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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hi All,

As we head into the weekend event at Hyde Hall, I am pleased to say we have 32 cars planned to be on display. Again another great gathering of our beloved Jaguars

for all to see. I do hope we have a great weekend and will report on this next month. Inside this issue we have a comprehensive report from member Peter Davey, on his Mark II 'restoration'. I say restoration as most of the mechanicals have been either stripped down and repaired or renewed. A lot of work (and money) went into this 'restoration' but I am sure it will have been worth it.

Also, featured in this issue, is a report on some members attendance at the Silverstone Classic weekend. It was a shame that not many other members joined us but it was the event of the year for all those that attended. To see 40+ XJ220's parading around the Silverstone circuit was a once in a lifetime occurrence. Fortunately I was able to video this as they left and returned to the paddock, which I hope to upload to our website in time. Should sound be included, be aware that in one scene it appears that one of the XJ220's was making a sound reminiscent of an 'old jalopy'. It wasn't the XJ220, but an 'old jalopy' out of camera!

On page 3, we have a reminder for our 'long weekend' break to the Cotswolds in September 2018. Bookings for this trip have gone fast but there are few places left so book now. Also, we welcome more members to join us on the interesting visit to Bletchley Park, once the top-secret home of the World War Two Codebreakers. If you haven't seen the film "The Imitation Game" starring Benedict Cumberbatch as Alan Turing do so as this tells the facinating story of the codebreakers at Bletchley Park. All will be revealed upon our visit.

Finally, I hope to see as many of you as possible at our September club night on the new revised date of Tuesday 12th September due to a conflicting golfing event.

Regards,

Doug Warren Chairman & Editor



Club meetings are the 1st Tuesday of the month at 8pm: The Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club,

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JEC ESSEX THAMESIDE REGION LONG WEEKEND TOUR UK

Essex Thameside Region has teamed up again with Scenic Car Tours for a Cotswold Tour in September 2018. A Wonderful 4 day break to the Cotswolds, Bath & a visit to the Haynes Museum. Staying at the excellent 4 Star Marriott Hotel, Swindon. The Cotswolds stretches from Bath in the south to Startford-upon-Avon in the north, and from Gloucester in the west to Oxford in the east. Apart from the larger well-known towns, there are numerous delightful

villages such as Bourton-on-the-Water, Stow-on-the-Wold and Castle Combe. What's Included?

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Saffron walden motor show

Members gathered at Birchanger Services at junction 8 off the M11 at 8am on Sunday 13th August before driving up to the common at Saffron Walden. The weather was really better than expected for a change. The sun shone all day. While awaiting arrival of club members at Birchanger Services, a missed opportunity arose and was gone in seconds. What appeared to be the new E-Pace was seen driving out of the car park. At first it looked like an F-Pace, but for the now familiar camouflage decals all over the vehicle. There would be no reason to camouflage this vehicle had it been an F-Pace. Obviously the vehicle is still undertaking road tests before launch. On arrival at the common in Saffron Walden, we were joined throughout the day by members from the Cambridge region of the JEC as well as members of the JDC so all Jaguars were together. It was a fine sight and a good display, with many members being approached by members of the public wishing to discuss aspects of their displayed cars. A good time was had by all and it makes it even better when the weather stays fine. There were other club stands on the common, including the Morris Minor Club, TR Club, MG Club, army vehicles and classic coaches, to name but a few. Hilton & Moss, a local classic car restorer, had a 1953 XK120 on display which had an asking price of £129,000. The whole event appeared to be bigger than last year as quite a number of privately owned classic cars parked up on the common.

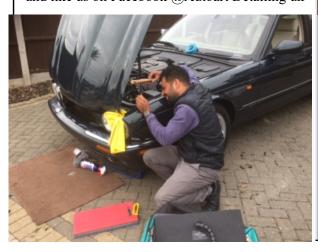




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THE WARREN CLASSIC AND SUPERCAR SHOW

The Warren Classic and Concours firmly established itself in 2013 as one of the key events on Essex's summer social calendar and was the opening event of the annual round of classic car concours. The event attracted thousands of visitors to a celebration

of classic and supercars at The Warren Golf & Country Club near Maldon.



