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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hi All,

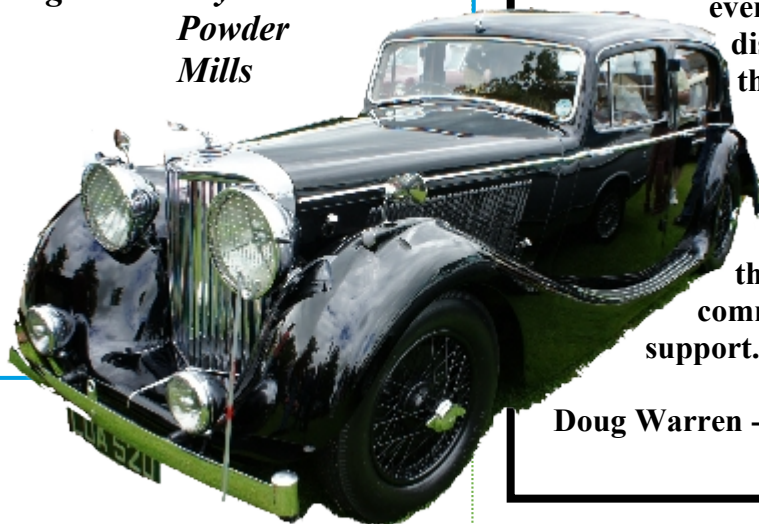
Well the season has started as we have had the first "breakfast meet" at The Hare in Roxwell and the London to Brighton run. Both are reported on inside. As I write this message, the weather has reached into the 20's and I hope and pray it will continue for the rest of the season.

Our biggest gathering soon will be the Classic Car event at Battlesbridge. We have 27 cars being displayed and a reserve list. If you are 1 of the 27 lucky members but now find you are unable to attend please give me fair warning so that other members can be contacted and invited to attend. My thanks to all who have volunteered to help out on the Saturday before the event on Sunday 12 May. Those of you who have XK's are welcome to join me at Warwick Castle on Saturday 4 May. This event has been organised by the XKEC (XK Enthusiasts' Club). It is going to be a big gathering of XKs from all around the country and beyond.

Our next arranged event is on Sunday 19 May at Faversham in Kent. We attended "Transport through the Ages" last year and everyone, I thought, enjoyed the day. However, I am disappointed that only 3 members have signed up for this event this year.

Finally, club night on May 7th is the AGM. The accounts will be made available to all that attend and will be published and forwarded to all who request them. Please come along and support your committee. This is YOUR club, so come and give your support.

Doug Warren - Chairman & Editor



2012/13 Committee

The following Members have been elected/re-elected as your Committee for the forthcoming year,

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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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AGM

**Will all club members note that the AGM
will be held on Tuesday 7 May 2013.
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BROOKLANDS VISIT WITH THE PORSCHÉ CLUB



On Sunday 24 March a few members ventured out with the Essex Porsche Club to visit Mercedes World and Brooklands. JEC Essex Thameside club members met up at Thurrock Services before driving along the M25 to Brooklands. It was a fine but cold day - certainly not a day to get the hood down, although yet again, Richard Gibby attended with his trusted SS100 replica with no hood! On arrival we were parked in the "Reserved Parking Bays" adjacent to Mercedes World. For anyone that hasn't been before, this is Mercedes showcase to the world. All new motors are on display along with classics from a bygone age. It is very impressive. We had a tour booked for 11:30 (although it started earlier at 11:00 which caught some members out). We also had use of a conference room named "Hamilton". The tour guide gave us a talk on the history of Mercedes and introduced certain cars as we walk around the three storey building. It also has some of the F1 cars from previous years on display. This particular example is



owned by one of the Formula 1 principles and is said to be a one off! From these picture you really can't appreciate the car as much as seeing it in the metal. ◀▶



Another fine example, is this 1937 540k Cabriolet worth £1m One of only four RHDs made ▶



During lunch, we were privileged to watch a display of exemplary car control by the Mercedes Silver Arrows display team. This was followed by a display of MGs following each other around the Mercedes

World test track. After lunch we ventured into Brooklands to look around the displays and to see various MGs which had arrived at the site for their annual MG Era event. They also had a hill climb event, that was 1 in 5 steep. One particular car had to push his wife out first before he could attempt it! He managed it then!

It was a good day out and one that is worth a visit if you haven't been before. Coming up is the Jaguar Enthusiasts Club day on Sunday, July 14, 2013, although this conflicts with our visit to the Gunpowder Mills Show.





