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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hi All,

As I write this message, I have just come back from the Battlesbridge show. What a show it was too, brilliant weather, excellent displays of Jaguars and I appreciate all members that turned up and made it a memorable day. A short report is included in this newsletter with a further report and picture in next month's edition.

So, the next event will be Faversham on 21<sup>st</sup> May, which **Mary Monk** has organised. I hope to report on this next month too.

June will be a busy month with The Hare at Roxwell, Chelmsford on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June, St. Peter's Church Motor Show on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June and finally, The Springhouse Classic Car Show and Fun Day at Corringham on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Make sure you are signed up for these if you are free.

Our next *BIG* show will be Maldon on 3<sup>rd</sup> July and Club Secretary, **Vaughn High**, is organising. If enough XK8/R club members attend, then we will have a similar 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary display to that of Battlesbridge. Club member, David Ogg, has generously offered to have a post show bar-b-que in his rear garden (a stone's throw from Maldon showground). David has asked me to invite all members and partners displaying at the Maldon show to his bar-b-que. What a fitting end to the day and generous gesture, for which we appreciate.

So I again look forward to meeting members at our monthly club meet on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm at Langdon Hills Golf Club.

*Doug Warren, Chairman & Editor*

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# A.G.M. RESULTS

Following our AGM on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, all existing committee members shown on Page 2 of this newsletter were re-elected to their existing positions. However, due to my notification of resignation at the end of the season, there will be an extraordinary meeting called in September when a new Chairman, Vice Chairman and Events Co-ordinator will need to be elected. I would ask all members to consider these posts and a description of what will be required of them was in last month's newsletter and can also be viewed on the club website.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Since May 2015, we attended the two Battlesbridge shows, Eastern Day at Bury St. Edmunds, Hertmonceux in company with East Sussex JEC, Maldon Car Show, Cressing Temple, Porsche Boat Trip at Ipswich, Helmingham Car Show, Saffron Walden Car Show, The Summer Bar-B-Q, JEC Race meeting at Brands Hatch, and of course our French trip to Deauville.

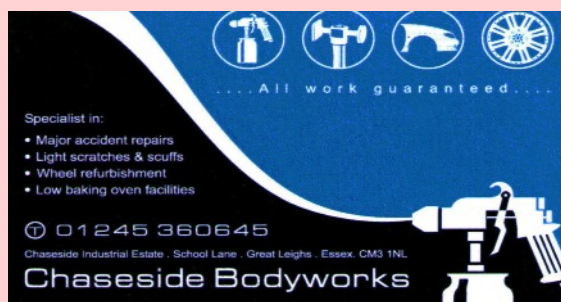
Grange Motors again supported us with a demo XE & XF at a number of our events which always brings in extra visitors to our stand.

As with previous years, the club is going from strength to strength with more participation from our membership at events and new members coming along to our club evenings. Gill Cain updated membership numbers, which is holding steady.

I would again like to thank the club members for their support over the past year in particular those that assisted with the collection and delivery of the club stand to the shows and for those that assisted with the setting up and dismantling the stand. Also, my thanks go to those members that contributed to our monthly newsletter, which always makes interesting reading and helps me. Our website is another media link and is always interesting to read. I thank Richard Gibby for his input in making this a fantastic website. My appreciation also goes to the committee members for their support in running the club, for which without them, there would be no club.

This year, we have a number of events planned and would hope that you, the members, will support the club in putting on a fine display of your cars, as without them we would have no shows.

At the end of the summer season in September this year, I have decided to stand down as Chairman, with the hope that another club member can take the helm and steer the club further into making it one of the best clubs within the JEC. I will however, continue as Editor of the newsletter. Finally, my thanks go to Ray Berris for his role as Membership Secretary over recent years and in appreciation, the club presented him with an Amazon Fire and flowers for his wife Barbara.



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# CHISLEHURST CAVES

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 41 members met up at Thurrock services for the "Drive-It" Day event. Every year Drive It Day (DiD) is purposefully held on the Sunday nearest to 23 April. Why? Because it commemorates the 64 cars that left London on the first day of the Thousand Mile Trial on 23 April 1900. For the 2016 event, the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs have agreed with FIVA (Fédération Internationale des Véhicules Anciens) that DiD will be designated part of the FIVA World Motoring Heritage Year. World Motoring Heritage Year has been declared during 2016 to mark FIVA's fiftieth anniversary but more importantly to raise awareness of the enormous heritage value that lies in historic vehicles preserved by thousands of enthusiasts around the world. It has long been an ambition of FIVA and its member national federations, to gain recognition for the heritage value of historic vehicles and marking World Motoring heritage Year through events held around the globe will be a powerful demonstration of the breadth and depth of enthusiasm for our mobile heritage. Essex Thameside Region supported this event by arranging a trip to Chislehurst Caves in Kent and to visit Polhill Nursery near Sevenoaks, followed by a carvery at The Grasshopper in Westerham.

