



Chairman's message

Welcome to our December Newsletter, edited this month by Richard Gibby.

Our 'Christmas Club Night' takes place next week, at 8pm on Tuesday 6th December, in Langdon Hills Golf Club as usual. Our club night attendances have been somewhat down this year compared with a couple of years ago but Covid is no longer the threat to life that it was. It is time to get club activities back to our old levels so please do come along and meet up with your 'Jag friends'. Mince pies, chocolates and nibbles will be on the tables to add to the festive mood. We shall have a larger than usual raffle with prizes to the value of about 5 times our usual monthly amount, so do be sure to buy raffle tickets. There will also be a quiz, prepared and hosted by Richard Gibby, with prizes for the winning team or table. As it is our last Club Night of the year, it would be great if as many of you as possible came along.

We held a committee meeting in November to consider what we might do next year; we have drawn up a list of shows that we propose to attend plus several others that we are looking further into and which might be added to the list. In several cases, the show organisers have not yet announced their dates for 2023 but, based on previous years, we can assume with confidence when they are likely to be.

For other activities next year, we are arranging a visit to Warwickshire to see one of the last surviving Vulcan bombers, with an overnight stay for one or

two nights for any who wish to make a weekend of it, as there are plenty of other things to see and do nearby. We are also going to organise a first aid course for any members who wish to attend and perhaps learn how to use a defibrillator amongst other skills. Subject to numbers, participation will be free of charge although there may be a contribution towards the cost of refreshments. Details of these and other events will be circulated shortly and included in our next newsletter.

You will recall that, in September, we have a trip to the North Yorkshire Moors—see the advert on p16 of this newsletter. At present, only 7 rooms have been booked by members and we would really hope to see a few more, as we had for our trip to the Peak District last year, in 2021. There are several room options at different prices to choose from, all available via the Scenic Car Tours web booking page. Their booking page gives pricing for couples but, for any solo travellers, a discount on rooms for single occupancy is available if you call Scenic Car Tours and ask them to arrange it for you.

Our committee did also discuss various ideas for a European trip in 2023 but decided in the end not to attempt arranging such a tour. This is because of our perception that, at least for now, very few members would want to commit to its expense, because of general uncertainty about the economy, the Ukraine war, inflation and the rising costs of energy and living in general. However, perhaps we are being too cautious and of course we could still arrange such a tour if sufficient members say that they are interested; do tell me if you would like us to organise something.

Although as I write this it may seem a bit early, I would like to close by wishing every one of our members and their families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Annual Membership Subscription

28th February marks the end of our financial and membership years and, from the beginning of January, Ian Croxson our Membership Secretary will be starting to organise the annual membership renewal process for everyone in Essex Thameside region.

The good news is that, now for the eleventh year running, our regional subscription rate will remain fixed at £15.00 for the 12 months 1 March 2023 to 29 February 2024. This is, of course, in addition to the £52.00 p.a. cost of membership of the Jaguar Enthusiasts Club.

For the 33 members of our region who have already joined our direct debit scheme, the renewal process is easy; they don't need to do anything and they will receive their 2023-24 membership cards automatically. The £15.00 will simply be charged to their bank accounts on Wednesday 1 March 2023.

For these 33 members, the process is also easy for our Membership Secretary—no need to send them individual reminders beforehand, no need to collect cash or cheques in March, no need to chase up those who were unable to come to club night in March...

There are also other benefits. We are able to use the direct debit scheme to collect any other moneys they might need to pay to Essex Thameside region, such as for club clothing purchases, for show fees or deposits for social events including Sunday lunches, visits and the Christmas dinner dance. So, no need for those members to bring cash to club nights or send cheques to members of the committee organising these events or purchases; our Treasurer can simply arrange for the money to be charged automatically, subject to confirming beforehand with the member concerned. This benefits both the member and the region, as it saves the organiser of an event a huge amount of time and effort, making it much easier to reconcile who has or has yet to pay.

So, if you have not already done so, why not sign up to our region's direct debit scheme? It has been running reliably for seven years now, without any difficulty or error—just ask one of the 33 who have.

The scheme is operated for us by Gocardless and it is extremely easy to sign up; just go to 'About Us' on (www.jecessexthameside.co.uk) and follow the link near the bottom of that page.

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JAG WAGS ARTICLE FOR THE JAG MAG

For those of you who are new to the Jag Club this article can be written by any of the Jag Wags. You may have heard of the footballers' "Wives and girlfriends" – WAGS, well this column will look at events through the eyes of the JAG WAGS. An altogether more sophisticated bunch of wives and girlfriends but without the massive lips and sunglasses.

