

The

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newsletter of the East Elloe Motor Club of south Lincolnshire

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

January

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
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Thursday 11 January

Committee - Whaplode Manor Hotel, 8pm.

Wednesday 24 January

Open evening & charity presentation

Whaplode Manor Hotel, 8pm.

Guest speaker: John Lyon

A must for all Club members! This evening will be an opportunity to hear a talk from our guest speaker John Lyon on **high performance driving**. John is a renowned exponent of the art as a former Hendon instructor and the man behind the High Performance Car driving course.

Also, following on from the Club's successful Classic Car Run in 2006, we will be presenting cheques for a combined total of £1000 to the two charities: Macmillan Cancer Relief and LIVES. Small charge for refreshments. Raffle. Contact: Bob Offer for info – see page 2.

Wednesday 21 February

12-car novice rally — organised by Simon Pollard. This will be the first of a series of 4 EEMC run combined events with Kings Lynn MC for 2007.

Xmas Lights Rally: 6 Dec 06 Results

1	Bob Baker/Brian Cammack	2F 00m
2	June Pollard/Ian Pollard	2F 05m
3	Tony Duckhouse/Mike Baker	4F 06m
4	Mark Banham/Paul Haylock	6F 02m
5	Ryan Williams/Gary Zoller	8F 11m
6	Dave Sooley/Stephen Lloyd	9F 20m
7	<i>Hugh Garnish/Molly McKay [N]</i>	3F 20m
8	<i>James Garnish/Mankee Cheng</i>	10F 08m
9	<i>Nick Daubney/Gary White</i>	12F 14m
10	<i>Alan Woods/Robert Woods</i>	12F 31m
11	<i>Ian Mallet/Craig Blackshields</i>	12F 35m
NF	<i>Carol Vasey/Jean Everitt</i>	rtd

EEMC in **bold**. Novices in *italic*. [N] = 1st novice.

Thanks to all entrants and marshals.

Marshals' draw winner (£5): Ken White (TC4).

AGM: 14 Dec 06

The Club's Annual General Meeting was attended by 13 members including the President, Vice-President, Directors and Committee.

All 2006 post holders were re-elected in their current 'jobs' with Bob Offer and Gary White joining the ranks of Club Directors.

The Club made a modest profit of £300 on its activities in 2005/6, before charitable donations.

Apologies for the lack of a *Romer* in December. Some content has been held over to this edition.

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Rally championship 2006

Final positions after CR6*

DRIVERS

Po	Driver	CR1 January	CR2 February	CR3 March	CR4 April	CR5 November	CR6 December	Total points
1	Tim Ibbott	15	15	15	15	(15)	(12)	60
2	Tony Duckhouse	12	(12)	12	15	15	(12)	54
3	June Pollard	10	(7)	12	10	(10)	15	47
4	Nick Daubney	-	10	8	1	8	10	37
5	Dave Pollard	8	9	12	7	-	-	36
6	Gary White	6	8	9	-	9	-	32
7	Simon Pollard	9	-	10	8	-	-	27
8	Carol Vasey	7	6	7	(1)	7	(1)	27
9	Alan Woods	-	-	-	-	-	9	9

NAVIGATORS

Po	Navigator	CR1 January	CR2 February	CR3 March	CR4 April	CR5 November	CR6 December	Total points
1	Adrian Cunnington	15	15	15	15	(15)	(12)	60
2	Mike Baker	12	(12)	12	15	15	(12)	54
3	Ian Pollard	10	-	12	(9)	10	15	47
4	Paul Haylock	(9)	12	10	10	-	10	42
5	Davie Gillespie	7	10	9	-	9	-	35
6	Jean Everitt	8	9	8	(1)	8	(1)	33
7	Gary White	-	-	-	-	-	9	9
8	Robert Woods	-	-	-	-	-	8	8

*provisional

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CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

date	event	organiser
Wed 24 Jan	Club Open Evening	Committee
Wed 21 Feb	Novice 12 car rally	S Pollard
Wed 21 Mar	TBC	
Wed 18 Apr	Novice 12 car rally	A Cunnington
Wed 16 May^	Gymkhana CR1	TBC
Wed 20 Jun^	Gymkhana CR2	TBC
Wed 18 Jul^	Gymkhana CR3	TBC
Wed 15 Aug^	Gymkhana CR4	TBC
Sun 09 Sep	10th Classic Car Run	A Lyon
Wed 19 Sep	Novice 12 car rally	G White
Wed 17 October	TBC	
Wed 21 Nov	Novice 12 car rally	D Pollard
Thu 13 Dec	AGM	-

*provisional. TBC= to be confirmed

2007

The Great Bustard Rally

18/19 November 2006

On Friday 17th November, I had half a day off work to get a few last minute jobs done on the car. After a good journey down, we arrived at our accommodation (Mum and Dad's caravan) near Stonehenge at 9.30 that evening. The next morning we had a slightly earlier start than we would have wanted as Davie still had his alarm on his mobile set to summer time - so we were up at 6.00am!

Scrutineering went without a hitch apart from having to take my 1980s RAC Rally sunstrip out. After signing-on, it was then onto the maps for Davie to plot the route which he was able to copy off a pre-marked map and check with the handouts. Here had a quick chat with Hugh Garnish from KLMC.

