

# THE DORSET JAGUAR ENTHUSIAST

April 2025



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### Editor's Ramblings

**Can we respectfully remind members that your membership for 2025 is due on the 1st April. However, if you recently joined the Dorset Region in the last 6 months, your membership will be carried over until April 2026.**

Members that have received their April JEC magazine will have spotted that there is no Regional Report from the Dorset Region again! Well, yes, I have forgotten about it again, but by the time I remembered, I had missed the deadline. I think I am losing it and perhaps there is someone else out there that is happy to take on the Editorship, after all I have been at the helm for over 20 years?

#### Charity presentations

A £2,000 cheque was presented to Peter Gibb of Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance at our March Club Night and they will be our Chosen Charity, again this year. Also, Bob handed a £500 cheque to Steve Fulwood to help the Gambia Water Aid provide fresh water to a growing number of villages. Steve explained that there is plenty of water available, but It is very deep under ground and needed drilling and a pump to lift it to the surface.



#### Membership Renewals

As you are aware, it is membership renewal time again and the good news is it's still £20. as you can see by my reminder notice, there are many ways that you can renew your membership: Our preferred method is to renew via our website, where you need to log in and go to the member area. Please wait until after 1st April to do this. If you have forgotten your password, use the "forgotten password" option to reset your password via email. Once logged in, click on the Account option at top right, then click on the Subscriptions tab and then you will see your new subscription renewal on the top line. Go to the renew option on the right-hand side where you will be given the choice to pay by Card or PayPal and here you enter your details as appropriate. The next option is to renew by Bank transfer, Bank details: JEC Dorset Region, Sort code: 60-03-29, A/c No. 72573597 or use these bank details to

create a standing order which saves having to do it again next year! Please use your surname as reference in these options. You can pay by cheque or cash at Club night or post a cheque to Wendy Luffman, our Treasurer at 4 Avalon, Sandbanks Road, Poole, BH14 8HT. Please let us know by email if you decide not to renew your membership to save us chasing you up unnecessarily.



#### Winter Pub Meets

We had our second 'Winter Pub Meet' at the New Inn, Church Knowle, numbers were very much down, for various reasons, so just 23 members sat down to enjoy a



carvery lunch. The rain held off, so didn't have to come back home and clean the Jaguar off.

I was just remembering over lunch how things have changed from when I was a keen club cyclist in the '60's, I was a member of the Bournemouth Arrow Cycling Club and we frequently used the New Inn for a lunchtime stop. In those days, pubs didn't serve food, just drinks and you brought your own sandwiches. The pub was always welcoming, especially on a cold winter's day, with a nice open fire blazing away.

#### Forthcoming Events

The Forthcoming Events page is still not complete, there are some events to be confirmed and others are awaiting more details, so please keep a close eye for additions. I will of course bring these to your attention.

#### Dorset Region Web site

If you require more information on any of our events, you can always look at the 'Events' page on our web site. It is always better to log-on and then go to the header and click on Events, then click on the dark green tag in the right-hand corner, which opens up all the particular details about the event.

**Cover picture: Mike and Ann's F-Type cresting the hill from Cerne Abbas, whilst taking part in the 2022 Treasure Hunt.**



# Should buying a new car be fun??

by John Brewster

I think the title says it all? In recent years the experience we have had going into a range of different car manufacturers showrooms at best has been disappointing and at worst been a complete comedy of errors.

So about 18 months ago we decided that we should start thinking about buying a new car. Our faithfully 3 litre Jaguar XF Sportsbrake had started to show signs of age (60k miles and 8 years old) and it had started to develop a few of those niggly electrical problems. So in the end we expect you can guess that our first choice marque was Jaguar. So, after doing a high level of research on the current Jaguar range we made an appointment (apparently you can no longer just drop in!!!) to see a Retail Sales Advisor (apparently, they are not called salesmen anymore!!!) at Hendy in Christchurch.

The future of Jaguar as an all-electric premium brand had also been announced to the world at this point, so we thought this was going to be our last chance to buy an all-new Jaguar. There was only one really requirement that was non-negotiable in that we wanted a conventional internal combustion powered car, not a mild hybrid, not a hybrid and definitely not an electric car. We were also thinking that if we did not buy a conventionally powered car quickly it would simply be too late and in reality, we think we were very lucky to get the car that we wanted in the end.

