

# JAGUAR ENTHUSIASTS' CLUB



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### **SOUTHEND**

#### **CAR SHOW DATES:**

*April 27 (Drive it Day)*

*May 25*

*June 22*

*Sept 28*

*These are council run dates and the contact for these is Lisa Fern on 01702 215119.*

*They start 8.30 to 9.00 and driver gets a small free breakfast.*

### **Chairman's Message**

Hi All,

What's to tell? Not a lot really. Obviously, as seen in this edition of the newsletter, we have the AGM on 6<sup>th</sup> May. Neil Shanley and others attended The Hare Pie & Pint pub on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April for the first monthly Breakfast Meet. Full report and pictures inside. It looks as though it was well attended again with a variety of classic, modern, American and sports cars. Don't forget that these are held on the first Saturday of the month from now until October, the next being 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Get there early though because it really gets pack out. Also, if you want to leave early, don't park in the overflow car park as that gets blocked.

As you read this newsletter, it may well be that the London to Brighton run has taken place. A full report and pictures will be in next month's newsletter along with the details of our first attended show of the season at Woburn Abbey.

Neil Shanley & Richard Gibby have suggested that members may like to write about their Jaguar experience for inclusion in the Newsletter. If you are not the best writer as the this can be addressed once the basics are submitted. See Neil's first article in the following pages. Well done Neil! Now, come on members, get scribbling!!!

**Doug Warren Chairman**

**Sunday 13th July is the London to Southend run organised by Club Member, Roger Petheram and run by the SEVCVC. You can book with Roger using the entry form on their website:  
[www.essexclassicvehicles.co.uk](http://www.essexclassicvehicles.co.uk)**

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**Committee Members:**  
**John Eusden & Neil Shanley.**

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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 Tele: 01268 548444*

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FROM 11:30AM SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST  
2014 ESSEX POLICE HQ SPORTS CLUB.**

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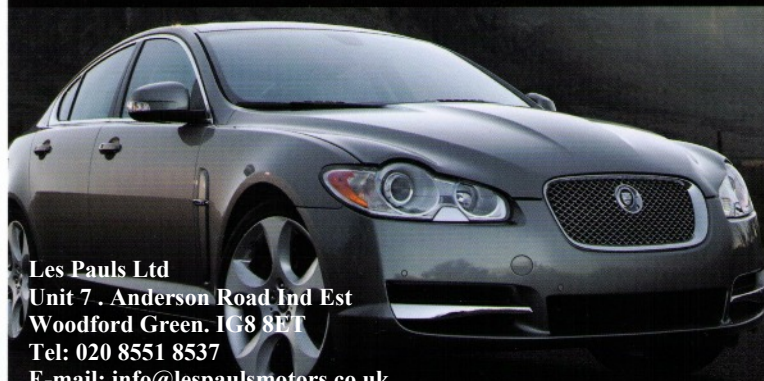
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# MAY 6TH CLUB NIGHT - AGM

The club will be holding its AGM on this evening. The candidates for election are:

Doug Warren	Chairman & Newsletter Editor
Mary Monk	Vice. Chairman and Secretary
Richard Gibby	Treasurer
Geoff Monk	Social Event Organiser
Ray Berris	Membership Secretary
<b><i>Vacant: To be appointed</i></b>	Webmaster

## Committee Members:

1. Neil Shanley
2. ***Vacant: To be appointed***

If there are any other nominations for these posts, would you please let Mary Monk know as soon as possible at [bmcycles@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bmcycles@hotmail.co.uk).



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# Christmas Party Nights

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## JEC at Prescott Hill Climb

For the first time in the national clubs history, they are holding an event at Prescott Hill Climb near Cheltenham. Set in a beautiful location with views across the Cotswold countryside from the perimeter of the track and recently refurbished Club house. The Paddock will be a hive of activity as cars line up ready for their run up the hill and then filter through to the car park after their run. Standard car parking is also available for those who wish to just enjoy the spectacle of a Jaguar only day at Prescott, certainly a sight to behold and sound to savour.