At 11am it was first car away and then we followed at 11.24 (car 24) to our first selective at the infamous Worthy Farm, home to the Glastonbury Festival. If the place looks muddy in the summer it's nothing to what it's like in the winter!! SS1 Worthy Farm was nearly 10 miles and 11 pages of tulips... We got into the swing of this quite quickly and Davie was doing a tremendous job on the maps. We caught the car in front and he kindly got out of the way approx 2/3 of the way through and it felt like we were flying. But we missed the last tulip immediately after a code board and got lost amongst some buildings for a couple of minutes which put us down to 19th fastest with a time of 22 minutes.

SS2 Witham Hall was a nice farm track selective that, unusually, was all tarmac; we were joint 6th fastest on this one. Coming out of this selective we noticed my mother and father's car parked up as they were marshalling but didn't see them anywhere on the selective. Apparently they were on the top of a big mound and were checking if any cars touched a cone etc.

SS3 Walk Farm: I can't remember too much about this one - 13th fastest about sums it up for us. Then SS4 & 5 we re-runs of Witham Hall and Walk Farm; we set a better time and were joint 3rd fastest on SS4. The next SS was Keevil and this was a cracking airfield selective with some lovely tight roads and some very slippery grass sections. Lots of

sideways action and 3rd fastest to boot with a time of 9minutes 23 seconds that put us up to 14th overall.

SS7 was a re-run of SS6 but a spin on one of the tight sections cost us some time and we were 7th fastest but this still put us up to 10th overall. It was then onto Salisbury Plain for a regularity section in the daytime (a new one for us). We struggled a little bit on this one for a start and then got into the swing of things: at the last two time controls we were 35 seconds early and 2 seconds early.

SS8+9 were Keevil 3 and 4; this was SS6 & 7 run the opposite way round but we were stopped midway through our second run as an over-enthusiastic marshal had seen a plane coming in to land on the runway. Apparently this had been agreed beforehand and wouldn't have affected the rally because our route was not near the runway but it meant both selectives were scrubbed.

SS10 Zeal North1 was a short farm track with plenty of cones to slow the pace down and a warning from the start line marshal not to go off the road as the field was treacherous and we would get stuck. Slightly cautious on this one and 13th fastest. SS11 Zeal South 1 was just across the road from SS10 and here we saw Mum and Dad who were directing the cars across the road as it was a known hazard spot: as always Mum was glad to see the car still in one piece! The selective started off with a very slippery circle around a barn and then through some cones to the finish. 13th fastest again.

SS13 Great Combe Wood was next as SS12's venue had been lost at the last minute. This was an absolute peach in a small forest. It was perfect for endurance cars as it was very tight and twisty and the roads were very smooth but slippery. With only three passage checks it flowed really nicely until I understeered off into the undergrowth - then the starter motor stuck and we lost some time getting going again. 10th fastest was good considering this and put us up to 9th overall.

SS14 Slait Barn 1 was another brilliant selective that was long enough to get a good rhythm going. It was smooth and very muddy with a vicious looking drain to catch out the over-confident at the end. We got 7th fastest on this one and this put us up to 8th overall. SS15 Henstridge1 was next: we dropped a

clanger on this one. We couldn't find or hadn't received the amendment to this selective and when we queried it with the start marshal, he said "you're booked in so you will have to find your way around". Not very wise considering we could have been travelling in the opposite direction to other competing cars! As it was we went around three times instead of twice so this cost us one and a half minutes and dropped us back to 9th.

SS16 Zeals South 2 and SS17 Zeals North 2 were SS11 & 10 run backwards and we were 4th and 12th fastest on these. Then it was back to Slait Barn for SS18 but a spin on the first corner put paid to a good time but 13th fastest still put us up to 8th overall. SS19 Henstridge 2 was easier with the correct map and we fared better with 4th fastest. SS20 Wyke 1 followed next: a nice smooth farm track of mainly concrete that contained a corner that can only be described as not as map as we wondered how we got around it. We were 3rd fastest but still 2 seconds off Owen Turner and a full 6 seconds off Jamie. SS21 was exactly the same as above but we slowed down at the codeboard to check it was the same as the previous run and it was. With hindsight we should have realised it would be as they were interleaving the earlier cars with the later ones. We were 11th on this one.

SS22 Worthy Farm was another 11 pages of tulips to contend with at speed in the dark. I made a schoolboy error and skidded off into the grass and got stuck. Luckily Davie managed to push us out again (he had pre-empted this by wearing sturdy walking boots!). Despite all the tulips matching the route we received a lot of penalties for this selective. We put this down to our inexperience and never queried them but this dropped us back to 14th overall.

We then had some night time regularity sections and for the first time in our short rally partnership we felt we had got on top of both the timing and navigation on a regularity section. We lost just 100seconds from MTC3 to RTC12 which was pretty similar to our rivals and a change from losing bucket loads of time. Later on in the night we missed a craftily placed codeboard which cost us 300 seconds but we still finished the rally 12th overall and were well pleased to be second newcomer.

Overall it was an excellently organised event with some truly brilliant selectives. We enjoyed this rally as much as any other we have entered as it wasn't a car-breaker and there were plenty of longer selectives to get a good rhythm going. Great value for money considering the mileage was around 100 for an entry fee of £225 and, as always, the camaraderie was top notch.

Gary White/Davie Gillespie



The car after Worthy Farm 2



Two exhausted but happy Bustards!

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Finally, a reminder that subscriptions are due: **£15** joint, **£10** single and **£5** for junior members. Please send all monies (cheques payable to *East Elloe Motor Club Ltd*) to: Ian Pollard, 5 Estella Way, Spalding, PE11 1HS