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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hi All,

Two of our members were asked to assist in a photo shoot at JD Classics recently for the magazine called "Classic Cars." Read about the event on page 3 & 5 inside. On the face of it, everything went well, but it is not something I will support again in future as they were far from rewarded properly. Also, at the time of writing this, they

are still awaiting recompense for the fuel used throughout the day. The Editors response was, and I quote, "*Classic Car*" magazine invite enthusiasts to participate in photo shoots on the basis that they would like to see their cars in print." That's fine provided they are suitably reimbursed for their out-of-pocket expenses and they did say in an e-mail to me that fuel costs and lunch would be provided. I don't call a tuna sandwich and a cold drink from a low price supermarket a lunch!!! They had been apparently let down by someone (I wonder why!!!) and I agreed to help them out by organising the members cars within 5 days of the photo shoot. Had I not helped them, they would not have been able to write the article or they would have had to hire the cars for the photo session. That would have costs them far more! If you want to see the article it is likely to be in the October or November editions of the magazine but read it on the news shelf rather than buy it!

Doug Warren - Chairman.

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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The Jaguar Enthusiasts' Club - Essex Thameside Region will be holding their annual dinner dance at Laingdon Hills Golf & Country Club on Saturday 26th January 2013. We invite all members and friends to this annual get together. So don't forget the date:

SATURDAY

26TH

JANUARY

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More details to follow nearer the time.



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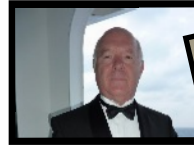
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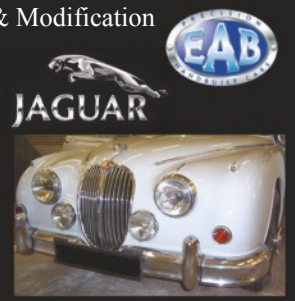
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*Club meetings are the 1st Tuesday of the month at 8pm: The Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club, Lower Dunton Road, Bulphan, Essex, RM14 3TY
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ESSEX THAMESIDE SUPPORTS **classiccars** MAGAZINE.

After an e mail from Doug sent upon his return from his the round the world cruise and advising of an urgent need of certain Jaguar models, I received a 'phone call from John Simister a well known motoring journalist, on the following Monday. It transpired that through 'logistical hiccups', they were short of three classic Jaguars for an article in Classic Cars magazine on the Mark II and its derivatives. With 50% of the cars yet to source and with only three days within which to do so, they needed all the help they could get. As a result, the Essex Thameside Region was able to field an S Type and a 420 courtesy of Peter Hennesy and myself, with a member of the Suffolk Region providing a 240. Steve Hanks of Blue Dragon Cars supplied his Daimler 250.



Events kicked off at 09.00hrs on the Thursday morning, initially meeting at JD Classics in Maldon where, I was first to arrive after John. Needless to say, it took little persuasion on behalf of the Sales Manager to show me round the Jaguar Show Room. Apart from a topless Fiat 500 by Ghia and a Ferrari 250, all the cars were Jaguars. I felt like a kid let loose in a candy store - sadly with insufficient pocket money to sample the wares. Spectacular examples of Lyon's back catalogue stood quietly awaiting their new custodians. Sparkling under the flattering lux levels were examples from the thirties through to the sixties, both original and upgraded. This was truly a cats' home to rival anything from the RSPCA. Cars included two striking Mark II's and a '35

SS100 – the second from the production line. Whilst the Mark II's would make my day at circa £120K each, should you have recently been lucky enough to share in a Euro Lottery win, then a splendid XKSS could be yours to drive away for a mere £5M. Well, you do get to join an exclusive club of about sixteen or so owners.

When everyone had arrived and John had finished his factory tour given by the owner himself, it was time to leave for his driveway where the group shots were scheduled to be started. His house and grounds were as impressive as the show rooms. It would make a great venue for the next G12 Meeting. The session lasted far longer than I and the other owners had appreciated, consisting mainly of moving the cars a few inches, moving them back again and repeating the whole process several times more whilst hoping for the right cloud formation. I think counting railway sleepers would have been more fun.

Despite the beautiful backdrop chosen, including the imposing mock Tudor Mansion, the Art Director confided that most would be airbrushed out in favour of a blank canvas upon which titles and text would be inserted. Further enlightenment came when a reflective mat was placed in front of the cars one by one to reflect the light onto the chrome to enhance the overall impression. I was told that to achieve the most from the shoot, the best bits from the photographs' would be taken and photo-shopped together to create the desired effect. I think I could use some of that.





