

No 214 – April 2026

Events

Tuesday 7 April

SENIORS' LUNCH AT THE THATCHED COTTAGE, SUTTERTON BOOK NOW!

Organised by Jenny & Trevor Overson. The Thatched Cottage is at Pools Lane, Sutterton, PE20 2EZ. See page 6 for our menu. Sit-down 12.30pm. To pre-order, please contact Jenny at jenniferoverson@tiscali.co.uk. Tel 07736 271113.

Saturday 11 April & Saturday 18 April

VISIT TO ASTON MARTIN WORKS AT NEWPORT PAGNELL FULLY BOOKED

Organised by Stuart & Sue Gibbard (07971 547763). This visit has been over-subscribed so another group is going to visit the following Saturday. Stuart has full details if you've booked.

Sunday 26 April

DRIVE IT DAY RUN TO BRESSINGHAM NOW BOOKING

Our annual Drive It Day run starts at Downham Market before going on to **Bressingham Gardens** near Diss this year. Steve Le Sage is organising the day. Meet at Downham Home & Garden Store, Stonecross Road, Downham Market, PE38 0AD from 9.30am, where tea/coffee, English breakfast or bacon baps will be available if required

Please pre-book your places (numbers required). Entry fee of £9.00 per person will be collected on the day before arriving at Bressingham. Please have cash available. Last available booking date is Thursday 16th April. Contact: Steve Le Sage tel 07950 742732 or email stevelesage1ee@gmail.com. [See page 5 for more information.](#)

Sunday 3 May

BREAKFAST MEET AT BAYTREE, WESTON

Meet from 10 for breakfast, coffee or simply a chat. **No need to book.**

WEDNESDAY 13 May

CLUBNIGHT RUN & MEAL Charles & Celine Cornish's event. See page 7 to pre-book.



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Chair Mann's CHATTER

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Easter greetings to one and all from the SEECCC HQ! This is definitely the time to dust off your classic and take to the roads as we have a fab calendar of events for you to enjoy.

Thanks to Adrian and Caroline for booking the first brunch meet of the year on March 1st – a very well supported event at Ollie's in Spalding. Thanks also to Jenny and Trev for organising the Derbyshire recce last weekend and the delights of the *Great British Car Journey* museum, a very enjoyable way to kick start the SEECCC outings.

Don't forget Team Overson is also back in the driving seat for the Thatched Cottage midweek lunch on the 7th – please let them know your menu choices without delay!

Team Gibbard, aka Stuart and Sue, is also planning the two visits to the Aston Martin Works on the 11th and the 18th – again, if you're still to pay your charity contribution, please do so straightaway.

Steve (Le Sage) is the main man for the club's Drive it Day outing and this year we are off to Bressingham Gardens, near Diss. Almost 40 members have already booked in for this so let him know now if you wish to tag along – stevelesage1ee@gmail.com

All the info you need is in this newsletter – Booking promptly for events, especially the shows, is now even more crucial than ever – we have 170 + members and spaces can be limited....

Whilst on the subject of booking early – places for the club's biggest event, the annual run on June 7th have been filling up fast and more than 60 people have already entered. Contact Alan and Jackie Aistrup – aaistrup32@gmail.com

We also plan on having a club stand at the Baston Show at Grimsthorpe, Boston Show and Sleaford Show – all co-ordinated by another committee member, Graham Faulkner – please book without delay – see further info in this news.

Another important date in the club's calendar was the AGM on March 26th. I send my heartfelt thanks to all those on the committee who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the club what it is today. I must also acknowledge Terry Carter who has just stepped down from his role on the committee after many years "We are very grateful for your support, Terry, thank you!"

Another man in my life I should mention – Steve Le Sage – huge thanks for being my Vice-Chair over many years – your enthusiasm and input have been immense and I am relieved you have agreed to stay on the committee, thank you, thank you, thank you!

Finally, I must acknowledge the two other men who got me into all this bother years ago – hubby, Nigel, and our very own Mr. Editor, and now Vice Chair, Adrian!

