BEING TAKEN See page 6 for full information.



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Chair Mann's CHATTER

Joy Mann Chair jmann@seeccc.co.uk ☎ 01775 723856

Hello Everyone!

I can hardly believe what's happened! Nigel has become a bit of an old romantic! Hard to imagine, I know, but I've had him for 24 years and this Valentines' Day was a bit of a shocker!

Perhaps, an ounce of sarcasm, but what the Hell, he grabbed his purse and whisked me off for lunch! Quaint little café, like stepping back in time.....with Lincolnshire sausages, chips and peas for £5.95 and traditional trifle topped with hundreds and thousands and squirty cream, you know the one, where you have to be slick otherwise it disappears.

We asked if it would be possible to close the front door as it opened on to the A158 and the noise of the juggernauts thundering by, about 8 feet away, wasn't really conducive to a romantic tete a tete. I had to put my coat, scarf and gloves back on as the cook said she was too hot in the kitchen!

On Thursday, he had another go at wining and dining me... this time we headed towards Peterborough and sampled the delights of a pub that had been recommended. Now, other people's interpretations can vary, so we went with an open mind... Wrong!

What's happened to proper pubs where you could choose either the lounge or the bar? Now, you're thrust

into the midst of the general public, some of whom can't even speak without effing and jeffing. Thank goodness the days of being served food on old roof tiles or skirting board have gone but I think they must have lobbed out the dessert forks too!

Sadly, it's quite apparent the customer is no longer King. Yes, I know diners can be demanding and sometimes quite unreasonable (I was a restaurateur in a former life) but, on another occasion, having waited nearly an hour and a half for a main course and then to be told "Well, it is Chinese New Year you know!" is hugely disappointing.

It's Valentine's Day!" he said. "Fancy trying something from the Kama Sutra?"
"Great!" she replied.
"I'll have a Chicken Biryani!"



I'm not prissy (some may argue) and I've happily dined *al fresco* in the Maasai Mara where monkeys nicked food straight off your plate, I love KFC and I'd eat leftover pork pie and trifle for breakfast; I don't care. But - the days of customer service are dwindling and that is very sad to see. And another thing... I've been overcharged in Morrisons three times since Christmas and I've now learnt you have to check your bill before you leave the store. No hint of an apology, I guess it's a regular occurrence. Even good old M&S won't allow you a saucer with your solitary cup... and that's often chipped! Me, bovered? YES!

Before everyone concludes I'm vying for Egon Ronay's old job, rest assured I'm happy criticising from afar. But I have already booked Mr. Mann's birthday lunch and we'll most definitely be Stamford-bound.

Looking forward to seeing everyone out and about soon,

'Bye for now,

Joy

PS The more metallic members of our household like to dine on 'Ultimate' and 'V-Power'...

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EVENT RECAPS AND REMINDERS

There's loads coming up for members to enjoy so I've put together a quick reminder piece for you all to get a better flavour of what's going on...

First, thanks to all those who supported our recent quiz in aid of PHAB. We had an entertaining evening, a bit of a giggle and great feedback. Top prize went to the team of Adrian & Caroline Cunnington and Duncan & Marian Russell who'd travelled over from deepest Norfolk. More prizes disappeared over the county border when a very close 2nd place was scooped by Team Haylock & Co! Well done, everyone!

To Stuart & Sue Gibbard, I offer my heartfelt appreciation for their very thoughtful gift – full details of how to find my own 'KING DICK' tool set and cabinet! I'm over the moon!

Thanks also to all those who've already bagged their places for our forthcoming events. We have a great calendar lined up and it really helps the organisers if you book early!

Sunday, March 3rd – Come and join us at Baytree, from 10.00 am for a relaxed Sunday morning catch-up. Whether you fancy a Full English or a mug of coffee you'd be most welcome. No need to book, just turn up.

