

No 202 – April 2025

Events

Sunday 6 April

SUNDAY BRUNCH MEET – Baytree at Weston

Organised by Nigel Mann. Club members meet from 10.00 am. No need to book.

Sunday 27 April

DRIVE IT DAY RUN – to Thoresby Park, near Newark **BOOK NOW!**

A chance to get out on the road in your classic organised by Steve Le Sage and Stuart Gibbard. Choice of starts: Spalding or Ancaster. **Please see page 2 for FULL DETAILS.**

Sunday 4 May

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Wednesday 14 May

CLUBNIGHT RUN – to The Leagate Inn, Coningsby

Organised by Charles and Celine Cornish. Starts at the Vista in Spalding, PE11 2RA. **Full details on page 3. **BOOK NOW PLEASE!****

Wednesday 28 May

CLUB NIGHT – tbc

First, 'second club night' of the summer months. Details to follow.

Chair Mann's CHATTER

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Does anyone remember when we had to physically walk over to the television set and change the channel? It suddenly occurred to me that things have certainly altered since the 1960s, when we had a very limited choice of programmes and the world, and sometimes life, seemed so much more straightforward and most definitely black and white! Nigel and I are complete technophobes, much to the amusement of our 'children' (now in their 40s!!) and the gift of a Sonos gizmo when Nigel turned 60 was enough to push us over the edge.

You may also remember when John Lewis offered a real, proper touchy-feely retail experience, a shop you could actually visit, so we headed off to Peterborough and exchanged the Sonos for... a television. Now >



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said TV is considered defunct, unable to deal with the day-to-day demands of the average viewer. We're not the average viewers... (Nigel still thinks we need to put a tape in to record anything) but our grandchildren are, and the utter disappointment when we can't instantly produce their programme of choice is hard to bear! (For them....)

I can remember my parents renting their TV from a local, family-run business (another thing missing from our High Street) and a stroll up town to pay the TV rent along with the gas and electric bills, that you also paid in their High Street showrooms, was a common occurrence. Oh, how things have changed...

After whingeing I couldn't get BBC iPlayer anymore "the kids" leapt into action and after I'd managed to locate the WiFi code (a ridiculously complicated, weird 14 digit combination) the next 90 minutes of some jiggery-pokery eventually determined we are no longer allowed that channel, apparently. (I've also been instructed I must not use the phrase "Channel 4 Player" as there's no such thing... or maybe there is!)

Anyway, back to the tale... We gave up and went to the local Indian restaurant to console ourselves over a curry where our grandson tried to re-create the Taj Mahal with his emergency Lego kit. (Now, that's a really lovely reminder of our childhoods).

The next morning, bright and breezy, there was a ring of the doorbell and when I opened the door a small brown parcel had been left on our doormat. (No, that's not what it was!) As you can imagine from what I've already declared, neither of us had ordered anything from Amazon. I quickly discovered 'the kids' had sent us a Fire TV Stick HD... to go in my HDMI slot. "Where the Hell is that?"

Full of trepidation, Nigel and I set about installing this bit of kit and we just about managed to get it up and running before it got dark. Here we are, a week later, and I now have a husband who is hooked on "Formula 1: Drive to Survive", sneakily aided and abetted by some floozy called Alexa!!

Enough of my reminiscing; back to SEEECC – we are very much looking forward to seeing you out and about on Drive-it-Day, April 27th, and if you fancy a practice outing before then Nigel and I will be at Baytree in Weston on Sunday, April 6th for a brekkie / brunch meet. Hope to see you there!

Take care, [Joy](#)

'DRIVE IT DAY' RUN to THORESBY PARK Sunday 27 April - [book now](#)

Thoresby Park is a beautiful country estate in the heart of Nottinghamshire. The Park has been in the Pierrepont family for over 400 years and is the home to a stunning 17th century mansion, a world renowned art collection and over 1,000 acres of park land.

The Park is a popular tourist destination offering a variety of activities for all ages. Visitors can explore the estate, take a walk through the park, or visit either the art gallery, military museum, brewery or boutique shops within the charming courtyard.

