

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 4 August

AFTERNOON TEA MEET Colin & Karen Langwade's **Vintage Afternoon Tea** is fully booked. Details will be emailed to those who have reserved places.

Sunday 11 August

BOSTON CLASSIC CAR SHOW Annual opportunity to show your car and support the Club stand at Boston Classic Car Club's yearly bash at Hubberts Bridge.

Tuesday 20 August

AUGUST CLUBNIGHT RUN – Jean & Paul Pollard's evening run is going to the South Kyme Golf Club, near Sleaford. See **page 3** for full booking details but, in a nutshell, we meet at The Vista in Spalding from 6 p.m. to leave by 6.30 p.m. We'll be aiming to arrive at South Kyme in time to eat at around 7.30pm. If you want to join in, please contact Paul on 07825 715260 or Jean on 07944 881251 or email jean_and_paul@hotmail.co.uk to book a place with your menu choice. Please confirm places by Wednesday 14th August.

Sunday 1 September

BOSTON FENS TREASURE HUNT – Steve Le Sage is in charge – starts at Dobbies in Boston and finishes close by at The Mill on Sibsey Road for a 2pm lunch. Contact Steve on 07950 742372 or email steve@lesage1.plus.com to book See **page 5** for full details. **PLEASE BOOK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

Saturday 7 September

SLEAFORD CLASSIC CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW – Steve Saunders and Alan Aistrup are organising our presence. More information at <https://www.sccms.co.uk/> or contact Steve for details ssaunders12@btinternet.com.

Wednesday 18 September

SEPTEMBER CLUBNIGHT RUN – Steve Le Sage is back in the hot seat yet again organising this run to The Ship at Fosdyke. See **page 10** for full details but it's the usual format: we meet at The Vista in Spalding from 6 p.m. to leave by 6.30 p.m. Just 20 miles or so this time for our last mid-month evening run of the year. Please contact Steve on 07950 742372 or email steve@lesage1.plus.com to book your place with your choice from the menu on page 10. Please confirm places ASAP and by Wednesday 11th September latest.



Chair Mann's CHATTER

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Hello Everyone!

The sun has got its hat on and we've definitely been out to play!

Thanks to all who've supported SEECCC's July events. We had an absolute blast across to Bulwick on Sunday morning for delicious baps and coffee and a sun-lit evening midweek run to The Thatched Cottage in Sutterton kindly organised by Adrian and Caroline, followed by great value, tasty fayre..... and lots of people renewing their annual subs! What more could we ask?

We have our '40s afternoon tea party (**NOW FULLY BOOKED**), courtesy of Colin and Karen Langwade fast approaching plus another evening drive on the 20th to a South Kyme Golf Club supper organised by Paul and Jean Pollard. Spaces are filling up fast so please book straight away. Email jean_and_paul@hotmail.co.uk

However, if you're keen for an SEECCC fix in between the above events you'll find us at Hubberts Bridge on the 11th where around 40 of us will be flying the flag at Boston Show. Sunday 1st September will see us heading off on Steve Le Sage's Boston Fens Treasure Hunt; make sure you don't miss this one!

On the SEECCC Committee we are always open to suggestions for forthcoming events, so please do shout if you think there's something or somewhere we're missing out on. Or, is there a particular venue you'd love to return to? We'll soon be working on the 2025 calendar and any input is greatly appreciated. I'm chuffed that, unlike Westminster, we still have the right team at the helm! (IMHO)

Finally, thanks must also go to the two ladies who managed to solve an Aston Martin problem for our Mr. President at Bulwick on Sunday – you just never know when the wonky key at the bottom of your handbag will come in handy! (Please don't send me brochures for cabinets for *my* allen keys, it wasn't me!! ...and I've still not fully recovered from my 'King Dick' experience!)

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or suggestions. Simply email me at jmann@seccc.co.uk.

Thanks again for your continued support; hopefully we'll see you out and about very soon.

Joy

P.S. Thanks also to those who've queried some of the content on our *Facebook* page – please note your invitations to our SEECCC events will continue to wing their way to you via your monthly newsletter and round-robin emails. It's unlikely we'll use Facebook to advertise forthcoming SEECCC events for the time being.

AUGUST CLUB NIGHT: Tuesday 20 August

We will be meeting at The Vista in Spalding, PE11 2RA from 6 p.m. so we can leave by 6.30 p.m. Our run will take us on a *suggested* route to South Kyme Golf Club, Skinners Lane, South Kyme, Lincs LN4 4AT. We'll aim to eat at ~7.30pm

MENU

The menu for the evening is £12.50 per person

2 meat salad with new potatoes or chips.