Wednesday, March 13th – sees us heading back to The Thatched Cottage in Sutterton for one of their fabulous value lunches. Jenny and Trev Overson are hosting this event and need your food orders asap please. We'll look forward to catching up with you there! Full details below.....email jenniferoverson@tiscali.co.uk

Tuesday, March 26th – the Club's AGM at The Tigers' Bar in Holbeach. All welcome. Arrive from 7.00 pm to start at 7.30 pm. If you have any thoughts or comments, or you're interested in joining the committee but not able to make the meeting, please let Adrian C know at seeccc@btinternet.com. More elsewhere in this newsletter.

Sunday, April 7th – We're returning to Westwood Lakes in Wyberton for this Sunday morning courtesy of Steve Saunders and Liz Bollons. We can choose from the menu on the day but do let Steve and Liz know you wish to be included by emailing ssaunders12@btinternet.com

Wednesday, April 17th – Club visit to Lotus in Hethel for a Factory Tour kindly organised by Patrick Limming. The response to this has been fantastic and we've had to book both the morning and afternoon slots to accommodate everyone. Patrick has managed to secure a discounted rate of just £75 per head and Lotus have kindly agreed to squeeze in one more person per slot. So, shout now if you fancy a treat! Contact limmipatri@aol.com

Sunday, April 21st – Let's take to the roads again! Uncover the classic and join us on "Drive-it-Day" kindly organised by Steve S and Liz B. Full info on page 6.....

Sunday, June 9th – our biggest event – the club's Annual Run, in aid of our 2024 charity, PHAB. Full details should have dropped into your inbox already – do shout if you've not received your invite. Alan & Jackie Aistrup are at the helm and this year promises to be a real treat with lunch at Stapleford Park! www.staplefordpark.com Start at Waterside (hopefully) and finish at Grimsthorpe Castle. You'd be mad to miss out! Information from aaistrup32@gmail.com

Change of date for your diary – Our Christmas Lunch gathering will be on **Sunday, December 8th** at The Black Horse in Baston.

Last but not least, SHOWS – please see Graham Faulkner's update in this newsletter.

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New members

Welcome to **ADRIAN BROTHERTON**

And welcome back to **BARRY & JUDY PHIPPS**

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

at Tigers Social Club, Park Road, Holbeach, PE12 7EE

7 for 7.30 pm

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 2023 AGM
3. Matters arising from the minutes*
4. Chairman's report; votes of thanks
5. Treasurer's report for financial year to 31.12.23
6. Appointment of auditors for 2024
7. Election of Officers & Committee:
President; Vice-President; Chair; Vice-Chair; Secretary;
Treasurer; Club Directors; Committee Members
8. Subscriptions
9. Website and social media
10. Date of next AGM
11. Any other business

Advance nominations for Officers & Committee to be emailed with current member as proposer and seconder to Adrian Cunningham, Club Secretary at: seeccc@btinternet.com by noon, 25 March 2024.

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***Note: A copy of the 2023 AGM minutes is attached to your newsletter Email**

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FBHVC Drive It Day

Sunday 21st April 2024



This year, our drive will take us west, to Nottingham.

Starting with a hearty breakfast at Ivy's Farm Shop Restaurant, Swineshead, our route will meander through Lincolnshire and Leicestershire to a brief stopover at Wymondham Windmill before continuing to our final destination at the Nottingham Transport Heritage Museum just south of Nottingham.

ALL MEAT WE SERVE FROM THE KITCHEN IS FROM OUR ON SITE BUTCHERY DEPARTMENT. HOMEMADE PIES, COOKED MEATS ARE FROM OUR DELICATESSEN.

Big Breakfasts & Early Bites

NO SWAPS ARE ALLOWED ON THE BREAKFAST ITEMS

Large Breakfast £7.99
Two sausages, two slices of bacon, two fried eggs (for scrambled eggs 50p extra), grilled tomato, fried potatoes or hash brown, mushrooms, baked beans and two rounds of toast served with two butter portions.

Small Breakfast £5.99
Sausage, bacon, fried egg (for scrambled eggs £1.70 extra), grilled tomato, fried potatoes or hash brown, mushrooms, baked beans and toast served with one butter portion.

