

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 1 September

BOSTON FENS TREASURE HUNT – Steve Le Sage is organising this event

Saturday 7 September

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

Thursday 12 September

IVY'S CLASSIC MEET – Opportunity to gather at the regular monthly meeting at Ivy's at Swineshead, PE20 3NG from 5 pm.

Wednesday 18 September

SEPTEMBER CLUBNIGHT RUN – Steve Le Sage is putting together this run to The Ship at Fosdyke. We'll meet at The Vista in Spalding from 6 p.m. to leave by 6.30 p.m. Light will be in reduced supply so it's a run of 20 miles or so this time for our last evening drive 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 2**. Please book by Wednesday 11th September latest.

Sunday 6 October

SEECCC CLASSIC BRUNCH MEET AT WATERSIDE – Informal gathering at Waterside Garden centre at Baston, PE6 9NY from 10am. Further details next month.

Tuesday 29 October

SPOOKY TOUR CLUBNIGHT – Jean & Paul Pollard are organising this event.

Sunday 3 November

SEECCC CLASSIC BRUNCH MEET – Adrian & Caroline Cunnington are organising this event. Please save the date, full details will follow next month.

Tuesday 12 November

CLUBNIGHT TALK – 'Land Rovers to Formula One'; a talk by Tom Gibbard. Organised by Steve Le Sage. Venue: Tigers Club, Park Road, Holbeach. Gather from 7.00pm for 7.30 start.



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**, on the A17 at Fosdyke bridge over the River Welland, at PE12 6LH.

We'll start our run from the Vista in Spalding, PE11 2RA, meeting from 6.00pm. We aim to leave by 6.30pm on a suggested route of about 20 miles that will take you to the The Ship. We aim to arrive at around 7.30pm to enjoy some excellent pub food in the company of fellow Club members.

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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Chair Mann's CHATTER

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Hello!

I wish to make an announcement. I must get this off my chest as it's been annoying me for a while.....(my announcement, not my chest!)

I DO NOT WANT A SMART METER! Please spread the word as no one seems to take any notice of my protestations.

I dislike any kind of unwanted intrusion, whether it's via email, post or phone. I've given up telling all the cold callers I'm a tenant renting from a very mean landlord. I am scrupulous in shredding anything that reveals our names and addresses, that is until my friend pointed out I am wasting my time as all our details are on the World Wide Web!

Said friend had a brilliant idea though when SHE was bombarded by nuisance calls asking about the (non-existent) accident she'd been involved in – she told them she'd lost her head during the collision and now has to carry it around under her arm. They never called back.....

On a recent trip into our very decimated town (We insist on buying local and use the WWW only as a last resort but we now have to concede, sadly, we're wasting our time.) we were accosted by a long-haired, bearded chap handing out leaflets about Jesus – I am not what you would call a staunch supporter – but I am now “reliably” informed that he believes in me. On reflection, I shouldn't have embarked on the discussion that ensued and I now have to wait until Judgement Day apparently! (Bet the Devil's smart meter has to work overtime.....)

To cap off our sortie into town I was busy recounting a funny story to a friend who was enjoying a beer outside the Red Lion. You remember the tale, the one about Nigel and his woody! Just to clarify, I am talking about his Morris Traveller not the other fine specimen! The same story had caused mega frivolity in the phone shop at Springfields (see earlier newsletter) and the Red Lion crowd also found it amusing. It was only when we were walking away I realised I'd been filmed by a passer-by wielding a camera on a stick. Is nothing sacred?

On the other hand though, when there's a massive man hunt (Are they looking for a really big bloke or are there lots of them looking??) I'm so impressed when someone's CCTV reveals all to the Police, although I realise that more often than not it simply identifies the brand of hoodie!

So, I remain very much an open book. Happy to share with you the funnier side of life, the annoying side of life, and anything in between! Nigel does get the opportunity to edit my Chatter, so please rest assured I've not gone completely rogue!

Now, a few thankys before I wrap up this extended edition. In the words of Andy Williams.... Where do I begin? So many people to thank for our August fun! Special thanks must go to our hosts, Colin and Karen Langwade, who pulled out all the stops and welcomed 30 of us for a delightful afternoon tea at their beautiful home. Not only

had they set up and decorated their marquee, they produced super-delicious fayre and Colin had also had the arduous task of drilling numerous china plates to make pretty cake stands.....without cracking a single plate! Ros and Alan Woods were second in command with Steve Le Sage a very close third, all dressed in period finery. Even a few drops of rain couldn't dampen anyone's spirits and a jolly afternoon was had by all. Thanks also to all those who contributed to the day with homemade cakes and other goodies, leaving us with a very handsome £320 to go to our charity, PHAB in Spalding.

We must also acknowledge all those lovely people who joined in the camaraderie and displayed their classic for us at Boston Show, we were delighted to have 17 cars on display and a very convivial, relaxing day was enjoyed by all. Thank you! Thanks also to Graham F who kindly dealt with all the admin behind the scenes for all the shows we've enjoyed so far in 2024.

More thanks wing their way to Paul and Jean P, who organised some good weather and decent roads for our evening run to the golf club at South Kyme where we were well looked after with delicious, great-value fayre after the challenges of a treasure hunt.

