



Newsletter



February 2017



I have just learned how to get a photo off Solway Jag Facebook page. Check it out. The website is also being updated. Thanks to Andy Stalker and Alec Escolme for supporting the club in looking after them. The Factory visit will be reported on in the next edition thanks to all the member's responses that ensured this event was carried forward.

has only a few places almost fully inside before you miss



The Westmorland Show left. The M sport visit is subscribed too, read on that..

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF SOLWAY JAGUAR CLUB

ON TUESDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2017

1 PRESENT: GILL, CHRIS, THERESE, RAY AND JIM KIDD BY INVITATION.

2 APOLOGIES: NONE.

3 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS: GILL WELCOMED THE COMMITTEE TO THE FIRST MEETING OF 2017, AND BID THEM ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR. JIM KIDD HAD BEEN INVITED TO OBSERVE OUR MEETING AS HE HAS VOLUNTEERED TO BECOME NEW MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY AT THE AGM IN MAY. GILL INTIMATED THAT MOST OF THE MEETING WOULD PROBABLY BE TAKEN UP WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE AGM. THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE LODORE FALLS IN DECEMBER HAD BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL, AND HAD BEEN ENJOYED BY ABOUT 48 MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. THERE HAD BEEN A RAFFLE, AND £60 HAD BEEN DONATED TO SOBS, WHICH IS A LOCAL BRANCH OF A CHARITY, WHICH HELPS PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY DEATH OF A RELATIVE OR FRIEND, BY SUICIDE. THIS WAS MADE IN MEMORY OF HOWARD CHISEM, WHO WAS ONE OF OUR MEMBERS.

4 TREASURER'S REPORT: AS PRINTED.

5 MEMBERSHIP SEC REPORT: THERESE SAID THERE WERE 65 MEMBERS, WHICH HAD BEEN THE SAME NUMBER IN DECEMBER.

6 EVENTS AND CLUB NIGHTS: RAY WAS HOPING TO GET A SPEAKER FOR MEETING IN MARCH. RAY WAS CO-ORDINATING ATTENDANCE FOR THE WESTMORELAND SHOW IN MAY. HE WAS HAPPY TO HELP THE NEW EVENTS ORGANISER (IF THERE IS ONE AT AGM) BUT FELT THAT THERE WAS NOT MUCH POINT IN ORGANISING ANYTHING AFTER THE AGM, AS IT WOULD BE UP TO THE NEW COMMITTEE. GILL SUGGESTED HAVING AN OPEN FORUM AT APRIL IS MEETING FOR QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ABOUT THEIR ROLES AND HOPEFULLY THE WAY FORWARD FOR SOLWAY JAGUAR CLUB.

7 AGM ARRANGEMENTS: LARGE ROOM AT STONEYBECK TO BE BOOKED AND A BUFFET SERVED AFTERWARDS. GILL HAD ASKED COLIN MURRAY TO BE IN

CHARGE OF THE VOTING SLIPS AND CATEGORIES FOR THE CONCOURSE.
COLIN HAPPY TO OBLIGE.

CURRENT COMMITTEE SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR NEW COMMITTEE AS WE
ARE ALL STANDING DOWN THIS YEAR. FIRM UP ARRANGEMENTS AT NEXT
MEETING.

8 AOB: NONE.

9 : DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 7thMARCH 2017.

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT FEBRUARY 2017

HI LADS AND LASSIES,

HOPE THIS FINDS YOU ALL WELL AND LOOKING FORWARD TO SPRING, WHICH
JUST SEEMS ROUND THE CORNER. IT DOESN'T SEEM 5 MINUTES SINCE WE
WERE ALL TUCKING INTO TURKEY AND ALL THE TRIMMINGS

TO QUOTE BOB DYLAN "THE TIMES THEY ARE A CHANGING" AT SOLWAY
JAGUAR. IN A FEW MONTHS TIME, THE CURRENT COMMITTEE WILL BE
STANDING DOWN AND HOPEFULLY A NEW COMMITTEE WILL BE FORMED TO
CARRY ON THE GOOD WORK FOR SOLWAY JAGUAR.

ALSO FROM MARCH CLUB NIGHT WE WILL BE CHARGED £40 FOR USE OF THE
UPSTAIRS ROOM AT STONEYBECK HOTEL. THE CURRENT COMMITTEE IS
WILLING TO USE THIS VENUE UNTIL THE AGM IN MAY, BUT PERHAPS IT IS TIME
FOR A CHANGE. FOOD FOR THOUGHT FOR THE MEMBERSHIP AFTERWARDS.

I WAS ASKED AT THE LAST MEETING TO DEFINE THE ROLE OF CHAIRMAN, SO I
WILL TRY AND CONVEY WHAT I HAVE DONE. OBVIOUSLY THE MAIN TASK IS
TO CHAIR MEETINGS AND PASS ON INFORMATION AT CLUB NIGHTS. I AM
ALSO A CONTACT FOR THE REGION IN THE JEC MAGAZINE. I HAVE COMBINED
THIS ROLE WITH MINUTE SECRETARY AS WELL WHICH IS ALSO NOT TOO
ONEROUS, WRITING AN AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE MEETS AND WRITING UP
THE MINUTES AFTERWARDS. WITH THE ARRIVAL OF SOCIAL MEDIA, I ALSO
POST ON THE WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK, WHICH HOPEFULLY REACHES A WIDER
AUDIENCE. I MUST SAY I HAVE MOSTLY ENJOYED THE ROLE, WITH THE

SUPPORT AND GOOD HUMOUR AND INTEGRITY OF MY COLLEAGUES PAST AND PRESENT.

