spalding classic car club newsletter

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Forthcoming Events

FULL 2025 CALENDAR: SEE PAGE 4

Tuesday 14 January 2025

CLUBNIGHT QUIZ – a light-hearted, enjoyable quiz for the New Year.

Organised by Adrian & Caroline Cunnington and Duncan & Marian Russell at the

Tigers Club, Park Road, Holbeach. PE12 7EE

Licensed bar.

Gather from 7.00pm for 7.30 start.

Teams of 2, 3 or 4.

£3/head for Club charity, Phab.



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CLUBNIGHT TALK – Riky Ash: Stuntman

Organised by Joy & Nigel Mann. Meet from 7pm for a 7.30 start at the Tigers Club, Park Road, Holbeach.

£3/head for Club charity, Phab. See page 3 for more details.

Chair Mann's CHATTER

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Hello Everyone and "Happy New Year!"

Thanks very much for all the festive wishes and positive comments following last month's newsletter and the cheeky piece kindly written by Stuart Gibbard, our newest committee recruit! We are delighted so many could see the funny side and weren't overwhelmed by the touch of smut!

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Sally Tucker

It is with great sadness that we report that long-standing Club member Sally Tucker from Pinchbeck passed away recently. Sally was the widow of Phil, who had died just last January. The Club has been advised there will be no public funeral.



Chair Mann's CHATTER continued

Just to reassure you, Nigel and I have been together for 25 years but I have to confess I am amazed this Mann was keen to "take me on"! When we first met, I was newly divorced, living over the border in Norfolk, with 17 foster children, aged from 3 to 16, who came and went at various times, alongside me running my own business as a professional matchmaker, which I hasten to add, is not how I met Nigel. (I would never date my clients, they might want a refund!!).

Plus, my ex-hubby was a regular visitor (he still is) as I looked after his business accounts and finances... Yes, I know, not the usual divorce scenario!

And yes, I did indeed have a VW but not the Beetle mentioned in Stuart's tale, I had a Golf GTi which Nigel swiftly asked if he could swap it with his BMW 528 for a couple of days. Strange, but true....!! On their return, my car was mega shiny, with gleaming alloys as apparently the brake dust had been driving him crackers.... (My Beetle period was in 1975, only 6 volts so was swiftly replaced by a Viva which faired better in the dark, cold and wet!!)

Back to the subject of crackers, big thanks to all those who joined in the SEECCC Xmas bun fight in Baston; hope you enjoy the pics (below and page 6), thanks must go to Patrick and Alice Limming for these.

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Chair Mann's CHATTER continued

You'll also be pleased to know a lot of work has been going on behind the SEECCC scenes and I am delighted to report your 2025 calendar of events is pretty well sorted. Enjoy!

Finally, apologies to those who have been misled by the club's Facebook content, we are in the throes of sorting this out. To ensure you're kept up to date with our SEECCC events we will continue to alert you by email / newsletter / website www.seeccc.co.uk but please just get in touch if you have any queries.

We look forward to seeing you at the quiz on the 14th January, I'm reassured it'll be pretty easy-going, so should be a giggle. Nigel and I thank you for your support in 2024 and wish you many happy miles in 2025!

Bye for now, Joy.

FEBRUARY CLUBNIGHT TALK - RIKY ASH:

Riky Ash is a highly skilled, experienced and talented Stuntman, Stunt co-ordinator and Actor. With over 700 industry credits, Riky is a safe, reliable, relaxed, intelligent and friendly stuntman – one of the very best in the industry!

Riky has safely performed over 1000 stunts and successfully coordinated stunts for many other projects. He has doubled over 200 children and adults of all statures; these achievements were honoured in the 2000 edition of the Guinness Book Of Records.



Riky has excellent communication skills and places a strong emphasis on actor participation which has worked to the advantage of many production companies.

With over 31 years of experience, Riky is a friendly and approachable stuntman and stunt coordinator, making him one of the most sought-after performers in the world today.

Do come to hear his talk!

