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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hi All,

As we end the year, it is good to reflect on the events that we have taken part in. Throughout the year, we have participated in a number of new events, such as Silverstone Classic, Hyde Hall, the National Motor Museum, as well as our trip to Reims. We hope to look for new venues and shows for 2017, so would welcome members' suggestions for the club to attend. Please let me or the committee know your

thoughts.

Planning for next year's shows and events starts early in order to ensure we are able to participate. Already, plans are being made to attend the Circuit Historique de Laon in France trip by Scenic Car Tours. Another visit to Hyde Hall in August is currently in the planning stages and more clubs are being invited to join the event. This year, we had over 30 members come along and it would be good to exceed this in 2017. More attractions and a bar-b-que will be available. I am also planning on returning to the National Motor Museum at Gaydon. Although a number of members visited in April this year, things have changed a lot since, including a dedicated building for the Jaguar Heritage Collection, which I know will interest all members. More details of this will be published in the new year.

Following our committee meeting in October and the discussion at the November club night, we will be implementing a revised membership renewal program, where all memberships will be undertaken on 1st April each year and not in the month that you joined. This will assist with the mammoth task the Membership Secretary has to undertake over the year. See separate attachment on e-mail.

On 19th November, we joined forces with Essex & Suffolk Borders for the Christmas Dinner Dance and had one hell of a night. Both regions have commented how excellent the night was. A full report is on page 8 of this newsletter. We hope to arrange the same next year.

Finally, I hope that some of our members who have not been able to attend our club nights throughout 2016 are at least able to join in the fun on Tuesday 6th December for our last club night of 2016. See page 3 for more details.

Jackie and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to meeting you all at club night.

Doug Warren, Chairman & Editor

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CHRISTMAS CLUB NIGHT TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER 2016

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To end the year, we have our annual 'Christmas' Club night with finger buffet. All members are encouraged to attend this event. There will be a Christmas themed quiz night with bottles of bubbly for the winners. Not only that, but the raffle will have bigger prizes. Up for grabs will be a Lenovo 7" Tablet, an Epsom Expression Home XP235 printer, xmas goodies and more. Come along and try your luck. Also, we still have a few club calendars featuring members cars at just £10 each, as well as our 'Tour' Rally Plates for £6.



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ESSEX THAMESIDE REGION 2017 CALENDER

JAGUAR I-PACE

Jaguar has revealed a concept for its first ever all-electric production car, which is an SUV called the I-PACE. It has been presented to the public at the 2016 Los Angeles Auto Show and will go on sale in 2018.

While production cars can take on vastly different appearances compared to their original concepts, it's believed that the I-PACE concept is virtually identical to what the



production equivalent will look like. With this new I-PACE, Jaguar will take on other premium electric cars, particularly offerings from Tesla like the Model S and Model X crossover. Using an all-new aluminium platform and four-wheel drive, the I-PACE is driven by electric motors charged by a 90kW lithium ion battery pack situated between the axles. Maximum power output is 395bhp and 700Nm of torque. The 0-62mph sprint is estimated to take around only four seconds.

For rapid charging, using a typical public 50 KW DC charging network, a full charge will take just over 2 hours. 80 per cent of the battery can be replenished in just 90 minutes. The car's official maximum travel range on a fully charged battery is recorded at 310 miles. The electric powertrain parts were designed in-

house by Jaguar Land Rover. Most of the car's other components are derived from Jaguar's F-PACE SUV. When compared to the F-PACE, the I-PACE is shorter, lower and narrower but the wheelbase is 115mm longer meaning it actually offers more cabin space.

The boot of the I-PACE is measured at 530 litres, which is 120 litres less than the F-PACE. However, there's 28 litres of storage space under the bonnet and Jaguar has taken advantage of the cabin's flat floor to offer eight litres of storage between the front seats.

