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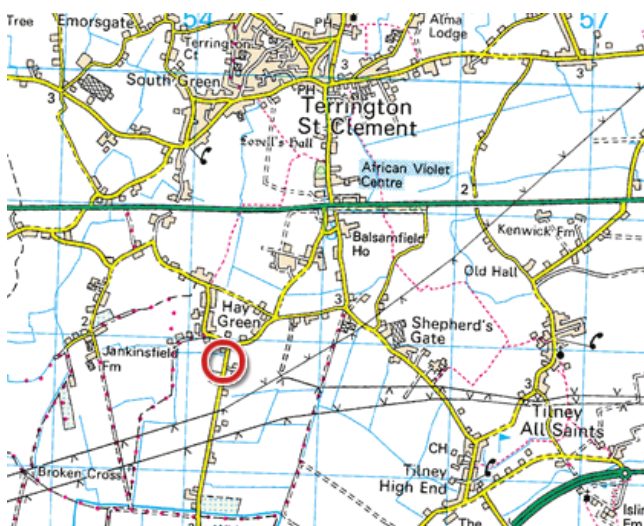
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 05 August

Inter-club gymkhana

EEMC vs KLDMC, organised by Simon Leonard. Ultra-smooth grass field being used, by kind permission of Greg Bates, on the Terrington St John road at Terrington St Clement. Map ref: 131/543178. Start 7.30pm. Entry fee £4. Entries please contact Simon Leonard on 01775 719627 or 07813 144251



Tuesday 11 August

Clubnight barbeque at Moulton Chapel
See *SEECCC News* for full information. £8/head.

Wednesday 02 September

12 car navigational rally

Three Counties Rally. Expert/semi-expert event. Starts at the Marshland Arms, Marshland St James, nr Wisbech, PE14 8EY. (MR 143/527097); first car away at 8.01pm. Map 131D1 required; 143D optional. £10 per car (includes food at the finish). Entries and marshals required please: contact Adrian Cunnington on 01775 761520 or email acunnington@eemc.co.uk.

EEMC Calendar: 2009

Date	Event	Venue / Organiser
Wed 05 Aug	Inter-club gymkhana	Terrington St Clement Simon Leonard
Tue 11 Aug	Clubnight BBQ	Wheatsheaf, M/Chapel Adrian Cunnington
Wed 02 Sep	Expert Rally	Marshland St James Adrian Cunnington
Sun 06 Sep	EEMC/SEECCC 12 th Annual Classic Car Run	Etton/Marston/Newark Alan Lyon - see SEECCC News
Wed 16 Sep	Novice Rally	KLDMC
Wed 07 Oct	Expert Rally	KLDMC
Wed 21 Oct	Novice Rally	Dave Pollard
Wed 04 Nov	Expert Rally	KLDMC
Wed 18 Nov	Novice Rally	Simon Pollard
Wed 16 Dec	EEMC AGM	Whaplode Manor

Welcome

To new members Rachel Everitt, James Dooley, John & Sue Pearson and Stephen Luxton.

Trophies presented

Trophies were awarded at the recent gymkhana to our winners for 2008 including:

Rally champion driver: Tony Duckhouse
Rally champion navigator: Paul Haylock
Novice rally champion driver: Carol Vasey
Novice rally champion navigator: Jamie Duckhouse
Gymkhana champion: Dave Pollard
Ladies champion: June Pollard
Marshals trophy: Bob Offer
Junior trophy: Jamie Duckhouse

Gymkhana: 15 July

I had to go over to the King's Lynn MC store near Long Sutton to get some bits and pieces for the following weekend's Vintage & Classic Rally, so I decided to go a little further on to Glebe Farm at

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Saracen's Head and enter the EEMC gymkhana. Andy Congreve also came to the store and decided to come to the gymkhana too, as my navigator.

We got to the farmyard and came across a rather puzzled looking Ian Pollard. A large trailer had been parked across the gateway to the field, making it impossible to get in. It was too heavy to lift or drag so we were a bit stuck. Andy spotted a telehandler in a nearby barn and left it to me to start it up and move the trailer — yet again my telehandler services were required in the name of motorsport!

The gate was cleared and Ian quickly dispersed the cattle to set up his tests. The cattle were quite persistent and took some shifting. Ian set up 3 interesting layouts giving 6 tests. As cars were already doing tests 1 & 3 we headed to test 2, a slalom with a bit of reversing and a can in a stick. The start was in a particularly tricky spot as there were copious amounts of bovine lubricant on the grass.

Jean Everitt was lucky not to get a splatter or two from the wheel spin. During the evening Andy soon realised that it was best to keep his elbows inside the car to avoid the flying 'pats.' Looking at the results we set 2 fastest times on test 2; this put us into an early lead, theoretically. As the organisers had used the same layout for each pair of tests we went straight into test 5, more slaloming and cans on sticks. Our first run wasn't too bad and the second was quicker but Ian pedalled the Corsa round a second quicker, although his second test wasn't quite as successful after getting in a muddle and nearly hitting a marker. We then moved back to see Simon Leonard on tests 1 & 4. No cans here, just driving and reversing around a square of 4 markers. A

good smooth test to set quickest time on the second run, probably down to the ease of handbrake turns on the slimy grass.

Test 4, however, was less successful. It was forward driving looping round and round the 4 markers. Unfortunately we did a wrong loop round a wrong marker, a WD was our reward ☹. Ian set a fastest time, equal quickest with Rachel in the Metro.

By now times were close between Ian and myself and I had tests 3 & 6 left to do. Both had 3 markers in an east/west line and involved loops, can-placing plus a fair bit of reversing on test 6. Test 3 was fairly close between us, although Dave Pollard set the fastest time. I fluffed the first run at Test 6 after hesitating to think what to do next after I had put the can on the stick. I then went the wrong way and had to correct myself. The second run was nine seconds quicker (!) but Dave set another fastest time.

Ian went on to win by just seven seconds so it was all pretty close. Before we had all finished the cows decided to revisit and started munching the marker arrows. They were promptly moved on and the tests were completed. Dave was third, 3 seconds behind me.

Thanks to Ian for organising and to the Oldershaws for the field. Before we could leave, I had to do some of my best telehandler reversing to get the trailer back in front of the gate. It turned out not to be my best but was completed nonetheless. Not always easy when you have spectators!

Mark Banham & Andy Congreve

Results

Driver	Passenger	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3	Test 4	Test 5	Test 6	Total	Position						
Ian Pollard	Dave Pollard	61	62	36	39	37	38	45	44	51	67	48	47	575	1st
Mark Banham	Andy Congreve	62	56	32	32	37	35	45	69	55	52	58	49	582	2nd
Dave Pollard	Ian Pollard	64	65	35	36	36	34	70	45	58	53	47	42	585	3rd
James Dooley	Rachel Everitt	61	63	40	40	37	38	50	50	61	57	56	53	606	4th
Carol Vasey	Paul Pollard	78	66	39	37	42	40	54	51	53	55	64	54	633	5th
Craig Blackshields	Tom	70	67	41	43	35	36	48	45	74	58	61	60	638	6th
Paul Pollard	Carol Vasey	59	66	48	39	37	49	54	<u>69</u>	60	71	62	48	662	7th
Rachel Everitt	James Dooley	81	65	58	36	<u>36</u>	37	56	44	74	73	<u>67</u>	78	705	8th
										Marshals: Jean Everitt & Simon Leonard					
										Bold = Fastest time for Test <u>Underline</u> = Wrong direction. Fastest time + 25 seconds <i>Italics</i> = Hit Cone + 5 seconds					