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Best Club Stand Battlesbridge Classic Car Show May 2014

### Chairman's Message

#### Hi All,

A very busy month was had in June. All events reported on inside.

Our June club night raffle was exceptional. We had donations from cleaning products companies, Bilt-Hamber of Billericay and Armor-All as well as a lovely bottle of cognac from our very own member, Tony Beck. On the night items were added by John Euesden and Barry & Jackie Myers. We were able to send Macmillan Cancer Charity a cheque for £500 from the proceeds of this raffle, our dinner dance and other donations. Well done to you all and thanks for your support. I have an important appeal to all members that have booked places at shows, whether free or paid for. If you are unable to attend please let me know as soon as possible, even if it is on the day by calling me or texting me on my mobile number - 07788 637057. I appreciate that plans change or there maybe an unforeseen event but we are frequently over subscribed with unsuccessful members being held on a reserve list. If you can let me know, it will enable them a chance to participate.

Finally, our 25th anniversary bar-b-que will be taking place on Sunday 3rd August. If you wish to attend and haven't already advised me, then please let me know by no later than Monday 14 July. This event is at a cost to the club, so if you have already indicated your attendance, but have changed your mind, then please let me know before 14 July. We would obviously like as many members as possible to join in the celebrations so don't delay. *Hope to see you all on 1st July Club night.* 

#### Doug Warren Chairman





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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



I have been drawing and painting since early on in my childhood. My upbringing at a busy petrol station 'fuelled' my interest in cars, buses and lorries, which became frequent subjects for my early art. The last couple of decades have seen me gradually rekindle the interest in art which had been somewhat dormant since school days. I joined several local Art Societies achieving regular sales, particularly local marine scenes. A painting of a car is an ideal gift for a motoring fan, something particularly personal and unique. As well as a car that is currently owned, subjects might also include a fond memory of a car once owned, or an aspiration for the future. An additional individual touch which has proved popular is to also have the image made into a greetings card. Imagine the pleasure and surprise for someone to open a card to find it is their very own vehicle!

The cost of a commission depends on the size and complexity of the image, whether a background is required and the choice of medium. I work from photographs for convenience and accuracy, and appreciate as many photos as possible to enable me to create the best possible likeness. I always welcome commissions, but my other commitments tend to limit the number I can undertake in any year, so I tend to have a waiting list for new works, although I can normally meet specific deadlines.

Call Phil Lightman on 07989 577 464 or e-mail phil.lightman@ntlworld.com

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### MEMBERS HISTORY

I passed my driving test, first time, in 1955, driving a 1938 Morris 8 from the Romford School of Motoring - I had six lessons. The test was taken in Romford on market day so it was no picnic! My parents bought me my first car which was a 1934 Morris 10/4 with the accelerator pedal in the middle and a starter button on the floor. I had arranged to take a girl friend down to Cornwall and on the way from Maldon, where I lived at the time, to Leigh, the hydraulic brake pipe sprung a leak. The consequence was that I drove down to and around Cornwall on the handbrake and gears!! From the Morris I progressed to a new Ford Popular (the sit up and beg variety), which was like driving a tractor. I sold that and bought a 1934 MG J2 with a 1937 body, which I took with me into the RAF for my National Service. Unfortunately, it had a three bearing crankshaft and this eventually broke on me. Then onto a new Morris Minor 1000, a cracking little car which I had for several years before buying a new MG Midget. On joining a publishing group I was supplied with a company car, so I sold the MG. I have had a list of cars supplied to me while working in publishing from a Vauxhall Viva, larger Vauxhall's (can't remember the name of the model), Ford Cortina Mk 11, Alfa Romeo



GTV6, and a Vauxhall Omega. The one car that I had always dreamed of owning was the Jaguar XK 150 or the E Type, neither of which I could afford at the time. On retiring, I bought the nearest thing to the E Type - the XK 8 convertible. I purchased it as a demo model but had Brembo brakes, Detroit wheels, Alloy pack, Xenon lights etc added. In the 10 years that I have owned it I have used it as a daily car alongside my Vauxhall Omega, which I have



recently sold. I have used it as a daily cal alongstue my vauxian officia, which I have recently sold. I have yet to reach 60,000 miles although that is just around the corner. The car has been maintained throughout by Grange of Brentwood and I can say that I have been extremely lucky, she has run very well. My partner loves her and we do take her over to France on numerous occasions. If money was no object I would be able to afford the XK 150, as well as a Bentley Convertible in dark Blue with cream upholstery.



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#### THE HARE

June's meeting at The Hare was a somewhat smaller event, possibly due to the prospects of rain! It did, however, ensure parking to all that attended. There were the regular Porsches, Ferraris, and Astons. A lovely old Ford Model T built in Canada, turned up too.