I DO SINCERELY HOPE THAT MEMBERS WILL TAKE UP THE CHALICE, TO CARRY FORWARD AND SECURE THE FUTURE OF SOLWAY JAGUAR CLUB.

WE ARE PLANNING TO HAVE AN OPEN FORUM QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH THE COMMITTEE AT APRIL CLUB-NIGHT, SO WE WILL ATTEMPT TO ANSWER ANY BURNING QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL IN MARCH.

HAPPY AND SAFE MOTORING. GILL.

SJC Treasurer Report – Feb 7th 2017 Committee Meeting #152

1. Due to the SJC January break and a decision to postpone committee meetings in late 2016, this is the first Treasurer's Report since October 2016.
2. As of February 7th, the Solway Jaguar Club has a membership of 65 as we have no new members and the end of the membership year is now moved to May. This includes one honorary member. We also keep one member in the club membership without fee due to his ill health.
3. Following the SJC Committee, decision to make the AGM the start/end of the membership year members paying by Standing Order and Direct Debit were reminded to re-set these from January to May. One member has reported that he was too late to change his SO but this money will be held in the club account to the start of the 2017/18 year. Similar arrangements will be made for others who did not make these changes with their banks if they wish SJC to do this.
4. Payment receipts and expenditure made to and by the Club in Nov/Dec/Jan resulted in a net decrease in club funds of £235.40 due to the payment for wine at the Christmas meal in the Ladore Falls Hotel, a

£60 donation to charity (SOBS) and a drink at the Committee lunch in January.

5. At the Feb meeting, the Treasurer brought in 'Welsh' Jaguar 2017 calendars for the members to take home for the sum of 50p each. We raised £18 for club funds.
6. The Treasurer is currently providing the monthly Regional News submission for Cumbria to the JEC magazine. If any member who is both a member of SJC and JEC would like to take over this duty then please contact me.

Chris Orr
Club Treasurer
Solway Jaguar Club

P.S. The Treasurer would like to congratulate Mr Les Meer for his excellent article in the JEC magazine. I am sure Les will agree it is definitely a case of 'better late than never!'

Dear SJC member,
A message from SJC member Les Meer:

"Please ask Solway members to have a gander at page 48 'Little and Large' of the latest February JEC magazine.

It took JEC 5 years to get round to publishing the article (Graham Searle found my mislaid missive from 2011 in his inbox a few weeks ago!!) so it's way out of date, but hey - and I received £50 'reward' for its publication. "

Very well done Les - better late than never!
Best wishes,
Chris

Club Treasurer

Dear SJC member,

As you may know, I intend to step down from the Solway Jaguar Club committee at the AGM in May. I have been very happy to carry out the duties of Club Treasurer for 4 years now, and for the first 2 years, I was also Membership Secretary. It has been a great honour to do these tasks but it is now time to let someone new take on the Treasurer's role. Having said that, Moira and I will remain fully involved and active members of Solway Jaguar.

The treasurer's role is simple and includes the following:



- To bank the Club's income from membership fees (many members use standing orders so this makes it even easier), plus takings from raffles and other fund raising events, etc.
 - To pay by cheque for club-sponsored events, refreshments, room hire, etc.
 - To file the receipts for payments made by the Club.
 - To periodically report the financial status to the

Club committee.

The role is open to the gents and ladies of the Club and only requires someone who is honest and able to do a little bookkeeping. Between now and May I am very happy to show the system that I have used, but a new treasurer is also an opportunity to do things in new ways.

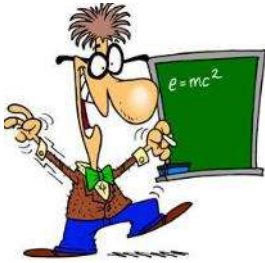
If you are interested to know a little more about this Club position then contact me on 01900 826034, e mail me at chris.orr@btinternet.com or any of the other Committee members.

Best wishes,
Chris
7th Feb 2017



Events Coordinator

Hi, SJC Members



As you are aware I will be standing down as events coordinator at the next AGM in May.

After 3 years in this role, I feel that it is time for someone else to take on the challenge and bring new ideas to the table.

I have enjoyed my time as the events coordinator, which I admit has given headaches at times but overall a great sense of satisfaction with the added privilege of working with the current committee.

At the February club night I was asked by a member to give a brief resume of what the coordinator role entails, well here goes.

1 Firstly store the SJC equipment for the shows, Coleman shelter, flags etc. These do not take up a lot of room.

2 Arrange 6 events for the coming year that we attend and fund as a club, at least 3 of these will be repeat shows that we favour as a club Dalemain, Clapham, Wastdale Head. So you will only be looking to alternate a couple of new venues each year.



