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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 04 February

KLMC clubnight navigational rally organised by Tony Duckhouse & Mike Baker. Expert/semi-expert event. **Marshals and entries required.** Further details from www.kingslynndmc.co.uk.

Wednesday 18 February

EEMC novice & beginners table top rally
Organisers: Dave & June Pollard. tel 01366 383860
dave-junepollard@tiscali.co.uk Venue: Woolpack Inn, Walpole Cross Keys. Map ref: 131/520200. We will be in the back dining room. Practice on typical handouts with all the help you need to work out the route. Based on novice navigation on map 132, maps and romers available to use. Bring any routes or handouts you have had problems with as well. A chance to work out the correct route without worrying about your driver!

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CR1: KLMC New Year 12-car, 07 Jan

The Marshland Arms at Marshland St James was the start of the first round of the 2009 rally championship for experts and semis. Nine crews lined up to have a go at the navigation which Colin Shinkins had put together for us to tackle. After an 'exploratory' outing in November which proved to be unexpectedly successful, my brother Adam and I have decided over Christmas that we'd like to have a bash at a few events in '09 so we put in our entry and headed for the middle of nowhere (aka Marshland St James).

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CHARITY HISTORIC RALLY PROPOSAL

As some of you will know, I am working on trying to run a low key historic rally, in aid of LIVES, on **Sunday 17th May**. The aim is to a totally non-damaging, clubmans status daytime road rally open to all full members of EEMC/SEEC. The emphasis would be very much on enjoyment! The jigsaw is gradually coming together, albeit more slowly than I had hoped.

The start of the event would be from Spalding. I expect the total mileage to be about 85 miles on OS maps 130 and 131. The finish would be also be local.

I anticipate an entry of 12-30 cars, depending on permit and interest. The event should hopefully be open to *any* vehicle complying with MSA Technical Regulations for road rallies, so those without an historic car should also be able to enter.

The route will be wholly on sealed surface roads (apart from a short distance at two test venues). It will be defined by simple navigation ('jogularity') and timed as a regularity section - i.e. fixed average speed target. There would also be around 10 special tests at, provisionally, three or four test venues, timed to the second on tarmac/concrete. Drivers will be at liberty to drive these competitively or conservatively!

Crews would be divided by expertise - ie experts or novices. Full instructions will be given for beginners so no previous experience is necessary.

My running of this event is entirely dependent on the support of our own Club members and our colleagues at local Clubs.

If you are willing and interested in competing, marshalling or simply helping out, I need to hear from you NOW, please.

So please call me on 01775 761520 or 07970 072260 or email me at acunnington@eemc.co.uk if you want to help turn this into reality.

Thanks!

Adrian Cunnington

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2008 championships

| Rally: Expert Driver | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | Sep | Oct | Nov | Total |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Tony Duckhouse | 12 | 11* | 12 | 11 | 12 | 11 | 11* | 58 |
| June Pollard | 9* | 12 | 11 | 10 | 11* | 12 | 10 | 57 |
| Simon Pollard | 11 | - | - | 9 | - | 10 | 11 | 41 |
| Craig Blackshield | 8 | 11 | 10 | - | - | - | 9 | 38 |
| Dave Pollard | - | - | - | 12 | - | - | - | 12 |
| Adam Cunningham | - | - | - | - | - | - | 12 | 12 |
| Gary White | 10 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10 |
| Carol Vasey | - | - | 9 | - | - | - | - | 9 |

| Rally: Expert Navigator | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|------|----|------|----|-----|----|----|----|
| Paul Haylock | 11 | 12 | 11 | 12 | 11 | 12 | - | 58 |
| Ian Pollard | (10) | 11 | (10) | 10 | 11* | 11 | 11 | 54 |
| Dave Pollard | 9 | 10 | 9 | - | - | - | - | 28 |
| Jamie Duckhouse | (8) | 9 | (8) | 9 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 48 |
| Dave Pollard | 9 | 10 | 9 | - | - | - | 9 | 37 |
| Adrian Cunningham | - | - | - | - | - | - | 12 | 12 |
| Jean Everitt | - | - | 7 | - | - | - | - | 7 |

