

Gentlemen, START YOUR ENGINES

the newsletter of the

Cobra Replica Club

East Anglia region 2019

August

Hi to you all,
July's meet at the **Five Bells Inn, Wrentham** looked to coincide with a number of other local events. Were you at the Latitude Festival just down the road? Or perhaps you were busy combining or gathering in your summer crops?

Nevertheless, Steve made the trip from home across the expanse of Suffolk to the pub and enjoyed a swift half of one of Adnams' foaming brews. The food looked

very appetising too, as confirmed by Mark and Clare (who dropped by from just along the road).

As is the norm, a good old natter ensued, including the practicality of rehoming cockerels and a general review of the current state of the UK kit car industry. The availability of sound donor vehicles with suitable rear wheel drive architecture is in the decline. In fact, some of the donor vehicles that were previously considered basket cases could now be sought after within the 'original vehicle' interest groups for restoration or donors of parts to keep original cars on the road. Remember those early Pilgrims with Cortina running gear? Old Duttons based upon Escort parts? With some older kit cars coming to the end of their useful lives, the original source donor parts can sometimes find their way back to keeping an old original vehicle roadworthy.



Somewhere in the bowels of our garage we have a Ford Sierra steering column – removed from the Dax when we moved to a Corsa EPAS system. Maybe an original Sierra owner would be interested in it to give their pride and joy on the road?



We suspect a lot of you are enjoying your summer holiday. Also, this month there are a number of different events on throughout the region so it may be prudent to 'have a month off'.

So, as a suggestion for a Cobra related outing, for **this month's meet on Sunday 18th August** there is –

- Stonham Barns Classic Car Show – Pettaugh Road, Stonham Aspal, IP14 6AT
- Classic & Vintage Car Show - Hedingham Castle, CO9 3DJ

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 a favourite venue, or know of any worthwhile events in 2019, please let us know.

September 2019 - East Suffolk

October 2019 - West Norfolk

November 2019 - East Norfolk

etc.

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