3 Encourage members to arrange other events as individuals and suggestions as to what activities they would prefer to participate in.

4 Attend monthly committee meetings on club night.

5 Liaise and coordinate with other events organisers. Set up the site at the events,

tent, Coleman shelter, flags with the assistance of club members.

6 Contribute to the news letter from time to time with the update of an events schedule.

This is a brief resume of the events coordinators role it will take up no more than 2hrs a month at most.

Anyone wishing to take on this role please contact me 01900 821156 mob07817494750

Email raypage46@gmail.com when I will be happy to



discuss any queries you may have.

I will support the new coordinator during the transition period and any time after as may be required.

Regards

Ray Page

Membership Secretary

**Jim Kidd has volunteered to take this on subject to your vote at the
AGM**

Relevant e-mails since last publication

Friends, I have for some time printed e-mails relating to club matters in order that those who infrequently or never use e-mail are not excluded, I believe this important so no one is excluded. Therefore, here goes:-

Dear SJC member,

Well, it is the first SJC club night meeting of the year so hope that you can make it to the Stoneybeck Inn for the 7.30 start tomorrow (Tuesday) evening. As a little extra interest, I have some Jaguar calendars from Welsh Enterprises in the States and will be handing these out free (or a 50p donation to club funds if you are feeling generous!). These are ideal for the garage/workshop and have some excellent Jaguar pics.

Hope to see you tomorrow evening.

Best wishes, Chris

M-Sport facility visit - 4th July

Dear SJC member,

Ruth Harland kindly sent me the message below regarding a tour around the M-Sport facility at Dovenby near Cockermouth. Ruth is happy to coordinate the visit so if you are interested could you contact Ruth ASAP using the details at the bottom of the message.

Best wishes,

Chris



**M-Sport Factory Tour
Tuesday 4th July
Dovenby Hall nr Cockermouth
£20 per person**

On arrival there will be refreshments Tea, Coffee etc.

The tour includes a visit to the museum and a look in each department (Transmission, Engine, Workshop) the final part of the tour is a history of the Hall.

Depending on how many questions are asked the tour is about 1.5 to 2 hours

Suggested start time of 5 or 5.30p.m. Then a meal afterwards?

Please contact Ruth Harland to secure your place Rharland14@outlook.com or 07761358099 by our meeting on 4th April

N.B. Ruth tells me the maximum number that can be catered for is 17 and that 13 places are already booked. This means that she can only offer places to Club members only on this occasion. Do not delay.

From: Kenneth Jardine
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2017 9:08 PM
To: Phil Waters
Subject: Re: Borders Vintage Automobile Club (BVAC) - Club Member Registrations

Cheers Phil,

I have got the ball rolling along those lines already. I am due to publish our newsletter this Friday and will reproduce your message

Best regards

Ken Jardine

On 20 Feb 2017 21:03, "Phil Waters" <entries@bvac.org.uk> wrote:

Borders Vintage Automobile Club's 45th Historic Motoring Extravaganza at Thirlestane Castle, Lauder on the 4th June 2017

Dear Ken,

Many thanks for requesting a Club stand at our forthcoming Thirlestane Extravaganza.

As we did last year, we aim to simplify life a little for both you and us, as well as giving us all the necessary information we need for Safety regulations & Insurance purposes.

So instead of you separately providing us with a list of the names and addresses of your participating members,

we ask that you distribute this mail and the hyperlink it contains, to all those in your club that will be attending.

For your Club members to register their attendance on your club stand, please ask them to complete the form that can be found at this link ;

Club member vehicle registration which can also be found on our webpage at www.bvac.org.uk/thirlestane

Please request your membership to complete this as soon as possible, and certainly well in advance of the **entry deadline of 16th April 2017**

Please impress upon them that they should click the link , and simply enter their details requested.

And all this can all be undertaken in approximately 40 seconds, automatically adding them to the list of all entrants that we generate for show day,

and putting their name in the programme !

Also, as a result , you will be able to review your members entries at any point by clicking on the following link ;

Show me my club member entries for Thirlestane

Please note that our systems are not fully automated and that warm body intervention (mine !) – can mean that a few days can pass between steps so bear with us.

However, you can always see by the titles of the report the point at which the current version was produced.

Should you have any problems with any of the above, please email me at Onemake@bvac.org.uk ,

and I look forward to working with each of you again over the coming weeks.

Best regards

Phil Waters

Want to be included?

Thirlestane Castle is a fine 90 mile drive to lauder in the Scottish Borders and given the entry deadline for the 16th April I thought it unfair to seek to load this on Ray who will be in retirement from the events co-ordinator post by the time the event takes place. The organisation at Thirlestane has a method of on line registration and places the onus on the individual to supply details of their intentions.

My contact details are on the back page



Drive It Day.

For 2017 the date is set for
Sunday April 23rd.

The format for the day is a tried and tested formula. The Federation sets the date each year (as close as

possible to the anniversary of the 1000 Mile Trial) and publicises the event nationally. The many clubs that comprise the Federation's membership then plan and schedule regional and local events throughout the country. The events are as varied as the vehicles taking part and include Drive Outs, Rallies, and meetings at local beauty spots or historic sites. Important venues such as The National Motor Museum, Beaulieu, Brooklands, The British Motor Museum, Gaydon and Bicester Heritage are expected to take part, but there will be scores of events the length and breadth of the country.

