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JAGUAR CLUB

January 2015



Was this a good idea? I know I wanted to treat myself for my birthday just before Christmas but? A nice run out to Otterburn the other day still only got less than 1000 miles on it. It's only the modest 3 litre S after all. The big cat (twice the engine size) goes to Tuscany part three inside more on the little red number I will leave you guessing.



The letters to the editor last month brought Dalemain into focus and here is a little more respecting it which speaks for itself.

Dear Ray

This year's Cumbria Classic and Motorsport Show will take place on August 23rd at Dalemain as usual.

As you know we usually have some featured marques or models. In the past we have had Jaguar E type, Aston Martin, Toyota, MG B etc. This year we thought we would give some of the clubs that attend regularly the opportunity to be the featured marque or model. We are open to all suggestions! Usually this either means the club having a bigger display with many more cars on it - perhaps drawing from a larger area and/or we put on an additional class to suit.

If your club would be interested please get back to me by the end of February.

Best regards

Graeme Forrester

Hi Ken,

As an honorary dishonourable member I am puzzled by the very sensible correspondence from Ron Palmer regarding the Dalemain outing and falling attendance as there was "not much to do if you are not interested in cars". I am safely 13,000 kilometres away so am immune to bricks through the front window and heavy breathing type phone calls so I will ask the question, if you are not interested in cars why have you joined a car club? If your wife is not interested then get another one. If your children are of the same bent then send them to boarding school in Chile or Falkland Islands. I am happy to solve any other problems for you at a reasonable hourly rate.

John Dyer (Wangaratta)

There is no club night in January but none the less your Committee will be active bringing together a prospective programme for 2015.

I have no minutes to publish in this edition but shall copy some of the relevant mailings members have been receiving that will be of interest.

***CLAPHAM STREET FAIR AND CLASSIC CAR
SHOW***
Saturday 25TH JULY 2015

Dear all

Please **SAVE THE DATE** the Clapham Classic car show will once again be held in the Y.D. Car Park Clapham, on the **25th July 2015**.

There will be music and fun for all as well as food and homemade produce and activities for all the family. This event held in conjunction with St James Church Street fair is always great fun and so far we have managed to get a great selection of classics to show. All makes of interesting cars are welcome even projects if its not quite finished we don't mind. Last year we got nearly 60 entrants a record and a supper day again lets hope the sun shines on us.

'A GREAT DAY OUT' as it says on the posters. Please fill out the form below and just email or post it back to me it's as easy as that. The mean Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority are talking about not giving us the park free this year so it may cost us £3/4 quid for the day so brace yourselves if this happens, hopefully it won't break the bank. As usual early birds get a free breakfast (donations appreciated to cover bacon cost)

I look forward to seeing you all again, I apologise if you do not want this email please let me know and I will delete you from my list. If you know someone with a nice car who may be interested please forward this email thanks,

Yours

David



To all Regional Representatives.

At the AGM I promised to advise you of various items, one of which was the update on the procedures for Tours and Runs which I have only just received hence the delay in sending this letter.

Where possible I am sending this by email so that you can easily reproduce the information for your members or forward it on to your committees.

Firstly I attach the minutes of the Regional Representatives Meeting.

The current situation regarding organising of tours and local runs is attached.

I was also asked to advise you on the items of regalia etc we can supply. At present we are still doing the bunting, this comes in 40 foot lengths and I can supply two lengths free to Regions.

We can supply the windchaser style flags with Regional name on them but they are expensive at approximately £200 each. The Club however will pay half of the cost.

Of course we can supply you with a digital copy of the club logo for any local printing you may wish to undertake.

Many Regions have sourced their own regalia and for small numbers this works well, providing a small profit for the Region. However we can assist centrally if required, just call Helen Hodgson on 0117 969 8186.

I would also like to remind you that I can supply a list of new members each month, by post code so you can welcome them to your Region. Simply give me the email address of the person responsible for this in your Region.

It is also a good idea to request a current list of members from me every few months so you can see who you have lost and gained. It is important to ensure that your members are still JEC members and haven't let their JEC membership lapse but continue to get the benefits via regional membership. All I need is a list of the first part of the postcodes for your Region.

