

The Romer



newsletter of East Elloe Motor Club

APRIL/MAY 2006

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

May

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Thursday 11 May

Committee — Whaplode Manor Hotel, 8pm.

Wednesday 17 May

Gymkhana CR1

organised by Dave Pollard at Glebe Farm, Roman Bank, Saracens Head, courtesy of Robert Oldershaw. Starts at 7.30 pm. Club trophies will also be presented to their 2005 winners at this event. Competitors and marshals required; please contact Dave on 01366 383860 for full details (or e-mail dave-junepollard@tiscali.co.uk).

Wednesday 14 June

Gymkhana CR2

organised by Ian Pollard. Venue as for May event.

EVENT REPORT

CR4: KLMC 'End of the Tax Year' Rally 5 April

Stephen Lloyd and Greg & Judy Bates organised this event which started from the King William in Terrington St Clement. Once again the entry was full and, for the first time in a while, Tim & I were given the No 1 slot. We headed off to the north of Terrington for the first section on Map 131

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EEMC Novice Rally, 19th April

Many thanks to all those who supported last month's Novice Rally which ran around the Holbeach locality, starting and finishing at Whaplode Manor.

I was especially pleased with the full entry I received (albeit that one car was unable to start due to mechanical maladies) and the huge turnout of marshals, both from our Club and King's Lynn.

All the crews made it to the final control with no more than 20 minutes' lateness, so I hope the event serves to encourage some new faces to take up the challenge of navigational rallies on a regular basis. I believe there are moves afoot to run a similar event over at King's Lynn later in the year.

It was good to see some young faces amongst the navigators, like Robert Woods, David Lewis and Jamie Duckhouse, who did really well on his first event to come in third overall.

Congratulations to Steve Hoppe and Paul Pollard who lost just two minutes on the way to victory. It was Steve's first event as well and he and Paul are pictured below, picking up their winners' trophies.



Thanks also to Dave and Sandra at Whaplode Manor for allowing us to take over their hotel for the evening. Full results appear on page 3.

Adrian Cunnington

KLMC 12-car continued from p1

and then circled back on ourselves through Walpole Cross Keys, Terrington St John and down on to Map 143.

The roads start to get pretty bumpy down in this neck of the woods – they were like that 10 years ago when we ran the old Pirate Rally half-nighter – and they certainly haven't improved since! So Tim had to take it easy as we headed across Marshland Smeeth a couple of times.

We saw little of other competitors at the outset apart from Tony Duckhouse & Mike Baker (car 2) as the timing seemed pretty tight and we only just made it into a couple of early controls on our minute.

A tricky numbered junction section got us all wondering exactly what was the right route through Emneth village as there are so many junctions. Here Tony & Mike nipped past us and, as we exited the village, with the route now on the map Tim saw an opportunity to get by again.

As we went to do so, Tony braked as there was a codeboard! We missed it and had to reverse....So we arrived at the control expecting to be late and yet found we had to wait for our minute as the timing had suddenly slackened off somewhat...

The next section over horizontal and vertical gridlines was one I found quite tricky as I made the classic error of 'old, experienced but stupid' navigators in trying to make the route go where I thought it would go. We pulled over in an old filling station to plot and Tony & Mike went past again – only then did I realise we needed to go two miles down the main road to the far side of Outwell to make the handout fit. Again we expected to be late but found ourselves waiting at the TC despite the delays.

The route headed back north over some even bumpier roads over Marshland Fen to finish back at Terrington after an enjoyable evening's event. We didn't really deserve a first equal finish as I certainly wasn't as quick on the maps as Mike on the night – and perhaps Gary too although we didn't see them at all.

Thanks to Stephen, Greg & Judy for putting on the event and to all their marshals too. Time to hang the romer up for the summer before we resume in the autumn.

Adrian Cunnington

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COMP SEC event information Dave Pollard 01366 383860

Regs are available and/or marshals required for:

- Essex Charity Stages Wickford AC, 1-2 July
- KLDMC Vintage & Classic Car Run, 2 July
- Goodwood Festival of Speed, 7/8/9 July

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CLUB EVENTS 2006

date	event	organiser
Wed 11 January	12 car rally CR1	KLDMC (C Shinkins) ^
Wed 1 February	12 car rally CR2	T Duckhouse/M Baker
Wed 1 March	12 car rally CR3	D, J & I Pollard^
Wed 22 March	Radical factory visit	CANCELLED
Wed 05 April	12 car rally CR4	KLDMC (S Lloyd) ^
Wed 19 April	Novice rally	A Cunnington
Wed 17 May	Gymkhana CR1	D Pollard
Wed 14 Jun	Gymkhana CR2	I Pollard
Wed 19 Jul	Gymkhana CR3	A Cunnington
Wed 16 Aug	Gymkhana CR4 (with KLDMC)	S Leonard
Sun 10 Sep	Charity Classic Car Run	A Lyon
Wed 20 Sep*	Playstation event & Qui.	TBC
Oct/Nov*	12 car rally CR5	TBC^
Wed 06 Dec	12 car rally CR6	A Cunnington & team^
Thu 14 Dec*	AGM	—

^KLMC event. *Provisional

Novice rally

EEMC, 19 April

As all 12 car rally organisers and competitors know, the job of organising an event and keeping it competitive for all has become very difficult. Competition between the experienced crews locally is at such a level that it is becoming more and more difficult to get a "clean" decision and winner at the end of an event. Making the navigation more difficult often has the effect of leaving novice crews with time cards looking more like cricket score cards and most despondent at the end of a night's sport.

