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JEC ESSEX THAMESIDE REGION DINNER DANCE SAT NOV. 9th 2013

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hi All,

As you receive this newsletter, we will be a few days away from the club's dinner dance. Yet again it has been a hard slog encouraging members to support this event. As a consequence, a separate feedback form is attached in order to identify the members' requirements for future years. Please return the form by e-mailing it back completed or if you have the newsletter posted to you, then return it in the stamped addressed envelope provided. Your feedback is what we need to move the club forward.

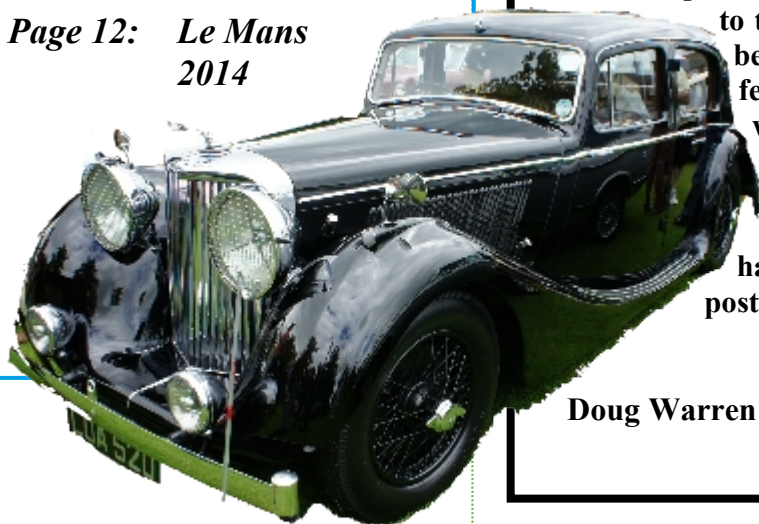
Each year at the Dinner Dance, we generally have raffle prizes, last year being the use of a Jaguar of the winners choice for a weekend, courtesy of Grange Motors. Member, Ken Paton, won this prize last year and took advantage of an XK-S for a weekend. This year, Grange have agreed to the use of a Jaguar F-Type for a weekend as the main prize. Our thanks go to Matthew Overall, the dealer principle from Grange, for supporting the club in this way and again the proceeds will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Charity.

I have to report that Carrol Perryman is to resign from her post of Memberships Secretary and the committee is looking for a replacement to take effect from the AGM in May 2014. Carrol has been undertaking this task now for over three years and feels that she would like to hand this role over. Anyone who wishes to be considered for this important role within the club, please let me or any of the committee know. Carrol has done a sterling job sorting the "wheat from the chaff" and now we need someone who has the time to assist with the running of the club. This post can be undertaken by either a male or female.

Doug Warren - Chairman & Editor

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2012/13 Committee

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

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Tickets are on sale now here via this site, or by telephoning the box office on: 0871 230 1088

Annual Dinner Dance



The annual dinner dance is due to be held on Saturday 9th November. The take up for tickets has again been slow and disappointing. Both Mary and Geoff have worked tirelessly in encouraging members and friends to attend. We changed the month from February to November due to experiencing inclement weather in February, hoping that this would help in attracting more members to attend. This has not been the case and in fact only around 30% of members have signed up for the event, the remaining numbers have been family or friends. The committee is at a loose end as to know what you, the members, want? We have the use of the Langdon Hills Golf and Country Club at a reduced rental due to holding our dinner dance at their premises. If we have to cancel the dinner dance in future, our rent for the club nights will inevitably increase and as a consequence, our annual membership fees will have to increase to compensate. The club is reluctant to do this. In this month's newsletter, a feedback form is supplied and would appreciate it if **ALL** members would be kind enough to take a few minutes to complete this and return it to me. This will ensure we are planning events that the club members want, after all, it is **YOUR** club, the committee just manage it on your behalf!!!

SUNDAY LUNCH AT ASHWELLS

Arrangements have been made to hold a Sunday lunch at Ashwells Sports & Country Club, Ashwells Road, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 9SE on **Sunday 24**

November, meeting at 1:30pm for dinner at 2pm. Although the club has a restaurant, they do not normally open on a Sunday for lunch but are prepared to for us, thanks to the persuasive ways of Geoff and Mary Monk!!!



The lunch price is £16:95 for two courses or £21:95 for three. Any member interested in coming along to this get together, please contact Geoff or Mary at bmcycles@hotmail.co.uk or through me at dwarren169@btinternet.com or phone 01245 261810.



