

# Essex Thameside News

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## Chairman's message

Hello and welcome to this month's newsletter.

We have arranged a Pirelli Tyre evening on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April at Jet Wheel Tyre, Benfleet. The event is being held jointly between our JEC region, and the Alpha Romeo Owners Club, each club having up to 15 spaces available. It will commence around 6.00pm and conclude around 9.00pm. Refreshments will be on offer. You will be able to book on line. Once the system is live, I will email full details to everyone.

Our 'Drive-It Day' this year is to Kersey Mill in Suffolk, taking place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. If you haven't booked yet, now is the time to do so. You will have seen the full details from our email circulation, which includes the option to join us for Sunday lunch at The Marlborough in Dedham. It promises to be a very enjoyable day. To book, please contact Ian Croxson as soon as possible, via [ian@thecroxsons.com](mailto:ian@thecroxsons.com)

We had a fantastic visit in March to Vulcan Bomber XM655 at Wellesbourne Airfield in Warwickshire. Many members made a weekend of it, staying nearby for the night. Since the British Motor museum at Gaydon was on the way home, it presented an opportunity too good to miss to visit the museum and see the many Jaguars on display plus, of course, the other marques that they have there. Liz Croxson has kindly written a Jag Wags article about the Vulcan visit on pages 10 to 12 of this newsletter.

Several members also attended the London Classic Car Show in Olympia. It was shame that, on the day I

attended, there was a bus rail replacement, but the journey wasn't too bad despite this. You can read Neil Shanley's article on the show on pages 4 to 6 of this newsletter. I must agree with Neil, that the show was a little disappointing; Olympia is probably only half the size of the previous venue, the Excel Centre in Docklands, and whilst there were some lovely cars there, there was also a lot of unused space which could have held further cars and, because the show was not particularly well attended, the space between stands was fairly empty. Amazingly, they didn't even have a bar that sold alcohol which was a shame, as I quite fancied a beer after the journey to get there.

I know that some of you are thinking about, but have not yet got around to, booking yet our Yorkshire tour on 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September. At this time, we do still have 5 rooms available. If you have any questions regarding the tour, or how to book, please contact me.

We will soon be placing our orders for club clothing and merchandise. Don't forget that this year, for the first time, we are introducing some new lines including branded softshell and crossover jackets, cool bags and holdalls, in addition to the existing lines such as caps, T-shirts, polo shirts etc. A reminder of some of these new lines is on page 8, and Neil Shanley will be happy to discuss the full range of items and the various options for size, colour and logo. To discuss the items on offer, and to place an order, please contact Neil by email at [neilshanley@btinternet.com](mailto:neilshanley@btinternet.com).

Our next club night is Tuesday 7th April, as usual at Langdon Hills Golf Club. We are holding our AGM & the election of committee members. It will be a busy evening, so we intend to commence at 8.00pm sharp. We do hope you will be able to attend.

**Graham**

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## Shows and events in 2023

Club Nights are at 8pm on the first Tuesday of each month at Langdon Hills Country & Golf Club, RM14 3TY (**except** for September's meeting, which will be on Tuesday **12** September 2023).

### JEC Essex Thameside show attendances and events:

Tue 4 April	Essex Thameside AGM, 8pm, Langdon Hills Country & Golf Club, RM14 3TY
Sun 9 April	TransportFest at the Museum of Power, Maldon Road, Langdon CM9 6QA Please contact Lester Magness to reserve a place.
Sun 23 April	Drive-It Day, Kersey Mill, Suffolk, IP7 6DP
Sun 21 May	Car Show & Craft Fair at Rickinghall, Suffolk IP22 1HD
Sun 25 June	Little Waltham Pen Gardens & Classic Car Show, 138 The Street, Little Waltham, Chelmsford, CM3 3NY (with lunch at the White Hart, Little Waltham)
Sun 25 June	Simply Jaguar, National Motor Museum, Beaulieu, Hampshire, SO42 7ZN
Sun 2 July	Classic Car Show at RHS Hyde Hall, Rettendon—details t.b.a.
Sun 9 July	Orsett Classic & Vintage Show, Orsett Showground, rectory Rd, Essex RM16 3JN
Sun 6 August	JEC Jaguars At Parham, Storrington, West Sussex RH20 4HR
Sun 13 August	Saffron Walden Motor Show, The Common, Saffron Walden, CB10 1JH
Sun 20 August	Classic Car Show, Stonham Barns, Pettaugh Rd, Stonham Aspal, Suffolk IP14 6AT
25–27 August	The Silverstone Classic, Towcester, Northamptonshire NN12 8TN
Mon 4–Thu 7 September	JEC Essex Thameside Whitby & N Yorks Tour with Scenic Car Tours
Sat 25 November	<i>Puttin' On The Ritz</i> Christmas Dinner Dance, Orwell Hotel, Hamilton Road, Felixstowe IP11 7DX, organised jointly with JEC Suffolk & Essex Borders

