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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hi All,

We have had some relatively quiet months and this is likely to continue until we head into the spring months.

Mary Monk has organised a Sunday lunch at our old club venue - Top Meadow Golf Club on Sunday 12th

February. Please see 'Event Listing' on page 11 for further details.

I am planning a trip again to the British Transport Museum at Gaydon in April and need to hear from members who wish to join me. On Saturday 1st April, Peter Johnson - a national member - has a monthly breakfast meeting at the museum for ALL Jaguar members. This would be an opportunity for our members to join in. However, I know that a number of members may not be able to make a Saturday and would prefer to visit on a Sunday. So the alternative would be Sunday 8th April with the prospect of booking a hotel for Saturday evening for a social gathering of club members. We can then make a later start to visit the museum on Sunday. Please let me know whether 1. You wish to attend and 2. Which day would be your preference. We can then decide which day to visit on a majority vote.

The first Battlesbridge show of the year will be held on Sunday 14th May. As I will not be around for this show, I wish to know how many members wish to attend. I can organise the stand location, gazebo, banners, flags and passes, but will need a member to arrange parking on the stand on the day and to arrange the dismantling after the show. If you wish to attend and can help with the organisation, please let me know as soon as possible.

The committee are holding their quarterly meeting on 1st February to discuss the shows & events throughout 2017. If you have any queries, questions, or items to be brought up, please let any of the committee members know before the 1st.

Hope to see a number of you at the club night on 7th February.

Doug Warren, Chairman & Editor



*Club meetings are the 1st Tuesday of the month at 8pm: The Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club, Lower Dunton Road, Bulphan, Essex, RM14 3TY
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F TYPE



Between the 29 September to 14 October 2012 at the Paris Motor Show, a new star was born in the shape of the Jaguar F Type convertible. Deliveries of this new 'mean' machine began in the UK from 2013, nearly 4 years ago. At the time there were three engine variants, a 340 PS V6, a 380 PS V6 and a 495 PS V8. Prices started from £58,520 for the 340PS V6 and as much as £80,000 for the V8 5 litre supercharged model. In 2014, the Coupe version was launched with the same power packs but starting prices were cheaper at £51,250 for the 340 PS V6. Only one 'special' edition has been made called "Project 7", which was limited to a run of 250 cars with a 5 litre supercharged V8 engine developing 575 PS. Worldwide sales of the F Type were slow with only 6,377 models sold in 2013, but increased with the introduction of the coupe in 2014 and 2015 with worldwide sales of 11,506 and 11,662 respectively. The "Project 7" is already a collectors' item and second hand models are selling well over the initial asking price of £130,000. One is currently available at £180,000! A good investment for just 3 years. Now Jaguar has decided to update the F Type for the 2017 MY and made slight changes to the car, including making a 'special edition' F Type 400 Sports. This will be a limited edition run for the 2017 model year and not beyond. Costing £70,115 for the coupe or £75,600 for the convertible, both are fitted with a new 3 litre V6 400 PS engine, capable of 0 - 60 in 4.8 secs and a top speed of 171 mph. Grange Motors and Beadles of Southend are awaiting your orders.



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Each year, over one hundred car clubs attend the Silverstone Classic bringing around ten thousand privately-owned classic cars to be proudly displayed on the infield; clubs are an important part of the event's culture. If you own a classic car and want to be part of it, you're in the right place!

As a car club member, you can take advantage of our special car club display packages – these include two adult general admission tickets to the Silverstone Classic and an infield vehicle display pass, enabling you to display your car and mix with like-minded enthusiasts at the heart of the event, while taking advantage of all that the event has to offer. Please use code 17004SCC when booking the tickets. A number of members have already booked into the Ibis Rugby East for a couple of nights at a cost currently from £64 per couple for the two days.

Check out the hotel at: <http://www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-3588-ibis-rugby-east/index.shtml>

Club Tickets are at: <http://silverstoneclassic.seetickets.com/event/car-club-display-packages/silverstone-circuit/1034019>

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2016 - A GREAT YEAR FOR JLR

Jaguar Land Rover's global sales broke half a million in 2016; a year-on-year growth of 13% compared with 2015.

