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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hi All,

Well this month things get started. We have arranged a trip to the British Motor Museum on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April and 'Drive It Day' on 23<sup>rd</sup>. Then in May a number of

members are off to the big event of the year at Windsor with the National club. Following this we have Battlesbridge and the London to Eastbourne Run - run by Jaguar World (Kelsey Publishing) and Jaguar Enthusiasts' Club.

If you have an E-type, or are interested in them, you may like to consider attending an event run by 'E-Type UK' based in Kent. The address is The Duck House Barn, North Frith Farm, Ashes Lane, Hadlow, Kent, TN11 9QU. See more details inside.

Neil Shanley has been working hard to obtain new club clothing. He now has sample polo shirts with the logos and no doubt will bring them along to the April club night. The prices are now set and you can find more information on Page 8 inside.

The breakfast meetings at The Hare pub at Roxwell, Chelmsford, start again on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April. This is an event where the owner provides tea/coffee/orange juice and Danish pastries for all. Normal breakfasts are available inside the pub at standard rates. The event is due to start at 9am but would recommend arriving earlier, as the car park generally gets full quite quickly, especially if it is a nice day. The calendar for the year is included inside on page 9.

I hope to see more of you at the club night on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at Langdon Hills Golf Club. We have a special quiz night (with prizes) to celebrate the start of the F1 season.

Regards,

*Doug Warren*  
*Chairman & Editor*



*Club meetings are the 1st Tuesday of the month at 8pm:  
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**Polly  
Parrot  
appeal**



On March club night, Helen Mattock, Capital Accountant and fundraiser from Basildon Hospital, attended to receive a cheque from the club for £500 towards the Polly Parrot appeal.

The Polly Parrot Appeal is raising funds for the children's wards at Basildon Hospital including the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) and children's oncology. Basildon and Thurrock University Hospitals Charitable Trust has raised £228,344 over the past year, towards a fundraising target of

£250,000. They see more than 28,500 younger people each year at Basildon Hospital, from a wide-reaching area which includes Basildon, Thurrock and Brentwood. They have over 6,500 admissions into the children's wards each year, a further 2,000 emergency admissions as well as more than 20,000 outpatient appointments. They are also a receiving hospital for Great Ormond Street, which means that younger people continue their treatment at Basildon Hospital. This is why it is so important for them to get the environment right for the thousands of patients and visitors they see each year. Money raised from the appeal will be spent on decoration, distraction equipment, sensory equipment, toys, child-friendly furniture, TVs and other electronic gadgets.

A big hit in the children's emergency department is the interactive floor system, where a projector in the ceiling projects interactive images onto the floor below. They hope to get one installed in the children's department too – they cost £10,000!

Our donation will assist with their worth while appeal for the children of Essex.



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# APRIL CLUB NIGHT

On March 26<sup>th</sup> the first of this year's Formula 1 season starts in Australia. By the time you read this article, the first winner will be known.

To start the season off, the club night is holding a Formula 1 Quiz night, with bottles of bubbly as prizes. There can be teams between one and six members. Get swotting now on who's who in the Formula 1 world.

The F1 calendar for this year is as follows:

Australia Melbourne 26 Mar	China Shanghai 9 Apr	Bahrain Bahrain 16 Apr
Russia Sochi 30 Apr	Spain Catalunya 14 May	Monaco Monte Carlo 28 May
Canada Montreal 11 Jun	Azerbaijan Baku 25 Jun	Austria Red Bull Ring 9 Jul
Great Britain Silverstone 16 Jul	Hungary Hungaroring 30 Jul	Belgium Spa-Francorchamps 27 Aug
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## Open Day & Classic Car Gathering - 25th June 2017

We are delighted to invite you to the E-type UK open day on 25th June this year. With a select number of E-Types and other classics on display at our beautiful Kentish farm premises, running from 11am to 4pm it is looking to be an event not to miss.

Our buildings will be free for you to walk around to experience what we do first hand; members of our team will also be free to chat, or to discuss any work enquiries regarding your E-Type. Food and drink will be available as you explore the workshop, bodyshop and classic cars on display.

As well as this, we are offering a limited number of free classic car inspections, where our specialist mechanics will inspect your classic from front to rear on one of our car lifts and discuss any queries you may have.

