

SCCoN Spotlight

Ed's trials

Happy 70th! Welcome to the anniversary edition of Spotlight celebrating 70 years of our club. Look out for details of the celebrations which are taking place on 14th August at Snetterton. See you there.

Hello from Somewhere in Norfolk,

Our Micra will do just over 60 in second gear but needs a shift up to 3rd to reach 70. It will carry on to about 90 in third and seems to be slower in 5th. In this edition, which looks like being the slim summer version, I will look at some events from 70 years ago but I won't overshadow a brilliant club publication which is due to hit the shelves later this year. It has been good to see some members at PCAs recently and to have a natter with other AMSC club members too.

Keep on being sensible and safe out there whilst enjoying some freedom. The masks are off, but not in Team Hodder where we are taking a cautious double vaccinated approach to freedom.

A big thank you to all of the committee for their commitment to getting a 70th celebration event off the ground in a short take off time. Thanks are also due to Jonathan Palmer for the use of part of the Snetterton infield to host the event.

I'll be around so hand over the articles you have waiting for me or stop and chat so that I can take notes and get your report, or your first car story in note form for production later

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Social Media

Have you seen the social media presence of the club on Twitter and Instagram? There are some changes afoot in the administration of the Facebook page, so look out for updates and information. Search for **Sporting Car Club of Norfolk** on Facebook



www.Twitter.com/SCCoNorfolk



www.Instagram.com/SportingCarClubofNorfolk

“You can only get over your fears if you attack them head on” Mika Hakkinen

My First Car

A serial feature–

You know what this is about by now but this month sees the last available account of a first car because of a lack of incoming stories. So far we've enjoyed tales from Lucy, Oli, Percy, Dave, John and others. So what is your story? Contact me by any available method and I will form your account of your early days of motoring, into a good read for other members.

My first car

Make- Fiat

Model-Punto activesport

Year-2005

When you bought it-

My parents brought it for me to learn in and to share with my mum for a bit.

Where you bought it-

one of my Dad's friends was selling it and it came up just at the right time!

How much it cost-

From memory it was £560

Where you went in it (long journey?)-

Not too far in it but it took me on many of my first journeys also me and my friends who are also into cars, we used to convoy to the beach and thought we were really cool by taking pictures of them parked up together in the car parks.

What you broke-

I was super careful with my first car as I absolutely loved it! I don't actually think I broke anything!

What you fixed / modified –

I painted the brake callipers green to match the green and black mats (it was an Xbox edition) upgraded the stereo and filled it with air fresheners if that counts? Other than that I didn't do much to it.

Why you sold it-

I was reluctant to sell it but I fell in love with my next car so unfortunately it had to go as I didn't have room for two. I still see it every now and then and it brings a smile to my face every time!

What you replaced it with-

I replaced it with a Ford Fiesta ST which I fell in love with at the dealership. The sales person actually advised me not to have it as it was going to be a big step up from my (supposedly) 84bhp no turbo Punto, but I ignored his advice and I'm certainly glad I did ha ha!

I'd like to add (I know it's sad) but I loved it so much it had a name. The reg was AF55 OBW which my mum said looked like Alfie Bow, so Alfie it was! All my cars have names; I'd be interested to know if that's just a girl thing?

Lauren Theobald

Fiat Auto UK teamed up with Xbox to add extra appeal to a pair of exclusive limited edition offers: the Punto Xbox and Stilo Xbox, which went on sale at UK Fiat dealers in January 2005.

For a mere £8995, on the road, the Punto Xbox was based on the Punto Active Sport 1.2 16v, but was cheaper to purchase than the standard model. It came with almost £600

worth of exclusive features. These included black metallic paint, Xbox badging and interior mats, an MP3 player with 100W subwoofer, and steering wheel mounted audio controls. These were in addition to the Punto Active Sport's standard equipment package of 15" alloys, sports bumpers and rear spoiler, 6-speaker radio/CD player, and leather steering wheel and gear lever knob. Not bad for a first car



Midsummer Classic

Indifferent weather, or rather a damp start to the day didn't dampen enthusiasm for the event. Understandably folks who got soaked early on had decided to go home and dry out, otherwise a great number of entrants managed the whole day and the entire journey, which was good news all around. The variety of vehicles on the run was outstanding with every decade of the last 110 years represented by at least one vehicle. Of note were the 1914 Model T Ford and the 1920s Citroen, the two vans, an Austin Seven and an Austin Maestro, which shows some of the range of vehicles on the run. There were many smiling faces and waving arms from participants and the subsequent feedback has reflected the appreciation of the great effort made by Martin Newson and all the rest of the organising team. Those folks who turned out to marshal were great in number and made the day run smoothly. The host venues all pushed the boat out to make everyone welcome, none more so than the staff and management at Stratton Motor Company who opened the entire site up for inspection. Visitors were able to drool over cars which had the price tag of a substantial dwelling or in one case POA, which translates as "if you need to ask, it may be best not to". There were a few Loti on display, mostly in the workshops, which may belie the acronym applied to the brand (Lots Of Trouble Usually Serious). Other marques were on display and up for sale including Morgan, Ford

We STILL want your story

Spotlight needs you! If you have a story you would like to submit for spotlight, please email

Spotlight@SCCoN.co.uk
or snail mail the editor

The newsletter gets better the more good stuff you supply to go in it.