| Rally: Novice Driver | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----|------|----|---|----|----|----|----|
| Carol Vasey | 11 | (10) | - | - | 12 | 12 | 12 | 47 |
| Craig Blackshield | 10 | - | - | - | 11 | 10 | 11 | 42 |
| Cliff Judd | - | 9 | - | - | 10 | 11 | - | 30 |
| Simon Leonard | - | 12 | - | - | - | - | - | 12 |
| Gary White | 12 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 12 |
| Alan Woods | - | - | 12 | - | - | - | - | 12 |
| Nick Daubney | - | 11 | - | - | - | - | - | 11 |

| Rally: Novice Navigator | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|------|----|----|---|----|------|------|----|
| Jamie Duckhouse | 12 | 12 | 12 | - | 12 | (12) | (12) | 48 |
| Jean Everitt | (10) | 10 | - | - | 11 | 11 | 11 | 43 |
| Paul Pollard | 11 | 11 | - | - | - | - | - | 22 |
| Tash Carter | - | - | - | - | 10 | 9 | - | 19 |
| C Otway | - | 9 | - | - | - | 10 | - | 19 |
| Rob Woods | - | - | 11 | - | - | - | - | 11 |
| J Carter | 9 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 9 |

Organiser points* (Dropped score)

| Ladies Championship | Jan | Feb | Mar | Mar | Apr | May | | |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|--|
| June Pollard | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | - | | |
| Carol Vasey | 12 | 12 | 11 | - | - | 12 | | |
| Jean Everitt | 12 | 12 | 11 | - | - | 12 | | |
| | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Total | |
| June Pollard | 12 | - | - | 12 | 12 | 12 | 108 | |
| Carol Vasey | - | - | - | 12 | 12 | 12 | 83 | |
| Jean Everitt | - | - | - | 12 | 12 | 12 | 83 | |

Rally report, continued>>

The one thing I knew we could expect in this neck of the woods is that whilst the roads are generally straight this is offset by them being anything but level, so common sense was going to have to prevail – at least until we got off the fen. We started at 3 with Mark Banham/Paul Haylock and Bob Baker/Brian Cammack ahead of us with Tony Duckhouse & Mike Baker at 4 and June & Ian Pollard at 5 behind. The first handout was a code to move to the next grid square and was fairly easy to plot – we got to TC1 with a bit of time to spare, unaware of the drama unfolding behind us. Tony & Mike had made an unscheduled excursion off the road and, whilst there was some damage to the car, no-one was hurt. Several of the other crews were caught up in the ensuing recovery, not least Dale Glover who eventually succeeded in pulling the car out of what was, by all accounts, a very deep ditch.

We headed on oblivious to all this across what must be some of the least maintained roads in the county – I am sure some of them haven't seen a Highway Repairs truck in the last decade! A crafty 'Proceed avoiding the following' handout took us from Bob & Carole Offer at TC2 up towards Tilney Fen End. We had to tiptoe quite carefully as Adam didn't want to leave his sump behind, but we were able to make it to some smoother roads without mishap or any loss of time. The less demanding travelling was welcome as I had a circular herringbone to crack from TC3 and then clock times to translate for each junction TC4 just south of the A47 near Tilney All Saints. On this section we met Bob & Brian going the other way; they were looping back in case they had missed a board after wrong-slotting. This put us second on the road and, after TC5, we soon found ourselves closing in on Mark & Paul on one of those sections where you have to plot a series of points to go through each so far north, south east or west from somewhere else.

A missed slot in Walpole St Andrew meant we nipped past Mark & Paul before the end of the section but, alas, we ran out of instructions before we found the control. I was just pondering opening the envelope when Adam said he reckoned he could see someone in the distance wearing a banana jacket over on the road parallel to the one we were on. We looped round and, lo and behold, found the marshal at TC6 outside the cemetery checking out some quiet neighbours! I am guessing he didn't see many people that night as most crews probably gave up looking for him... The missing reference on the handout meant penalties on this section were eventually scrubbed.