Speaking of the inside, the I-PACE's interior features three prominent display screens, including a 12-inch HD screen that displays the instruments, another 12-inch touchscreen on the floating centre console and a smaller 5.5-inch touchscreen below that.

Pricing for the I-PACE is unconfirmed but online reports indicate it will start from around £50,000 to £60,000 depending on specification choice.





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LANCASTER INSURANCE CLASSIC MOTOR SHOW 11-13 NOVEMBER 2016, NEC BIRMINGHAM

This show appears to have been bigger than previous years. The crowds were greater on Saturday than in previous years. I always arrive at 'opening time' i.e. 9am. That way you get to see a lot of the exhibits and take photos before the crush! Again, the displays were in five halls and they were all full with wonderful examples of our bygone motoring heritage. The trade stands were spread out into other halls, whereas in previous years, were concentrated in one main hall. Not a bad thing. On the JEC stand, they had the 2006

XK Coupe raffle car, an E-Type, an XK150 and a superb Project 7 Jaguar F-Type. The owner had only driven it twice and said to me he just likes looking at it. So would I, if it was in my garage!!! Back in 2015 when the car was sold, only 250 were made at a price of £135k. The engine was a 5000cc 32v supercharged V8, 567bhp @ 6500rpm, 516lb ft @ 3500rpm. The performance was 3.9sec 0-62mph, 186mph (limited), 26.4mpg, 255g/km CO2. Car magazine asks ".. is it worth £43k premium over the price of a F-Type R? Well I think I can answer that emphatically **YES!** Already after less than 2 years, these cars are attracting prices between £155k and £180k. May not have been a classic for the show, but will be for the future.





A good turn out was made by the club stands throughout the show and as always, a number of classic dealers brought along their stock to sell at the show. From what I saw, they certainly had a good show as by mid afternoon, a number of cars were shown as "Sold". One car that stood out for me was a 1971 XJ6 Series 1, priced at £17,995! A huge history file charts the extraordinary story of this low mileage 'Series One'. For most of its early life, it was in the hands of a titled owner (with interesting Royal connections) and when eventually disposed of, the subsequent owner was approached for the vehicle to be featured in Jaguar Cars own calendar.



In 1994, the car was retailed by a Jaguar main dealer who were displaying it in their showroom; this is testament to the car's condition. The car was sold on again in 2011 to the last owner who shipped it to Hong Kong where it was used and kept for four years. During its time there, the engine was stripped and rebuilt on a precautionary basis (equivalent £6,000 bill included in the file) and air conditioning fitted, which in appearance resembles the 'Delanair' systems installed in the 70's period. Of further note, the car has original 'powerglide' windows, head restraints, properly working period music system, roof ariel and later rear seat belts. This fine Jaguar returned to England last



year. Finished in Dark Blue with Grey Leather, the mileage is exceptionally well substantiated at 41,000 since new and this XJ6 remains in outstanding order.



There were a number of really rare cars on display and one that caught my eye was the 1950 Studebaker

Commander Starlight Coupe. See picture on the right. For 1950 and 1951, all Studebakers received a freshening of the 1947 design with the addition of the "bullet nose" (or "spinner") front sheet metal design. When combined with the Starlight body style, Studebakers looked comparatively futuristic at the time. This version of the Starlight body style continued until the end of the 1952 model year, when it was sold side by side with a hardtop "Starliner" version of the same model. For the fifties, this must have looked like something from a space comic of the time. Note the side pod on the side window. Not sure what this is, but I would suggest a cooling duct, in case it goes supersonic???

