

No 210 – December 2025

Events

Sunday 14 December

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

At The Black Horse, Main Street, Baston, Lincs. PE6 9PB. Arrive 3.30pm for 4pm sit-down.
Bookings closed but raffle tickets still available – please see Chatter below.

Thursday 15 January 2026

CLUB NIGHT TALK

First of our Thursday club nights is entitled *Images of Fenland Life*, a talk by Stuart Gibbard. At The Tigers Club, Park Road, Holbeach. Gather from 7pm for a 7.30 start. Small entry charge in aid of the club charity.

Chair Mann's **FESTIVE CHATTER**

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Hello Everyone! I cannot believe another month has whizzed by and we're rapidly hurtling towards the festivities and Santa-time!

Sadly, I'm not feeling the cheer and goodwill particularly after Rachel's shenanigans and... The Budget. I'm a pensioner with an electric car and a couple of lovely tenants so please don't mention RR... Unless you mean the 4 wheeled variety! But, then again, as a vertically challenged woman I need a leg-up for one of those. That's why we ended up with a "semi-skimmed" Velar instead of the 'Full Fat' one... (Much cheaper than wooing a taller wife though!!)

Anyway, enough of my whinging, let's get back to the festive stuff. We are really looking forward to our Christmas lunch on the 14th and thank the 78 members who will be joining us. I also wish to thank those who've already bought raffle tickets, supporting our charities. It's not too late to order your tickets (all welcome whether you're coming to the



lunch or not!) and pay by BACS if that makes life easier - £3 per ticket or a strip of five for £10 – but we cannot accept any BACS payments after December 7th, sorry!

However, rest assured Celine and Jenny will be selling tickets on the day. We have the fabulous M & S luxury hamper we've already advertised, worth £150, plus other goodies ... and another super-duper prize - free entry for two members to the SEECCC Annual Run in June, including lunch for two at the Petwood Hotel in Woodhall Spa!

Please just let me know if you wish to pay via BACS before the 7th and we'll ensure your tickets can be picked up on the 14th. Email jmann@seccc.co.uk

Back to me... and the Christmas preparations. Panto's booked and a bit of Santa retail therapy is now on the cards. But our very own High Street isn't that inspiring and it's virtually impossible to locate the requisite goods listed in Santa's letter – you know the one, that must be stealthily intercepted before it hits the post-box!

Barbie's Dream House has turned into a nightmare and I'm not really relishing the prospect of trying out the Balance Board! Our Grandparental participation is always required but last year's 'Upside Down Glasses' have left me seriously traumatised!

Finally, you may also recall I was moaning about my lovely hubby 'treating me' to a new set of pans for my recent birthday. I've now received this image demonstrating just how lucky I really am... One lady received a new sauce jug and a little sign indicating the whereabouts of her doorbell! Bet that caused a right old ding-dong!

...Talking of Merrily on High! We wish you lots of festive cheer and look forward to seeing you soon. Season's greetings to one and all from Nigel and I and all the 'boys and girls' here at SEECCC!

Joy



 If you would like a copy of "The Big C and Me", the book we're promoting to raise funds for Prostate Cancer UK and Macmillan Cancer Support, please let me know and I'll either bring copies with me to Christmas lunch or arrange to deliver or post one out to you. So far we have raised over £110 and I've heard plenty of great feedback about this excellent, often humorous, informative book. Nigel and I agree, it's an easy-going read, certainly illuminating and costs just £5.99. Simply email me if you'd like to support these very worthwhile causes at jmann@seccc.co.uk



 Please email Joy on the address above if you know of a suitable small hatchback or similar for sale. A newly-qualified driver is itching to commute under her own steam rather than bus! Automatic preferred. Budget up to £2,500.

DUFFERS GUIDE TO WORKSHOP TOOLS *from Alan Aistrup*

BELT SANDER: An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

ANGLE GRINDER: A portable cutting tool used to make engine studs too short.

PLIERS: Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes also used in the creation of blood-blisters.

MOLE-GRIPS: Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

ADJUSTABLE SPANNER: aka "Another hammer", aka "the Swedish Nut Lathe", aka "Crescent Wrench". Commonly used as a one size fits all wrench, that usually results in rounding off nut heads before the use of pliers. Will randomly adjust size between bolts, resulting in busted knuckles, swear words, and multiple threats to any inanimate objects within the immediate vicinity.

DRILL PRESS: A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted bit of bodywork you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

BAND SAW: A large stationary power saw primarily used by most people to cut good steel sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the rubbish bin after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

TABLE SAW: A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity and denting bodywork.

HACKSAW: One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER: Used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; also used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER: A tool for opening paint cans. It can also be used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and for blistering your palms.