REGIONAL EVENTS /OTHER EVENTS

MONTH	DAY	DATE	LOCATION
MAY	TUES	7th	Club night AGM - Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
MAY	SUN	12th	BATTLESBRIDGE CLASSIC CAR SHOW Those wishing to attend to forward application in this newsletter along with a £5 admission fee (driver, car and one passenger).
MAY	SUN	19th	FAVERSHAM TRANSPORT THROUGH THE AGES Hundreds of classic, vintage and veteran cars will create a colourful spectacle at the heart of the medieval market town. Look in awe at the craftsmanship, recall family cars of yesteryear, admire the sports cars' sleek lines, reminisce over classic cars and see the American motors. Of course there's also a chance to chat to the proud owners and meet enthusiasts at the car club displays.
JUN	TUES	4th	Club night - Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
JUN	FRI/MON	14 th / 17th	The Belgium Delights.
JUL	TUES	2nd	Club night - Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
JUL	SUN	7th	MALDON MOTOR SHOW Details to follow
JUL	SUN	14th	Royal Gunpowder Mills Classic Vehicle Day. Now in its 5th successful year, the 2013 event is expanded to include an eclectic mix of vintage, classic, modern, performance, American and military. Entry to the show and the whole of the visitor attraction site is free for the exhibitor and one passenger. Application must be submitted to Doug Warren as soon as possible. Application attached to newsletter.
AUG	SUN	4th	HELMINGHAM FESTIVAL OF CLASSIC & SPORTS CARS Details to follow.
AUG	TUES	6th	Club night - Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club

NATIONAL EVENTS

JUN	SUN	23rd	JEC NORTHERN DAY - Newby Hall, North Yorkshire See details at this web site: www.jec.org.uk/events
JUN	SAT	29th	COVENTRY TRANSPORT MUSEUM The Coventry Museum of Road Transport is one of the greatest transport museums in the country and we have been invited to display cars outside of the museum and to enjoy the exhibits for free. Places are limited and must be pre-booked. Application form at the end of this newsletter.
SEPT	SUN	1st	JEC SOUTHERN DAY - Littlecote, Near Hungerford, Berkshire See details at this web site: www.jec.org.uk/events

MACMILLAN CANCER CHARITY PRESENTATION.

At the club night on April 2nd, Claire Husband attended from the MacMillan Cancer Charity to accept on the charities behalf a cheque for £500 raised at this years annual dinner dance. Well done to everyone that contributed to this well worth cause.



LONDON TO BRIGHTON RUN APRIL 21 2013

The day started really early on Sunday 21st April in preparation for the annual JEC/Jaguar World London to Brighton Run. Having set the alarm for 6am (yes well it is a Sunday morning) my wife and I looked out to a clear blue sky. This is what we want for the day! However, venturing outside, the temperature was around 5 - 6 degrees. Certainly not warm enough for the hood on my relatively new XK8 convertible. As we have done on previous years, we met up with other members from Essex Thameside Region at Thurrock Services just off the M25 in Essex at 07:30am. We had our normal natter about the weather and what the day had in store for us. All members had convertibles and the hoods were down. However, certain members' wives were well insulated with car blankets and duvet coats wrapped around them! We hit the road, arriving at Kempton Park Racecourse around 08:45am. The car park already appeared to be near full with every sort of Jaguar model made. It was a wonderful sight.



However, I was interested to see how many other seafoam coloured XK8's were around, as I had recently purchased mine back in January and could not recall see another one in that colour before. To my amazement there were four in the car park. I must admit they do stand out though, amongst the regular, silver, blues and green ones.

We had a complimentary coffee/tea and bacon roll and then headed out onto the road, this time with the hood down. The temperature had risen to around 12 degrees and my wife consented to having the top down - as long as we had the heater on at top temperature and the heated seat 'On'. The directions in our rally guide were comprehensive. As I drove through Surrey and West Sussex my wife called out the directions I should be taking. I must admit through, sometimes things were not as they should have been as we on occasions saw other members going in the opposite direction to us! As we drove through the lanes of Surrey and West Sussex, we could be guaranteed to see various Jaguars ahead or behind. However, there were occasions when there wasn't another Jaguar in sight for ages. Very disconcerting! We only knew we had gone wrong somewhere, when, on approaching a "T" junction the cars travelling from left to right were all Jaguars on the run, clearly identifiable by their rally plates! Oh well, we were back on track and followed behind them.

Having been on the road for about two hours we finally arrived at the stop-over point, Amberley Museum. Parking had been agreed within the museum grounds. Everywhere one looked, there was a Jaguar parked up. Goodness knows what the daily visitor to the museum thought but they certainly got a treat on this Sunday. I am told that there were over 280 Jaguars on the run.

The museum was very interesting but in order to take it all in, you would need to be there for at least half a day, but we had an hour. Wanting to get to Brighton in order to park up in Madeira Drive and meet past acquaintances was the order of the day. The remainder of the route to Brighton was in a word, interesting, particularly as we entered the tiny village of Fulking, where the saying "that you can't put a quart in a pint pot" springs to mind. Those that travelled through this village will know what I mean! it certainly made it eventful. Having now snaked through the back roads of Brighton we eventually arrived at Madeira Drive.