Individually, Land Rover's sales grew by 8% to 427,122, while Jaguar experienced a 77% boon; rising from 94,449 in 2015 to 148,730 across 2016.

The rise coincides with 2016 being a record-breaking year of UK car registrations, with almost 2.7million registered, compared with 2.6million in 2015.

Europe made up the largest chunk of sales, with 138,695 cars finding owners and a 26% rise over last year, while Jaguar's China and North America sales grew by 31% and 25%, respectively.

The UK remains Jaguar Land Rover's most promising market, however; in the UK, we bought 117,571 JLR cars in 2016 and made the year the most successful yet in the company's history in this country and abroad.

Sales were undoubtedly bolstered by Jaguar's first offering into the booming SUV market; the F-Pace. Jaguar shifted 45,973 across the year, despite Jaguar waiting until the spring to put it on sale.

Proving the strength of the SUV market was also the Land Rover Discovery Sport; Land Rover's best-selling model of 2016 and occupying the same market as the F-Pace. 122,460 were sold across the year, while the Range Rover Evoque and Range Rover Sport



made up 200,245 sales between them.
Sales of the Land Rover Discovery trailed off



slightly last year, according to Jaguar Land Rover, as the market prepares to welcome the new model later this year.



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One of our members, Mario Varnava, has recently ventured into a detailing business based near Stapleford Abbots. He has a four bay premises off Bournebridge Lane, RM4 1LU.



He completed a number of projects before Christmas, including a couple of Range Rovers, which as he put it were very filthy. Mario prices for detailing depends on the car, condition, and requirement. He uses the best pH neutral products available. One of his recommended products is Swissvax. What so special about these products? Unlike ordinary finishes, Swissvax waxes contain no abrasives and can be applied to all paint surfaces, even old nitrocellulose lacquers, modern water-based paint systems and "nano paints". Swissvax uses two components: cleansing oil and wax. The waxes are easy and pleasant to apply and leave no residues on rubber seams or in crevices. Carnauba is the world's hardest, purest, most transparent and also most expensive natural wax. It is obtained from the upper side of the leaves of the "Copernicia prunifera", a fan palm native to Brazil, and is graded according to colour and clarity.

The highest quality is classified as rare grade one carnauba and is used in their waxes. The level of shine increases with the percentage of carnauba used in the wax formulation. While conventional car waxes have a carnauba content of between 3 and 5%, Swissvax formulations contain between 30 and 76% by volume (one of the highest concentrations available on the market). Unlike ordinary polishes, which simply polish a paint surface to a shine while the lower layers of paint get dryer and "starve", the Swissvax carnauba formulations, enriched with passion fruit, orange, avocado and vanilla oils, restore a deep shine to the paintwork. The result is a deeper, unique "wet look" that so appeals to collectors and car enthusiasts the world over.

Switzerland's reputation for quality and precision is reflected in their products. For over three generations, Swissvax have been committed car lovers and collectors. Their unique products do not have to meet either sales targets or production budget constraints. This has allowed Swissvax to become what it stands for today: high-value care by perfectionists for perfectionists. The waxes are only one part of the process that Mario uses. He power washes the car initially before he washes it again using snow foam and leaves it to penetrate the dirt before washing it off. He then uses special sprays that assist with the removal of dirt and film before moving on to more detailed work using various polishes and compounds. This process is determined by the condition of the car's bodywork.



While at the premises after Christmas, a client arrived wanting his car detailed by Mario. He was driving a Ferrari 358 Spider.



The car looked immaculate, but on closer inspection under artificial lights blemishes could be seen, which Mario was confident he could make the car more show presentable.