I am sure you will have a lot of events this coming year, don't forget to put them up on your web pages, if you are unsure how to do this then please contact James or myself. It is important as our diary listing is one of the most visited pages on our site and it is where I extract the information for the events page in the magazine.

Talking of events we still have dates available for the raffle car in 2015 so if you would like the car to attend your event let me know and I will tell you if it is available or not.

Also remember that our three big events in 2015 welcome Regional Stands so please call James or I to reserve a space.

17th May 2015, Eastern Day, Ickworth House, Bury St Edmunds

23rd August 2015, Southern Day, Brooklands, Surrey

27th September 2015, Western Day, Bodelwyddan Castle, North Wales

That's all for now, can I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and a very good 2015.

Graham Searle
General Manager

I have published this letter that Hadleigh received and you will see that there is no Northern Day.

Brian Green who for quite a few years lead our group to Wallington Hall, guests of the North East Club for their event has commented.

I'm not sure if you are having a committee meeting prior to the next club night – maybe you already have – but for what it's worth I can add a few comments on the Northern Day.

The NE Region traditionally held their North East Day at Wallington Hall (National Trust) – and had done so for as long as I can remember.

I believe that around two years ago there were discussions between the Region and the NT as the NT were wanting a sizeable sum of money from the Region to hold the event. As a result the Region decided to look elsewhere.

I left the Region and let my membership lapse due to “bad feeling” by certain Committee members, who were less than welcoming because I didn't have a Jaguar!

I'm not bothered about that, but what it means is I don't really have monthly contact and can't really add much to the debate on the NE Region and a Northern day.

What I can say is that Wallington Hall was always “maxed out” for space with just the region and would be way too small for a Northern Day.

Similarly they now have their North East day with the Durham Regatta and I believe they share the event with other classic cars.

This would not be a suitable venue / occasion for a Northern day.

I'm not really into the politics – but I believe Yorks goodwill on organising Northern Day was stretched to the limit in the recent past and that's possibly why it hasn't happened for the last couple of years. I also understand that the Yorks area are willing to start up the Northern Day again if they get help & support from adjoining areas (including the North East). – I'm not close enough to comment on if that's likely to happen or not.

It is a few years since our Club went to Scottish Day if that is something you would like to be considered drop me an email and I will bring it to the committee.

Silloth Vintage show has also been suggested but like Flookburgh and what was the Border City Steam Fair these events are over a weekend and take a lot of organising in the terms of presenting a club stand.

I published an invitation off our North East Friends to their event in Durham that Brian mentions above. Let's have some feedback please. ED

Big Cat Goes To Tuscany 4

Italy became a memory today as we left Tavarnelle Val di Pesa for the last time; just a romantic interlude in a failed relationship. The Big Cat was at home on the motorway no longer a fish out of water in city streets designed for horses and full of three legged apes.

Florence was reached very quickly and the next road was what I now consider one of the worst which we drove on all holiday: the A1 motorway from Florence to Bologna.

It brought back memories of films I dressed up to get into in the 1970's. There is a time in your life where the desire is to look older than you are, then a little time spent just as you are followed by the rest trying to look how you were, younger. That image of youth, is based on those decades you grew up in.

You may realise I harp back to the flares and later drainpipe era of the seventies quite a lot and you'd be bang on the money if you concluded, that I was growing up in them. Everyone has a decade they look back to as the happiest of their life and for me it was a close call between the late seventies or early eighties.

So the reason I said it reminded me of certain films from that era was because the drive on this two lane highway to hell was a cross between Death Race 2000 and Bullit. Only here you replaced the burbling tones of the V8, with the less enthralling sound of a wailing V12.

So back to the two hours spent on this hideous road. Imagine the right lane is a moving wall of articulated diesel puffing Ivecos all struggling up one side of a hill, then powering down the other. No gaps. No slowing down. Nowhere to go.... No surrender

They are like a rolling man trap. Fall into a tiny gap on their side of the motorway and they close ranks on you like a giant trucking car crusher. That leaves you the only other choice, the fast lane. In Italy there is no point calling any lane an overtaking lane because they wouldn't know what you are talking about; since every lane is an overtaking lane! So there you are in the fast lane going, well, fast.