"I'm delighted to be able to attend The Warren Car Show during the break between the Singapore and Malaysia Grands Prix. It's clearly a very prestigious event with a really interesting mix of classic and modern supercars, and I'm looking forward to meeting fans and signing autographs while I'm there."

Jolyon Palmer - Renault Sport F1 Team driver



Concours d'Elegance

The Warren Classic Concours d'Elegance is a wonderful opportunity to view some of the world finest classic motorcars. Over one hundred and twenty cars from around the world have been selected by the organising committee to compete in the Warren Classic Concours, competing over twelve categories. This is a unique opportunity to get up close to some of the finest examples of motorcar in the world and to talk to the owners.

The judges, hand-picked for their specialist knowledge of veteran, vintage and classic cars, will judge the cars based on presentation, originality and of course, elegance. Following judging the winners of each category will form a procession into the main arena, where the winner of the Warren

Concours d'Elegance will be selected.

Concours Categories

• American Sports The Great British Marques

• Ferrari Racing Ferrari Grand Touring

●Alfa Romeo Jaguar

• Pre-war Touring Coachbuilders Art

• Prototypes Veterans

Supercar

Please see Doug Warren at the September club night for a free passes to this event. If you are not able to make it to the club night, please email your request for a pass.





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This years event was one of the best. More than 100,000 spectators enjoyed the world's biggest classic

motor racing festival. On the whole, the weather wasn't that bad as can be seen in the picture of Jackie Warren without her duvet coat, jumper or any other garment to keep her warm other than her smart top! This was recorded on Sunday. However, both Friday evening and Saturday evening when the music festival got going, so did the rain. Spandau Ballet's former front-man Tony Hadley topped Saturday night's bill with The Dire Straits Experience, formed by the original sax-playing band member,





Chris White. And what a band they were. If you closed your eyes and listened to the singer, Terence Reid,

you would have thought you were listening to Mark Knopfler. The concerts on both Friday and Saturday were disrupted by the weather. It poured down both nights, which was a shame really as the performers did their very best on putting on a good show. I can assure you all that standing in the rain, which is running down your back, front, arms and head, isn't very pleasant. Although kitted out with appropriate garments and more to repel the rain, it just got everywhere it could, to the extent that we and a few other couples just had to give up and leave. Saturday's circuit events and weather throughout the day was fine. There was so much going on. Various classic racing taking place along with one of the biggest gatherings of club displays in and around the circuit. The highlight for most of the club members that attended was the running display of over 40 X220's around the circuit. What a sight and one never undertaken before. One of the cars was being driven by TV presenter Tiff Needell. 2017 is the 25th anniversary since the car was launched in 1992 when customer orders were taken, the dramatically styled two seater sports car





was priced at £470,000. It was Jaguar's fastest ever production car as well as being the fastest production car on earth, clocking 212.3m.p.h. It was a 'labour of love' conceived by a dozen engineers working on a volunteer basis, after hours in their spare time. Famously known as the 'Saturday Club' this small team included the XJ220 designer, Keith Helfet, a young South African petrolhead who had arrived in the styling department at Jaguar via the Royal College of Art in London. He had been asked to submit proposals to Jim Randle, the company's then Director of Engineering. Randle without the knowledge of his superiors, was keen to create a Group B road racer to take on the might of Ferrari and Porsche. It was revealed at the 1988 NEC Motor Show to rapturous applause. Jaguar was inundated with blank cheque's which forced Jaguar management to grant approval for a limited run of just 350 cars. The long and the short of it was that the car was supposed to feature a V12 engine with four wheel drive, the final production version ended up as a V6 3.5L twin turbocharged rear transaxle car. This change put some buyers off and in the end, when production ceased in 1994 only 281 cars were built and Jaguar were left with 150 unwanted vehicles, which resulted in many being sold off at less than half price! Today cars

values are between £300,000 and £450,000 and are

rising.

Other displays 'on track' was a procession of McLaren's road cars of which I counted 116!! Quite a feat and a world record in 80th year of founder Bruce McLaren's birth.

And as day turns to dusk, it was time for the other



type of music to begin. The "Rocking and Racing" weekend not

only included Dire Straights Experience and Tony Hadley as indicated before, but also other tribute acts including the Bootleg Beatles, Who's Next and Are You Experienced? playing respectively the music of The Beatles, The Who and Jimi Hendrix on Friday evening.