REGIONAL EVENTS /OTHER EVENTS

MONTH	DAY	DATE	LOCATION
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. Purchase your tickets from Geoff & Mary Monk. See application form in newsletter. Why not stay over and book a room at the Langdon Hills Golf and Country Club by calling 01268 548444 or e-mail; info@golflangdon.co.uk .
DEC	TUES	3rd	Club night - Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club Christmas mince pies, raffle and Quiz night. Big prizes.
JAN	TUES	7th	Club night - Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
FEB	TUES	4th	Club night - Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
MAR	TUES	4th	Club night - Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
APR	TUE	1st	Club night - Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club

NATIONAL EVENTS

NOV	SAT	16th	XK8/XKR sports cars (1996-2005) Seminar at Castle Bromwich A must for all XK8/R owners at only £60 for members and £75 for non-members. Again re-introduced by popular demand as so many members are now acquiring an XK as prices fall and interest is gained. A must if you are thinking of buying such a car and again, even if you own one, don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the cars, and chat with like-minded enthusiasts' and, oh yes, bring your own car if you have one. Download booking form from www.jec.org.uk or call the office on 0117 969 8186 to book.
NOV	FRI-SUN	15 th - 17 th	CLASSIC CAR SHOW AT NEC BIRMINGHAM Obtain tickets on line at; www.necclassicmotorshow.com/tickets.php
FEB	SAT	8th	X-Type Seminar at Castle Bromwich A must for all X-Type owners at only £60 for members and £75 for non members. A full days programme including tea/coffee and a hearty lunch. Download booking form at: www.jec.org.uk/userfiles/files/Seminars%20rev.pdf
MAR	SAT	22nd	Interior Leather Trim Refurbishment Seminar at Castle Bromwich. Back by popular demand, this hands on seminar run by ourselves and the Furniture Clinic is a must, members can save hundreds of pounds by learning how to restore their leather themselves. Only £60 for members and £75 for non members. A full days programme including tea/coffee and a hearty lunch. Download booking form at: www.jec.org.uk/userfiles/files/Seminars%20rev.pdf

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BATTLESBRIDGE

SEPT 2013

The last show of the year attended by Essex Thameside Region was on Sunday 29 September. The Battlesbridge 27th Annual Grand Motorbilia Day was a great success. The show ground was heaving. Speaking to the organiser - Jim Gallie - during the show, he indicated that no more than two weeks before the show he had 55 trade stands booked. On the day he had over 200! This was helped by the weather. Although quite dry, (menacing clouds did appear, but didn't result in rain) it was a bit chilly for some. Our stand was supported by 17 member's cars, which although we hoped to have 20, there was no more room available, in the space allocated. I will endeavour to get more room for the show in May 2014. The biggest attraction of the show must have been the F-Type, supplied by Grange Motors. Our thanks go to Matthew Overall - dealer principle - and Paul Selleck for supplying and driving the car to the show. The event really brings out some of the most interesting classics that have not been seen in years. For me, it doesn't bear thinking about, that cars such as the Triumph TR7 and Ford Capri were on our roads nearly 40 years ago and I remember lusting after them. I ended up with a Triumph 2.5PI which was the first 'passion' wagon for me and Jackie. Was it really that long ago???? The 'Best Stand' show as awarded to the Zephyr/Zodiac stand, which, I must admit, had a very good display (although only one model effectively!).

Car award winners as follows:

Car of The Day:	Mark Williams 1959 MGA
Runner up:	Mike Miles Morris Minor
Highly commended:	Andy Morgan. Citroen DS 23
Highly commended :	Philip Farrelly. Mk. 2 3 litre Capri
Best Commercial:	Mr. Anderson. Austin Truck
Best American:	Paul Dodd. 1964 Ford Falcon
Best Special:	Clinton Ward. 1967 Mustang Fastback
Best Club Stand :	Zephyr and Zodiac Club GB
Runner Up Club Stand:	Austin 7 Club
Best Club Car:	1958 Ford Squire



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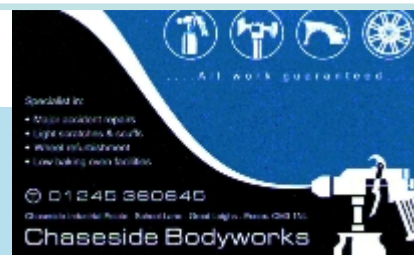
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1949 AC 2.0L Buckland Tourer - V - 1948 Jaguar XK120



WHO PINCHED WHO'S DESIGN????



The AC 2-Litre is an exclusive and stylish saloon offered by AC of Thames Ditton in Surrey, England between **1947** and 1956. Two and, from 1953, four-door saloons were sold. In addition, as from 1949, a small number of drophead coupés and "Buckland" tourers were produced.

The car's wetliner, aluminium cylinder block, six-cylinder 1991 cc engine was the unit first offered by the company in the AC 16, back in 1922. However, by 1947 the engine was fed by three SU carburettors, and boasted a power output of 74 bhp (55.2 kW), increased again in 1951 to 85 bhp (63.4 kW) which was more than twice the 35 bhp (26.1 kW) claimed for engine's original commercial application.

The aluminium-panelled body on a wood frame was fitted to a conventional steel chassis with rigid axles front and rear with semi-elliptic leaf springs with, for the first time on an AC, hydraulic dampers. Until 1951 the car had a hybrid braking system, hydraulic at the front and cable at the rear with 12 in (305 mm) drums.

The car changed very little during its ten-year production run, though the wheel size did increase slightly to 16 in (406 mm) in 1951. The AC 2-litre was outlived by its engine, which continued to be offered in other AC models until 1963.

