

# The Romer

newsletter of East Elloe Motor Club

NOVEMBER 2005

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### November/December

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	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

### Thursday 01 December

#### East Anglian Motor Clubs' Quiz

hosted by SCCoN at The George Hotel, Swaffham. EEMC are entering a team: details from Dave Pollard on 01366 383860.

### Monday 05 December

#### Annual General Meeting

Your (formal) chance to have your say about your Club. Whaplode Manor Hotel, 8pm. Details of the agenda appear elsewhere.

### Wednesday 07 December

#### 12-car rally CR6

KLMC event starting from The Anvil, Congham, nr Kings Lynn at 8pm. Organised by Ryan Williams. Further details from Dave Pollard: call 01366 383860.

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### Manor 12-car Rally: Oct 19<sup>th</sup> version 1...

Seven crews took part in this event organised by Dave & Simon Pollard. I was anticipating a few more instances of musical chairs on the driver/navigator front than actually took place. Only Nick

Daubney/Paul Haylock and Hugh Garnish/Nick Way turned out to be new crews. For my part, with Tim away for a week with the sheep in Wales, I teamed up with Simon in his Daihatsu truck for this event.

We set out at "car" 2 behind Tony Duckhouse/Mike Baker, with a fairly straightforward handout from Whaplode Manor, across the A17, down some very wet yellows and around a loop at the back of Whaplode before finding Alan Woods at TC1, albeit a couple of minutes down.

Then we had a second grid line based section which took us over the A151 at Moulton, through the village and down Long Lane before returning East (where we nipped by Tony & Mike as they were indecisive about a junction) across to Whaplode, finally bringing us to the TC just north of the 'horseshoe' on the B1165 at Whaplode Fen.

Next up we had some numbered tulips to take us down to Whaplode St Catherine and then back up the map again, via Hurdletree Bank, to the end of section just north of the Holland drain at Fleet.

At this point I had a bit of a brainstorm and couldn't get the next handout - a straightforward, use X km of yellow, Y km of brown and Z km of yellow to fit. After a minute or two's deliberations it finally clicked and we were moving again; we arrived at Bob Offer a few minutes adrift as a result.

From here, we had another tricky handout which had several crews stumped. It turned out to be horizontal and vertical grid lines and followed an intricate route around the parallel white and yellow, south east of Sutton St James, using a new bridge which most of us couldn't remember being there before!! A missed slot cost us more time but other crews were struggling here as well - so it perhaps turned out as a net gain overall.

From the end of section almost in Holbeach (Alan Woods again), we headed through the edge of Fleet and over the A17 to the next TC using a clock-based instruction. The final handout, to the finish just a 100 yds or so prior to Whaplode Manor, was a time

consuming herringbone. I got the route on the map fairly quickly so we were able to keep to schedule, arriving at the final control shortly after Hugh & Nick who had been blazing a trail all night around the shorter novice route.

Thanks to Dave, Simon and their team for an enjoyable event; we could have done with a few more entrants, but at least everyone enjoyed themselves. All, that is, except Nick & Paul who picked up a puncture early on. Read the saga of their evening in version 2: were they unlucky or what?

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## Manor Rally version 2... (or what seemed a good idea at the time!)

To try and give some insight to our novice crews of how the experts do it, I crewed up with Nick Daubney for Dave's Manor Rally. Nick still had some work to do on the Nova, so he picked me up in his MG ZT. A very nice motor with plenty of tonk!

Nick gives me the first handout which is a couple of grid lines, a letter 'n', and three overhead power lines to pass through. Off we go, with me still plotting on the map. We turn off the A17 half a mile from the start to drive the yellows North of Whaplode. The roads are wet with some big puddles and as we travelled down a narrow yellow to pass through the 'n' in Welland House we hit a water filled pot hole with a loud bang. We both comment on the severity of it and moments later Nick proclaims 'we have a puncture'.

We pull up at the crossroads on route and park off route so as not to delay anyone else. It's very wet where we stopped and muddy, fan-b\*\*\*\*y-tastic! Now the pantomime began.

Nick gets out and discovers we have punctured the left front tyre but looks like it has just broken the seal. It's all hands to the pump when Nick tells me 'you do not get a spare with these you know'. That's bad. 'But I bought one', that's good. I start to jack up the front of the MG after making a small mud cast of my hand trying to find the jacking point! I discover that MG ZT's weigh 15 tons (well, it felt like it). Nick gets the wheel off, that's good, and finds that the space saver spare wheel will not fit over the massive brake disc and caliper, that's bad.