The Club House will be open from 7am to serve breakfast and coffee before providing a two course buffet lunch which can be pre-booked finishing off the day offering afternoon tea and coffee. If the weather is good, why not take advantage of the views and the many idyllic picnic spots and enjoy watching the variety of cars go up the hill, perfect sound track to a perfect lunch.

Runs up the hill will need to be pre-booked as space is limited. Runs cost £10 each, you can pre-book up to two runs and request more if you wish. If there is availability we will contact those who have indicated more runs up the hill.

To download a booking form go to:  
[www.jec.org.uk/events/2844/jec-events/jec-at-prescott-hill-climb.html](http://www.jec.org.uk/events/2844/jec-events/jec-at-prescott-hill-climb.html)

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## FINDING THE CAT

At one of the last club meets, Richard Gibby and I were discussing what made us choose our cars. We figured this would make a good article for the Newsletter, and one which may spur on other members to contribute their experiences.

They say that the car chooses you – well at least Vaughn High does! So how did I end up with the 420? It started for me when, as a young boy, my father bought me my first Dinky Toy – a white Jag XK120, which I still possess. Moving many years on probably around '79, still fired by that first interest in the margue, I set about scouring the local paper for a suitable car. This I found in the shape of a Mark II which resided in Balby, a district on the outskirts of Doncaster, not too far from where we lived. Full of back to back terrace houses and corner shops, the place doesn't have a lot going for it – except that "Open All Hours" was filmed there, using the local hairdressers shop dressed up as Arkwright's Grocers.

The car was a light metallic blue 1966 3.8 MKII, manual with overdrive, being offered by a local youth. Within minutes it was mine for the princely sum of £250. Though in need of some TLC, it did go rather well, leaving many a boy racer Mini or such like languishing in clouds of blue smoke as the Jag and I accelerated away. Within a month or two of ownership, I decided to restore it – big mistake. Having bought all the necessary panels, I let a local garage loose on the sills and some other bits when I got it back the doors wouldn't fit over the sills properly, although other parts weren't too bad. Despite all my efforts circumstance in the form of children, house moves (Southwards), job changes and such like, the car sat in my garage for far too long with no more work done..... that is until I sold it to Vicarage Cars for £1800. Not a bad deal and the car is still around! Anybody seen GOX 6D recently?



Flush with cash and thinking I may have made a big mistake, I hunted around for a replacement classic. Well, it had to be another Jag. Picking up some old editions of Jaguar Driver, I saw that Mark II's were becoming out of my league price-wise. I'd been to see a couple of S-Types, but the tin worm had taken a strong hold. Looking more closely at Jaguar prices, I found that the 420 was probably the most affordable – but where to find one? They didn't seem to come up that often. Not surprisingly since they only made about 15,000 420's and Daimler Sovereigns. Back to the old magazines again. One fell open at the classifieds and there it was, a '68 420, two owners from new for £1500. No doubt halfway across the country. Not so. To my surprise, when I called, the vendor said that it was still for sale (the magazine was a year old). The icing was then liberally spread across the cake when he told me it was in Margaretting – just four or so miles away.



Some of you may know the history from a previous article, but when I arrived, I found it stored in a barn of a farm owned by the vendor's family. It had been there since the mid / late seventies and it was now September 1989! At some stage in the gales a couple of years before, part of the barn had collapsed on the car. Luckily, most of the impact was absorbed by a caravan which was, by chance, parked next to the Jag. The barn was drafty, but dry, so chassis – wise, there was practically no rust. The body was going in the usual places, but was easily do-able. It oozed charm, you could still smell the leather and the doors 'thunked' satisfactorily. (it didn't run, however). I was in Love! £1000 changed hands, and the following weekend, RGB 43G was towed over to Writtle by the former keeper to its new, and still present, owner. Good job I kept that old magazine! Six months later, I decided to restore it, heard this one before? Well, this time I did it, but not before years of struggle, but that's another story. *Neil Shanley*

If anyone else fancies telling me of their purchase(s), then do please write in to me, Doug Warren.





