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Chairman's Message

Hi All,

As the year draws to a close, we do hope that you have enjoyed the events that took place this year. We are now looking ahead to 2015 and hope to have a few more 'new' events to visit. Already, I am planning to attend the Bromley Pageant of Motoring which is to be held on Sunday 7 June. Please mark your diaries up accordingly. We have limited space for this show, so it will be on a first come, first served basis. The cost of entry is just £5, for the car, driver and one passenger.

Battlesbridge in May will be classed as our 'Annual Regional Event', provided the Council do not get their way with the enforcement notice to stop all Battlesbridge Shows. The organisers have an appeal in place and we do not expect to hear anything until the Spring 2015.

Car club window inserts have been produced for members to display in their cars where the tax disc once was placed. These will be distributed over the coming months. One per member. If you would like to have more, they will be a nominal charge of £0.50p which will contribute towards the cost of these items. There are two versions available, either round or oval. See examples below.

Finally, don't forget to come along to the December Club Night and feast on the Christmas delights we have in store for ALL members. Also, as well as our normal raffle, I am running a quiz night with a brand new digital SLR camera as the main prize! I will try not to make it too difficult but there can only be one winner!!!

Doug Warren Chairman

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Sept 2010

Best Club Stand
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Best Club Stand
Grand Motorbilia Day
Sept 2012

Best Club Stand
Battlesbridge Classic Car
Show May 2014



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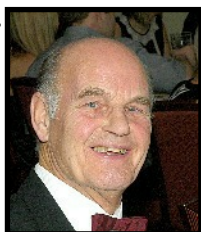
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(Groups of 10 or more)	•per person

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THE FOX @ FINCHINGFIELD



Sunday Lunch at The Fox, Finchingfield Sunday 26th October.

Doug asked if I could arrange a Sunday lunch for us during this autumn, so after much thought and asking other members, I decided to book this lovely pub, in the picturesque village of Finchingfield.

The owner, Keith, owns a Jaguar, which is very distinctive, with its model of a dog on the bonnet!

So, 17 of us had a lovely drive through the lanes of north Essex, to arrive for lunch at 12 noon.

We had chosen from the menu beforehand, however the prices were a little bit dearer than our local pub, but the food was absolutely fabulous, and well worth the extra couple of pounds. Keith told us that virtually all the food was homemade, and it certainly was noticeable. Costing just under £19 for a Main and starter or sweet, I think it was terrific value for money. We were made very welcome by Keith and his staff.

If you decide to visit the Fox for Sunday lunch, I suggest you pre-book, as it seems to be a very popular place *Mary Monk*



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I have a little Satnav; I've had it all my life
It's better than the normal ones, my Satnav is my wife.

It gives me full instructions, especially how to drive
"Its sixty miles an hour", it says, "You're doing sixty five".

It tells me when to stop and start, and when to use the brake
and tells me that it's never ever, safe to overtake.

It tells me when a light is red, and when it goes to green
It seems to know instinctively, just when to intervene.

It lists the vehicles just in front, and all those to the rear
And taking this into account, it specifies my gear.

I'm sure no other driver has so helpful a device
For when we leave and lock the car, it still gives its advice.

It fills me up with counselling, each journey's pretty fraught
So why don't I exchange it, and get a quieter sort?

Ah well, you see, it cleans the house, makes sure I'm properly fed
It washes all my shirts and things, and keeps me warm in bed!

Despite all these advantages, and my tendency to scoff,
I only wish that now and then, I could turn the bugger off.



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JAGUAR F TYPE



It's hard not to like the Jaguar F-type. Just ask

Jeremy Clarkson, who describes the F-type V8 S as "like meeting a new, very pretty girlfriend and then discovering over time that she is also extremely bright and can cook and change the hydraulic pump on a 1975 Citroën SM".

Yet Hennessey, the maker of the Venom F5, one of the world's fastest cars, has decided that the Jaguar could be better (read: faster) still. So the American car maker and tuning outfit has launched a range of upgrades for the F-type R flagship that are said to increase power to 623bhp. The package from the company, whose slogan is "Making fast cars faster since 1991", is called the Hennessey HPE600 upgrade. As well as raising the power of the supercharged V8 engine by 80bhp, it boosts the torque from 501 to 568 lb ft.

The result is that Hennessey's version of the R will accelerate from 0 to 62mph in 3.5 seconds, which is a significant improvement over the "standard" model's time of 4.2 seconds.

To give some meaning to those numbers, there is a video on line to watch the car on a drag strip in the USA. See www.youtube.com/watch?v=4v3pq1jnLtY

At the time of going to press, no price had been announced for the conversion kit, and Hennessey was unable to confirm whether it could supply it to UK customers and if the three-year warranty (up to 36,000 miles) would apply here. The standard Jaguar F-type R costs £85,000.

