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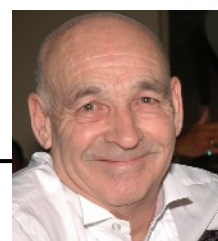
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CLASSIC CAR PARTS ISSUE

I recently was shown a bill of sale by one of our members regarding two Jaguar XJC Series 2 Coupe door butterfly seals. They measure about 3" in length. He obtained them from SNG Barratts as they are no longer available from Jaguar and haven't been for a number of years. I, too, have had recent experience of parts no longer available from Jaguar which resulted in having to source copy parts. In my

case, it was the outer waist seals

(C2N2780 & C2N2781) which run between the drivers and passenger door frame and the side glass window. These items have a tendency of "bubbling" up and look at time, unsightly. This problem is not only restricted to XK8's as other Jaguar models suffer this too. As you can see from both pictures, in the first picture the seals are nothing special, although shaped according to the requirements, but how much do you think these costs? Including VAT & Post & Packaging, a whopping **£168**. The door seals are **£458.86 inc vat EACH SIDE!** This surely is enough to put off classic car ownership. Have you had similar experiences with parts? Let the Chairman know.



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TWO LOCAL SHOWS TO SIGN UP FOR.

SUNDAY 20th MAY

The JEC Essex Thameside Club will be joining our colleagues from the JEC Essex & Suffolk Borders at Plough Corner, Harwich Rd, Little Clacton, Clacton-on-Sea, CO16 9ND, for the annual Clacton Classic Car Club's show. This will be the first time we have attended this show at Clacton and I would like to see a big turn out from our members. Graham Cook is organising the event on behalf of the club, so if you wish to attend please contact Graham a.s.a.p. at:

cook_gm@hotmail.co.uk

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VEHICLE UNDERSEALING Pt2

As you will be aware I visited a local company, **Stock 4 x 4**, for them to undertake the undersealing of my XK8. It wasn't a cheap job but was around the going price for the work. What I have now to report is that the company had to have the car back twice to complete the work to my satisfaction. Areas of the Dinitrol underseal had not been applied to a number of areas of the underbody. I made representation to a company called Rejel, a Dinitrol authorised distributor for the UK and recommend companies that apply the Dinitrol products. They contacted Stock 4 x 4 for an explanation and they indicated to Rejel that "We were surprised to receive this complaint given the overwhelmingly positive feedback we receive from our customers. We carry out treatments for a number of professionals within the industry (car dealers, coach building companies etc) and they look over our work with a fine tooth comb as their reputation is on the line when supplying vehicles to customers. We are a two man team and we both check over each other's work, but do appreciate that some areas can be missed. However these are usually picked up during these quality checks." Clearly, they hadn't checked that thoroughly or the car would not have needed to go back twice. The work has now been completed but **I would not recommend them to members.**



Sunday 22nd April saw the first event of the year for the JEC Essex Thameside Region. 33 members and partners met up at the services on the A12 junction 28 for the beginning of the visits planned around Suffolk. Our first visit was to Suffolk Sports Cars at Pettistree, Nr Woodbridge. Roger Williams (owner) opened his factory especially for us and provided an informative tour. Roger stated that he formed the company specifically to create a true copy of the original SS100 Jaguar, but using modern XJ Jaguar components.

From its early years the company has constantly improved the specifications of the Suffolk SS100. The car now incorporates many features including left hand drive variants and the demand for



higher performance and specifications. .



Roger told us of his history in the motor trade where he started life serving 5 years apprenticeship under the Management Training Scheme for a company called Botwoods, who in the 60's was a Jaguar distributor in Suffolk. After his apprenticeship Roger spent the next 27 years creating a new Ford dealership in Suffolk. In 1995 he took over the SS100 project and created Suffolk Sportscars.

Here are two of our club's Suffolk SS100 owned by Richard Gibby and David Ogg on display at the Maldon Motor Show last year.

Following on from this visit some of the members headed for Bury St. Edmunds to Greene King Brewery. Here, we parked up in the staff car park of the brewery and headed into the Beer Cafe!



Here we met up with the brewery tour guides who showed us around the brewery. It was formed back in 1799 by a young 19 year old brewery apprentice, Benjamin Greene, who moved from London to Bury St. Edmunds. .

