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Masterson's WORDS

By Colin Masterson

Once again I am staring at a blank page wondering what to write this month.

I guess the first thought that comes to mind is what a great year it has been for Jaguar lovers with all of the activity in the factory with new models and new ideas and consequent investment seeming to be announced every month this year showing an obvious confidence in the future, whatever Brexit may bring.

My second thought is how lucky we are as members of a great club with our own region going from strength to strength with increasing numbers coming to meetings and more shows being attended than ever, all of which seem to be of a high standard.

With this in mind, and with the onset of Christmas, now is a good time to think of those less fortunate than ourselves and maybe make a resolution for the new year to help a neighbour, perhaps invite someone to have a ride in your beautiful car and participate in a car run or car show and spread a little happiness.

In the meantime may I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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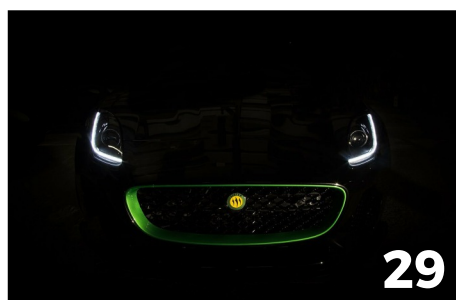
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REGIONAL NEWS

By Colin Manconi

I would just like to wish all our members a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

REGIONAL AGM 2018

Our annual AGM will be held on the 17th of January 2018 at our monthly meeting. I would urge as many members as possible to attend. We will be awarding as usual our "Wooden Spoon Award" for the member who has done the most stupid thing during the year. Who will win it this year?

STRATSTONE ON THE MOVE

As some of you are aware Stratstone Jaguar have now closed their site at Pentwyn and have moved to new premises on Hadfield Road. The new site combines Jaguar and Land Rover. Jaguar Land Rover now insists that any new site combines the two brands. I was invited to have a look around before it opened and it really is most impressive. Two interlinked large showrooms and workshops with lots of ramps and a great deal of parking space for customers. A full report will appear in next month's magazine.

I was also invited to a small party to witness the closure of the old premises at Pentwyn. It was mainly for the old and present staff but as I was one of the first customers, in the first week of opening, 30 years ago and had helped a lot in the spares department I was invited. It turned out that I was the only customer present but it was great to see some of the old faces. Martin Casha who was Dealer Principal 30 years ago and is now Chief Operating Officer for Pendragon PLC (the holding company for Stratstone) came down from Nottingham and it was great to reminisce about the old times. Chris Peel the current Dealer Principal, who will now be in charge of a group of Jaguar Land Rover sites and the new Dealer Principal Graham Mathews who



will be responsible for both the Jaguar and Land Rover brands were also there.

NEC CLASSIC CAR SHOW

The Lancaster Insurance Classic Car Show was held from the 10-12 of November at the NEC. I travelled up on the Thursday to drop off my car and to help James, Patch Rob, Letitia and Helen setting up the JEC stand. I had to rush back on Thursday afternoon for Michaels wedding on Friday, but Neville kindly took me back up early Saturday morning. We then spent the Saturday and Sunday working on the stand, talking to existing members, signing up new members, helping with the shop and selling raffle tickets for the raffle car.

It was nice to see lots of our South Wales members at the show on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Some came up for the two days, others travelled up and stayed overnight. The show is so large now that really more than one day is needed to see it all.

The show was a great success for the club with lots of new members signed up, more money taken by the JEC shop and lots of raffle tickets sold. I think all the members appreciate the seating area which allows them a base to come on to the stand, sit down, have a coffee or tea and relax.

Read the full report on page 18.

JAGUAR ENTHUSIAST CLUB NATIONAL AGM

On the 4th of November I attended the JEC AGM at the Jaguar Visitor Centre at Castle Bromwich. It is always great to meet up with old friends and acquaintances at these events. The meeting started with the approval of the minutes from last year's previous meeting and then after a very interesting discussion about the finances of the club the adoption of the last years Financial Statement. We



then moved on to the election of Directors. Directors resign by rotation and were then re-elected.

Calum Mckechnie the General Manager Parts and Accessories of Jaguar Land Rover gave us a very interesting talk about the supply of parts and how they were hoping to re-manufacture certain non available parts.

A break for lunch was followed by the Directors reports from, Graham Searle, Nigel Thorley, and Peter Purdom and our new Chairman Mike Horlor.

We were then given an update on the new JEC Website by James Blackwell.

In the afternoon we had a report from Ray Searle and Rob Jenner. The meeting was then closed and we all made our way home.

REGIONAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

On the 2ndh of December we held our JEC regional Christmas Dinner at The Old Custom House on Penarth Marina. I booked the Perrier Jouet Function Room (upstairs in La Marina) for the evening.

The event was well attended but unfortunately the dinner clashed with some other events so we were slightly down on the numbers from last year. It was a bit crowded last year but this year it was a bit more of a relaxed atmosphere. Our JEC General Manager, Graham Searle and his lovely wife Lynne, JEC Vice Chairman Ray Searle and Kay also came. The ex JEC chairman Rob Jenner and his partner Letitia Mace drove 848 miles from Scotland and back just to join us for dinner. They came last year and had a great time.

It was good to see you all and I hope you all enjoyed the dinner and thank you all for coming.

Read the full report on page 33.

SILVERSTONE CLASSIC

Silverstone Classic will be held on the 21/22/23 of July 2018. This is always a great event with over 10000 classic cars attending and 1500 racing. The club has its own stand on the top of the banking.

As usual we will be staying in a hotel nearby Silverstone on the Friday and Saturday nights and eating in our favourite restaurant The Cromwell Cottage. I have booked 18 rooms for our members. I have four spare rooms available if anyone else

would like to come. Please contact me on 07977474637 if you are interested in booking a room.

To book the tickets for Silverstone and the important car pass, please use their website www.silverstoneclassic.com. The JEC code which will give you the car pass, to get onto the JEC stand, as well as the tickets will be announced soon. "Early Bird" tickets at a special price are available up until the 31st of March 2018.

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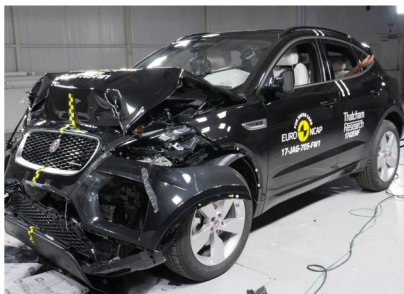
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NEWS

What's going on in the world of Jaguar & Jaguars



Jaguar's first compact SUV features of advanced driver assistance technology including Emergency Braking with Pedestrian Detection, Lane Keep Assist and Driver Condition Monitor.

E-PACE ACHIEVES FIVE-STAR EURO NCAP SAFETY RATING

The new Jaguar E-PACE has achieved a five-star Euro NCAP rating that confirms the hotly anticipated vehicle as among the safest on the market.

