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Chairman's message

Welcome

During the last month, the club enjoyed Sunday Lunch at The Six Bells in Boreham, Chelmsford. It was a joy to see so many polished Jaguars gleaming under the bright sunshine in the car park. The food and service were again of a very good standard with an Ale and Guinness Pie to die for. The day before around twenty members visited Woodham Mortimer Cars in Chelmsford. Organised by Ian Croxson, this was our second visit (see Newsletter number 173 for details of our visit last year). The standard of the cars in their showroom was amazing as was that of those in their workshops with E Types looking better than the day they left the factory. You can read all about it on page 10 of this issue.

Our club night numbers are gradually returning to pre-Covid levels with a good turnout for the March event even though it was a very wet night, with one of the local roads blocked after the big storm. Maybe the free buffet had something to do with it. With British Summer Time now upon us, the evenings are getting longer and we are presently enjoying some pleasant sunny days. What better time to kick off the car show season? To start the events, we have booked 20 places on Sunday 17th April for the Transport Fest at the Museum of Power, Maldon. You can still book, your applications need to be in by 1st April. If you would like to join our Drive-It-Day, which is on Sunday 24th April, the Entrance Application Form, can be found on page 13 of this Newsletter. We have over 20 cars booked for the Wings & Wheels Air Show at Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome on Sunday 29th May and we are still, at this time able to take bookings so why not come along? Please see our Newsletter for full details of these and other events, and how to book your cars into the shows.

If you haven't yet done so, please do have a look at our tour that we have organised in partnership with Scenic

Car Tours staying 3 nights in North Yorkshire from 4th to 7th September 2023. The flier is on page 14 and full details have been emailed to our membership. We are staying in a 200 year old listed Georgian Manor House in Pickering, a stone's throw from Pickering Castle, the North Yorkshire Moors Steam Railway, fabulous scenery including The North Yorkshire Moors National Park and Dalby Forest. Close by is "Heartbeat" country and even closer is Thornton-Le-Dale, one of the prettiest villages in Yorkshire and home to Matthews Classic Car Auctions from TV's "Bangers and Cash".

During the May club night we will be holding our AGM and election of committee members full details will be emailed to members shortly. Gill Cain has been doing a splendid job as our Membership Secretary for around seven years. She has decided it is time to step down and pass the role onto another member, letting them get involved joining the committee assisting with the running of our region. Gill has processed this year's membership renewals. Going forward during the year, the role entails processing new members and subscriptions. If you think you would like to take on the role, or have any questions, please contact Gill or myself.



You may know Bob King, a regular to our Club Nights and the owner of a '66 E Type Series 1.5 Coupe. Unfortunately, he recently suffered a stroke and after an operation in a London hospital, is now recovering in Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford. I am sure we all wish him a speedy recovery and look forwards to seeing him at future club events.

Your Editor this month has been Neil Shanley, who has written an interesting article on his trip last year to the Isle of Man Festival Of Motoring. Please do read it, and see what is on offer there, you may well to book this trip yourselves in the future.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our next club night on the 5th April

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Shows and Events in 2022 for Essex Thameside