In 1806, Benjamin partners with William Buck – an elderly yarn-maker looking for a strong investment to secure his retirement. Together they brought the 100-year-old Wright's Brewery in Westgate Street and rename it Westgate Brewery. Then in 1836, Benjamin passes the business onto his son Edward Greene. Edward grows the business and by 1870 he doubles the number of employees to 50 and produces 40,000 barrels a year. In 1886, Frederick King acquires the Maulkin's Maltings in Bury St. Edmunds and renames it St. Edmunds Brewery which is next door to the



Westgate Brewery owned by Benjamin, and tries to compete against the Westgate Brewery. In the 1870's, Edward understands how important it is to look after our people. So he introduces housing benefits and pension schemes for our employees – practically unheard of elsewhere. In 1887, Frederick King struggles against Benjamin's brewery, and states, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em!" Frederick agrees to join forces with Edward and form Greene, King and Sons. The new company quickly establishes a regional reputation for producing two of the finest types of beer – old ale and bitter. Moving on into the twentieth century, in 1938, they open a new Brewhouse in time to meet the

demands of WW2's Allied servicemen who are based in East Anglia. It was built to last and is still being used today. By the time the two World Wars had ended, Greene King had acquired Rayments Brewery and opened a new brew house, and by the 1960s a new bottling store had been built and head office was modernised. Greene King had become an established player in the brewing and pub industry. Between 200 and 2009, Greene King's portfolio increased further following a number of acquisitions. Much-loved brands including Old English Inns, Belhaven and Loch Fyne all become part of the Greene King family. The company now turns over £2bn a year!

Following on from our visit to the brewery, members met up for lunch/dinner at The Shepherd & Dog in Stowmarket. Wonderful pre-booked meals were had by all, courtesy of Jenny and her team in the pub. A great finale to a great day out with the sunshine and warm weather too!



CLUB CLOTHING

As you read this, we will have seen the start of British Summer time, said Hello and Goodbye to Easter and attended the first Hare Breakfast Meet of the season. Indeed, we will have driven to Bury St Edmunds brewery and taken a peek at Suffolk Cars on the way. But the coming of Spring not only brings with it the start of our automotive adventures, but also a preview of our new, and not so new, clothing lines. And, like most of the best fashion houses, we have something to interest everyone – as long as its Jag related.

So, if sartorial elegance ranks a close second to that flawless sheen on the Mark 2 bonnet, then read on.

Our new lines for this year are;

- **Gillets (Body Warmers);** by Regatta in Black, Classic Red, Navy, Otter/Black and Seal/Grey/Black. Sizes – XS(35/36), S(37/38), M(39/40), L(41/42), XL(43/44), 2XL(46/48) and 3XL(49/51); (Black is on back order at time of writing); £33 each.
- **Padded Jackets;** by Result in Black, Frost Grey, Navy and Red. Sizes - S(38), M(41), L(44), XL(47) and 2XL(50); £39.54 each.
- **Sweat Shirts;** by Fruit of the Loom in Black, Bottle Green, Burgundy, Deep Navy, Heather Grey, Navy, Red, Royal Blue, Sky Blue, Sunflower and White. Sizes – S(36/37), M(38/40), L(41/43), XL(44/46), 2XL(47/49), 3XL(50/52)*; £16.80 each.

We can also supply Charcoal, Chocolate, Classic Olive at a cost of £ 19.30 each.



*3XL only available in Black, Heather Grey, Navy and White.

Coveralls; by Dickies in Black, Bottle Green, Grey, Navy, Red and Royal Blue
Sizes – 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, and 54. Length Regular 30. £40.80 each.

T Shirts; by Gilden Ultra, in a choice of 54 colours. Just say what you want and we'll see what's closest. These are a better quality than our standard range. Sizes – S(34/36), M(38/40), L(42/44), XL(46/48), 2XL(50/52), 3XL(54/56), 4XL(58/60), 5XL(62/64). £7.80 each.

Our existing lines are;

- **Polo Shirts;** by Fruit of the Loom and Kustom Kit; in Black, Navy, Red, Green and White. (ask for availability for other colours.) £15 each and £14 each respectively.
- **Fleeces;** by Regatta in Pink, Fuchsia, Green, Black, Navy, £21 each.
- **Short Sleeved Shirts;** ask for detail £23 each.
- **Baseball Caps;** by Beechfield; in Black or Navy. £6 each.
- **T Shirts** by Gilden Premium; around 46 colour choices including Black, Green, Red, Navy and White. £6.50 each



You have a choice of five different stitched logos; the Leaper (most popular), the Growler, the Wings, the Stylised Growler and the Daimler D.