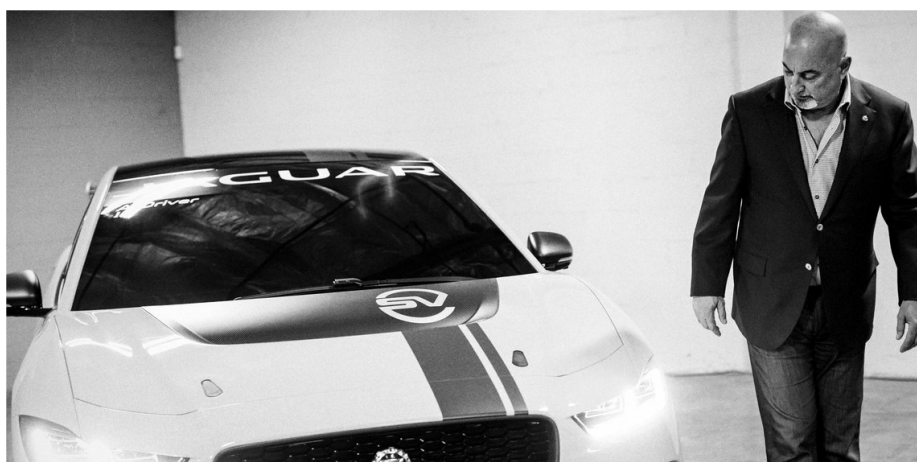
Jaguar's first compact SUV keeps everyone safe with high scores of 86% for adult occupant protection, 87% for child occupant protection and 77% for pedestrian protection.

The E-PACE scored maximum points in the side barrier, as well as in the side and the frontal offset tests for child occupants. In the pedestrian tests, E-PACE scored highly, particularly for the protection of a pedestrian's head in the event of a collision.

The new E-PACE features a comprehensive suite of

safety systems, including Emergency Braking with Pedestrian Detection. The advanced technology is able to detect a collision risk with cars or pedestrians in the road ahead and automatically apply the brakes.

Nick Rogers, Director Group Engineer for JLR said "Safety is one of our core customer principles and so we're delighted the Jaguar E-PACE has been recognised by Euro NCAP for its five-star safety credentials. The E-PACE will bring new customers to the Jaguar brand, particularly young families, so safety is an absolute priority and clearly we've delivered here. Combined with outstanding design and driving dynamics, the E-PACE is every bit a modern Jaguar."



RAHAL LETTERMAN LANIGAN RACING TEAM TO JOIN JAGUAR I-PACE eTROPHY ELECTRIC RACE SERIES

Jaguar Racing have announced the first Jaguar I-PACE eTROPHY race team for its new global electric racing series. Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing, led by Team Principal Bobby Rahal – three-time IndyCar Champion and Indianapolis 500 winner – will join the grid in the world's first production-based electric vehicle race series, starting in December 2018.

The Jaguar I-PACE eTROPHY is a support series to the FIA Formula E Championship and the first to be based off of a street-legal production battery electric vehicle. Races will take place the same weekend, and on the same city street circuits, throughout the 2018-19 season. The series, which will exclusively feature 20 Jaguar I-PACE eTROPHY race cars, offers teams the chance to showcase driving talent and electric performance, while competing on the world stage in zero-emissions motorsport.

Jaguar Land Rover's commitment to electric racing is delivered in line with its strategy that from 2020 all new Jaguar Land Rover vehicles launched will be offered with an electrified/electric powertrain embracing fully electric, plug-in hybrid and mild hybrid vehicles.

JEC 2017 PRIZE DRAW WINNER ANNOUNCED, AND HE'S FROM WALES!



This week we welcomed our 2017 prize draw winner Ian Handford accompanied by his wife Elaine, to the Club offices in Bristol. Ian was delighted to win the stunning XK Convertible and commented "I never normally win anything" We hope they both enjoy his prize and look forward to seeing them both at our monthly meeting and shows.

JAGUAR XKSS CONTINUATION CROWNED CAR OF THE YEAR AT 2017 OCTANE AWARDS

Jaguar Land Rover are enjoying collecting awards for fun in recent times and this time it was the turn of the newly created Classic works winning not one, but two awards held in London. The 'Legends Continued' Jaguar XKSS continuation was crowned 2017 Car of the Year and Jaguar Land Rover Classic also received the Manufacturer Heritage Collection of the Year accolade.



Dubbed the 'original super-car', the XKSS was introduced by Jaguar in 1957 as a road-going conversion of the Le Mans-winning D-type racing car. Nine original XKSSs were earmarked for export to North America in 1957, but were sadly lost in a fire at Jaguar's Browns Lane factory in Coventry that same year; meaning only 16 of the planned 25 examples were completed – until this year, when Jaguar Classic set about completing the missing nine cars.

The Jaguar Classic team's meticulous attention to detail, for a fiendishly complicated project, saw the XKSS secure the most votes from Octane's magazine readers and website visitors.

Jaguar Land Rover Special Operations Managing Director, John Edwards said "It is a huge honour to receive such a prestigious award for the XKSS, 12 months to the day since the continuation Car Zero made its global debut in Los Angeles. "Since then we have launched Range Rover and Jaguar Reborn restoration programmes and shown the inventive fully-electric Jaguar E-type Zero too. All of these projects, and more, come to life at our brand-new home – Jaguar Land Rover Classic Works – so we're delighted that our team's enthusiasm, expertise and support for the heritage of Jaguar and Land Rover has also been recognised."

THE TORBAY FLYER

Greetings from the English Riviera

By Harry Kuehling



Greetings from sunny South Devon - with no snow! Happily, we have kept ourselves amused/entertained with a few club events as follows:

- **TOWC Club Run around South Dartmoor**
- 19th November
- **TOWC Annual General Meeting**
- 30th November
- **Christmas Dinner Dance at Lavender House**
- 2nd December

TOWC CLUB RUN AROUND SOUTH DARTMOOR - 19th NOVEMBER 2017

As I noted in last month's report Natalea and I had volunteered to organise the November club run! Cluttons for punishment as we also organised the October club run! We had help from Roger & Julie Conway who lent us a folder containing copies of club runs organised over the last 15 years or

so. They recommended one in particular from 2007. We tailored this to fit in with differing starting and finishing points together with a coffee stop. I'm very pleased to report that the day went extremely well and we had a lot of compliments from the participants. The run was mainly around the southern part of Dartmoor near Ashburton and the Dart river valley with superb scenery and beautiful descents through forests along river valleys. One turn in particular in Buckland confused some members as it looked like they were directed into a lane leading to someone's driveway! In fact it was the best part of the run going down through scenic forest towards the Dart river valley. The coffee stop was at a recently refurbished Dartmoor Halfway Inn with a carvery lunch at the Dartmoor Lodge both of which were excellent.

An important side benefit of organising a club run ourselves, which pleases Natalea, is that she does not have to navigate and struggle with strange English names!

The following is a report on our run in the TOWC newsletter by Val Edgecombe:

AUTUMN LEAVES RUN - A VERY NOSTALGIC TRIP FOR THE EDGECOMBES

We joined the run at the coffee stop at the newly rebuilt Dartmoor Halfway Inn at Bickington and had a very nice hot chocolate. Members then took to the road and made their way onto the Moors and Buckland. On the way we passed Halsanger Cross which brought back memories when we first had the Morris 10. We used to go to sheepdog trials there with the old car, and one year I even



took the Vespa. Today's members, I am sure, would be horrified at the toilet arrangements which consisted of a piece of galvanised metal sheeting attached to a tree.

