

### Forthcoming Events

#### Sunday 6 October

**INFORMAL SUNDAY MEET AT WATERSIDE** – Gather at Waterside Garden Centre at Baston, PE6 9NY from 10 am. Breakfast, coffee, chat.

#### Tuesday 29 October

**SPOOKY TOUR CLUBNIGHT** – Jean & Paul Pollard are organising a visit to this event at Burghley Park. If you have booked tickets, you'll know you are going!

#### Sunday 3 November

**SEECCC BRUNCH MEET, SECRET GARDEN, WISBECH ST MARY** – Adrian & Caroline Cunnington are organising this event at the **Secret Garden, Mile Tree Lane, PE13 4TR**. We aim to sit down at 10 am. Please book **places** with them by email to [seeccc@btinternet.com](mailto:seeccc@btinternet.com) or phone 07970 072260. There is no requirement to pre-book food, but an example menu can be found on page 5.

#### 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. See page 4 for more.

#### Sunday 8 December

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH** – at the Black Horse, Main Street, Baston. PE6 9PB. Gather from 3.00pm for 3.30 sit-down. Book with Joy: £27.50/head. BACS pre-payment appreciated to East Elloe Motor Club Ltd sort code 20-80-78 account 50490008. Don't forget to provide your choices from the menu on page 10 when booking...

### Gordon & Helen Mills

It is with great sadness that we report the tragic deaths of club members Gordon and Helen Mills from Weston in a road accident whilst holidaying in France within the last few weeks. Our thoughts are with their families at this immensely difficult time.



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## Chair Mann's CHATTER

Joy Mann Chair [jmann@seeccc.co.uk](mailto:jmann@seeccc.co.uk) ☎ 01775 723856

Hello Everyone!

As you probably realise I am a girl(?) who needs to have a plan so when each and every one of our phones, landline (Yes, we're still old-fashioned, love a landline!), mobiles, computers, tablets simultaneously sprang into life at 1742 hrs last Wednesday, I was indeed a woman on a mission!

Nigel hates phones, he has the only mobile that's never really mobile, it just lives on the kitchen work top. So, this scenario is enough to throw Nigel into "fight or flight" mode and he snatched up his keys and bolted for sanctuary, the garage. He prefers this inner sanctum, surrounded by his metal friends. Meanwhile I am wading through myriad emails and messages about our impending doom.....a flood alert, the Welland is rising!! Oh, Hell....

So, I did what all women do in a crisis, I put the kettle on. Armed with mugs of tea I made my way to the garage and bold as ever, (hard to believe, I know) I asked hubby what the plan would be in the event of us finding ourselves a little bit wet...?

Without looking up from his latest project he calmly proclaimed we'd use the inflatable dinghy of course! (That would be the one we've had lingering in the garage for years and certainly wouldn't appeal to even the most desperate migrant. )

Now, the last time we had this piece of kit out it was pretty perished and Nigel inflated it on the lawn, hopped in and had an afternoon siesta... whilst it slowly withered away around him!

"But, Manny, it's got a puncture!!" He carried on polishing and said... "We'll just have to be quick then!!"

Concerned this plan was a damp squib, or, as one of our friends used to say "damp squid", I decided to establish the whereabouts of the Exeter Drain, like you do!! Has anyone seen it lately? The Environment Agency (or whatever they're called this week) did have a look for it a few years ago but I'm not convinced they found much

of it around here. I'm stumped. So, to all those folk who decided to turn it into a bit more garden, we'd like it back please!

In case you're concerned, I just want to reassure you, my man is indeed swift to react in a crisis. On our way back from Sleaford Show our trusty Moggie van petered out about 400 yds after we'd hit a big pot-hole on the A52. With a long queue of traffic behind us we just about managed to crawl up the hill, by the skin of our teeth, and glide down to the roundabout where we could then limp into a very handy lay-by just into Donington.

Bonnet up, much scratching of head and then a plan. Whack the fuel pump with a hammer! Ticking began and we leapt in and sped home!

Now the important bit... Thanks to all those who've joined the last of our 2024 evening drives and to those who've embraced our calendar of events, we're already working on 2025. Big thanks also to Steve Le Sage who has organised the latest outings and also to fellow members who gathered with Nigel and I for the cheque presentation to PHAB (below), joined the line up for Sleaford Show and braved a soggy evening at Ivys.



Adrian and Caroline have discovered a new brunch venue for us to try in November and, more immediately, our October meet sees us return to the ever-popular Waterside in Baston. Remember, if you have any ideas or requests for the SEECCC 2025 calendar please just let us know. In the meantime, we very much look forward to seeing you out and about again soon.

Take care,

Joy



No need to book  
just turn up

**NOVEMBER CLUBNIGHT: Save this date!**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

**Tigers Club Holbeach 7.00pm for 7.30pm start**

**A talk by Tom Gibbard**

**“Land Rover to Formula One”**



Tom will be talking about his career as a mechanic, starting with an apprenticeship at Land Rover, which led to working in Australia for a Land Rover dealership.