REGIONAL EVENTS /OTHER EVENTS			
MONTH	DAY	DATE	LOCATION
AUG	SUN	5th	Helmingham Festival of Classic & Sports Cars Held in association with the Suffolk Vehicle Enthusiasts Club (SVEC). 4,000 people attended the 2011 festival. The event attracts classic and sports car owners who exhibit their cars some of which parade up and down the main drive on the two concourse runs throughout the day.
AUG	TUES	7th	Club Night at Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club @ 8pm
AUG	SUN	12th	JEC Kent Region - Jaguar Day - Hever Castle See attached notification. Please contact Kent Region directly for your tickets. Further e-mail to be sent out nearer the time to meet up on route.
AUG	SUN	19th	Bar-b-que at Greg's Club Member, Greg Sherry, is opening up his 'paddock' for us again this year when you are invited to bring your own meat and he will provide the cooking means and music. Greg resides at Havering atte Bower. Please advise Doug Warren if you wish to attend.
SEPT	SUN	2nd	New Hall Wine Festival Craft Fair with 40+ stands, Craft demonstrations, Art Show, Wine Tasting, Music, Fire Eating, Peter Optical Story Teller, Dancers and Folk Plays, Children's Area, Wild West Show, Bouncy Castle Food Hall, Essex Oysters & Sea Food, Vine Yard Treasure Hunt, Trailer Rides, Tours of the Winery & Press House. Cost is £5.00 which includes limited free wine tasting . Please let Doug Warren know if you wish to attend. Cheque required made payable to JEC Essex Thameside Region .
SEPT	TUES	4th	Club Night at Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club @ 8pm
SEPT	SUN	30th	Battlesbridge 26th Annual Grand Motorbilia Day 2012 Limited space available, so please contact Doug Warren as soon as possible to reserve space on the stand. Those members that paid for the May show and have indicated that they wish to attend this show need just to confirm by e-mail, dwarren169@btinternet.com
NATIONAL EVENTS			
OCT	SUN	14th	JAGUAR SPARES DAY The Venue Stoneleigh-Park Exhibition and Conference Centre, near Coventry, Warwickshire, CV8 2LZ. Open to the public from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Admission £8.00 payable at the gate - no advance booking.
NOV	FRI/SUN	16/18th	The Footman James Classic Motor Show NEC B'HAM This show is the biggest and most popular classic car exhibition in the UK. With over 1400 wonderful cars from all eras, showcasing a myriad of marques and models, this really is every motoring enthusiast's paradise! Club Single ticket price is £16:50. Quote 2012SC or Club Family £35:00 Quote 2012FC when booking through www.necclassicismotorshow.com Discount tickets only available on Saturday and Sunday. Well worth a visit!!!

ESSEX THAMESIDE SUPPORTS (cont)

SPECIAL LE MANS ISSUE
classic cars MAGAZINE.

During the group shots, John interviewed each owner for the article. When this was completed and now running late, we ventured onto the long straight roads of the nearby West Hanningfield reservoir for the action road shots. It was no surprise that this too required many re-runs and takes before the photographer pronounced that he had achieved the perfection he desired. Whilst, I am told, it will look fast in the photographs, we were barely making 25 mph as we ran side by side, staggered and in convoy up the road and back down again. With the exception of a split heater hose on the Daimler and a loose lead on the Mark II - both easily fixed - all the vehicles performed well and looked the part. Of the two cars supplied by JD, the Mark I impressed the most. A 19,000 miler from new in largely unrestored condition adorned in a mirror-like flawless black finish, one to have.



John took this opportunity between takes to test drive each of the models. It will be interesting to read his views on each of the variants. He drove my car on the way back to base and as we passed an inviting country pub, mused that it would be nice to have lunch there - if only. John has been round the motoring scene since Clarkson was in nappies. Nowadays, I generally read his column in Practical Classics, but it was in Car Magazine that I was first introduced to his scribblings. A pleasant few minutes was spent reminiscing about the talents of the motoring scribes who wrote for that ground breaking magazine including; Barker, Setright, Bulgin, Kacher, Green, Fraser, Nichols, Cropley and, of course, George Bishop. The latter known more for his description and the sampling of the corporate hospitality than for prose about the cars he was testing. He is sadly no longer with us - possibly a liver problem.

Back at the ranch, yet more photographs were taken, do you see a pattern here? - this time capturing the differing details of each model. (For me, the most obvious and advantageous difference is the larger boot and IRS). Then it was food time. One tuna sandwich washed down with a bottle of orange juice in the svelte surroundings of Morrison's Supermarket later, we were off again. This time with the snapper inside each car taking action shots of us driving our vehicles. (A point to note here; if you must eat in a supermarket, the French are very good at it - try the cafe bar in the Auchan Supermarche at Boulogne, I can recommend it.) With a lens the size of Jodrell Bank over my shoulder and with the photographer in the back seat, I drove down the winding country lanes of Essex until he was satisfied - and we were lost.