To summarise, it was a great weekend, despite the evening rain!





TONY HADLEY

The Story of the Complete Mechanical Restoration of Jaguar MK2

Registration 5949DD Owned by Club Member Peter Davey

Background

During early 2016 the garage that had been servicing my car for over 15 years informed me that as it was starting to go wrong and they were no longer prepared to look after it. I then started to get concerned as to whether or not the car would deteriorate any further and asked Doug Warren, Chairman of the Club, if he knew of any club members that would be prepared to have a look at



my car for me. Chris Skinner and his Brother-In-Law David Bisatt kindly came over to inspect it after work (on a dry night as it had to be taken out of the garage) as by now the overdrive and rev counter had stopped working and there was an oil leak between the gearbox and the engine and the clutch was going. The car was also leaking petrol onto the floor when I tried to start it. The conclusion was that the overdrive unit needed to be re-built, the engine taken out to sort out the oil leak, probably a new fuel pump was required and a new rev counter transmitter fitted as all the wiring was ok.

I then contacted the company called The Jag Shop in West London in October 2016 to order the new part and discussed the issues with my car and sent them photos and links to the 6 national magazines that it had appeared in over the years. They then contacted me and invited me to bring my car down to them for an inspection and repair, reassuring me that they would contact me every fortnight during the works and update me as to cost and phased payments of the project and that it was up to me how far I went whilst they would advise me of any essential works that needed to be carried out. They also warned me that as they only do cars that they want to do that they were very busy and were currently working on the re-build of 3 E-Types which would take them into the New Year. The car spent the next 6 months in my heated garage under cover.

The Journey to London

On the 10th April 2017 I got the call from The Jag Shop inviting me to take my car in on the 18th April if it was a dry day (they knew by now that I would never drive it in the rain) and work would commence on my car by a dedicated mechanic on the following Monday. At this point my feelings were a mixture of excitement that my car would be sorted at last, a year after my previous garage gave me notice, and trepidation as to what it was going to cost.

As the car was leaking petrol and it had not been started for 6 months I phoned the AA as I have home start and they came and fixed the petrol leak which was a stuck carburettor float but I was still nervous in driving it to London because of the clutch.

Yes you guessed it although the car started on the button as she always has sadly she broke down on the way to London as the clutch went and once again I had to call on the AA but this time I asked Tina, my wife, who works for the UK Ford Customer Services Director to make contact with them on my behalf as I wanted a special modern low loader to avoid any damage to my car and within half an hour this one turned up which was great. The police had to stop the traffic whilst she was loaded onto the back!

The Re-Build

By now I totally trusted the Jag Shop to do only what they had to do and that any cosmetic extras were down to me! They also stated that they would provide me with a photographic record on completion of the works. I was also invited to attend the workshop anytime I wanted to in order to see the progress in my car's rebuild. Our Chairman, Doug Warren, kindly ran me to the Jag Shop on three separate occasions to see the car. As promised I was sent update photos every fortnight in order for me to be able to understand what needed to be done and when I saw bits all over the floor it was a 'no brainer'. /cont







During the build the owner of the Jag Shop told me that it was an absolute pleasure to work on as it was in such good condition with not a sign of rust on the underneath of the car to be seen and that it was completely solid (well it hasn't been out in the rain). He also said that he could not believe that for the last 20 years of my ownership that I had only had it serviced with only the regulator going wrong and that she was still running around on the original tyres (Michelin XVS-P 185/80 R15 H (93)) that I put on it the car in 1997 and that they would still pass an MOT!! Having said that he also told me that the timing of the restoration could not have been better as the head gasket was starting to leak and the timing chain tensioner was at its full adjustment as the chain had expanded.