We must admit we fancied something different, but we also really loved the Jaguar XF Sportbrake. So in the end once we defined the basic car specification we asked the Hendy Retail Sales Advisor to work out a quote for an XF Sportbrake, an F-Pace and an E-Pace. The salesman whoops sorry, Retail Sales Advisor tried very hard to persuade us to consider a hybrid or electric car but our answer was a big NO NO NO!

Based on my previous articles on electric cars you will know that I'm far from convinced that electric cars are better for the environment and that they will not be a permanent fixture once Hydrogen and Bio-Fuel gets established. Perhaps electric cars have a role to play for short distance urban motoring, but I think that is it. If you follow the automotive world closely you will know that Electric car sales are dramatically down and many large car manufacturers are starting to distance themselves from Electric technology (BMW, Audi, VM, Porsche etc.). A good indication is that Tesla stock price has fallen by 50%

since December 2024. I think this may be partly due to Mr Musk's recent political affiliations, but it clearly shows that the financial pundits are far from being convinced about the future of electric cars. Without writing a totally separate article to the one I intended; rumors abound of fields packed with premature end of life electric cars and electric cars that have been returned by their owners with faults that just cannot be fixed. It has even been reported in the press that Jaguar are buying back early I-Pace's due to a known thermal overload problem in the high voltage batteries that causes a potential fire. Apparently, there are fields in both the US and Europe with Jaguar I-pace's that are stored waiting to be recycled (remember it takes 20% more CO2 emission to recycle an electric car).

Anyway, back to my original articles, it was disappointing that when we talked with the Retail Sales Advisor, I knew far more about the latest Jaguar range and many of the questions I had went straight over his head (all very disappointing)! So, after chasing a few times (initial stress) the Retail Sales Advisor sent us by e-mail the quotes. When we reviewed them, they were the wrong quotes for the wrong cars (next level of stress), after another conversation I received the correct quotes for the correct cars. So, after consultation with the management (my Wife) we decided that the right car for us going forward was the Jaguar E-Pace. So, we then contacted the Retail Sales Advisor of our decision and we asked him to confirm delivery times. When he came back, we nearly fell off our seats as he confirmed 9 months deliver and he verbally told us that he thought we would not get the car as Jaguar would not keep the production line going for that amount of time (next level of stress). So, my next question was to ask if there was any stock available across the dealership network that was a near match, he came back and told us that there were no E-Pace's available, but he did have hybrids and electric cars on short lead-time!!!!!!

Our daughter and son-in-law live in Northern Ireland and are big Jaguar enthusiasts. They had recently taken delivery of a new Jaguar F-Pace (there 2nd and they suggested that I talk with Charles Hurst in Belfast the local Jaguar dealer. So, I contacted them and I was put in contact with one of their Sales Executives (Hallelujah he was actually a salesman). Our first questions were about availability and he confirmed that he had three E-Paces in stock from orders that had been cancelled for various

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reasons (the main one being the long delivery time) and one was a very close fit to the specification we wanted (the only real differences was exterior colour and leather seat colour). So, it goes without saying, why did the Retail Sales Advisor at Hendy overlook this stock on the Jaguar dealer network system. I think that answer was simple; he was incentivised to sell hybrid and electric cars not diesel or petrol.

Charles Hurst in Belfast were great, they gave us a very good trade in price for our XF Sportbrake and also a good deal on the new E-Pace. They had a few problems to overcome as well as we are not legally resident in Northern Ireland and they worked their way through these issues with little or no fuss. Clearly, I had to get to Northern Ireland to drop off the XF and pick up the new E-Pace and as part of deal they even gave me some money towards the price of the ferry.

So, I had one last thought, I had driven an E-Pace on a test drive not long after they had been launched and we thought that another test drive was wise before we signed all the associated paperwork. So, I phoned up and spoke with the Retail Sales Advisor at Hendy in Christchurch

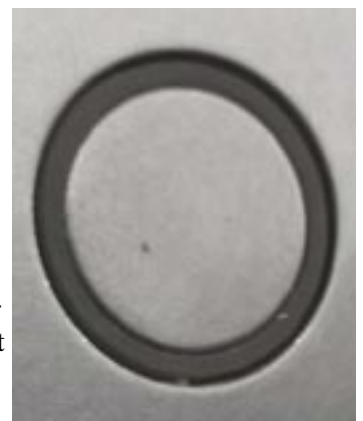


and a test drive was arranged. The Retail Sales Advisor was there to hand over the keys and show us the basic functionality of the car and then we were free to have the car for a couple of hours on our own!!! We returned the car satisfied that it was the car for us, and handed the keys back and the Retail Sales Advisor did not even bother to have a debrief and enquire if we were going to buy (he simply was not available). We expected a phone call from him over the next couple of days, but that never came. However, we did receive an e-mail at least a month later asking us if we were still interested in ordering a car. I had great delight in telling him that we had purchased a car ex-stock from another dealer and we had already taken delivery. In my professional life I was in a sales role for