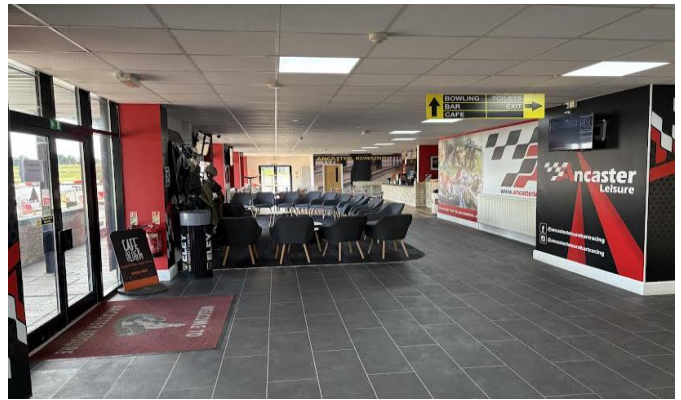
Meet at The Vista in Spalding, PE11 2RA at 9.30am ready to set off at 10.00am. We'll take a gentle drive out of Spalding towards our first stop at Ancaster Leisure Centre, NG32 3PY. Here you will be able to enjoy a hot/cold drink whilst looking out at the Kart Racing. Bacon or sausage baps will be available at £4.00 each or a pastry/ sausage roll for £2.50. Please pre-order if required to help our hosts with catering.

Drive It Day, contd...

Alternatively meet us at Ancaster. We will leave Ancaster Leisure Centre at approx midday, to head to Thoresby Park, NG22 9EP.

We aim to arrive at approximately 1.00pm/1.30pm

Free Parking will be available on the green adjacent to the Round House.



We then plan to meet in the courtyard to go into The Riding Hall for Afternoon Tea at 2.30pm. This will include a selection of sandwiches, home made sausage rolls, freshly baked scones, home made cakes and a hot drink. Cost is £15.95 per person, payable on the day.



Please book your place ASAP; last available booking: April 16th. Option to meet up at Spalding or Ancaster.

Steve Le Sage

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A sincere 'thank you' to Stuart and Sue Gibbard for helping with our 'Drive It Day' arrangements.

CLUBNIGHT RUN: Wednesday 14th May - please book now

Meet at The Vista, Spalding, PE11 2RA for 6:00pm to depart by 6:30pm. We will meander towards Coningsby eventually reaching The Leagate Inn, Leagate Rd., Coningsby, LN4 4RS by 7:30pm- ish.

Menu is as follows, cost is £25 a head for two courses:

- * **Mountains Lincolnshire Sausages**, mashed potato, spring greens and onion gravy;
- * **Beer Battered Haddock**, triple cooked chips and buttered garden peas;
- * **Pie of the Day**, triple cooked chips, charred hispi cabbage and gravy;
- * **Buttermilk Chicken Thigh Burger** with garlic mayo, skin on fries and slaw;
- * **Halloumi Burger**, mango chilli and lime sauce, siracha ailoli, skin on fries and slaw

- * **Treacle Tart**, almond brittles and Chantilly cream;
- * **Salted Caramel Brownie**, butterscotch sauce and honeycomb ice cream;
- * **Stout Sticky Toffee Pudding**, butterscotch sauce and clotted cream ice cream;
- * **Pineapple Tart Tatin**, candied walnuts and coconut ice cream;
- * **Selection of Ice Creams**

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Please note: To secure tables, we will be leaving a £10 a head deposit and will need 48 hours cancellation notice in order to negate it. Within the 48 hours before the run, it will be non-refundable.

Cut-off date for booking is **7th May**.

Charles & Celine Cornish

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Annual General Meeting: update

The club's AGM took place on Tuesday 1st April. Full minutes will follow next month but key changes that took place were few.

We welcome Celine Cornish who has joined the Committee.

We thank Steve Saunders who has stepped down from the Committee (and therefore as a Director) for his input over many years since the Club started in 2008/9.

The Club made a profit of £798 in 2024 and donated a total of £3011 to our nominated charity Phab.

The Club decided to phase out country membership as recent uptake has been minimal. Membership for 2025/26 will be offered purely as single (£15) or joint (£25).

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EEMC stalwart David Goose recently flew the Club flag competing on the West Cork rally in SW Ireland. Alas, after a 'fantastic' weekend, he & co-driver Ashley Tribble rolled on the sixteenth of 18 stages, ending their event. They were still classified in the results, 9th historic.