A 2-door saloon car tested by The Motor magazine in 1948 had a top speed of 80 mph (130 km/h) and could accelerate from 0-60 mph (97 km/h) in 19.9 seconds. A fuel consumption of 23 miles per imperial gallon (12 L/100 km; 19 mpg-US) was recorded. The test car cost £1277 including taxes.



The XK120 was launched in open two-seater or (US) roadster form at the **1948** London Motor Show as a testbed and show car for the new Jaguar XK engine. The display car was the first prototype, chassis number 670001. It looked almost identical to the production cars except that the straight outer pillars of its windscreen would be curved on the production version. The roadster caused a sensation, which persuaded Jaguar founder and design boss William Lyons to put it into production.

Beginning in 1948, the first 242 cars wore wood-framed open 2-seater bodies with aluminium panels. Production switched to the 1cwt or 112 lb (51 kg) heavier all-steel in early 1950. The "120" in the name referred to the aluminium car's 120 mph (193 km/h) top speed (faster with the windscreen removed), which made it the world's fastest production car at the time of its launch. In 1949 the first production roadster, chassis number 670003, was delivered to Clark Gable. The XK120 was ultimately available in two open versions, first as an open 2-seater described in the US market as the roadster (and designated OTS, for open two-seater, in America), then also as a drophead coupé (DHC) from 1953; and also as a closed, or fixed head coupé (FHC) from 1951.

A smaller-engined version 2-litres, 4 cylinders, intended for the UK market was cancelled prior to production.

On May 30 1949, on the empty Ostend-Jabbeke motorway in Belgium, a prototype XK120 timed by the officials of the Royal Automobile Club of Belgium achieved an average of runs in opposing directions of 132.6 mph with the windscreen replaced by just one small aeroscreen and a catalogued alternative top gear ratio, and 135 mph with a passenger-side tonneau cover in place. In 1950 and 1951, at a banked oval track in France, XK120 roadsters averaged over 100 mph for 24 hours and over 130 mph for an hour, and in 1952 a fixed-head coupé took numerous world records for speed and distance when it averaged 100 mph for a week.

Roadsters were also successful in racing and rallying.



**Friday 15th -
Sunday 17th
November 2013**

The Jaguar C-X75, the prototype state-of-art hybrid super-car, will make its Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show debut, as the centrepiece of the Jaguar Classic Parts stand.

The stand is a collaboration with Jaguar Heritage and will boast an impressive selection of classic and modern Jaguars.

Jaguar unveiled the C-X75 concept, which has been provided by Jaguar Cars, in 2010 and has marked the beginning of a new chapter in innovation and technological advancement. The C-X75 can achieve 100mph from standstill in less than six seconds and can continue on to a top speed of 220mph.

Considering these impressive performance statistics, the C-X75 is capable of producing less than 89g of CO2/pkm and will even run with zero emissions for up to 60km. Jaguar Classic Parts welcome visitors to come to their stand in Hall 20 to see this “ground-braking” hybrid vehicle.

This year’s stand also includes some historical vehicles from the Jaguar Heritage collection. The cars on display will include: XK120, E-Type, XJ40, XJS, X300, XKR and XFR Rocketsports, all outstanding Jaguars from different eras.

A further highlight to this years’ stand in Hall 20 will be a wide range of genuine parts available on display. Jaguar Classic Parts are clearly stating that its commitment to the preservation of classic Jaguar cars has never been stronger. Jaguar Classic Parts offer a total of 26,000 genuine parts for classic Jaguars that are available from the website or to order through the local dealer. Owners of vintage models will be pleased to know that all older model catalogues are available on the Jaguar Classic Parts website and are free to browse.

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Use ticket discount code: **Club Single Ticket Code: 2013SC** or **Club Family Ticket Code: 2013FC**.





Jaguar X760?

The replacement for the Jaguar X-Type is on the cards for release in 2015, according to the worlds motoring press. Currently known as the X760, Jaguar wants a bit of the BMW 3 Series, Mercedes C-Class and Audi A4, action again. However, not at the expense of a Jaguar/Mondeo label, as they did with the 2001-2009 X-Type. The new all-aluminium saloon is expected to be joined by an estate, an SUV and a coupe' variant. However, we did hear this before with the X-Type and only the estate version was produced at the latter end of the car's life, as was the automatic diesel. Lets hope Jaguar have learnt from this in order to ensure rapid growth in this segment. They need to ensure these variants are launched year on year. What will the new Jaguar have to attract customers? To start with it will be built entirely of aluminium, giving a decisive lead in weight savings. Second, the rear wheel drive running gear has been designed from scratch to allow Jaguar to be given extremely precise handling characteristics and third the Jaguar will be launched with a new range of JLR-designed, state-of-the-art super-frugal engines. According to 'Autocar' magazine, they indicate that *"the compact Jaguar could hardly be better prepared for breaking into the compact premium market. The only possible variable is the styling, but Jaguar design director, Ian Cullum and his team are pushing at an open door, considering the relative conservatism and familiarity of the current 3 series"*. Will it succeed? We will have to wait two years to find out.



JAGUAR SALES, MODEL BY MODEL (JANUARY TO AUGUST 2013)

30,149

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12,954

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