Tue 5 April	Club Night, 8pm, Langdon Hills Country & Golf Club, RM14 3TY
Sun 17 April	Transport Festival, Museum of Power, Maldon CM9 6QA. Free entry to show, but pay to enter museum. 20 places have been reserved for JEC Essex Thameside—please contact Lester Magness to book..
Sun 24 April	'Drive-it Day' with the Charity Classic Vehicle Club, starting at Rettenden and driving a country route to Great Dunmow. Please complete and return the application form on page 6 to book your place. Please book by 1 st April latest.
Tue 3 May	AGM and Club Night, 8pm, Langdon Hills Country & Golf Club, RM14 3TY
Sat-Sun 14 & 15 May	National JEC Celebration: centenary of the Swallow Side Car Company, SS Cars & Jaguar at Brooklands, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 0SL. Please put 'JEC Essex Thameside' on the top of your application form, in order that they can try to park us together
Sun 29 May	'Wings & Wheels' at Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome, Maldon, CM3 6RN. To book your place, please contact Graham Cook.
Tue 7 June	Club Night, 8pm, Langdon Hills Country & Golf Club, RM14 3TY
Tue 5 July	Club Night, 8pm, Langdon Hills Country & Golf Club, RM14 3TY
Sun 10 July	Orsett Classic & Vintage Car Show. Orsett Show Grounds, RM16 3JN. To book your place, please contact Graham Cook
Sun 24 July	Hyde Hall Classic Car Show, Buck Hatch Lane, Chelmsford, CM3 8ET. To book your place, please contact Graham Cook
Tue 2 August	Club Night, 8pm, Langdon Hills Country & Golf Club, RM14 3TY
Sat/Sun 13 & 14 August	National JEC's Festival North at Newby Hall
Tue 6 September	Club Night, 8pm, Langdon Hills Country & Golf Club, RM14 3TY
Sat/Sun 10 & 11 Sept	National JEC's The Centenary of Jaguar 'Jags on the Prom', Blackpool
Tue 4 October	Club Night, 8pm, Langdon Hills Country & Golf Club, RM14 3TY
Tue 1 November	Club Night, 8pm, Langdon Hills Country & Golf Club, RM14 3TY
Tue 6 December	Christmas Club Night, 8pm, Langdon Hills Country & Golf Club, RM14 3TY

For information—other non-JEC shows and events open to individuals:

Sun 12 June	Bromley Pageant, Norman Park. £12 one-make parking (+ passenger), or £7 display vehicles
Sun 19 June	'Motorfest', Margaretting Road, Writtle Chelmsford CM1 3PJ
Sun 26 June	'Simply Jaguar', the National Motor Museum, Beaulieu SO42 7ZN. Early bird tickets £13
Sun 7 August	Helmingham Hall Gardens Festival of Classic & Sports Cars
Sun 21 August	Hedingham Castle Classic & Vintage Car Show, CO9 3DJ (pre-1986 cars only).
26-28 August	The Silverstone Classic, Silverstone Circuit, Northants NN12 8TN
11-13 November	Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show, NEC Birmingham

plus: Jaguar breakfast club at the British Motor Museum, Gaydon, Warwickshire, first Saturday of every month
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Manx Motoring

Delayed by a year due to the pandemic, the inaugural Isle of Man Festival of Motoring event finally took place between 16th and 20th September, 2021 – and it was worth waiting for.

The trip started for Sue and I with a journey to Heysham where we were to catch the ferry to Douglas, Isle of Man. The journey was around 275 miles which we did in a leisurely 5 hours mainly in dry conditions and stopping on the way. The XJS cruised well managing 26 mpg with only one issue – the speedometer stopped working for a short while and then restarted. Anyone know of possible causes? We travelled the day before taking the ferry and stayed in a delightful boutique hotel overlooking Morecambe Bay and a “hop, skip and a splash” from the ferry port. It was an old inn and had been tastefully modernised with an excellent outdoor bar/café area and a spacious car park. There is plenty to see in the locality including St Patrick’s Chapel, a Grade 1 listed 8th century building, the ruins of which are just a few minutes’ walk from the hotel. Named after the

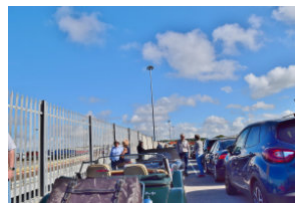


patron saint of Ireland, it is said that he came ashore at Heysham in the 5th century having been shipwrecked off the coast. He then created a small chapel to help spread Christianity. It was rebuilt a couple of hundred years later and its ruins are available to go round. If you have the time and energy, do the Headland Walk and visit the Morecambe Heritage Centre to build up an appetite for the evening meal.

The following morning we were met at our hotel by Chris and Marise White and, after coffee and some sightseeing, we headed to the ferry port. There we were met by a mass



of Morgans. Was this a foretaste of what was to come? Old, new, traditional and modern, I have never seen so many in one place. And there were more when we docked in Douglas. It took an age to load and offload but the Steam Packet Company, founded in 1830 and now owned by the Manx Government was the only game in town so we accepted the wait with good grace. Having disembarked, we drove to our hotel in Ramsey, a few miles from Douglas. It was one of several booked for the event by Scenic. If you require a modern spacious hotel with a large car park and a reasonable restaurant, then this is the one for you.