# CARS AND BREAKFAST AT THE HARE

Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, it's 08.25 am and the sun is shining as we arrive with top suitably down at the Hare in Roxwell Road, for the first Classic & Sports car Breakfast Meet of the year. It's already nearly full, but after waiting for a '62 Thunderbird to berth, we took one of the half dozen or so places left.

Chris and Marise White were already parked up and, with their '65 4.2 E Type Roadster and our XJS Convertible of '94 vintage, we represented the Essex Thameside Region until joined later by Anne Lazarus and son. Sue and I were joined by our daughters, Samantha and Sarah together with Sarah's boyfriend, Brad.

One of the many good things about this "show" is that it is full of petrol heads, all of different financial means, but with one thing in common, the eagerness to talk about cars. There is always something of interest that turns up for the meeting and this month was no exception. Continuing with an American theme after the Thunderbird, US representation was strong with a Kermet Green 60's Caddy lightly customised, a '64 Impala Pick Up (very rare), a '38 Buick 8, a regular visitor, and my favourite, a 1941 Cadillac finished in metallic brown with Art Deco detailing – a joy to behold.

It's unusual to see a Lamborghini Espada these days, but, like buses, two came at once – one red, the other, brown. (what was it with brown in the seventies?) A more recent LP570 completed the Lambo line up – until a Urraco arrived later.

At the more sedate end of the motoring scale, came a 1930 Austin 7 Ulster replica. The original chassis was purchased from e bay and a handcrafted body was mated to it. Speaking of replicas, an HMC (Austin Healey 3000 look a like), arrived, looking very neat. The Porsche fraternity were well represented as usual with models ranging from the early seventies to current examples on display. Aston Martins were there in the shapes of a DB9 and two DB7 convertibles. Apart from Chris's E Type and my XJS, the two other Jags present were a customised 420G (a regular attendee) and a good looking red series 2 E Type roadster which arrived too late to get into the car park.

Red was a theme common to the Ferraris on show. All were relatively modern examples except for a lovely 365 GT 11 from 1969. Definitely one to add to the collection. It was good to see a few TVR's, including, a Cerbera, and Chimera, whilst Lotus was well represented by an Elan S2 (well used), a 90's Elan, two Esprits, and numerous Sevens and Caterhams. A Datsun 240Z (remember them) made an appearance as did a couple of Cobra replicas, Minis, and BMWs. A spotless 30's Rolls and a 60's Ford Consul Capri GT were also well worth a look. Latecomers included a Mustang and two very nice TRs – a 2 and a 6.

After free coffee, orange juice and pastries we all rounded everything off with a Full English Breakfast. Not a bad morning's outing! Oh, and my daughter, Samantha, over on a visit from Seattle, won the raffle prize – a £50 meal voucher. Thanks to Chris White who went out to watch the draw.

See you all next month!







