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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hi All,

Another month goes by and more shows are happening. See inside newsletter for details.

Thirteen club members and partners have just come back from a weekend break in Leuven, Belgium. It was an eventful trip and a full report is inside. Lots of photo's were taken and I am hoping to upload these to our web site. An additional Jaguar owner joined us who is from Kent and so I am told, enjoyed the company and event so much that they are considering joining our region! While in Belgium, some members attended 'Auto World' in Brussels. I am hoping to get a report on this for next month's newsletter. However, Roger Petheram and myself ventured further a field and travelled 70+ miles to a small town named Leuze-en-Hainaut on the French/Belgium border. There, we visited a private collection of the Mahy family. They own over 1,000 vehicles of which over 300 were on display. I could go on forever about the collection but will leave this for another time. However, one vehicle of note was a 1908 Renault Coupe de Ville that had been locked away in a castle garage for nearly 100 years, and no one knew it was there! It was just by chance in 2012, groundsmen were asked to clear the garage and found the vehicle tucked away at the back of the garage. The picture on the left is that vehicle!

Finally, I wish to thank all the members that attended this European trip, the first for me. I have received a number of thanks from members for arranging it and I hope the various incidences which occurred, mostly on the way down, haven't put you off future trips.

Hope to see as many as possible at the club night on Tuesday 2 July when more will be discussed.

Doug Warren - Chairman & Editor

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BELGIUM DELIGHTS



On Friday 14th June, 13 members and their partners of the JEC Essex Thameside Region, travelled to Leuven, Belgium on a tour organised by Scenic Car Tours of Larkfield, Kent.

Thirteen cars met up at Thurrock Services off the M25 at 08:30am to travel in convoy down to Folkstone to catch the 11:20am Eurotunnel train to Calais. It was a wonderful sight. We had three Jaguar Mk II's, a XJ6 Series 1, a 420, a Daimler 250, two XK8 convertibles, a XJ8 (X350), a XJ6 Sport (X300), an E-Type, and two XJS's. We met up with another participant at the terminal who was travelling from Dover in a Jaguar XK.

All was well to start with until the E-Type broke down on the M20. The coil and condenser caused the car to stop and die. The owners, Chris & Marise White had to wait for a recovery truck that took them to Fullbridge Restorations at Maldon, Essex. Well done to them for pulling out the stops and getting Chris and Marise mobile again and they caught the 7:30pm train to Calais arriving at the hotel in Leuven just after midnight.

The terminal staff arranged for us to travel together in consecutive carriages and lined us up together in one of the various rows at the station, prior to boarding the train. It was again an impressive sight.

Our journey to France took about 40 minutes and we were off the platform and onto the E40 heading north to Belgium in no time having put our clocks forward an hour to local time. We had arranged to stop off for a refill, leg stretch and lunch break at Gent and had previously identified a supermarket with a large car park. All went well, except the 'all day' restaurant decided that no hot food was needed after 3pm and closed their counter, just before our arrival. All that was available was uninspiring cold dishes, and they all went after we got to them!

Having suitably been refreshed, we returned to our cars for a photo shoot and even got the 'locals' engaged in taking photos of the group for us. They were suitably impressed and were taking photo's themselves of our parading cars.

Our journey from Gent commenced at 4pm only to arrive on the Brussels ring road at around 4:45pm. What a nightmare! and I thought the M25 was bad on a Friday afternoon!! Nothing compared to this ring road at this time. As a result, we had one car hit by a lorry, one overheated and a number of the older classics experienced a higher than normal water temperature rise.

We eventually arrived at the Mercure Hotel at 7:30/7:45pm. Search parties were sent out on foot to find other members who had got separated in the traffic on the Brussels ring road. By just after midnight, all members were accounted for!

Saturday we were due to visit a chocolate factory in Brussels first thing in the morning, but due to the events the previous day, no one was keen to go to Brussels!!! We therefore, made time for ourselves and took a walking tour of Leuven. It is a fascinating town and very clean. Most impressive is their town hall with over 230 statues situated around the structure on various levels.

On Saturday afternoon a brewery tour had been arranged and we all walked a short distance to the Domus Brewery. At the beginning of this century, Belgium possessed more than 4000 breweries. The majority of beers brewed during this period could be traced to particular regions or even caf  s. The Domus brewery was opened in September 1985. This particular brewery is small but has a direct pipeline from the brewery to the pub next door. This concept allows beer lovers to sample the brew under ideal conditions!!

Saturday night, the members explored the night life and restaurant. There are literally hundreds of restaurants in Leuven, catering for all tastes. Paying a visit to the Oude Markt is like pulling up a chair at the longest bar in Europe, because nowhere else can you find as many catering establishments in one place as on this unique square.