Just to compare the two F Type 'R's':

Standard Jaguar F Type R:

5.0 LITRE V8 550 SUPERCHARGED

0-60mph in 4.0 seconds

Top Speed: 186mph

Torque 501 lb ft.

Hennessey HPE600 Jaguar F Type R

5.0 LITRE V8 623 SUPERCHARGED

0-60mph in 3.5 seconds

190mph +

568 lb ft.



A WALKTHROUGH THE HAYNES MUSEUM

Back in May, some of us, namely Russell and Mandy, Chris and Marise, Roger and Miriam together with Sue and myself, ventured down to Yeovil, in Somerset to experience the famous Haynes International Motor Museum. Take a look at Russell's report in the June Newsletter for further details.

For this article, I thought it would be good to give you a flavour of what you will enjoy by taking a quick breeze through some of the delights on offer. The vehicles, mainly British/European and American are housed in a new purpose built facility. All are driven as much as possible. The Museum Trust restores and maintains the exhibits, which also include an excellent collection of motor cycles. The displays are divided over ten "Halls", each depicting a different period of motoring evolution from the Dawn of Motoring, in Hall 1 to the Millennium Hall populated by future collectibles – they have an XJS and an XKR in there, so start investing! Not all the space is dedicated to the automobile, you can visit the motor cycle section, relive your early days in the pedal cars area and become all nostalgic over the Dinky and Corgi toys collections.

So, what floated this visitor's boat? Well, straight away, in the spacious, and thankfully uncluttered foyer, stood the best Mustang Convertible that I have ever seen, paired with an AC which looked to be in original condition. Chris liked that one! Once into the main museum, you are met by the vehicles representing the Dawn of Motoring with enough Edwardian carriages to keep Downton Abbey in business for a good few series. All very sedate. By contrast, as you walk from this Hall your senses are assailed by the vibrant Red Room. Why Red Room, simply because all the exhibits are red! To quote from the guide, "displaying such a variety of performance cars in this way brings to the fore the art of sports car styling, without allowing the most prominent of design features, that of colour, to become an overriding factor in the appeal of a vehicle". Hmm, whatever, they're red and it looks good! It's not surprising that red has been the most popular colour choice for sports cars since the 1950's when you look upon a sea of red AC's, Triumph's, MG's, Healey's, from Britain with European delights such as Porsche (that one's for you, Vaughn), Alfa Romeo, Ferrari's and Facel Vega. All good stuff, but for out and out WOW factor, the red Lamborghini Countach hits the spot head on.

Moving into Hall 4, we see the Brits and the Yanks. It is a place of contrasts, from fins to minis, from Stanley Steamers to Aston Martins. Do not miss this one. Custom and kit cars are well represented in Hall 6 from a '58 Royal Mail Moggy van (well, sort of) to a 90's Jag based Kougar. Motor Sport resides in Hall 7, with Michael Schumacher's 96 Ferrari F1 Type F310 (DC). For me, the star of this Hall is the iconic Bugatti Type 35B. This 1926 racer was massively successful in competition and won 12 Grand Prix in that year alone. Truly elegant and beautifully functional.

Sixty years of British marques are celebrated in Hall 8 and will be familiar to those of us who used to drive around in these slow, basic dated but loveable machines. Wallow in nostalgia as you feast on such stalwarts as the "Bullnose" Morris Cowley, the Morris 8, a Riley RMA, Rover "Cyclops", Wolsey 6/80, Sunbeam Talbot, Ford Pop, Jowett Javelin, and the reps delight, a Consul Lowline. Hall 9 has motor cycles to die for including; BSA, Francis Barnett, Triumph, Velocette, AJS, Norton, Brough and many more. All going strong until they invented Japan. Maybe the same could be said for some of the cars!

Hall 5 was number one for me. You really must see this one. Featuring the USA Timeline, the Jaguar Collection and some of the rarest Americans this side of the pond. The pioneering spirit of the last century is represented here, with Daimlers, Lanchesters, Rolls and Bentley. William Lyons' contribution is recognised by the Jaguar Display with XK's, E Types, Mk 5 and 8, 420G, and many more. It was in the States that the automobile really came into its own and no more so than with the Ford Model T one of the best sellers of all time. Admire the lovely 1915 example on display here not far from the imposing 1931 Cadillac Model 452 V16 Madame X, one of only 300 built. Some of the best pre Depression motors were built in Indiana and the Hall sports three of these with a '37 Cord 812 Westchester Sedan, an Auburn 852 Supercharged Boat Tail Speedster and the hugely impressive 1931 Duesenberg Model J Derham bodied Tourster. Along with Cadillac, and Packard, Duesenberg produced some of America's finest quality automotive achievements. The Tourster had a 6,816 cc twin cam, straight-eight below the bonnet, its 320 horses capable of pulling over two and a half tons of metal to well over 120mph. This example is one of only eight Model J Toursters built. The total Model J production amounted to 481 of which about 378 survive. The car on show is the only one outside the USA and, some say that the Owners Club over there tried to block its export, but, by some subterfuge, it was spirited to the UK to become the museum's most valuable asset.