Now what do we do? Nick pulls from the boot a can of tyre sealer, that's good, but it does not move the big low profile tyre at all. That's bad. Nick is producing all sorts of things out of the boot like a magician's box and comes up with an electric tyre pressure pump, that's good. It does not move the tyre either, that's bad. Plan 'D' now comes into force. We put the flat tyre back and I jack the car down, make another model out of mud of my right hand to find the rear jacking point and jack the rear of the

car up. We take this wheel off and pray that MG did not fit front sized discs to the rear. They did not, and the space saver fitted, that's good. I now lower the car down and refit the jack to the front and up she goes again to fit the good rear wheel to the front, that's good. Both Nick and I are now knackered, covered in mud and have lost 35 minutes into the bargain! That's bad.

At this point, I must thank a local resident, who kindly pulled up and floodlit the area with his cars headlights so that we could work without having to hold a torch as well. It puts your faith back into humanity. He was impressed with my mud models of my hand as well!

I ask Nick what he wants to do and we decide to try and do the route. With many of the controls long gone, we cut as much of the route as we can to try and get some time back. This is not always as simple as it seems and depends entirely on roads available. We pick up a few code boards and get back to Whaplode Manor when I receive a phone call from Mike Baker asking after our welfare. Thanks Mike, although was it necessary to laugh quite so loud when recounting our tale of woe?!

The next day Nick took the tyre over to AJD Autos and Tony found a large split in the sidewall, something which we would never had seen in the dark, fortunately, the rim was not damaged. A memorable night for all the wrong reasons but, hey, that's rallying!

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### COMMITTEE 2005

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## MANOR RALLY RESULTS

Driver	Navigator	Class	CB	TC1	CB	CB	CB	CB	TC2	CB	CB	CB	TC3	CB	CB	CB	TC4	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	TC5	CB	CB	TC6	CB	CB	CB	CB	TC7	F	m	Pos	Pos			
			UF		YZ	GW	HC	FV		B	XU	V		V	KA	F		RS	G2	HK	ZH	EN	W		AG	3D		H	O	G2	MF	BM			Class	Overall		
S.Leonard	A.Cunnington	E		2					2								2						6										0	12	1st	1st		
J.Pollard	I.Pollard	E		7					4				1				1						2									0	15	2nd	2nd			
T.Duckhouse	M.Baker	E		2					3											F	F		12			1						2	18	3rd	3rd			
G.White	N.Mann	E		4					7				4				2			F	F		13					F				3	30	4th	4th			
N.Daubney	P.Haylock	E		F	F	F			F				3D										F	F	F		F					9	30	5th	5th			
H.Garnish	N.Way	N		1									F										3			1						1	5	1st	6th			
C.Vasey	J.Everitt	N		3					7				F													3							4	2	17	2nd	7th	
<b>Marshals:</b>																																						
<b>Start</b> - Dave Pollard			TC1 Alan Woods			TC2 Alan Lyon			TC3 Paul Pollard			TC4 Bob & Carole Offer			TC5 Alan Woods			TC6 Alan Lyon			TC7 Simon Pollard & Ian Mallett.																	
<b>Course Open</b> - Simon Pollard & Ian Mallett																																						
<b>Course Close &amp; Results</b> - Dave Pollard																																						

## 2005 RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP: current standings

Driver	CR1	CR2	CR3	CR4	CR5	Total
T Ibbott	15	15	15	12*	-	57
J Pollard	12	(12*)	12	15	12	51
S Leonard	-	12	-	12*	15	39
<i>S Pollard</i>	-	9	9	9	12*	30
<i>C Vasey</i>	1	8	8	1	8	26
T Duckhouse	-	-	-	12	10	22
D Pollard	-	-	10	-	12*	22
I Cunnington	-	10	-	10	-	20
G White	-	-	-	-	9	9

Navigator	CR1	CR2	CR3	CR4	CR5	Total
A Cunnington	15	15	-	12*	15	57
I Pollard	10	12*	(10)	15	12	49
P Haylock	12	12	15	10	(8)	49
<i>J Everitt</i>	1	9	8	1	7	26
M Baker	-	-	-	12	10	22
N Mann	-	-	12	-	9	21
D Scully	-	10	-	9	-	19
<i>P Pollard</i>	-	-	9	-	-	9

1<sup>st</sup> all EEMC crew: CR1, CR2: T Ibbott/A Cunnington; CR3: T Ibbott/N Mann; CR4: J Pollard/I Pollard; CR5: S Leonard/A Cunnington. All scores provisional; *italics* = novice; 12\* = organiser's points; (-) dropped score: best 4 scores from 6 events to count.

## Club Rules & website

A copy of the current Club Rules is enclosed in this edition of the *Romer* for the information of all members. Hopefully a copy will also be put up on to our website shortly.

The website is currently undergoing a revamp courtesy of Daniel Scully, so is unavailable at present.

## Bits & pieces

- Forthcoming road rally events include the Chelmsford MC *Preston Rally*, run in Norfolk, on 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> December. Entry

and marshalling information is available at [www.chelmsfordmc.co.uk](http://www.chelmsfordmc.co.uk) or via Dave Pollard on 01366 383860.