126 th LONDON TO BRIGHTON VETERAN CAR RUN - SUNDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2022

This car race has been running since 1896 and is open to vehicles – including motorcycles and push bikes - built pre 1905. It is the world's longest running motoring event. I thought it would be fun to produce this article in the form of a quiz involving music and photos to sum up the day's events.

CAN YOU GUESS FROM THE FOLLOWING PHOTOS THE ANSWERS TO THE VARIOUS QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE VERY VERY WET DAY WE ALL SPENT IN BRIGHTON



1. Having boarded the coach provided by Ray Spiller (check out his web site for more wonderful outings https://www.broomfield-coach-trips.com/), the WAGS could tell from the horizontal rain and wind that we certainly were not

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2. By the time the coach arrived the WAGS found themselves

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3. Neil tested the weather, re-boarded the coach soaking wet and his glasses resembled

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4. Marise was fully prepared and didn't need to use her

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5. We all braved the weather and headed for Madeira Drive. However, there were no cars passing the finishing line as they were all still on the

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6. The WAGS scattered as we were all left with

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7. Taking refuge at The Albion Hotel and The Lanes, soaked to the skin, unfortunately I found that the

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8. After refreshments, although the wind continued, the rain stopped and I noticed

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9. We took up pole position by the finishing line and the first car shortly arrived, cold and wet and we could see that the

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10. The first car over the line was a 1902 De Dion Boulton closely followed by a 1899 Clement. I bet they were happy there were still

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11. THE MESSAGE FOR THE DAY IS:

IN THE FACE OF DIVERSITY OR MORE ACCURATELY ADVERSE WEATHER

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No finger WAGGING if you got any wrong the answers are in the small print below hope you enjoyed the fun

Calling all WAGS to action.... your mag needs you

This is the second "Jag Wag article for the Jag Mag". If you have something to say, photos to share, articles to publish then please submit them to:

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11. Perfect Day by Lou Reed

L. We're All Going on a Summer Holiday by Cliff Richard 2. Singing in the Rain by Gene Kelly 3.5teamy Windows by Tina Turna 4.Umbrella by Rihanna 5.Road to Hell by Chris Rea 6.No Particular Place to Go by Chuck Berry 7.Raindrops Keep Falling on my head by B 1.Thomas 8.I can see clearly now by Johnny Nash 9.The Winner takes it All by ABBA 10.Three Wheels on my Wagon by Christy Mistrels 1.Thomas 8.I can see clearly now by Johnny Nash 9.The Winner takes it All by ABBA 10.Three Wheels on my Wagon by Christy Mistrels



What3Words

You may remember an article I wrote in our May 2020 newsletter about What3Words. It is a free app that you can install on your PC and, of greater significance, on your mobile phone.

The application uses a grid of 10ft by 10ft squares covering the whole world: Chelmsford, China, Dagenham, Dar-es-Salaam or the Arctic Sea. Each square in the grid has a unique reference of just three (English-language) words.

Used by the police, emergency services and, of more immediate relevance to car drivers, by many breakdown services, it can direct them to a precise location anywhere in the world. For example, "delay.bells.march" is the entrance door of Langdon Hills clubhouse, where we hold our club nights.

During lockdown I was entertaining myself by looking up the three-word references for various places, some of which were fairly amusing. For example, the doorstep of 10 Downing Street is "input.caring.brain", and the driveway in front of the garage at my house in Norfolk is "louder.drive.swerving".

However, the app has proved its usefulness in realworld situations and my purpose in writing this is to encourage everyone to install it on their phones for those unforeseen times when it really can be helpful.

Five years ago, before I knew about the app, I broke down at night on a tiny by-road somewhere in Dartmoor. Trying to explain to the AA where to find me was a nightmare; the road was unmarked, unnumbered and in the midst of a whole network of similar small roads in the middle of nowhere, with no towns, villages or even farmhouses anywhere nearby. The AA asked me what name of the road was; it was unnamed. Then they asked me what the postcode was; how was I supposed to know? All I could do was to try a complicated set of guidance instructions: "...I took the B3212 out of Exeter for

about 7 miles, then turned the left, then second right over a river, then..." It took them four hours just to find me, then another three hours for a tow-truck.

Fortunately, however, this year I did have the app and was able to help when two of my friends broke down in the south of France.