We were met and introduced at the finish line by Phil Weeden. Parking up amongst the other Jaguars, you have time then to look around at the wonderful machines. The sun was shining and the temperature - for the time of year - was very acceptable. Having undertaken this run now for 8 years, you get to know various other Jaguar owners. One particular person I wanted to meet was David Lawrence. We only get together once a year at this event. I knew David had an XK8 or R but I had failed to realise that his was one of the four cars I had seen back at Kempton in the seafoam colour. His is a XKR whereas mine is a XK8 of similar age. We compared models and noted things that I had on mine that David didn't have on his and visa versa. It all made for a really good day out and although next year aims to be the last run, all the regular attendees, are disappointed by this news. Make sure you don't miss out next year.



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THE HARE ROXWELL ROAD CHELMSFORD BREAKFAST MEETING



Saturday, April 6, saw the first of seven planned monthly breakfast meetings at the Hare in Roxwell. For me, it's the unofficial inaugural show of the season and always worth paying a visit. Nothing is planned, just a Danish, Orange Juice and Coffee – all free, or a Full English, with multiple choices in between. Oh, and bring your car along! Anything from Austin 7's to Lamborghini Aventadors will do. You just have to be an enthusiast, and it's hard not to be when you're surrounded by such exquisite machinery from most parts of the planet – all gathered in a country pub car park in Essex. But get there early, it is popular.



The day saw this year's first sun, although it didn't do to stay still for too long in case hypothermia set in. Still, we all had breakfast al fresco.

It's hard not to be impressed by some of the exotica and more affordable carriages present. Nor is it hard to strike up conversations with fellow petrol heads or renew past acquaintances. This time around the car park overflowed with; a McLaren, multiple Ferraris including a Scaglietti and F40, two or three Lamborghinis, a decent sprinkling of Porsches and Lotus's, TVR's, and an orange "Kit Car" of superb quality and thoroughly bespoke. Sadly, its name escapes me.

A good cross section of older vehicles, including; Datsun 240Z, Mini, Alfa Romeo, Lancia Stratos, Camaro, Trans Am, Ford Capri (Classic Shape), Austin Healey, and a favourite of mine, an Aston Martin DB6, were all present and correct. Jaguars were well represented by; a 3.8 MK 11 – rescued as a complete basket case from long term storage in a garden, Doug's XK8, resplendent in 'Seafrost', a beautiful E-Type Roadster, a Lister Jaguar, an E-Type Coupe, my 420 and a Suffolk SS replica. (It didn't have the genuine headlamps, though, Richard) an excellent 420G drove through, but didn't stop.

So, if you fancy a couple of hours talking cars between mouthfuls of Danish, don't miss the next one on Saturday 4 May. *Neil Shanley*



Helmingham Festival of Classic & Sports Cars Sunday 4th August 2013



Dear Classic or Sports Car Owner

The Helmingham Festival of Classic and Sports Cars is a wonderful day out for car enthusiasts and the whole family. Every year there is an amazing range of exhibiting vehicles displayed in front of the magnificent, moated Helmingham Hall, surrounded by the ancient deer park and the Grade 1 Listed Gardens.

The 2012 event had an attendance of over 700 exhibiting cars and 4,000 people enjoyed displays in the main ring, trade & craft fairs, brass band, entry into the Grade I Listed Gardens, children's entertainment & great local food & drink stalls.

Option 1 - £25.00 for vehicle plus driver and one passenger

- Reserved parking in the arena directly in front of Helmingham Hall
- Entry to Helmingham Hall Grade 1 Listed Gardens
- Cream tea for two in the Drivers' Marquee
- Free entry into the Helmingham draw for the best pre-1950, post-1950 vehicle and overall Show Winner
- Provision of a vehicle description sheet and board for display in front of vehicle

Additional passenger tickets are available at 12.50 each

Option 2 - entry for vehicle plus driver and one passenger

Discounted admission:

For entries received before 31st March 2013

- £8.00 per car (2 occupants) parking in the Classic Car Park
- Entry to Helmingham Hall Grade 1 Listed Gardens
- Entry in the 'Overall Show Winner' draw

Pre-registrations received 1st April - 25th July 2013

- £12.00 per car (2 occupants) parking in the Classic Car Park
- Entry to Helmingham Hall Grade 1 Listed Gardens
- Entry in the 'Overall Show Winner' draw

Additional passenger tickets are available at £7.00 per adult and £2.50 per child

The Option 2 Classic Car Park will be limited to those cars and sports saloons first registered before the end of 1980. Sports Cars will be exempt from this limitation. No gazebos or car club stands permitted in option 2.

Club Stand - £10.00 for vehicle plus driver and one passenger

- Official Club Stand in club area
- Club details in event programme
- Entry to Helmingham Hall Grade 1 Listed Gardens

We can tailor stands and entry arrangements for individual clubs. Please contact the Events Office for further details

Additional passenger tickets are available at £7.00 per adult and £2.50 per child

Exhibiting on the Day - admission on the day from 10.00am onwards

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£3,750 Donation

Based on the success of the event in 2012, a donation of **£3,750** was made to EACH (East Anglia's Children's Hospice). This was enough money to pay for their drugs & oxygen at the Ipswich Hospice for over a year. With your help, we would like to repeat this in 2013 and support this very worthy cause once again. See entry form for details.

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