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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hi All,

The season started with The Hare's first Breakfast Meeting held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Read about it inside. Also, we had our trip to the British Motoring Museum at Gaydon on 9<sup>th</sup> April. Full details of this event will be published next month.

And finally for April, we had "Drive It Day" on 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Vaughn High did a sterling job organising this one for the 40 odd members and partners that were involved. Again, read about this inside.

Coming up in May will be the 'big' event at Windsor on 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, run by the national club. I know this will be the highlight of the year and cannot imagine the numbers likely to attend from all over the UK and Europe. I know the national organisers are working tirelessly to make it the best show yet. I do hope the event is dry and that the spring weather is kind to us all. I did hear that some members of our region are not attending, as they are not national members, but at the end of the day, surely this is one of many events that being a national member brings its benefits. Please reconsider your situation and join the national club, not only for the events but for the wonderful national magazine produced each month for the members. This month, in particular, our region is featured in a two page article regarding our weekend break away last year to Reims.

Just to keep you all up to date, I recently had a meeting with the JDC at Hyde Hall for the event on 20<sup>th</sup> August. Those that went last year I believe had a great time but would have liked more clubs to participate. Well this year we now have the following clubs participating; Jaguar Drivers Club Area 29 & 33, Porsche, Morgan, Austin 7, Mercedes, TR, Singer, MG Clubs as well as Essex & Suffolk Borders and ourselves. More food stalls are to be available including an outside Bar-B-Que, supplied by the RHS. We are expecting around 300 cars so it is going to be a big event. Hope to see you there!

Regards,

*Doug Warren*  
*Chairman & Editor*



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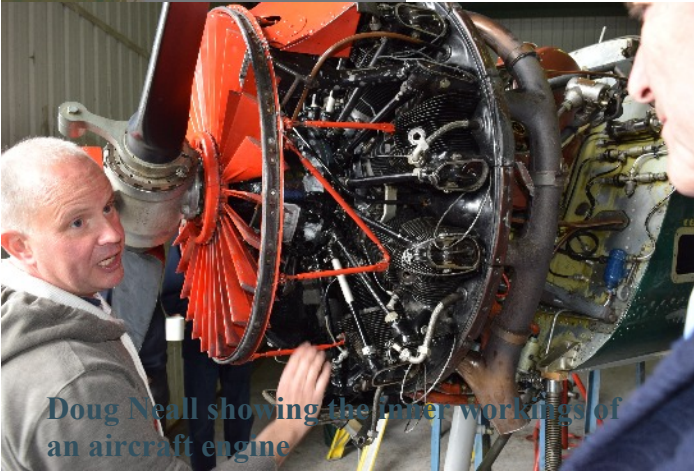
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On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, the club held their annual 'Drive It Day' event organised by Club Secretary, Vaughn High. I have to say it was a total success with 38 members and partners with 21 Jaguars participating. The club met at North Weald Aerodrome initially for 'breakfast' which consisted of either a bacon or sausage buttie and a cup of tea/coffee. We were shown around 'The Squadron' canteen, then Doug Neall - club member Albert Neall's son - showed us around the maintenance hangar next door. The picture on the right below, shows a Chinese copy of a Russian Yak trainer plane which has a flat four engine. This engine lasts just 2,000 hours before you have to replace it. Apparently, they are cheap!!! Should have fitted a flat 4 Porsche engine in the first place!!!! Following breakfast, the members left the airfield in convoy and headed through the back roads of Essex and Suffolk, taking in the country sights along various back roads. On reaching Leaden Roding, we passed various other classic cars, including MG's, Mercedes, Triumph's etc., obviously supporting the Drive It Day event.



Doug Neall showing the inner workings of an aircraft engine



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Arriving at Kersey Mill around 11:30am, when the event was in full swing. Most of the classic's were parked up and we were directed to a rear gravel car park adjacent to the Copper Kettle Cafe and Glass and Craft Shop. Joining the event were members from the Jaguar Drivers Club, Area 29, the Porsche Club of GB, Triumph Stag Club to name just a few. There were an abundance of old vintage cars too, with names not heard of before, such as this



Clyno car pictured on the right.