Unfortunately, Steve & Carol Perryman fell at the first hurdle by breaking down at the M25/A2 junction and had to be recovered back home. Those that did make it had an enjoyable day out. The caves were interesting and the guide very informative. During WWII people from around the area, paid 1d a night or 6d a night, to sleep in the caves, to stay safe from the bombings from the Germans.



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## A DAY AT AMERICA'S CAR MUSEUM - PART ONE

Some of you may know that Sue and I visit Seattle regularly to catch up with our eldest daughter who lives out there on the West coast. It's a great place to be with an abundance of sights to see and places to go – from the futuristic Space Needle, built for the Seattle World's Fair in 1962 to the vast Boeing factory where, amongst others, the new composite-bodied 787 Dreamliner is assembled. There is,

however, one destination that I have held high on my wish list for some time – The LeMay America's Car Museum in Tacoma. And it was during our February stay that the wish became reality!

Tacoma is a port-city, 32 miles South West of Seattle on Washington's Puget Sound and is the county seat of Pierce County, Washington. Following a decline in the latter part of the last century, Tacoma is now in rude health. Here you can find art galleries, Washington University and a restored urban water front area. Should you be into glass sculptures, visit the Museum of Glass featuring the works of Dale Chihuly – a Tacoma native whose pieces you can see displayed across the globe. Don't miss them! It's not the museums that many people will associate with this city, but the famous (infamous?) Tacoma Narrows Bridge – or "Galloping Gertie" as it became known locally. Opened to traffic on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1940, it collapsed spectacularly into the water below on 7<sup>th</sup> November of that year. It's text book stuff and for those civil engineers amongst us, it is an example of elementary forced resonance at play, where the 40 mph wind blowing at the time, provided the external periodic frequency that matched the bridge's natural structural frequency causing the wild undulations ending in its collapse. Lessons learnt from this failure have influenced designs of long-span bridges built since the forties. Catch up with the video on U Tube. As a footnote, neither the car (couldn't tell the make) nor the dog inside made it!

Upon hearing of our plans to visit that city, our daughter's friend said, "Ah, the aroma of Tacoma", whilst wrinkling her nose. Said to be as a result of pulp and paper mills, rendering plants and an oil refinery, this odour, although now greatly reduced, is noticeable around the Tide Flats region. We didn't really believe this, but upon alighting the bus, roses and lavender were not the first thoughts that came to mind. However this was all forgotten, for, after a short walk from the bus station, the silver roof of our destination, snaking across a huge car park, loomed into view like some prehistoric earth boring



creature. Situated opposite the Tacoma Dome, the Museum opened its doors in 2012, and it's taken us four years to get round to visiting it...but it was worth the wait!

Harold LeMay started out before the WW2 with a scrap business which grew into a large and successful refuse collection company in the area. He loved cars and would never turn down the opportunity to purchase an interesting example. It is said that he encouraged his employees to advise him of any such item they saw on their collection rounds, and if he subsequently bought the vehicle, that employee would receive a \$100 finder's fee. Eventually, he and his wife, Nancy, amassed the largest privately owned collection of vehicles and associated memorabilia in the world. With over 3000 cars, vans and pick-ups, the collection is mainly of American origin, and clearly shows the dominance of the US auto industry in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Funded by donation, including \$15M from his widow, Nancy, the museum is said to have cost a cool \$100M to build.

Well, enough of the history lesson, so what's inside? Quite a lot, actually. Gift shops, restoration workshops, lecture halls, a café, galleries, oh, and around 500 cars set over four floors with names including; Luck's Garage, Speed Zone and Club Auto, all accessed via ramps, similarly attired with mouth-watering American metal reflecting the names of the ramps – Route 66, Master Collectors, Nascar and Custom Coachworks - brilliant! It beats going to Tesco's for a loaf of bread. It's tempting to repeat the old cliché, "there is too much to mention here" – well, there is, and I did! So now we will take a gentle stroll through the halls and I'll pick up on some of the exhibits which caught my eye.