Social Events

Howard – Social Secretary:

Phone Howard on 07917 060052 if you have any ideas or venues for social events

Club Nights

Hopefully we will return to SCCoN club nights held at the White Horse, Trowse, NR14 8ST, soon.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, we have had to cancel our club nights for now. As soon as they are back up and running, we will let you know!



Norfolk Classic and Sports Cars was born from a lifelong passion for motor sports and classic cars and was established with the aim of providing a reliable and complete service for classic and sports cars including on-event servicing for motorsport events as well as general servicing repairs and rally preparation work.

The founder of the company Robert Kitchen has been providing on-event support for the Endurance Classic Rally Association since 2000 and has worked on most of their long-distance endurance events over the last 20 years. Therefore, Robert has travelled many of the routes and first-hand experience of the problems encountered by classic vehicles on this type of event.

The company also carries out restoration work with workmanship undertaken to a meticulous standard. You can see some of our clients' cars in the Galleries section of our website at www.norfolkclassiccars.co.uk. We are always happy to discuss your individual requirements, please do not hesitate to get in touch

"I build my cars to go, not stop" Ettore Bugatti



SCCoN Clothing Get your kit on!

Look out for members wearing

examples at the 70th celebrations in August

Ali Hodder (Mrs Ed) is ever ready to take your order for a new hoodie or other club related clothing. The hoodies are warm comfortable

T-shirts, Sweatshirts,
Hoodies, Rugby Shirts
Zip-up hoodies, Polo shirts

Ali is handling any orders for these so, for full price information, drop her a line at Alison.Hodder@yahoo.co.uk



SCCON at 70

The organising team have been working hard planning for the 70th Anniversary Celebrations at Snetterton on the **14th August.**

It's really important that Members now go onto the SCCON website as soon as possible where you will find full details of what we have planned for the day and where you need to register to attend.

REMEMBER if you do not register yourself and your guests by the deadline you will not be on the list we have to provide to MSV Snetterton and you will not be allowed in free of charge. Registration is very simple and only takes a few moments, please include details of any classic or competition car you'll be bringing along.

We would like to see lots of you in SCCON clothing, but if you don't have any or it doesn't fit any more! then please check this months Spotlight and contact Team Hodder in the next few days to order some.

It's going to be a great event and we look forward to seeing you all

The Organising Team



What is Sally B doing in Spotlight?

SCCORN
**CLASSIC CAR
RUN**
**Sunday 1st
August 2021**



By the time you read this you will have missed the event

Thanks to Martin Newson for being the driving force behind the event.

Thanks also to all the marshals, committee members and host venues who made the event possible.

(Mustang), and plenty of Aston Martins. The workshops made interesting viewing; they were spotless and the range of work being carried out was extensive. I am far away from being a potential customer, only having a mere mortal's income, but if I had been able to drive away any of the cars on display, it would have been the stately but vast, Bentley Continental.

Enough of that; back to the run. At the end venue, the club's ephemeral home, Snetterton, there was a well organised booking in system with goodies handed out and paperwork completed. Christine had provided large quantities of cake for all to enjoy. It was good to see more smiles and to hear hearty thanks from participants. Anyone who stayed late at the circuit was treated with a low-level flypast by a Eurofighter in Union Jack livery, which was followed by several circuits and flypasts by "Sally B" the WW2 B-17 bomber, also known by her film star name as "Memphis Belle".

All of us know that this run would not have taken place without Martin's dogged determination to get it back on the road, literally. He would also tell us that it is not a one man show and that many hands work together to make the event happen. From my perspective I would like to thank everyone who took time out to make this happen. Here's to the 2022 run.

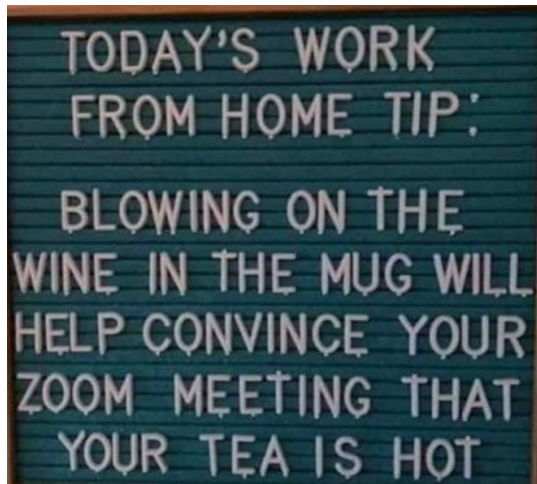
Norman Bunn.

