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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hi All,

April on the whole has been a really wet month and all week before the London to Brighton run I was watching the forecast. The indication on some of the weather forecast web sites were suggesting rain at 1pm to 4pm. The morning was to be fine. As it turned out it was an OK day with no rain until after the event, but it was cold. More on this inside this newsletter.



Our last club night had to be changed by a week due to a golfing dinner on the same night we had booked. I hope those that attended enjoyed the evening and am sorry that the raffle prizes on the night were Easter Eggs!! I bet by the time the meeting had come around you were sick of Easter Eggs!! Sorry about this but these had been purchased prior to being notified of the changed date. Anyway, the photo competition was a success and we ended up with two club members with the same points so a play off was necessary. Congratulations go to Richard Gibby who won the Parking Sensor Kit worth £99 - donated by Eric Hoile - and Neil Shanley for coming second who won a £45 Emergency Kit. Third place went to Chris White who won a book on the Ford Marque. The season has now begun and I look forward to seeing a great deal of you at the Battlesbridge Classic Car Show on Sunday 6th May. Come over and say hi to all of us.

**Doug Warren -
Chairman**

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'WHITE OUT' AT THE LONDON TO BRIGHTON 2012'



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Club meetings are the 1st Tuesday of the month at 8pm: The Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club, Lower Dunton Road, Bulphar, Essex, RM14 3TY



CLUB NIGHTS

Will all club members refrain from parking their cars on the 'roundabout' near the club house due to Fire Regulations. Disabled parking is available at Langdon Hills directly in front of the hotel. Badge holders need to drive up to the barrier then ask reception to raise it to allow them through.

Also be aware that the June meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th June, **NOT** on the 5th due to being the Queens Jubilee holiday.

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14th JAGUAR WORLD/JAGUAR ENTHUSIASTS' CLUB LONDON TO BRIGHTON 2012

Having watched the weather forecasts all week, the indications was that the event would be a wet day. However, at 6am on the day, I again checked and found that in fact it was going to be dry up until 4pm. The forecasters were almost right, it was 4:30pm when it started raining. Therefore the whole day was in fact dry, cold, but dry.

We started the day at The Grasshopper Inn, Westerham, which dates back to the 13th century and according to old newspaper cuttings, it was the centre of the village's social life. Originally there were two cottages huddled together behind a dusty cart track. One of the small cottages was used as a beer house called 'The Plough'. Having been here once before, it was good to see that they had opened it up for us to eat our bacon roll and drink our coffee/tea inside in the warm, as before, it was supplied out-doors. Many of our club members participated this year as can be seen in some of the photos here. This event needs a co-pilot to navigate the way around the route as well as

The Grasshopper - Westerham



Sue & Mike Hawthorne



Steve & Carrol Perryman

pick up the clues for the Treasure Hunt. This year Jackie and I got them all right, but so did others on the hunt. Therefore, it was a case of all winning answer sheets were put in a basket and pulled out one by one. Neither Jackie or myself are lucky when it comes to something like this!!! No champagne for us!!! I do hope that all the members that participated enjoyed the day but now having undertaken the last 7 years, I wish to make the following observations and would welcome feedback from others that attended on 22nd April. I have been in touch with Phil Weedon of Jaguar World (he was the guy who caught you out when you arrived in Brighton at the finishing line!) who welcomes feedback to improve the event. Here are my concerns;

1. We used to have two stops on route to Brighton and in recent years these have been reduced to one.
2. The title is called the London to Brighton Run, yet we have started on various occasions in the wilds of Kent.
3. We have in the past had tea/coffee and bacon roll for the start and in the 7 years that I have been undertaking the run we have always had a tea/coffee and cake at the first stop. We had nothing this year after leaving Westerham.

4. The price increased this year – yet we had a sponsors, Arun Motors - so we feel short changed.

5. And finally, the "Official Photographer" is a joke. He has increased prices in recent years from £5 to £8 for a standard 6 x 4 picture but the finished product is far from being professional. My own picture had half the finish banner missing and when I took it up with him it was a case of take it or leave it – my choice! To give you an example, I have just had a two photos blown up to 9 x 6 on a Jessops web site. Cost just 55p each. They too are making profits on this price. How therefore can the "official photographer" charge £8 a picture? Even with waste (those that haven't purchased a photo) I cannot see how he can justify these prices. He has a monopoly that should be curtailed. Obviously with regards to the route chosen, you can only go so far in varying it and I applaud the organisers for their efforts in finding new ways to Brighton and venues to visit! However, there must come a time when you have to turn full circle and start again; I know some of the participants would love to return to some of the previous attractions. Now is that time.