Having been fed and well watered, we headed back to the hotel for a well earned rest.

Sunday morning, we had a free day and some members ventured into Brussels by car and train, others went further afield to Leuze-en-Hainaut to the Mahymobiles Museum. The collection is staggering. Set off the beaten track (in fact between the local railway line and warehouses) the museum is not advertised from the main road that passes by it. Some amazing cars are displayed. The collection is privately owned by the Mahy family, from Gent in Belgium, who made their money specializing in the manufacture of steam boilers. The rest of their collection can be seen in 'Autoworld' in Brussels. In March 1978, the family created a charitable foundation in order to prevent dispersion or compulsory sale following the death of a family member.

Sunday evening all the members and partners had arranged to have a meal together in a Thai restaurant opposite the hotel and we took over the top floor. It was a very nice meal and the drink flowed freely. It was our first European travel under the chairmanship of Doug Warren and one that will be repeated again in the future.

Monday saw the return to Calais along the infamous E40 for the train back to the UK. A pleasant weekend was had by all. I would certainly recommend a trip to Leuven if you get a chance.



REGIONAL EVENTS /OTHER EVENTS

MONTH	DAY	DATE	LOCATION
JUL	TUES	2nd	Club night - Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
JUL	SUN	7th	MALDON MOTOR SHOW Formerly known as the Vintage Vehicle Rally, displays include classic, sports, American cars, military and commercial vehicles, retro cars and motorbikes. Sponsored by Quest Motor Group. Autojumble, auto trade stands, vintage and craft fair. Live entertainment, refreshments. Passes from Doug Warren. 01245261810.
JUL	SUN	14th	ESSEX COUNTY CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW @ Cressing Temple Free entry - pass needed. Obtainable from Doug Warren 01245 261810. A popular show that takes place at Cressing Temple on Sunday 14th July 11:00am until 4:00pm. The show offers a variety of activities and demonstrations for vehicle enthusiasts, showcasing vintage, classic and modern cars, motorcycles and military vehicles and stationery engines.
AUG	SUN	4th	HELMINGHAM FESTIVAL OF CLASSIC & SPORTS CARS This amazing collection of vehicles is displayed against the magnificent backdrop of Helmingham Hall and its surrounding moat which sits in the middle of the ancient deer park. As well as this impressive display of vehicles there will be main ring entertainment, craft and trade stalls, birds of prey, live music and great local food & drink! Entry fee £10 per car inc driver and one passenger. Contact Doug Warren by e-mail or phone: 01245 261810
AUG	TUES	6th	Club night - Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
AUG	SUN	18th	CLASSIC CAR FESTIVAL 10am - 5pm The Brentwood Centre, Doddinghurst Road, Brentwood, CM15 9NN. Displays of Classics & Thoroughbred Cars & Motorcycles. Autojumble, The Sporting Bears, Food Village, Continental Market and much much more. Contact Doug Warren on 01245 261810.
SEPT	TUES	3rd	Club night - Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
SEPT	SUN	29th	27th Annual Grand Motorbilia Day 2013 at Battlesbridge Another chance to show off your car at this annual event. Entry fee is £5 per car inc driver and one passenger. Booking taken now so contact Doug Warren by e-mail or by phone 01245 261810.
OCT	TUES	1st	Club night - Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
NOV	TUES	5th	Club night - Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
NOV	SAT	9th	ANNUAL JEC ESSEX THAMESIDE REGION DINNER DANCE Our annual dinner dance has been brought forward to enable more to attend. Make it the right decision and purchase your tickets from Geoff & Mary Monk. See application form in August newsletter. Just make a note in your diary for NOW .
NATIONAL EVENTS			
SEPT	SUN	1st	JEC SOUTHERN DAY - Littlecote, Near Hungerford, Berkshire See details at this web site: www.jec.org.uk/events

Faversham Transport Though The Ages Car Show, May 19th.



Most of those who went to Faversham in 2012 thought it a great venue and one of the best shows that Essex Thameside attended last year. And Faversham 2013 did not disappoint; if anything, it was even better.

We met up as usual at 8 o'clock in Thurrock services before travelling down the M2 to Faversham. Although there was a slight early morning chill, the sun was shining and the sky was blue; in fact we had glorious weather all day.

Because we were only three in number and the area for club stands was overbooked, we were redirected to park in the main street. To be honest, this was a nicer setting than the car park, being in cobbled streets amongst lovely old buildings. Just like last year, there was a good variety of vehicles throughout the town. All three of us were impressed by a pretty little Fiat roadster parked opposite us and I loved a 1912 Douglas motorbike with a leather 'chain' drive that had been beautifully restored, although I'm unsure of the significance of a bonsai tree on the pillion seat!

