

## Forthcoming Events

### Tuesday 12 November

**CLUBNIGHT TALK** – ‘Land Rover 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. 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 motorsport. This included time restoring McLaren F1 cars whilst working with some iconic drivers. Come along and hear his story.

### Sunday 8 December

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH** – at the Black Horse, Main Street, Baston. PE6 9PB. Gather from 3.00pm for 3.30 sit-down. Last few places. 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 2](#) when booking...

### Tuesday 14 January 2025

**CLUBNIGHT QUIZ** – a light-hearted, not mind-blowing quiz for the New Year. Organised by Adrian & Caroline Cunnington and Duncan & Marian Russell. Venue: Tigers Club, Park Road, Holbeach. Gather from 7.00pm for 7.30 start. Teams of 2,3 or 4. £3/head for Club charity.

## Chair Mann's CHATTER

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

Hello to one and all from the SEECCC HQ! I am delighted to report I am still SMART meter less but I am concerned I'm losing the battle to stay that way. I realise in this day and age we are bombarded by rules and regs, something we encountered on our recent trip

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# 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

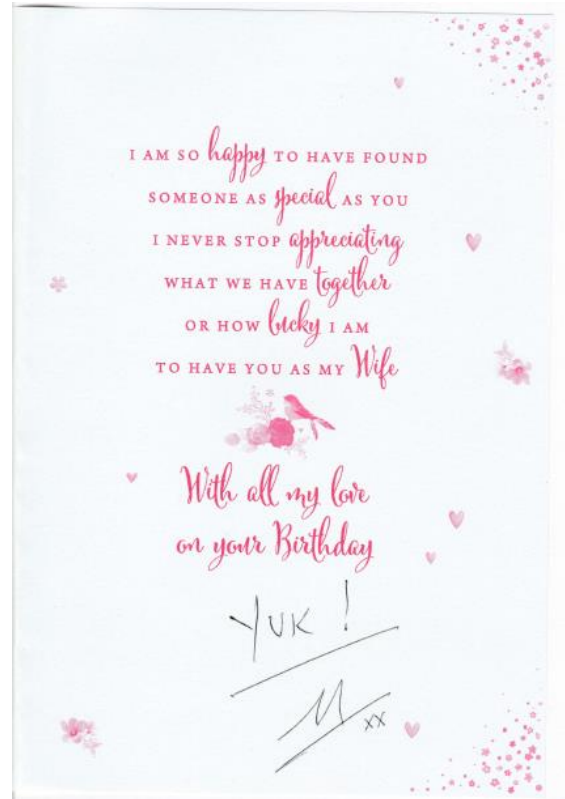
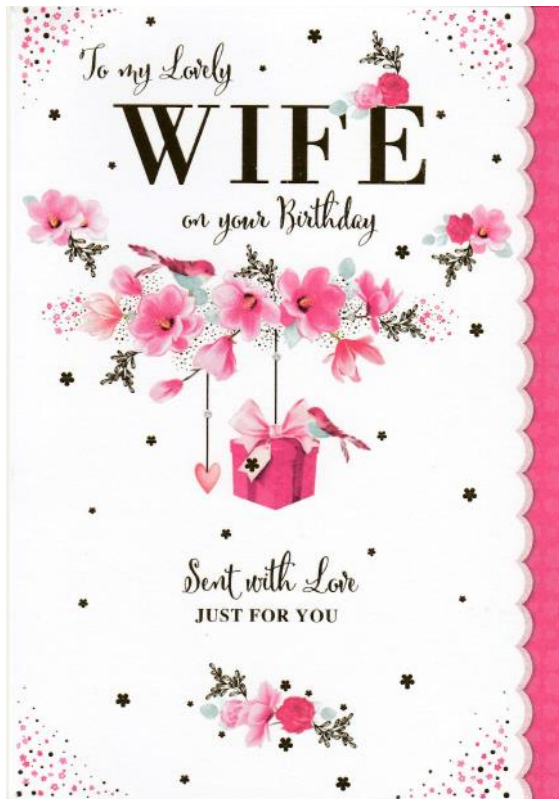
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Mann on 01775  
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## Chair Mann's Chatter, continued

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to our homeland, 'the Isle of Man(n)!' (Nigel's dad was Douglas Mann and we always felt he should have some sort of diplomatic immunity!).