It's been raining and looks like a downpour up ahead but hey, we are on the road again and I'm loving the cosseted special way that the Jaguar makes you feel when you are behind the wheel. The V12 is a special engine a rare bird of paradise in a world full of crows. I recommend Ludvigsen's book about the V12. It was there right at the beginnings of the motor car. It powered some of the most famous aircraft too and a shed load of World Land Speeds were gained using this configuration.

Like the straight six it is perfectly balanced but doubly so because as Daimler so apply put it, it is a "Double Six." I'm in the driving zone of Grace Pace and Space

The road I find isn't as bad as I first thought. I'm in a big Jaguar fuelled up and full of redex purring in the 70 to 80 mph zone. Ha wrong I'm doing a tonne plus with a Alfa up my a!*e and the Panda in front is pulling away. Stop day dreaming and pay attention to the road ahead!

Soon I become a white knuckled and sweating driver. This despite the air conditioning doing its best to make me look like I'm on holiday; knotted hanky on my head and a ham sandwich in my hand commenting as I go on the nice cup of tea I'm looking forward to.

In truth, I'm in a nightmare road movie with no exits from the M666; feeling like the designer of this road scrimped on the tarmac a bit, pocketed the extra and built it to the same dimensions as "Parking Spaces for Supermarkets" a guide book on how to fit 100 cars on a tennis court.

The road seems to be only wide enough for the car plus a white line down each side. If you deviate it's one of two immovable objects you'll hit: a) A lorry or b): a road filthy concrete and galvanised steel length of Armco.

It gets worse it's raining and the bends on the steep downhill stretches are so tight they put arrowed chevrons on the side of the carriageway. I'm pulling "G" as I go round them and no sooner straight than another comes the other way this time.....What could get worse? A black hole to swallow me up? Yeh very likely!

Oh it's not so bad, if you try driving a little more Italian. I'm starting to relax a bit again enjoy the effortless speed, accept that I am in control and fate has had a day off. I get lulled for a few minutes into thinking this is fun. Speed is indeed an intoxicating thing.

I sense I'm missing something I wonder what it could be? Ahhhgh I MISSED THE SIGN for a tunnel and disappear into the only one where the lights don't work. It's a Bloody Black Hole I go from daylight into oblivion. DO NOT PASS GO do not collect £200; a sort of event horizon where time stops. All this with Lories and cars barely feet away! "No Elaine, I'm really not crying, it's gone past that." We emerge still doing 100mph unscathed after what seems only seconds and providence has saved me for another day. What is it that Shakespeare said "...as flies to wanton boys are we, the Gods kill us for their sport."

It was a bit of a relief that we had to stop for fuel. The trouble was before I could get my wits about me, I got fleeced by the petrol pump attendant. He charged a whopping hundred Euros to fill up. I'm not sure but I think they add a charge for the privilege of filling you up. It probably pays their wages without paying them wages. It was the biggest fuel bill of the

entire holiday but then again when in Rome eh. But I smiled and thought not for much longer. After this one we opted to fill up off piste so as to speak.

It was a relief to pass Bologna and move on up through northern Italy and on towards the Alps. We planned on two days to reach our destination in Southern Germany a small typical Bavarian town an hours drive from Munich called Thierhaupten.

Once more on the open motorways we began to make good progress and the driving became very enjoyable. It was sunny again what's not to like about blue sky and sunshine and a journey? It didn't last unfortunately and as dusk then darkness came into our world so too did the rain. Our thoughts turned to that of all travellers as the day descends into inevitable dusk, a place to rest one's head.