Oldest car on the run? Ford Model T

Loudest car on the run? Subaru Impreza

Smallest car on the run? Possibly the FIAT 500.

Car I'd most like to take home? 1967 Mini saloon.



Thanks to Paul Doodson for the tip.



Lemon Drizzle 12 Car Regularity Run

Sunday 15th August 2021

www.scon.co.uk

50 miles on map 144 - start / finish / coffee and HQ at The Goat Shed Farm Shop just off the A47 near Honingham - Car 0 leaving at 10am - should all be packed up and homeward bound by 2pm - all documentation to be done online and pre-event - two classes - Expert: cars with calibrated regularity gizmos fitted - Novice: cars with no gizmos fitted (but mobile phone tripmeter apps are allowed) - straight forward navigation.

Entries & marshals required – see club website for more details

(www.scon.co.uk)



Farm Shop

The Goat Shed is our farm shop in Honingham, proudly supporting local, stocking the very best of Norfolk's artisan producers.



Kitchen

Our Kitchen is open daily serving breakfasts, light lunches, grazing plates and home-made cakes and bakes.



Cheese

Our cheese is hand made by our team of passionate cheese makers. We know its corny but they are crackers about cheese!



Holidays

Enjoy a break in Norfolk's beautiful countryside with easy access to Norwich, the Broads, and miles of golden coastline.



Skin Care

Our goats milk skin care products are perfect to nourish, moisturise and soothe dry, itchy, flaky and sensitive skin.

Tucked away in the Norfolk Countryside our passion is sharing the very best our county has to offer, from the local produce sold in our Farm Shop, the accommodation we provide to allow others to explore the fine county of Norfolk, or the artisan cheese we have been making by hand on our farm since 2009.

Diary Dates

AUGUST

Sunday 1st SCCoN Classic Car Run

Saturday 14th August

SCCoN 70th celebration at Snetterton, see elsewhere for details. BOOK in or you will not be able to attend.

Sunday 15th August

SCCoN 12 Car Regularity Run

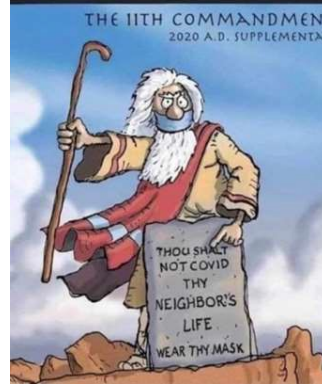
Saturday 28th August

Chelmsford Motor Club
Abbey Farms Targa (TBC)

September

5th Targa Rally
WSMC

12th Stage rally
AMSC



Trip to see the “Great British Car Journey”

Howard is organising a trip to this newly opened visitor attraction.

Set within the Derwent Valley, our interactive journey through British motor manufacturing will take you through the ages, featuring over 150 classic British cars, from the Austin 7, Mini, Morris Minor right up to the Ford Sierra

Please let Howard know if you are interested in joining fellow members for a trip out.

Green Belt MC Autocross 21-22nd August.

The event runs over two days with an Interclub event over the two days and one day Clubman's events on each of the days. Volunteer marshals would be much appreciated. For help on either, or both, days.

<<http://www.greenbeltmc.org.uk/Competition/Autocross/2021/2021.html>>
([greenbeltmc.org.uk](http://www.greenbeltmc.org.uk))

For details

Disconnected Jottings from car 45 on the SCCoN Classic.

The SCCoN organising team had managed to entice around 150 classic car owners to enter this year's Covid delayed event starting at Hingham midway between Watton & Wymondham. 90 miles of best Norfolk roads on offer along with some points of interest / rest stops before finishing at Snetterton Circuit. A road closure in Gt Ellingham (for the construction of a roundabout!) on my planned route to the start caused a minor issue in the left-hand seat that was swiftly overcome. We'd just completed documentation / road book collection & were queuing for coffee & bacon roll when the light drizzle turned to quite heavy rain. Robin tells me the bacon roll was one of the best he's tasted & he's sampled plenty.