Before we look at the event timetable it is worth taking an overview of the island itself. The Isle of Man is a self-governing Crown Dependency and is not, and never has been, part of the UK or EU. It is not represented in Westminster or Brussels. It has its own Parliament, government and laws, however the UK government is ultimately responsible for international relations. The Queen, who is Lord of Mann, is the Manx Head of State and her island representative is the Lieutenant Governor. The sole ferry operator is the aforementioned and snappily titled “The Isle of Man Steam Packet Company” and is the oldest continually operating passenger shipping company in the world. Driving around the island shouldn’t take too long – its length is 33 miles with a width of 13.5 miles giving an area of 221 square miles. Just over 81,000 people inhabit the island. It has its own currency, worth the same as ours, but whilst they accept the English pound sterling, it is unlikely you will be able to easily spend Manx currency in the UK. Best to change it at a bank. Interestingly, if you need to send a Post Card back home, you must use a Manx postage stamp since UK ones are not allowed. Amazingly, there is no national speed limit on the island, but a 30 mph limit is in force in built-up areas and varying speed limits are applied to some roads. Quite often there are no signs to say that you have left a speed restricted zone, just be careful. Although some say that fuel is a few pence dearer on the island, we found the exact opposite especially with the super unleaded grade being the same as supermarket diesel in the UK. Speaking of which, every petrol station we visited, however small, stocked super unleaded and it did not have any “E” added – what’s not to like. (Due to current international issues this situation may now have changed)

Friday 17th September

The start of the main events with the following activities on offer: The Sloc Closed Mountain Runs, The IOM Motor Museum, Jurby Track Laps and the Jurby Transport Museum. Whilst we did not book the Track Laps, we did partake in the remainder which were all included within our package. For the Mountain Run we met at the Coffee Cottage for a photograph and congregated in the car park opposite where refreshments and toilet facilities were available whilst we awaited our allotted time to leave. There was an eclectic array of cars on display ranging from MGs to Mercedes, Custom Cars (some of the best I have



ever seen) to Jaguars. It was then off for the Mountain Run with the road temporarily closed to the public. The cars set off at timed intervals which did cause a considerable waiting time, but it was worth it to drive at speed along a winding road with no other vehicles to spoil the fun. So much so that Chris and Marise did it twice. This was the one day that the weather was a little unkind to us so the warm interior of the IOM Motor Museum was most



welcome. What a fascinating venue. Created by father and son, Denis and Darren Cunningham in 2015 to house their 150 strong classic car collection within its 70,000 square foot site, it also embraces loan items from private collectors

together with 150 motor cycles, the latter on its curved mezzanine floor and on a wall! It also hosts temporary exhibitions and events to tie in with the island's motor sport calendar. The collection is a truly eccentric affair featuring rare cars, trucks limousines and even hearses. Many of the ideas for the features are American influenced with several unusual US vehicles, even a Greyhound bus. When did you last catch one of those outside of a movie? Surprisingly, a Russian space craft – an Almaz-206 for those who are up on such things - can be seen at the far end of the hall adjacent to the restoration work shops. With such a diverse range of exhibits to see we simply did not have much time left to do justice to the Transport Museum opposite, however, we will return for a more detailed review of the Motor Museum in a future issue. Now it's back to the hotel for dinner.



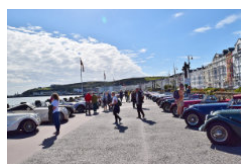
Saturday 18th September

Today's events include: the Car Display along Lock Promenade, the Food and Drink Festival at Villa Marina Gardens and the Gala Dinner at the Comis Hotel & Golf Resort, Mount Murray. The weather this day was glorious as we drove down the promenade to join a huge selection of classic cars. We were accompanied by the island's local car clubs which made the day even better. Most of our tour group were present with Astons, Sunbeams, MGs, Jaguars, Triumphs, Porsches, Mercedes, BMW, Austins,



Fords, TVRs, Renaults, Minis, VWs, Dax, Volvos, Mazdas, Bristol and.....Morgans. You can appreciate the scale if you look on YouTube for a drone's-eye view. You might even see our little party. I was

surprised to see three larger than life statues prominently featured on the promenade. These depicted the Bee Gees who were born in the Isle of Man. I didn't know that!



