



5 to 8 August 2025

# CLOVERLEAF THE DAILY DISPATCH



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VINTAGE AND CLASSIC CAR CLUB

**Day 1** Tuddenham Mill to Kesgrave Hall (70 miles)

5 August 2025



Ready and set, Adrian and Jacqueline Brooks' 1966 Volvo 122S

*Cloverleafs* were first conceived as a lighthearted, small-scale, post-COVID diversion. Our sixth, to Suffolk, has the distinction of being *Rally the Globe's* silver jubilee event. It's the biggest *Cloverleaf* entry list so far, bringing crews and cars from as far afield as the USA and Germany, along with our two recent *Carrera Andalučia* winners.

Ean and Alison Lewin are, as usual, in an Escort, whilst Steve and Jenny Verrall have parked their pre-war BMW and are back onboard their 911 to celebrate Jenny's birthday today.

Assembled for the start at Tuddenham Mill the rally is looking forward to four days of fun and 457 miles. Peppered with 14 Tests and 11 Regularities, thanks in no small part to the generosity of local farmers and RTG members, Andrew and Gina Long and the Abrey family, who offered up some prime real estate for our enjoyment.

Before we could get going there were formalities to deal with, such as scrutineering. Andy Inskip, Charlie Neale, and Russ Smith, working alongside the MSA official, Rob Dominy, ensured that the cars were safe and complied with all necessary regulations.

Gill Cotton, Loren Price, and Jordyn Mitchell were on hand to distribute paperwork and gifts before the Clerk of the Course, Mark Appleton, and his deputy, Iain Tullie, gave the crews a welcome briefing. A buffet lunch followed and, at 13.30, the blue and gold Suffolk flag waved the cars on their way.

In keeping with the fun-at-all-costs ethos, four Tests ran through miles of freshly cut stubble and assorted farm buildings and required the crews to stop midway through a tight slalom section to lob a handful of locally grown potatoes into a bucket before they could proceed to the next section.

A Time Control in Folk Café gave the crews a chance to cool off and take on refreshment. The two Regularities that ran either side of the break ran through Ampton and Drinkstone, showcasing the pastoral heartland of the County. A tricky diversion through another working farmyard and a lengthy stretch of gravel added some spice to the remainder of the afternoon. Rejoining the tarmac we made our way to a Route Check in Coddendam, before continuing to the night halt at the 19th-century splendour of Kesgrave Hall.



A spot of fieldwork Ean Lewin and Alison Lewin, 1973 Ford Escort Mexico

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*Papers please, Nigel and Sally Woof, 1963 Alfa Romeo Giulia Sprint*



*Taking care, Gavin and Diana Henderson, 1965 Porsche 911*



*Agricultural meets the height of 60s fashion, Jason and Sarah Smith, 1967 Jaguar E-Type*





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## Day 2 Broads and Coast (155 miles)

6 August 2025

Fine views of the cars lined-up on the lawn of Kesgrave Hall greeted the crews as they awoke and drew back their curtains this morning, and later as they congregated on the sunny breakfast terrace. After a generous buffet, it was another civilised start to what would turn out to be another civilised day of rallying.

Suffolk isn't known for its Alpine landscapes, however, today we glimpsed the Castle on the Hill made famous by Ed Sheeran en-route to an early morning Passage Control at Framlingham. And, as the stark stony battlements faded into the rear view mirrors, the first Regularity from Badingham filled the windscreens.

Freshly cut, rolling pastoral landscapes were the theme this morning, along with a succession of ancient villages filled with pink-washed, thatched cottages, square-towered



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Neil and Peta Oatley, 1967 Lancia Fulvia

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Graham and Marina Goodwin, 1925 Bentley Supersports



Sally Linton and Edward Stansfield, 1984 Ford Capri

churches, and pubs lifted straight from the pages of the Domesday Book.