Detail of the original event, courtesy of Graces Guide to British industrial history, can be seen [here](#)

The site also has links to "The Autocar" for the year of the event, 1900, which are [here](#)

Member clubs are encouraged to let the Federation know their plans. The easiest method is to post on the FBHVC facebook page [here](#).

FBHVC National Coordinator for Drive it Day 2017 is Ken Coad who can be contacted on email **coadspeed@btinternet.com**

A number of enthusiasts have posted video's of this years DiD on YouTube. They can be seen [here](#)



Stoneybeck

A message from the SJC Committee to all our members:

Yesterday's meeting at the Stoneybeck Inn was the first in 2017 for members of Solway Jaguar Club. We had an excellent evening with plenty of lively discussion about the year's events. Many who attended will know that the Stoneybeck had recently suffered a serious fire in their kitchens and the Inn is not therefore able to serve food until extensive repairs are completed. In view of this, the owner was not planning to open but did so as a favour to Solway Jaguar, in view of our long-standing relationship. As a further concession to our club the Stoneybeck hasn't charged us for use of the upstairs room for some considerable time and, consequently, made a loss (takings being less than their staff costs)

This relationship with the Stoneybeck is most important to Solway Jaguar and I am sure that we all appreciate the benefits that this very accommodating hotel brings to the club, and we wish them well in this very difficult time as they rebuild their business.

SJC Committee.

CLAPHAM CAR AND MOTORCYCLE SHOW 2017 **22nd July 2017**

Dear Ken

Firstly, I must apologise for the spam emails that some people have been getting using part of my personal email address but a different ending. Hence all correspondence from me relating to the Clapham car show will be on this new email claphamcarshow@yahoo.com If you still get emails from arbutushous@ at a funny sounding end, please just delete them. We are sorry for this inconvenience.

The show this year will take place on the 22nd of July 17 in the Yorks. Dale's Car park as usual but we are hoping to have some classic Motorcycle's as well as cars.

Please note the date in your diaries I will send the usual application forms out in a month or two. As usual, we will be providing breakfast at our house for all registered drivers and passenger. Please feel free to mention to any friends about our show, as it is always nice to have a few different cars or bikes coming along.

Just send me an email for any further information

Thanks

See you in July

David and Jackie Kingsley
Arbutus House Riverside Clapham LA2 8DS tel 01524251240

This show tends to be self-governing in so much as we attend as a club but individuals are asked to notify David Kingsley so room is reserved for us. Watch this space

The Wasdale Head Show Vintage Classes

Hi Ken

Just an update on what is happening with The Wasdale Head Show Vintage Classes – Thankfully they are still going ahead and the email for the new Vintage Steward at The Wasdale Head Show is

Jane.Collins@nationaltrust.org.uk – She seems keen on running the vintage classes there and has the advantage of back-up from The national Trust - I expect that she will drop you a line asking if the Jaguar Owners Club will be putting on their customary club stand.

I had a chat with Mark and Lesley at the Strands and, if you wish, they are



again happy to accommodate you with a breakfast again – Just drop them a line as soon as you know, then firm up the numbers nearer the time

With me – I will be having a CT scan on my lungs tomorrow, then I have to wait a week for the results – But no more bladder cancer treatment planned now until August, just a planned Camera in April to have a look see. Fingers Crossed!!!!!!

All being well, in two weeks' time and I will be arriving back in Nepal for another month, getting back home just about the same time as the clocks alter :-)

Keep in touch

Rob

N.B. A very popular round up event to our Summer Season, sorry that our good friend Rob Steele has stood down he has been a major part in promoting this event and ensuring a warm welcome. The show must go on as they say more nearer the time.

Member's cars for sale

From: Kenneth Jardine <kjardine069@gmail.com>

Sent: 16 February 2017 12:37:17

To: McGurk Neil

Subject: Members cars for sale

Preparing newsletter anything for me?

Hi Ken

I am going to see Bill tomorrow to get a list of cars and details

So hopefully I will be able to add to this:

Here we go.

1972 Daimler Sovereign Series 1. Beige with red interior.

This is a very original and low mileage (58,500) and seems to be rust free. Excellent original interior. Excellent chrome and good paint, having had a

full respray. Bill mentioned that one of the gauges is not working, but the car comes with a second complete dashboard. £3,000

1989 Jaguar XJS V12. Dark blue with parchment interior.

Very low mileage (47,500) and in excellent condition throughout. I have done an underbody corrosion protection on this car and can confirm it is in excellent rust free condition underneath. £8,000

1964 Jaguar Mk2 3.8 MoD.

Cream with beige interior and painted silver wire wheels. Good running condition, very original and pretty rust free underneath due to being imported from South Africa. Interior has been retrimmed in vinyl at some point in the past. All the chrome is good to reasonable and the car looks fairly presentable throughout. Some blistering on LH front wing, but otherwise the paint is pretty good. Typical Moss gearbox offers a super smooth when correctly timed, but with the usual crunch on second if rushed. The engine pressure drops on tickover when hot, but pick up with engine speed and the engine has plenty of power and no knocking on start up.