On to Buckland in the Moor where the church clock reads "My Dear Mother". Derek's great-great grandmother was a Smerdon (like Dave) and his ancestors all came from there. I also believe that Herbert Whitley, the founder of Paignton Zoo, is buried in the churchyard. The sharp turning to Spitchwick always causes problems but once making our way down, the trees and leaves were gorgeous and the glimpses of the East and West Dart joining together were delightful. We have been on a few runs with our old car coming up from Spitchwick and usually there has been at least one car that has needed a tow - not us, of course!!

Making our way from Dartmeet by the back route up the hill we then went past Pixieland (we still have gnomes in the garden which need a good paint) we then turned to Hexworthy. Did you see the red telephone box outside the Forest Inn? Our son, many years ago, was bitten by a dog just down the road and we tried in vain to ring a hospital from that phone box (no mobiles in those days). Even then, Torbay was the nearest A & E.

We then went across the top of Dartmoor with lovely views all the way, Venford Reservoir looked particularly beautiful and



still, and then we by-passed Holne, making our way to the lunch stop at Dartmoor Lodge, Ashburton. Many thanks to Harry and Natali - it was a really lovely run."

CLUB MEETING - THURSDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2017

The November meeting is always set for the club's AGM. There was a particularly good turnout (for an AGM) with 45 members present. As is usual for most club AGMs there were reports by the Chairman, Treasurer and Membership Secretary. The club's accounts look very healthy especially after a record breaking show on Paignton Green in July.

Then came the vote for the club's officers. All were voted back in en masse. However, there was a vacancy for the Social Secretary

role as Julie Conway stepped down. Julian (Club Chairman) invited a volunteer to take over that role - deathly silence! You could have heard a pin drop. Julian waited and waited! Still no one came forward. Finally, muggins here stuck his hand up! So, I'm the new Social Secretary for the club. So much for retiring for an easier life! Ho, hum!

CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE, LAVENDER HOUSE HOTEL, ASHBURTON - 2nd DECEMBER

It's hard to believe this was the third time we've gone to the annual Christmas Dinner Dance at the Lavender House Hotel, Ashburton since moving to Torquay. The time just flies past! This took

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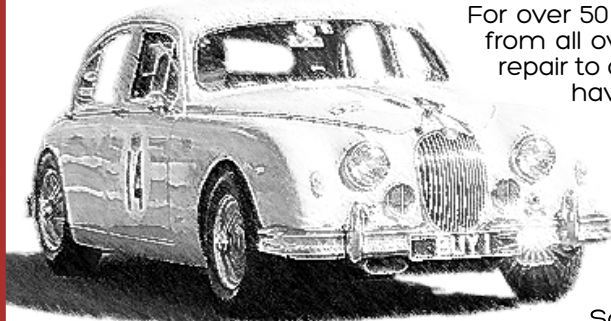
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place on the same night as the JEC South Wales Region Christmas Dinner as well as a family Christmas Party at my sister's house in Cardiff!

The Dinner Dance was very well organised by Sue and Adrian Linscott. Adrian had helped rebuild my Daimler engine in 2016. In all there were 53 participants from the Torbay Old Wheels Club as well as the Devon Vintage Car Club. Sue had done most of the work sorting out menu choices, seating plans as well as individual place name cards with information on our menu choices. A good dinner with very good company.



We even joined in with the dancing later on before returning home - tired and happy!

...and finally:

Close to their last days, two very old men decided to have one last big night out. To start, they went to their favourite bar and had a few beers, before heading over to the local brothel.

The madame took one look at the two and whispered into her colleague's ear, "Place a couple of blow-up dolls in their beds; they won't know the

difference anyway."

Her colleague did as she was told. The two men were then taken to their rooms, where they took care of their business.

As they were walking back to the bar, one of the men said, "You know what, I think my girl was dead."

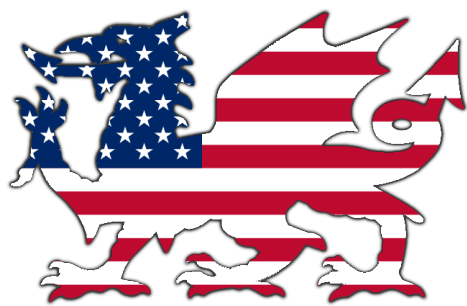
"Dead?" his friend replied. "Why do you think that?"

"Well, she never moved a muscle or made a sound when we were in bed together."

The other man answered, "It could've been worse. I think my girl was a witch!"

His friend froze in shock, "A witch? Now why would you say that?"

The other man beckoned him to come closer before whispering in his ear, "When we were making love, I started kissing her and nibbling her on the neck. Then she farted and flew straight out of the window. And she took my teeth with her!"



By Colin Masterson

Letter from America

If Lake Mirror Classic last month was all about quality then the big show in Florida at Daytona, The Turkey Run (as it takes part over Thanksgiving weekend) is about quantity. It took place at the end of the month so you will have to wait till next month to read about it.

This country never ceases to amaze me: Some peoples attitudes seem much better than back home and some definitely are not. Americans are very conscious of their nationality, every car show they play the national anthem and stand facing their flag in reverent silence. Most young people are very respectful of older people, will always hold a door for you and call you Sir - I can't imagine that happening in Wales.

However the lack of gun control once again raised its ugly head with another massacre. There was the report recently of someone pulling a gun in a

Walmart store. Several customers reacted by drawing their own guns and when the police arrived they didn't know whom to tackle!

Take classic cars, another area where we have very different views to our American cousins. In the USA there is a big muscle car cult, some of these are bought over the counter, as the US car industry were and still are geared up to produce prodigious amounts of cars like Dodge Chargers, Chevy Camaros, Pontiac GTOs and Ford Galaxies & Falcons. Muscle cars are generally 4 door cars so this excludes Corvettes and Mustangs. During the 1960's and 70's the American automakers progressively became more competitive with their muscle car offerings. Each year it seemed Ford, Chevy, Chrysler or even AMC would out-do the competition in terms of brute power and aggressive exterior styling.

Another area where we

differ car-wise is originality. Whilst there are notable exceptions, like the beautiful show cars at Pebble Beach, there are lots of classes of modified cars. Partly due to the hot rod craze of the 50's where cars of the 30's were considered old bangers and not worth anything, enthusiasts thought nothing of stuffing a big old V8 into a small sedan and modifying the bodywork.

These are some of the more common tricks: Channelled: cutting the floor so the body rests around the frame rails rather than sitting on top of the frame. This gives an overall lowered appearance. Sectioned: removing a horizontal section of bodywork to lower the overall height of the body. Chopped: a hard-top car that has had its roof lowered. Raked: a design in which the front end has been lowered more than the back. Frenched: recessed head or tail lights that are smoothed





into the body panels. Slammed: a significantly lowered vehicle, usually dropped as low as possible and still driveable. Some of the latter use pneumatic ride so when they turn the engine off the body of the car settle onto the ground, which looks a bit comic.

I went to a really great show at the Quaker Steak & Lube. It is a casual dining restaurant chain based in Sharon, Pennsylvania. The name is a play on that of the motor oil product Quaker State. In 1974, gas stations across the country were closing in the aftermath of the 1973 oil crisis.