Vegetarian Breakfast (v) £7.99
Two Quorn sausages, two fried eggs (for scrambled eggs 50p extra), grilled tomatoes, fried potatoes or hash brown, mushrooms, baked beans and two rounds of toast served with two butter portions.

Vegan Breakfast (ve) £7.99
Two vegan Quorn sausages, two slices of vegan bacon, grilled tomatoes, fried potatoes or hash brown, mushrooms, baked beans and two rounds of toast.

Toast

Beans on Toast (v) £4.00
Cheese on Toast (v) £4.50
Fried or Scrambled Egg on Toast (v) £4.25
1x Slice plus Butter (v) 99p
2x Slices plus Butter (v) £1.80

Breakfast Baguettes & Sandwiches

Fried Egg Sandwich (v) £3.69
Two Sausage Sandwich £4.25
Sausage & Egg Sandwich £4.50
Three Sausage Baguette £4.99
Bacon Sandwich Three rashers £4.25
Bacon Baguette Four rashers £4.99
Bacon & Egg Sandwich £4.50
Breakfast Sandwich £5.39
Two sausages, two rashers bacon, one fried egg.
Two Quorn Sausage Sandwich (v) £4.25
Three Quorn Sausage Baguette (v) £4.99

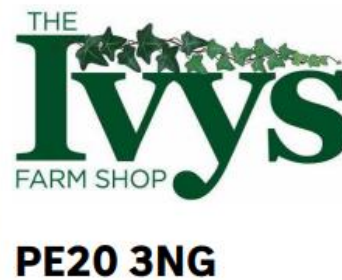
Breakfast Extras (ve)

ONLY ADDED TO ANY OF OUR BREAKFAST DISHES

Fried Potatoes (v) £1.30 (up to 11.30am)
Hash Browns x 1 (v) 80p
Hash Browns x 2 (v) £1.50
Baked Beans (v) £1.10
Fried Bread One slice (v) £0.90
Butter Portion (v) 12p

Add any of these for 75p extra each:
Egg (v) Mushrooms (v) Grilled Tomato (v)
Add any of these for £1.10 extra each:
Sausage, Bacon, Black Pudding, Vegan Sausage (v),
Vegan Bacon (v), Quorn Sausage (v)

Ivy's is open for breakfast from 9 am. We will need to be getting under way by 10.30. I would expect us to arrive at the finish at around 1 – 2 pm and the museum is open until 4 pm.



FULL DETAILS IN ATTACHMENT SENT WITH YOUR NEWSLETTER EMAIL

Book your place with Steve Saunders now by emailing him at: ssaunders12@btinternet.com



WELCOME TO THE NOTTINGHAM TRANSPORT HERITAGE CENTRE

Nottingham Transport Heritage Centre is home to the Nottingham Heritage Railway and many transport and heritage groups. These include the 125 Group's world record-breaking High Speed Train and the Nottingham Area Bus Society's collection of local passenger vehicles.



The Heritage Cafe offers meals, drinks and snacks during opening hours as well as selling items to remind you of your day with us.

Located on the outskirts of Ruddington village and close to Rushcliffe Country Park, the Centre is an ideal venue for family visits at weekends all year round.