Dear Members,

We would like to invite you all to enter our 27th Annual Classic Car Run. Starting from: Silk Willoughby, just off the A15 south of Sleaford, we will make our way north of Lincoln to our lunch stop at Hemswell Cliff. After lunch, we'll head back south to the fantastic International Bomber Command Centre, just to the south of Lincoln, at Canwick.

We will meet at: **Pennells Four Seasons Garden Centre, London Road, Silk Willoughby, Sleaford NG34 8NY.** Registration starts at **9.00 am**. You will be welcomed with tea/coffee. A bacon, sausage or vegetarian bap may be pre-ordered if required at an additional cost of **£5.50** per person. Please indicate on the entry form if you require this option. Pre-ordering ensures a more efficient service and help us to make a timely start. We will begin to depart at **10:00 am**.

Lunch is at: **Hemswell Court, Lancaster Green, Hemswell Cliff, Gainsborough, DN21 5TQ.** An excellent two course lunch (table service) is available to pre-order at a cost of £25 per person (menu choices are on the form). Limited parking for those who wish to bring a picnic is available in the grounds of this former RAF Hemswell, Officers Mess. Depart about **2 pm**

We will finish at: **International Bomber Command Centre (IBCC), Canwick Ave, Lincoln LN4 2HQ**

As usual, we will present the 'Lyon's Pride' Trophy, in memory of Alan Lyon, a long-time organiser of this event. This award will be held by the winner for one year (open to SEECCC members only). As usual, we will present our "Car of the Day" award as voted for by fellow entrants, for the car they would most like to take home. The winner receives a trophy to keep and will be offered free entry into next year's event. To aid administration, please return your entry form, meal choices and payment as soon as possible, but please note that cheques will not be presented for banking before **16th May 2025**.

Our event will, once again, be supporting our chosen Charity, 'Phab' (Physically Handicapped and Able Bodied) <https://www.phab.org.uk>

Alan & Jackie Aistrup

EVENT REGULATIONS

1. East Elloe Motor Club Limited, through its specialist section, Spalding & East Elloe Classic Car Club, will promote its 27th Annual Classic Car Run on Sunday, 15th June 2025.
2. The meeting will be run in accordance with the Motorsport UK Regulations as a touring assembly. The meeting will be governed by Motorsport UK's General Regulations, these supplementary regulations and any written instructions issued for the event.
3. This event is open to members and non-members of the promoting club, entering cars of at least 20 years old. (Exceptions to this age rule may be allowed at the organiser's discretion for interesting cars). The entry fee includes day membership of the promoting Club for non-members.
4. The event will start from Pennell's Four Seasons Garden Centre London Rd Silk Willoughby NG34 8NY
5. Registration will take place on arrival at the start from 9.00 am.
6. All entrants must sign the declaration form at registration to confirm they have valid insurance for the event.
7. Cars will be identified by rally plates issued at registration, which must be fixed to the front of the vehicle.
8. Cars will begin to leave the start at around 9.45 am, at one-minute intervals on a suggested total route of approximately 80 miles using instructions from the road book or map.
9. The lunch halt will be at Hemswell Court, Lancaster Green, Hemswell Cliff, Gainsborough DN21 5TQ. Cars are expected to begin to arrive by 12 noon for pre-booked lunch (please see order form). Lunch will be served from 12.30 pm. For people wishing to picnic, there is limited space available within the grounds. Please park as directed by marshals. Cars should aim to leave the lunch venue by 2:00 pm.
10. The finish will be at: International Bomber Command Centre, Canwick Ave, Lincoln, LN4 2HQ
11. During the day entrants will be encouraged to vote for the 'Car of the Day' award given to the car which participants would most like to drive home. The organising team will judge "The Lyon's Pride" award for pride of ownership.
12. The entry fee is **£35.00** per car. Please use the attached entry form and enclose the fee with your entry or pay by BACS. Photocopies of the form are acceptable.
13. Entries open on release of these regulations and close on 16th May 2025. Confirmation of entry and final instructions will be sent to entrants from 17th May or on receipt of later entries (for which meals/rally plates are not guaranteed). All other information will be included in your entrant's pack which will be issued at registration on the day of the rally.
14. Photographs of cars taken by the club photographer on the day may be used in further publicity material.
15. For further information, please contact **Alan Aistrup** on **07468 112762**, at **8 Limetree Walk, Heckington, Sleaford, NG34 9TF** or by email at aaistrup32@gmail.com.