Our cars were lined up with JDC Area 29 and made a good display of a variety of Jaguars throughout the decades, from a XK120 (which there was some debate as to whether it was an original or reproduction) through to the XJ8 (X358 model). A replica C-Type was also displayed.



We eventually left the site at 2.10pm and made our way to the Palm Trees

restaurant at Rayne, nr Braintree, where we had a sit down meal of various Chinese dishes. The whole event was a great success, thanks to Vaughn and we were pleased to see that the weather was very favourable to us as it was bright and dry all day. *Doug Warren*



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# "DRIVE IT DAY" - 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2017



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## BREAKFAST AT THE HARE - APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>

Did you know that you can reprise the highlights of the Classic & Sports Car Breakfast Meets via You-Tube? No foolin'.....but today you can see the real thing, and that's no April Fool! You need to be early though, if you expect a parking space that is. So, 08.15 on April's first morning of the year, saw your scribe squeezing his 420 between a Lotus and a Porsche. The car park soon filled to capacity with newcomers mixing with old hands ensuring no two gatherings are exactly the same. The flock for this, the first meet of the year, comprised, amongst many others; a red TR5 2.5 PI, a TVR or two, several Ferraris (328 and 488's – check the cream one with brown interior, it grew on me), Lambo's, Porche 911's, a Corvette, a brace of Mustangs, a McLaren, Jaguar XK8 and F-Type R, a 30's Bentley and a Dodge Viper with more stickers on it than a Curry's shop window at sale time. Still on the speed theme, there was a superb GT40 which, I am told, had an original chassis and engine.

Old friends were well represented by; a Morris Series E, a Healey 3000 Mk 111, an early 911 in green, Ford's Mercury Cougar, an Interceptor Mk 111, an XJS convertible and the lowered Jaguar Mk X or 420G (?). Does it run on nitro? I saw a very nice, and rare, Mk 3 coke-bottle Cortina – I think a 1300L model in bronze metallic. It sported the dashboard from its more up market brother, the 2000E (correct me if I am wrong) and the earlier badges on the sides of the front wings. There was an original condition Wolsey 1500, apparently the brand's most successful car, selling over 100,000 units. Ian Dewsnap, our parking marshal brought along his blue Aston Martin Vantage – nice! I mustn't forget the Vauxhall Cresta (?), resplendent in grey primer, but with a lovely engine bay meticulously restored and painted. If the rest of the car ends up like this, it will be something to behold. The Fiat Super Mirafiore made another appearance. These must be pretty rare especially in original condition such as this example. When did you last see one? If you need a car for the summer, there was a nifty red immaculate Mercedes 300SL circa 1990 with 69k miles for sale at £8,500. These are going up in price now that its predecessor, the R107 SL, is achieving over £25k in the hands of specialist dealers. Time to buy one!





What would I like to take home this month? Well, there are two contenders. Take a look at the orange '69 Chevrolet Chevelle SS 396. The owner had imported it from the States where it had undergone a nut and bolt restoration to concours level. The engine bay was cleaner than the inside of my 'fridge. The car had once been black and was given as a retirement present to a sheriff in a small town out West. This example was the hard top coupe, a Super Sport option featuring (I think) a 325 horsepower 396 cubic inch V8. There were 350 and 375 horsepower options also available at the time. The Chevelle came in several guises with the Malibu, Nomad Station Wagon, Monte Carlo and El Camino closely related. With the SS (Super Sport) it was Chevrolet's original entry into the muscle car market back in 1964, badged as a Malibu. The rest is, as they say, history.

My second choice – a Brit - came late to the party, but no less welcome for that. The opposite of the brash American, it was an Aston Martin DB2/4 wearing a green metallic coat of paint. This car had been in the same family for many years and was passed from father to son, having spent two or three decades gathering dust in a garage. Now with a thorough restoration under its belt, the car is a beautiful example of the marque. For the technical-minded, it used the Lagonda twin overhead cam straight six engine, designed by W O Bentley and also used in the DB2 which it replaced. The 2.6 litre unit developed 125 hp – a tad less than the Chevy, but good enough to run to a top speed of 118 mph and a 0 to 60 time of 10.5 seconds, more than enough for the early '50's, although the asking price of around £2,600 must have been eye watering for the time. Apologies to any Aston aficionados reading this if I have some facts wrong.

