

# Essex Thameside News



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## Chairman's message

Hello and welcome to our July newsletter.

This is my last 'Chairman's Message' as I bid farewell to my tenure as Chairman. As you know, after nearly five years of holding the role of Chairman for our region, I have decided that it is time for me to step down and let someone else run with it. I first took on the chairmanship at somewhat short notice, having been vice-chairman, and I have very much enjoyed the challenges of the role but now I would like to step back a bit.

Thus, I am returning to my previous role and, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023, Steve Rider will take over as Chairman of our region of the JEC. I will be fully supporting Steve in his new role, and we will ensure that there is a smooth transition.

At the same date, Ian Croxson will be relinquishing his membership responsibilities, although he will continue to be the Secretary of our region. I would like to thank Ian very much for the all work he undertook to manage this year's membership renewals and for his sterling efforts in recruiting and supporting new members. Beverley Warren has kindly agreed to be co-opted onto the committee as Membership Secretary.

I would like to say a big thank you to Steve and Bev for taking on these roles and I am sure that our region will continue to flourish and grow.

Last weekend, on 25 June, the JEC held its annual Simply Jaguar rally at Beaulieu and I'm sure that we

will be reading about it in next month's national magazine. Somewhat closer to home, seventeen cars from our region attended the annual Classic Car and Open Gardens event in Little Waltham, near Chelmsford, in aid of Farleigh Hospice. It was an enjoyable day, followed by some well-earned drinks and a good meal at the White Hart. Earlier in June, some members also attended the Bromley Pageant, for possibly the last time as, from the end of this August, Bromley will be in the expanded ULEZ zone.

As for upcoming shows, this Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July we will be back again at the RHS Hyde Hall Classic Car Show, always popular with members. For further details or to book, please contact me by email at cook\_gm@hotmail.co.uk. And the following Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July we have the Orsett Classic & Vintage Show, for which please contact Lester Magness by email at lestermagness1@gmail.com.

Our next club night takes place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July, as usual at Langdon Hills Golf & Country Club from 8pm. We hope you will be able to make it and show our new Chairman your support.

**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:

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 5 August	Toot Hill Country Show, Church Road, Stanford Rivers, Essex CM5 9PW
Sun 27 August	Clacton Classic Car Show, Plough Corner, Little Clacton CO16 9ND (pre-2002 cars only)
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	

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## Little Waltham – Talk About Midsummer Murders...

### *JAG WAGS ARTICLE FOR THE JAG MAG*

On Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, a group of 17 Jags from our Club lined up in a quiet field in Little Waltham to support the Classic Car and Open Gardens Annual fund-raising event in aid of Farleigh Hospice. This is the eighth year it has run, but it was the first time that we have participated.

It was a hot summers day and the WAGS were out in force, complete with straw hats, sun shades, sun screen and plenty of water. Chairs and tables were set out ready for a quiet day of Wagging.

Little Waltham is a quaint village on the outskirts of Chelmsford and a place that many have passed but never bothered to visit. There is one pub, The White Hart, and a Private House with a sign outside to show it once had a post office. There is a cricket ground (where the car show took place) and a community hall and football pitch. Other than that, it is a charming village with old and new housing, including thatched cottages. Once a year, several house owners open their gardens to the public and Colin Rogers organises a car show.

Information about the various cars attending the show will be left to a more knowledgeable member of our club. From a Wag's point of view, the day was full of midsummer promise, but no one was expecting to enter into some kind of Wagatha Christie mystery nor find a pair of legs sticking out from under a bush or car, as in most of the Midsomer Murder episodes.

The gardens ranged from wild to the immaculately manicured. The roses this year have been phenomenal and here is a photo taken of a Wag and Wagette (my daughter) enjoying a handy bench surrounded by beautiful flowers.

The cars looked splendid in the summer sunshine and the star of the show really was our very own



1937 SS Jaguar 1.5-litre owned by Neil Wylie and his WAG Elaine. Their having just flown in from Portugal a few days before, and the car having been beautifully restored just in time for the show, it was good to see them again. Here they are proudly showing off this wonderful specimen which generated much attention on the day.





## SHOCK – HORROR

### .....A BODY IS DISCOVERED.....

All personnel from the Jag Club who had previously been on the Jaguar First Aid course attended to ascertain if there were signs of life (See Jag Wag Article in the February 2023 magazine for the JAG WAGs' and partners' participation in a First Aid training course)



All trained Jag Enthusiasts rushed to the scene....

Was a defibrillator needed??  
(more information in the  
aforementioned first aid course  
article)

Was the patient breathing?  
(Remember the course)

Shouts went out for HELP.....

Check for signs of life by touching  
finger tips (Hang on a minute -  
this method was NOT covered on  
the First Aid Course)



Emergency "cable ties" were found and administered (also  
NOT covered on the First Aid Course).

The mystery was  
solved. First  
responders were  
"exhausted" but the  
"exhaust" was safely  
tied to the bumper and  
a life was saved.  
"Milady" was very  
happy. Phew!