### For information—other non-JEC shows and events:

Sat 1 April	Heritage Transport Show, Kent Showground, Detling, Maidstone ME14 3JF
Sun 21 May	Battlesbridge Spring Autojumble, Maltings Road, Battlesbridge, Essex SS11 7RE
20–21 May	Annual Transport Extravaganza & Steam Gala, East Anglian Railway Museum, Station Rd, Wakes Colne, Colchester, Essex, CO6 2DS
Sat 27 May	Little Totham Classic Vehicle Show, Little Common, The Street, Little Totham CM9 8LB
Sun 11 June	Bromley Pageant of Motoring, Norman Park, Bromley, Kent BR2 9EF
Sat 5 August	Toot Hill Country Show, Church Road, Stanford Rivers, Essex CM5 9PW
10–12 November	Lancaster Classic Car Show, NEC, Birmingham B40 1NT

Battlesbridge Classic Vehicle Breakfast Club on Sundays 16 Apr, 28 May, 25 Jun, 16 Jul, 20 Aug and 17 Sep





## Olympia Observations

### The London Classic Car Show

For me, the classic car season starts with the London Classic Car Show at Olympia and ends at the NEC in Birmingham. And whilst the latter appears to go from strength to strength, the same cannot be said for the former which seems to become a paler reflection of itself as each year goes by. Gone are many of the lively exhibits and trade stands of its former days, particularly when it took place in the Excel Arena, only to be replaced by open spaces of carpeting – turquoise this year. Perhaps the lasting effects of the Covid lockdowns are still keeping attendances down, but it doesn't seem to have the same effect on the entry ticket prices which rival those of the far bigger NEC show.



Steve Potter, John Rayner and I, later to be met by Richard Gibby and Lester Magness, made the journey to the show on Friday, the first show day, and arrived at 10.00 am. Unfortunately, we had not realised that on this day the show would not open until noon. We should have read the small print. Luck was, however, with us since we found an excellent hotel opposite the entrance serving a selection of very competitively-priced breakfasts. If you do happen to be in the area, it is called "The Hand and Flower", a Fullers pub which also doubles as a boutique hotel. We stayed until noon and then entered the show. With two hours less than the following days to view the exhibits, we thought that we may be a little

rushed, but we need not have had any fear of that. About three hours was sufficient to view the stands if you were not bothered about the live stage interviews which, from what we saw, looked more like a "talking shop". However, at least what was on display was of a high standard.

At the hall entrance we were greeted by a colourful array of Porsche 911s including: 901s, a G Series, a 964, 992, 993, 996, 997 and so on. If you are into Porsches, this was a good display.



Classic car dealers showed some excellent examples of their wares.

Amongst Hurst Park's collection stood a 1964 "Chinese Eyes" Rolls Royce Silver Cloud III by Mulliner Park Ward. Dressed in eye-catching red paint, topped by a white roof and with red-piped white leather seats, a red steering wheel...AND whitewall tyres. Yours for £89,995.







Jaguars were popular on the dealer stands, particularly XJ6 350s. A low miler in champagne for £15,995 and a metallic green model for a more adventurous £25,995 were well worth a second look. The latter was the same price as a Mini GT nearby. They have gone up. If you like matching fitted luggage, Classic Investments had an E Type Coupe filled with it, and also a black Dodge Charger to die for.



Aston Works filled their space with a mouth-watering DB5 finished in flawless light blue alongside one not quite so complete. A sort of “before and after”.