- I've received a letter from a Mr A Duncan of Sidmouth, Devon who is looking to sell his collection of motoring memorabilia including "marque books, magazines, club mags, brochures, calendars, photos, company histories, books on cars, motor racing, rallying and much more, Autocar and Motor show issues etc etc". I can provide contact details for anyone interested in acquiring this lot, which dates back to 1958 - Ed.

## Photos

Thanks to Carole & Bob Offer for providing a disk full of photos from various Club events over the past 12 months. A small selection are reproduced here and hopefully others will find their way into the Club website gallery in the near future.



*Clockwise from top left:*  
Tim & Adrian press on; June & Ian in the snow; Simon L & Paul H team up for a 4WD outing; Simon P & crew all lit up; Ivan & Daniel in their Fiesta; Marshalling at its most inhospitable last March; Dave & Adam go for it; Nigel & Bob have a bit of a ponder...

*All photos: Carole Offer*



# Annual General Meeting

Further notice is given that the AGM of East Elloe Motor Club Ltd will be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2005 at the Whaplode Manor Hotel, Saracens Head at 8pm.

## AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 2004 AGM
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Chairman's report; votes of thanks
5. Treasurer's report
6. Appointment of auditors for 2005/6
7. Election of Officers & Committee, eg:  
     President; Company Secretary; Treasurer; Club Directors;  
     Ordinary Committee Members
8. Subscriptions
9. Website
10. Classic Car Run 2006: format and location
11. Any other business

Committee elections to follow at Committee meeting immediately after AGM.

Nominations for Officers & Committee to be made on the form below and submitted to the Company Secretary: Adrian Cunnington, 4 Miles Bank, Spalding, PE11 3EZ before 8.00pm, 5.12.05.



### East Elloe Motor Club Ltd - OFFICERS & COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

*Nominations for item 7 above - eg President, Company Secretary, Treasurer, Directors, Committee Members*

Nominee (print)	for post of	Proposed by (sign)	Seconded by (sign)

## 2004 AGM minutes

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of East Elloe Motor Club Ltd held at the Whaplode Manor Hotel, Saracens Head, near Holbeach on Monday 6th December 2004 at 8pm

Present: Robert Oldershaw (*President*), Nigel Mann (*Chairman*), Adrian Cunnington, Ivan Cunnington, Simon Leonard, Dave Pollard, Ian Pollard, June Pollard, Paul Pollard and Daniel Scully.

Apologies: received from Simon Pollard

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 1st December 2003 were read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the minutes: None.

Chairman's report and vote of thanks: Nigel Mann thanked all members for their input to Club activities over the past year. He thanked the Committee for their work and support; Simon Leonard for keeping the accounts; Ian Pollard for managing the Membership records; Dave & June Pollard for their 'long-distance' support as Competition and Minutes Secretary respectively; Adrian Cunnington for the *Romer*, Paul Pollard for his input to Committee and Daniel Scully for his work as Webmaster.

Nigel also thanked Alan Lyon for organisation of the Classic Car Run; Whaplode Manor for the use of their facilities in hosting the Club's meetings and Robert Oldershaw for continued use of his land for gymkhanas. Thanks also to Joy Ellis for helping and supporting the Chairman!

Robert Oldershaw thanked Nigel for his contribution over the year as Chairman.

Treasurer's report: Simon Leonard presented the accounts and reported that the Club had seen an increase in turnover in 2003/4 but that profit was down on the previous year. The Classic Car Run continues to keep the Club afloat. The accounts were accepted (proposed Dave Pollard, seconded Robert Oldershaw).

Appointment of auditors: The meeting agreed to a proposal by Ivan Cunnington (seconded by Adrian Cunnington) that the Club should continue to use Salway & Wright as auditors for 2005.

#### Election of Officers:

<i>Office</i>	<i>Nominee elected</i>	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Seconded</i>
President	Robert Oldershaw	<u>Elected en bloc</u> Dave Pollard	Ivan Cunnington
Company Secretary	Adrian Cunnington		
Treasurer	Simon Leonard		
Directors	Adrian Cunnington Simon Leonard Nigel Mann Dave Pollard Ian Pollard June Pollard	<u>Elected en bloc</u> Robert Oldershaw	Ivan Cunnington
Committee member	Paul Pollard	Adrian Cunnington	Simon Leonard

Subscriptions: After discussion, it was proposed by Robert Oldershaw (seconded: Ian Pollard) to increase annual subscription rates for 2005 to £15 joint, £10 single and £5 for junior/country members.

Website: Daniel Scully gave an overview of use of the Club's website.

Any other business: None.

*Meeting closed 8.35 pm*