The first was on a dual carriageway in the mountains approaching Nice, but in a valley about 10 miles from any town. Trying to work out where we were on the map and then explain it, first in English to the insurance company and then to the French breakdown service, would have been well-nigh impossible. Fortunately, both I and the breakdown service had What3Words, so I was able to tell them exactly where to find my friend's car.

The second breakdown was just a day later, as another friend was about to join the A8 motorway at Menton, near Monaco, by the French/Italian border. Again, it would have been extremely difficult to explain exactly where he was, because of the numerous winding and steep roads up to, down from and bypassing under the motorway, with no street names; you can see from the satellite image on the next page, where I have pinpointed the exact spot.

Try it for yourself; ask your partner or friend to call up Google maps on their computer and then see if you can explain to them where to find that spot on the image overleaf without them looking over your shoulder. I bet you can't!

Fortunately, What3Words pinpointed us exactly, at a pavement just before someone's driveway on the steep approach up to a service station. Again, try it for yourself; get your partner or friend to install What3Words and search for "dads.responsibly.basin" — this time they'll find it in seconds.

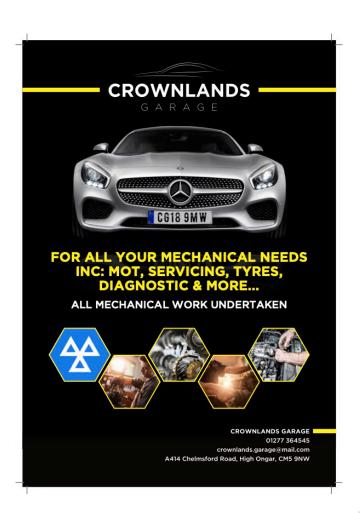
Breaking down in the UK is already stressful enough, and it's even more so in a foreign country. But What3Words proved it was incredibly helpful; at least we could explain to the insurers and breakdown service exactly where we were and they could find us straightaway, thus avoiding a whole lot more aggravation.

I have learned my lesson and will always keep What3Words on my phone for emergencies. I strongly encourage you to do the same. I hope you never have need to use it but, believe me, if or when you do, you will be extremely thankful for it!

Richard Gibby



Location of broken down car by A8 motorway north of Menton, France, just next to the border with Italy. (What3Words pinpojnts it as "dads.responsibly,basin")



Answers to last month's quiz

1) For Your Eyes Only - Roger Moore, Carole Bouquet 2) The Graduate - Dustin Hoffman 3) Jack Reacher - Tom Cruise 4) Speed - Sandra 5) Terminator 2; Judgement Day - Robert Patrick 6) Uncle Buck - John Candy 7) The Omega Man - Charlton Heston 8) Every Which Way But Loose - Clint Eastwood, Sondra Locke 9) To Catch A Thief - Gary Grant, Grace Kelly 10) Sahara - Matthew McConaughey, Steve Zahn, Penelope Cruz 11) Pretty Woman - Julia Roberts, Richard Gere 12) Catch Me If You Can – Leonardo Di Caprio 13) Once Upon A Time In Hollywood -Brad Pitt, Leonardo Di Caprio 14) Pulp Fiction -John Travolta, Uma Thurman 15) Catch Me If You Can - Tom Hanks 16) The Bourne Supremacy -Matt Damon

Dingbats Answers: 1) Face up to reality. 2) Once upon a time. 3) Hot under the collar. 4) Can't spell for toffee. 5) Over the moon. 6) A drop in the ocean. 7) Uphill struggle. 8) Keep in trim. 9) Eye shadow. 10) Neither here nor there. 11) Few and far between. 12) Life's little ironies.

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Bedraggled Brighton

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The London-Brighton Veteran Car Run is the world's longest running motoring event. To qualify, participating vehicles must have been manufactured before 1905, making the newest entrants 118 years old. It is also the world's largest gathering of such old timers.

It started as the 1896 Emancipation Run to celebrate the passing of the Locomotives on Highways Act of 1896. This replaced the Locomotives Act of 1861, 1865 and 1878 and, crucially, increased the speed limit from 4 mph to 14 mph in 1878, making the escort, walking 20 yards ahead of the vehicle, redundant. The run also heralded the first meeting of The Motor Car Club.