There is a limited number of spaces including 10 E-type spaces\* situated at our entrance courtyard and 20 other classic car spaces in a walkway around the opposite farm building. There is also separate parking for classic cars if all the limited spaces are taken, as well as this there is parking for more normal modern cars.

If you would like to attend our open day, please email Greg ([greg@etypeuk.com](mailto:greg@etypeuk.com)) making sure to include your full name, or call us on +44 (0) 1732 852 762.

If you would like to display your E-type or classic car at our open day event please send 2 or more photos and a short description of your car to Greg ([greg@etypeuk.com](mailto:greg@etypeuk.com)), pre-1990 cars are preferred.

If you would like to book your classic car in for a free inspection during the open day, please email a short description of your car to Greg ([greg@etypeuk.com](mailto:greg@etypeuk.com)), pre-1990 cars only.

Updates regarding the event will be posted here; if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

We hope to see you there!

### **\*UPDATE**

All 10 of the limited **E-Type** parking spaces have been reserved, although please do not hesitate to bring your E-Type along to park in the classic car park. Or if you have another classic car, you may want to apply to have it as part of our classic car display which still has a number of spaces available.

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On the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> February, Jaguar had a “Back to Back” weekend, where members of the public were invited to their nearest Jaguar Dealer to try out the Jaguar XF & XE, back to back. Due to the high demand experienced at **Grange Jaguar at Brentwood**, I wasn’t able to visit, but Jon Cliffe, the Sales Manager, invited me to the dealership the following weekend and Jackie and I went to try out the two cars.

## THE CARS

The vehicles on offer were both ‘Ingenium’ 2.0L 180ps 4 cylinder Turbocharged diesel Portfolio automatic models. How do they compare? Well let’s look first at the sizes. Jaguar XF is 4,954mm long, 2,091mm wide (including mirrors) and 1,457 high. The XE is smaller at 4,672mm long, 2,075mm wide (including mirrors) and 1,425mm high. Therefore, the difference is very minimal. It is more noticeable at the rear of the car as the XF has a larger boot. Visually, the two cars look the same, apart from the rear end. The starting price for the two Portfolio models (with an almost identical spec.) are £35,935 for the XE and £39,260 for the XF, a £3,325 difference.

## ON THE ROAD

We drove the XF first and took it for a 10 - 15 mile run around the country lanes of Brentwood and over to North Ockenden. The ride was very smooth, helped by a highly responsive, smooth & efficient 8 speed automatic gearbox. It delivered a rapid shifting for effortless acceleration and overtaking. You really could not feel the gear changes made throughout the drive. Potholes were not a problem, although some were more like mountain craters, which I would suggest, no car will be able to iron out! The acceleration in the XF was 0 - 60 in 7.7 secs which is excellent for this size car. Jaguar indicates 65.7 mpg, but as with all manufacturers’ claims, don’t expect this. However, my personal experience of Jaguar cars would be to expect somewhere around the 50-55 mpg mark, which in itself is very good. Several interior items – the peek-a-boo vents, the gear selector dial, the phosphor blue ambient lighting – are firmly established XF traits. Others – the air-con switchgear and the “infotainment” screen – are recognisable carryovers from the XE. The cabin’s size, though, is clearly all new and appreciably better than before. The XF’s impressive usability stems from its improved rear access and legroom, because despite the low roofline it’s easy to climb into the back. There’s acres of space once you’re in there, so even taller adults should be comfortable on longer journeys. Comfortable seats mean it’s easy to while away the miles, helping you feel fresh when you reach your destination.



**XF REAR SEAT SPACE**



**XE REAR SEAT SPACE**

There is plenty of storage area within the car, including an overhead sunglasses holder. Cup holder storage is concealed. The XF has a very similar amount of outright boot space as its key rivals, the Audi A6 and BMW 5 Series. However, access is less impressive because, even by saloon standards, the XF's boot aperture is small, making it tricky to load broad items. Boot area in the XF = 540 litres against the XE's = 455 litres.