After that drama all remaining 19 club members and friends retired for a well-earned drink coupled with a slap-up meal at the White Hart Pub, an establishment highly recommended by one and all.

Thanks, must once again go to Ian Croxson for the excellent organisation that went into putting this show on and sorting out not only our participation but also the splendid meal afterwards. We very much look forward to the same next year but with more cars and less drama.

Carry on Wagging...

Written by **Liz Croxson**





## Little Waltham – A Village Car Show

Since no cars were harmed in the making of Liz's article, I thought it would be a good idea to look at a few.

We fielded 17 Jaguars – including Neil Wylie's SS – on this, the first time that we have attended this show. We were not the only club to attend, with the Austin 7 and the Clacton Classic Car Clubs showing some fine motoring examples. The entrants were varied, but mainly British vehicles from the 1920s to the 1990s with a smattering of American and German machines.



All the cars displayed were in fine fettle, particularly those little Austins; whether they be a Ruby, Pearl or Seven, all looked perfect in the village cricket pitch setting. There were even two Cabriolets. I was tempted to say "my Dad had one of these" – he did. It was a 1937 Ruby.



A beautiful 3.0 litre Bentley, parked alongside an XK8 was one of the best I have seen and probably the most expensive car in the show.



At the other end of the spectrum, a red 1987 Austin Maestro Special looked good on the Clacton

Classic Car stand. Other rarities included a two-tone brown Singer from around 1933; apparently there are only about four surviving.





Red appeared to be a popular colour on the day with an early '64 Mustang Fastback, a Crayford Cortina Convertible, a Volvo SP1800, several MGs and a VW Polo saloon (when did you last see one of those?) all wearing red in its various hues.



Apart from our own club Jags, I spotted an immaculate white 1976 Daimler 4.2 Coupe and a 1962 metallic bronze 2.4 Mark II parked next to an

RS2000 Escort which is now probably worth more than the Jaguar.



I do like Mercedes-Benz coupés, none more so than a splendid 280CE of 1980 vintage. Having been stored for some years, it had only recorded a mileage in the mid-twenties. It felt like it was hewn from a solid ingot. Definitely one to take home.

Following our tour of the cars, we visited the gardens on show. There were thirteen of them, ranging from a tiny but perfectly-formed garden off Brook Hill to one behind a 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> century house with a croquet game laid out, an overgrown tennis court and a very dry swimming pool. All were a treat to view. Hiding in plain sight and bypassed by the Braintree Road just a few hundred yards away, Little Waltham is a real gem of an old picturesque English village with, of course, a superb pub/restaurant, the White Hart, where many of us enjoyed a Sunday lunch deftly served by Olivia our waitress for the meal.



And finally, the prize for the brightest and most colourful summer shirt goes to Geoff Monk. I'm told that, in the right conditions, you can see it from space!!

**Neil Shanley**









## Bygone Bromley?

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June I attended what may well turn out to be the last Bromley Pageant held. This is due to Sadiq Khan, the Mayor of London, announcing plans to expand the ULEZ zone to all 32 London boroughs, including Bromley, with effect from 29<sup>th</sup> August.

Since most of the cars on display at the pageant, and many visitors' cars, will not be ULEZ-compliant, it will cost their owners at least another £12.50 to attend the show and many will be unwilling to pay. It will be such a shame if this happens.

The day started off very hot as Vaughn High and I set out from Chelmsford in my XK8 Convertible, with the hood down, of course. It became even hotter as the day progressed. Traffic built up as we arrived near to one of the two entrances to Norman Park, to the extent

that it took us about 20-30 minutes just to enter the park. However, once inside, the signage was excellent and the letter markers were positioned all around the park. We were on the L3 stand.

Despite the hot weather, it was an excellent show with a great diversity of club stands. One that stood out was the Afro-Caribbean Classic Car Club, formed in 2017. They had a really good turnout of classics, as can be seen in some of the photos below. Making an appearance on this stand were Colin Denton and Amand Ayer from the TV programme 'Classic Car Garage' which is featured on the Yesterday channel, currently at 9.00pm every Thursday night. Also on this stand was a great display of Triumph Stags in various colours, which I must admit I love.







One car that caught my attention was a 1954 Jensen Interceptor convertible. I'd never seen one this old before. When you think of the Jensens, most remember the V8 Interceptors and FFs of the 1970s and 1980s or, if you are that old, perhaps the "slant-eyed" Jensen CV8 of the 1960s.

But Jensen had used the Interceptor name before, for a car launched in 1950 that had been based on Austin components and with the straight six 4-litre engine from an Austin Sheerline. There were two such cars at the show, one saloon and the convertible. There were only 88 produced apparently and only 34 remain in existence throughout the world, I was reliably informed.

Another car that caught my attention was a 1967 Ford Mustang GT, similar to the one featured in the Steve McQueen film *Bullet*. A striking car and fully restored.