nearly 40 years and one thing that gets me upset is lack of luster and unprofessional salesmanship. Sadly this seems to be relatively common today and I'm sure many of us have wondered into a shop looking to buy things and the sales man or woman have not even asked us if they could help us (they were probably too busy tapping away on their mobile phone!!!!), if you make the mistake of asking them a question about the product they are selling that just opens another bag of worms. Sadly, you are far better just going on Google to look for an answer!

So, the car is now just over a year old and overall, we are happy with the car. What we are very unhappy about is the post-sales service level of the Jaguar dealership. We know that many of the dealers probably know that due to Jaguar's repositioning in the market that they will no longer have the Jaguar franchise, but they need to remember that there are still many Jaguar owners out there that need their loved Jaguar Car suitably maintained. I have now had to book my car in Hendy three times, twice for a warranty recall and once for what I thought was a warranty issue. Each time when I made a call to make an appointment the earliest availability was two months ahead (another level of stress). When I enquired why it was taking so long for an appointment, they stated it was for a non-urgent issue and they were short of trained staff. Frustratingly if these issues were not handled by a franchised Jaguar dealer the warranty on the car would have probably been affected.

The other warranty issue had been caused by the smallest of stone chip damage to a front ultrasonic parking sensor. In the end Jaguar claimed because the problem has been caused by road damage it was not a warranty issue and it cost me nearly £1000 to repair (another level of stress). Being an engineer by training I could not imagine that the Jaguar design engineers would not design a robust system knowing that it was clearly going to be in a vulnerable position where it would get some level of stone damage from the road. As you can see from the photo, you can hardly see the chip on the sensor. I escalated the problem to Jaguar Customer Services and they told me that it was unlikely that the sensor would be damaged from



such a small chip, but they could not rule that out. So, the Ultrasonic sensor was changed by Hendy and according to the service technician it was the problem. I asked for the sensor back and I do plan to find some way of testing the





sensor to see if it is really faulty. I'm sorry to waffle on so much and I think you probably need a gold star if you reached the end of the article, but I'm really frustrated with the level of poor salesmanship in the world these days and the poor level of service we seem to be getting from Jaguar dealership. One final point, I needed some touch up paint for the E-Pace as I had started to get a few paint chips after a year and I could not believe that Jaguar no longer sell touch up paint for their cars and we have to go to a third-party supplier, sad, sad, sad.

The good news is that low mileage diesel and petrol cars are going up in value as many consumers are far from convinced about electric vehicles (EV's) so they are running their diesel and petrol power cars longer.

In 2024, 381,970 EV's were sold in the UK, which was a 19.6% market share. This was the UK's best year for EV sales, a 21% increase from 2023. In the UK, EV sales have stalled below 18%.

The growth rate of EV sales has slowed from 50% year over year to closer to 20%.

Factors affecting EV sales, Low consumer demand and confidence in the technology is the main thing that is affecting demand. Main issues that are cited as a factor in the slowdown are (somewhat of a top-level view):

Government mandates: The UK has a mandate that requires manufacturers to sell a minimum percentage of

zero-emission vehicles each year. The government are now threatening to imposing fines on the manufacturer if they do not meet certain targets (Government have failed to understand that manufacturing output is linked to consumer demand, as many people are refusing to buy electric cars)

★Infrastructure and charging: Concerns about charging infrastructure and battery problems have been cited as factors in the slowdown.

★Early adopters: What motivates early adopters may not motivate later adopters.

★More viable technologies getting close to being available on the market (Hydrogen and Bio-fuels)

★Many EV owners are moving back to hybrid to solve technical issues and problems with the charging infrastructure.

So, with all the stress of buying a new car our hope is that our E-Pace will last us the course and we will not have to face all the stress of buying another car. To make it worse if we have to buy another car, we have no idea what we would go for. We are guessing that it would have to be a hybrid, but from what marque we have no idea. Electric technology may have the last laugh as we may end up by getting around on mobility scooters!

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13 March 2025

Dear Bob,

On behalf of Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, I would like to thank you all involved in the Dorset Region Jaguar Enthusiasts Club for your very generous and kind donation of £2,000.00. This is an amazing amount raised! We are so grateful.

