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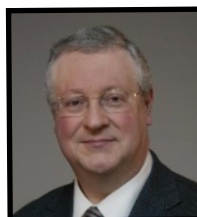
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The organisers have announced the theme as "English Luxury" and that they will therefore be 'honouring' Rolls-Royce, Bentley, Astons, Jaguars & Daimlers.

The club undertook this trip in 2017 and had a fantastic experience. Although it may be too soon for those that attended the 2017 event, it may make a difference that the organisers have a British theme for 2019's event and Jaguar & Daimler, amongst other English 'luxury' cars are being honoured.

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# NATIONAL JEC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Doug Warren, Graham Cook & Richard Gibby on behalf of Essex Thameside Region attended the National AGM on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at Jaguar Land Rover Classic Works in Ryton, Warwickshire.

Mike Horlor opened the meeting and reported that unfortunately, Graham Searle (JEC General Manager) was not present due to being diagnosed with prostate cancer and is undergoing treatment.

This was followed by an introduction of the Directors and the approval of the previous AGM minutes held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Mike Young (JEC Financial Director) then went through the accounts for the year ended 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The highlights were that the club made a £48k profit in the year. The turnover was £1.1m which was an increase of 14.9% over the previous year. Membership income rose by 1.5%, magazine income rose by 1.3%, insurance revenue rose 3.8% and income from the gift shop remained constant. As a result of the Royal Windsor Jaguar Festival, they were able to provide a charitable donations to the Prince Philip Trust Fund of £23,668. The accounts showed a before tax profit of £48k. This profitability is not expected to continue into this financial year; the club was expected to make around £10-15k profit which they feel acceptable.

Then followed the election of Directors. All current Directors were re-elected to their current posts. Then Mike Horlor indicated that the Directors proposed an increase in membership subscriptions for overseas members of £5 per year with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019. The reason given was the falling value of the pound in recent months and Brexit. The subject was debated and members present agreed that this should be implemented. Mike then gave his Chairman's report which included the events of 2018 and the forthcoming events planned for 2019.

We then broke for lunch and had the opportunity of looking around the Classic Works foyer and part of the workshop area. On display were a number of excellent Jaguars which had been restored, refurbished or in the process of restoration. One of those cars, was this excellent XJ220 with a price tag indicating POA! A unique car which was also on display was this 1955 L/H/D Jaguar XK140 which was rebodied in 1963 by Giovanni Michelotti in Italy. This car was once owned by Brigitte Bardot. Recently acquired, Jaguar Classic Works are restoring this car to its former glory. Finally, a selection of flat floor E-Types and a D-Type was also on display.





Following lunch, we were given a presentation by Richard West who was a motorsport businessman and has worked with the likes of Prost, Senna and Schumacher. Richard held senior commercial positions with several racing teams, including Williams, McLaren, and TWR. He gave an interesting talk on the 1989/1990 24 hr Le Mans Silk Cut Jaguar team operated by Tom Wilkingshaw Racing. They won the race in the Jaguar XJR-12 driven by John Neilson, Price Cobb and Martin Brundle and also came in second in another XJR-12 driven by Jan Lammers, Andy Wallace & Franz Conrad.



The meeting then had a presentation of the club's 'Spirit of the Club Award'. This is the "Footman James" award given out annually and was won by David Lindsey.

At a later dinner awards ceremony, the newly introduced "Star" awards were presented to the following club and individuals listed below:

### **Best Regional Communications**

South Lincs

### **Enthusiast of the Year**

Colin Manconi - South Wales

### **Long Service Award**

Mike Beirne

### **Regional Event of the Year**

Warwickshire, Coventry & Hinckley for Jaguars At The Castle

### **Best Contribution to Community Engagement**

Grampian

### **Region of the Year**

West Sussex (below)



Finally, if you read in last month's newsletter, the article supplied to me from Steve Rider about the radio for the Jaguar E-Type, it was indicated at the meeting that JEC members can obtain these units direct from Jaguar Land Rover Classic Works for a reduced price of £900. Please contact JLR Classic Works direct at <https://www.jaguar.co.uk/about-jaguar/jaguar-classic/jaguar-land-rover-classic-works-facility.html>.

# LANCASTER CLASSIC MOTOR SHOW

Now recognised as the world's biggest gathering of classic motoring clubs, the vintage showcase event witnessed over 71,000 loyal disciples through its busy doors over the weekend 9 – 11 November 2018.

Acting Show Director Lee Masters said: "This was a landmark year for the show in so many ways; The biggest in size, the most ever cars, and reaching 300 clubs to make it the World's biggest gathering of classic motoring clubs. But also as it took place on Armistice Day, it was an honour to see so many clubs pay tribute.