PRY BAR: Used to crumple metal around a clip/bracket you need to remove to replace a 50p part.

HOSE CUTTER: A tool used to make new hoses too short'.

STANLEY KNIFE: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund cheques, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

HAMMER: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent to the object you are trying to hit.

OXY-ACETYLENE TORCH: Used almost entirely for setting fire to various flammable objects such as wiring looms and carpets. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race.

HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK: Used for lowering your vehicle to the ground after you have installed new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

TWO-TONNE ENGINE HOIST: A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

WIRE WHEEL: Cleans paint and rust off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh sh*t!'

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2026 CLUB CALENDAR

supporting **Prostate Cancer UK**

AMENDED DETAILS IN RED

DATE	DAY	EVENT	ORGANISER	VENUE
15th Jan	THU	Talk: Images of Fenland Life	Stuart Gibbard	Tigers Club, Holbeach
12th Feb	THU	Quiz Night	Barry & Liz Aistrup	Tigers Club, Holbeach
1st Mar	SUN	Sunday Brunch Meet	Adrian & Caroline Cunnington	T.B.A.
22nd Mar	SUN	Visit: Great British Car Journey	Jenny & Trevor Overson	Ambergate, Derby
26th Mar	THU	Annual General Meeting	SECC	Myers Room, Moulton
11th Apr	SAT	Visit: Aston Martin	Stuart & Sue Gibbard	Newport Pagnell
26th Apr	SUN	DRIVE IT DAY	Steve & Chris Le Sage	Bressingham Steam, Diss
3rd May	SUN	Sunday Brunch Meet	Joy & Nigel Mann	Baytree G/C, Weston
13th May	*WED*	Club Night Run	Charles & Celine Cornish	T.B.A.
7th Jun	SUN	ANNUAL CHARITY CLASSIC CAR RUN	Alan & Jackie Aistrup	T.B.A./Petwood/T.B.A.
25th Jun	THU	Club Night Visit & BBQ	Stuart & Sue Gibbard	Ropsley
28th Jun	SUN	Baston Classic Car Show	Nigel & Joy Mann	Grimsthorpe
5th Jul	SUN	Treasure Hunt / Sunday Lunch	Steve Le Sage & Mick Nundy	T.B.A
16th Jul	THU	Club Night Run	Joy & Nigel Mann	New Lodge Farm, Bulwick
26th Jul	SUN	KLDMC Annual Charity Run	Kings Lynn & D.M.C.	T.B.A.
2nd Aug	SUN	Afternoon Tea	Colin & Karen Langwade	Pinchbeck
9th Aug	SUN	Boston Classic Car Show	Graham Faulkner	Hubbert's Bridge
16th Aug	SUN	Sunday 'Hog Roast' Run	Adrian & Caroline Cunnington	T.B.A. > Gedney Dyke
30th Aug	SUN	"The Sheringham Shanty Men"	Jenny & Trevor Overson	West Acre Theatre, Norfolk
5th Sep	SAT	Sleaford Classic Car Show	Graham Faulkner	Sleaford
10th Sep	THU	Club Night Run	Jean & Paul Pollard	T.B.A
T.B.A.		CLUB TRIP	Teams Gibbard & Le Sage	Yorkshire
4th Oct	SUN	Sunday Brunch Meet	Jenny & Trevor Overson	Warehouse, Setchey
15th Oct	THU	Talk: Tanks & Tractors	Stuart Gibbard	Tigers Club, Holbeach
1st Nov	SUN	Sunday Brunch Meet	Steve & Chris Le Sage	Bosworth's G/C, Elton
19th Nov	THU	Club Night Meal	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
13th Dec	SUN	Christmas Lunch	Joy & Nigel Mann	T.B.A.

DATES MAY BE CANCELLED WITHOUT NOTICE; T.B.A. = to be announced

 Most club nights now on **Thursday** evenings to help organisers secure venues, as many are not open on Tuesdays anymore.



GIANT CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

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See if you can find these makes - and circle them in the grid above.

Allard	Evante	Honda	Lotus	Wolseley	Porsche	Citroen	Lancia	Panhard
Ginetta	McLaren	Rover	Chrysler	TVR	Renault	Mini	Volvo	Toyota
Mazda	Gordon Keeble	Rolls Royce	Aston Martin	Alfa Romeo	Morris	Maserati	Fiat	Bristol
Triumph	Hillman	Ferrari	Humber	Delage	MG	Ford	Saab	Sunbeam
Vauxhall	Jaguar	Austin	BMW	Alpine	Riley	Elva	Lamborghini	

There should also be models in the grid for each of the makes in **bold** – but there may be more!

Answers on an email to the Editor at seccc.editor@gmail.com by 30 December.