CLUB CALENDAR 2024

supporting

Date	Day	Event	Organiser	Venue
4 Feb	Sun	Sunday Morning Meet	SEECCC	Baytree Garden Centre
13 Feb	Tue	Club Night Quiz	J & N Mann	Tigers Club Holbeach
3 Mar	Sun	Sunday Morning Meet	SEECCC	Baytree Garden Centre
13 Mar	Wed	Lunch at The Thatched Cottage	J & T Overson	Sutterton
26 Mar	Tue	Annual General Meeting	SEECCC	Tigers Club Holbeach
7 Apr	Sun	Sunday Morning Meet	SEECCC	Westwood Lakes**
17 Apr	Wed	Lotus Factory Visit	P Limming	Hethel, Norfolk
21 Apr	Sun	Drive It Day Run	S Saunders & Liz	Ivy's > Nottingham**
5 May	Sun	Sunday Morning Meet	SEECCC	Baytree Garden Centre
8 May	Wed	Club Night Run	C & C Cornish	TBC
11 May	Sat	Spalding Flower Parade	SEECCC	Spalding
2 Jun	Sun	Holbeach Car & Bike Show	S Saunders & Liz	Lawns & Lakes, Fleet
9 Jun	Sun	SEECCC Charity Classic Car Run	A & J Aistrup	Waterside Garden Ctr
15/16 Jun	Sat/Sun	Holbeach Town & Country Fayre	S Saunders & Liz	Fen Road, Holbeach
23 Jun /am	Sun	Abbey Parks Brunch Meet	S Le Sage	East Heckington
23 Jun /pm	Sun	Phob 40th Anniversary Celebration	J & N Mann	Surfleet
30 Jun	Sun	Baston Car & Bike Show	G Faulkner	Grimsthorpe Castle
7 Jul	Sun	46 th Annual Classic Car Rally	King's Lynn & DMC	TBC
17 Jul	Wed	Club Night Run	A & C Cunnington	TBC
28 Jul	Sun	New Lodge Farm Brunch Meet	J & N Mann	Bulwick, Stamford
4 Aug	Sun	'Afternoon Tea'	C & K Langwade	Pinchbeck
11 Aug	Sun	Boston Classic Car Show	G Faulkner	Hubbert's Bridge
21 Aug	Wed	Club Night Run	J & P Pollard	TBC
1 Sep	Sun	Boston Fens Treasure Hunt	S Le Sage	TBC
7 Sep	Sat	Sleaford Show	SCCCMS	TBC
18 Sep	Wed	Club Night Run	S Le Sage	TBC
6 Oct	Sun	Sunday Brunch Meet	SEECCC	Waterside Garden Ctr
27 Oct*	Fri	'Spooky Tales'	Team Jenny & Jean	Stamford
3 Nov	Sun	Sunday Brunch Meet	A & C Cunnington	TBC
12 Nov*	Tue	Club Night Visit	TBC	TBC
8 Dec**	Sun	Christmas Lunch	J & N Mann	TBC

** New or changed information. TBC: further details to come. Dates may be cancelled without notice.

SHOW UPDATE

For all event applications please email graham55cloughroad@gmail.com

Please include your name, the make, model, year of manufacture and registration number of the vehicle you wish to show.

Spalding Flower Parade
Saturday 11th May 2024, Castle Sports Field, Spalding

Spalding Flower parade is our local show and SEECCC hope to put on a good display of vehicles. There are limited spaces available for this event, we ask you to please apply ASAP. All applications will be treated on a first come first served basis.

**Please apply for this event ASAP, applications close 10th
March 2024**

Boston Car & Bike Show
Sunday 30th June 2024. Grimsthorpe Castle

We are delighted to invite you to join us at this very popular event. Boston Car and Bike Show do charge a fee to display vehicles at their event, but to ease the pain SEECCC will pay display costs on behalf of SEECCC members wishing to attend.

Boston Classic Car Club 32nd Show
Sunday 11th August 2024. Hubbert's Bridge

Only three spaces available

Boston Classic Car Club have changed their application procedure for the 2024 show. All applications for attendance on the SEECCC stand at the show now need to be submitted by the club representative. The Club stand is limited to 15 vehicles, so passes will be allocated on a first come first served basis. All passes will be forwarded to you by email in the week prior to the event. There is also an opportunity to enter your vehicle into a competition, one entry per vehicle. Please advise if you wish to enter for judging in any of the categories listed below.

- A. Vehicle decade
- B. Young enthusiast (under 30 years old with driving licence)
- C. Ladies Owner/Driver
- D. Self Restoration (applicants must have photographic proof)
- E. Motor Cycles
- F. Light Commercials and Small Classic Lorries 7.5 Ton

It would be nice to put on a good display from the Club at these events. There is a significant lead time for some shows so please can we ask you to let us know asap if you would like to attend.

GF