George "Jig" Warren III and Gary "Moe" Meszaros came up with the idea of preserving the culture of old gas stations and high-powered muscle cars. They

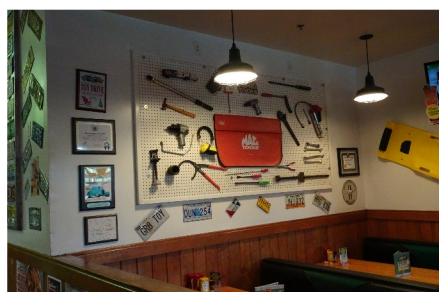


opened Quaker Steak & Lube, initially a "cook-your-own-steak" restaurant that showcased old muscle cars. The original location included a 1936 Chevrolet on the original hydraulic grease rack.

Their speciality food is wings, not something I fancy. Some are unbelievably spicy. The sort of guy who orders a vindaloo curry in the UK would go for their very spicy wings at this place. There is even a measure of the heat of the wings sauces - Scoville units. It starts at the modest Ranch 90; Smokin' Texas BBQ Lite 110; Parmesan Pepper 870; Louisiana Lickers 1,220; rising to Super Charged (formerly "Suicide" 30,000; Atomic 150,000; culminating in Triple Atomic 500,000.

There was a general mix

of cars on show but the big attraction was the memorabilia inside the restaurant with cars suspended from the ceiling and hanging from the walls and signed pictures of motor racing celebrities. There were also quite a few bikes on display as the venue hosts biker events as well. The whole thing was typically American and sums up the difference between the way we do things and they do things, the contrast between the two is one of the attractions to me of visiting shows in the US.



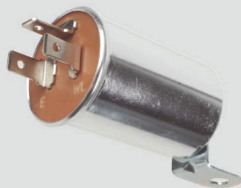


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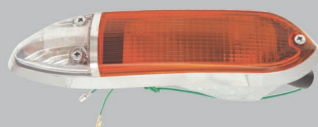
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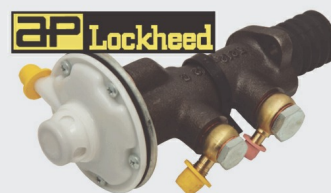
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THE LANCASTER CLASSIC MOTOR SHOW AT THE NEC | 10-12 NOVEMBER

The Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show, with Discovery, is the Biggest and Best Classic Motor Show in the UK! The event welcomes classic car enthusiasts from all over the UK and beyond to share their passion for classics.

The 2017's show was held at the NEC and showcased over 2,500 amazing classic cars and motorbikes covering over one million square feet - that's about 12 football pitches! The most diverse mix of marques were showcased by 240 classic car and bike clubs from across the UK, displaying rare and loved classics that span more than 100 years. As well as a fantastic number of vehicles, you could have also visited the UK's biggest indoor Auto jumble, a haven of parts and spares for anyone working on their car, as well as 650 specialist exhibitors and traders, offering a mix of products and services. With stunning classics, fantastic features, Silverstone Auctions one of the most high-profile classic car auctions in the UK, along with motoring celebrities including The Wheeler

Dealers and much more, this was classed as the must-attend event of the classic motoring calendar and a truly magnificent season finale!

There's a reason the Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show, with Discovery, is heralded as the 'season finale' as enthusiasts from all over the UK and beyond gathered at Birmingham's NEC to celebrate another fantastic year for the classic motoring community in style.

Show Director Lee Masters said: "Our thanks go to all of the classic motoring clubs who not only support the event but pull out all of the stops year after year to bring the most amazing vehicles to the show."

The clubs embraced this year's show theme of 'Family Ties' with displays ranging from cars from the same manufacturing

family to cars made by one family name. Many including the Morris Minor Owners Club and Capri Club International celebrated family occasions such as weddings, holidays, prom night and even funerals.

This year saw a number of newly launched modern cars showcased alongside the heritage marques such as the new TVR Griffith and the Mazda MX-5 RF as well as displays from manufacturers including Porsche GB and Vauxhall.

The Meguiar's Club Showcase saw 16 stunning classics put under the judges' spotlight with Ian Matthews from Sutton Coldfield and his 1959 Morris Mini crowned the winner, making it a win for Mini owners two years in a row.

Then it was up to the public to decide who would be victorious in the Lancaster Insurance Pride of Ownership competition. Out of the 20 finalists, showcasing a diverse mix of cars, first place went to Simon McNamara and his 1983 VW Golf GTi Mk1.

Sporting Bears' Dream Rides raised £35,000 offering around 1,000 rides in exchange for a donation to children's



charities. The most popular car of the Dream Rides garage was Clive Gosling's 700bhp Super-charged Ford Mustang which hardly stopped over the three show days.

Silverstone Auctions saw £3.6million change hands as 67% of the lots were sold (all inclusive). Biggest seller of the weekend was the 1996 Lamborghini Diablo SE30 RHD £281,750. The 2004 Ferrari 360 Challenge Stradale sold at £158,700 while

the 1988 Ford Sierra Cosworth RS500 saw the hammer down at £112,500.

The biggest battle of the weekend was between the Wheeler Dealers Mike Brewer and Ant Anstead as their Classic Rumble came to a head. Mike and his team had spent the past eight months restoring a Ford Escort XR3i Convertible while Ant and his team built a 1950s inspired single-seater race car from scratch.

When Silverstone Auctions put the hammer down on both cars, it was declared a draw, with both cars selling for £22,500 including premium. All the money raised will go to Mike and Ant's chosen charities - The Marie Crawford Boyd Foundation and Harrison's Fund.

Andrew Evanson, Senior Operations Manager at Lancaster Insurance, comments: "Family Ties really showcases the essence of our industry, being a





community and sharing a common passion. What a show it's been, from having an amazing array of our car club partner's classics on our stand to seeing Simon and his 1983 VW Golf GTi MK1 win the Pride of Ownership, it's been incredible.

A real highlight has been our Classic Rumble and with the help of Mike, Ant, their respective teams and Silverstone Auctions, we're delighted to have raised awareness and funds for two incredible causes - Harrison's Fund and Marie Crawford Boyd Foundation. It's been fantastic sharing this weekend with everyone, what a way to end the year!"

The Discovery Live Stage, featuring The Wheeler Dealers, was not to be missed. Even more so as 2017 saw Mr. 'Wheeler Dealer' himself Mike Brewer

and his new co-host and mechanic Ant Anstead together hosting the Live Stage jam packed with motoring magic, madness and mayhem all day long.

Wheeler Dealers is one of the most popular shows on the Discovery Channel and the biggest motoring show in the world! Mike Brewer buys and sells cars bringing them back to the workshop for Ant Anstead to repair and restore them to tip top condition for Mike to sell for a tidy profit.

With an all-new series of Wheeler Dealers set to air in the UK on January 1st 2018, Mike and Ant took visitors behind the scenes with a sneak peek of the cars they have been working on as well as all the gossip from the workshop.

