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Chairman's message

Steve Rider
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Hello Essex Thameside members,

This year's show season has certainly started with a bang. The annual Goodwood Members Meeting is always worth a visit and this year's racing definitely didn't disappoint. The sight of the Edwardian machines racing at over 80 mph is something not to be missed, and the roar of a 27- or 28-litre engine is unlikely to be forgotten. However, for pure all round excitement they were eclipsed by the motorbike and sidecar shootouts. The antics of the passengers balancing the bikes by leaning right out with their heads and legs just inches from the tarmac at well over 100mph are a definition of sheer bravery—or madness, perhaps. I don't pretend to be an exponent of two-wheeled racing, but if you get the chance to see these three-wheeled machines in action, don't miss the opportunity.

The day after Goodwood, a number of members drove up to Harwich for our overnight ferry to the Hook of Holland. Some details and photos from this very successful trip will be reported in next month's newsletter but, in brief, a trip to the spectacular Keukenhof gardens and bulb fields, and to the phenomenal Louwman Motor Museum should be added to your bucket list if you ever plan to visit the Netherlands.

The day after our return to the UK, several members supported this year's National Drive It Day. The drive of around 45 miles was enjoyed by all who took part and, more importantly, helped raise valuable funds for the NSPCC Childline.

At the time of writing, April's activities are still not over, with a visit to the De Havilland Aircraft Museum at London Colney planned for the last Sunday in April. The Comet and Mosquito aircraft are two of the star attractions and there will be a photo opportunity at the end of the visit.

As we have previously reported, this year's calendar is packed with a variety of shows and events, and new invitations are still being received. We welcome the return of the popular Lavenham show, just announced after an absence of a couple of years, together with the Maldon show which hasn't been held since before Covid, and they will both be supported by the club. Full details of both events will be advertised as soon as they become available.

We are also considering our options for next year and are currently looking to arrange one foreign and one domestic trip during the 2025 season. A number of possibilities are currently under consideration but we will happily accept suggestions or recommendations from club members.

Our next club meeting is on Tuesday 21st May and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible then.

Steve

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Forthcoming Events

Monthly club nights:

Club night meetings usually start at 7pm on the last (or third) Tuesday of the month and take place at the Essex Police Sports & Social Club, 50 St Margarets Road, Chelmsford CM2 6DT.

21 May; 25 June; 23 July; 27 August; 17 September; 22 October; 19 November; 17 December.

Shows, events and trips:

11 May	JEC Technical Seminar on the Jaguar XK8 (X100 models 1996-2005), Stoke-on-Trent
18-19 May	Beaulieu Spring Autojumble
19 May	Rickingham Classic Car Show with JEC Essex & Suffolk Borders [contact Neil]
2 June	St Osyths Classic Car day with Essex & Suffolk Borders region
15-16 June	Fathers Day Motorfest, Kings Farm, Writtle
23 June	Hatfield Heath Classic Car Festival [NB entry form on page 13 - submit by 16th June]
23 June	Simply Jaguar, National Motor Museum, Beaulieu
23 June	Little Waltham Open Gardens & Classic Car Show
11-14 July	Goodwood Road Racing Club - Festival of Speed
14 July	Orsett Classic & Vintage Show [contact Lester to book]
28 July	JEC 40th Anniversary Summer Festival, British Motor Museum, Gaydon
10 August	Essex Thameside 35th Anniversary Barbecue, Essex Police Sports & Social Club
23-25 August	Silverstone Festival
25 August	Lavenham Classics, Lavenham Village Hall, Church Street, Lavenham CO10 9QT
1 September	Classics at Glemham Hall, Little Glemham, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP13 0BT
1 September	Classic Car Show at RHS Hyde Hall, Creephedge Lane, Rettendon CM3 8ET
6-8 September	Goodwood Road Racing Club - Revival meeting
14-15 September	Beaulieu International Autojumble
15 September	Maldon Car Show, Promenade Park, Maldon, CM9 5JQ
8-10 November	Lancaster Classic Motor Show at NEC Birmingham



Jaguar Enthusiasts Car Show & Craft Fair, Rickinghall

Sunday 19th May, The Village Hall, Hinderclay Road, Rickinghall IP22 1HD

This will be the fourth Rickinghall Classic Car Show organised by the Essex and Suffolk Borders JEC; we are attending in support of our neighbours!

Entry is free for display cars, but a small payment of £3 per person (cash only) is required. There will be a licensed bar, food & drink stalls, some trade stands, and crafts in the village hall. Rickinghall itself is a pretty Suffolk village with a very long High Street containing some pubs and bars.

Last year saw more than 1,000 people visiting to see an array of vintage machines. Trophies will be awarded to the winner and two runners up.