On his return to the U.K. Tom became involved with veteran and vintage car restoration, which helped with a move into historic and modern motor-sport.

This included time restoring McLaren F1 cars whilst working with some iconic drivers.



**SUNDAY  
BRUNCH AT THE  
SECRET GARDEN:  
3rd NOVEMBER  
10AM**



**Breakfast Menu**

**Omelettes**

**Plain** £5.00

**Cheese, Bacon or Mushroom** £7.50

**Full breakfasts**

**One** (pictured)

sausage, bacon, egg, fried potato/hash brown, tomato, mushroom, beans, toast **£9.50**

**Two**

2 sausage, 2 bacon, 2 eggs, fried potato/hash brown, tomato, mushroom, beans, toast **£12.50**

**Three**

3 sausage, 3 bacon, 3 eggs, fried potato/hash brown, tomato, mushroom, beans, toast **£16.00**

**Vegetarian**

Avocado, egg, fried potato/hash brown, tomato, mushroom, beans, toast **£11.50**

**Extras**

Sausage, bacon **£2** Black pudding or other extra breakfast items **£1.50**

**On Toast**

**Smashed avocado** £7.50

**Smoked salmon & scrambled egg** £9.75

**Egg: scrambled, poached or fried** £5.00

**Eggs benedict or Eggs royale** £9.75

**Breakfast muffin** £6.50

**Bacon or sausage baguette** £6.00

***Book places with  
Adrian & Caroline  
Cunnington 07970  
072260 or email  
seeccc@btinternet.com***



## [Another Anniversary Treat For Alice!](#)

After the success of last-year's anniversary trip to the car museum at Caistor Castle, I thought I had better keep the tradition going with a visit to the Manoir de L'Automobile at Loheac, France.

When I heard the name 'Loheac', I knew it rang a bell, and it transpired that it was because as well as the museum, the venue is also home to the Loheac Rallycross Circuit, which sometimes hosts the French round of the World Rallycross Championship, and as a bonus when we visited, they were preparing for a round of the European Championship, so we got to see the Rallycross cars as well as the museum: result!



The museum itself is utterly astounding, with over 400 exhibits, which not only include cars from all eras, but power boats, engines and the most amazing collection of models I have ever seen; literally thousands of them, covering everything from military to Formula 1. The dioramas that displayed some of them were true works of art; someone must have had a lot of patience!

I think I counted 18 Formula 1 cars, displayed together with a vast collection of memorabilia, from bodywork to seemingly unused gear sets. You could spend half a day just in this section, but we had a time schedule to keep to, so had to limit ourselves a bit.

As far as we could make out, the museum, like the one at Caistor, is the realisation of one man's passion, and boy, must he have deep pockets, as there were whole sections of Maseratis, Lamborghinis, Ferraris...you name it and he had got a shed load of them!

I think rather than taking up a lot of space with my rambling, I will just let the pictures do the talking, but if ever you do get the chance to visit the museum, you will not be disappointed;



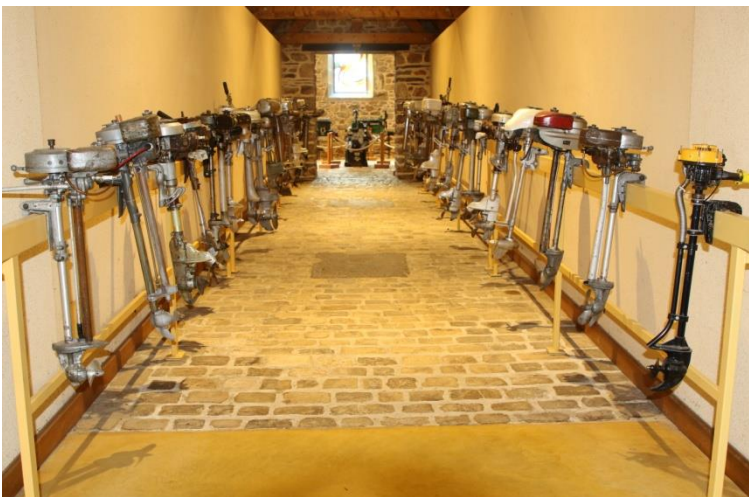
and as a bonus, it is not far from Le Mans, so you could do a combined trip.

The only disappointment: only two Lotus (unless you count the Lotus Cortina and Lotus Sunbeam!) and one of them was an M100 Elan: not the greatest example of the marque!

**Photos follow**

**Patrick Limming**













This article first appeared in Newsletter no. 128 in February 2019 but is reproduced, with minor edits to update it, for the information of some of our newer members...