Mario also had a 1958 Ford Anglia 100E which required some work. This was a special Ford because the verified mileage on the car was just 6,349 and because it has a two pedal Newtondrive clutchless manual transmission. This was introduced in 1957 but dropped in 1958! Once completed it will be up for sale at around £6,500. Mario not only undertakes detailing but paintless dent repairs big or small, leather interior refurbishment, headlamp correction, paintwork scratch removal and correction, alloy wheel refurbishment and general all round valeting and cleaning both on the premises and mobile. Here are a few examples of his work.



"Santa's little helper"



Mario also carries out Ceramic Coating and waxing.

There are [two types of wax](#) used to protect your vehicle's paint as well as bring out its true shining potential:

Spray wax and hard wax.

Spray wax is easier to apply evenly to a vehicle's exterior. It is a great way to quickly bring out your vehicle's true shining potential in-between heavy wax jobs, meaning your vehicle should always have at least a base of a hard wax to protect your paint.

Hard wax takes a bit longer to apply than spray wax, but lasts longer and provides better protection, especially during those harsh summer and winter months. The general rule of thumb is to hard wax your vehicle every three months while using spray wax in-between to maintain protection and shine.

If you drive your vehicle in many harsh conditions (heavy rain, snow, ice, hot days, etc.) it is also common practice to receive a hard wax around every 3 months. Wax has been a staple in the automotive community for many years to protect paint and reveal a brighter shine.



Ceramic Coatings

Within the past couple of years, a new option for paint protection has become available in the form of ceramic coatings. Over time, wax will break down and require more coatings (about every 3 months). Ceramic is not a paint protection, wax or sealant that will wash away or break down over time.

Scientifically speaking, it is a nano-ceramic coating that forms a permanent adhesion to the paint and can only be removed through abrasion – NO chemical can dissolve the coating. The coat will stay hard for a lifetime if maintained correctly.

This permanent adhesion protects against scratches, UV rays, corrosion, heat, and more – not to mention the extreme gloss that it provides! Many come with a LIFETIME WARRANTY, because it's that good.



So if you want your cars to look good for this spring and summer or just want it winter protected, give Mario a call to discuss your requirements and price. Up to 20% discount on detailing work to JEC members. Call him on 07912 877771 or e-mail him at: Mario@autoart-uk.com.

PAUL ARNOLD'S JOURNEY WITH HIS JAGUAR XKS-C

I bought my Jaguar XJS Convertible on my birthday in November 2015 after being tipped off by a golfing friend of my wife.

The car had been laid up in a garage on the fringes of Epping Forest and was covered in piles of rubbish and a generous helping of thick dust. It was first registered January 1985 and its past owner had transferred it to an Irish number plate. The car had not been driven for a good 10 years and had been passed down as part of an inheritance. I was extremely excited when the current owner agreed to sell it for a very good price



and I was able to get it home.

The boot lid badge indicated that it was an XJS-C but further examination and a visit to look at a real one owned by club member, Steve & Helen Clark, told me something quite different.

I investigated the history of the vehicle in closer detail and realised the car started its life as a Coupe, but had been altered into a Convertible in 1996. Going back through all the history I had been given with the car - and there was a lot - I managed to make contact with the guy who had the conversion carried out.

He owned my 3.6 manual Coupe together with another XJS and had both cars converted into fully folding

convertibles but still retaining the central roof strengthener, although now fully trimmed. The very professional conversion was carried out by a company called **Kent Elms Coachworks** based in Southend. Sadly, I found that this company had gone out of business many years ago, but I discovered that apparently the company carried out a total of 6 such conversions. I had the pleasure of seeing another one at the Battlesbridge Show during the summer of 2016. Obviously, I'd be very interested to find out if the other four still exist. Does any member know?

It's been a long, at times, frustrating journey since I bought the car, but finally now - and to cut another very long story short - my converted coupe now has a fresh MOT. A major brake, clutch, wiring and fuel system overhaul has been carried out by a long term friend in the trade, and it is finally looking like I might be able to give it a nice clean-up and take it out and drive it in the very near future. My current plan is to run the car over spring and summer to iron out any further mechanical issues, as well as re-registering it with the original number plate..