This would make a great running restoration or just used and enjoyed as is as it has been for the last twelve years or so. £10,000

Jaguar XJ40 4.0 S metallic red with cream interior.


Superb rust free body and low mileage (52,000). This car is in fantastic condition throughout with virtually unblemished paintwork and exterior. When I drove back to mine the gearbox light came on (since gone out) and the oil pressure dropped slightly on tickover (hot). Engine is quiet and smooth with plenty of power. £3,000

These cars belong to a member and are in the care of Neil McGurk who can be contacted on 01900 824 723 or e mail neilmcgurk@hotmail.com. To learn more.

WESTMORLAND SHOW 14th MAY 2017

Welcome to the Elite Sports and Performance Car Club.

ESPCC proudly presents the Cumbria International Motor Show, automotive style & elegance against the sensational back drop of the Lake District Countryside in Cumbria. It is one of the North West's most exclusive motor shows, as well as one of the most glamorous social occasions on the calendar. Attracting exhibitors, concours entrants and visitors from around the country, it has become a destination to which like-minded friends and enthusiasts flock every year to indulge in their shared passion of all things automotive and luxury.



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If you copy & paste the link below into Google - it will take you to the shows web page.

<http://www.espcarclub.co.uk/> ****See next page if you wish to go on our Club Stand and let Ray Page Know****

Ray Page has arranged for the Solway Jaguar Club to have a stand at this show and has reserved places you can therefore enter your car on the stand free if you advise Ray of your intention to attend. This is a tip top show and highly recommended. I was put off entering last year by the Elite Sports & performance car club title. This show is open to all our members. So get in touch with Ray contact details as always shown on back page.

Northumberland – or bust!!

A little before Christmas I bought our second Jaguar XK – a 1998 platinum coloured XK8 coupe – from a lovely lady in Shap village. During January, I checked most areas of the car and replaced a couple of suspension bushes, the thermostat and the water pump. After an oil and filter, service 'R339 HDW' was ready for anything! Moira had planned a visit to our youngest (Charlotte) in Newcastle for her birthday at the end of January, followed by a 4-day walking break in Northumberland. (Yes, we are completely bonkers!) This was the fourth time we've had a winter break on the Northumberland coast so all our warmest clothes were packed. With temperatures around 2 -3°C it made a lot of sense to take the XK8 coupe instead of its XKR convertible stablemate. We set off on Jan 30th – a freezing cold morning with boot and back seat full.

The morning after a delightful evening celebrating Charlotte's birthday we set off for Northumberland. The photo to the right is R339 HDW outside our home for the next 4 days - a cosy and warm barn conversion on the outskirts of Alnwick. Needless to say having somewhere warm to stay was essential – after all, this was early February!



Over the next few days we took in a couple of coastal walks that provided the amazing sight of huge golden sand beaches with only the two of us there. The coastline also has superb castles – we saw some of the finest, Alnwick Castle (Harry Potter), Dunstanburgh

Castle and my favourite, the imposing Bamburgh Castle (photo).

A trip to the tiny coastal hamlet of Low Newton by the Sea on a cold, damp afternoon gave us a spectacular view of Dunstanburgh Castle and a chance to get warm in the 18th century Ship Inn pub for a pint from its microbrewery. All the beers have great names such as 'Red Herring', 'Sea Coal', 'Indian Summer', 'Sandcastles at Dawn' and 'Dolly Daydream'. Sadly, they had finished serving lunch so it was a bag of crisps each!



Another coastal walk started in Seahouses so to get us off to a good start we dropped into The Olde Ship Inn on the harbour side for a coffee. The place is virtually a sea museum stuffed full of genuine nautical artefacts from sailing boats and steam ships – they even have the nameplate and voice tube from the paddle steamer 'SS

Forfarshire' of Grace Darling fame. However, the sign in the main bar made me smile:

It was strange to see lots of the fishing vessels (plus those that ferry visitors to and from the Farne Islands in spring and summer) perched on the harbour wall for the winter. I guess this allows maintenance and repair of



these tough little boats.

It is at this point that you are about as close to the Farne Islands as you can get on the mainland.



On such a clear day the white painted lighthouse on the nearest of the Farne Islands looked spectacular. Hope you can see this in the photo to the left of Moira, who is basking in the warm sunshine. The gloves and scarf are

to prevent sunburn!

One of the days proved a little too, cool and we visited 'Barter Books' in Alnwick. This amazing second hand bookstore is in the old Alnwick railway station and is where the original 'Keep Calm and Carry On' posters from WWII were discovered. Besides the 1000s of books, the store has a beautiful 'overhead' O gauge model railway and the original waiting rooms have been converted to several rooms for cafe food, each with an open coal fire. Very cosy.

It's great to travel abroad but there are some wonderful places right here in the UK. So how would I sum up our winter break? Well, for the round trip of 318 miles, the XK8 developed an exhaust rattle, returned 26mpg (not bad fully loaded and temperatures in low single figures) and she never missed a beat. As for Northumberland; Cool – YES; Breezy – YES; Beautiful – ABSOLUTELY.