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SEEECC was really Adrian's brainchild way back in 2008 (a potential classic car section for the long-standing East Elloe Motor Club) and I was encouraged by Nigel to volunteer (just in the short-term, he said...) as Adrian's secretary...

Most of you know what happened in the last 18 years so I won't bore you. To sum up, although we have a change of some roles within SEEECC the team is still very much intact and committed to carrying on the good work!

Finally, finally, none of this is feasible without the support of our lovely members –
THANK YOU TO ONE AND ALL!

Joy

UPDATE: SEPTEMBER'S YORKSHIRE TRIP IS FULLY BOOKED

Thanks to everyone who is supporting us. Steve & Christine, Stuart & Sue

SEEECC SHOWS UPDATE

Cut off dates for applications to join the SEEECC stand at Boston and Baston shows are shown below.

Baston (28 June), final application 31st May

Boston (9 August), final application 30th June

Sleaford (5 September), please see <https://www.sccms.co.uk/>

For more information, please email graham55cloughroad@gmail.com

GET IT OUT, DUST IT DOWN AND SHOW THE WORLD

Graham F

EDITOR'S APOLOGY

Sorry but some gremlins got into the SEEECC Newsletter file last month, resulting in your March edition appearing in a somewhat dishevelled state. Hopefully said gremlins have now been banished and we're back to something approaching normality, whatever that is!

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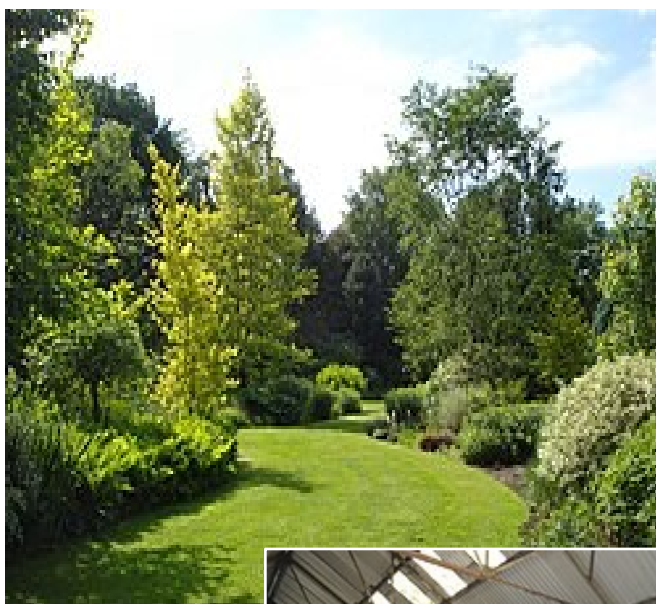
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'DRIVE IT DAY'

PICNIC AT BRESSINGHAM STEAM MUSEUM & GARDENS SUNDAY 26TH APRIL

Join us in this unique opportunity to visit the famous **Bressingham Steam Museum & Gardens**, situated on the A1066 west of Diss in Norfolk. IP22 2AA.

Bring your classic car and picnic for a fabulous day out in the grounds of this magnificent venue. There is so much to see and do, the wonderful locomotive and vehicle collection, 17 acres of beautiful gardens to look around or to just simply relax in. You can also view the grounds by taking a ride on one of the steam trains (at extra cost). Bressingham is also home to the historic **Dad's Army** museum. The site closes at 5pm, giving plenty of time to take in all the attractions at a reduced entrance fee for Club members.



We will meet at **DOWNHAM HOME & GARDEN STORE** Stone Cross Road, Downham Market, PE38 0AD from 9.30am, where tea/coffee, English breakfast or bacon baps will be available if required.

Please book your place for 'Drive It Day' asap (numbers required please). Entry fee of £9.00 per person will be collected on the day before arriving at Bressingham. Please have cash available.