There is much more to see at the museum and my sprint through the Halls in these pages does not do justice to such a collection. So, why not take the Jag down to Yeovil and make a weekend of it?

Neil Shanley

A VERY SMALL SAMPLE OF THE CARS AT THE HAYNES MUSEUM





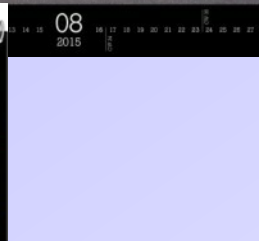
REGIONAL EVENTS /OTHER EVENTS				
MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
DEC	TUES	2nd	8pm	CLUB NIGHT: LANGDON HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB Christmas buffet, raffle and Quiz night. Big prizes.
DEC	SAT	13th	7pm	CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club. FULL
2015				
JAN	TUES	6th	8pm	CLUB NIGHT: LANGDON HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
FEB	TUES	3rd	8pm	CLUB NIGHT: LANGDON HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
MAR	TUES	3rd	8pm	CLUB NIGHT: LANGDON HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
MAR	SAT	14th	9:30am	MEGUIAR'S SEMINAR - Daventry, Northampton. See details within this newsletter.
APR	TUES	7th	8pm	CLUB NIGHT: LANGDON HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
MAY	TUES	5th	8pm	CLUB NIGHT: LANGDON HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
MAY	SUN	10th	10am	CLASSIC CAR SHOW AND AUTOJUMBLE PROVISIONAL DUE TO COUNCIL ENFORCEMENT
JUN	TUES	2nd	8am	CLUB NIGHT: LANGDON HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
JUN	FRI	19th/ 22nd	FULL	DEAUVILLE, FRANCE - MEMBERS LONG WEEKEND BREAK
NATIONAL EVENTS				
2015				
MAR	SAT	7th	9am	Jaguar V12 Engine Seminar - Jaguar Factory Castle Bromwich The cost is £60 for JEC members and £80 for non-members Go to: www.jec.org.uk/latest-news/1163/two-new-winter-seminars-announced.html or call 0117 969 8186
MAR	SAT	21st	9am	AJ6/AJ16 Engine Seminar - Jaguar Factory Castle Bromwich The cost is £60 for JEC members and £80 for non-members. Go to: www.jec.org.uk/latest-news/1163/two-new-winter-seminars-announced.html or call 0117 969 8186
APR	SUN	26th	8:30am	JAGUAR WORLD/JAGUAR ENTHUSIASTS' CLUB LONDON TO BRIGHTON RUN Details to follow.
MAY	SAT/ SUN	16th/ 17th	10:00	EASTERN DAY Ickworth House Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, Volunteers required to assist with the show. Please let Doug Warren know if you are available to assist.



8th - 11th January 2015

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12 December for delivery by
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Update: Calendar format
slightly different to examples,
although same pictures used.

REPORT FROM THE JEC AGM MEETING SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

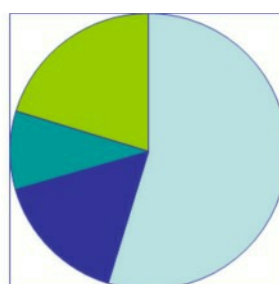
A lot was discussed regarding where the club is now. The first thing talked about was the current national membership, which has reduced to just over 15,000. Some years ago, the club was promoting the fact on the club magazine, that their national membership was over 20,000!

In 2006, the club invested £200,000 of the club's funds in a property deal in Germany. The club is claiming that it received bad investment advice and the club, along with a number of other investors, has made a claim against the financial advisor. The claim is now being considered by the Financial Ombudsman, which is the highest authority. The club is trying to recover all of its investment plus interest. Whilst things are looking hopeful there is some way to go to actually securing any money

This financial year, (2013/2014), we have ended the year at a loss. Reduction in members, reduced advertising revenue and insurance income has added to the financial situation, as well as the club having arranged their 30 year celebrations at Thoresby Hall, a free for all members event. All these items have contributed to the loss the club has incurred this year.

SOURCES OF INCOME

- Membership income fell from £563,727 to £526,242.
- Advertising (net) income fell from £153,682 to £151,961.
- Insurance schemes income fell from £91,695 to £87,797, but levels may recover with Footman James launching their menu style premiums.