A full daily programme of



motoring entertainment included 'Practical Challenge with Practical Classics' which saw the team from Practical Classics magazine reveal a classic car for a restoration challenge on Friday morning - that usually starts with a box of parts - that needs to be a running, driving car by Sunday afternoon. Visitors could then follow the team as they fought against the clock to get the car finished before the horns sound marking the end of the Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show, with Discovery. This year's challenge was to recreate Mr Bean's Mini live on stage, using a Mini that Rowan Atkinson's son once owned and the talented PC team had the Mini driving off the stage in its full capacity on Sunday evening.

I had for many years been trying to persuade the club to



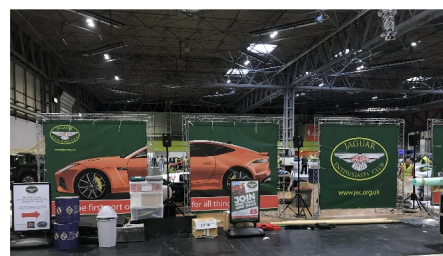


put on a "Supercar Stand" at the NEC. This year they gave us the go ahead. As it was the 25th anniversary of the XJ220 it was decided to have this as the centre piece of the stand. We also obtained from Jaguar Classic a C-X75, as used in the James Bond film, CMC loaned the Linder Nocker Lightweight E-Type, Twyford Moors a C-Type and of course our XK8 raffle car.

I asked Don Law if we could have the Bud Light XJR12D which Justin Law had used to claim the fastest time up the hill at the Goodwood Festival of Speed this year. Not only did Don supply the car but he got permission from Goodwood for us to use the film of the run on our big screens. He also arranged for the film of Justin's run at the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb and also the

film of Bridgestone testing of the new tyre for the XJ220, the first tyre for 25 years. (Watch them both on YouTube).

One of our JEC members Patch Jobson runs a firm designing and erecting show stands and the club is now using him for all our show stands. Patch had seen an unusual turntable which fits underneath the car with four pads under the tyres and it makes the car look like it is floating an inch off the ground. So we ordered it with the idea of having the XJ220 as the centre piece of the stand slowly revolving around. Patch had ordered aluminum trusses for the rear of the stand with Michael designing and printing the backdrops to fit over them. We also had four large screen TV's positioned on top of them to show the XJ220 story and to



have different Jaguar films running all day! What with a new wooden look flooring this was the most ambitious stand we had attempted.

Michael was expected to be helping run the stand as he is also on the JEC Events Committee. It was only when we were sitting having dinner one evening that we realised that the date of his wedding, Friday the 10th, was the same weekend as the NEC Show. So I left by myself at 5.00am on Thursday morning to take the XJ220 to the NEC. The car doesn't like being stuck in traffic so I wanted to miss the worst of it on the M5 and M42. Eventually I gained entry into the hall at 8.00 and found that Patch had laid the floor and was busy erecting the trusses. The turntable was supposed to arrive at 9.00 but did





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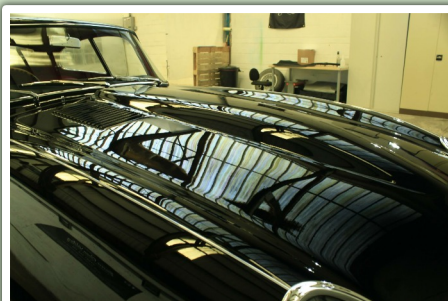
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not turn up until 11.00. The company supplying it was not sure that the 220 would fit but I had taken a lot of measurements and was confident we would get it on! The first attempt was not a success it was not balanced correctly. We were having to push the car on and off and being a lightweight aluminium body we had to be careful where we pushed. Quite nerve-racking! The second time was much better, the balance was correct but when we turned on the power nothing happened! The motor on the turntable was faulty, guess what the motor was from, a Jaguar windscreen wiper motor! The suppliers were great and arranged for an engineer to arrive later in the day, but it meant we had to push the car off again to get at the motor.

In the meantime the other cars arrived. Helen with the raffle car, Don with the XJR12, CMC with the lightweight E Type, Twyford Moors with the C Type and Jaguar Classic with the C-X75.

Rob and Letitia had arrived as well as James and while we were waiting for the turntable to be fixed we set up the rest of the stand. Once the trusses were up we unrolled and fitted the large backdrops to them. Helen set up the shop and James the cabinets for the raffle car.

I had tickets to get the train back and had to leave by 3.30. Michaels wedding was the next day and we were meeting relatives at 7.30 that night for a meal. Just before I had to leave Arwel from Silverstone Auctions came over with the owner of a V12 E type that was in the auction and asked if I would look at



the car for him. While I was inspecting it, Mark, the owner, offered to take me home as he lived in Chepstow and he dropped me right to my door. Thank you Mark.

The 220 was still not on the turntable when I left so I left it in the hands of Rob and James and I was quite relieved when James rang me while we were travelling along the M5 to say that the turntable was repaired and the car was revolving slowly around.

The idea for the anniversary of the XJ220 was that twice a day we would re-enact the launch of the car at the Nec Motor Show in 1988. (The first production car was 1992). Rob and Letitia invited Jim Randle and Keith Helfet. Jim was director of engineering at Jaguar and was responsible for the building of the car and Keith did the styling. It





was great to have them at the show on Saturday to unveil the car as was done in 1988.

I obviously missed Friday, Michael's wedding day, but I had regular updates from James saying how well the show was going. Neville picked me up at 6.00am Saturday morning to take me back to the NEC. Neville was also going to help out on the stand.

Saturday is always the busiest day. It is also the longest with the show opening at 9.00am and closing at 6.30pm. Dave Fisher came up early in the morning with some friends and stayed overnight so he could spend two days at the show. Many other South Wales members stopped on the stand for a coffee and a place to sit down and it was great to see them.

Jim Randle and Keith Helfet arrived at about 11.00 and

we did the first launch of the XJ220. It went very well. The car was covered in a black car cover and Jim and Keith slowly uncovered it. We also had a montage of different clips of the car playing on the big screens with appropriate music. It attracted a big crowd around the stand. We repeated again in the afternoon and twice on Sunday. Before they left I asked them to sign their names inside the back of the boot. Have I increased the value of the car or not?

The other cars on the stand also created a lot of interest, especially the CX75 which had crowds of people around it throughout the show. CMC sent along one of their staff with the Linder Nocker Lightweight E Type and he spent a lot of his time answering questions about this special Jaguar and showing



people the interior and engine.

The XJR12D looked spectacular in the middle of the stand and Don had also supplied a XJ220 wheel and tyre, one of the new batch of tyres made at last by Bridgestone.

Silverstone Auction was alongside us and they had a very busy day achieving some spectacular prices for some of the rarer cars.

By 6.30 we had all had enough and were glad to retire back to the hotel. As I said last year I think that they will have to spread the show into another few halls. It was so busy on Saturday that on times you could not move along the isles.

Sunday is always a bit quieter, but the stand was busy all day with of course the raffle car sales of tickets being particularly good. The raffle was going





to be drawn at 3.30pm and lots of people rushed to buy them on the last day.

We had asked Dr Ralf Speth CEO of Jaguar Land Rover if he would be so kind as to draw the winning ticket. He kindly accepted and at 3.30 with the help of Peter Purdom and Mike Horlor he drew the winning ticket.