"There wasn't a dry eye in the house as the two-minute silence was broken by the sound of a Highland piper on the Discovery Live Stage. Thanks to everyone who came and supported the show. Now to start planning how to celebrate next year's 35th anniversary of the show!"

The show theme was aptly named 'Built to Last' and as expected, the clubs and displays interpreted this in so many different ways – from the Veteran Car Clubs stunning 'Coming Home' tribute to the end of the Great War, to a fantastic mix of heritage models against their most modern counterpart on the Renault, Alpine, and BMW club stands.

Once again, one of the highlights of the show was the Meguiar's Club Showcase, with 16 exceptional classics at the judges' mercy with Lyndon Creamer from Gwynedd, North Wales, and his 1964 Volkswagen Type 1 Beetle lifting the trophy. (Picture on right)

Silverstone Auctions saw a number of high-profile celebrity owned classic cars move on to new homes at their annual sale including Frank Sinatra's 1984 Rolls-Royce Corniche Convertible, Steve McQueen's 1945 Willys Jeep MB and a collection of cars from Jamiroquai's frontman, Jay Kay. The star of the sale was a magnificent 1965 Aston Martin DB5 saloon. Presented in the iconic Silver Birch colour, the car more than lived up to its pre-sale interest, eventually fetching a premium inclusive £362,250, more than £80,000 over its lower estimate.

Other British classics also proved extremely popular. A Lister Jaguar XJS 7.0 litre Le Mans Coupe was the subject of an intensely fought bidding battle, eventually selling for £57,500, more than twice its pre-sale estimate. A 1950 Jaguar XK120 Roadster fetched £86,825, more than £19,000 over its lower estimate; a 1962 Jaguar Mk.II 3.8 achieved £55,200 and a 1960 Jaguar XK150 Fixed Head Coupe also sold above estimate, for £42,837.







The theme for the show was "Built to Last" and nothing endures more than a legend and we know that Jaguar is a legend in the car world. The National club had two anniversaries to celebrate - 70 years of the XK and 50 years of the XJ. So they presented the oldest XJ chassis



number 19 in the careful stewardship of member Adrian Massey. This car is notable not just for being the oldest example of a bloodline that is still being built now in its 8th generation, but also because Adrian had gone to great lengths to keep this car original. Paint, chrome, metal work all original, try replacing that piece of history!

The XK was the car that shot Jaguar to legendary status, winning Le Mans, the Alpine rally and holding the land speed record amongst many other accolades. To celebrate this CMC very kindly supplied a beautiful XK150 drop head. One of the last produced, this was also a 3.8S, very rare and well sought after car.

Obviously, there were a number of other marques on display throughout the 6 halls as well as a selection of car dealers selling their wares. Graeme Hunt and Robert Hughes, both predominately Jaguar dealers had a variety of Jaguars for sale with a number having covered very low mileages, including this lovely 1978 Daimler Sovereign 4.2L with only 12,000 miles recorded. Yours for just £21,750!!!



My personal favourite is the Austin Healey 3000 in blue and cream.



A number of TV and film cars were also on display. Guess which this is???????

Overall, another enjoyable show which needs at least two days to view properly, so make a date in your diaries for next year - 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

# WARNING FOR SORN'D CLASSICS

*Owners need to reapply when they go tax exempt*

A statutory Off Road Notification anomaly has come to light regarding applying to SORN a vehicle made before 1 January 1978. Under DVLA rules when they return your V5, the form shows the classification as 'Historic' and therefore tax exempt,



but there is a likelihood that you will receive a fine for having no insurance. This affects owners that have vehicles locked away in dry storage or on driveways that are awaiting works to be carried out but for whatever reason, hasn't had the vehicle insured. Why would you, if it is not ready for the road? The Motor Insurance Database obtains and acts on information supplied by DVLA about taxed vehicles with no insurance. Once the vehicle is registered as 'Historic' classification it automatically gets listed as requiring insurance, regardless as to whether you have SORN'd the car previously. The whole operation to SORN the car must be applied for again. The Federation of British Historic Vehicles clubs have taken up this issue and has given the following advice. "We do not think that the DVLA makes it clear in its guidance and we will be approaching it on this question." The solution to the problem is once you receive your V5 back with its Historic classification, declare the vehicle as SORN again. Also worth noting is that the EU are trying to force through a directive that all motorised vehicles, whether on the road, race track, private land or in storage should be insured. This is vehemently being opposed by European Insurance companies. *Information supplied by Peter Davey*

## CAR HISTORIES BEING ERASED

Data Protection seems to be all around us these days. It affects how we contact members in our club, how companies are allowed to send emails to us, etc. It has benefits in giving us better control over how our information is used and keeping some privacy. However I have my doubts that it always protects us in the way it is intended. Data Protection hasn't stopped spam emails arriving in my Inbox, and it may also cause a vehicle's history to be lost every time it changes hands to a new owner.