The re-build took 11 weeks in the end and Doug ran me down to London on the 30th June to pick her up. The

works that were carried out were as follows:

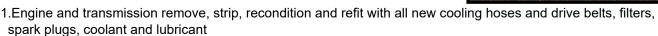
Workshop Report

20/06/2017

Vehicle: Jaguar MK2 3.8 MOD

Registration Number: 5949 DD

Mileage: 90964



- 2.Cylinder head removed, stripped, valve seats ground, 6 new exhaust valves fitted, tappets shimmed correctly and reassembled
- 3. Engine block stripped, cleaned and rebuilt with new timing chains, guides and dampers, big end and main bearings replaced (std), all piston rings replaced (.030"), thrust washers renewed
- 4. Crankshaft machined to carry modern rear oil seal
- 5.Overdrive removed from gearbox, fully reconditioned and refitted with new gaskets and seals
- 6.New 3-piece clutch kit, clutch slave cylinder and flexible hose fitted, flywheel skimmed and balanced
- 7.Carburettors stripped, cleaned, and reconditioned, new metering needles and gaskets
- 8. New exhaust manifolds, studs, nuts and sealing rings fitted
- 9. Front sub-frame remove, strip, recondition and refit
- 10.All 4 sub-frame metalastik mountings replaced
- 11.Upper and lower wishbone bushes, top and bottom ball-joints renewed, lower wishbone fulcrum pins replaced with new, sub frame cleaned and painted
- 12.Anti-roll bar bushes
- 13. Front wheel bearings, brake pistons, brake discs, friction pads, and brake-lines between callipers in 'Kunifer' have been renewed
- 14.Rear axle/suspension overhauled in vehicle
- **15.**Rear wheel bearings, brake pistons, bleed screws, brake discs, friction pads fitted, parking-brake callipers overhauled and pads renewed /cont









- 16. Panhard rod and both torque arms replaced with new
- 17. Differential pinion oil-seal and gasket replaced, half-shaft to hub keys renewed

Don't ask how much that little lot cost!!

The complete mechanical restoration can be seen by entering this link below onto your computer:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ejy8v1psh6r307u/AADNPsnEiRssZhjGVhz7Blo0a?dl=0

The Password, which is case sensitive, is: PeterMKII (with 2 capitals I's)

How Does She Drive Now

After an initial run and a re-visit to the Jag Shop for adjustments she runs like a dream and handles like a modern car with an extremely powerful engine which is a 3.8 litre straight six with a re-found 220 BHP and acceleration of 0 to 60 in 8.5 seconds. This combined with new discs, suspension, a re-furbished sub-frame and new authentic tyres (Dunlop 185/15 SP Sports) all round makes this a very safe car and a pleasure to drive.





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MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SEP	SUN	10 th	9am	Visit to Bletchley Park - once the top-secret home of the World War Two Codebreakers, is now a vibrant heritage attraction. Meeting up at Grange Motors, Brentwood at 9am, before travelling in convoy to Bletchley Park.
SEP	TUES	13 th	8pm	Club Night Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club NOTE CHANGE
SEP	SUN	24 th	8am	The Warren Classic and Supercar Show Passes available from Doug Warren at September club night. Free admission.
ОСТ	SUN	1 st	8am	North Weald Airfield Jaguar Meet Breakfast meet arranged by the JDC Area 33 for any Jaguar to just turn up. Parking fee £4. Tea/Coffee and bacon rolls available for £5. Come and say hi!
OCT	TUES	3 rd	8pm	Club Night Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
NOV	TUES	7 th	8pm	Club Night Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
DEC	TUES	5 th	8pm	Christmas Club Night Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club Free buffet and Quiz night included.
NATIONAL EVENTS			NTS	
				2017
SEPT	FRI/ SUN	15 th /17 th	12pm from Fri.	JEC Big Forum Weekend, Mercure Hull Grange Park, Hull, England, HU10 6EA The club has the whole hotel to themselves over the course of the weekend and are planning to do something a little different to their usual format events. Starting with music and entertainment on the Friday evening to welcome you all, followed by a day of entertainment, quick fire seminars, an auto jumble bring and buy, a show and shine competition as well as trade stands. They then have a day of drives planned for the Sunday before you make your way back home. Go to: https://jec.org.uk/events/big-forum-weekend for further details.
ОСТ	SUN	8 th	10am	Jaguar Spares Day, Stoneleigh, Warks. CV8 2LZ Get your shopping lists ready for all the parts you need for your winter restoration - it's getting close to that time of year again! Open to the public from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Admission £10.00 payable at the gate - no advance booking
NOV	FRI/ SUN	10 th -12 th	9am	Classic Car Show @ NEC Book directly using code CSCMS17 for discounted rates. http://classicmotorshow.seetickets.com/event/the-lancaster-insurance-classic-motor-show/nec/1099586

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