Attempting to encourage our novice crews and leave the end of the first half of the 2006 season on a positive note for all novices, Adrian Cunnington kindly organised an end of half-season "novice only" event as encouragement for them all. From my perspective it was gratifying to see that:

- The entry list filled up quickly to 12 cars.
- There were so many of our regular expert crews who either teamed up with a novice to give them experience or offered their services marshalling.
- Several crews or crew members had either never or only infrequently competed on our 12 car events.

The event start and finish was at Whaplode Manor and the weather was set to deteriorate during the evening – it did! Some crews had difficulties before the event - Simon Pollard/Ian Mallet had to withdraw as they lost power in heavy spray on the way to the event and a further twist and turn saw KLDMC marshals and crews delayed as the bridge at Sutton Bridge was closed.

The route took in many "interesting" roads, mainly to the east and south of Holbeach. Navigation around the route

was in 6 sections – 9 time controls and 3 manned passage controls. Adrian included "make-up time" for competitors in case the navigation got tough or they lost their way on the roads, at TC3 and TC7 where there were in and out controls with 5 minutes allowed between entry and exit. This was to enable as many crews to be classified as finishers as possible. Navigation was varied over the seven sections including road colours at junction, a herringbone, and approach & depart directions on just 2 squares in a section ... etc.

For those of us marshalling, the weather was pretty unpleasant at times in the heavy rain showers. As far as we were concerned, it was difficult to keep the camera dry. Carole had to nip in and out of the car to keep the rain off it as much as possible. As we were at a manned PC it was also a perfect time to get Andrew, who accompanies us on many 12 cars, to become familiar with signing the competitors' road book – so that left me free to watch the action!

After a short break, and a chance for marshals to dry out in the warmth of Whaplode Manor, hot food was served and soon after results were announced. These showed that the formula for the event had been just right, with the top 4 crews on 0 fails and all cars reaching the last control within 20 minutes of their due time. So congratulations are due to all the competitors, especially the beginners, and also to the winners – first time entrant/driver Steve Hoppe and occasional navigator Paul Pollard who is more usually found marshalling on our events.

Bob & Carole Offer and Andrew Gilbert (PC B)

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<u>Posn</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Navigators</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Fails</u>	<u>Mins.</u>
1	11	Steve Hoppe	Paul Pollard	Subaru Impreza WRC	0	2
2	1	Hugh Garnish	Molly McKay	Rover 215	0	9
3	8	Tony Duckhouse	Jamie Duckhouse	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo	0	17
4	5	James Garnish	Mankee Cheng	Peugeot 106	0	26
5	2	Dave Pollard	Richard Haslam	Vauxhall Cavalier	2	20
6	3	Nick Daubney	Gary Hewitt	Rover 75	3	4
7	4	Simon Leonard	Nick Way	Daihatsu 4x4	3	24
8	9	Alan Woods	Robert Woods	Vauxhall Corsa	3	33
9	10	Edward Haylock	David Lewis	Vauxhall Astra	4	7
10	6	Gary White	David Gillespie	Ford Mondeo	7	20
11	7	Carol Vasey	Jean Everitt	Vauxhall Corsa	9	6

Marshals

Sign-on & TC6: N & J Mann; Start & TC7: M Banham & M Baker; TC1 & Course closing: J & I Pollard; PC A & TC8: S Lloyd; TC2 & PC C: A & J Congreve (£5 draw winners); TC3: P Haylock & P Mears; PC B: R & C Offer & A Gilbert; TC4: I Cunnington & A Lyon; TC5: D & R Glover; TC9 & Course opening: T Ibbott & A Cunnington.



Clockwise from top left: cars 11, 8, 2, 9, 6, 10, 3, 5 – see results table on previous page for car numbers.

CR4 results

KLDMC, 05 April

Pos	Driver	Navigator	Fails	Mins
1=	Tony Duckhouse	Mike Baker	0	0
1=	Tim Ibbott	Adrian Cunnington	0	0
1=	Ryan Williams	Gary Zoller	0	0
4	Mark Banham	Paul Haylock	0	2
5	Bob Baker	Brian Cammack	0	10
6	June Pollard	Ian Pollard	1	4
7	Sean Ward	Dale Glover	2	15
8	Jim Wallace	Nick Way	9	17
9	Simon Pollard	Ian Mallett	10	24
10	Dave Pollard	John Holman	14	18
11	Carol Vasey	Jean Everitt	DNF	
12	Nick Daubney	Gary Hewitt	Retired	

EEMC Marshals: Peter Mears (CO); Simon Leonard (TC5); Bob & Carole Offer (TC7)

EEMC Rally Championships after 4 rounds:

Drivers — 1. T Ibbott 60pts; 2. T Duckhouse 51; 3. J Pollard 40; 4. D Pollard 39; 5. N.Daubney 28; 6. S Pollard 27; 7. G White 23; 8 C Vasey 21.

Navigators — 1. A. Cunnington 60 pts; 2. M Baker 51; 3. P Haylock 41; 4 I Pollard 31; 5 J Everitt 27; 6 D Gillespie 26.