### REMINDER

Don't forget our Christmas Dinner Dance is being held on Saturday 13 December at Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club. Many tickets have been sold and there are a few left. Please contact Helen & Steve Clark at hclark001@gmail.com. Tickets are £35:95 each. £10 deposit required please to Helen a.s.a.p.

Also on show, was this lovely Series 3 E-Type. Breakfast was excellent again, and due to the numbers, there were plenty of free Danish pastries left and coffee. *Next meeting Sat. 5th July @ 9am.* 



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#### **Stunning Day at Prescott Hill**

#### Jaguar Enthusiasts Club meeting at Prescott Hill Climb -Sunday 18th May 2014

The National Club held its Prescott Hill Climb on May 18th and were blessed with fantastic sunny weather, the hottest of the year so far. Over 350 Jaguars and other examples of cars turned up to enjoy the spectacle and the chance to tackle the famous hill. Our own Chris White joined in the fun as can be seen in the photo below.



### **Charity Donation**

Following our November Dinner Dance and subsequent donations from members and club raffles, the club has raised £500 for Macmillan Cancer Charity. On June's club night, Tony Beck, Barry & Jackie Myers, John Euesden, Armor-All, STP, Bilt-Hamber provided items for the raffle which raised the biggest amount so far of £140. Well done to all who attended and supported this worthy cause. It was unfortunate that a representative from

Macmillan Cancer Charity was unable to attend.

Macmillan Cancer Charity : 500-00



#### KENT REGION - KENT DAY 2014 - SUNDAY 17th AUGUST CHIDDINGSTONE CASTLE

A little treasure nestled in the Kent countryside, Chiddingstone Castle is well worth a visit to explore the eccentric and eclectic life and collections of the late antiquarian, Denys Eyre Bower, who owned the castle from 1955 to 1977. The 16<sup>th</sup> century county house displays the collection of Japanese, Ancient Egyptian, Buddhist, Staurt and Jacobite artefacts that he amassed over his interesting lifetime.

A new dimension for 2014 is The Streatfield Room, which gives visitors an insight into the history of the village, and life at the castle, under another set of owners, the Streatfield family, who lived there for 300 years.

A new garden, the "Fields of Eternity" designed to represent Ancient Egypt, will open on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2014 in the grounds, which are beautiful to explore in themselves.

The 2014 season sees Chiddingstone Castle gaining fully accredited museum status too.

#### PLEASE JOIN KENT REGION AT THEIR REGIONAL DAY Dedicated on site Jaguar Parking in Front of The Castle

Bring your own Picnic or There Is A Tea Room For Snacks & Cream Teas. Trophies will be awarded for Best Sports, Best Saloon and Car of the Day.

#### TICKETS ENTRY

Prices: Special Discounted Rate £8.00 per person, includes a private guided tour. Please contact Doug Warren if you wish to attend a.s.a.p.

#### HAVE YOU A RED V5?

The Driver Vehicle Licensing Agency is encouraging motorists that have a blue-coloured V5C Log Book to exchange it for a red one. But why? In 2006, a significant number of blank, blue, certificates



were stolen. Reference numbers range from BG8229501 to BG9999030 and BI2305501 to BI2800000. The concern is that a blank certificate – once in

05501 to B12800000. The concern is that a blank certificate – once in the hands of a criminal - could be used to make a stolen or cloned car look more legitimate. After all, a certificate contains a wide range of information such as its registration number, manufacturer, cylinder capacity, chassis number, fuel type, etc. The criminal could simply add whatever information suits. The Driver Vehicle Licensing Agency, therefore, replaced its blue certificate to minimise risk to the trade and buyers/sellers - so the red equivalent has been issued with new cars for some time. Furthermore, motorists with old cars have received the upgrade when applying for changes to the registration, such as a new address. However, there are still some that have the old-style blue certificate. That could alienate and alarm potential buyers. The Driver Vehicle Licensing Agency, after all, advises a buyer to reject a car with a blue certificate unless the owner upgrades it to red. This process is simple and free of charge.



#### BOOK TICKETS NOW

### FAVERSHAM TRANSPORT WEEKEND MAY 17 & 18

The cars, buses, bikes and boats came out in force and so did the sun and the people in their thousands! One of the things that makes the Transport Weekend really special is its quaint, historic, town location and it can also present challenges trying to fit everyone in! This year more people than ever took advantage of the free vintage bus rides on Saturday. On Sunday 18 May over 400 cars and motorbikes filled the streets of Faversham. 15 Essex Thameside club members ventured out early on that Sunday morning and met up in Dartford, before heading off to the A2 and to Faversham. It was a great possession of Jaguars. On the way down we overtook a long line of Morris Minors. That was a



bonus, as the area we had been allocated was full and they moved us in a disused garage forecourt which was ear marked for the moggies! The garage forecourt was big enough for all our cars and to top it all, had a sun shade - the garage canopy! The day was really hot, in comparison to the previous weekend at Battlesbridge. I am sure all members' partners enjoyed the day as most shops were open for browsing and

buying. The main streets in the town had the one off classics parked for viewing. There were some extraordinary cars parked up as the pictures opposite and below show.





