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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MAY

Wednesday 16 May

Gymkhana — organised by Ian Pollard at Glebe Farm, Roman Bank, Saracens Head, by kind permission of Robert Oldershaw (Map ref: 131/334274). Sign-on 7pm for 7.30 pm start. Competitors and marshals required; please contact Ian on 01775 722131 or e-mail him at ipollard@eemc.co.uk

JUNE

Wednesday 6 June

KLMC Gymkhana — at West Dereham. See www.kingslynndmc.co.uk for more details.

Wednesday 20 June

Gymkhana — Glebe Farm, Saracens Head.

Novice rally: 18 April

It's been at least 7 years since I last took part in a 12 car rally, and it was nice to see so many old faces again. Although I won the drivers championship a very long time ago with Tim (Ibbott), I've never won an event as a navigator. Ian joked I'd have to write this is, if we won; being one of the last crews to finish, I didn't think I'd have to worry!

There were seven handouts consisting of a mixture of tulips, approach and departure directions, gridlines, passing under power lines, road colours of junctions, etc. Most were straightforward, except for the hand out from TC8 to 9 which consisted of passing through a series of

grid squares; I couldn't get the last bit to fit until offered a little help.

The route was an interesting mix of fast straight sections, twisty bits including Hurdletree Bank, a very nasty hairpin at Clark's Hill, and some rough but not damaging dotted yellows.



Tony & Jamie Duckhouse exit Clark's Hill hairpin (photo Carole Offer ©)

Most of the code boards were easily spotted, however one or two were tucked away in long grass including one at a junction. Thoughtfully, the organizers did give a clue that it would be there with a hint in the handout (go the long way round the triangle).

Unfortunately, the route upset at least one resident. Somewhere around TC4, I saw a couple of marshals trying to placate him. There's always the risk as the nights draw out and become warmer, that people walking their dogs or just enjoying their gardens will be disturbed.

I'd like to thank Adrian and Nigel for putting together such a well thought out and enjoyable event, the marshals for turning out in force, and Whaplode Manor for the food – I do have one question, who ate all the chips? They had all gone by the time Ian and I arrived!

I'd also like to congratulate Bob Offer on his articles in the Lincolnshire Free Press, which

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rekindled my interest. See – someone has been reading them!

Lastly I'd like to thank Ian for taking on a very rusty navigator and agreeing to drive. Ian has a regular driver, so if anyone is looking for a navigator for the next event, please email me at steven.allard@tomblong.com

Steve Allard

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East Anglian Classic Rally: 21/22 April 2007

Good to see Alan Lyon/Terry Schraider taking part in the recent Chelmsford MC East Anglian Classic event in Norfolk (below).

After a more than a few trials and tribulations in getting 22 DFW back on the road, they brought the Cooper S home 3rd in class and in 12th place overall.

Results:

- 1 Paul Hernaman/"Crow" Porsche Carrera 911
- 2 Jim Deacon/Dave Wilson Ford Escort RS2000
- 3 Warren Chmura/Jean Chmura Citroen DS
- 4 Martin Neal/Michael Briggs Austin Healey Sprite
- 5 Gordon Popperwell/Brian Jaggs Ford Escort Mexico
- 6 Linda Orme/Richard Dix Ford Escort Mexico
- 7 Roger Ray/Paul Ray Volvo 122S Amazon
- 8 Emma Henchoz/Rob Henchoz Volvo PV544
- 9 David Mustardé/ Mike Burrows Alfa Romeo Giulia Sprint GT
- 10 Geoff Twigg/Andy Gibson Morris Mini Cooper
- 11 Jerry Hutton/Clare Hutton Saab 99
- 12 Alan Lyon/Terry Schraider Morris Mini Cooper S
- 13 Isaac Zarmati/Sarah Zarmati Austin Mini Cooper S
- 14 Glen Pearson/Nigel Blackburn Porsche 911 Targa
- 15 Mike Molloy/Jan Molloy Volvo Amazon