The Entrance is a great place to start and in the foyer resplendent in metallic cobalt blue sat a '58 Cadillac Coupe de Ville. It had been lightly breathed upon, as evidenced by the body sitting some four inches lower on the frame, not that you'd notice. The rest was original right down to the tasteful turquoise leather. Having paid a very reasonable entry fee, and been offered free parking, we arrived at the Plaza Level, the top floor Showcase gallery, displaying some of the best American muscle cars ever to leave Detroit. Take in the '64 Pontiac GTO convertible. Originally an option pack for the Tempest Le Mans, (GTO stood for Gran Turismo Omologato), in which Pontiac dropped a 389 cubic inch 306 hp V8 into their mid-sized offering thus creating probably the first muscle car.



Others soon followed; Buick with their 1966 Skylark Gran Sport powered by a Wildcat 401 cu. inch under the hood. Nearby another Buick, named the Wildcat, was being displayed. This one with a difference – it was fibreglass – an experiment with the alternative to steel. It didn't catch on. Oldsmobile are represented by a '72 Hurst/Oldsmobile pace car – one of only 629 built. Developed by Hurst Performance, it was the only time an Indianapolis Pace Car was not sponsored by the manufacturer. This beauty had a 455 cu. inch V8 hitched to a 3-speed automatic power train which pumped out 340 bhp. Rubbing fenders with a Dodge Charger (where would a collection be without one of those?) where GM's Chevy Camarro SS and Ford's Mustangs. Alongside was a delightful Daytona yellow Plymouth Road Runner – complete with the Looney Tunes speedy critter along its flanks. There is so much more, including examples from lesser known brands such as American Motors, but I cannot finish this section without a mention of the car that



pushed the Jaguar Mk2 from its racing pedestal – the Ford Galaxie. There were two examples, a white saloon and my favourite, a metallic maroon 7 litre convertible. It was a '66 Galaxie



500 with a 428cu. inch V8 and a Cruise-O-Matic 3 speed auto box. It could do 122mph and get to 60mph in 7.6 seconds, not bad in those days. Jay Leno has one. I don't think our Austin Cambridge quite matched it somehow.

We'll go down to Lucky's Garage next, but before you leave, turnaround and look out of that huge window and take in the panorama of the Tacoma Harbour, docks and industrial skyline. Not a wobbly bridge in sight!

Level 3 is accessed via the Custom Coachworks ramp which is no less spectacular than the floor it leads from. For me it is of great interest since it is dedicated to the American Coachbuilders of the first third of the last century. Spaced between the war years, it evokes times of glamour, Hollywood Stars, the Roaring Twenties, bootleg booze, cocktails, Elliot Ness, Speakeasy's, the rich and famous living the dream – and the Carrossiers who placed those dreams on wheels. Now long gone, they are nevertheless names that will forever evoke that unique slice of American history. Come with me next time and see what they had to

offer. **Neil Shanley**



# BATTLESBRIDGE CLASSIC CAR SHOW

The season of shows took off on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May at Battlesbridge with 34 Jaguars on display, the biggest turnout of Jaguars we have seen displayed by our club members. The display included 14 XK8's & R's to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary since it's production in 1996. We also had an F-Pace loaned to us by Grange Motors, which again became the focus of attention at our stand. These are selling really well, according to Matthew Overall, Head of Business at Grange Motors and I understand, orders placed now will not be available until November 2016. That says a lot about Jaguar's new SUV. The motoring press have been rating it quite highly.

Member, Neil Wylie also brought along his "time warped" XJ40 saloon which he purchased at the end of last year. This was, I believe, the first showing of the car which was immaculate as, since



production in 1989, it has covered just 4,000 miles. The car looked as if it had just come off the production



line. Neil is taking this beauty to France on the club Reims trip, so will clock up a few more miles!!!

