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# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hi All,

The quarterly committee meeting took place recently to discuss club business. The first thing I want to tell you is that I have withdrawn my resignation as Chairman of the club. I still feel that in order for the club to continue

successfully it needs a new Chairman but after over a year no one has come forward. With the increase in committee membership, defined roles and delegating various of my duties the role is more manageable. I have also had very clear communication from the committee members, various club members and our sponsors that they would like me to continue in the role. Whilst many members help in setting up shows, for 2017 and beyond, the committee would like more members to contribute in organising events. To help with this we have produced an 'Event Sheet' that explains what needs to be undertaken in order to run a show. I am attaching a copy for your information and will arrange for it to be available on our website. Also, we would like suggestions from members of places of interest to visit that will appeal to ladies and gents. Please drop me an e-mail with your suggestions in order for them to be considered at our next committee meeting in October.

Despite Brexit and the uncertainty that it brings, it appears that a number of members would like a European trip again next year. Although a UK trip has already been planned for mid-June and is already fully booked, suggested European places are being considered. Again, if you wish to make a suggestion for a trip, please let me know. We will need a minimum of 10 members for this to go ahead. However, the trip will be booked through a professional trip tour company rather than myself as there is just too much work required for one individual.

Turning back to this year, don't forget we have a number of shows coming up in August. Helmingham is now fully booked, but we have two free shows, one at Saffron Walden on 14<sup>th</sup> August (please let Bob Cain know if you wish to attend this show) and a joint show with the JDC on 21<sup>st</sup> August at Hyde Hall. (Let me know if you wish to attend this one - note limited space, early registration necessary). Please look at the events calendar for details about other events.

Finally, I would encourage all members to join in our get together at the next club meet at Langdon Hills Golf Club on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 8pm if you are able, as we have a special quiz night with prizes. Hope to see some new members then.

*Doug Warren, Chairman & Editor*

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## YOUNGEST MEMBER!!

Club member Mario Varnava's daughter, Ellie-Anna, has become the youngest member of the club and to celebrate will be given her own membership card on her 10<sup>th</sup> birthday, by Mario, in August. Mario said, "Its her 10th birthday next month so I wanted to give it to her as part of her birthday present. I asked her the other day to pick out one of the XJs to call her own. And I've now lost the series 2 to her!"

Mario joined the club, last year, when he owned a lovely grey 60's 'S' Type Jaguar.

Since then, he has sold it and purchased a Jaguar XJ6 Series 2, a 1994 XJR (X300) pre-production model and more recently a 1998 XJR (X308).



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## **WILL LONDON FOLLOW PARIS IN BANNING OLDER CARS FROM THE CITY?**

Paris has recently banned all cars registered before 1997 from the city, but will London follow suit?

Under the new law aimed at reducing smog, as well as traffic issues in the centre, cars registered before 1997 are banned from the city of Paris between 8am and 8pm on weekdays, but classic cars registered 30 years or more ago will be allowed to drive.

The new ban was proposed last year as part of plans to reduce pollution in the capital – newer, more stricter, policies are set to be introduced in the coming years. At present around 10% of cars are expected to be affected, with the ban expected to extend to cars registered before 2010, by 2020. Cars will be classified into six different categories and will have to present a sticker in the window-screen representing that classification, to make it easier when imposing a fine.

Many European countries have expressed interest in reducing the pollution of vehicles in more built up areas such as cities. Berlin was the very first city to implement a ban on older cars, almost five years ago now. In 2015, cars were kicked out of Milan completely, while every second vehicle is now banned in Rome.

According to The Express, figures stand at around 10,000 London resident deaths each year, which is due to long-term exposure of pollution in the air. The publication also revealed that a recent survey of Londoners revealed 63% were all for a ban on cars in the centre, while 58% supported a once-a-month restriction. Rosalind Readhead, who recently ran for Mayor of London but lost out to Sadiq Khan, was campaigning for action in the capital before the smog reached critical levels. Her manifesto detailed a four-year plan in which cars could be banned from the capital, starting with non-local vehicles. Apparently the congestion charge, which was introduced back in 2003, hasn't put enough motorists off driving into the capital.

Alongside the centre ban of older vehicles, Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo has introduced a number of changes in a bid to reduce smog in the city. These changes includes banning cars from the Champs-Elysees on the first Sunday of each month, as well as creating more pedestrian zones at major traffic points along the Seine river.