Although the requirement for an escort carrying a red flag had actually been abandoned before 1878, the

run was started by the tearing in half of a symbolic flag during breakfast at The Charring Cross Hotel. That first run attracted 33 cars starting at the Metropole Hotel (now The Corinthian). A Duryea Motor Wagon won the run by more than an hour. There were two such cars in the event, marking the first appearance for American cars in Europe. The next few years saw the distance shrink to just 8 miles - Whitehall Place to Sheen House Club. The full course to Brighton was reintroduced in 1927 and has been an annual event since - with the exception of the war years to 1947 (petrol rationing) and the Covid pandemic in 2020. The Royal Automobile Club

(RAC) has managed the run since 1930.

This year, we heard that a local company had organised a coach trip from Chelmsford to Brighton to see the arrivals of the "competitors". Thirteen Essex Thameside members and wives made the journey and became part of the run's history having attended the wettest London-Brighton Run ever. (see Liz Croxson's article in this Newsletter for details of the coach company).



Following a thorough drenching within seconds of leaving the coach, we eventually found a hotel which was open for breakfast. So, in the faded elegance of a once grand hotel, we sat down in the warmth to a splendid excellent value Full English. Just across the road from us was the Finishing Line and now buoyed by hot drinks and food, we squelched over to see the arrivals. Thankfully, the weather had by now abated to only a mild monsoon.

We were not the first to reach the line, however for standing almost pristine were: a 1902 DeDietrich, 4 cylinder 15 hp rear entrance tonneau (no. 122), a 1901 Decouville, 2 cylinder 10 hp rear entrance tonneau (no. 73), a 1902 Mors 4 cylinder 15 hp rear

entrance tonneau (no. 120) and an 1899 Clement 1 cylinder 2.5 hp tricycle. The quickest one covered the course in a little over 2½ hours; I think it was no. 73.



There were 364 entries this year, with 12 withdrawn, 22 none starters and 58 retired, leaving 272 to complete the circuit and claim a Finishers Medal.

The traditional tearing of the Red Flag at the start in Hyde Park was this year entrusted to the drivers of



the three Napiers brought along to celebrate 120 years since Selwyn Edge's 1902 Gordon Bennett victory driving one of the Napiers present in this 2022 run.

Other starters included; former F1 driver, Max Chilton in a 1901 Waverly, Rowan Atkinson aboard an 1893 Salveson Steam Car and Prince Michael of Kent driving a 1903 Daimler owned by the Jaguar Daimler Heritage Trust.

In a modern twist, two cars – a 1904 Covert and a

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completed the
course. It's often
said that there's
no such thing as
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1904 Columbia Electric car looking very original. Made by The Electric Vehicle Company of Hartford, Connecticut, they were the best selling cars in the USA in 1900 with in excess of 1000 sales. They were said to have a 40 mile range, but I 'm not sure how and where you would charge it.

"Genevieve", the 1904 Darracq from the fifties film of the same name also finished the course. There were several Curved Dash Oldsmobiles, with over 19,000 examples produced it is not surprising there are quite a few still on the road. It was the world's first



production car
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Ford introduced
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the Model T,
making the
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more efficient. This Oldsmobile was driven and owned by an American lady who flew over from Louisiana to take part.

We rounded off a very wet and windy day in the House Restaurant in "The Lanes" in the town centre. The hot Sunday Lunch washed down with a good red

in warm surroundings, was a life saver. Next year maybe??

Neil Shanley



























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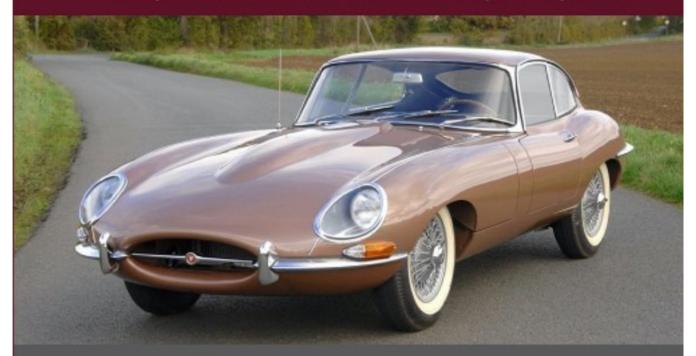
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Behind the Wheel Quiz

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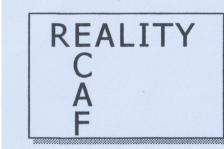




Figure 15 Good Luck. Answers in next month's Newsletter.

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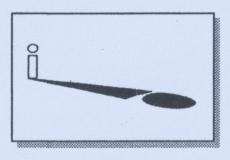
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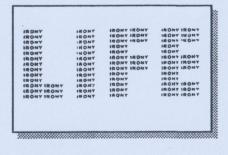
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