All prices quoted include 20% VAT. There will be a few pence added for postage – the more orders the less postage per item. Some items may come from a different manufacturer dependant on availability. If you have any ideas of a new product, then let me know and we will investigate.

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CLIENT FACEBOOK REVIEWS

Steve Fish

21 November 2017

What can I say. I was resigned to getting my car re-sprayed as the paintwork was well, tired to say the least. But Mario convinced me he could rejuvenate it. I'll admit I had reservations but boy, did these guys do a fantastic job! If you flick through the posts you'll see my red Capri. What a transformation. I cannot recommend these guys highly enough! The time they have taken into getting me to love my car again is phenomenal! Thank you so much!

Richard Noble

4 January 2018

Excellent job on my XK. An 11 year old car now looks like better than when it was new!

Lee Browning

6 January 2018

Highly recommended, amazing work, you need to see it to believe it. Blown away with the final result.



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MOT CHANGES

On May 20, new changes to the MOT test could mean that it'll be harder to pass. These are being implemented to meet a new EU directive, the European Union Roadworthiness package. The changes to the test involve a new type of emissions testing, and measuring defects within three categories. The new changes will apply to all vehicles, but there is debate over how effective the new test will be. What are the new MOT categories? The biggest change to the MOT test is how defects will be categorised. These are 'dangerous', 'major' and 'minor'. Minor defects are the same as an advisory. These are things that will eventually need fixing on your car, but will not fail your vehicle. For example, if the brake fluid is below the minimum mark. Major and dangerous faults will need to be dealt with before the car is deemed roadworthy and will fail the MOT. For example, if the brake fluid is significantly below the minimum mark. What are the changes to the MOT emissions test? Emission testing will also be changed. The old emissions test – the New European Cycle (NEDC) - was designed in the 80s, and has come under scrutiny in recent years. The new emissions test – The Worldwide Harmonised Light Vehicles Test Procedure (WLTP)- will be tougher on measuring fuel economy and CO2 emissions. Supporting this will be the Real Driving Emissions test (RDE), which will measure the amount of nitrous oxide (NOx) created by the car. Diesel cars may struggle with this part of the test, as their emissions are higher in NOx than petrol. To amend this, garages will have to make changes to their diesel smoke meter setting or software. The government will be working with garage equipment manufacturers to help them get ready for this. As of May, any diesel vehicle that has a particulate filter will fail the test if it emits smoke of any colour. Any tampering with this filter will also mean a failed MOT.

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MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
MAY	TUES	1 st	8pm	Club Night A.G.M. Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
MAY	SUN	13 th	8am	Battlesbridge Classic Car Show Fully Booked .
MAY	SUN	13 th	TBA	Faversham Transport Weekend Contact Mary Monk at mary_monk53@hotmail.com for details of meet.
MAY	SUN	20 th	TBA	Clacton Classic Car Club Show Plough Corner, Harwich Rd., Little Clacton, Essex CO16 9ND. Contact Graham Cook at: cook_gm@hotmail.co.uk .
MAY	SUN	27 th	9am	Museum of Power - Hatfield Road, Langford, Maldon, Essex CM9 6QA Breakfast Meet. Just turn up.
JUN	TUES	5 th	8pm	Club Night Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club Visiting speaker Patch Jobson , Regional Manager National JEC.
JUN	SUN	17 th	TBA	Blackwater Country Show Meeting being planned with the organisers this month and details will follow.
JUL	SUN	1 st	8am	Maldon Motor Show - Contact Bob Cain for passes at cain451@btinternet.com
JUL	TUES	3 rd	8pm	Club Night Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
JUL	SUN	15 th	TBA	Hatfield House Guided Tour Due to other separate arrangements, this visit was planned for 3 rd June and has now been changed to 15 th July. More details to follow next month.
NATIONAL EVENTS				2018
JUN	SAT/ SUN	23rd/ 24th	10am	Classic & Sportscar & Flywheel Show - Bicester https://classicsportscarshow.seetickets.com/tour/the-classic-sports-car-show Book directly.
JUN/ JUL	Fri/ Sun	29 th / 1 st	TBA	Jaguar Summer Festival 2018 See details at: https://jec.org.uk/events/jaguar-summer-festival-2018
JUL	Fri/ Sun	20 th / 22 nd	TBA	Silverstone Classic 2018 . See details at: https://jec.org.uk/events/silverstone-classic-2018

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