As is normal each year we tried to contact the winner by phone, unfortunately it did not respond and the mobile number was coming up as an invalid number. Upon being given the winning ticket I noticed that it was a Cardiff number and the address was Groesfaen. I immediately announced that it was not a problem and we would soon have the correct number. There were some surprised looks at this but then I called across Neville Padfield. Anyone who knows Neville will be aware that he knows "everyone in the valleys" and sure enough he knew him and after four phone calls we had his mobile number. I am not sure how Neville convinced him that he had won the car as Neville is known as a bit of a joker!

Perhaps the best part of the weekend was the JEC



scooping the Classic and Sports Car "Event of the Year 2017" award for the amazing Royal Windsor Festival, which with the proceeds of the raffle car, raised an incredible £105,000 for the Prince Phillip Trust. By far the most any car club has raised for the charity.

The club shop did well over the 3 days taking a considerable amount of money and we signed up a lot of new members. The show closed at 5.30pm on Sunday but then we had to pack up the stand and wait for all the cars to leave before the vans are let in. By the time we had loaded the van it was after 8.30 pm.

On the way home, driving the XJ220, I was having a clear run along the M42 when the warning gantries flashed up "Salting". An Aluminium body does not like salt! Then I came up behind a salting wagon throwing salt from one side of the motorway



to the other. Despite staying in the outside lane it sounded like a machine gun going down the side of the car as I overtook. I was sure that it had destroyed the side of the car as the aluminium is very soft but upon stopping to fill up with petrol and the car being encased in salt, there didn't seem to be any dents. Four hours were then spent the following morning with my Karcher under chassis pressure washer removing all traces of salt from the car and thank goodness there were no dents or scratches.

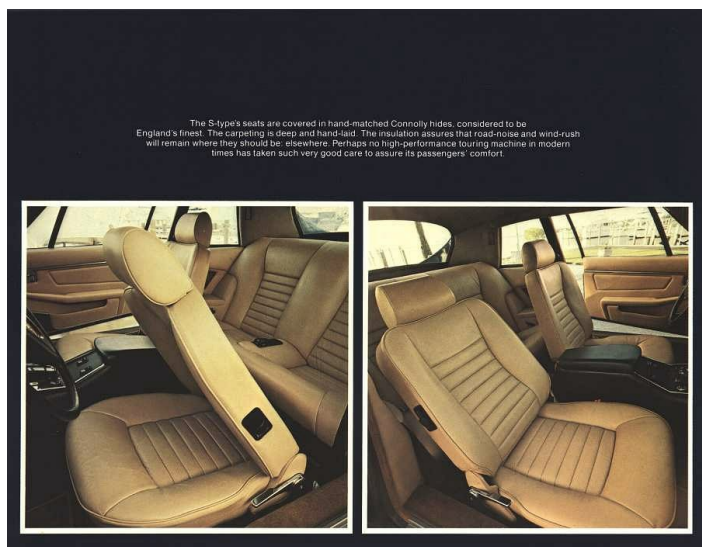
The show attracted 71,000 people over the 3 days with over 2,500 of the best classic cars on display, over 240 classic car clubs, lots of auto jumble, an auction, live displays, insurance companies and part suppliers. If you have not yet attended a show put it in your diary for next year. It is being held on the 9-11 of November 2018. Hope to see you there.



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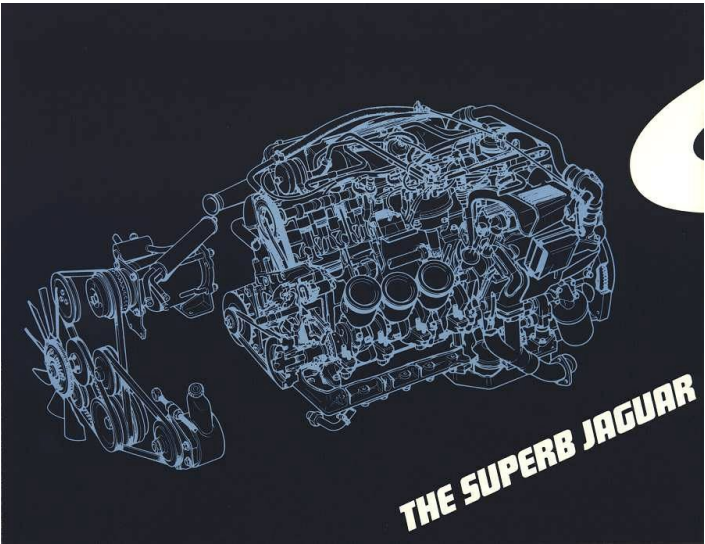
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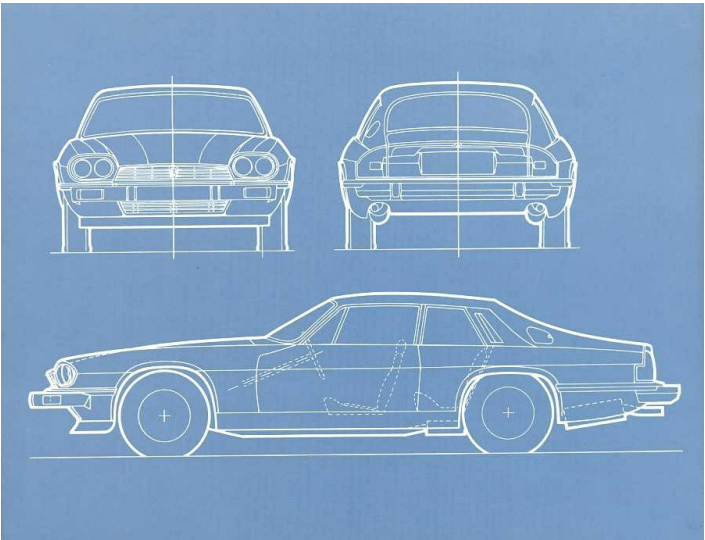
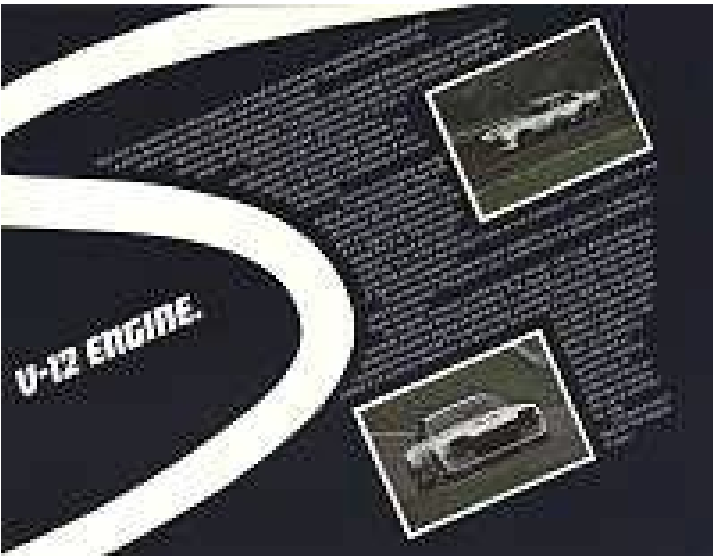
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LISTER TEASES THE NEW 675HP THUNDER

New SVR-beater will be unveiled in January.