Whilst ice creams and T Shirts were the order of the day and with free central parking, it was a golden opportunity to do a little sightseeing at the Food and Drink Festival and Douglas Town. The former was held in the Villa Marina Gardens

looking out onto Douglas Bay. Once a grand estate, founded in 1806, it now is home to; the Royal Hall, Broadway Cinema, Promenade suite, Dragon's Castle and the Colonnade Gardens. Today it was filled with theatre attractions, music, food, drink, and exhibitors' stands. Whilst you are here, don't forget to take a look at the Gaiety Theatre and Opera House, a splendid example of late Victorian theatre architecture. It was renovated in the 70's and 80's and hosts musicals, dramas and opera. Further on lies the busy town centre with the usual shops, a working harbour and, I am told, a thriving financial centre.



When we left to return to Ramsey, we decided to stop at the Snæfellsnäs Mountain Railway Ticket Office which was sited a few yards from the road. This railway has been in operation since 1895 and covers 5 miles of track and is the only electric

mountain railway in the British Isles. Once it has reached the summit at 620.980 meters (2,036 feet), I am reliably informed that you can see England, Ireland, Wales, Scotland, the Isle of Man, Heaven and the Sea – the Seven Kingdoms. Unfortunately, we had insufficient time to take a trip, but experienced close up views of one of the electrified cars stopping at the station. There are no lights or bells as they cross the road, so just make sure you give way to them.

The Gala Dinner in the evening was a splendid affair for which we had pre-booked. Coaches ferried us from our hotels to the spacious Comis Hotel & Golf Club. Following champagne in the main bar, we were taken to the vast dining/function room containing a sea of tastefully set tables of ten. We were lucky to share ours with Triumph and MG owners. No Morgan owners on this table.



Following an excellent meal, we were entertained by TT legend, Milky Quale who took us through an illustrated rider's eye view of the TT circuit at

breakneck speed. Alan Cross who owned a Mercedes Pagoda SL that I had admired on the trip, assisted as a virtual rider to add a little humour to the breathless presentation. The evening closed with dancing to the sounds of a Shadows tribute band.

Sunday 19th September

Our final full day yet again opened with glorious sunny weather which enabled us to take full advantage of the events on offer. In order of appearance these were; a police escorted motorcade from the TT Grandstand to Ramsey, a closed road TT mountain run from Ramsey to the Greg-Ny-Baa, afternoon tea at the Greg-Ny-Baa and a photoshoot in the TT Grandstand Pit Lanes. What a day! Following breakfast we drove to the TT Grandstand car



park to be split into three groups each having a timed exit, for the motorcade into Ramsey (back to where our party came from). This was a fun drive because the

police had temporarily closed off our route which was the main west road and part of the TT circuit, to local traffic. There is a certain satisfaction to be had driving through red lights and ignoring road junctions whilst the police looked on with approval. When we arrived, we parked along the promenade – more or less opposite our hotel.

After some free time to take in the delights of Ramsey, participants were sent over the TT Mountain Road to Greg-Ny-Baa in six timed groups. Driving the 39 mile circuit with no speed restriction is certainly exhilarating. That's possibly an understatement. It is a must for visiting bikers and car enthusiasts alike and we saw many bikers doing high speed runs on the course. We noted many famous landmarks along the course not least The Bungalow on the 31st milestone



roadside marker and the open Tramway Crossing for the Mountain Electric Railway seen at a more leisurely pace the previous day. Look out for the statue of Joey Dunlop astride a



Honda which overlooks The Bungalow Bend at Snaefell. Greg-Ny-Baa is on route and we enjoyed our afternoon tea there. All part of the tour, but with around 500 people to be fed and watered time was limited. If you haven't



heard of this café, it is situated on a right turn on the Snaefell Mountain course between the 34th and 35th milestone markers and is named after the nearby pub and restaurant. Having finished our tea, we

decided to give the photoshoot at the Grandstand Pit Lanes a miss and head out to another famous Manx landmark – The Laxey Wheel. To be found in the village of Laxey, the Wheel was built in 1854 to pump water from Glen