Last available booking: April 16th

Contact: **Steve Le Sage** tel 07950 742732
email stevelesage1ee@gmail.com



SUMMER VISIT – MASON COLLECTION

Thursday 25 June

Stuart and Sue Gibbard have arranged a summer club night visit on **Thursday 25 June** to see Richard Mason's private collection of tractors and vehicles at Swineshead.

Richard has recently extended his purpose-built museum buildings and has kindly invited us to be one of the first clubs to visit. He has, at the last count, 77 tractors plus cars and other vehicles. Richard specialises in Ford conversions from the 1960s and '70s, a time when tractor manufacturers were experimenting with ways to increase power and traction, and he has some spectacularly rare machines.



Richard has kindly offered us use of his large grass field adjoining the museum, where we can park up our classic cars. He has also arranged for his local **mobile fish and chip van** (which comes highly recommended) to be in attendance, so you will be able to purchase your fish supper!

The lady running the van would like an idea of numbers so please contact Stuart (email stuart@gibbardtractors.co.uk or phone 07971 547763) to let him know you are coming.

We will meet at 6.30pm at Fenhouses, Swineshead, Boston, PE20 3HF. It's an ideal opportunity for everyone to get together on a long summer evening and it would be great to gather as many cars as possible.

SG



SENIORS LUNCH

TUESDAY 7th APRIL

LUNCH MENU: CONTACT JENNY O TO BOOK (*see page 1*)

THE

THATCHED COTTAGE
RESTAURANT & BAR
EST. 1988

Senior Specials

STARTERS

HOMEMADE SOUP OF THE DAY (V)
GOLDEN CROUTONS (GFA)

THAI STYLE FISHCAKE
DRESSED SALAD, MANGO CHUTNEY

CHICKEN & BABY LEEK TERRINE
MIXED LEAF SALAD & CARAMELISED ONION CHUTNEY

MAINS

BEER BATTERED FISH & CHIPS
CHIPS, MUSHY PEAS, LEMON WEDGE (GFA)

BOSTON SAUSAGE
CREAMY MASH, ONION GRAVY & GARDEN PEAS (GFA)

WHOLETAIL SCAMPI
HAND-CUT CHIPS & GARDEN PEAS

LIVER & ONIONS
CREAMY MASH & GARDEN PEAS

CHILLI CON CARNE & RICE
TORTILLA CHIPS (GFA)

PENANG VEGETABLE CURRY
WHITE RICE & PAPPADUM (V) (VE)(GF)

DESSERT

HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE BROWNIE
RASPBERRY SORBET, CHOCOLATE DRIZZLE

SPOTTED DICK
SERVED WITH CUSTARD

CHEFS CHEESECAKE OF THE DAY
SERVED WITH ICE CREAM

1 COURSE £10.50 / 2 COURSE £14.50 / 3 COURSE £17.50

Please Note: If you have any allergy or dietary requirements please speak to member of the team for more information.

MAY CLUBNIGHT

Wednesday 13th May (please note date)

Organised by Charles & Celine Cornish. Meet at The Vista in Spalding, PE11 2RA from 6pm. We will leave by 6.30pm to drive to The Ship (ultimately). Please pre-book food from menu below with Charles by 4th May, e-mail charlescornish67@gmail.com

*Spalding Classic
Car Club*

13th May 2026



Josdyke Bridge

Tel. 01205 260764

2 Course Menu

Mains

*Wholetail Scampi with triple cooked chunky chips,
garden peas & tartare sauce.*

*Beef or Vegetable Lasagne or Hunters Chicken
with triple cooked chunky chips & salad garnish.*

*Mountains Lincolnshire Sausages
with mash potato, peas & onion gravy
(Gluten free & Vegetarian options available).*

*Homemade Steak & Adnams Ale Pie
with triple cooked chunky chips, peas & gravy.*

Desserts

*Fruit Crumble with pouring cream or custard
Lemon Meringue with pouring cream or ice cream
Toffee & Honeycomb Cheesecake with pouring cream or ice cream
Luxury Ice Cream (2 scoops) & Wafer
(Choices—Vanilla, Chocolate, Strawberry, Rum & Raisin)*

£26.00