Our next drive was in the XE. We drove the same route as the XF. Look no further if you're after a sporty executive car! The acceleration in the XE was 0 - 60 in 7.5 secs. Jaguar indicates 67.3 mpg but again as with the XF don't expect to achieve this, as these figures are in a controlled environment. Expect between 55 and 60 mpg. Check out 'Honest John's' website when he undertook a real mpg test of the XE in Europe:

<http://www.honestjohn.co.uk/news/comment/2015-05/real-mpg-challenge-can-the-jaguar-xe-cover-1000-miles-on-one-tank-of-fuel>.

The Jaguar XE handles superbly, darting in to bends and staying flat and composed through all manner of twists and turns. It also grips well, and the steering on rear-wheel-drive versions is sharp and precise. The ride is firm, but it's supple enough to take the sting out of potholes in town and is wonderfully settled on the motorway. A real driver's car! The 8 speed automatic gearbox allows you to shift gears quickly and smoothly, either by selecting 'Drive' from the rotary dial or by skipping up and down the gears using paddles mounted behind the steering wheel. All models get something called the 'JaguarDrive' system, which allows you to select Standard, Eco, Dynamic or Winter modes, each tweaking how the steering feels and how the accelerator pedal responds when you press it.

There's plenty of adjustment to the steering wheel, and having an electrically adjusted backrest (electric adjustment of the entire seat is a cost option on lower-end versions and standard on high-spec ones) makes it easy to make small adjustments to the driving position. The XE's wraparound dashboard cocoons the driver and front-seat passenger without causing claustrophobia. The seats are mounted low to give a sportier feel, although they offer plenty of adjustability. They were firm but not hard on this model, more comfortable than the XF. As with the XF there were plenty of storage pockets inside and an overhead sunglasses holder. There is good rear views on both cars but sometimes an issue on all cars like this is that they haven't a rear wiper. The general industry-wide shift towards making cleaner, less cluttered interiors is mirrored in the new XE, whose dashboard is dominated by a central touchscreen. Around it, there are eight buttons that are mostly first-tier menu shortcuts, and there are just two discreet rows of push-buttons below the screen. All are very straightforward and logical – you can control the temperature without having to bother the touchscreen.

## SUMMARY

Both cars are brilliant and worth consideration, depending on your needs. The XE starting price is £28,295 & the XF is £32,490. For me the XE was the car to have - very much like my X-Type I once owned, but better. Whereas Jackie's preferred model was the XF - more comfortable for her. Take a test drive when you are in the market for one, see what you think.

*Doug Warren*





# CLUB POLO SHIRTS

Please note the following;

There are three types and I have 5 basic colours; Black, White, Red, Bottle Green, & Navy.

- Fruits of the Loom; 65% Polyester/35% cotton @ £14.00
- Premium Fruits of the Loom 100% cotton @ £15.00
- Uneek; 50% Polyester/50% cotton @ £14.00

All sizes up to 2XL will be these prices. There will be a little more to pay on larger sizes, but I do not have this information yet. It will probably depend on how much interest we have.

A little further information;

- The Premium Fruits of the Loom do feel better and are slightly heavier. In my opinion, worth the extra £1.
- The Uneek is a hard wearing heavier weave item and has a very slightly ribbed collar and cuffs. Good value.

Post and packing will be extra if needed to be posted to members.

Going forward, if enough interest is shown in these, I can obtain T Shirts, standard shirts and baseball caps, all with logos. I will have some Baseball Cap samples delivered with the first order.

Please contact Neil Shanley for your order, stating type, size, & colour at:

***neilshanley@btinternet.com***





# IT'S GONNA BE A HUGE YEAR!

## Back for a Seventh year!

“The Hare” and “The Castle” Breakfast Club will be back for the 2017 season, in conjunction with the **Pie & Pint Beer Festival!**

The breakfast club is a monthly gathering of car enthusiasts from Essex and the surrounding counties. We gather on the first Saturday of each month from April to October, You just have to enjoy cars and hang out with other people that have the same addiction!

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We normally start gathering at 9am and customers are welcome to stay for lunch and enjoy a great selection of food and drinks from our varied menus.