There was a Mk 11 version, but I believe this to be a Mk 1. If you have seen Hitchcock's "The Birds" you will have seen a Drop Head Coupe version being driven and I think Bond drove a DB Mark 111 version in the "Goldfinger" book. That's it for now, but before I go, did anyone see the Fiat 124 Spyder Arbarth – complete with matt black bonnet? Based on the latest Mazda MX5 – no bad thing – this little convertible was a delight. I had to mention this since one of our illustrious members has one on order, but I doubt he will go with the matt black bonnet. Can't wait to see it! See you later. *Neil Shanley*







# About the World Car Awards

The World Car Awards (WCA) is a program initiated by, organized by, and conducted by automotive journalists from all over the world. From the outset in 2004, those of us involved in making it a reality have done so in the context of one over-riding priority. We are dedicated to ensuring that it is carried out with the utmost objectivity, credibility, and integrity.

The WCA are administered by a not-for-profit association, under the guidance of a Steering Committee of distinguished automotive journalists from Asia, Europe, and North America. In that way, it draws on the experience and expertise already developed by various other award programs throughout the world.

It is intended to complement, not compete with existing national and regional COTY awards, which are inherently different in scope. By its nature, World Car of the Year (WCOTY) includes some vehicles that may be unavailable in individual regions, and excludes others whose availability may be limited to those regions.

Within the awards there are six categories, which are; World Car Design of the Year Award, World Urban Car of the Year Award, World Green Car of the Year Award, Word Performance Car of the Year Award, World Luxury Car of the Year Award and finally the top prize of World Car of the Year Award.

Each award is judged on the following categories, Occupant Environment, Performance, Value, Safety, Environment, Market Significant and Emotional Appeal.

This years WCOTY was held at the New York Motor Show in April and the contenders were, Audi A5/S5, Audi Q2, Audi Q5, Alfa Abrath 124 Spider, Honda Civic, Jaguar F Pace, Mazda CX-9, Toyota C-HR and the Volkswagen Tiguan. The three final contenders were, Audi Q5, Jaguar F-Pace and the Volkswagen Tiguan. And the winner was.....(drum roll please).....the **JAGUAR F-PACE!!!** This is the first time a 'British' marque has won this award. A very ecstatic Ian Cullum the marques Director of Design, was recorded in saying that he "can't exaggerate the buzz it has caused around Coventry, Whitley and Gaydon." It was suggested that Dr. Ralph Speth (CEO) and Ian would take the award down to the production line, so that factory workers will be photographed with them. That's a kind and classy gesture.

(Taken from [www.wcoty.com/web/](http://www.wcoty.com/web/))



More details of the judges and other award winners can be found at: [http://www.wcoty.com/web/2017\\_results.asp](http://www.wcoty.com/web/2017_results.asp)

**LATE NEWS:** Jaguar has announced the introduction of a F-Type for under £50,000. Fitted with a 2.0L turbo Ingenium engine, the performance has been indicated as 0 - 60 in 5.7 secs with a combined fuel consumption of 39.2. OTR price has been indicated at £49,900.



# JAGUAR XKR WOES

MOT time seems to come around too quickly each year. In October 2016, I was not duly stressed by this upcoming event in respect of my 1998 XKR, but thought it would be a good time to have some preventative work carried out on the driver and passenger foot-wells. I do not propose to go into detail as work of this nature has been covered in this magazine in the past. This is a well-known weakness of the XK8/XKR, but I was still amazed at the extent of the rot, and would recommend all owners check these areas before they resemble Fred Flintstone's car.