A few members took advantage of the 'free' bus ride around the town. The town's history goes back a long way. Faversham is the only town in the UK to use the royal arms of England as its own. They appear on the town council's seal,

approved by the heraldic authorities. Faversham is one of the few places outside London where a king and his queen were buried. King Stephen (died 1154) and Queen Matilda (died 1152) were buried in Faversham Abbey. It has nearly 500 listed buildings, many medieval. Abbey Street is considered England's finest medieval street. It has a magnificent collection of town charters dating from 1252 to 1685, many of which came to the town as a member of the Cinque Ports. It includes the copy of Magna Carta, acquired independently by the town in 1300. This is undoubtedly the finest collection of any town in Britain still in the physical possession of the Mayor and council. The document, thought to

be worth up to £20 million, is normally kept securely locked away – but under the watchful eyes of

Faversham Society stewards, it was able to be viewed by members of the public for a limited six-hour period.



In 2015 Faversham will be part of the national celebrations to mark the 800th Anniversary of the sealing of the Magna Carta at Runnymede. Work has already started to incorporate the celebrations into the "Transport through the Ages" weekend. Heather Brown, one of the organisers has written to me regarding next year's event and apologised for the inconvenience we had parking up on the day, although to be honest, the garage forecourt suited most of us as stated before, we were under the shade of the garage canopy. She said,"Next year is our 20th year of the Faversham Car Show and along with Faversham Town celebrating the 'Magna Carta' it is going to be bigger and better, and would be a shame for you all to miss out." She can be rest assured, I think, that we will not be missing it next year. To finish off, the finale to the day was that Richard Gibby was presented 'Best Car of the Show' sponsored by Macknade Fine Foods. Well done Richard. **Essex Rules OK**!!!





<b>REGIONAL EVENTS</b> /OTHER EVENTS				
MONTH				LOCATION
				2014
JUL	TUES	1st	8pm	CLUB NIGHT: LANGDON HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
JUL	SUN	6th	Display	20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Matching Green Classic & Sports Car Club's Annual Show. They are celebrating their 20th anniversary. Just let Jon Rome know if you're going. <i>mgcsccshow@gmail.com</i>
JUL	SUN	6th	8am Display	<b>THE MALDON MOTOR SHOW/CLASSICS ON THE PROM.</b> Sorry, not supported by club due to no organiser available
JUL	SUN	13th		CRESSING TEMPLE CAR SHOW Passes available from Doug Warren at July Club meeting or can be sent.
JUL	SAT	19th		ESSEX POLICE MUSIC FESTIVAL Free Event. Please advise Doug Warren if you with to attend. Limited space.
AUG	SUN	3rd	Display	<b>25TH CLUB ANNIVERSARY BAR-B-QUE</b> Please advise Doug Warren if you wish to attend as we need to arrange sufficient food for all members. <i>dwarren169@btinternet.com or 01245 261810</i>
AUG	TUES	5th	8pm	CLUB NIGHT: LANGDON HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
AUG	SUN	17th	Display	<b>KENT REGION JAGUAR DAY</b> Chiddingstone Castle. Please see or contact Doug Warren. Entry £8 per person including guided tour. Advance application needed.
AUG	SUN	31st	1pm Display	<b>RUNSQUIBBRUN CHARITY CAR MEET</b> Member, John Squibb's daughter Haydn, is running for the Anthony Nolan charity in the London Marathon and has organised a charity car meet at Thurrock. She has asked for 10 Jaguar cars to join her at the meet at Unit 2 Thurrock Commercial Centre on this day. Please let Doug Warren know if you can join in the fun.
SEPT	TUES	2nd	8pm	CLUB NIGHT: LANGDON HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
SEPT	SUN	28th		28th Grand Motorbilia Day - Battlesbridge Tickets are £5 - Please request them via Doug Warren
NATIONAL EVENTS			NTS	
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SEPT	SUN	7th	By 11AM	JAGUARS AT THE CASTLE This popular event returns for its third year at Warwick Castle. A fantastic deal to enter the castle and its grounds as well as attractions put on by the Club. Don't miss this chance to experience one of the UK's premier attractions and park in its fabulous grounds. Just £12 for car and ALL passengers and just turn up on the day!!!!



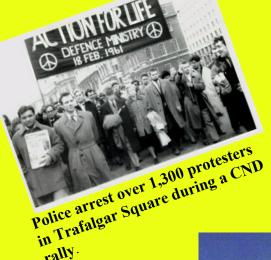
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TV Series, The Avengers began and ran until 1969. First series included Patrick Macnee and Honor Blackman.

