

# East Anglian Imp Weekend – Go East 2020

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With no Imp Club National to look forward to this year, the East Anglian Area Centre decided to hold its own gathering, aptly called *The Imp Club – Go East* over the same weekend the National was going to be: 1st and 2nd August. The idea was the brainchild of Simon and Katherine Price and soon the idea developed into a weekend following the popular format of the main National e.g runs out, driving skills, barbecue, etc.

On Saturday my wife Amm and I arrived at Simon and Katherine's house in the Norfolk country-

side, which was to be the base for the weekend.

We joined Paul,

Mandy & James from Ipswich who arrived the previous night and later in the day Cameron joined us.

A little later we were joined by Matty in his Imp so that was two Imps and my Stiletto, *Timofy*. We set off following Simon in his Skoda to meet up with Mike and Anne at their lovely house for the driving skills and refreshments with the route using the Reedham Ferry which can carry up to three cars at a time and is one of the few remaining chain ferries still operating in the UK. We also met Oli, Simon's brother here so that was now five Imps in total.

The fun started with trying to pin the wing mirror on to the Imp while blindfolded (the Imp in



Imps take the  
Reedham Ferry  
Photo: Brian Dann

Southwold, left to right: Oli Price, Simon Price,  
Aidan Price (in car), Katherine Price, Paul Grant,  
Matty Way, James Grant, Cameron Grant, Mandy  
Grant, Brian Dann, Amm Dann and Eleanor Price

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**Arriving at Southwold**  
Photo: Amm Dann

chair, parking your front wheel on a line and driving over the field with a cup of water on the bonnet while trying not to spill any.

One final test but just for fun was the driving while blindfolded – the passenger giving instructions – a very strange experience indeed. (*The 1995 National had a similar test – see July's Impressions, page 28. It is indeed a lot harder than it looks! GP*)

The afternoon seemed to fly by and we were back at Simon and Katherine's for a barbecue and catch-up long into the night.

Sunday saw another run, this time to Southwold in Suffolk, home of the famous colourful – and expensive – beach huts. In 2018 one was offered for sale at £150,000! Unfortunately Mike and Anne were unable to join us. The run was as good as Saturday's with plenty of twisty roads to give the Imps a thorough workout and getting lots of attention as we drove through the villages. As a special treat for Simon's daughter we passed by Ed Sheran's house (but didn't stop to see if he was in!).

We arrived back at Simon and Katherine's for a delicious sit-down meal and the announcing of the driving skills results. This was won by our host Simon so he got to keep his own trophy that he made for the event! As Simon is a police officer I am sure the scores were all above board!

The event was such a success it is hoped it will become an annual event.

Amm and I would like to thank Simon and Katherine for organising the routes and for hosting us.



**Imps of Oli Price, Brian Dann, Paul Grant and Matty Way**  
Photo: Brian Dann

question was a picture of an Imp drawn by Simon's daughter) followed by who could roll the Imp wheel furthest!

We were joined by Oli's better half, Abi, for the afternoon.

The driving skills consisted of guessing how wide your Imp is, reversing as close as possible to a picnic



**Top:** Cameron (owner of the orange Imp), Mandy & Paul Grant enjoy the picnic  
**Centre:** Mike Andrews guesses the width of his Imp, one of many competitions and games reminiscent of Nationals of old  
**Bottom:** At Simon and Katherine Price's lovely house, hosts and organisers of Go East 2020  
Photos: Brian Dann