Talking of treasure hunts... thanks to those who came out on Sunday 1st for Steve Le Sage's Boston Fens run (below) and to Steve for all his support and input, he's worked so hard behind the scenes..... and out on stage!



Steve's also organised another run on the 18th of this month, the last evening one of 2024, so don't miss out, please book with him asap.

Finally, don't forget to let me know please if you can support our PHAB cheque presentation on Weds 4th Sept, weather permitting; there's a copy of a note received from Phab at the end of this piece. Also, only 6 people have so far expressed an interest in going to Ivys on Thursday 12th – if you're keen do let me know asap please. (All the info for these two dates was circulated in a recent Round Robin email) Contact me, as usual at: jmann@seccc.co.uk

Finally finally, thanks to all our lovely members who continue to support the events; it makes all the legwork worthwhile. We're looking forward to seeing you out and about very soon, we must seize the moment whilst we still have a smidge of evening light!

Joy

Good morning

I am writing on behalf of Spalding Phab to say a huge thank you for the donations we have received totalling £2850.

What a fantastic amount. This will help keep our club going strong and help our members, able bodied and disabled, to get together and enjoy meetings and outings etc.

Thank you again

Elizabeth (Secretary) and all Phab members

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CLUB CALENDAR 2024

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Date	Day	Event	Organisers	Venue
7 Sep	Sat	Sleaford Show	SCCCMS	Boston Rd., Sleaford
18 Sep	Wed	Club Night Run	S Le Sage	Ship Inn, Fosdyke
6 Oct	Sun	Sunday Brunch Meet	SEECCC	Waterside Garden Ctr
29 Oct	Tue	'Spooky Tales'	J & P Pollard	Burghley Ho., Stamford
3 Nov	Sun	Sunday Brunch Meet	A & C Cunnington	TBC
7 Nov	Thu	Committee meeting	SEECCC	Saracen's Head V/Hall
12 Nov	Tue	Club Night Talk: Tom Gibbard	S Le Sage	Tigers Club, Holbeach
8 Dec	Sun	Christmas Lunch	J & N Mann	Black Horse, Baston

New details in red text * Provisional date. TBC: further details to come. Dates may be cancelled without notice.

GARDEN PARTY - 4 August



Ten, Thirty, Fifty or more?

The question is: How Many Miles Per Gallon Should a Bond Bug Do?

An interesting question, perhaps.

For the last three years, Graham Faulkner and I have attended the **Festival of the Unexceptional** at Grimsthorpe Castle with our Bond Bugs. If you haven't heard of this unusual, extremely well supported show, I suggest you Google it (other search engines are available!) It will be worth it.



In preparation for the challenging journey from Spalding - via Graham's in sunny Gosberton Risegate, via Bourne and Witham-on-the-Hill to the back gate of Grimsthorpe Park and then through the beautiful grounds and past the lake at Grimsthorpe to the show in front of the Castle - I topped up the fuel tank.

For the past couple of years, Trevor Overson has joined me in the Bug and so, having met up with Graham in Risegate, his passenger for the day professional stuntman Riky Ash (another Google opportunity!) and Dan Faulkner in his 3x3 Reliant Rialto (yes, really. You need to see it!), we continued onwards to the show.

However, my Bug soon decided it was fed up running anywhere near acceptably and kept cutting out. Basically, it seemed to be running very rich. Trevor and I decided to ignore it and hoped it would go away with a good thrashing (no, nothing to do with Basil Fawlty!).

The population of Bourne were woken at some unearthly hour that Saturday morning by some lunatic in a Bug, complete with a cherry bomb silencer, bouncing it off the rev limiter (if it had one!)... We continued on to Witham, by which time Trev was teetering on the edge of being overcome by petrol fumes and both of us were watching the fuel gauge plummeting towards zero.

We joined the queue to wend our way through the grounds to the castle and finally realised the dear old Bug had been liberally distributing E5 fuel throughout Lincolnshire and roads within the Grimsthorpe complex, causing considerable angst for the show marshals.

So, once again Mr Faulkner came to the rescue (thanks again, Graham) to discover the needle valve had stuck in the carburettor, creating the Torrey Canyon of fuel spills from the overflow pipe.

In answer to the question above, I think the Bug barely managed to achieve *ten* miles to the gallon but thankfully Trevor had a considerably more comfortable and breathable journey home.

Nigel Mann

CAPTION COMPETITION

Please send caption suggestions for this snap of Colin and Trevor, captured at the recent Garden Party, to the Editor at seeccc@btinternet.com by **Sunday 29 September** ►



NEW MEMBER

Welcome to Andy Martin from Spalding

SNIPPETS

- [King's Lynn & District Motor Club's](#) last Friday evening informal classic car run of 2024 is on **6 September**. If you're quick, you might just squeeze in. Starts at **Kim Cairns Classics at Snettisham** (gather from 5.30pm for 6pm departure) and finishes at the King Charles III at Sporle, where pre-booked food is available. About 35 miles in all – if you wish to enter, please email Duncan Russell at secretary@kingslynndmc.co.uk or call 07771 925481.
- A reminder that [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.