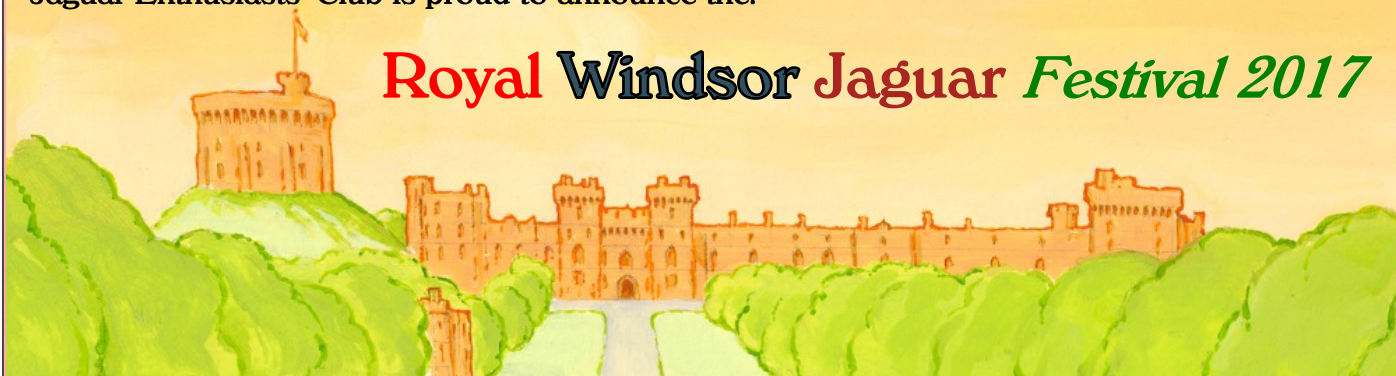
Also, present, for the first time, was member Paul Symeou's lovely XJS which has had a nut and bolt restoration in 2010.

There will be a further report and more photo's in next month's newsletter.



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JUN	FRI/ MON	10 <sup>th</sup> / 13 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Long Weekend in Reims</b> Club European Tour staying at the Mercure Hotel in Reims. <b>FULLY BOOKED</b>
JUN	SAT	18 <sup>th</sup>	10am	<b>St. Peter's Church Car Show.</b> Organised by the 'petrol-heads' of St. Peter's Church, Harold Wood's local parish church. Our aims are simple, have fun, look at pretty cars, do something for the community, and raise money for London's Air Ambulance. Go to: <a href="http://www.stpeterscarshow.co.uk/booking">http://www.stpeterscarshow.co.uk/booking</a> and register. Make sure you select Essex Thameside Region when using the drop down menu.
JUN	SUN	26 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	<b>Corringham Classic Car Festival</b> Book directly with member Gary Mitchell at: <a href="http://btinternet.com">corringhamclassicarshow@btinternet.com</a> Entry pass is £4:00 PLEASE ENSURE YOU MENTION THAT YOU ARE MEMBERS OF THE JEC ESSEX THAMESIDE REGION.
JUL	SUN	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8am	<b>Maldon Car Show. "Classics on the Promenade"</b> Entry fee £3. All display vehicles to be in place by 8am. Please contact Vaughn High for passes at Vaughn.high@sky.com
JUL	TUES	5 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	<b>Club Night</b> Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club.
JUL	SUN	17 <sup>th</sup>	8am	<b>Walmer Castle, Nr Deal, Kent with the Porsche Club.</b> Discount rate £9:50pp, normally £11pp. Internal castle tour with guide - one hour - available for an additional £5. Separated parking area arranged. See article pg 5.
JUL	SUN	30/31 <sup>st</sup>	9am	<b>Silverstone Classic 2016</b> Join fellow members at this fantastic event Book direct at <a href="http://www.silverstoneclassic.com/ticket-info">http://www.silverstoneclassic.com/ticket-info</a>
AUG	TUES	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00am	<b>Club Night</b> Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club.
AUG	SUN	7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30am	<b>Helmingham Classic and Sports Car Show</b> Join fellow members at this fantastic event More details to follow.
AUG	SUN	14 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	<b>Saffron Walden Classic Car Show</b> Join fellow members at this fantastic free event on the common. More details to follow.
AUG	SUN	21 <sup>st</sup>	9am	<b>Hyde Hall</b> - In company with the JDC, a special event has been planned which includes free admission to the gardens at Hyde Hall. More details to follow nearer the time.
SEPT	SUN	4 <sup>th</sup>	9am	<b>Classic &amp; Vintage Vehicle Show at Chapel Manor Gardens.</b> More details to follow nearer the time.
SEPT	TUES	6 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	<b>Club Night</b> Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club.
SEPT	SUN	25 <sup>th</sup>	8am	<b>30<sup>th</sup> Grand Motorbilia Day</b> - Details to follow
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