# THE HARE, APRIL 5TH 2014







## REGIONAL EVENTS /OTHER EVENTS

MONTH	DAY	DATE	LOCATION
<b>2014</b>			
MAY	SUN	4th	<b>17<sup>th</sup> BEDFORDSHIRE CLASSIC MOTOR SHOW</b> Woburn Abbey Woburn, Beds. MK17 9WA Set in the beautiful 3,000 acre deer park. A truly splendid venue with something for all the family. Entry fee £3:50 Please contact Doug Warren for application form.
MAY	TUES	6th	<b>A.G.M. &amp; CLUB NIGHT</b> Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
MAY	SUN	11th	<b>BATTLESBRIDGE CLASSIC CAR SHOW</b> <b>SORRY - FULLY BOOKED</b>
MAY	SUN	18th	<b>FAVERSHAM TRANSPORT WEEKEND</b> Classic vehicles craft stalls, food and drink among a host of other attractions. Entry by completing entry form and returning it to Doug Warren with a cheque for £4:50 (club discount)
MAY/ JUN	FRI	30 <sup>th</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>LONG WEEKEND IN BRISTOL</b> Incorporating a trip to the Hayes Museum to see the 'Red Room' and a fantastic display of classic cars through the ages . Contact Doug Warren for details.
JUN	SAT	14th	<b>St. PETER'S CAR SHOW, Harold Wood, Essex.</b> One we attended a year ago, which is again being held in 2014. Please register your interest directly using link below. You will need to let me know too, in order to plan the stand. <a href="http://www.stpeterscarshow.co.uk/booking">http://www.stpeterscarshow.co.uk/booking</a>
JUN	SUN	15th	<b>AIR BRITAIN FLY-IN/ NORTH WEALD</b> Limited to 8 cars, pre 1984. Spaces need to be booked. Contact Doug Warren as there is very limited space left. 01245 261810 or <a href="mailto:dwarren169@btinternet.com">dwarren169@btinternet.com</a>
JUL	SUN	6th	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Matching Green Classic &amp; Sports Car Club's Annual Show.</b> They are celebrating their 20th anniversary. As usual there is no entry fee although we will try to sell you a program. They hope to have a visit from the Essex Air Ambulance this year. Take your pick between Maldon & Matching. Just turn up. No booking forms this year, just let Jon Rome know if you're going. <a href="mailto:mgcscshow@gmail.com">mgcscshow@gmail.com</a>
JULY	SUN	6th	<b>THE MALDON MOTOR SHOW/CLASSICS ON THE PROM.</b> More details nearer the time. <b>Volunteer needed to organise, if we are to participate.</b>
JULY	SUN	13th	<b>CRESSING TEMPLE CAR SHOW</b> More details to follow nearer the time.
JULY	SAT	19th	<b>ESSEX POLICE MUSIC FESTIVAL</b> See advert on page 10. Free Event.
AUG	SUN	3rd	<b>25TH CLUB ANNIVERSARY BAR-B-QUE</b> See details on back page.

## NATIONAL EVENTS

<b>2014</b>			
APR	SUN	27th	<b>16<sup>th</sup> JAGUAR WORLD/JEC LONDON TO BRIGHTON RUN</b> Indicated as the last annual gathering from London to Brighton. It is likely to be over subscribed so if you are interested, please book early. A great day will be had by all as previous events have shown. Go to Jaguar World website for details.



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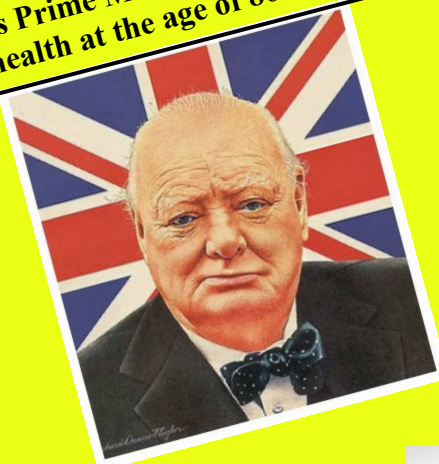
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Winston Churchill resigned as Prime Minister due to ill health at the age of 80!



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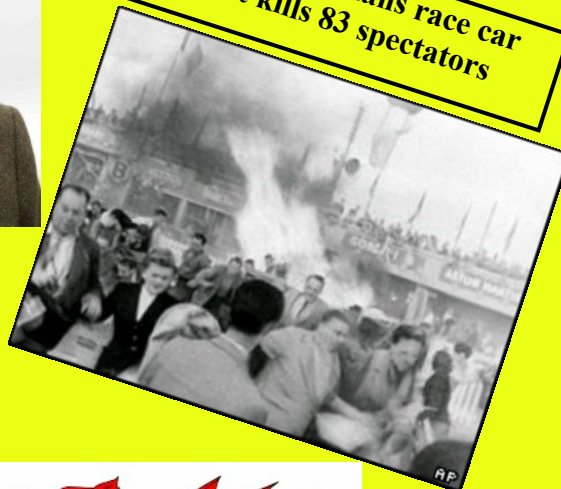
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## **SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JULY MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Essex Police are organising a Music Festival on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July in aid of Essex Air Ambulance. Various police units including, but not limited to, the Marine Section, the Motorcycle Unit, Air Support Helicopter (hoping to have the helicopter land, subject to operational requirements), the Dog Section, Weapons Training, 4 x 4 display and WWII military vehicles, have been invited along to display their equipment and practices.