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| REGIONAL EVENTS /OTHER EVENTS | | | |
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| MONTH | DAY | DATE | LOCATION |
| MAY | TUES | 1st | Club Night at Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club @ 8pm |
| MAY | SAT | 5th | Breakfast Club Meeting: The Hare, Bishop's Stortford Road, Roxwell, Chelmsford @ 9am for free coffee & danish pastries. Full English breakfast can be provided at cost. Get there early as this is the first one of the year. |
| MAY | SUN | 6th | Battlesbridge Classic Motor Show Classic Car Show and Autocourse Sunday 6th. May, 10-5pm £5 per car inc. driver and one passenger. All cheques/cash to Doug Warren by April 3rd Club Night. |
| MAY | SUN | 20th | Faversham "Travel Through Time" Weekend The famous Faversham Classic Car Show has been extended to a weekend-long event embracing all forms of historical vehicles and displays. As it increases in size and quality the transport weekend promises to continue as a firm favourite with locals and visitors alike. £5:00 per car. Contact Doug Warren 01245 261810. |
| JUN | SAT | 2nd | Breakfast Club Meeting: The Hare, Bishop's Stortford Road, Roxwell, Chelmsford @ 9am for free coffee & danish pastries. Full English breakfast can be provided at cost. Get there early as it gets busy. |
| JUN | SUN | 3rd | Hamstreet County Show - KENT Meeting up at Thurrock Services at 8am to proceed to Tesco's at Ashford to join up with Kent South. <i>Co-ordinator to be found.</i> |
| JUN | TUES | 12th | Club Night at Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club @ 8pm |
| JUN | SAT | 16th | St. Peters Church Car Show Redden Court School, Cotswold Road, Harold Wood, Essex. RM3 0TS Admission free (donation appreciated in aid of the London Air Ambulance) 10am to 4pm (exhibitors expected between 07:30 - 09:30) Application Form attached. |
| JUN | SUN | 24th | Stow Maries Aerodrome Bar-B-Que. Newly included & being set up currently in conjunction with Area 33 JDC . Details to follow. Contact Doug Warren 01245 261810/ dwarren169@btinternet.com See: www.stowmaries.com |
| JUL | SUN | 1st | The Maldon Motor Show. Vintage, Classic, Sports, American, etc., Entry fee £5. Contact Doug Warren for tickets. 01245 261810. |
| JUL | TUES | 3rd | Club Night at Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club @ 8pm |
| JULY | SUN | 15th | Essex County Car and Motorcycle Show. Cressing Temple. Details to follow nearer the time. |
| NATIONAL EVENTS | | | |
| JUN | SAT - SUN | 23rd & 24th | International Jaguar Weekend Weston Park, Shifnal, Shropshire JEC National Show. Come and join us for the weekend that promises to be the biggest and best Jaguar event of 2012 www.jec.org.uk/683/international-jaguar-weekend-.html |

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I wrote to Phil Weedon of Jaguar World with my concerns and here is his reply;

"Hi Doug,

Thanks for the feedback. There's no way of improving the event if we don't get such response.

I can't answer all aspects, but here goes:

There was coffee and bacon at the start – but I understand that the Grasshopper ran out so some late arrivals missed out. We will of course discuss this with them

I'm not sure about the decision regarding one vs two stops, but I know there was a view expressed by some that two stops extended the time it took to Brighton and many people preferred to get down to Brighton sooner to enjoy the seaside. There is also of course an element of simplifying the route London start points are always tricky – availability is tough, the prices of booking such venues often prohibitive and then there's the logistics of getting 300 cars in and out of a London venue, when the roads do not always lend themselves to it. Add to the fact that the London Marathon is on the same weekend and it's been deemed easier to stage a more scenic start point even if it does stretch the 'London' bit.

I was not aware of the arrangement for the official photographer but obviously again we can look into that. There is of course no obligation to buy these photos.

I know it's unfortunate that cost of the run has risen over the years, but given that petrol (for the recce), paper, print and other consumables have all risen in cost, we inevitably have to pass at least some of that on in the form of the entry price.

I'll pass on this email to Lynne, who organises the event and we will obviously try and take this on board for next year's L2B. It remains a hugely popular event and a great way of enjoying your Jaguar so we're keen to maintain its presence in the motoring calendar for many years to come.

Kind regards Phil" Phil has asked for further feedback from other members and I already have had one comment sent to me. If you did participate in the London to Brighton run and would like to make a comment, please forward it to me for me to pass on to Jaguar World. I would like also to hear from others that perhaps didn't attend but may have, if the price had been right or other constructive comments!!!



BREAKFAST CLUB AT THE HARE, ROXWELL ROAD, CHELMSFORD

The first "breakfast meeting" at The Hare on Saturday 7th April, was a success. It was a dry day and cars came from far and wide. One Lambo came from Reading specifically for the event!!! A number of our club members also attended this meeting. It was an out and out success. Coffee and 'danish' were the order of the day and were supplied free by the landlord. A nice gesture! There were various super cars at this event including, a McLaren, Ferraris, Aston Martins, Lamborghinis, Porsches, a Lotus, an Atom, and Greg Sherry's 1924 Rochet Schneider 21000.



McMillan Cancer Support

A representative from McMillan Cancer Support will be visiting club night on Tuesday 1st May for the presentation of a cheque for £200 which was raised at the club's Dinner Dance in February.

ST PETER'S CHURCH CAR SHOW SATURDAY 16 JUNE

A number of club members have indicated their intention to visit this show. As it is a free show (donations appreciated for the London Air Ambulance) everyone is welcome. I need someone who is intending to visit this show to liaise with other club members and the organisers as I will be away on holiday. Please let me know, as soon as possible, so that I can advise the organiser.

Don't forget we won the "Best Stand" last year. It would be nice if we can do it again. I will provide the club equipment for the show.

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