All is going well at the moment, the next step will be to attend to the bodywork and trim over next winter, so much to a journey... *Paul Arnold JEC Essex Thameside member.*



NEW LOOK LOGOS

A little while ago, actually around summer last year, I was asked to look into Club Regalia and as a starting point, I thought it wise to review the current club logo. During one of our Club Nights, the members present were asked to vote on several design options presented on A4 paper – very high tech! Well, I've finally found some time to consolidate these and look around for a manufacturer. Before people start writing to the Times, I must add here that these options are not meant to replace our much loved old-style badge, merely to supplement it and to offer a wider choice, both traditional and modern. The four images that you have before you are those that gained the most votes. In order of popularity, starting with the Leaper, leading by a large margin, followed by the Jaguar Wings which just pipped the Growler into third place by one vote, and finally the stylised Growler Silhouette. The latter may be a bit off the wall for the more conservative members, but it may work well on a T-shirt. What do you think?

Quality will be high on the agenda and I will attempt to obtain the best quality / price ratio. I am told that a good mix is 35/65 cotton to polyester, but I will be checking this with the chosen supplier. What is the price? I knew you would ask this. The answer is that it varies depending on the factors previously mentioned and the quantities ordered. I have set a maximum budget of £16.50 each and will see how far below this I can get without sacrificing their quality.

I will be ordering a sample of each on separate Polo Shirts initially to gauge reaction and, if we gain sufficient orders, we will go ahead. With luck, and some spare time (I wish), there should be something ready for the next Club Night, but don't hold your breath for too long! As ever, your comments/thoughts would be helpful, so don't be shy!

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MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
FEB	TUES	7 th	8pm	Club Night Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
FEB	SUN	12 th	12pm	Sunday Lunch at Top Meadow Golf Club. 3 Course lunch from £18:50 ph. Contact Mary Monk at mary@bmcycles.plus.com
MAR	TUES	7 th	8pm	Club Night Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
APR	TUES	4 th	8pm	Club Night with Quiz Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
APR	SUN	8 th	10am	National Motor Museum Gaydon Details to follow.
APR	SUN	23 rd	TBA	Drive-It Day. Tilbury Fort & lunch? TBC
MAY	TUES	2 nd	8pm	Club Night Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
MAY	SUN	14 th	8am	Battlesbridge Classic Car Show Further details to follow nearer the time
JUN	FRI/ MON	2 nd to 5 th		Laon Historique Classic Car Event plus following tours to either The Ardennes Region or the Black Forest. 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 at Beaulieu which is hoped to incorporate 'Simply Classics & Sports Cars' and 'Custom Drive-In Day'. To be confirmed.
NATIONAL EVENTS				
				2017
MAY	FRI/ SAT	5 th & 6 th	TBA	Royal Windsor Jaguar Festival In 2017, the National JEC is putting on its biggest-ever event - the Royal Windsor Jaguar Festival. Details are on the national website at www.jec.org.uk
MAY	SUN	14 th	9am	London to Eastbourne Run The run will begin at one of London's most famous landmarks, The Old Royal Naval College, which is one of Sir Christopher Wren's twin-domed riverside masterpieces. The route will then finish on Eastbourne's prestigious Western Lawns seafront, which will be closed off exclusively for our use. Tickets are £60 for car, driver and one passenger and is available at: www.kelseypublishing.flameconcepts.systems/dGYBKBduZdsTuSZwATVptTFdRGLNXVn
JULY	FRI/ SUN	28 th / 30 th	TBA	Silverstone Classic 2017 Book now for one of the classic highlights of the year. If you are a member get your exclusive booking code to take advantage of the Early Bird Offer. Take advantage of the Exclusive members booking code and save £££'s on the spectacular that is Silverstone Classic 2017. 17004SCC . Either pay online and your tickets and infield pass will be sent to you or call the number below. It is important you use the Club code when booking or an infield pass will not be sent to you. www.silverstoneclassic.com/buytickets . Tel: 0871 231 0849

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