We wish to thank the following for their assistance in the organisation of this event: **Pennell's Four Seasons Garden Centre, Hemswell Court, International Bomber Command Centre, Lincolnshire Police, Lincolnshire County Council Highways, Motorsport UK**

ENTRY FORM - Sunday 15th June 2025

Name:		
Address:		
Postcode:	Email:	
	(Please print clearly)	
Telephone:	Mobile:	
Car Make:	Model:	
Reg. No:	Year:	Colour:

NB: The organisers reserve the right to refuse entries if the event becomes over-subscribed.

Entry Fee: £35.00 per car, payable with entry form. This fee includes tea/coffee at Pennell's Four Seasons Garden Centre, London Rd, Silk Willoughby, Sleaford. NG34 8NY
Meals: Bacon/Sausage/Vegetarian Bap £5.50 Lunch £25.00 per person, payable with entry.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> please tick <input type="checkbox"/> I wish to enter the above event in accordance with the event regulations and enclose my cheque (no cash please) payable to East Elloe Motor Club Ltd. The cheque will not be presented for payment before 16 th May 2025. <input type="checkbox"/> I wish to enter the above event in accordance with the event regulations and will pay by BACS to East Elloe Motor Club at Barclays Bank sort code 20-80-78. Account No. 50490008. Please quote the reference CCR2025.	Entry Fee Breakfast Bap £5.50pp Lunch £25.00 pp Total	£35.00 £ <hr style="width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"/> £ <hr style="width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"/> £ <hr style="width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"/>
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Signed..... Date.....

Please send this form, to arrive by 16th May 2025, by email to: aastrup32@gmail.com or post to:
Alan Aistrup. 8 Limetree Walk, Heckington, Sleaford, NG34 9TF

Entries will stay open until **23rd May** but those received after 16th May cannot be guaranteed meals or rally plates as these need to be ordered in advance of the event.

SEEECC Annual Classic Car Run: Food Order
Sunday 15th June 2025

Entrant's name.....

Passenger name(s).....(for table plan)

Please state number required

<u>BREAKFAST</u>	Entrant	Passenger(s)
Bacon Bap		
Sausage Bap		
Vegetarian Sausage Bap		

<u>LUNCH</u>		
Mains	Entrant	Passenger(s)
28 Day Medallion Lincolnshire Sirloin of Beef with Yorkshire Pudding and Horseradish Sauce		
Traditional Lincolnshire Sausage and Mango Curl on Creamed Potatoes with lashings of roasted onion gravy		
Free Range Breast of Pan Seared Chicken Fillet with a fresh Vine Tomato and Basil sauce		
Roast Chestnut Sweet Potato and Butternut Squash Loaf with a roasted onion gravy		
Desserts	Entrant	Passenger(s)
Citrus Lemon Tart with Fresh Raspberry Compote and Crushed Meringue		
Belgian Chocolate Brownie with Fresh Strawberries and Vanilla Pod Ice Cream		
Selection of Local Farmed Cheeses with Lincolnshire Plum Bread, Savoury Biscuits & Fresh Fruit		

*Dishes may contain traces of food allergens
We will of course cater for any special dietary requirements. If you have any dietary requirements, food allergies or intolerances, we are happy to adjust our dishes to meet your needs.*