An interesting addition this year will be the arrival of a local young man who is in remission from cancer and is raising money for cancer charities. He is driving from Lands End to John O'Groats in a Citroën Picasso bought for a few hundred pounds. Painted pink, it will be called the Pigasso, reflecting his farming employment. He will finish back home at the show - we wish him well.



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Transportfest at the Museum of Power

On Sunday 31st March 2024, members of the JEC Essex Thameside region attended the Transportfest at Langford's Museum of Power site. This was the first show of the season the club has supported. But what a day! Although it was Easter Sunday and a month into the spring season, it was like the middle of winter with the cold winds blowing. We all tried wrapping up, but to no avail. The only warm retreat was the newly extended café at the museum building.



There was an array of specific club stands, plus individual 'classic' motors including this 1934 Singer 11hp Saloon. One of only six known remaining examples of this model, with probably only 3 or 4 roadworthy at present. Quite an innovative car for its time with overhead cam engine of 1394cc, independent front suspension, hydraulic brakes all round and a four-speed gearbox with a fluid flywheel allowing clutchless gear changes on the move.

Purchased in Southport, Lancs, it was kept for only 18 months by its first owner, but then had two lady owners from 1936 into the 1960s. It was then laid up from 1968 till 1995 when she was cosmetically restored by the previous owner. The engine was reconditioned in 1997.

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Where Is Jaguar Going?

For those of you who receive the monthly JEC magazine, you may have read, in the April issue, that JLR is investing in Jaguar and that three new products are maturing for production. We are informed by columnist, Ken McConomy, they are “jaw-dropping” and that engineering is at “full tilt” – well he is Head of Global PR for Jaguar Land Rover. All this is good news for the marque, as long as they don’t get cancelled at the eleventh hour, a fate suffered by previous Jaguars not least the latest EV version of the XJ.

As most of us have heard, production of Jaguar’s internal-combustion engine vehicles will cease in June this year in preparation for the arrival of three new electric vehicles. This means that the F-Type, XE, XF, E-Pace and F-Pace will be no more in a couple of months. It is thought that the ageing I-Pace



EV will also bite the dust by the end of the year. In order to keep sales going, and to keep customers happy, the company is planning to hold sufficient supplies of its petrol-engine cars to last until the 2025 launch date of the EV line up. Well, good luck with that! The plan to stop car production and keep selling an aged range of old stock until the entirely new and,





year before. Jaguar promises that we will, however, see the 2025 new car this year. It will be a four-door GT EV with a second, unspecified model, following later in that year. There will be a third in 2026. The so far unnamed GT will be targeting the Porsche Taycan, so expect pricing to be north of £100K. Said to be the most powerful Jaguar ever with over 600 horses to help it along it has an impressive range of about 400 miles. This is a clear upward movement in the positioning of the Jaguar marque since its attempts to compete in the big

as yet unseen, two or three model lines appear, does not seem like a plan for long term survival – more like a package deal for a potential purchaser as Paul Skilleter suggests in the same April issue of Jaguar Enthusiast. Let's hope that JLR keeps and grows Jaguar and it doesn't become a Jaguar badged Chinese import.

For a clean handover and whilst Jaguar's old models are soldiering on, the German trio of Audi, BMW and Mercedes continue to produce both fossil fuelled and electric vehicles, not to mention Tesla who are said to be bringing out a sub £25K EV. It's a big mountain to climb for Jaguar who, in 2022/2023 sold less than 9000 units in North America, once its largest market. There is no good news from other markets, with its world-wide sales at 62,521 units, 20% down on the

German trio's market segment have failed. Perhaps placing it alongside Porsches and Bentleys may help the brand – but its cars will have to be good first-time.

Once the EV line up has been established, it may be advisable for Jaguar to have a plan for new model roll outs, something sadly lacking in recent times. The last all new Jaguar was the I-Pace back in 2018. This would keep the brand in the public eye and not being slowly forgotten with its only relevance being of an historical nature which will not attract younger or conquest buyers. Good luck, Jaguar.

Neil Shanley

Answers to April's Quiz

1. Gone in 60 Seconds: Jaguar XJ220, Nicolas Cage
2. Minder: Daimler Sovereign, George Cole
3. The Italian Job: Jaguar E-Type. Michael Caine
4. Die another Day: Jaguar XKR, Rick Yune
5. The Black Windmill: Jaguar 420, Michael Caine
6. The Wolf of Wall Street: Jaguar XJS, Leonardo di Caprio
7. Morse: Jaguar MK2, John Thaw
8. Vanishing Point: Jaguar E-Type, Barry Newman

Jags On The Silver Screen

Name the film/TV show, Jaguar model and one star of the film from which the still is from.



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6



Figure 7



Figure 8

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