This *ye olde* rural idyll didn't rule out some more modern excitement, coming in the form of two Tests at the Ellough Park Race Circuit. This 1,100m ribbon of top-quality tarmac saw several of the rear-engine German cars spending almost as much time sideways as forward. No matter what direction, everyone had a blast, but it left Keith Graham and Susan Hoffmann's Jaguar needing its exhaust reattached before they left the paddock. Charlie Neale and Andy Inskip were on hand with the spanners, and with a few clicks of their ratchet the crew joined the rest of the rally en-route to a Route Check in Raveningham.

The Time Control in the Coldham Hall Tavern offered coffee and cakes on the banks of the Broads, where a fleet of classic yachts and sleek Broads cruisers wafted gently along behind us.

Another Route Check at Langley Staithe made sure we were all safely heading to the Mettingham Regularity.



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Sally and Mark Bramall, 1962 Austin-Healey 3000

Thanks to a cunning device carried over from the *West Country Cloverleaf*, the section featured several deliberately ambiguous tulip diagrams designed to keep the navigators on their toes in a maze of byways and farm tracks.

The schedule was a generous one and, with a salty tang in the air, the rally arrived at the Southwold Time Control in plenty of time for a fish and chip lunch and stroll along the pier under the watchful eye of George Orwell, the original Big Brother.

After dealing with a Passage Control in Westleton Heath and another Regularity through the Clay Hills, the crews were given a chance to stretch their legs at the next Passage Control on Aldeburgh beach. Here Owen Turner and Rachel Vestey had set up their deckchairs in the shadow of Maggi Hambling's impressive Scallop sculpture.

The home run took us via a Route Check in Capel St Andrew and a final Passage Control in Rendlesham Forest. At the night halt at Kesgrave Hall the crews enjoyed some light refreshment and a BBQ dinner.





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**Day 3** Halls and Farms (156 miles)

7 August 2025



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Mark and Moira Simpson, 1969 Mercedes-Benz 280 SE

The *Suffolk Cloverleaf* really got into its stride today with five Tests and four Regularities to tackle as the crews struck out east of Ipswich and north to Norfolk. Yesterday some homework had been set and, at the MTC this morning, it was handed in. The assignment? Each crew had to guess the weight of their own car.

Route Checks at Aspell's Apples and Thorpe Abbots saw everyone safely into the Regularity at Banham Moor for a tour of big sky country. And well-populated pig arcs, whose presence was detected long before they were visually confirmed.

A more agreeable scent drew the crews into a Time Control in The English Distillery in Roudham. Coffee and cakes were on the menu and a quick visit to the gift shop to stock up on some of the award-winning English Whisky produced here.

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Despite the shelves full of temptation, there was no more than a sniff of the barman's apron before the rally made its way to a Test at Snetterton Store. Like many of today's venues this one came courtesy of the Abrey family, who'd allowed us to take over some of their yards and fields. With the aid of a weighbridge, more accustomed to dealing with root vegetables, the crew's homework was marked with penalties applied accordingly.

Two Regularities brought the tempo down. The first, through Bow Street, saw more ambiguous tulips planted in the road book on a route which dog-legged its way across the wheat fields.

**The World is Just...** Regularity followed, where the crews got to enjoy more Abrey real estate, dropping them neatly into another Test around the barns of Larkshall Yard and on to another in the nearby parkland of Euston Hall. The lunch and Time Control at Euston Hall came not a moment too soon for the 26 hungry crews and featured

a delectable ploughman's style buffet in the whitewashed surroundings of the Duke of Grafton's stables.

The *Euston Too Test* was a reprise of the pre-lunch section, the sting in the tail being the drivers were blindfolded and entirely reliant on the instructions from their navigator. The cones took a real beating but they slowly began to regain their composure when we set a course for a Route Check at Kilverstone Church en-route to a second tour of the Abrey's allium empire and the **...another Great Big Onion** Regularity and subsequent Test through the sorting facility for some Further Yardage.

The day was coming to an end and all that stood between the crews and an ice cream at the MTC in Helmingham Hall was a Route Check in Thornham Magna. We then made our way to the night halt at Kesgrave, where a local troubadour, Casper Clarke, entertained us over a dinner of asparagus, beef and passion fruit pavlova.