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2025 CLUB CALENDAR

supporting **Phab**

| DATE | DAY | EVENT | ORGANISER | VENUE | | |
|------------|---------|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| 14th JAN | TUE | Club Night Quiz | Cunnington/Russell | Tigers Club Holbeach | | |
| 11th FEB | TUE | Clubnight Talk: Riky Ash 'Stunt Man' | J & N Mann | Tigers Club, Holbeach | | |
| 2nd MAR | SUN | Sunday Brunch Meet | Steve Le Sage | Baytree G/C, Hilgay | | |
| 19th MAR | WED | Midweek Lunch Meet J & P Pollard | | Unique Cottage, Spalding | | |
| 25th MAR | TUE | Annual General Meeting | SEECCC | Tigers Club, Holbeach | | |
| 6th APR | SUN | Sunday Brunch Meet | J & N Mann | Moor Fm, Newborough* | | |
| 27th APR | SUN | Drive It Day Tour | S Saunders & Liz B* | tbc | | |
| 4th MAY | SUN | Sunday Brunch Meet | SEECCC | Baytree G/C, Weston | | |
| 10th MAY | SAT | Spalding Flower Parade* | Graham Faulkner | Spalding | | |
| 14th MAY | WED | Club Night Run | C & C Cornish | tbc | | |
| 28th MAY | WED | Club Night: Fish & Chips | A & C Cunnington | tbc | | |
| 15th JUN | SUN | Charity Annual Classic Run | A & J Aistrup | Sleaford > Lincoln | | |
| 29th JUN | SUN | Treasure Hunt / Sunday Lunch | S Le Sage | tbc | | |
| 6th JUL | SUN | Sunday Brunch Meet* | tbc | tbc | | |
| 15th JUL | TUE | Club Night Visit | J & T Overson | The Rutland Vineyard | | |
| 27th JUL | SUN | 47 th Annual Classic Car Run | Kings Lynn & DMC | tbc | | |
| 3rd AUG | SUN | Time With The Langwades | C & K Langwade | Pinchbeck | | |
| 10th AUG | SUN | Boston Classic Car Show | G Faulkner | Hubberts Bridge | | |
| 13th AUG | WED | Club Night Run | A & C Cunnington | tbc | | |
| 27th AUG | WED | Cabana Evening | J & N Mann | Chequers Weston | | |
| 6th SEP | SAT | Sleaford Show | SSaunders / GFaulkner | Sleaford | | |
| 8-11th SEP | MON-THU | Club Trip: 3 nights > Cotswolds | J & T Overson | Stanton Manor, Wilts | | |
| 20th SEP | SAT | Visit: 'Bond Enigma Project' | S Gibbard | Swaffham | | |
| 5th OCT | SUN | Sunday Brunch Meet | SEECCC | Waterside, Baston* | | |
| 14th OCT | TUE | Clubnight: Film Night | S Gibbard | Tigers Club, Holbeach | | |
| 2nd NOV | SUN | Sunday Brunch Meet | S Le Sage | Warehouse, Setchey* | | |
| 11th NOV* | TUE | Club Visit* | A Cunnington | tbc | | |
| 14th DEC | SUN | Christmas Lunch | J & N Mann | Black Horse, Baston | | |

*PROVISIONAL DATE tbc: TO BE CONFIRMED DATES MAY BE CANCELLED WITHOUT NOTICE

MORE CHRISTMAS LUNCH PICS





Our Chair,
Joy Mann,
announces
the M'Duck
Trophy
winners
Stuart & Sue
Gibbard
(left) for
services to
the Club
year













CLUB VISIT: 15 July

The club will be making a visit to the **Rutland Vineyard** near Ketton for its July club night on Tuesday 15th July, times tbc. Price **£36** per person to include tour, talk, tasting and either cheeseboard or cake. Please register your interest early with Jenny Overson (email below).

Limited availability. More information at https://rutlandvineyard.com

CLUB TRIP Cotswolds Hotel Break: 8-11 September

3 nights staying at **Stanton Manor**, near Chippenham, Wiltshire. Prices from **£494** to include 2-course dinner, bed and breakfast.