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Upcoming dates for the 2017 spring/summer season (at The Hare unless stated):

Saturday 1st April

Saturday 6th May

Saturday 3rd June – (The Castle) – Incorporating **Pie & Pint Beer Festival & Pie Sampling**

Saturday 1st July

Saturday 5th August - Incorporating **Pie & Pint Beer Festival & Pie Sampling**

Saturday 2nd September

Saturday 7th October (at – The Castle)

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# BRITISH MOTOR MUSEUM



There is still the opportunity of joining fellow members on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April at the British Motor Museum at Gaydon, Warwickshire. Entry price has been agreed at £9:00 per person with a public tour at 11:15am.

Members' cars have been given parking facilities in front of the museum! Therefore, we all need to attend together in order to get our allocated parking space.

## RENDEZVOUS POINT

Those members attending, we will be meeting altogether **OPPOSITE** the main entrance to the museum which appears to have a traffic light junction on the B4100 at 10am. Checking the google map, it appears to be a road to nowhere so we should be able to park all our cars here, while awaiting arrival of all attending members. Therefore, be aware, when reaching the museum junction, get in the right hand lane to turn right, rather than left, to the museum.

Some members are staying in the area at Days Inn off the M40 (South) on Saturday evening. If you too wish to stay over, try booking directly at: <http://www.daysinn.co.uk/hotels/united-kingdom/warwickshire/days-inn-warwick-south-m40/hotel-overview>

*Doug Warren*



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## REGIONAL EVENTS / OTHER EVENTS

# 2017

MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
APR	TUES	4 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	<b>Club Night</b> Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
APR	SUN	8 <sup>th</sup>	10am	<b>National Motor Museum Gaydon</b> See page 10 of this newsletter.
APR	SUN	23 <sup>rd</sup>	08:30	<b>Drive-It Day.</b> North Weald Aerodrome followed by Kelsey Mill and then late lunch at Pine Trees Restaurant, Rayne, Nr Braintree.
MAY	TUES	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8pm	<b>Club Night</b> Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
MAY	SUN	14 <sup>th</sup>	8am	<b>Battlesbridge Classic Car Show</b> Further details to follow nearer the time
JUN	FRI/ MON	2 <sup>nd</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Laon Historique Classic Car Event.</b> Organised by Scenic Car Tours. If interested, please book directly at <a href="http://www.sceniccartours.com/laon-historique-2017/4592226830">http://www.sceniccartours.com/laon-historique-2017/4592226830</a>
JUN	FRI/ MON	16 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Warners Hayling Island and Beaulieu</b> Long weekend break in the UK and a trip to the Motor Museum at Beaulieu, <b>FULLY BOOKED</b>
JUN	SUN	18 <sup>th</sup>	08:00	<b>Bromley Pageant</b> The Peter James Insurance Bromley Pageant is famous for its one-make section where vehicles of each make and model can be entered and parked together. From Ford Cortina's to Aston Martin's more than 1600 cars featured in this area last year. Book directly on line - <a href="https://kelseypublishing.Flameconcepts.systems/group">https://kelseypublishing.Flameconcepts.systems/group</a> and select "JEC Essex Thameside Region".

## NATIONAL EVENTS

# 2017

MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
MAY	FRI/ SAT	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	<b>Royal Windsor Jaguar Festival</b> In 2017, the National JEC is putting on its biggest-ever event - the Royal Windsor Jaguar Festival. See details at: <a href="https://jec.org.uk/events/royal-windsor-jaguar-festival-2017">https://jec.org.uk/events/royal-windsor-jaguar-festival-2017</a>
MAY	SUN	14 <sup>th</sup>	9am	<b>London to Eastbourne Run</b> 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: <a href="http://www.kelseypublishing.flameconcepts.systems/dGYBYBKDuUzdsTuSZwATVptTFdRGLNXVn">www.kelseypublishing.flameconcepts.systems/dGYBYBKDuUzdsTuSZwATVptTFdRGLNXVn</a>
JUN	SUN	25 <sup>th</sup>	11am	<b>E-Type UK Open Day</b> See page 5 for information.
JULY	FRI/ SUN	28 <sup>th</sup> / 30 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	<b>Silverstone Classic 2017</b> 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. <b>17004SCC</b> . 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. <a href="http://www.silverstoneclassic.com/buytickets">www.silverstoneclassic.com/buytickets</a> . Tel: 0871 231 0849

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