Insbruck was the point at which we started looking but that was actually too big and too busy to leave the safety of the motorway. We were navigating on a road map with varying scales and which covered the whole of Western Europe. A decent part of Eastern too! It was good enough to figure out which country you were in but after that we were heading for Guesstimation Station. We now have a sat nav which dries up those types of tears faster than a Kleenex. Sat navs are a sort of anaesthetic to life's little pains. I do however believe that technology can become a two edge sword; it can create just as many problems as it solves. It can giveth and taketh just as quick where money is concerned too. It also takes you to the places that pay the most to be included and sanitises your adventure in life to a degree. as the Magician says "pick a card any card" but pick the one I want you to.

It was now dark and the rain was lashing down and my footwell was a paddling pool of squelchiness that I had no inclination to dive into at this particular point in the holiday. I was feathering the throttle on every rising bend on the A road we were now on The afternoon had started as dampness followed by a wet toe feeling and ended the day as a footwell full of bloody water. The XJS has a strange dense black rubber under carpet sound deadening that must be in the Guinness Book Of Records as having the greatest capacity for soaking up moisture. Odd only my side effected?

It had been in parts a splendid driving day but like all Yins there is a tendency to follow it with the odd Yan too, it is after all life. That said we were actually quite ecstatic because we had left Italy and were only a day away from our destination; Germany, once we got out of Austria. The next part of the holiday was about to begin, GREAT.

I hadn't seen my friend Hermann and his family for four years and it really was exciting to be heading there now in the Big Cat. Last time I was there I'd driven from England with Hermann in his newly acquired Maroon Triumph Stag. Now there is a car whose exhaust sound makes chest hairs stand up on end.

The Big Cat carried us without fuss the engine never missed a beat but where was the water coming from? Then we spied a typical Austrian style guest house and pulled into it's ample if not empty car park and headed on in to find a room. Seems like a nice place.

Welcome to the "Von Bates Motel." Mother will see to your needs.

We were too tired to care. Reception was an alcove under the stairs. The middle aged woman gave us the book to fill in, put a down a log with a key attached, pointed to the stairs and said "up there" and was gone. There was no one about but there was a sense of being watched all the same. The smell of over used deep fat fryer and tobacco lessened as we climbed the dungeon like stairs ending on a landing and darker passage (to our room). The automatic 40 watt bulb spluttered into life. We found the room at the end of another passage this time on the second floor. She'd given us the "Room With A View," a view of the rock the hotel had been cut into when built....15 feet away. We were tired and it was raining, I didn't care that the décor was heavy wood with 80's pattern wallpaper and the bathroom had a sink for a bath and was the most unusual shade of muted green. Like a lot of interiors in the seventies they seemed to be in good taste at the time. Be brave and stick to Magnolia. I slept thinking tomorrow we'll be in Germany. I felt sorry for the Big Cat; as everyone knows cats hate to be out in the rain.....where was the water coming from? I left the soaking mats in the boot and sponged a bucketful of water onto the tarmac car park.

No photos but if you want to experience the A1 motorway without the rain and less Lorries try this you tube video

[T / A1 FIRENZE - BOLOGNA / TRATTO APPENNINICO / AUTOSTRADA DEL SOLE](#)

It's not obviously me but you'll get the idea shame it's not raining and there aren't as many lorries. Copy the T/A1.....etc into google hit return and play the first result video by double clicking



A little picture of the Jaguar looking good.