This trip was a bit of a birthday treat for me. You may recall Nigel doesn't really embrace these occasions and has been known to send me an identical card three times! This year he pulled out all the stops and bought me a sappy, goo-ey, wifey card... images below ...



Entente Cordiale was resumed, eventually, one KFC birthday treat later; he just knows how to spoil a girl! Two days later we headed off to Birmingham Airport for our hop, skip and a jump flight to the island. And that, ladies and gentlemen, is where it all went downhill. Birmingham was horrendously chaotic, so disorganised, thousands queueing to get through security, we almost missed our flight. But you know me, I managed to politely accost someone who lifted the tape and let us jump the queue with just 10 minutes to spare. Unfortunately, this caused a surge of dozens more disgruntled travellers and I almost felt I was about to initiate a riot!

We'd had lessons from daughter-in-law, Harriet, and her provision of the correct size zippy plastic bags ensured we were uber confident we could sail through any security check in our wake. Nope! Plastic bags no longer required at Birmingham. Well, that week anyway!

Now the return journey – Ronaldsway Airport is a sort of one-man-band experience. I think the chap who checked us in nipped to the other counter to see us through security and then probably captained the plane, leaving a note on the door to say he'd be back later!

BUT ..... plastic bags ARE required there and a bottle containing water had to be downed in one, scrutinised and then refilled at the fountain a few yards away??? Unfortunately, the small foil package in Nigel's rucksack wasn't so well received and he had to be swabbed which I found quite amusing... until I discovered my bag had also not passed muster. I was cheese-less (Yes, he was indeed carrying a lump of Manx cheese!) but my 75ml hairspray was dubious and went off for forensic examination.

One further bit of info before I finish my rambling, if you need medical attention and the NHS keep knocking you back consider a quick nip to the Isle of Man and Nobles Hospital, it's fantastic. I had an eye issue and we toddled off to Nobles. Within ten minutes of checking in we were seen by three doctors and left about 30 mins later, medication in hand. They messaged my Spalding GP to advise I might need a further prescription on my return and that's when everything ground to a halt...Perhaps Captain Hindsight and Rachel Theeves could do a recce, just saying.....! [more >](#)

Finally, thanks to all who supported the October brunch meet at Waterside and our Spooky Tour at Burghley, courtesy of Jean and Paul P, thanks chaps! Also, to all who rendezvous-ed for Adrian and Caroline's breakfast meet on Sunday at The Secret Garden, it was excellent. We do have a few seats left for Christmas lunch, so please book without delay. Thanks to the 50 or so who've already ordered and paid, it's a huge help.

Finally, finally..... We're currently putting together the 2025 calendar and would appreciate any input if you have ideas or recommendations. Don't miss Tom Gibbard's talk this month, it'll certainly appeal to the ladies too so I look forward to seeing you all at The Tigers Bar on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Bye for now, and thanks again for your continued support,

**Joy**

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## **NOVEMBER CLUBNIGHT:**

**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'**

# The Bond Effect

*Stuart Gibbard tells us about his encounter with 007's Aston Martin DB5.*

Our chairperson and I are often at cross purposes during our conversations. When I told her that I was going to write something for the newsletter about Bond cars, she immediately thought I was going to pen a few words about her hubby's orange Bug (by this I mean Nigel's three-wheel motor rather than some embarrassing virus he may have picked up during his recent trip to the IOM). No, I explained, the Bond car I was going to talk about was made by Aston Martin.

Anyone like me of a certain age with a passion for Aston will usually explain that the fire was ignited by the scenes of Sean Connery piloting 007's DB5 around the alpine Furkastrasse in the 1964 *Goldfinger* film. Later in the film, all the car's gadgets are deployed, and the 'baddie' is ignominiously ejected from the passenger seat. We were hooked, which is why James Bond's DB5 is often recognised as the most iconic movie car of all time.

Two DB5s were used during the filming of *Goldfinger*, the 'special effects' car actually being a DB4 Series V that had been Aston's prototype for the DB5. For many of the driving scenes a production DB5 without the gadgets was supplied as a 'road car'. By the time the DB5 reappeared in the following year's *Thunderball* film, there were four Bond DB5s in existence – the two cars from *Goldfinger* being joined by two more 'gadget' cars that were used for publicity purposes.