8oz gammon, egg, pineapple, peas with new potatoes or chips.

Vegetarian option of freshly-made quiche, salad and potatoes.

Choice of sweet for £4.50

Cheesecake, with either cream or ice cream

Sticky toffee pudding with custard

Bread and butter pudding with either cream or ice cream

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Please confirm your place by Wednesday 14th August

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CLUB CALENDAR 2024

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Date	Day	Event	Organiser	Venue
4 Aug	Sun	'Afternoon Tea'	C & K Langwade	Pinchbeck
11 Aug	Sun	Boston Classic Car Show	G Faulkner	Hubbert's Bridge
20 Aug	Tue	Club Night Run	J & P Pollard	South Kyme Golf Club
1 Sep	Sun	Boston Fens Treasure Hunt	S Le Sage	Dobbies, Boston
7 Sep	Sat	Sleaford Show	SCCCMS	Boston Rd., Sleaford
18 Sep	Wed	Club Night Run	S Le Sage	TBC
6 Oct	Sun	Sunday Brunch Meet	SECCCC	Waterside Garden Ctr
29 Oct	Tue	'Spooky Tales'	J & P Pollard	Burghley Ho., 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 details in red text * Provisional date. TBC: further details to come. Dates may be cancelled without notice.

BOSTON FENS TREASURE HUNT

Sunday 1st September 2024



Join us on our annual **TREASURE HUNT RUN**, around the amazing Boston Fens. Meet at Dobbies Garden Centre, Wainfleet Road (A52) Boston, PE21 9RZ at 10.30am

You will be able to relax and enjoy a tea/coffee with a bacon or sausage bap; all beverages can be ordered if required on the day. Bap + hot drink £8.50.

We will be setting off to start our ~40 mile Treasure Hunt at approx. 11.30am.

A suggested route will be provided with questions attached. These will all be easy and enjoyable, all answers can be spotted from the car.



Lunch after is at The Mill, Sibsey Road, Boston. PE21 9QN. We'll arrive around 1.30 pm ready to sit down at 2 o'clock for a Sunday carvery lunch. Choice of 3 meats with vegetables for £12.95. Vegetarian options will be available, please advise in advance if required. Desserts can be ordered from the menu on the day.

I hope you will be able to join us for a great fun day out...

Please book **NOW** by contacting me - **Steve Le Sage**
mobile **07950 742372**
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A MATRA OF FACT

As many of you may know, twice a year Alice and I make the long trek down to the South of France. As we have the time now to do the journey in a more leisurely fashion, we make an overnight stop in a charming little village, called Salbris.

It is an ideal location for us, as it is literally two minutes from the Autoroute, and also about halfway into our journey.

The first time we stopped at the hotel, I looked through the usual library of pamphlets, showing what attractions there were locally, and came across one for the Matra museum, just 15 minutes' drive away.

For several years we have promised to visit this attraction, but time constraints have meant it has never quite happened, so this year we booked two nights at the hotel, to allow

a spare day for the visit, and boy was it worth it!

The museum is located in a really pretty town, called Romorantin-Lanthenay, which was also the location of the Matra factory that is sadly now closed.

For anyone with a millilitre of petrol in their veins, this is an absolute 'must see' attraction, if you are anywhere near it; or even if you are not, come to that!

Apart from the usual eclectic mix of

exhibits, there was also an Italian cars' guest display whilst we were there.

Having visited Le Mans on several occasions during my misspent youth, one of the highlights for me was seeing the car which won the event in 1973, the first time I attended the race, with Alice's brother, Tony, no less!

Another highlight was walking along the display of beautiful exhibits, in the engine room, as the sound of those gorgeous Matra V12s played through loudspeakers: if there has ever been a better sounding engine than the Matra V12, I've yet to hear it! Alice kept losing me, only to find I was back in the engine room, soaking up that music again!



I did record it on my phone and, although it nowhere near does justice to the mechanical marvels, if you see me some time, and I have actually remembered my 'phone, you are quite welcome to have a listen, but you really need to be there to get the full effect.



As well as the race cars, including formulas one, two and three, there are also the more prosaic Matras: Rancho anyone? Or how about the three-seat Murena, which beat the McLaren F1 to the idea by years!

Matra also built the Espace for Renault of course, and at their peak, they were employing 1,450 workers, building 60,000 vehicles a year.

When Renault decided to build the fourth generation of the Espace 'in-house', it pretty well signed Matra's death warrant and the car business went bankrupt in 2003, with devastating consequences for the local population, many of whom worked at the factory.