It would seem with age, nostalgia becomes more powerful as when you reach a certain age there is more behind than in front. It is probably only natural. After attending our AGM, Nigel Mann and I started reminiscing, as two sad old gits are prone to do. With the election of Joy Mann as the first female chairperson back in 2019 she was, we think, the 9th person to hold this illustrious position. **East Elloe Motor Club** was formed in 1973 after an advert was put in the local paper by a certain Jim Issitt and an inaugural meeting was held in the now demolished Lamb & Flag pub in Whaplode. A committee was formed and Jim was elected as chairman but, despite his initial enthusiasm, he very quickly faded away and I was elected as Chairman with Sue, my then bride-to-be, taking on the job of club secretary. Sue continued until our son Robert was born in 1979 and Carol Modd took on the role then (of secretary - not bride!!).

I continued as Chairman until the club became a limited company in late 1984 at which point I stood down and Peter Burnett took over, with Patrick Limming (also still a member) as Vice Chairman. From Peter, we moved to Brian Barrs who took us into the 90's. During this time, road rallying was becoming a little anti-social and at one AGM the club looked as if it had run its course. But an attempt to revive the club was then organised; a meeting was held at Nigel Mann's house and somehow I was re-elected as Chairman and the club staggered on. I'm unsure how long I remained Chairman but we eventually persuaded Nigel to take over. He handed the baton to another stalwart of the club, Simon Leonard, who was our leader for several years. This period overlapped with the start up of the SEECCC 'brand' in 2008; Simon was duly succeeded by Adrian Cunnington who was chair before Joy took over.

For those who've joined the club under the SEECCC banner to enjoy "classic cars", most of this will mean very little, but over the last 52 years there have been far too many people involved to mention them all, but all have done something to keep the club 'alive', along with the Pollard family, Carol Modd, Karen Barrs, Alan Lyon and, of course, the many wives of Nigel Mann!! I think David Goose and me are the only originals but we are both still actively involved in competing, David having returned to rallying after a short layoff of about 30 years! A special mention should go to Adrian who I think fairly single-handedly changed the club into the vibrant and successful form we now enjoy, whilst in his spare time continues to edit the monthly newsletter! As a further aside, the first EEMC classic car event was back in 1998 (when 24 vehicles took part - 22 cars plus a Morris Minor van and a Land Rover Series One) - meagre beginnings for what is now SEECCC's flagship Annual Run every June.

Over those years, we also ran three stage rallies which were very successful. The first was run on local farm roads and this was largely down to Keith Ream (another still a member!) who, in his job as a potato merchant, knew every decent private road in the area. This was followed by two events on the Showground at Peterborough run by Tony Gillett that were also a success, but unfortunately the showground owners then decided that they no longer wanted rallying on their patch.

Various gala dinners along the way took place at venues as varied as the Barn at Sutton Bridge; Springfields; Anglia Motel and Whaplode Manor, with guest speakers from the world of motorsport. To name a few: Brian Culcheth (BL works driver); Phil Short and Mike Broad (International rally co-drivers) John Taylor from Ford and Alec Stokes ex-BRM. We also dabbled in karting but members' (lightweight) sons always won that, so it didn't take off much! Of course, road rallying was how we started and although there are lots of stories perhaps most of them are best left untold and it is now mostly in the past. But the Club continues to flourish in its current form and having celebrated 50 years of EEMC in 2023, we continue to enjoy happy motoring!

**Robert Oldershaw**

# MENU : CHRISTMAS LUNCH – 8 DEC



## To Start

Chicken liver pate, red onion chutney  
Baked ciabatta stick

Leek and Potato Soup  
Fresh Baked Bread

Breaded Brie Bites, Cranberry Dip  
Garden Salad

Glass of Orange Juice

## For mains

Roast Turkey

Roast Beef

Mixed Nut Roast

All served with Pig in Blanket, Stuffing, Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Roasted Carrots, Honey Glazed Parsnips, Brussels, Broccoli and Gravy.

Pan fried Fillet of Scottish salmon  
Sauté Potatoes Tenderstem Broccoli and Hollandaise Sauce

## For Dessert

Christmas Pudding  
Brandy Sauce

After Eight Cheesecake  
Vanilla Ice Cream

Vanilla crème  
Homemade Shortbread Biscuits

Cheese Board

Tea and Coffee

**Bookings to Joy  
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## CAPTION COMPETITION

Thanks to Pete Jones for  
**'Small pieces of cake really get up my nose!'**



## SEPTEMBER CLUBNIGHT



Thanks to Steve Le Sage and the 35 members who supported his clubnight run to The Ship at Fosdyke.

## SNIPPET

- [Bourne Motor Racing Club's](#) speaker on **10 October** is Don Wales, the grandson of Sir Malcolm Campbell MBE and nephew of Donald Campbell CBE who between them broke 21 World Land and Water Speed records in various craft carrying the Bluebird name. Don will begin his presentation at 8pm at Bourne Corn Exchange, PE10 9EF. All welcome.