We were still just on time but had to pedal a little to make the next TC as I didn't click to the backward string of numbers straight away. We made the TC with 50-odd seconds already up on our minute...

Then it was on to the final handout and it was another 'avoid' instruction. I got it on to the map but was conscious that, as the event went on, the time schedule was getting tighter. We only had a few minutes to make the next TC so Adam pushed on to find the intermediate TC and then there was a quick, short blast to the final TC just yards from the pub. Excellent!

Tony & Mike and their many helpers arrived back to relate their tale of an evening spent not just rallying and we discovered that – despite the cancelled section – we were the only crew who were penalty free. Many thanks to Colin for an enjoyable rally (if only some of those roads were smoother) and to all his marshals.

Adam & Adrian Cunnington

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Finally, a letter from a worried Club member...

Dear Editor,

I've never written to you before but I really need your advice on what could be a crucial decision.

I've suspected for some time that my wife has been cheating on me. The usual signs are there.... phone rings, but if I answer the caller hangs up. My wife has been going out with the girls a lot recently, although when I ask their names she always says, "Just some friends from work, you don't know them."

I always stay awake to look out for her taxi coming home, but she always walks down the drive, although I can hear a car driving off, as if she has got out of the car round the corner. Why? Maybe she wasn't in a taxi.

I once picked up her mobile phone just to see what time it was and she went berserk and screamed that I should never touch her phone again and why was I checking up on her.

Anyway, I have never really approached the subject again. I think deep down I just didn't want to know the truth, but last night she went out once more and I finally resolved to check on her.

I decided I was going to park my car next to the garage and then hide behind it so I could get a good view of the whole street when she came home. It was at that moment, crouching behind my car, that I noticed the diff seemed to be leaking a little oil.

Is this something I can fix myself or shall I take it to a garage?

Yours sincerely,

Concerned
(Name and address supplied).

King's Lynn & District Motor Club Ltd.

NEW YEARS Rally

7th January 2009

| | Expert | Control | AD | TC 1 | JU | TY | KL | TC 2 | JG | TC 3 | GW | BM | ER | TC 4 | WK | KV | SL | HD | TC 5 | XR | EA | CJ | RS | TC 6 | PR | TC 7 | ZP | TC 8 | TC 9 | Fails | Mins |
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| 1 | A Cunnington A Cunnington | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | R Baker B Cammack | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | | 0 | 4 |
| 3 | M Banham P Haylock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 9 | | 2 | | 0 | 11 |
| 4 | J Pollard I Pollard | | | 2 | | | | 1 | | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 | 4 | 1 | | 0 | 18 |
| 5 | H Garnish D Bell | | | 1 | | | | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 20 | | 2 | | 0 | 28 |
| 6 | T Duckhouse M Baker | | | 12 | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | 9 | | F | F | 0 | OTL |
| | Semi Expert | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | C Blackshield D Pollard * | | | | | F | | 2 | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | F | | 7 | F | F | 3 | 4 | 14 |
| 2 | E Haylock J Duckhouse * | | 1 | | | | | 4 | | 4 | | | | 2 | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 18 | F | F | F | 1 | OTL |
| 3 | R Glover D Glover * | | | 7 | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | 3 | | | | | 1 | | | | F | | | 17 | | F | F | 0 | OTL |

Marshals:

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|---------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Course Opener | C SHINKINS | TC6 | D SOOLEY / R LLOYD |
| Start | D STOCKS | TC7 | A & J CONGREVE |
| TC1 | C DAYKIN / A BOLER | TC8 | R & C OFFER |
| TC2 | A & J CONGREVE | TC9 | C SHINKINS |
| TC3 | R & C OFFER | Course Closer | C DAYKIN / A BOLER |
| TC4 | P SMALLEY | | |
| TC5 | S LLOYD / S LUCAS | | |
| Marshal Draw | S LUCAS | Organiser | C SHINKINS |