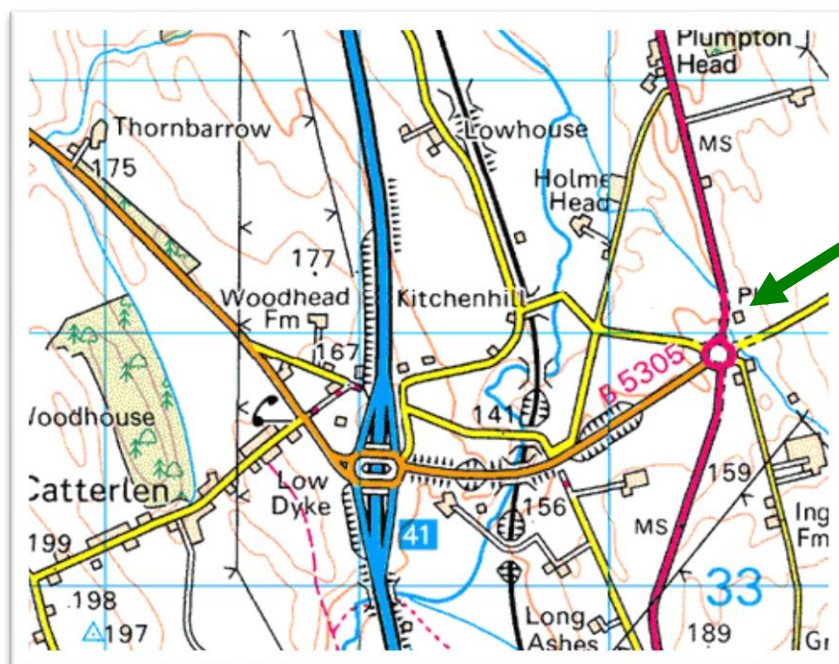
Club Events Diary

<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Location and details</u>
Club Night	Tuesday 3 rd February 2015	Ken Jardine tel. 01228 542855 email- kjardine069@gmail.com	Stoneybeck Inn, Penrith CA11 8RP
Club Night	Tuesday 3 rd March 2015	Ken Jardine tel. 01228 542855 email- kjardine069@gmail.com	Stoneybeck Inn, Penrith CA11 8RP
Club Night	Tuesday 7 th April 2015	Ken Jardine tel. 01228 542855 email- kjardine069@gmail.com	Stoneybeck Inn, Penrith CA11 8RP
Pirelli Classic Rally	Saturday 25 th April 2015	Chris Walker tel. 01228 631090 email chris7@btopenworld.com	Carlisle Area see details in newsletter.
Drive it Day	Sunday 26 th April 2015	Ken Jardine tel. 01228 542855 email- kjardine069@gmail.com	Details to be announced
Club Annual General Meeting	Tuesday 5 th May 2015	Ken Jardine tel. 01228 542855 email- kjardine069@gmail.com	Stoneybeck Inn, Penrith CA11 8RP
JEC Eastern Day	Sunday 17 th May 2015		Icworth House Bury St Edmunds.
Club Night	Tuesday 2 nd June 2015	Ken Jardine tel. 01228 542855 email- kjardine069@gmail.com	Stoneybeck Inn, Penrith CA11 8RP
NE Jaguar Day	Sunday 14 th June 2015		Durham Regatta
Vintage Rally	Saturday and Sunday 13-14 th June 2015	Ken Jardine tel. 01228 542855 email- kjardine069@gmail.com	Village Green Silloth
Grasmere Show	Sunday 28 th June 2015	(date unconfirmed)	
Scottish Jaguar Day	Sunday 28 th . June 2015		
Corbridge MG Classic Car Show	Sunday 5 th July 2015t		Tynedale Show Field Corbridge.
Club Night	Tuesday 7 th July 2015	Ken Jardine tel. 01228 542855 email- kjardine069@gmail.com	Stoneybeck Inn, Penrith CA11 8RP
Classic Car Event	Sunday 12 th July 2015	www.markwoodwardclassiccarevents.com	Hutton in the Forest Penrith CA11 9TJ
Clapham Street Fair	Saturday 25 th July 2015		
Club Night	Tuesday 4 th August 2015	Ken Jardine tel. 01228 542855 email- kjardine069@gmail.com	Stoneybeck Inn, Penrith CA11 8RP
Dalemain	Sunday 23rd August 2015	Ken Jardine tel. 01228 542855 email- kjardine069@gmail.com	Dalemain House nr.Penrith CA11 0hb
JEC Southern Day	Sunday 23rd August 2015		Brooklands Surrey
Club Night	Tuesday 1 st . September		Stoneybeck Inn, Penrith CA11 8RP

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How to find us



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of Penrith on
the old A6**

Club meetings are held at the Stoneybeck Inn, on the first Tuesday of each month from 8:00pm onwards. January excepted.

Post code (CA11 8RP) for the sat. nav. Please note: Upon reaching the roundabout on the A6, you can see the inn.