Can't wait for next year's show as it really does get better year on year. **Doug Warren**



DINNER DANCE WITH ESSEX & SVFFOLK BORDERS

On Saturday 19th November members of Essex Thameside Region (ETR) and Essex & Suffolk Borders (ESB) met up to have their first joint (early) Christmas Dinner Dance. Our own Christmas dinner dances have reduced in popularity over recent years to the extent that there are too few of us to organise our own event. The event was organised by Clive Gowers and Bob Weaver on behalf of ESB and co-coordinated by Neil Shanley of ETR. On the night, we had 39 ETR members and partners enjoyed dressing up and having a good time. The evening started at 5:45pm with a Champagne reception in the bar at the Best Western Hotel at Marks Tey. Background music was supplied by Mr Tim, a saxophone player. At around 7pm we were invited into the dining area and seated around the central dance floor. The 'disco' was provided by "Chocks Away" DJ John Farr is a Swing DJ and radio presenter in the East Anglia region, with partner Melanie Jane, they indulge their passion for all things Vintage, plus Swing Dancing ~ be it Jive, Lindy Hop or Balboa. We all had a choice of starters, dinner and desserts, as well as coffee and wine, which I think went down very well. The main singer of the night was Stephen Dunnett who was very entertaining.

After dinner, there were speeches from Clive Gowers, Bob Welton (ESB Chairman) and myself, followed by Flanagan and Allen look alike's, who were a British singing and comedy double act popular during World War II and members of the Crazy Gang. Remember "Underneath the Arches", "Run Rabbit, Run Rabbit, Run, Run, Run", "Shine on Harvest Moon", and more. However, if you can't make out who these two reprobates are to the right, they are in fact Clive Gowers and Bob Welton. Well done to them for an entertaining session, and I hear they were not paid for it!

The evening progressed with plenty of dancing provided by Stephen Dunnett and Chocks Away, not finishing until 12:30am. A truly fantastic night was had by all and requests for a repeat performance next year. This is being arranged but please bear in mind that there will be a limit on tickets for Essex Thameside Region as the event is organised for Essex & Suffolk Borders members. I hope to have at least 40 tickets next year for our region. I would like to thank ESB for inviting us to their dinner dance on behalf of ETR.





GUNG INTO HIBERNATION

As we head into the winter months, some of us will be putting our beloved Jaguars into hibernation. But covering our car with a blanket next to a heater isn't enough or advisable. Here are **10** recommended suggestions for keeping it in prime condition.

- 1. Invest in a smart charger. This will keep your battery charged when the car is not in use. Modern on-board computers can be affected by disconnecting the battery for too long. Start your car every few weeks and run the engine for 10 minutes.
- Before storing your car, clean and polish it. Remove mud, dirt, road salt, etc., that harbours moisture to help prevent corrosion. If it is too cold outside to clean the car, there are many "waterless" cleaners on the market that can be used.
- 3. If storing your car in a garage, ensure it is well ventilated. Consider using a dehumidifier that will keep the air dry to prevent moisture build up.
- 4. Filling up the fuel tank will reduce condensation levels that can build up over time. For long storage, consider using fuel preservatives to ensure the fuel lines don't get blocked. The same goes for antifreeze. Top up and run the engine for a few minutes to circulate the fluid.
- 5. Any unpainted metal parts under your car should be sprayed with WD40, but avoid spraying on belts, hoses and braking surfaces!
- 6. Make sure the tyres are inflated to the correct pressure or better still, if you are storing the car for several months, raise the tyres from the ground this will prevent flat spotting the tyres. Alternatively, removed the tyres and put the car on suitable jacks.
- 7. Leaving the handbrake on risks fusing the brake pads to the discs. How many times have you washed the car including the wheels, left it for a day ir two, then tried to drive off? The pads fuse to the discs and your car judders as it tries to go forward. Therefore make sure the handbrake is off.
- 8. Invest in a good car cover. There are plenty out in the market currently. "But it's in a garage", I hear you say. There is still dust in the air, where ever it is parked, unless you have one of those super car storage "carcoons". If parking outside on a driveway, make sure the cover is waterproof and tied securely so that the winter storms don't blow it away. Don't cover with a plastic tarpaulins as this could damage the paint opt for a stretchy cover. For



extra safety, stuff clean rags up the exhaust pipes and any other areas that small creatures can nest.

