

T H E **R O M E R**

newsletter of East Elloe Motor Club

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 4th October
Committee meeting WMH, 8 o'clock.

Wednesday 20th October
12 car Rally: CR4

The rally season resumes with Nigel Mann's event which will be on Map 130 C1. Starts at Langtoft (lay-by off the A15 in grid square 1113). Sign on by 7.45; first car away at 8.01 pm. It will be well worth having a go and all abilities are welcome.

For entries, marshalling or if you require further details ahead of your October *Romer's* arrival on your doormat, please call Nigel on 01775 723856 or e-mail nigel@mannandson.co.uk.

Wednesday 17th November
12 car Rally: CR5

For the penultimate round of the year, we are teaming up once again with Grantham Poachers MC who will be putting on an event which will also be on Map 130 - but not the bit used in October!

Details on this event will be available at the previous round.

7th Annual Classic Car Run
Sunday 12 September

Another healthy entry graced this year's excellent Classic Car Run, organised once again by Alan Lyon and his team.

The weather kept fine as the cars set off from the start at the Red Lion in West Deeping across scenic parts of Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and

More Classic Run pictures on pages 3 and 4

Rutland on the morning route of 45 miles. This took us to the lunch halt at the White Horse at

Empingham before a further 36 miles of driving took us down into Northamptonshire in the afternoon.



The finish was at the English Heritage property Kirby Hall near Corby (above), where refreshments were prepared by June Pollard and her group of helpers in the Great Hall (as it was too windy to put up gazebos in the grounds)! Plaques were awarded here to all 34 cars completing the route.

Many thanks to all those involved, especially Alan, in putting on another successful Run.

Adrian Cunnington

Gymkhana report

CR4: 18 August

This was the fourth and final round of gymkhanas for 2004, once again held at Laurel Lodge Farm, Holbeach. The event was organised by Paul Collison and Andy 'H' Hattigan. Paul C brought his Mini Special with him again and we were also joined by some members of the Kings Lynn Mini Club.

There were twelve entries in all, on an evening where the rain held off but the conditions were quite slippery. Brother Dave had been working on our Mini over the last week and it was reassuring to find that the handbrake was the best it had ever been.

Test 1

This was 'six to the bar' with a loop round an offset cone to the left before returning towards the start via another pair of offset cones on the right, not forgetting to remove and replace a can on the way round. Fortunately, I managed to gain the advantage on this test beating Dave P and Paul C by three seconds.

However it was also on this test that a small disaster struck, the handbrake that had been working so well, decided to snap the cable, making it virtually useless for the rest of the evening.

Test 2

This was the test with a difference - drive down the side of the cones removing a can from the second, and into a garage at the end. The driver then had to get out of the car and **run** round a figure of eight before returning to his car. Then reverse out of the garage, slalom back along the cones, into a garage near the finish, reverse out and forward to cross the line. Dave was just a second behind me on this test.

Test 3

This looped round a central cone near the start removing a can, changing direction and reversing to the other end of the test, change direction and loop round the bottom three cones, then finishing with a mirror image of the start. Adrian C managed

two runs of 51 seconds on this one but I pipped him on my second run with 49 seconds.

Test 4

This would have been a great test had the handbrake been working, but without one it called for a completely different style of driving. It involved driving from one end of the test to the other, doing a 180 round the cone and back to near the start for another 180 and repeating this three times working from left to right across the cones, before going straight into the finish.

Adrian Cunnington and Paul C were quickest on this test, beating me by one second.

Many thanks to Paul C and 'H' for organising the evening and the technicolour drawings. Also to Dave for the use of his Mini and for being my co-driver; June Pollard for timekeeping and Robert Oldershaw for the use of the venue.

Ian Pollard

Results below

Driver	Passenger	Test 1		Test 2		Test 3		Test 4		Total	Pos
Ian Pollard	Dave Pollard	33	34	56	49	54	49	58	59	392	1st
Paul Collison	Andy Hattigan	36	36	60	59	52	52	57	57	409	2nd
Dave Pollard	Ian Pollard	36	40	60	50	55	52	60	60	413	3rd
Adrian Cunnington	Daniel Scully	48	40	65	64	51	51	59	57	435	4th
Andy Hattigan	Paul Collison	41	40	60	60	58	63	61	59	442	5th
Paul Pollard	Simon Leonard	41	42	77	60	66	54	61	60	461	6th
Daniel Scully	Adrian Cunnington	41	38	62	60	75*	70*	59	58	463	7th
Simon Leonard	Paul Pollard	43	43	68	65	61	67	62	63	472	8th
Ivan Cunnington	Daniel Scully	56	41	68	73	59	57	67	60	481	9th
Richard	Rhiannon	41	39	60	64	82	70	78	76	510	10th
Rhiannon	Amy	45	44	70	68	72	68	79	74	520	11th
Amy	Richard	48	40	65	61	81	92	78	72	537	12th

Bold = Fastest time for Test; * includes 10sec penalty

Bits & pieces



◆ **Comp Sec** Dave Pollard has regs and/or marshalling details for the Eastwood & DMC/ CSMA promoted Harold Palin Stages at Manby on 9th October and the Roger Albert Clark Historic Rally 2004 on 20-23 November - call him for more information on 01366 383860.

◆ **Diary date:** 25-27 February 2005 for the Historic Motorsport Show at Stoneleigh Park near Coventry.

◆ Racing news:

Adam Cunnington (pictured left, centre) returned to the racetrack after a break of over 15 years last month. He took his recently-acquired Sprite to the international Midget series meeting at Zandvoort in Holland and upset the regulars by taking victory in two races and second place in a third event.

Robert Oldershaw junior also had a successful outing to Brands Hatch recently in his Juno. Details of his success have been posted on the Club website at www.eemc.co.uk

Our 2004 Classic Car Run in pictures

see also www.eemc.co.uk



Left column from top:
Gathering at the start; Alfa mixes it with Stags and Scimitar; the Chairman hits the road in his Minor van; Triumphs featured strongly in the entry list – here's a TR4A setting off...



Right column from top:
... a TR3A on route and Maurice Lyon in the TR4 leaving the lunch halt; Ed's GTA leaves lunch too; Bryan Cunnington (MG BGT) arrives at Kirby Hall.



From top: Vic Wells' Merc arrives at the finish; Tiger on the Run; smart MG; that's it until next year... Ian Pollard & Clare McBride's Sprite was course closer and arrived laden with arrows. All photos: Daniel Scully