I have just bought another Jaguar, a XJ8 2001 Sovereign. The new V5C arrived in my name and stating the number of previous owners, as it has always done. But now it does not show the name of the previous owner, as this has been removed due to the new Data Protection rules.

This may extend even further when you purchase a car from a dealer. Data protection now means that the dealer should no longer pass onto you the previous history, bills and receipts for work undertaken on the vehicle, because they show a previous owner's name and personal information, such as their address.

No doubt this does protect the previous owner's privacy and may help to stop any future fraudulent act being undertaken using the information in the documentation. But it also stops the buyer finding out all the available history. Gone are the bills listing the servicing, so how will you know whether the vehicle really did have a full service or was the book stamped for just an oil change?

To take this thought further, imagine that you have a car with a full rebuild history, or even a car with, say, racing heritage or a celebrity owner. In theory, the dealer is meant to destroy all information disclosing any names or addresses, and not pass it on to the new owner. In extreme cases, a car's premium value could be lost because its history is erased.

So what should you do if you are selling a car through a dealer? Don't give the full history paperwork to the dealer but consider holding onto it yourself and telling the dealer to inform the new buyer that you have the paperwork if they would like to contact you directly.

*Written by Graham Cook*



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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

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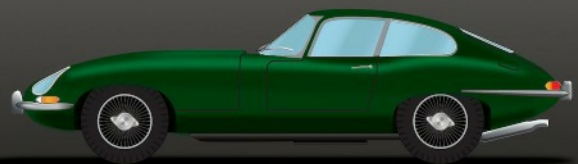


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For all those wondering if we are going to continue with tradition and provide a Thameside JEC Calendar, wonder no longer, for we will provide not one, but two choices. We have the usual A4 sized version, which will sell for around £7 - £8 and, new for 2019, the Kitchen Calendars - you know, the tall slim ones which will sell for around £3 - £4.

Numbers are limited and we hope to have some for sale at December's Club Night. So why not come along and buy one. It would be good to know what the demand is in case we need to order more, so do let us know sufficiently in advance if you cannot make the night and would like to buy one.

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REGIONAL EVENTS / OTHER EVENTS				2018 - 2019
MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
DEC	TUES	4 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	<b>Christmas Club Night</b> Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club With Christmas Buffet, Quiz and big raffle prizes!
JAN	TUES	8 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	<b>Club Night</b> Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
FEB	TUES	5 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	<b>Club Night</b> Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
MAR	TUES	5 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	<b>Club Night</b> Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
APR	TUES	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8pm	<b>A.G.M. Club Night</b> Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
APR	SUN	28 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	<b>Drive It Day. Details to follow &amp; date to be confirmed.</b>
MAY	TUES	7 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	<b>Club Night</b> Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
MAY	SUN	12 <sup>th</sup>	8am	<b>Battlesbridge Classic Car Show. Details to follow.</b>
JUN	TUES	4 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	<b>Club Night</b> Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club
NATIONAL EVENTS				2018 - 2019
FEB	THU/ SUN	14 <sup>th</sup> / 17 <sup>th</sup>	16.30/ 21.30 THURS ALL OTHER DAYS 10am/ 18.00	<b>The London Classic Car Show</b>  This show is the must-attend event for any discerning classic car owner, collector, expert or enthusiast. Being held at the Excel Centre in the East End docklands. Tickets prices start at £25. Go to <a href="https://www.thelondonclassiccarshow.co.uk/">https://www.thelondonclassiccarshow.co.uk/</a> for more details.
MAY	FRI/ SUN	10 <sup>th</sup> / 12 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	<b>Jaguar Festival 2019 at Blenheim Palace</b> Jaguar Land Rover Classic are our Headline sponsor and SNG Barratt are our Title Sponsor, they will both be in attendance throughout the weekend at both our entertainment venue, the wonderful Heythrop Park Resort, before we make our way to Blenheim Palace on the Sunday for the Jaguar extravaganza. As our only flagship event in 2019 this will be the one to attend with a BBQ, Gala Dinner, and auction amongst the events at Heythrop Park as well as evening entertainment, VIP's, and some very exciting cars! <b>More details to follow nearer the time.</b>
JUN	SUN	16 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	<b>Jag Fest 2019</b> Organised by the Kent South Region of the Jaguar Enthusiasts' Club and in association with, the National JEC, we welcome all National & International JEC members and owners of any other Jaguar or Daimler car, to join with us for, what promises to be, a very exciting weekend extravaganza, <b>More details nearer the time.</b>

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