You'll recall the Lister Storm. Of all the many homologated nineties oddities, it ranks up there with the most memorable; not least for its preposterously large 7.0-litre V12. The engine was liberated from Jaguar's XJR race programme, made larger (because of course) and with 546hp and 583lb ft of torque, made the road car a genuine 200mph+ prospect.

It also helped to make it fantastically expensive, and Lister only produced four before winding up production. The company has changed hands since then, but its capacity for doing outrageous things with Gaydon merchandise is apparently undiminished. Having returned to making a continuation of the 'Knobbly' D-Type race car in 2014, the firm is currently building up a head of steam on social media as it coasts towards an unveil of the new Lister Thunder next month.

No prizes for guessing that the car will be based on the current Jaguar F-Type, although the bespoke tuning job done on the 5.0-litre V8 ought to be interesting; Lister having extracted an additional 100hp from the supercharged engine. The power increase should make the Thunder good for 3.2 seconds to 62mph and 208mph (according to its maker) - meaning that Lister's interpretation of the coupe will be comfortably quicker than Jaguar's own SVR.

Only 99 examples of the Thunder will be built and, having recently sold road-going versions of the Knobbly for £225,000 apiece, you can expect it to be unashamedly expensive. Needless to say Lister has applied its own settings to the F-Type's chassis and also endeavoured to make the interior more luxurious than Gaydon's version. The preview snaps suggest that it has been busy with the Lister green, too.

Which is all well and good - but it doesn't quite rank



with the out-there outrageousness of the erstwhile Storm. Lister knows this, and has already suggested that the Thunder is merely a first step in its plan to become a fully-fledged carmaker again; one capable of turning out the kind of ultra low volume hypercar it has been internally mulling over since 2014.

JOHN GETS A PARROT

A retired man named John received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious and laced with profanity.

John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to 'clean up' the bird's vocabulary.

Finally, John was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. John shook the parrot and the parrot got angrier and even more rude. John, in desperation, threw up his hand, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer. For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute.

Fearing that he'd hurt the parrot, John quickly opened the door to the freezer. The parrot calmly stepped out onto John's outstretched arms and said "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behaviour."

John was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude. As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behaviour, the bird spoke-up, very softly, "May I ask what the turkey did?"

PATIENT & THE DOCTOR

Patient: Doctor, my wife is pregnant but we always used double protection and she is on the pill. Then, how is it possible?

Doctor: Let me tell you a story to make you realise that it is possible. There was a Hunter who always carried a gun wherever he went.

One day, he took his umbrella instead of his gun and

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went out. A lion suddenly jumped in front of him. In order to scare the lion, the hunter used the umbrella like a gun and shot the lion, the lion collapsed & died!

Patient: That is total nonsense!! Someone else must have shot the Lion!

Doctor: Exactly! Next patient please.

GONE SHOPPING

A man and wife go out Christmas shopping and go into a large department store.

After about half an hour the wife notices that her husband has disappeared.

Annoyed that he had wandered off she telephoned him.

He answered and she angrily asked him where he was and what was he doing.

He replied 'Do you remember that jewelers we went to about five years ago and they had that wonderful necklace that we couldn't afford at that time?'

The wife was suddenly embarrassed for being so angry and tears came to her eyes.

She said that she did remember the jewellers.

The husband said 'Well I'm in the pub next door.'

WORDS OF WISDOM

Murphy showed up at Mass one Sunday and the priest almost fell down when he saw him. He'd never been to church in his life. After Mass, the priest caught up with him & said, "Murphy, I am so glad ya decided to come to Mass. What made ya come?"

Murphy said, "I got to be honest with you Father, a while back, I misplaced me hat and I

really, really love that hat. I know that McGlynn had a hat just like mine and I knew he came to church every Sunday. I also knew that he had to take off his hat during Mass and figured he would leave it in the back of the church. So, I was going to leave after Communion and steal McGlynn's hat."

The priest said, "Well, Murphy, I notice that ya didn't steal McGlynn's hat. What changed your mind?"

Murphy replied, "Well, after I heard your sermon on the 10 Commandments I decided that I didn't need to steal McGlynn's hat after all."

With a tear in his eye the priest gave Murphy a big smile and said; "After I talked about 'Thou Shalt Not Steal' ya decided you would rather do without your hat than burn in hell, eh?"

Murphy slowly shook his head. "No, Father, after ya talked about 'Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery' I remembered where I left me hat!

ONLY IN AMERICA!

When southern Florida resident Nathan Radlich's house was burglarized recently, thieves ignored his wide screen plasma TV, his VCR, and even left his Rolex watch. What they did take, however, was a white box filled with a grayish-white powder. (That's the way the police report it.)

A spokesman for the Fort Lauderdale police said that it looked similar to high grade cocaine and they'd probably thought they'd hit the big time. Later, Nathan stood in front of numerous TV cameras and pleaded with the burglars: 'Please return the cremated

remains of my sister,

Gertrude. She died three years ago.'

The next morning, the bullet-riddled corpse of a local drug dealer known as Hoochie Pevens was found on Nathan's doorstep. The white box was there too; about half of Gertrude's ashes remained. Scotch taped to the box was this note which said: Hoochie sold us the bogus blow, so we wasted Hoochie. Sorry we snorted your sister. No hard feelings. Have a nice day.

PUSHY PARENTS

Four Catholic Men and a Catholic Woman Were Having Coffee in St. Peter's Square.

The first Catholic man tells his friends, "My son is a priest, when he walks into a room, everyone calls him 'Father'".

The second Catholic man chirps, "My son is a Bishop. When he walks into a room people call him 'Your Grace'".

The third Catholic gent says, "My son is a Cardinal. When he enters a room everyone says 'Your Eminence'".

The fourth Catholic man then says, "My son is the Pope. When he walks into a room people call him 'Your Holiness'".

Since the lone Catholic woman was sipping her coffee in silence, the four men give her a subtle, "Well...."?

She proudly replies, "I have a daughter, slim, tall, 38D - 24 - 36. When she walks into a room people say, "Jeeeeeeeeessssssuuusss!"

GOTTA LOVE OLDER PEOPLE

An elderly lady was standing at the railing of the cruise ship holding her hat tight so that it would not blow away in the wind.

A gentleman approached her and said, "Pardon me, madam.. I do not intend to be forward but did you know that your dress is blowing up in this high wind?"

"Yes, I know," said the

lady. "I need both my hands to hold onto this hat."

"But madam, you must know that you are not wearing any panties and your privates are exposed!" said the gentleman in earnest

The woman looked down, then back up at the man and replied, "Sir, anything you see down there is 75 years old. I just bought this hat yesterday!"

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If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles.

If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it.

If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time.

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment.

If you can conquer tension without medical help.

If you can relax without alcohol.

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs.

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ITS THE VIAGRA

A woman asks her husband at breakfast time, "Would you like some bacon and eggs, a slice of toast, and maybe some grapefruit juice and coffee?"

He declines. "Thanks for asking, but I'm not hungry right now. It's this Viagra," he says. "It's really taken the edge off my appetite."

At lunchtime, she asked him if he would like something. "How about a bowl of soup, homemade muffins or a cheese sandwich?"