Chris Orr

Inside the Industry

Peugeot/Citroen (PSA) To Buy GM Europe (GME)?

No doubt about the lead story this month! News broke around the middle of February that PSA were in advanced discussions to buy GME, or Vauxhall/Opel to you and I. Of course GM have been keen to see the back of their European business for a long time now. It hasn't turned a profit this century. Last year's loss was \$300M, but the average loss since 1999 has been about \$1.25 Billion a year, over \$20 Billion in total. I wrote a few years ago that the only thing stopping GM closing all its European operations was that a massive financial loss would mean no bonuses for the top management team for about 5 years, by which time they'd be retired on much reduced pensions. Cynical but true I believe.

So why would PSA be interested? That's a hard one. It's only a few years since PSA themselves were rescued from bankruptcy by both the French Government and a Chinese conglomerate taking shareholdings and injecting capita. As one industry analyst said this week: "Two drowning men don't make a swimmer". PSA has global ambitions but Vauxhall/Opel only operate in Europe? GME currently have around 6.7% of European car sales, PSA have 9.9%. The trick, if they can pull it off, is to maintain around the combined 16.6% of sales whilst dramatically cutting costs.

Cutting costs means closing factories. GME employ 38000 people, 19000 in Germany and 3500 in the UK. UK plants are most in danger because of the weakness of the £, because nobody is sure if it's a good place to make cars after Brexit, and because bluntly UK redundancy costs are about one third of those in Germany. And German unions have the legal power to veto the deal. With the French Government being a 14% shareholder in PSA French plants are unlikely to be the ones to close.

So it looks like very bad news for those employed to make Astras in Ellesmere Port and Vivaro vans in Luton, plus the thousands more employed in the supply chain and dealerships.

New Car Price Increases Make Used Cars Better Value

UK new car buyers have shelled out an extra £2 Billion because of average price increases of over 5% since the Brexit vote last June. This partly because of the fall in the value of the £, partly because manufacturers are trying to reduce discounts so they don't go the same way as Vauxhall/Opel.

New car depreciation in the UK is on % terms the second highest in the World. On average a new UK car will be worth 48% of new retail price after 3 years and 35000 miles. In China the same car will be worth over 70% of new price.

As ever you have to take these things with a pinch of salt. The figures are based on depreciation from retail price. With discounts of 15-20% and often more being commonplace, true depreciation is nothing like that bad. However with modern standards of reliability a 35000 mile car is hardly a risky purchase. So last year over 8 million used cars were sold in the UK. And there's plenty more to supply the requirements. Record sales of new cars over the last 3 years mean record numbers of 1-3 year old cars coming back into the market this year.

It was thought this could cause severe problems of oversupply, but these fears are now easing. With new car prices continuing to rise a reduction in new car sales means that more buyers will turn to used. Certainly Pendragon, UK's largest used car seller through its Evans Halshaw and Stratstone brands thinks so. Currently they sell 5% of the used cars in the UK, about 400.000 a year. They've announced plans to open 40 new used car centres in the next year. Rumour has it one in Carlisle.

Insurance Costs Put The Brakes On Driverless Cars.

I was recently told by a senior Audi executive that they expected to be selling fully autonomous cars in the UK by 2020 "if the insurance problem can be solved". The "insurance problem" is the question of who is responsible if a driverless car has an accident? Is it the driver (who probably wasn't driving), the other driver if there is one, the manufacturer, or the authority maintaining the road layout. It seems likely that the owner of the driverless car will be required to take out insurance that covers all four possibilities, which will be costly. As more autonomous cars come on the roads these costs will almost certainly fall, but unless a solution is found there seems no doubt this difficulty will slow things down for a while.

Early 2017 New Car Sales Start Strongly

Whilst it's widely expected that UK new car sales will slow after March the industry got off to a good start in January. Total sales were 3% up on last year and private sales 5%. Petrol cars outsold diesels for the first time for a long time, evidence of how this change is gathering pace I think?

Amongst the German prestige manufacturers BMW as expected after their massive December pre registrations did badly with 8500 sales whilst Audi achieved 11700. Both were soundly beaten by Mercedes at just over 13000, 10% ahead of last year. Can Merc keep it up? - time will tell.

European sales were even stronger, almost 10% up on 2016. Mercedes now leads Audi and BMW across Europe for the first time for a very long time.

Manufacturers Move Away From Diesel?

As I said last month this will be a slow process, but it seems that manufacturers are accepting there is no point in throwing millions at trying to develop diesel car engines to meet what are now the environmental requirements. Many (myself included) thought that as so often happens necessity would be the mother of invention, but there now seems a growing belief that this won't happen.

In fact the development funds are going into electric and hybrid power. In 2009 there were only 6000 electric cars in the whole World, these spread across 40 countries. By 2015 there were 1.2 million. And this growth in spite of barriers of cost and range. BP recently forecast there will be 100 million electric cars on the roads of the world by about 2030 as costs come down and range improves. At which time the problem becomes generating the enormous amounts of electricity required to recharge all these cars.