2025 CLUB CALENDAR

supporting **Phab**

DATE	DAY	EVENT	ORGANISER	VENUE
14th JAN	TUE	Club Night Quiz	Cunnington/Russell	Tigers Club Holbeach
11th FEB	TUE	Club Night: Fish & Chips	J & N Mann	Boundary, Mkt Deeping
2nd MAR	SUN	Sunday Brunch Meet	Steve Le Sage	Baytree G/C, Hilgay
20th MAR	THU	Midweek Lunch Meet	J & P Pollard	Unique Cottage, Spalding
1st APR	TUE	Annual General Meeting	SEEECC	Tigers Club, Holbeach
6th APR	SUN	Sunday Brunch Meet	J & N Mann	Baytree G/C, Weston
27th APR	SUN	Drive It Day Run	S Gibbard/S LeSage	Spalding/Ancaster > Thoresby Park
4th MAY	SUN	Sunday Brunch Meet	SEEECC	tbc
14th MAY	WED	Club Night Run to Coningsby	C & C Cornish	Spalding > Leagate Inn
28th MAY	WED	Club Night	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 Run to Woolsthorpe	J & T Overson	Spalding > Dirty Duck PH
27th JUL	SUN	47 th Annual Classic Car Run	Kings Lynn & DMC	Thetford > Ely
3rd AUG	SUN	Time with the Langwades	C & K Langwade	West 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	SEEECC	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

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

Another Country, Another Car Museum

The lengths I go to, to find you more car museums! This time I had to go all the way to New Zealand, but fortunately our very generous chairman has said the club will cover my travelling costs, so that's not so bad. (I think that big thump I just heard was Joy hitting the floor!)

This particular museum was actually part of a much larger aircraft one, displaying planes from both World Wars. Both museums are the culmination of years of collecting, restoring, and in many cases replicating, by one man, and although the settings in which the aircraft had been placed, something realised by a company who usually does film sets apparently, were impressive, I think the actual content was maybe a little



disappointing, especially regarding the number of replicas on display, but there again, we are rather spoilt in this country, with the likes of Duxford.

The picture shows 'trophy hunters' ransacking the 'Red Baron's' Fokker Dr.1 Triplane, after he had been shot down. One interesting little snippet, was that, for years, it had been thought that he had been downed by a pilot from the opposing side, but recent investigations have revealed that he was actually shot by an Australian infantry soldier, who had shot from the ground, up through the seat of the plane: I bet that made his eyes water!

Anyway, on to the cars. The collection was mostly Australian and American stuff, although there was a smattering of British metal, particularly Jaguars. The guy who looked after the collection was pretty knowledgeable, and I think he enjoyed talking to someone who wasn't only there because it just happened to be part of the plane museum, and was actually interested in the cars themselves.

This 'Lotus Escort' is about as near as they had to 'the real thing', but it was quite interesting all the same, and apparently the demand for this era Fords is as strong out in NZ as it is here. They seem to have a pretty free choice of number plates out there, so we did see some pretty good ones on our travels.

All the cars were in running condition, and the museum had its own workshop which, in typical NZ disregard for health and safety, you could just wander into and take a look around.

There isn't too much more I can say really, so I will just attach some pictures, and hope you enjoy them.

I will however leave you with one little reminiscence of our time in NZ, and it concerns a meeting with a lady of advancing years, whom we spotted pushing her bike up a hill.

Now what you need to know, before I start, is that the New Zealanders pronounce their 'E's' as 'I's', so a speck of dust would sound like a *spick* of dust.



Anyway, I called across the road to her that what she needed was an electrically assisted bike. She replied that she had been thinking about buying one, but hadn't made her mind up yet.

We crossed the road to her, to avoid too much shouting and, as is typical with the New Zealanders, after about five minutes, it's like you've known them for years.

She explained that she and husband Dave had just returned to the island and had built a place up on the hill, which she claimed had the best views in the area and that Dave was still putting the finishing touches to the outside of the house, but nevertheless she invited us to go up and have a sit on 'Dave's dick'!

Alice and I obviously looked a bit taken-aback, so she repeated the invitation. I think she could tell by our reaction that something wasn't quite right, so I said to her: 'You do know you New Zealanders pronounce your 'E's' as 'I's' don't you?'

She looked a little confused, so I suggested she repeat the statement again, slowly, and listen to what she actually said. Well, the penny well and truly dropped, and she was absolutely distraught! 'Oh no', she said, 'I wouldn't say that to strangers; I meant his deck!'

I replied it was too late, as she had said it to strangers, so we all had a good laugh about it and we went our separate ways, as my knees were telling me I had done enough uphill for one day, so we never did get to see 'Dave's de(i)ck!'

Joy assures me that this will pass censorship!

Patrick Limming





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