The road book showed we were in for an anti-clockwise tour of South Norfolk with stops at Thelnetham Wind Mill & Long Stratton Motor Company before the finish. With the rain easing as we started at 10.06 things were looking promising for crews & marshals alike. Keeping a steady pace out through Rockland St Peter, Lower Stow Bedon & Gt Hockham we weren't caught & didn't catch anybody either. As we turned off the A1075 to take in the loop around Hockham Heath we caught up with Richard & Dan Pearson in their 1921 Model A Citroen who kindly wrong slotted to the right on the hairpin left enabling us to nip past on the inside. I think Dan was looking for a code board on the long way round triangle! The rain had virtually stopped now which made life easier for Richard & Dan as the Citroen didn't come with windscreen wiper option box ticked when new. Onwards via the yellow through Illington past Abbrey Farms & the maze of tracks used in December each year on 'The Preston' rally. All too soon we were met by the WSMC marshal team at the windmill complete with umbrellas as the rain had returned. We'd previously done the interesting "mill tour" so we headed off on leg 2 along the Waveney Valley through Redgrave, Palgrave, Oakley & Brockdish before heading North from Harleston. Here the route magicians had pulled the rabbit out of the hat with around 10 miles of yellow roads without a single "turn" junction as we wound up from Starston, North Green, Hardwick & Morningthorpe to the B1527 near Hempnall from where a short run led to Long Stratton & the 2nd stop.

Roger Bennington & his team at Stratton Motor Company had laid out an interesting "walking tour" around this impressive Prestige Car dealership that lists Aston Martin Heritage & Lotus amongst the dealerships held. The restoration department along with the paint shop were fascinating with one Aston standing out in particular. It appeared to be undergoing a full strip / rebuild that was part way through the rebuild stage, sat in its dedicated bay with engine out, interior removed but with suspension starting to go back on, a beautifully finished green paint job & an engine bay you can only dream about. Interesting to note the access panel below the rear seat for the inboard mounded rear brake callipers & pad change.



10% OFF AT WILCO MOTOR SPARES

Wilco have branches across East Anglia & offer club members a 10% discount in store on presentation of a valid membership card. When you are next in-store, don't forget to ask for your discount. If you have any issues with this promotion, please contact a member of the committee.

Micra Challenge

For those of you who have enjoyed the fun which can be had competing in a Nissan Micra there is a new challenge; just that, the all new SCCoN Micra Challenge.

For drivers of the diminutive hatchbacks, from the venerable K10 onwards, we have a club challenge which forms its very own championship for all aspects of Micra competing. It works in a similar fashion to most single vehicle classes and will result in a winner at the end of 2021. Competitors using one of the fleet of SCCoN Micras, kindly facilitated by Howard, will be included as will any club member or affiliate member using a Micra in accordance with the SCCoN Micra Challenge guidelines.

The plans for 2020 were disrupted by Covid-19.

See the club website for details



Way back in 1982 I co-drove for Roger on the SCCoN TSB Stages in his very rapid TR8, that was a state-of-the-art stage rally car back then and now a Classic in its own right.

The final leg headed south through Pulham Market before crossing the A140, on through Tivetshall, Winfarthing, past Banham Zoo & Kenninghall before arriving back at Snetterton after 25 miles. Once again we were greeted by the SCCoN club trailer with Christine & her team keeping everybody topped up with coffee & her never ending supply of cake from the cake tins that must be some type of Dr Who Tardis.

Thanks to all organisers, marshals, venues visited & participants for making it a "classic" Classic Run



Thank you to **Dick Lines** for his first hand account of the run and some archive photos of the TR8



Top - Model T
Ford

Middle - Austin 7
van

Left - Austin
Maestro van

The loss of a close friend is hard to bear, the loss of an acquaintance likewise but the loss of a member of our wider community is also keenly felt. I am sure that you, along with our committee and the wider motorsports family, will join me in sending our condolences to the family and close friends of the marshal who died in tragic circumstances on Saturday 31st July at Brands Hatch. No doubt official enquiries will determine the facts behind the incident but the loss of a volunteer is not diminished by any investigation.

Rest in peace,
a member of the "Orange army"

Photos from The Mid Summer Classic.

There are over 150 photos from the event on social media. Look up SCCoN on Facebook or on Flickr.com



1972 FIAT 500F



Lotus Elan outside the local dealership

1921

Citroen



1967 Mini

Saloon



A bunch of tools

Repairs can be awkward, if you don't have the right tools. Roadside rescue repairs with cobbled together kit and cable ties are one thing but to effect a good repair back at home you need the right kit. This doesn't have to be Snap-On to be good quality nor does it have to be brand new kit. If you shop around and look carefully at what you are buying there are still bargains to be found at car boot sales, autojumbles and online. As always Caveat Emptor (buyer beware) If the seller looks dodgy and can't tell you where item came from, or what they are for, best avoid them.

Stickers still available from **Alan Kirkham**, please contact him alanjirkham@yahoo.co.uk

SCCoN Window Stickers

A limited number of SCCoN window stickers are available for £3 each including p&p.

These are printed to be stuck on the inside of the window, design is as below:



Get stuck in
and stuck
up

Self adhesive vinyl window sticker
measuring 195mm x 80mm.

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