Steve and Jenny Verrall, 1965 Porsche 911



Alan and Tina Beardshaw, 1973 Triumph TR6



Wilfried and Sandra Schaefer, 1934 Talbot AV105 Alpine



David and Jo Roberts, 1954 Sunbeam Alpine





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## Day 4 Kesgrave Hall to Talbooth (78 miles)

8 August 2025

From north of the Orwell, today's route took us south to the Stour and the finish line in the heart of Constable Country, just over the border in Essex.

Two Regularities and three Tests were squeezed into a half day before the crews rolled into the prizegiving lunch at the Talbooth Restaurant.

Heading out from Kesgrave Hall towards a Route Check in Elmsett, the cars then entered the First Regularity from Thorpe Morieux. Philip and Trish Monks were slightly delayed due to a faulty fuel pump, quickly repaired by Andy Inskip and Charlie Neale.

Three Tests at Lavenham Airfield completed the high-octane chapter of the rally before a mid-morning breather at the 13th-century Bell Inn in Kersey.

A water splash and one last Regularity - with a final set of ambiguous tulips thrown in for good measure - was all that lay between the rally and the finish line; a bucolic meander through Dedham Vale to the Talbooth Restaurant and the finishing arch by the river.

As with all of the *Cloverleafs* there are no individual awards so, once the time cards had been analysed, the numbers were totted up and, after a suitable period of deliberation, Mark Appleton, the Clerk of the Course, declared that Team Sage had clinched the win.

On the banks of the Stour, Alan & Tina Beardshaw, Wilfried & Sandra Schaefer, Steve & Jenny Verrall, and Neil & Peta Oatley stepped up to receive their prizes from Mark and Loren Price.

The Spirit of the Rally was given to Sally Linton and Edward Stansfield because, as the citation read, they'd brought "an unusual car to the party, the crew were always smiling and enthusiastic; and they'd loaned their husband, father and friend to the marshalling team".

Gina and Andrew Long also accepted a bouquet for their help with the planning and execution of the event.

Mark Appleton paid tribute to the RTG team for their hard work and to Iain Tullie in particular for assisting him in putting the route together, remarking that "these events bring out the best in everyone. We've had a tremendous four days of rallying with an exceptional route, great fun and some fantastic hospitality".



Andrew Laing and Jordyn Mitchell-Dyer, 1972 Datsun 240Z



Keith Graham and Susan Hoffmann, 1967 Jaguar Mk 2

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Nicolas and Olav Konig, 1968 Porsche 911T



Craig McWilliam and Chloe Mackay, 1974 Maserati Indy 1974



Chris Abrey and Sara Banham, 1936 BMW 328



Pete Zimmermann and Joze Zalar, 1956 MG Midget



Winning team Sage: Wilfried & Sandra Schaefer, Steve & Jenny Verrall, Neil & Peta Oatley, and Alan & Tina Beardshaw