Whether London or other major cities will adopt a "ban cars" policy remains to be seen. Officials are unable to confirm whether this is definitely on the cards or not, but despite manufacturers constantly manufacturing new technology to meet the ever-changing, ever-stricter, EU guidelines in terms of emissions, older cars are still gradually being phased out... just very, very, slowly. So, maybe a ban on older cars wouldn't be such a bad thing? Or at least a ban that follows a structure and points system, such as the previously mentioned French policy, much like the way we classify electric vehicles to work out what grant they're entitled to. **Danielle Bagnall**



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## Gems At The Hare

Having been let down at the last minute, the chaps at **Jaguar World Magazine** found themselves without a Jaguar 420 to be a photographic model in their spread on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the car. Doug was contacted to source a replacement, so, “who’s he gonna call...?”



A few ‘phone calls ensued resulting in a rendezvous with Executive Editor, Jim Patten, being arranged at the Hare which coincided with the monthly Breakfast Meet. The weather was, for once, seasonally fine, although the turnout did not reflect this. As always, some interesting machinery did arrive, including; a Ferrari 308, Lotus Elan, Sunbeam Tiger, Vauxhall 4/90, Ford Thunderbird and a gorgeous 1953 Series 62

Cadillac Coupe in white which must be the best I have ever seen. Maybe more of this another time. Jim and his wife, Karen arrived mid-morning in their E Type Roadster. A beautiful series 1 ½ which brought the total to four, including Bob King’s Coupe and Chris White’s Roadster.



Doubt we outnumbered the Porphes though. After coffee and Danishes and a good look round, we adjourned to a neighbouring farm for the photoshoot. The vivid blue sky peppered with those cotton wool like cumulous clouds did I think complement the car. I’ll let you decide, the magazine should be out sometime soon. (September Edition).

**Neil Shanley**



## 1938 Rolls Royce 20/25 Sports Saloon.

Whilst waiting for Jim to arrive, I took some time to talk to Ian Dewsnap, Director of European and UK Operations of Benchmark Consulting International, a financial services professional but with automotive manufacture experience. Attendees will know him since he is often seen dressed in a red Hi-Vis tabard in the car park managing the entries on the day. But on this occasion he brought along his 1938 Rolls Royce 20/25 Sports Saloon.

A very nice example too. So what of its history? Read on...

**16.07.34** chassis ordered through The Car Mart, Park Lane by Clifford Henry Benn Kitchen, a barrister, stockbroker, author and chess player for the sum of £850:7s:8d (including a 20% discount). That's around £54,834 in today's money or so my calculator says. As an aside, Mr Kitchen wrote crime novels with the gentleman "toff" detective of the formula favoured of the day. Ian has tracked down a first edition of one of his books written that year.

**30.09.34** chassis delivered to London coach builder, Freestone & Webb to receive its body. F&W had been in business since 1923. Based in Brentfield Road, North London it produced bodies for the major quality car companies including Rolls, Bentley, Alfa Romeo, Mercedes, Packard and Bugatti. They developed a style to be known as "Top Hat", and also "Razor Edge". They did swooping bodies for Bentleys in the fifties, but with more car makers offering in-house bodies after the war, business suffered and the company was taken over by the Swain group in 1957 who sold it on in 1963. Extras fitted to this car were; second spare wheel (£4 14s), Second spare Dunlop tyre (£4 13s 6d), Lucas P100 Headlamps with electric dipping (£21 0s 0d with 25% discount) and a 15% discounted Mascot at £3 17s 6d.

The vehicle was subsequently sold in 1937, to a J W Rains who had new pistons fitted by the works in 1939. He kept the car until 1952 when it was sold to a Colonel in Plymouth. Tompkinson's Carpets became the fourth owner in 1955 and was followed in 1958 by a Mr Howarth of Sussex and Cheshire. A consulting engineer who wrote books on high speed diesel engines. More recently, in 1985, it was offered at Christies with a sale guide of £6-8000. Later that year it was purchased by a veterinary surgeon, Mr J Clewlow for £14,900 and was fully rebuilt by him for approximately £58,000. In 2002 it was sold directly to L C Wills of Somerset before being acquired by Ian.

For those technically minded, the 20/25 used a 3,669 cc 6 cylinder engine, a bored and stroked version of that used in the superseded 20 hp model. It was Roll's "small car" intended to appeal to owner drivers. Built between 1929 and 1936, 3,827 examples were produced before the 25/30 replaced it. It uses a single carburettor with a four speed 'box with synchromesh on third and top (from 1932).

There appear to be quite a few still around and several have appeared in films such as; The League of Gentlemen (1959), Dad's Army – The Captain's Car, Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989), The Remains of the Day (1993) and Enigma (2001).

Ian's car comes with a complete toolkit and original documentation.



**Neil Shanley**







In 2017, the National club is putting on their biggest-ever event - the Royal Windsor Jaguar Festival. They are not quite ready to unveil all the details, but are thrilled to now be able to announce that the dates have been confirmed as the 5th & 6th May 2017.