Trip will include a Museum visit and driving tours.

Web links for further information:

https://www.stantonmanor.com https://atwellwilson.org.uk

Please email me to register interest and type of room so that we have an idea of numbers. You are not committed to anything at this stage.

Jenny Overson jenniferoverson@tiscali.co.uk

CAPTION COMPETITION:

please send entries to seeccc@btinternet.com by 27 January



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ACROSS

- 1. David or Jack?
- 6. Head office
- 8. Mercedes variant
- 11. Lotus for the Continent?
- 12. Goes that fast it's airborne?
- 13. One classic Rover
- 14. Not the RAC
- 16. Chinese head since 2012
- 18. New to F1 in '26
- 19. Two of these for a Wolff?
- 20. Country code for 3 down?
- 21. See 34 across
- 22. Big pinholes?!
- 24. A boot not a trunk
- 26. Kamala for a few weeks more
- 27. A green country
- 28. & 29 down. A pair of Billys
- 30. Christmas weather?
- 31. Mary modelled it
- 32. Kings' transport
- 34. & 21 across. The big red guy
- 35. Variant of 31 across
- 36. Appropriate car for those delivering 21 down?

DOWN

- 1. This time of year?
- 2. Nosey friend of 34 across
- 3. Max's favourite colour?
- 4. Peter Gabriel album (1986)
- 5. Trans Pennine Express
- 6. Close relation of 30 across?
- 7. Venue for F1 of late?
- 8. Ford supercar?
- 9. You'll perhaps have this at Yuletide?
- 10. Middle Eastern capital
- 15. Sports car for 30 across?
- 17. Fruit & brandy with it for Xmas?
- 23. Churchyard trees?
- 25. Nickname of World Rally starter?
- 29. See 28 across
- 31. TT island?
- 33. Red Bull has its 6 across here.

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Well done to Patrick & Alice Limming who completed the crossword in full – and did so in time to bring the answers to our Christmas Lunch!

SNIPPETS

- ➤ Your SEECCC news bulletin [amazingly] hits another milestone next month with its 200th edition. How little we knew about what was to come back at our inaugural SEECCC meeting at Whaplode Manor in May 2008! As a minor celebration of this milestone, we'll have a refreshed look and be re-visiting a few clips from past editions for our February newsletter.
- As Joy has intimated in her Chatter, our **Facebook** site is undergoing some alterations right now, so if you are a regular user you will start to see some of the changes that the Club Committee has decided to make coming through. The only events you will see on the site will be ones we are running or have accepted an invitation to. We hope that will eliminate the confusion caused where some of you have gone along to what you thought was a Club event, only to find you were the only ones from SEECCC there...

Please note that the site's being converted over to a **members-only account** so we are removing any non-members from 1 January (but do let us know if you have somehow been removed by accident!). If you are a member, feel free to come on board; there's just a short process to follow before you can access https://www.facebook.com/groups/@Spalding&EastElloeClassicCarClub

A reminder that **Bourne Motor Racing Club** has its first club night talk of 2025 on **Thursday 9 January**. The speaker will be Peter Digby, the Chairman of the British Racing Drivers' Club; he has been a director of the BRDC board since 2021 and is a former chairman of the Motorsport Industry Association. Peter was recently at the forefront of negotiations to secure a 10 year extension to host the F1 British Grand Prix at Silverstone. Before taking up the BRDC post, he was previously in charge at transmission maker Xtrac, who build transmissions for a large share of the global motorsport market.

Doors at Bourne Corn Exchange open at 7pm and the presentation starts at 8pm. Members' guests and visitors are very welcome. For more details on events at BMRC, go to their website at https://bournemotorracingclub.co.uk/

► King's Lynn & District Motor Club will organise some more classic car runs on Friday evenings in the coming summer in addition to its main Classic Car Run on Sunday 27 July. Provisional dates are 16 May, 27 June and 5 September. SEECCC members are invited.