Rare Minis were not in short supply with three ex-Beatle models and one Paddy Hopkirk rally car on show. None were standard, the Ringo Starr being the most discretely customised. It is a Cooper S from 1966 with a 1275 cc “A” series engine and an upgraded interior, but it is the exterior that holds the key to this very successful modification. If you look closely at the rear, you will see that it has been fitted with an enlarged boot accessed by a hatchback door – to fit his drum kit!



Hooper's and Radford appear to have jointly had a hand in this subtle variant.

One stand bucked the trend by displaying a collection of rusty relics. These “barn finds” included an MGA from Texas, an Opel GT, a BMW “Batmobile” 3.0 CSL and an experimental Jaguar XJ6. Most



need some serious work, none more so than the XJ6. This 1970 example started life as a 4.2 until the Jaguar experimental department used it as a V12 engine development vehicle until it was finally sold in 1973.



Staying with the Jaguar theme, I must mention the metallic blue '62 E Type S1 roadster, fully restored and upgraded to within an inch of its life by Hilton & Moss. The

matching interior was a treat to the eyes.

Somewhat less glamorous, a 1975 Renault 12TL was rubbing shoulders with a Shelby Mustang. The Renault had







been parked up by its elderly first owner for five years and later discovered in 1985 by its present owner with only 5,000 miles on the odometer. A rare car now, with only sixty left on British roads out of a worldwide production run of over three million.

It wouldn't be a car show without some classic iron from the States and we were not disappointed. The Corvette Club dominated proceedings and amongst the offerings were two cars from the 50's. Don't you just love the way the interior is colour coded with the cars' body paint?



Elsewhere, a splendid 1939 V12 Lincoln Zephyr 3-Window Coupe looked good in dark blue against a bright, customised 5.7 litre 1947 Chevy pick-up truck.

A huge Cadillac De Ville convertible, however, did look in need of a little love.



Probably the best custom build was a "1955" Bensport La Sarthe – actually, a 2020 car using an original 4.5 litre Bentley straight six. It imagines what a Le Mans entered Bentley in the 50s would have been like if Bentley had not stopped racing after their acquisition by Rolls Royce in 1931.



Disappointingly, the mezzanine level held little of interest, with just a sprinkling of Ferraris and Porsches and very few trade stalls. In fact, my favourite stall was situated on the ground floor adjacent to the main entrance and sold a variety of objects ranging from table football, a cinema projector, turbine blades, Barcelona chairs, a search light, telescopes to a coffee table made up from a radial engine. (look closely and you may see us in the mirror).

I will leave you with a few images recorded on the day. Perhaps a different show next year?

**Neil Shanley**







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## Visiting a Vulcan

### 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.

March was off to a good start with a BIG bang!!

Literally the WAGS were holding a replica bomb.



This baby belonged to a Avro Vulcan XM655 bomber which played a key part in winning the Falklands war. This aircraft was delivered to the Royal Air Force in 1964 and was part of the UK's nuclear deterrent force during the Cold War throughout the 1960s and 1970s.

Not only did we get to meet some of the personnel who flew the aircraft, but also a dedicated team of volunteers who regularly give up their spare time to keep this magnificent beast maintained.

Much like the WAGS the Vulcan Bomber was possibly past its highest performing days but, with the capacity for 21 standard bombs or one nuclear bomb, its firepower was still very much intact. The similarities did not end there. With its advancing years there were men running round maintaining every aspect of this beauty with costly running repairs required on a daily basis.



Each Vulcan Volunteer gave a talk to small groups. For such a large plane the cockpit was extremely cramped especially as it needed a crew of 5 in order to fly. Two were pilots, then there was a navigator, a radar operator and an electronic warfare operator. Three sat facing backwards and controlled an astonishing array of switches and dials, complete with a morse code machine.

Each group climbed a thin metal ladder to access the cockpit and the space was extraordinarily cramped. During the Falkland War the crew members would spend over 6 hours in these cramped conditions and





have to eat, drink and whilst flying the aircraft. The talks were a “hands on” experience for everyone. However, one group of WAGS were not so keen to be “hands on” when shown the contraption used to relieve the men during long sorties..... The question was raised as to how a WAG would utilise such a device. Attitudes were different then and it could only be assumed that women would never fly an aircraft let alone a Vulcan Bomber

Sue took full command of the manual bomb release but there was no time to wait for her husband to stand underneath, and the opportunity passed.