It seems a long time away, but demand is high, so act quickly to secure your place and ensure you don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Hotel accommodation options can now be booked through their travel partner, Scenic Car Tours. They have negotiated some great hotel deals for JEC members, so give Kieran a call on 01732 879172 to learn more.

If you fancy camping, glamping, or even staying in an RV Motorhome, please let the national club know by checking the box in the registration form on their website and they will keep you up to date as they get everything confirmed. They can reveal that these options and more will be available to festival goers from Friday 5th to Sunday 7th May at Windsor Racecourse, where there will be stalls, displays, music, and even fireworks to enjoy!

Perhaps most importantly, the entire event is in support of the Prince Philip Trust, an outstanding charitable organisation. Come along, have a great time, and raise money for a great cause. Be part of something amazing!

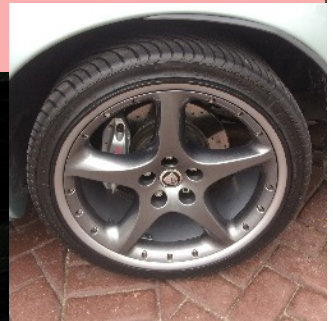
If you're not already a JEC member, it's incredibly easy to sign up, granting you access not only to our fantastic club but also to some great deals for this event. Simply go to <http://www.jec.org.uk/join/> to get started. In the meantime, you need only provide your contact details on the registration form, and they will make sure you're informed when new announcements emerge.

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*Doug Warren*





# PORSCHE CLUB BAR-B-QUE

Only a couple of members ventured out on a rather dismal Tuesday evening on 12 July for the Porsche Club's annual Bar-B-Que. It was such a shame that this gathering which normally attracts over 200 cars, was somewhat reduced this year, due to the weather. However, on the menu was large sausages, beef burgers, coleslaw, lettuce, peppers and cucumbers and chips! The bar-b-que was housed under cover in the Golf Driving Range and tables and chairs were provided in the respective bays. There were quite a number of Porsches in attendance as you will image, as well as various other clubs, e.g. Honda NSX, Morgan, Aston Martin, Mercedes, Lotus, as well as individual participants, in a Ferrari, Riley, Ford Sierra

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MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
AUG	TUES	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00am	<b>Club Night</b> Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club. <b>QUIZ NIGHT</b>
AUG	SUN	7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30am	<b>Helmingsham 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. Please make booking with Bob Cain at <a href="mailto:cain451@btinternet.com">cain451@btinternet.com</a> . Entry is <b>FREE</b>
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. Please book a space with Doug Warren at <a href="mailto:dwarren169@btinternet.com">dwarren169@btinternet.com</a> . Entry is <b>FREE</b>
SEPT	SUN	4 <sup>th</sup>	9am	<b>Classic &amp; Vintage Vehicle Show at Capel Manor Gardens, Enfield.</b> Please make booking with Steve Perryman at <a href="mailto:scp2112@btinternet.com">scp2112@btinternet.com</a> . Entry fee is £6:50 in advance or £7:50 on the day.
SEPT	TUES	6 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	<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> Please book a space with Doug Warren at <a href="mailto:dwarren169@btinternet.com">dwarren169@btinternet.com</a> . Entry is £10.
OCT	TUES	4 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	<b>Club Night</b> Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
NOV	TUES	1 <sup>st</sup>	8pm	<b>Club Night</b> Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
DEC	TUES	6 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	<b>Christmas Club Night</b> Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
NATIONAL EVENTS				
				2016
SEPT	SAT	10 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	<b>New XK Sportscar Seminar</b> The cost is just £60 for the whole day for members of the National Club (non-members £80, with £20 refundable if they join the Club on the day and £20 for those not attending the seminar but coming along as a guest, covering food only). For this you are there for a whole day, get handouts and CDs on various matters relating to that seminar, morning coffee, a full luncheon and even an afternoon tea before you leave. The venue is now:- The North Staffordshire Medical Institute, Hartshill Road, Hartshill, Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire. ST4 7NY. Go to: <a href="http://www.jec.org.uk/events/62023/seminars/new-xk-sportscar-seminar.html">http://www.jec.org.uk/events/62023/seminars/new-xk-sportscar-seminar.html</a> for booking form
MAY 2017	SAT/ SUN	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	<b>Royal Windsor Jaguar Festival</b> 2017, the National JEC is putting on our biggest-ever event - the Royal Windsor Jaguar Festival. They are not quite ready to unveil all the details, but we are thrilled to now be able to announce that the dates have been confirmed. More details to follow throughout the year.

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