

Gentlemen, START YOUR ENGINES

the newsletter of the

Cobra Replica Club

East Anglia region 2018

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Hi to you all,
Wow, since our last ramblings, we've pretty much had wall to wall sunny weather, with wonderful blues skies and temperatures to the top end of the 20's and sometimes beyond. No doubt you've all been out enjoying the weather, whether blasting about in open topped splendour or chilling in the garden with a cold one and a lovingly burned sausage from the barbecue?



June's meet, at The Angel, Larling, warranted a non-appearance from us. Eileen was pulling up weeds and attending to other chores whilst Steve was maintaining a steady beer and meat diet at the **Le Mans 24 Hours** with Andy Soar. They took a scenic cross-country route to Le Mans in Andy's Corvette and joined their camping companions in the Houx campsite to set up for another year of sustained endurance (and there was rumoured to be some motor racing going on as well). Whilst the outcome of racing in the top-flight prototype LMPI class was, maybe, a foregone conclusion, the GTE classes were tightly fought with Porsche taking a class win in GTE Pro after

fending off Ford, Corvette and Ferrari with Aston Martin struggling to maintain the pace. It looks like the rule book is changing again in the next couple of years, so the prototypes are due another big reshuffle again. Let's see if any big factory teams remain in LMPI next year?



This newsletter is being written following the equally impressive **Le Mans Classic** weekend. Whilst we skipped it this year, we know Andy and Joy Soar attended in one of their ASM DBR Astons, with a plan to join up with a number of customer cars. We await the comprehensive report.

This coming weekend is the **Goodwood Festival of Speed**. With that in mind, Steve will be in Sussex on Sunday and will miss our monthly meet. Instead, we'll look for a car friendly / dawg friendly pub in West Suffolk for this month's meet and maybe give the Monaro a blast (in air-conditioned comfort).

Which brings us to **this month's meet** on Sunday 15th July @ 12:00, and we're off to West Suffolk. The gospel according to CAMRA has been consulted. How about an old favourite (booking essential for food) - **The Queen's Head, Rede Road, Hawkedon, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP29 4NN**
<https://hawkedonqueen.co.uk/index.php> and (01284) 789 218.

Don't forget to phone and book if you intend to eat.



We'll continue to populate the **'3rd Sunday'** **calendar** with interesting pubs to visit in our usual 'On Tour' format.

If you have a recommendation or favourite venue, please let us know.

August 2018 - East Suffolk – Guy Beston has recommended the Griffin Inn, Yoxford.

September 2018 - West Norfolk

October 2018 - East Norfolk

November 2018 - West Suffolk

etc.

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