Costs are coming down principally because battery prices are dropping. Batteries account for a third of the cost of an electric car, so £8-10000 for a small one. Or of course you can buy a small petrol or diesel car for that!

Battery prices fell by 35% in 2015 and a further 22% in 2016, and these reductions are predicted to accelerate. It's expected that within 5 years electric cars will be the same price as internal combustion ones WITHOUT

any Government subsidy. With all the environmental pressure there now is it's likely these subsidies will continue making electric cars cheaper than petrol or diesel to buy, and of course cheaper to fuel and maintain.

Range is still a problem for all but Tesla, but it is improving. And it's a question of horses for courses as well. In big cities electric cars and vans are pretty practical now for most users. Where I live in the Lakes they are not currently (forgive the pun!). It's those hill things that are the problem. A neighbour who runs a Mitsubishi Hybrid reckons he gets less than 20 miles range before having to switch to the petrol engine. But technology can advance at a fantastic rate. I see that Toyota are experimenting with solar panels on the roof now, and why not?

It's Official – 2017 WRC Cars ARE Too Fast!

Sorry to stray into sporting matters again, but I couldn't resist a follow up to the article I wrote a couple of months ago expressing concern that the 2017 WRC cars would be too fast for the roads they travel on, leading possibly to a major accident that could have dreadful consequences for the sport.

In the recent Swedish Rally Ott Tanak steered his M Sport Fiesta to fastest on one stage at an AVERAGE speed of 86 mph. This threw the FIA observer on the event into a panic, and he insisted that the second running of that stage be cancelled. So what did the FIA do next? Admit they should have known that if they allowed the cars to have more power, better traction, and improved aero they would be faster, and promise to do something quickly to sort the problem?

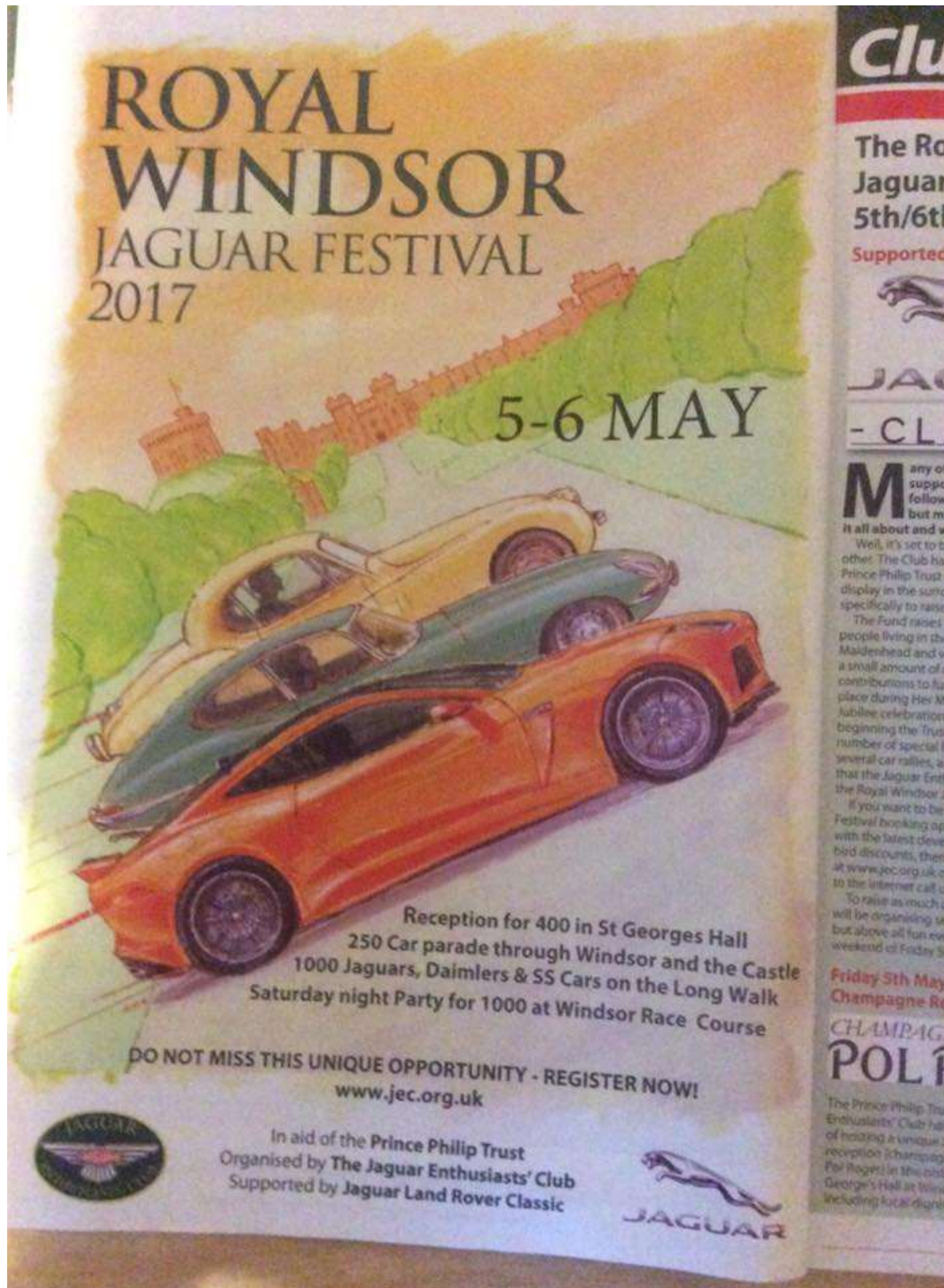
Not a bit of it! They blamed the organisers for choosing roads that were too fast and issued an instruction to all WRC events to select slower roads or risk dire consequences. Nice to know the governance of our sport is in good hands!