Mooar, part of the Great Laxey Mines industrial works. The wheel is affectionately known as Lady Isabella and stands 21.350 meters high (70 feet in old money) but sadly does not work at present. However, you can climb to the top and experience panoramic views across the Glen Mooar Valley. Once back on



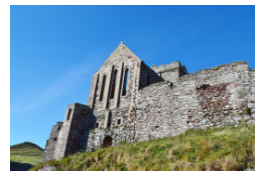
solid ground walk along the valley and enter an old mine tunnel, but don't forget your hard hat. In case you are wondering what was mined, I believe it was lead and zinc ores. Now back to the hotel for the last evening meal of our tour. It is worth mentioning here that our hotel restaurant was closed since it was a Sunday, but did decide to open for us. That was very fortuitous since earlier we had tried to book elsewhere only to find that all the English restaurants we contacted in the area were closed on Sunday evenings.



Monday 20th September

Our departure was set at 15.00 hrs, leaving plenty of time for a final bit of sightseeing. So, with the bright morning ahead of us, we drove to Peel to view Peel Castle and Moore Traditional Museum. Like the restaurants on Sundays, several attractions are closed on Mondays and I think that included the Museum so we did not visit it. For those interested, it is the red and white building at the end of the harbour where herrings are cured/smoked. The practice goes back to around 1870 and the Moore's factory has been supplying Manx kippers since 1882.

Peel itself is a charming port/town and well worth a visit.



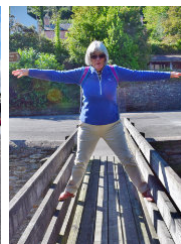
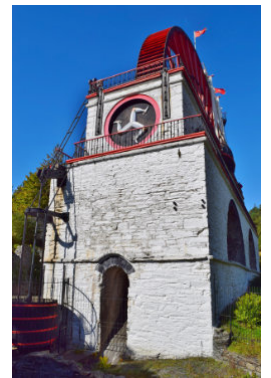
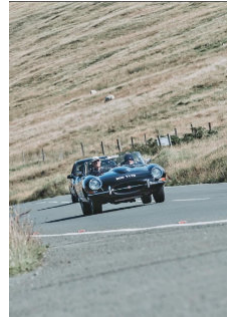
The harbour is overlooked by Peel Castle which stands on St Patrick's Isle. Built from local red sandstone it dates back to the 11th century when the Vikings first built it, but it was in the 14th century that the majority of the sandstone walls visible today

were built. The castle is depicted on the reverse side of a Manx £10 pound note. Oh, and just before we leave, an interesting gem from the archives is that Peel is the birthplace of Peel Microcars, manufactured here by the Peel Engineering Company in the 1960's – and driven by Jeremy Clarkson in the 2000's. It was the only Manx car ever built and the world's smallest production car.

And, following that bombshell, we say goodbye to the Isle of Man and a few hours later, hello to Liverpool where, despite being first on the ferry, we were THE last to disembark. Beware the steep ramp, so much so, that I could only see the bonnet as the car drove onto the pier above. In summary, the Isle of Man is a fascinating place to visit with much to offer and made memorable by the meticulous organisation by Scenic. If you get a chance to visit do go – preferably if there is a car event planned.



Neil Shanley

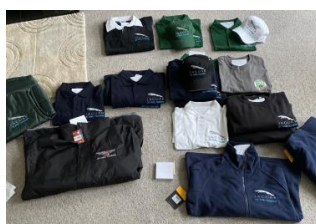


A Drive Around The Island - Fun With The Cars

JEC Essex Thameside Club Clothing

After two recent successful orders, there may be another should sufficient interest be shown. If you do require something, please see pages 13 and 14 in the March 2022 edition of Essex Thameside News for full details of sizes and colours. To summarise, we can provide;