At half past five, it was all over and those surviving were able to head off home. If having read this you are inspired to catch up with the real thing, I believe the October or November issue of Classic Cars will feature John's article. I wonder if I will be sent a free copy...er...mmm... **Neil Shanley**

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ABRIDGE MOTOR FEST - SUN 23rd JUNE

What a great show, there was something for everyone. From exotic cheeses, meats to antiques. A large tea tent with plenty to eat! Just what you need before going on the various fun rides.

They also had cars, yes all kinds, from American, British, French and other various and special cars.

The show was very well organised and a great pleasure to go to.

Could be another show to go to next year. I would certainly recommend it.

Jim Clark



CLASSIC'S ON THE PROMENADE - MALDON SUNDAY 1st JULY

What a start, 28 cars containing members and partners met up at Morrison's Supermarket car park just outside Maldon. We then made our way to the field allocated for us and parked up in three rows. A good display. The gazebo was erected with the help of various members then the inevitable happened. I had forgotten the roof!!!! This necessitated a quick drive back home to get the roof and that was certainly needed, as during the day we had a 20 minute cloud burst. I don't think we could have got more people under cover. Anyway, apart from this, the weather was dry although somewhat chilly. How many times have you seen women in big jumpers or coats in July? There were plenty within our group! Oh when will this weather ever change and give us a hot summer? Everyone, I believe, enjoyed the day. There were all manner of classics parked in a couple of fields as well as down on the promenade. There was a big display of motorcycles too of various descriptions including a bike that cost the owner over £60k to make as each part was hand made so I am told! Personally, I would rather have an XK for that money!



EVENTS



THE ESSEX COUNTY CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW

CRESSING TEMPLE, CM77 8PD
15 JULY 2012 11AM - 4PM



A number of members joined in the fun at Cressing Temple on one of the few sunny days we have seen this summer. This was a joint effort between Essex Thameside Region, Essex & Suffolk Borders both of the JEC, as well as Area 33 of the Jaguar Drivers Club. One happy 'bunny' (as the photo shows) is club member Andy Munden for winning the 'Chairmans Cup' for owning the car which the Chairman of the JDC decided she wanted to take home. I heard she thought it was one of her member's cars, so it was excellent to be one of ours! Well done to Andy for attracting the right kind of attention with your XKR. The day was also the first time we were able to get the new tent out (see photo). My personal thanks goes to new members, Alex Lees and Mike Welsh, as well as existing members Eric Hoile, Andy Munden and Bob Cain for assisting with erecting the tent in the rain the day before. My thanks also goes to Steve & Carol Perryman, Michael Welsh, Alex Lees, Richard Gibby and Russell Smedley also for the help in packing it up after the show. Finally, thanks to all members that attended for supporting the club. *Doug Warren*



Congratulations to David Lazarus for becoming the **Concours Class Winner, Modern Section**, in his XJ 3.2 Sport at the National Club event at Weston Park.

It makes the club proud to have a winner at such a prestige national event. Well done David.



EVENTS



THE ANNUAL ENGLISH WINE FESTIVAL : SUNDAY 2ND SEPT

NEW HALL VINEYARD, PURLEIGH, NR. MALDON, ESSEX, CM3 6PN

Craft Fair with 40+ stands, Craft demonstrations, Art Show, Wine Tasting, Music, Fire Eating, Peter Optical Story Teller, Dancers and Folk Plays, Children's Area, Wild West Show, Bouncy Castle Food Hall, Essex Oysters & Sea Food, Vine Yard Treasure Hunt, Trailer Rides, Tours of the Winery & Press House. Entry £7.00 on the day, Club members previously booked, just £5.00 pp. Don't leave it too late, as space for our Jaguars is limited. Please let Doug Warren know if you wish to attend. **Cheque required made payable to;**

"JEC Essex Thameside Region". Post to;
7, The Limes, Galleywood, Chelmsford, Essex. CM2 8RA. **Don't miss this event!!!!**



The excitement is growing.....

GREG'S BAR-B-QUE

I am told the summer is finally arriving so we are invited to Greg Sherry's Summer Bar-B-Que on **Sunday 19th August**. All members are invited, but we need to know how many are able to attend. Please let me know as soon as possible. Bring your own meat, fish, or what ever you need to be put on the bar-b-que, as Greg will be providing the cooking facilities. This is a great social occasion and one that members old and new can meet and make new friends. Greg will be providing car parking in his paddock - providing the rain has drained away by then! - and the music.

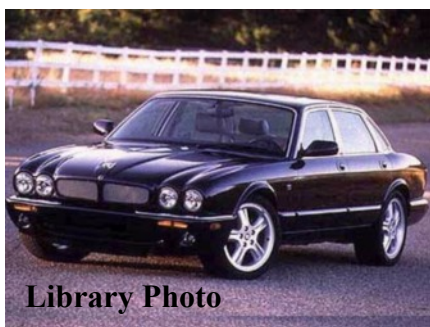
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