A special invite has gone out to JEC Essex Thameside Region too.

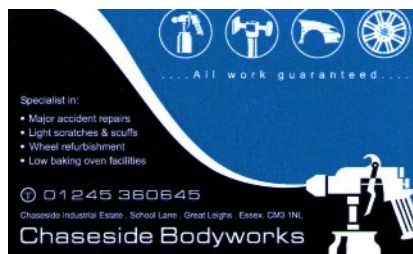
This event is not open to the general public but to Essex Police Officers & Staff, family and friends. So those that are able to attend this event should feel privileged and special to be invited.

The details of the music at this event has yet to be indicated, but there are a number of police individuals that in their spare time play with a band and they will almost certainly be among the performing musicians.

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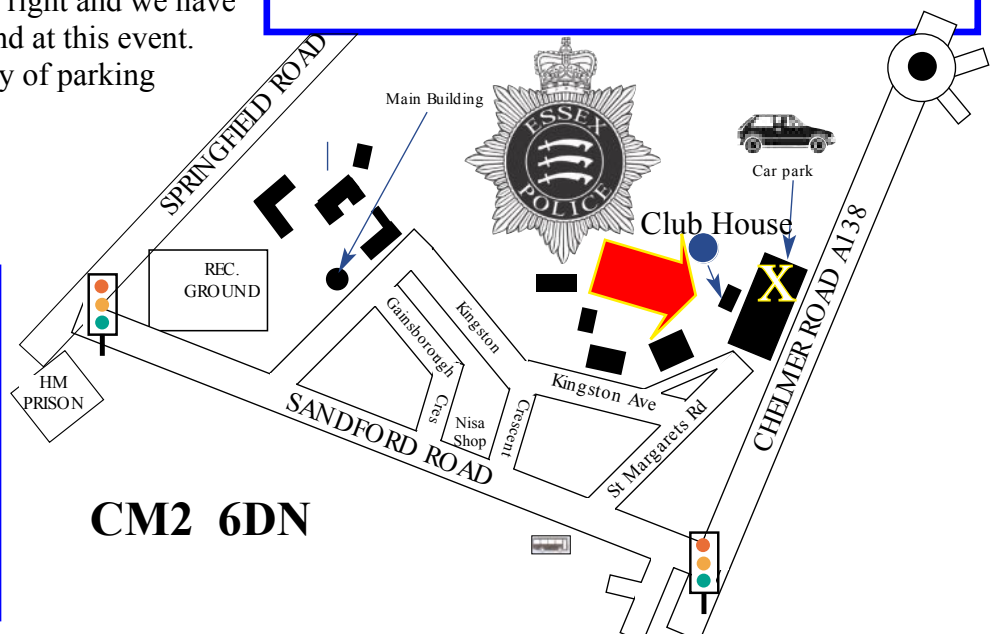
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As indicated in the 'Chairman's Message', the Essex Thameside Region was formed in 1989, having been run as the Essex Region prior to this. Dave Canham started the Essex Region in December 1986 and then Kelvin Pengelly reformed it and renamed it Essex/Thameside in April 1989. Steve Adams took over sometime after this due to Kelvin's work commitments who was self employed. The Chairmanship went to Sue Hawthorne in 2001 and in 2005/6, as a result of a change in work commitments for Sue, Colin Field took over. In November 2010 Doug Warren, the current Chairman, took up the role. It must be noted that Sue Hawthorne has been a paid up member of the club ever since the start in 1989. To celebrate this monumental occasion of the club, the committee have agreed to hold a summer bar-b-que for all its current members. We are all praying for nice weather on Sunday 3rd August. The menu for the event is shown on the right and we have booked a live four piece 'rock' band at this event. We do hope you can make it. Plenty of parking available.

## **THE CURVES**



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