Polo Shirts (£16.00), Gilets (£22.80), Fleece (£21.60), Sweatshirts (£17.20), Reversibles (£39.00), Varsity Jackets (£27.50), T-Shirts (£8.00), Padded Jackets (£39.55), Rugby Shirts (£29.88), Caps (£6.50), Bobble Hats (£7.50), many in ladies sizes. We can also provide Beanies and Overalls. All come with stitched logos (a choice of 8 designs). There will be a small postage charge but the more we buy, the less postage on each item. One design celebrates this year's centenary of the company which became Jaguar



Welcome To Woodham



The re-arranged revisit to the new 60,000 Square Foot Woodham Mortimer (formerly JD Classics) Sales and Workshop facility took place on Saturday 26th February with a group of 30 members and friends attending the gathering. Due to staffing changes, Paul Fox, our previous contact, was no longer with the company so, on this occasion, our tour was ably led by Scott Turner, the Workshop Manager and very informative it was too. Woodham Mortimer are going through some major transitional changes brought about by the new owners. Buying and selling dream cars, restoration and repairs, feature prominently with work undertaken in-house including; panel beating, fabrication, trim, paintwork and engine rebuilds. A major development emphasis is to be seen in "Vintage Voltage", the electrification of classic cars taking them from petrol fuelled to pure electric power by swapping their internal combustion engine for a Tesla-type electric motor powered by batteries.

The company has also recently formed a partnership with the Warren Maynard Fine Art Gallery that displays collections of art work. Examples of stock included Andy Warhol and Damien Hirst amongst others. The idea being you buy your ideal Classic Car, you select a limited edition piece, and add it on to the bill. For example, a limited set of 10 "Endangered Species" by Andy Warhol at £35,000, together with a British Racing Green 3.8 Litre Jaguar XK150 with sage green interior will complete the sales process for another £250K. Perfect



for hanging up in the garage while you admire the car.

Some very special Jaguars were on display in the showroom, including a couple of XK120's, one of which was

previously owned by the late Prince Rainier of Monaco. An E Type Roadster that had been owned by the ex Auto Sports Editor and an XK150 completed the line-up of big cats. There was an Aston Martin DB4 Series V Vantage that had featured Cleo Laine and Johnny Dankworth as past owners. Jenson Button's Rosso Red Ferrari 575 was



displayed prominently, as well as a very smart Gun Metal Jaguar S Type of 1967 vintage, last seen in The Sweeney!! (as

were so many – ED) My particular favourite was a replica of the ill-fated Jaguar XJ13. A prototype originally developed by Jaguar Engineering Director William Heynes to compete at Le Mans in the mid 60's, it never raced and only one was ever produced. It was crashed by Jaguar test driver Norman Dewis at high speed, but luckily, he survived



and the car was eventually rebuilt. The car was never officially valued but a bid of £7M was declined by the owners in 1996. It was more than 3 times the price of a Ferrari 250GTO at the time!! The replica that was in the workshop was being prepared by Woodham Mortimer for a new owner, who when finished will see little change from £450,000+.

Other current restoration projects included a very rare blue coloured Rolls Royce Silver Dawn Convertible built sometime between 1949 and 1955. A cream coloured 1956 BMW 503 was also on show. This was BMWs first



post war Sports Coupe featuring electric windows all round, it was sold mainly to Heads of State, including Tito of the former Yugoslavia, and to nobility. John Surtees also owned an example since it was the car to be seen in. Unfortunately the high price and the lack of a servicing network in Europe and the US, its intended market, tended to put buyers off. In addition, its performance did not match its looks and without a V8 option below the bonnet, its sales in the US were limited.

Another favourite of mine was the Lancia Flaminia Sport owned by the Zagato family. Yours for just £475,000, this fully restored example took pride of place next to a relatively modern green 1972 Alfa Giulia (much more my kind of car). The red two door Ferrari 330GT in the workshop was also a close contender, but unfortunately I had left my cheque book at home. All in all some very exotic machinery was on display.



The company has also a desire for Motor Sports and has developed the WM Sport brand. With works prepared and supported cars for participation at such events as the Mille Miglia, they will prepare any make and model from pre-war to historic racing cars from bare shell builds to rebuilds and restoration securing and managing entries, driver training, testing and trackside support with technical assistance. Any member wishing to look at participating at the June 2022 Mille Miglia, here is the WM Sports Package. Demand is sure to be overwhelming, so best to get in quick. Unfortunately we might have commitments at our Jaywick Caravan at that time!! That apart and nearer to home, bread and butter work like winter overhauls, health checks as well as engine transmission and chassis rebuilds, routine servicing are all undertaken in house to suit all budgets.