My first encounter with one of the Bond cars was in 1965 when I was just 10 years old. My father took the family to London to see a rerun of *Goldfinger* in Leicester Square. Afterwards we went to Selfridges where one of Bond DB5s was on display to promote the new Corgi model of the 007 Aston with various working gadgets. My brother and I were bought one apiece.

I'd like to say I've still got my Corgi model, but in truth it was played with almost to destruction. The plastic figure that was ejected through the roof was eventually eaten by our Jack Russell. However, in more recent years, I've managed to find a perfect 'mint & boxed' example of the original Corgi model from 1965.

This is, then, a brief explanation of my Bond-fuelled obsession with Aston Martin. Earlier this year, the Aston Martin Owners Club announced that this October's annual dinner would be a 007-themed event to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Goldfinger* film. The event was to be held at the Royal Automobile Club's prestigious clubhouse in Epsom. Sue and I immediately booked tickets along with several of our friends from our local AMOC area.

I should explain here that Sue and I gravitate to AMOC Area 14, which covers Norfolk and Suffolk. This is because Lincolnshire is grouped in Area 3 along with several other counties across the East Midlands and most of the events take place in Nottinghamshire or Derbyshire. The Area 14 events are closer to us, and its members are a lovely bunch of people.

So, the Saturday evening of 19 October saw us ensconced in Woodcote Park for a champagne reception followed by a sumptuous dinner among Bond-themed movie props and posters with Auric Goldfinger and Oddjob lookalike characters ominously moving among the guests. There were casino tables, a live performance of Bond movie themes, a talk about 007's various Aston

Martins and a short film on the fate of the original DB5 'special effects' car, which disappeared in 1997 after being reportedly stolen from a lockup in Florida.

However, for me, the most exciting aspect of the evening was that one of the four original Bond cars from the *Goldfinger/Thunderball* era had been brought over from its home in Switzerland for the event. This could even have been the car I saw in Selfridges in 1965! It was displayed outside the ballroom alongside a standard DB5, both finished in the iconic Silver Birch of the Bond cars.



*James Bond's Aston Martin at Woodcote Park with a standard production DB5 behind.*

Later in the evening, we were invited to go outside and see a demonstration of the car's various gadgets in action. First the bullet shield was raised. It was actually made from aluminium alloy so was unlikely to stop any missiles. Then the smoke screen was activated – presumably it was a smoke screen, and the car wasn't just burning oil!



Next, we were asked to move to the front of the car for a demonstration of its forward defences, which included extending bumpers. It was amazing how many people were happy to stand in the firing line while the machine guns deployed. There were several loud bangs, but nobody died so presumably they were shooting blanks (it's an age thing!). Neither was anyone ejected from the seat.



After the demo ended, we were asked if we wanted to sit in the driving seat – what an opportunity to get behind the wheel of what has been described as 'The most famous car in the world'.

Surprisingly, it was the ladies who were first in the queue. Perhaps they thought they'd find Daniel Craig in the passenger seat! However, this was a car from an altogether much earlier era of Bond. Other versions of the DB5 reappeared in several Bond films from 1995 onwards, and more recently Aston Martin Works created a short run of 'Goldfinger' continuation cars. But this was one of the four 'originals' – and it was with a certain amount of awe, reverence and excitement that I took my turn in the seat (*below, left*).



*The catalyst to an Aston Martin 'obsession' – the Corgi Bond car from 1965 (above, right).*