It was a busy day with plenty of visitors, and a lot of interest in all three of our cars. A little 2 year-old boy was really excited by all the cars in the show, and overjoyed when I let him and his sister sit in my SS100; there were floods of tears and a firm grasp for the steering wheel when the time came to move on and his parents tried to extricate him.

Overall, just as last year, there was a huge variety of interesting vehicles, a good jazz band, plenty of market stalls and stands, and most local shops, cafes and restaurants stayed open for the show; all set off in warm sunshine. I shall definitely be putting my name down to go again next year!

Richard Gibby

ABRIDGE VILLAGE MOTOR FESTIVAL 15 JUNE 2013



Whilst quite a few of our members were enjoying a car trip to Belgium, a few remaining members went to the Abridge Village Motor Festival. This is now the second year that we have been to the show. It is run by the MG Club and again the turn out was great. Not only the cars but the show itself. You had hog-roast, jellied eels, and various other sea food. (I had two helpings of eels!) You had antique stalls in the large hall, a large marquee which held a beer bar and a very nice tea room area serving ploughmans lunches, cakes, tea & coffee, etc. In fact there were lots for everyone to do and a must for the club next year. **Jim Clark**



**The Essex
County Car &
Motorcycle Show**
is a popular show that
takes place at
Cressing Temple on
Sunday 14th July
11:00am until
4:00pm. The show

offers a variety of activities and demonstrations for vehicle enthusiasts, showcasing vintage, classic and modern cars, motorcycles and military vehicles and stationery engines. There will be a variety of stalls to browse, bar and hog roast. The event now runs yearly and the 2013 event will be its 6th in total. The site's heritage and historical buildings are the perfect setting for the Essex County Car & Motorcycle show. Below is a list of the shows and demonstrations that will be available:

Vintage Cars, Classic Cars, Modern Cars, Military Vehicles, Stationery Engines, Motorcycles, Buses, Jazz Band, 1940's Dancers, Stallholders, Hog Roast, Bar, Veteran cars, The Austin Seven clubs are bringing a good selection of pre-war cars. A 1931 Vauxhall previously owned by the aviator, Amy Johnson will be on display, an extremely rare 1962 Chrysler 300 H convertible, a replica of the Starsky & Hutch Ford Grand Torino.

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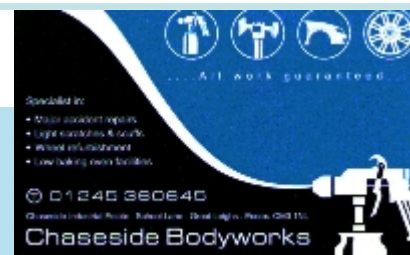
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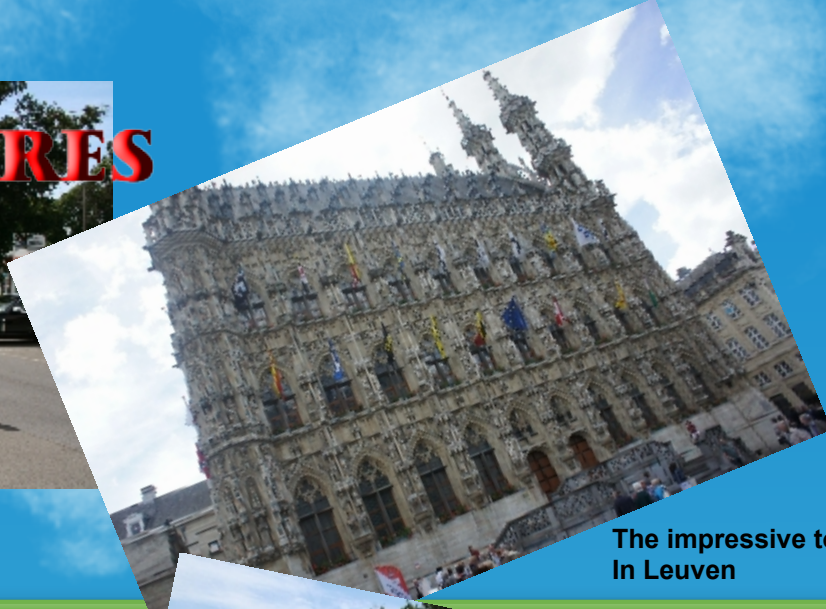
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Club Members in Gent



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Jag's in Gent



Cycles in Leuven

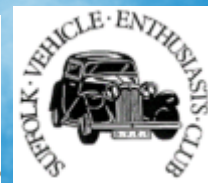


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Helmingham Festival of Classic & Sports Cars Sunday 4th August 2013



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

Open to all sports cars and pre 1980 classics at £8.00 per adult & £3.00 per child or £20.00 family ticket (2 adults and 2 chil



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