In concluding, I have to give special thanks to Dr. Cyrus, one of the investors in the new Woodham Mortimer, for making the visit possible. I am sure I speak for all when I say that it was a fascinating, interesting and informative morning. We wish Woodham Mortimer well for the exciting new phase in their business development.

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1. Nash Metropolitan, a 1959 US model Series IV
2. Citroen DS
3. Willys Jeep, not the Ford version
4. MGTD, note pressed steel wheels which debuted on the TD
5. Beardmore London Taxi, photographed in Tacoma, Washington State
6. Ford Deluxe V8, a 1940 Business Coupe with Flat head 3.6 litre V8 engine
7. Alfa Romeo Giulia TZ 105 Rally Car, a TZi (GTTZi) of 1964
8. Alfa Romeo SZ Zagato, an EZ-30 of 1991
9. DeLorean DMC 12
10. Ford Zodiac Mk III
11. Ford V8 Pilot, using the V8/60 US economy engine, more suited to Europe.
12. BMW Isetta
13. Chevrolet Corvette Stingray
14. Jaguar XK 150
15. Ford Mondeo Vignale Estate
16. Reliant Scimitar GTE



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Vaughn's Visors

Are you missing your classic Jaguar sun visors and brackets?

Having been restoring my 1969 XKE I found the sun visors and brackets to be missing. "No worries" you hear me say "I'll replace them". Having looked at other ongoing club member projects I noted that they also had missing brackets and visors which should have been a clue. Once I started to price the components I also discovered that the E type has different visor brackets for the fixed head and roadster both of which were different from the Mk2/Daimler Jaguar of the same period. (and the 420 is different from them all – Ed.)

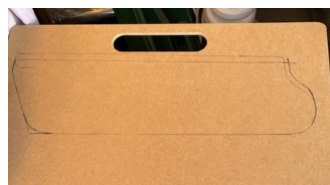
I found the simple chromed rod fixing bracket generally retailed at around £275 a pair. On top of that one well known parts supplier wanted £155 for repro visors plus £14 postage!! I'm sure you restoration bargain hunters could shave a few pounds off but these seemed to be the going prices.

At one of our recent meetings I recall trapping Steve Potter at a table and was doing my usual crying over a pint and moaning about the unbelievable cost of these items when he pointed some out on Ebay. Graham having just said his bit for the night had tied Steve Rider to a seat to ensure he had no choice but to talk about the Goodwood Revival, (see you all there by the way) so I suppose I must confess I had one final quick look at my phone under the table, got onto E Bay and guess what, yes that's right there they were! A pair of 1969 E Type brackets and some dodgy visors for £100 and buy it now! Obviously as Steve Rider was talking I couldn't ask Julie for some more pocket money, so knowing we would now go hungry I pressed the buy it now button.

Ok now to business, the visors have arrived. It's funny how the pictures always make items look like mint and didn't quite capture the correct angle to show the rust on the chrome. I could have fitted them as supplied. They were in a go-again condition, brown/black leatherette but in a bit of a sad saggy state. The original Jaguar visor material was of cardboard and foam which deteriorates after a few years letting the metal hinge either slip around or just rot through, so I decided to strip them apart and possibly re glue them. As you can hopefully see in the pictures the visor foam had decomposed and one had completely detached thus rendering them really beyond repair. I looked at several online forums and saw that people were making their own using plywood, cardboard and even aluminium for the main shape (obviously to make them as light as possible). I think my ideal would have been Perspex to stop any warp but as I didn't have an immediate source I went to Hobby Craft and found the ideal starter kit - a 4.5mm MDF artist board (£5) and a pack of four pieces of foam sheet (£4)



Quite simply I traced the visor shape onto the board and cut a pair out using my band saw. The MDF visor was then drilled and riveted to the metal hinge flap. I found the rivets



stuck out a bit so hammered them flat on my vice before gluing the foam over the riveted section. On the first visor I glued the foam in sections (see photo) so as to give a smooth appearance but learned that one foam

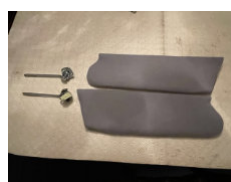
sheet would glue on one side and then layover the other with no join lines. I should also mention that I gave the MDF visor a coat of PVA to seal it prior to sticking the foam



on. Once dry I used spray glue on the foamed visor and went over it again with another sheet of foam nipping the edges together to seal the foam before trimming it up with a sharp pair of scissors.