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CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR '07

date	event	organiser
Wed 24 Jan	Club Open Evening	Committee
Wed 21 Feb	Novice 12 car rally	S Pollard
Wed 21 Mar	Novice 12 car rally	D Glover (KLMC)
Wed 18 Apr	Novice 12 car rally	ACunington/NMann
Wed 16 May	Gymkhana CR1	I Pollard
Wed 20 Jun	Gymkhana CR2	D Pollard
Wed 18 Jul	Gymkhana CR3	G White
Wed 15 Aug	I/C Gymkhana CR4	KLMC/EEMC
Sun 09 Sep	10th Classic Car Run	A Lyon
Wed 19 Sep	Novice 12 car rally	G White
Wed 17 October	Novice 12 car rally	KLMC
Wed 21 Nov	Novice 12 car rally	D Pollard
Thu 13 Dec	AGM	—

Robin Hood Stages Rally – Birklands Stage – Sherwood Forest Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th March

If you go down to the woods today!!

Having marshalled the Robin Hood Rally last year, Carole & I knew what a good event it was. This year promised to be even better. For the first time ever there were over 100 historic (HRCR) entries on any event in the UK and 60+ moderns. Additionally this year we would be able to marshal the Saturday evening stage in the dark and watch the historic through for their first run.

We had the invitation to marshal the same stage this year from Ian the Stage Commander shortly after the conclusion of the Premier last year. He certainly is very well organised both on stage and off stage.

Carole, unusually, had the Saturday off work and so we both made our way over to Birklands Stage start for signing on at the prescribed time. We were assigned to an uphill 90deg bend for in-stage marshalling along with DEL1 – a great pair of gents who made the evening more enjoyable.

The appointed hour came and with all in place and functioning correctly and with numerous course cars passed, the historic began to fly through the stage.

Oh, I remember the days (just) – many, many years ago when we used to trek out to Sherwood, Scotland or Wales to watch the Lombard RAC Rally, the proper rally, before it became various other things and ended up as the “Rally of South Wales” or to be correct, The Rally of Wales GB! The sound of those Mk1 & Mk2 Escorts flying through the forests, the smell of Castrol R, getting showered with loose gravel and sandy soil or flying rocks as the works teams and clubman alike battled it out for individual supremacy in their own class. Even a good sound system attached to the TV and turned up as loud as you dare still couldn't match the thrill or the bark of the Escorts through the forests, pursued hotly by other works teams in a variety of cars including the likes of Audis, Saabs and Lancias to name a few.

Quite amazingly there was only one problem in our sector and that was with a Mk1 Lotus Cortina. It ground to a halt on the uphill section just before our bend. DEL1 radioed in the in-stage stoppage and I went to investigate. I had only just made the scene safe deploying their triangle and showing their “OK” board to other competitors, when within a very few minutes they were mobile again, seemingly at rally speed. Regrettably, within a few minutes, they were reported missing in-stage and were found in a short while later about ½ mile further into the stage along a very long, almost straight, section broken down with the same electrical gremlin. This time the problem was to be terminal for them.

All the action was over by around 2130 and although we offered to assist with changeover (the stage being run in the opposite direction on Sunday) we were told that it was all in hand and so we departed for home, around an hour's journey away.

Sunday was to be a reasonably early start as we had to pick up Andrew Gilbert who sometimes marshals with us, he lives a handful of miles away – in the opposite direction. That done we set off for Birklands once more and enjoyed a full day of rally sport. The schedule for the day was once more through for the historic and twice through for the moderns. EEMC representation was boosted further with Peter Mears on start radio / control on Sunday.

As ever Kevin Procter, in his Subaru, was competitive and flew through our corner and away downhill with all the gusto of a two wheel drive on his first attempt of the day! He looked on the ragged edge, but controlled the car very well. I guess when it came to the second time through Birklands for the moderns there were still a few stages to go and so, although still very quick, there was perhaps a slightly more measured approach – maybe? Certainly he didn't leave any souvenirs for us to collect unlike last year.

Enough ramblings from me except to say that if rallying is your burn then this is a terrific event, as is the Premiere – Oh and The Dukeries too, and not ever so far to travel. Wonderfully enjoyable, thanks Lindholme Motor Club and thanks to Ian for the invite and again for the invite to the Dukeries. We'll maybe see you in Sherwood later this year?

Bob & Carole Offer



Kevin Procter/Mike Gilby – Subaru – Winners



Steve Perez – pouring on the nostalgia in his wonderful “Vodka Kick” Lancia Stratos

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