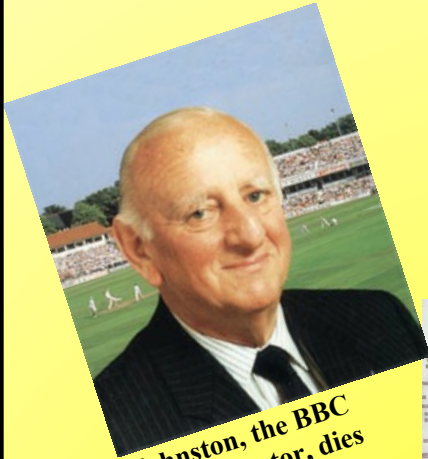


Obviously, the club cannot sustain these losses and all areas of the club expenditure and income has been looked at. Salaried staff have had their wages frozen and club car allowances have been reduced from 45p per mile to 40p per mile. Jaguar Racing budget has been reduced and no computer development was undertaken. Gift shop/Tools and Spares revenue was again down and the Directors faced a dilemma - they needed to address the losses but equally wished to sustain the Gift Shop and the Tools & Spares (including tool hire) operations as a valued services to members. The Directors decided to sell the Tools & Spares operation to Carlton Autos Ltd, owned by Ken Jenkins. This presented him with the opportunity to integrate it with his spares operation and gain economies of scale. The sale was completed on 1st April 2014.

Club	Renewal Fee	Printed Magazine	On-line Magazine	Family included
E-Type/XK	62.00	Yes	Yes	No
JDC	56.00	Yes	Yes	Yes
DLOC	55.50	Yes	No	Yes
MGCC	54.00	Yes	No	Yes
TSSC	49.50	Yes	No	Yes
XK8	40.00	No	Qtrly	?
Jaguar World	46.90	Yes	No	No
JEC	37.00	Yes	Yes	Yes

Another area that was considered, was membership fees. A chart of similar clubs fees was produced. The Chairman of the national club indicated that the club was proposing that membership fees should be increased by an extra £3 a year as we were still competitive with our prices against similar clubs. However, after much discussion with the various regional club Chairman's present, the majority felt that an increase of £5 per year would be more appropriate and better assist the club with their financial situation. This was voted on and carried. Further details of the AGM will likely appear in the January national club magazine.

1994



Brian Johnston, the BBC cricket commentator, dies aged 81.



Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean win the British ice-dancing championship at the Sheffield Arena



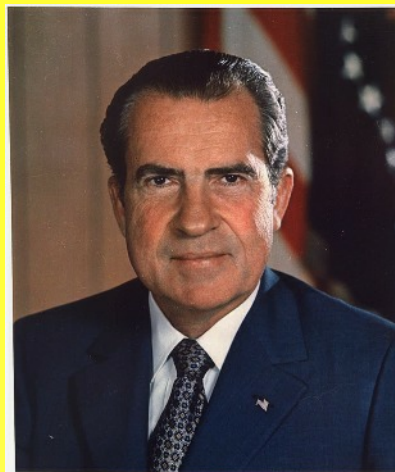
The Jaguar XJ (X300) is a luxury saloon manufactured by Jaguar Cars between 1994 and 1997. It was the first XJ produced entirely under Ford ownership.



Michael Schumacher wins his first Formula One World Championship



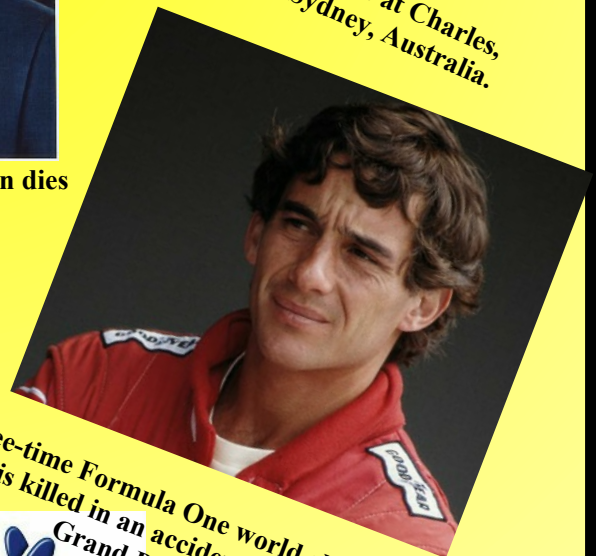
A man fires 2 blank shots at Charles, Prince of Wales in Sydney, Australia.



Ex-President Richard Nixon dies in New York City



Wet Wet Wet's cover of the song 'Love Is All Around' spends 15 consecutive weeks at number one in the UK Singles Chart



Three-time Formula One world champion Ayrton Senna is killed in an accident during the San Marino Grand Prix in Imola, Italy.



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