

No 213 – March 2026

Events

Sunday 22 March

CLUB TRIP: GREAT BRITISH CAR JOURNEY MUSEUM NOW BOOKING

Organised by Jenny & Trevor Overson. GBCJ is in Ambergate, near Derby, DE56 2HE. Group rate of £15 pp includes a free drink.

Plan is to stop off for an *optional* meal at the Robin Hood & Little John at Aslackby on the way home. Meals must be pre-ordered: see menu on page 6. E-mail jenniferoverson@tiscali.co.uk to book. See <https://greatbritishcarjourney.com/>

Thursday 26 March

CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OPEN TO ALL

The annual opportunity to 'have your say' on how the Club is run. Note that our new venue is the **Myers Room, Moulton Community Centre, Broad Lane, Moulton, PE12 6PN**. Meet at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. **Agenda on page 5.**

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 7 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 a second group will visit the following Saturday. Contact Stuart for details if you've booked.

Sunday 26 April

DRIVE IT DAY RUN TO BRESSINGHAM NOW BOOKING

Our annual Drive It Day run meets up at Downham Market before going on to **Bressingham Gardens** near Diss this year. Steve Le Sage is organising. Full information on page 4.



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Chair Mann's CHATTER

Joy Mann Chair jmann@seeccc.co.uk ☎ 01775 723856

Yes! It's true. I did arrive home on a milk float. As you can imagine, this was a few years ago, probably about 50 to be more precise! I was making my way home from a New Year's Eve do, walking 3 miles, from Werrington to our family home, in 3 inch heels! I'd also been celebrating at a Vicars and Tarts party so I'll leave you to imagine my attire, thankfully all wrapped up in a fab winter coat. (I'm just smiling to myself when I consider that nowadays it takes me all my time to navigate in slippers!)

However, although those memories make me smile, today's a different tale, when you think there's no way in a million years you would do that now. Sad to think how things have changed, and not always for the better. In those days you left your door unlocked, your children roamed free, heading to the local park with their mates, and I remember my dad would warm his van up each morning, leaving it idling in the street whilst he finished his cuppa.... I thought Mr Mann and I could try this social experiment but somehow, he's not so keen!!!

You could throw the baby in the carrycot on to the back seat of your car, I've even driven to Hunstanton with 4 youngsters on sofa cushions, loose in the hatchback of my Vauxhall Astra... (this was not during my years of fostering, I hasten to add!)

A few years later I flew into Nairobi in a light aircraft on my way back from the Maasai Mara when we suddenly veered off the runway, bounced along into the rough only to discover an enormous jumbo jet landing alongside us, just feet away.... So, there are times when we are grateful for a control tower and a few UK Health and Safety rules and regs but hasn't it all gone a bit too far?

Thankfully, we never had to worry about a classmate brandishing a weapon; we were rollicked for wearing non-uniform knickers or anything that looked remotely like make-up, and as you can probably imagine, I actually appealed against the one detention I was given! This was not associated with any of the aforementioned misdemeanours in case you're wondering..... but I won my appeal which then meant the teacher in question made my life Hell for the rest of my time at school! But you just cracked on, whingeing wasn't even a thing back then!

Anyway, back to business and all that I'm supposed to be talking about..... We have an extensive calendar lined up but we're always open to new suggestions so please do shout if you think there's something we should be including. We also have the AGM looming so feel free to join us but please do let us know if you plan to attend as I'll need to ensure there's enough milk for the cuppas. Finally, heartfelt thanks go to Barry and Liz for a very entertaining evening of quizzing and camaraderie last month.

Remember, all the info you need is in our monthly newsletter, or on the www.seeccc.co.uk website where you can also link to the club's current Facebook page. (Sadly, some people are still trying the old route and all the correct up-to-date stuff is on the new page!)

Having said all this, feel free to message me at any time if you have any questions or queries jmann@seeccc.co.uk. We look forward to seeing you out and about soon!

SECCS SHOWS INFORMATION

Sleaford Classic Car and Motorcycle Show
Saturday 5th September 2026, Sleaford NG34 7HH

SECCS is delighted to have been asked to display a club stand at Sleaford, following an excellent display in 2025. We are again limited to 15 places, so please don't delay. This is a lovely show, well organised and very well attended.

Applications for attendance should be made via <https://www.sccms.co.uk/> please include SECCS as the club stand you wish to be joining. Online entry forms are now open. There is a £6.00 charge to display at this event, payable to SCCMS, full instructions are given on their booking website page. I would very much appreciate a courtesy email confirming your application, once completed.

