

June 2019



King's Lynn DMC Newsletter

Welcome to the June newsletter.

There has been quite a bit of activity within the club since the last newsletter back in March. We held our AGM on 13th March at Runcton Holme Social Club and was actually quite poorly attended by the membership which was a shame. There have been a couple of changes on the committee with David Smalley stepping down as Webmaster and Richard Felton also decided not to stand on the committee this year. I would like to thank Both David and Richard for their contributions during their respective spells on the committee and hope to see you back again one day soon. I would like to welcome David Ottoway to the committee. David has been promoting the club a lot over the past couple of years at various local shows and events and I look forward to the part that he will play on the committee and within the club over the next year.

The March Clubnight was held on Wednesday the 20th and started at Norfolk Sports and Classic Cars in Fakenham. This was the first time that Len Fletcher and Mick Beauchamp had organised a 12 car and based on the reactions of the competitors at the finish, it will hopefully not be their last. The route was flowing and the navigation was set just right to get a result with Paul and Matthew Smalley finishing ahead of myself and Paul Haylock. The usual good quality food was served at the Railway in Docking which finished off a really good night of motorsport. Thanks Len and Mick, I am looking forward to next year's event.

On the 3rd April we had our final round of the 12 car clubnight championship which was held at the Runcton Holme Social Club and was organised by David Bell. The route consisted of several roads we have not used for quite a while, heading west and across the Great Ouse towards the Outwell and Marshland area. Living in this area and the route passing the end of my road, I did know a lot of the roads which were used which came in handy knowing which side of the road to be on to miss the bumps. Unfortunately, this local knowledge was didn't help us much and the event was won by John Peterson and David Smalley on 0 fails and 4 mins. Thank you to David Bell for organising another competitive and enjoyable event.

The end of April saw the second running of the Clacton Stages rally which was held on closed roads in the Tendring area and was organised by Chelmsford Motor Club. Many of our club members went down to Tendring to marshal and officiate on the event which seemed to be a success for another year. Peter Horsburgh competed on the event in his Mini and ended up 2nd in class H1 which was a really good performance.

David Large and David Ottoway competed on the Alan Healy Memorial Stages at Cadwell but managed to have a slight incident with some Armco barrier which sadly put them out of the event. Since the Escort has been repaired, their fortunes have improved with a good result on the muddy and slippery Flying Fortress Rally. Steve and Jack Tilburn have had more success in the MSV Championship culminating in them finishing an overall 2nd in the championship. This is a great result for our Club Secretary and is a well-deserved reward for their consistent performance in the championship.



Moving into May, we had the first round of the off road championship held at the usual venue of Steve's back garden in Eastmoor. This was organised by Nick Way and consisted of 6 test all based around the same cone layout. This was won by John Peterson who was just too quick in his Mini for anyone to catch. These events are great fun and are really competitive so it has been a bit of shame that we have not seen the same numbers of entries that we have seen in previous years.

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On the 19th May the club organised and ran the KLDMC Norfolk Classic and Sports Cars Targa Rally which was held at Wethersfield near Braintree. This was run in conjunction with the Anglia Motorsport Club and was a real success. The rally consisted of 16 tests run over 4 test areas and with this being the first event that the club had organised at this venue, it seemed to go down very well with the 69 competitors. Congratulations to KLDMC members Adrian and Lewis White who finished first overall. Thank you to all those who were involved in the organisation of this event and in particular Mark Banham, David Bell, Tony Hewitt and Shaun Hannon. I think it would be really good if we could get a venue closer to home so that more of our club members can attend and also take a bit of the work load off of the core team.



The D-Day Autotest was the second round of the off-road championship held on the 5th June (I know this isn't D-Day but it was the closest Wednesday to it). This was organised by myself but only managed to attract 5 entries. Congratulations to Paul Haylock on finishing 1st, although it was a close run between the top 4 positions with Nick Way, Matthew Mantle and Ian Pollard all finishing within 7 seconds of 1st place. Thanks to Steve and Helen Tilburn for the BBQ after the event and for the use of their garden.

Looking to the next events in the calendar, on Sunday 30th June the Vintage and Classic run is start from Anglia Car Auctions in Kings Lynn and currently has nearly 90 cars on the entry list. This is always a really fun event to be part of and is one of the highlights of our club calendar. This year the route is going from Kings Lynn to Thursford for lunch and then on a loop in the afternoon finishing at Pensthorpe. We just have to hope for better weather than we have had recently.

On 3rd July the third round of the off-road championship is being held at, you guessed it, Steve's back garden in Eastmoor. This is being organised by Paul Haylock so please get in touch with him at paulnhaylock@btinternet.com or via the Facebook page if you want to enter or marshal. The entry fee is only £5 so come along and have a go at some challenging tests. I believe Paul has found some test designs in an old book from the 1960s so they could be interesting and are guaranteed to be different to what we normally see on these events.

Cars at the Mill is a local event which is organised by Bearts of Stowbridge to raise money for charity. This year it is running on 18th July between 6 and 9pm. They are looking for anyone with a classic, sports or just an interesting car to come along and enjoy the company of fellow petrol heads. There is a £10 donation to the charity if you want to enter with your car.

"CARS AT THE MILL"

On Thursday July 18th from 6pm to 9pm

Bearts of Stowbridge (just before the railway crossing)

Are holding their annual "Cars at the Mill" evening.

All interested parties are invited to bring Classic, Sport's, competition or any other car that's interesting along to the show.

A £10 donation to their charity is all that's required

This is a 'local' event for 'local people'

(nothing to do with 'The League of Gentlemen'!)

So put it in your diary!

note if the weather is bad the event wont run

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The final event of the off-road championship will be held at Hay Green on Wednesday 7th August and is being organised by Dave Pollard. Keep an eye out on Facebook and via email for further details.

If you would like some club clothing then please get in touch with Double G clothing in Kings Lynn. They have the club logo on file and can put it on any garment. The easiest way to do this is for anybody who would like something can go to Double G and order and pay for their clothing themselves. Double G's number is 01553 777635. Here is a selection of clothing:

UC101 polo shirt £6.40 each + VAT
KK702 ladies shirt £15.60 each + VAT
KK105 mens shirt £17.65 each + VAT
KK701 ladies shirt £15.40 each + VAT
UC106 ladies polo shirt £6.40 each + VAT
Softshell jacket £25.50 each + VAT
B45 turn-up beanie hat £4.15 each + VAT
UC203 sweatshirt £8.05 each + VAT
UC601 fleece £12.25 each + VAT



FORTHCOMING KLD MC EVENTS

30th June – Vintage and Classic – Anglia Car Auctions
3rd July – Round 3 Off-road championship – Paul Haylock
18th July – Cars at the Mill – Bearts of Stowbridge
7th August – Round 4 Off-road championship – Dave Pollard

Ed Haylock
Chairman KLD MC