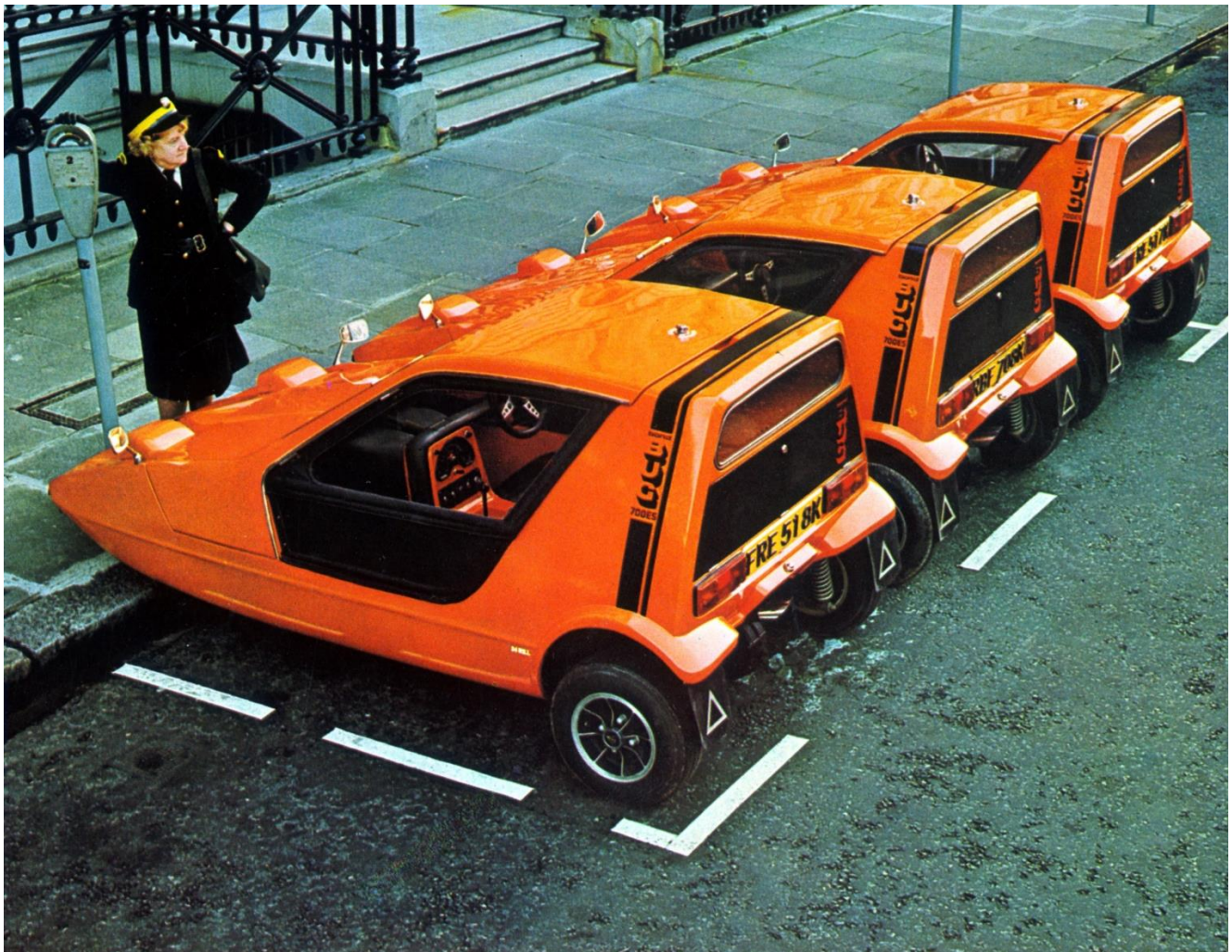
So, there I was, sitting in that famous leather seat, grasping the iconic wood-rimmed steering wheel, gazing at the glowing radar screen and the open armrest with all the gadget buttons at my fingertips. Who should I eject? Should I blast away at fellow guests with the machine guns? I felt like a 10-year-old again!

**SG**



*Some poser with the Bond DB5 as he imagines he's 007 !!*

# CAPTION COMPETITION



The aforementioned Bond bug x 3! Entries to [seeccc@btinternet.com](mailto:seeccc@btinternet.com) by 29 Nov please.

## CALENDAR 2025

As mentioned by Joy in her Chatter on page 5, the Club's calendar for next year is now being worked on and will be ready for release in your **New Year newsletter**. If you have any suggestions for events, please email your ideas to Joy at [jmann@seeccc.co.uk](mailto:jmann@seeccc.co.uk). Thank you.

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**CLUB CALENDAR 2025**

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Date	Day	Event	Organiser	Venue
14 Jan	Tue	Club Night Quiz	Cunnington/Russell	Tigers Club Holbeach
11 Feb	Tue	Club Night Talk	J & N Mann	Tigers Club Holbeach
2 Mar	Sun	Sunday Brunch Meet	SEECCC	TBC
19 Mar	Wed	Midweek Lunch	TBC	TBC
7 Mar	Tue	Annual General Meeting	SEECCC	Tigers Club Holbeach
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