With thanks to Andrew and Gina Long, 1976 Porsche 911 3.0 Targa









## Entry List

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	CREW	VEHICLE	YEAR	CC
1	Graham & Marina Goodwin (GB)	Bentley Supersports	1925	5300
2	Alan & Tina Beardshaw (GB)	Triumph TR6	1973	2498
3	Wilfried & Sandra Schaefer (DE)	Talbot AV105 Alpine	1934	3300
4	Chris Abrey & Sara Banham (GB)	BMW 328	1936	1971
7	Pete Zimmermann (USA) & Joze Zalar (SI)	MG Magnette	1956	1600
8	Craig McWilliam & Chloe Mackay (GB)	Maserati Indy	1974	4900
9	Stephen & Corinne Fisher Crouch (GB)	MGA 1600	1960	1622
10	Phillip & Patricia Monks (GB)	Jaguar Mk 2	1961	3442
11	Sally & Mark Bramall (GB)	Austin-Healey 3000	1962	2997
12	Nigel & Sally Woof (GB)	Alfa Romeo Giulia Sprint	1963	1570
15	David & Jo Roberts (GB)	Sunbeam Alpine	1954	2267
16	Steve & Jenny Verrall (GB)	Porsche 911	1965	1991
17	Gavin & Diana Henderson (GB)	Porsche 911	1965	1995
18	Jason & Sarah Smith (GB)	Jaguar E-Type	1967	3500
19	Neil & Peta Oatley (GB)	Lancia Fulvia	1967	1300
20	Roy & Rachel Stephenson (GB)	Morris 1800S	1968	1800
21	Nicolas & Olav Konig (DE)	Porsche 911T	1968	2000
22	Keith Graham & Susan Hoffmann (GB)	Jaguar Mk 2	1967	3781
23	Mark & Moira Simpson (GB)	Mercedes-Benz 280 SE	1969	2778
24	Paul Hughes & Hannah Jenkins (GB)	Mercedes-Benz 350 SL	1973	3499
25	Andrew Laing & Ian Milne (GB)	Datsun 240Z	1972	2400
26	Ean Lewin & Alison Lewin (GB)	Ford Escort Mexico	1973	1601
27	Andrew & Ann Boland (IE)	Porsche 911 2.4 S	1973	2341
28	Andrew & Gina Long (GB)	Porsche 911 3.0 Targa	1976	3000
29	Adrian & Jacqueline Brooks (GB)	Volvo 122S	1966	1800
30	Sally Linton & Edward Stansfield (GB)	Ford Capri	1984	1600

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## The Teams and Results

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### First Overall Team: *Sage*

- 2 Alan & Tina Beardshaw (GB)
- 3 Wilfried & Sandra Schaefer (DE)
- 16 Steve & Jenny Verrall (GB)
- 19 Neil & Peta Oatley (GB)

### Second Overall Team: *Avocado*

- 1 Graham & Marina Goodwin (GB)
- 8 Craig McWilliam & Chloe Mackay (GB)
- 18 Jason & Sarah Smith (GB)
- 22 Keith Graham & Susan Hoffmann (GB)

### Third Overall Team: *Green*

- 4 Chris Abrey & Sara Banham (GB)
- 21 Nicolas & Olav Konig (DE)
- 26 Ean Lewin & Alison Lewin (GB)

### Spirit of the Rally Award - sponsored by Kingfisher Private Client:

Sally Linton & Ed Stansfield, Ford Capri

We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who helped make the Suffolk Cloverleaf such a fantastic event, including Kesgrave Hall, all of the cafes and restaurants along the route and all of the test venues we visited. And as always a huge thanks to our *Rally the Globe* team on the event - Mark Appleton, Iain Tullie, Loren Price, Jordyn Mitchelldyer, Anthony Preston, Dick & Alison Appleton, Russ Smith, Andy Inskip, Charlie Neale, Gill & John Cotton, Jim Smith, Dr John Llewellyn, Rob Dance & Carmel Dance, Owen Turner & Rachel Vestey, Gerard Brown and Marcus Jones, and not to forget Helen Oates back in the Leeds office. We also had some fantastic support from volunteer marshals, including those from Chelmsford Motor Club & Anglia Motor Sport Club, without whom we couldn't have made this event a success. ***Thank you everyone!***

### Other Teams - alphabetically

#### *Black*

- 11 Sally & Mark Bramall (GB)
- 17 Gavin & Diana Henderson (GB)
- 30 Sally Linton & Edward Stansfield (GB)

#### *Cornflower*

- 7 Pete Zimmermann (USA) & Joze Zalar (SI)
- 12 Nigel & Sally Woof (GB)
- 27 Andrew & Ann Boland (IE)

#### *Mustard*

- 10 Phillip & Patricia Monks (GB)
- 29 Adrian & Jacqueline Brooks (GB)
- 25 Andrew Laing, Ian Milne (GB)  
& Jordyn Mitchelldyer (USA)

#### *Orange*

- 9 Stephen & Corinne Fisher Crouch (GB)
- 20 Roy & Rachel Stephenson (GB)
- 24 Paul Hughes & Hannah Jenkins (GB)

#### *Red*

- 15 David & Jo Roberts (GB)
- 23 Mark & Moira Simpson (GB)
- 28 Andrew & Gina Long (GB)

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