This article would not be complete without a big “thank you” to the amazing volunteers who keep this old bird in top condition. It was refreshing to see

some youngsters learning the ropes as well as running the shop and giving a hard sell to captive customers.

From the Essex area it is a 2.5-hour drive to visit the bomber and well worth the trip. The bomber is located at the Wellesbourne Mountford Airfield, Warwickshire, CV35 9EU. More information can be gained from their web site <https://xm655.com>.

For Jag enthusiasts the British Motor Museum located at Gaydon is close by and has an amazing array of not only Jaguars but many other vehicles from the past. It definitely makes a good visit and a perfect location for all members of the family.

The day was rounded off with an organised photoshoot with the Jags lined up under the expansive wings of this beautiful bird. Speaking of beautiful birds – the WAGS were out in full force and the JAG WAG season has kicked off to a good start.

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- Engine Flush	300ml	4	£8.95	£4.00
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- Lead Substitute	300ml	3	£7.60	£4.00
- Brake Fluid (DOT 3)		1	£8.99	£4.00
- 15W40 Oil	1 litre	9	£14.00	£7.00
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<b>CarPlan</b>				
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# April Car Quiz - Name The Make And Model



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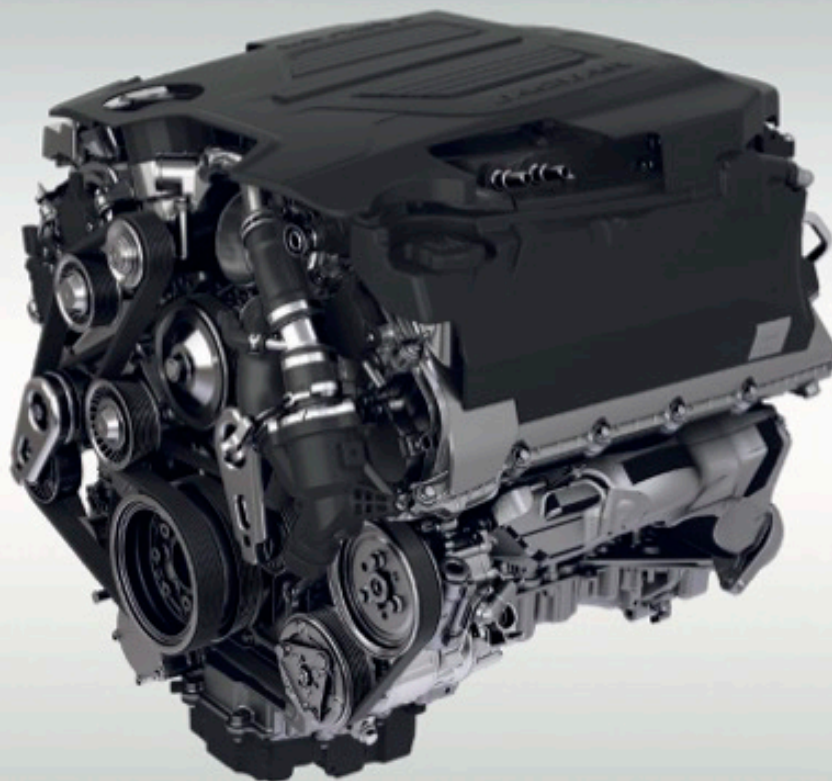
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- 2) The Ipcress File; Michael Caine, Gordon Jackson
- 3) I Love Lucy; Lucille Ball, Desi Arnaz, Vivian Vance
- 4) The Italian Job (2003); Charlize Theron
- 5) Thunderbolt & Lightfoot; Clint Eastwood, Jeff Bridges
- 6) The Bourne Supremacy; Matt Damon
- 7) You Only Live Twice; Sean Connery, Akiko Wakabayashi
- 8) The Streets of San Francisco; Michael Douglas, Karl Malden
- 9) Freebie and the Bean; Alan Arkin, James Caan
- 10) The Driver; Ryan O'Neal
- 11) John Wick; Keanu Reeves
- 12) Mission Impossible II; Tom Cruise, Thandie Newton
- 13) Kill Bill vol 2; Uma Thurman
- 14) The Baron; Steve Forrest
- 15) Drive; Ryan Gosling
- 16) Dr No; Sean Connery, Reginald Carter



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