- 9. Old engine oil can contain contaminants that damage the engine if left to sit for long periods of time. Check your handbook for the manufacturer's recommended oil. It is good to swap your oil and air filter at the same time.
- 10. Make a note of all work undertaken so when the time comes to restart your car in the spring, you won't accidentally end up damaging the car for forgetting to remove the clean rags stuffed up the exhaust pipes or wherever you have stuffed them!



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The Government announces huge hike in VED, could cost new car buyers thousands

Further changes to road tax were announced as part of the 2015 Budget. These will come into effect in **April 2017** and concern the amount of road tax you'll have to pay on cars purchased after that date.

Unfortunately, only zero-emissions cars will remain exempt from road tax after then. All other cars will be charged a varying amount

for the first year, based on the amount of CO2 they emit, and then a flat rate of \pounds 140 for each subsequent year.

Owners of more popular family-oriented cars will most likely have to pay between £100 and £160 for the first year. At the other end of the scale, owners of cars emitting more than 255g/km of CO2 will have to pay a staggering £2,000 to tax their cars in the first year.

This represents a huge change from the current road tax structure, which has encouraged manufactures to build low-emission vehicles. Drivers were drawn to low-emissions vehicles by the road-tax exempt status they enjoyed and 75% of new cars purchased in 2015 in the UK are expected to be road tax-free. However, the Chancellor George Osborne described this trend as "unsustainable".

Those looking to purchase more expensive cars will also be penalised by the changes. Buyers of cars costing more than £40,000 will be required to pay an extra £310 in tax for each of the first five years of ownership.

See the table right for the new 2017 VED rates from the 2015 Summer Budget:

| Emissions (g/CO2/km) | First year rate | Standard rate* |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 0 | £0 | £0 |
| 1-50 | £10 | |
| 51-75 | £25 | |
| 76-90 | £100 | |
| 91-100 | £120 | |
| 101-110 | £140 | |
| 111-130 | £160 | 6140 |
| 131-150 | £200 | £140 |
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|---|-------------|---|------|---|--|
| MONTH | DAY | DATE | TIME | LOCATION | |
| DEC | TUES | 6 th | 8pm | Christmas Club Night Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club The end of the year club meet has a quiz night planned, raffle with great prizes, as well as our normal Christmas finger buffet. Please come along and enjoy the evening. | |
| | | | | 2017 | |
| JAN | TUES | 3 rd | 8pm | Club Night Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club | |
| FEB | TUES | 7 th | 8pm | Club Night Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club | |
| MAR | TUES | 7 th | 8pm | Club Night Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club | |
| APR | TUES | 4 th | 8pm | Club Night Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club | |
| APR | SUN | 8 th | 10am | National Motor Museum Gaydon Details to follow. | |
| MAY | TUES | 2 nd | 8pm | Club Night Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club | |
| JUN | FRI/ MON | 2 nd to 5 th | | Laon Historique Classic Car Event. Organised by Scenic Car Tours. If interested, please book directly at http://www.sceniccartours.com/laon-historique-2017/4592226830 | |
| JUN | FRI/ MON | 16 th to 19 th | | Warners Hayling Island and Beaulieu Long weekend break in the UK and a trip to the Motor Museum and a Good which is hoped to incorporate 'Simply Classics & Sports Contact Rod & Custom Drive-In Day'. To be confirmed. | |
| NATIONAL EVENTS | | | NTS | | |
| | | | | 2017 | |
| MAY 2017 | FRI/ SAT | 5 th & 6 th | ТВА | Royal Windsor Jaguar Festival In 2017, the National JEC is putting on its 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. It is recommended that bookings for a hotel in the area be considered now as they are getting booked up quickly. Doug & Jackie Warren have booked the Holiday Inn in Slough for the Friday and Saturday night. Link: http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/gb/en/slough | |
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