The Beatles performed their first gig at the infamous Cavern Club, Liverpool. TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

**Tottenham Hotspur becomes the first** English football team this century, and only the third in history, to win the double of the league title and FA Cup

Prince Edward, Duke of Kent, marries Katharine Worsley at York Minster.

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH CAR SHOW SATURDAY 14 JUNE.

The day started off very overcast and slightly drizzling. However, we did manage to attract 10 members to display their cars for the event. It really is a small show but one that we shall continue to support due to its location in the North Thames Region. My thanks goes to all who assisted with the erection of the gazebo, banners and flags, in particular Ray Holder who arranged collection and delivery of the club items to the site. I wondered how we were going to get all items into a small Fiesta van, but we did! Nice to see Charlie & Irene Catchpole back to the club with their rather nice X300 and new member, Barry Nash's XK8.

STATES -

## NORTH WEALD FLY-IN SUNDAY 15 JUNE

Early start again on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June with similar weather as the previous day. It was the first time visit for the club to North Weald's 'Fly-In' where various small aircraft flew in from various places around the UK including Biggin Hill in Kent. We were the only car club present and had centre stage in a roped off area. Various aircraft type stalls surrounded the area. We did see a Hurricane and Spitfire from WWII which took off and flew around the airfield before returning. For the plane spotters amongst us, it was an interesting day and for the 'plane spotter' visitors who had their cameras and note books it was obviously a highlight of their day taking down the registration numbers of the planes. It was so enthralling, I thought I might follow suit and take down the registrations of those Jaguar cars present!!!! "Oh, EDG 111C, an E-Type Jag, XTB 673H, a Jag 420G!!!!" Lol.





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### Long Weekend in Bristol - May 2014, by Russell Smedley

Eight club members went to Bristol for a long weekend to visit the Haynes museum. First stop, fuel fill up near Reading (Neil's direction skills came to the fore as it took him a while to find his way out of the petrol station). Shortly after we had lunch at a lovely pub I know on the A33, "The Jekyll and Hyde". We all got to Bristol in



at the end of the line stood the "SS Great Britain" locked up safe for the night. One friend we made on the way was a crew hand on the "Earl of Pembroke" which is a copy of the "Endeavour". What a character; it turns out he used to own an XJS and spent a lot of his time crewing tall ships. Although the ship looked old, it was made in 1945. It is soon to star in the "Alice in Wonderland 2" movie and has appeared in "The Pirates of the Caribbean". We returned on Saturday to go aboard the "Earl of Pembroke" before it set sail on Monday.

in convoy with Neil leading and me at the back. The Jag's built in 'satnav' took us straight to the hotel but Neil's had him and Chris turning round at the last moment to miss the entrance to the NCP car park. The first night we headed to a push bike shop for dinner!!! It's situated on the river hence the name "Mud Dock". It has a cycle themed restaurant upstairs and a cycle shop down, strange but true. Other than some over excited screaming girls (no this was not about us visiting), it was great. Later, we walked along the river and



On Saturday morning we all set off to the Haynes Museum. It took just over an hour with no mishaps other than the postcode being about 200 yards out for the museum but it's on a country road with nothing else around. Amongst all the old buildings and dry stone walls, the museum is a brand new build, very modern and clean. It claims to contain the largest collection of vehicles in the UK at over 400. There are lots of halls and themed displays e.g. a red hall with all red sports cars, Jags, Yanks, Brit Bikes, Fords, Customs, old cars going back to the end of the 1800s. There were all the types of Jags including a very rare XKSS(one of 18), an XJ220, 2 E-Types, Mk8 420G, XK120 and 150s etc. One of the customs was a model T with a V12 Jag lump, a Weber choke for every cylinder and a chrome exhaust. It's well worth a visit if you are in the area.

On the way back Chris's E type had a misfire which was helped by trimming the HT leads to get a better contact. It still needs a little TLC. So much so that I offered Chris £100 to take it off his hands. I'm sure he agreed so I will have to bring some cash to the next club night. With 3 of us under the bonnet we got some comments from the girls, something akin to how many blokes does it take to change a spark plug. Saturday evening we decided to try the hotel's restaurant which overlooks the riverside for the evening meal; the food and service were excellent.



Sunday we set off with Chris and Marise to see "SS Great Britain." It's an all day job to get round it all properly with loads of interactive demos and a free documentary type audio guide. It has 3 decks to explore and loads of lifelike dummies (not us) at various points with everything from someone using a sick bucket, the captain, ship's surgeon, diners in the first class areas etc. The engine is turning over and as you get off it's even got animals and food stores being loaded dockside. It's very much a living type of exhibit and well worth a visit. Mandy and I left at midday to visit friends in Hampshire but the others stayed until Monday.

We had great weather, a great time, great company and the cars all behaved (more or less).



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