There were a number of other classics which I failed to photograph, but it was extremely hot and I



retreated to our gazebo on stand L3 regularly.

I was also informed after the event that there had been another field of cars on display which I had completely missed. I must admit that although there was excellent signage as I said at the beginning of this article, I didn't see anything to suggest there was another field of classic cars, which is more the pity.

So, will there be another show next year? Who can say? Certainly, if Sadiq Khan gets his way, I suspect there won't.

**Doug Warren**







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## Casual Drive Out Group

For those of you who have not heard of our latest innovation, let me explain.

This is the brainchild of member Vaughn High. Riding on the waves of today's white hot technology, Vaughn has single-handedly created for our region a WhatsApp Group carrying the above title.



This WhatsApp is appropriately named for a car club and provides a platform for like-minded individuals to advise of any activity that they may be planning to undertake, giving others the option to participate.

These may often be at short notice and not part of the official club programme. For example, a few members are considering a drive out to Kersey Mill on 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

More recently, a trip to North Weald Aerodrome was highlighted to see a classic car gathering. Sadly this was cancelled by the organisers, but we did drive on to the Essex & Ongar Steam Railway and joined an MG Car Club meet there. A pleasant morning was enjoyed there by some of our members who responded to the WhatsApp. (see photos).



If you would like to join this WhatsApp group, please contact a committee member or Vaughn with your mobile phone number to hand.

**Neil Shanley**











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# July Car Quiz - Name The Make And Model



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Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6



Figure 7



Figure 8





Figure 9



Figure 10



Figure 11



Figure 12



Figure 13



Figure 14



Figure 15



Figure 16

This month's quiz compiled by Doug Warren  
Good Luck. Answers in next month's Newsletter.



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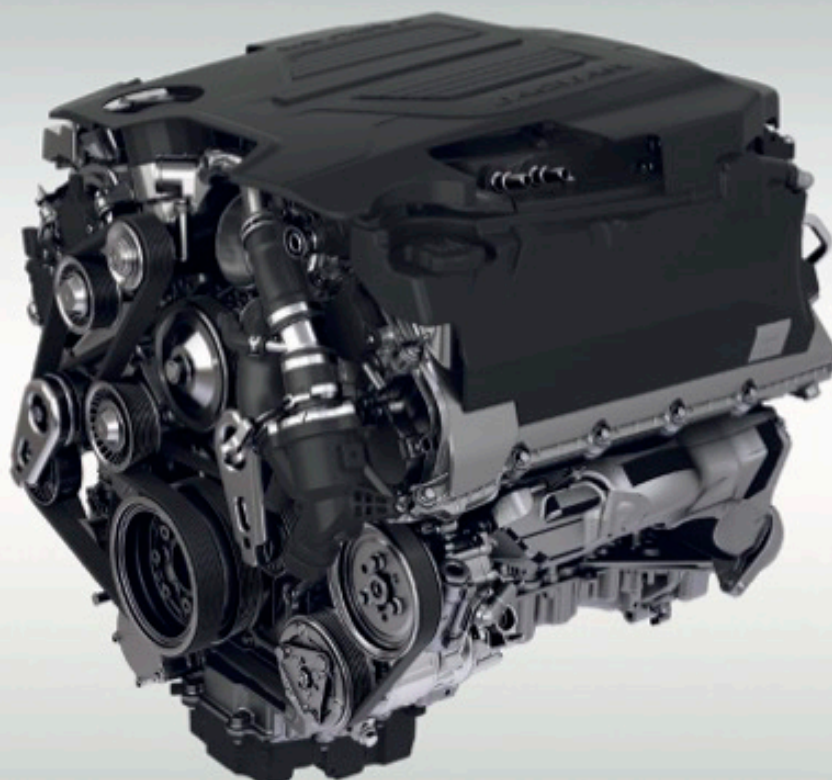
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## Answers to last month's quiz

- 1) Blues Brothers—Dan Ackroyd, John Belushi
- 2) Casablanca—Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman
- 3) Bonnie & Clyde—Warren Beatty, Faye Dunaway
- 4) Chitty Chitty Bang Bang—Dick van Dyke, Sally Ann Howes, Heather Ripley, Adrian Hall
- 5) Edward Scissorhands—Johnny Depp, Diane Wiest
- 6) The Great Gatsby—Tobey Maguire, Leonardo di Caprio
- 7) It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World—Buddy Hackett, Mickey Rooney
- 8) Jack Reacher—Tom Cruise
- 9) Men In Black—Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith
- 10) Paul—Simon Pegg
- 11) Rainman—Valeria Golino, Dustin Hoffman, Tom Cruise
- 12) Ronin—Stellan Skarsgård, Jonathan Pryce, Natascha McElhone
- 13) Rush—Chris Hemsworth, Daniel Bruhl
- 14) School for Scoundrels—Terry-Thomas
- 15) Austin Powers Goldmember—Michael Caine, Mike Myers
- 16) Wayne's World—Mike Myers, Dana Carvey



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