THANK YOU TO ALL MEMBERS THAT HAVE ALREADY BOOKED FOR BOSTON AND BASTON SHOWS, EARLY BOOKING FOR THESE EVENTS IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED

GF

MARCH BRUNCH MEET AT OLLIE'S

We had an excellent turnout of 40 members for this event. Thanks for your support! AC



‘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

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF EAST ELLOE MOTOR CLUB LIMITED
operating as *Spalding & East Elloe Classic Car Club*

The meeting is to be held at **The Myers Room, Moulton Community Centre, Broad Lane, Moulton, PE12 6PN** on **Thursday 26th March 2026** at 7.30 pm

A G E N D A

1. Members present
2. Apologies for absence
3. Chair's welcome
4. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting, held on 1 April 2025

5. Chairman's report

- a. Votes of thanks

6. Treasurer's report

- a. Accounts to 31.12.2025
- b. Charitable donations
- c. Appointment of auditors for 2026

7. Election of officers

- a. *President* Robert Oldershaw
 - b. *Vice-President* Nigel Mann
 - c. *Chair* Joy Mann
 - d. *Vice-Chair* Steve LeSage *SLS standing down as VC*
 - e. *Company Secretary* Adrian Cunnington *also Newsletter Editor*
 - f. *Treasurer* Joy Mann
 - g. *Company Directors*
 - i. Joy Mann *Chair*
 - ii. Steve LeSage *Vice-chair*
 - iii. Adrian Cunnington
 - iv. Graham Faulkner *also Shows Liaison*
 - v. Paul Pollard
- Max. 8; up to 3 vacancies?*

8. General Committee

- Company Directors plus*
- Terry Carter *TC standing down*
 - Charles Cornish
 - Celine Cornish
 - Stuart Gibbard
 - Sue Gibbard *also Website Manager*
 - Colin Langwade
 - Jenny Overson
 - Trevor Overson
 - Jean Pollard *also Minutes Secretary*
- Max. 15; 2 vacancies*

9. Non-committee post

- Ian Stancer *MSUK/Club Safeguarding*

10. Subscriptions

11. Any other business *please notify Company Secretary of items in advance*

MENU FOR THE GREAT BRITISH CAR JOURNEY MUSEUM TRIP

The Robin Hood & Little John Aslackby

Telephone: 01778 440681



Starters

Mixed Olives £5.95

Homemade Bread, Olive Oil & Balsamic

BBQ Chicken Bites £7.95

Topped with Barbecue Sauce & Melted Cheese

Smooth Chicken Liver Pate £7.95

Served with Warm Toast and Onion Chutney

Creamy Garlic Mushrooms £7.95

Topped with Lincolnshire Poacher Cheese & Breadcrumbs

Cheesy Garlic Bread £6.95

With Mixed Leaves & Tomato Relish

Crispy Whitebait £7.95

Deep Fried and Served with Tartare Sauce,
Mixed Leaves & Lemon Wedges

Baked Camembert £7.95 / £14.95

Infused with garlic & thyme,
Served with crusty bread

Seafood Platter £9.95 / £19.95

North Atlantic Prawns, Smoked Salmon,
Green Lipped Mussels & Smoked Mackerel
With Dressed Salad and a Pot of Marie Rose.

Vegetarian

Three Bean Chilli £15.95

Topped with Jalapenos, with Rice & Nachos

Goats Cheese Tart £15.95

Pastry Tart, Filled with Red Onion Chutney & Sundried
Tomatoes, Topped with Melted Goats Cheese

Vegetable Lasagne £15.95

Layers of Pasta, Butternut Squash,
Feta & Red Pepper Sauce.
Salad, Chips & Garlic Bread

Main Course

Steak & Ale Pie £15.95

Served with Chips & Vegetables

Homemade Lasagne £15.95

Homemade Chips, Salad & Garlic Bread

Fish & Chips £16.95

Mushy Peas & Tartare Sauce

Scampi & Chips £15.95

Garden Peas, Salad and Tartare Sauce

Pan Fried Sea Bass Fillet £19.95

Crushed New Potatoes, Lemon, Dill & Cream Prawn Sauce
Served with Vegetables

Chicken Alfredo Tagliatelle £18.95

Garlic Marinated Chicken in a Rich Cream Sauce
with Spinach & Parmesan. Served with Garlic Bread.

Slow Cooked Pork Belly £18.95

Apple Mash, Cider Gravy & Vegetables

Grills

10oz Ribeye Steak £29.95

9oz Fillet Steak £34.95

12oz Gammon Steak £18.95

With Fried Egg, Pineapple or Both

Mixed Grill £29.95

Rump, Pork, Lamb, Gammon,
Lincolnshire Sausage & Fried Egg

All Grills Served with Homemade Chips, Onion Rings,
Mushrooms, Grilled Tomato & Garden Peas

Steak Sauces £3.95

(Choose from Pepper, Port & Stilton or Dianne)

Sides

Homemade Chips £3.95 Onion Rings £3.95 Side Salad £3.95

Vegetables £3.95 New Potatoes £3.95 Bread Basket £2.95

Please Notify Staff of any Allergies

WELCOME!

New members:

Ian Harvey from Moulton

Neil & Tracey Walker from Spalding

Paul & Mary Barnes from Fleet

Phil & Helen Door from Dunston, nr Lincoln