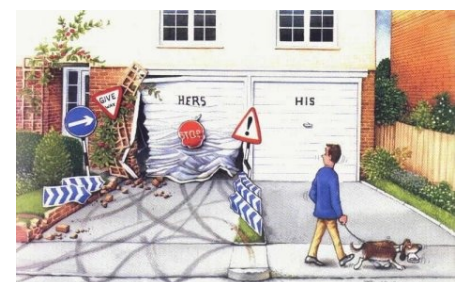
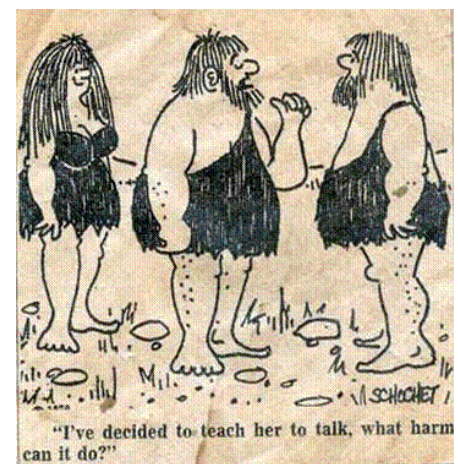
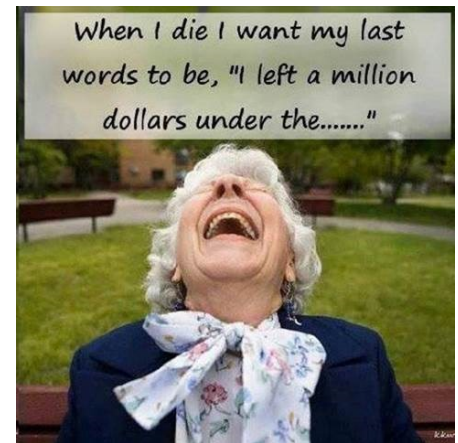
He declines. "The Viagra," he says, "Its really spoiled my need for food."

Come dinnertime, she asks if he wants anything to eat. "Would you like a juicy rib eye steak and some scrumptious apple pie?

Or maybe a rotisserie chicken or tasty stir fry?"

He declines again. "No," he says, "it's got to be the Viagra. I'm still not hungry."

"Well," she says, "Would you mind getting off me? I'm bloody starving."



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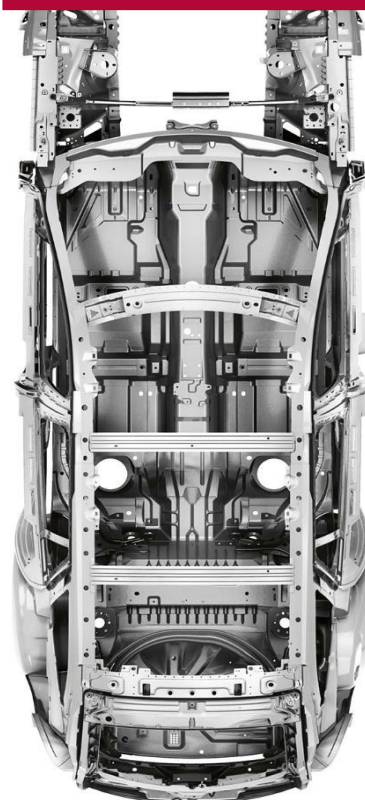
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SOUTH WALES REGION CHRISTMAS DINNER

We booked the Perrier Jouet Function Room (upstairs in La Marina) for Saturday the 2nd of December with drinks first at 7.30pm with the meal at 8.00pm.

As always we had a good response for the dinner. Unfortunately, the dinner clashed with some other events so we were slightly down on the numbers from last year. It was a bit crowded last year but this year it was a bit more of a relaxed atmosphere.

JEC General Manager Graham Searle and Lynne his wife really enjoy the Custom House and booked again this year. Not surprising was Rob Jenner and his partner Letitia Mace driving down again from Scotland for the dinner. They both loved coming to the Custom House last year and immediately booked again this year. Ray Searle and Kay his wife also had wanted to come previously so this year they also booked. Ray is now the Vice Chairman of the JEC.

We provided bottles of red and white wine for each table as a gesture of gratitude to all our members who supported us during the year. I am glad to say the proceeds of the raffle more than covered the cost.

After an excellent dinner we held a raffle. Thank you to everyone who donated a prize to the raffle which included wine, whiskey, brandy, chocolates and car cleaning products also some Jaguar related products. I think most people won something and enjoyed the fun.

I gave a short speech just welcoming everyone and thanking our committee, Andy, Paul, Mike and Colin Masterson for their invaluable help during the year.

Also Michael, who as you know, collates and publishes our regional magazine and is also web master. A tremendous amount of work goes into producing our regional magazine each month,

which I think is one of the best regional magazines, if not the best.

Where would we be without our resident chef Paul, who unfortunately could not be here tonight? Paul, as you know provides the bacon rolls and burgers at all our events. He works tirelessly at providing the food so we don't all starve. Thank you Paul!

Also Dave and Ruth, what would afternoon tea be without a large slice of Ruth's world renowned chocolate cake.

This year Scott has been a great help in carrying the club gazebo to many of the shows. Our new Gazebo is bigger and I was having great difficulty carrying it in my E Type. I am not sure Scott realised what he was letting himself in for when he first offered, but thank you Scott.

On behalf of our members I would like to thank Tanny and all his staff for looking after us so well. It was great to welcome many new and old members to our Christmas Dinner. I hope you enjoyed it and I hope to see you back next year.

After a few more drinks we said our goodbyes to The Custom House, who had done us proud.



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2018 Dates

Wednesday 17th January 2018	Wednesday 18th July 2018
Wednesday 21st February 2018	Wednesday 15th August 2018
Wednesday 21st March 2018	Wednesday 19th September 2018
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Wednesday 16th May 2018	Wednesday 21st November 2018
Wednesday 20th June 2018	Wednesday 19th December 2018

BBC Social Club, Llantrisant Road, Llandaff, Cardiff, CF5 2YQ

HOW TO FIND OUR MEETINGS:

DIRECTIONS TO GET TO THE BBC CLUB, LLANDAFF, CARDIFF.

Leave the M4 at Junction 29 signed A48M. Travel along the dual carriageway for about 6 or 7 miles until you reach the traffic lights by Tesco (on left). Go straight on over the river bridge and through the next set of lights. Just after the footbridge take the next fork left along Mill Lane signposted Llandaff Cathedral.

At the next traffic lights turn right. Go straight through the next traffic lights (crossing the A48 dual carriageway again) and travel northwards until you reach a mini roundabout. Take the first exit off the roundabout signposted Llantrisant. After about 100 yards there is a high grey stone wall on the right hand side. The entrance to the BBC car park is through this wall. Bear immediately left and then turn right. The club is the single storey, flat roofed building on the left across the field. The BBC studios are beyond the club and are about 5 storeys high.

Walk to the entrance of the club and press the buzzer on the right of the door. The barman will then open the security door. Our meeting room is straight ahead through the next door.

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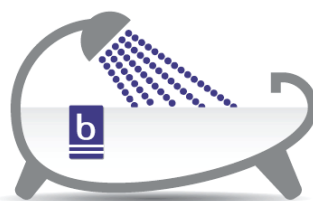
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