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Jean Mallaband has been chosen to go to the Evening Reception in St George's Hall, Windsor Castle, and have been told today the Daimler is one of the cars driving round Windsor and the Castle Grounds in the Parade. What a super weekend it will be, especially as it will be my birthday!





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Many of the supporters follow but make it all about and well, it's set to be other. The Club has Prince Philip Trust display in the sun specifically to raise the Fund raised people living in the Maidenhead and a small amount of contributions to fund place during Her Majesty's jubilee celebrations beginning the Trust number of special several car rallies, and that the Jaguar Enthusiasts the Royal Windsor. If you want to be Festival booking open with the latest deals and discounts, then at www.jec.org.uk or to the internet call us. To raise as much as will be organising but above all fun every weekend of Friday. **Friday 5th May - Champagne Reception**
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The Prince Philip Trust Enthusiasts' Club has of hosting a unique reception (champagne Pol Roger) in the St George's Hall in Windsor including local dignitaries.

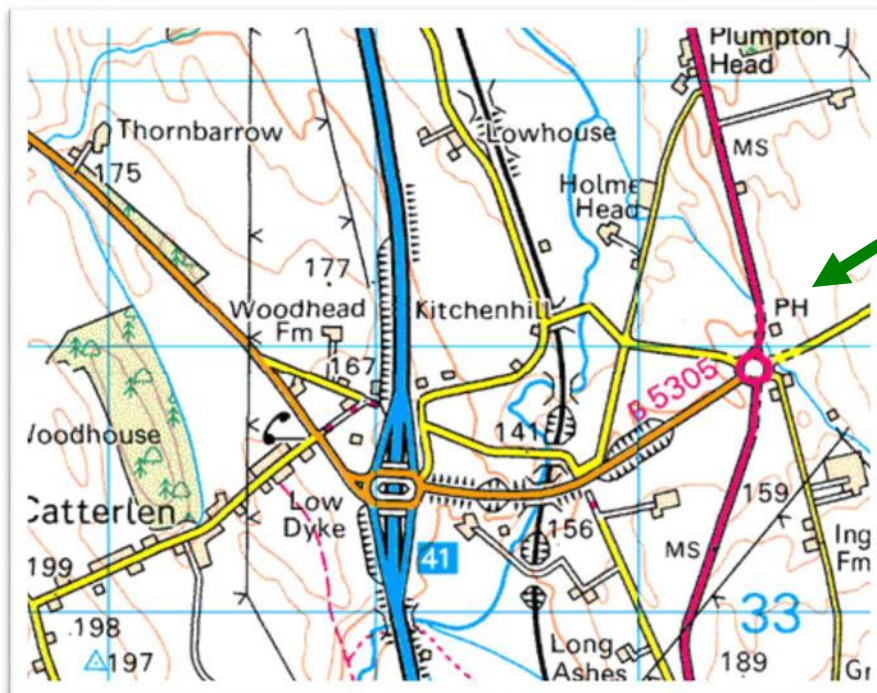
Nice one Jean, should be a great event.

SOLWAY JAGUAR - CLUB EVENTS DIARY			
<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>LOCATION DETAILS</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Wednesday February 22nd	Jaguar factory visit	Castle Bromwich	Ken Jardine Tel. 01228 542855 Kjardine069@gmail.com
Tuesday March 7 th 7.30 p.m.	Club night details to follow.	Stoneybeck Inn, Penrith	Gill Robinson Tel 01228 561534 Gillian571@outlook.com
Tuesday April 4 th 7.30 p.m.	Club night details to follow.	Stoneybeck Inn, Penrith	Gill Robinson Tel 01228 561534 Gillian571@outlook.com
Sunday April 23rd	Drive it Day		Details later.
Sunday May 14th	6 th Cumbria International Car Show	Show Ground Kendal	Ray Page Tel. 01900 821 156 raypage46@gmail.com
Tuesday May 2 nd 7.30 p.m.	Annual General meeting	Stoneybeck Inn, Penrith	Gill Robinson Tel 01228 561534 Gillian571@outlook.com
Sat/Sun May 3 rd & 4th	Thirlestane Castle Car Show	Thirlestane castle near Lauder.	Ken Jardine Tel 01228 542855 kjardine069@gmail.com
Tuesday June 6 th 7.30pm	Club night details to follow.	Stoneybeck Inn, Penrith	Details later
Tuesday July 4 th	M Sport visit (17 members)	Dovenby Hall near Maryport.	Details in newsletter

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