Matra does still exist as a company, but now concentrates on the weaponry business, although it does also produce a range of bicycles, and still works on various projects for other manufacturers.

Should you decide to pay the museum a visit, but have a partner who is less keen, the actual town is a lovely place to while-away time, with an interesting indoor market, and lovely park, on a small island, and plenty of shops.



Once down at the house, to Alice's delight, Martin, who looks after the pool, told me about a local car show, which was taking place at Puicheric on the Sunday.



I thought, that in the spirit of Entente Cordiale, we should go along, to see how the French do it, and I have to say the answer is 'very well'!

Because our BMW M2 is quite a rare sight in France - as the price is double that in the UK - the organisers were quite keen for us to exhibit it, so there we were amongst all the Citroen DSs and Renault 8s, holding the end for the UK.

The event was really well supported, with over 200 cars and bikes, ranging from 2CVs to a surprising number of American muscle cars, especially considering the price of petrol over there.

There were a couple of immaculate Peugeot 205GTIs, which took me down memory lane, and also a Renault 8 rally car, which was nicely turned out.

It wasn't all French and American fare; there was a Porsche Carrera, lovely Alfa GTV, Jaguar and a handful of Triumphs. No Lotus though; the nearest was an Opel VX220.

So, all in all, a really good event, apart from the flies, who seemed to have a particular attraction to me!

I have already booked a space for SEECCC for next year, so if you fancy a bit of a road trip, your itinerary is sorted.



By the way, if you knew Matra stands for Mécanique Aviation Traction, award yourself a point!

Patrick Limming

SNIPPETS

- **King's Lynn & District Motor Club's** next Friday evening informal classic car run is on **9 August**. Starts at Steve Cato Classic Restorations at Tottenhill on the A10 just south of King's Lynn. About 40 miles in all finishing at **The Warehouse** at Setchey, close to the start. Open to SEECCC members: if you wish to enter, please email Adrian Cunnington at kldmc.classic@btinternet.com or call 07970 072260.
- [Bourne Motor Racing Club's](#) speaker on **12 September** is **Carolyn Corliss**, a long-standing BMRC member, who's been involved with many aspects of motorsports for over 60 years. For almost 50 of those, Carolyn owned a 1929 Alfa Romeo 1750 Zagato, taking part in racing and rallying in many European events. An interesting, locally-built Raymond Mays car is now in her custody. Carolyn will begin her presentation at 8pm at Bourne Corn Exchange, PE10 9EF. All welcome.

JULY EVENTS

A selection of pics from the club night run & Bulwick 'bacon bap' event



Shirley & Tom negotiate Kirton in the MG TC



Barry & Liz Aistrup (Cooper S)



David Shepherd (Austin ADO16)



Peter & Muriel Beale (SLK)



Ian & Clare Pollard's newly-acquired Lotus Elise S1 at The Thatch contrasted markedly with...



...their Smart Crossblade at Bulwick.



Chris Shallice's Austin Healey 3000



Adrian Cunnington's BMW 635CSi



Steve Le Sage's Triumph Stag



Photos by Nigel Mann & Adrian Cunnington



An array of 'current' & future classics came to New Lodge including a Sunbeam Alpine & Hillman Husky

September Club Night

Evening run to The Ship Inn at Fosdyke



WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

Come and join us for a great evening out at the newly-refurbished **Ship Inn at Fosdyke**, situated on the A17, on the south side of Fosdyke bridge over the River Welland, at PE12 6LH.

We will start our run from the Vista Car Park in Spalding, PE11 2RA, meeting from 6.00pm. We will leave by 6.30pm on a suggested route of approx 20 miles that will take you to the door of The Ship Inn.

We aim to arrive at about 7.30pm to enjoy some excellent pub food in the company of fellow Club members.

Menu

Spalding Classic Car Club

18th September 2024

2 Course Menu

Mains

Wholetail Scampi with chips, garden peas & tartare sauce.

Beef Lasagne with chips, salad garnish with a homemade dressing.

Lincolnshire Sausages with mash potato, cabbage & onion gravy

(Gluten free & Vegetarian options available).

Steak & Ale Pie with chips & gravy.

Ham, 2 fried eggs & chips.

Desserts

Fruit Crumble with cream or custard

Double Chocolate Sponge with cream or custard

Sticky Toffee Sponge with cream or custard

Luxury Ice Cream (2 scoops) & Wafer

(Choices—Vanilla, Chocolate, Strawberry, Rum & Raisin)

£22.00



Please select your choices from the menu on the left and contact me **by 5 September latest**

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