A couple of years ago I had done a bit of a botched job on both of the rear ends of each sill. The off side was spotted at MOT 2015 and had to be professionally repaired, and the near side failed in 2016. Mike, my mechanic said that whilst he was doing the foot-wells and NS sill would I like him to tackle the rust under the rear light clusters. This had been a problem since I first purchased the car in 2011. Every couple of years, I had the areas dug out, filled and resprayed, but the rust always returned. I knew that to do a proper job the rear bumper had to come off, but no-one seemed keen to undertake this task. As I had been trying to make time to do it myself for over a year, I jumped at the prospect of this volunteer taking charge. How glad I am of that decision. The repair was far beyond my limited skills, the rear bumper mounts (not shown) were also rotted and had to be repaired. As well as the external finish, the unseen inner faces were liberally treated with underseal ensuring that the problem will have disappeared for very many years to come.

My grateful thanks go to Mike Tribe (a Jaguar owner himself) of MT Auto Ltd, Unit 3, Swains Industrial Estate, Leecon Way, Rochford, SS4 1TU, (01702 543110) for doing such an excellent job.

*Written by Member Peter Hennessy*





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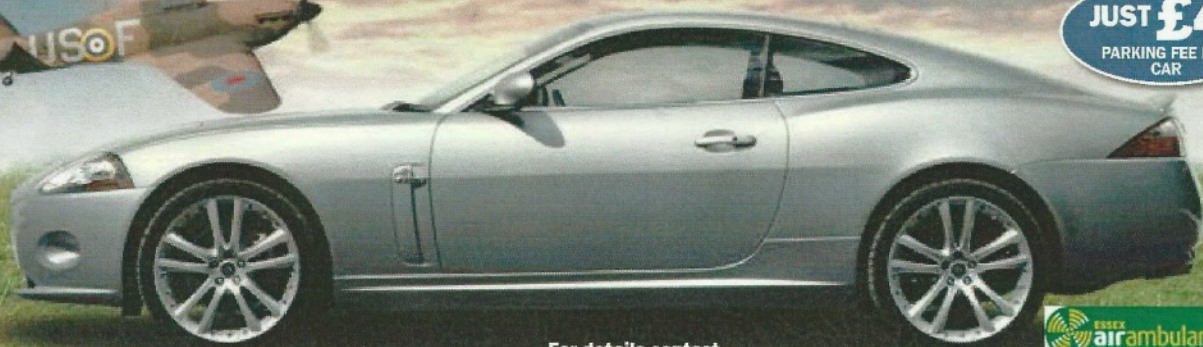


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MAY	SUN	14 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Battlesbridge Classic Car Show <b>NOW FULL</b>
JUN	TUES	6 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Club Night Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
JUN	FRI/ MON	2 <sup>nd</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup>		Laon Historique Classic Car Event. Organised by Scenic Car Tours. If interested, please book directly at <a href="http://www.sceniccartours.com/laon-historique-2017/45922268">http://www.sceniccartours.com/laon-historique-2017/45922268</a>
JUN	FRI/ MON	16 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup>		Warners Hayling Island and Beaulieu 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	Bromley Pageant Book directly on line - <a href="https://kelseypublishing.Flameconcepts.systems/group">https://kelseypublishing.Flameconcepts.systems/group</a> and select "JEC Essex Thameside Region".
JUL	SUN	2 <sup>nd</sup>	08:00	Maldon Motor Show Live entertainment all day from a variety of local singers and groups, Trade Stands, Craft Stands, Vintage Fair and Scalextric/Slot Racing. A full day's entertainment with 42 car clubs present. Contact Bob Cain at <a href="mailto:cain451@btinternet.com">cain451@btinternet.com</a> if you wish to join in. More details next month.
JUL	TUES	4 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Club Night Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
JUL	TUES	11 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Porsche Club Bar-B-Que. More details next month
JUL	SUN	16 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	Shuttleworth Collection visit. More details next month.
NATIONAL EVENTS				2017
MAY	FRI/ SAT	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	Royal Windsor Jaguar Festival 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	London to Eastbourne Run After running the London to Brighton Jaguar Run for 18 years, the run will be moving to its new finish home of Eastbourne and will take place on Sunday 14th May 2017, this year is set to be the biggest and best run yet! Tickets are £60 for car, driver and one passenger and is available at: <a href="http://www.jaguarrun.co.uk">http://www.jaguarrun.co.uk</a>
JUN	SUN	25 <sup>th</sup>	11am	E-Type UK Open Day See last month's newsletter.
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