I then cut the visor material using the originals as a pattern, thinking I may glue the edges. I could go on and tell you how I completed it all on my own but in truth I asked Julie if 'WE' could get the sewing machine out and sew the edges (I would have liked to have had a go but to be honest I didn't have any spare material to re-cut another if I made a hash of it). Julie had a good look at them and suggested she sew them inside out "like you would a pillowcase". This was then turned into the correct way and fed over the foam



covered visor, finishing and shaping the ends by hand. If you look at the pictures WE duly completed the task (I say "we" but I was there in an advisory capacity!) Yes it took a bit of time but I am really pleased with the result, hopefully the pictures will show you that they look great. I've

ordered the chrome screws to attach the assemblies to the car but guess what, the screws are on back order so I have to wait!!! But Spring is coming....Happy Days



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Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



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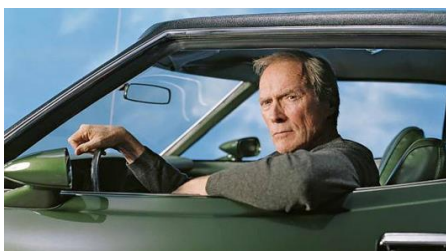


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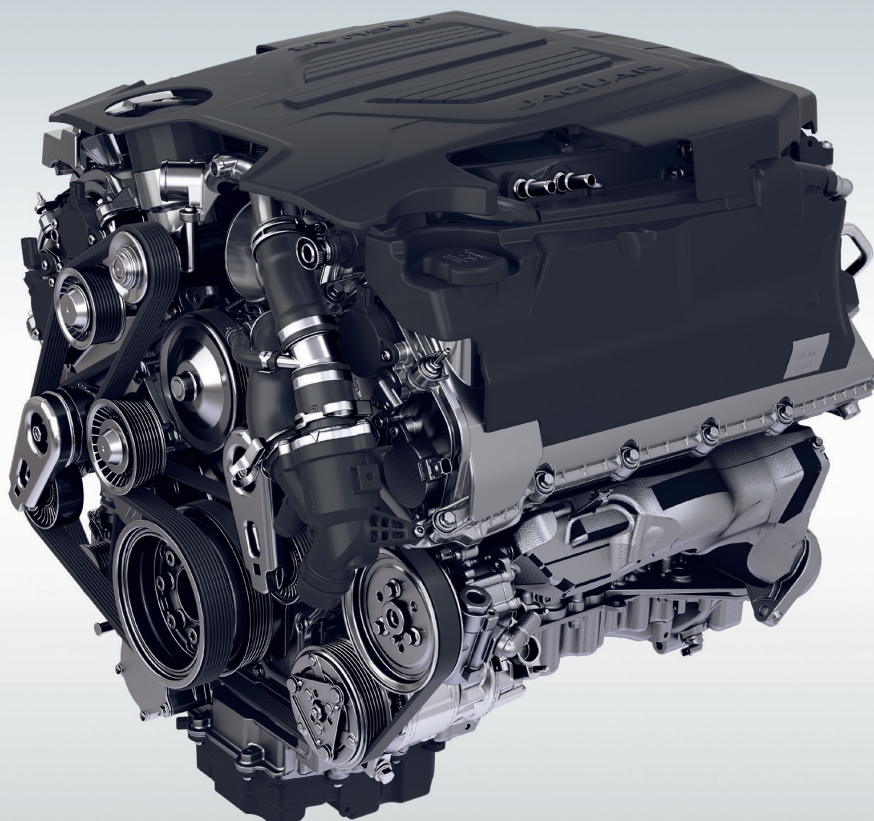
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