Thanks to your support, our crew are continuing to provide a critical care service for 19 hours a day, both by air and by road, through very close cooperation with our NHS colleagues across the region. We are also in a position to help move patients between hospitals if that is required, by road or air, whichever is the most appropriate. Clearly at a time when clinical staff in hospitals are under pressure, this is a real benefit.

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Yours sincerely,

**Julie Plowden**  
Deputy Chief Executive Officer

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2025

### APRIL

Tuesday 1st Club Night - Skittles  
10th - 13th Goodwood Members Meeting  
Thursday 17th Visit to Exbury Gardens  
Monday 21st Classics on the Quay

Sunday 27th Drive it Day

26th & 27th Classic Vehicle &  
Steam Engine Show

### MAY

Monday 5th Classics on the Quay

Tuesday 6th Club Night

Sat. 10th Westborne Motor Show  
Monday 12th Fund raising Curry Night  
Sunday 18th Lulworth Car Show  
Sat. 31st Vintage Nostalgia

### JUNE

Sunday 1st TOYS  
Tuesday 3rd Club Night  
Sunday 8th Classics on the Quay

Sunday 8th Middlewick House & Gardens  
Sat. 21st Ferndown Classic Car Show  
Sunday 22nd Classics on the Quay

Thursday 26th Classic Cars & Alpacas

### JULY

Tuesday 1st Club Night (Alternative cars)  
Sunday 6th Fun Concours & Barbecue  
Sat. 12th Westival Show  
Sat. 12th Classics on the Quay

Sunday 13th Poole Goes Vintage

10th - 13th Festival of Speed  
Sunday 20th Classics at the Castle  
Sunday 27th Treasure Hunt & Picnic

### AUGUST

Sunday 3rd Jaguars at Parham House  
Tuesday 5th Club Night  
Sunday 10th Invitation to MG Garden Party  
Sunday 17th Simply Jaguar  
Sat. 23rd Wings & Wheels  
Sunday 24th Claysmore Car Show  
22nd - 24th Silverstone Festival  
Monday 25th Rustic Fayre

### SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 2nd Club Night  
Sat. 7th John Haynes Classics  
12th - 14th Goodwood Revival  
20th & 21st Autumn Classics  
Sunday 21st Concorde Classic Car Show  
Sunday 28th Classics on the Quay

### OCTOBER

Tuesday 7th Club Night  
Sunday 26th Autumn Road Run

### NOVEMBER

Tuesday 4th Club Night

Hamworthy Club - 7.30 pm  
Motor Racing Circuit  
Meet Hamworthy Club at 10.00 am  
Christchurch - 10.00 am to 5 pm, Entry £2.00, bring a drip tray  
Meet Weymouth Esplanade 10.30 am - Road run to finish 2.00pm at the Thimble Inn, Piddlehinton.

Pikes Farm, Organford, book on web site.

Christchurch - 10.00 am to 5 pm, Entry £2.00, bring a drip tray  
Hamworthy Club - 7.30 pm - we have a talk from the JEC Chairman Peter Leake  
Westbourne High Street, register your car on-line.  
Taj Mahal Indian Restaurant, Westbourne - 7.30 pm  
Lulworth Castle (More details later)  
Stockton Park - meet 8.30 am at Horton Inn

Hardy Country Classics (details later)  
Hamworthy Club - 7.30 pm  
Christchurch - 10.00 am to 5 pm, Entry £2.00, bring a drip tray  
Meet 9.00 am - Sunrise Business Park, Blandford.  
King George Playing Fields (more details later)  
Christchurch - 10.00 am to 5 pm, Entry £2.00, bring a drip tray  
More details later.

Hamworthy Club - 7.30 pm  
Damerham Village Hall - from 2.00 pm onwards.  
Fryer Field, West Moors, 12.00 - 4 pm. free of charge.  
Christchurch - 10.00 am to 5 pm, Entry £2.00, bring a drip tray  
Poole Quay - 11.00 - 6.00 pm Car Show pre-1970's contact: mandy@eventsbystir.com  
Goodwood House  
Sherborne. Club stand - Book tickets through Bob.  
Meet at Chessleborne Village Hall, 12.00 noon

Storrington (Details later)  
Hamworthy Club - 7.30 pm  
Athelhampton House, (see p6 for more information)  
Beaulieu Motor Museum, Club stand booked.  
Henstridge (more details later)  
More details later TBC  
Towcester, Northamptonshire (Book tickets on-line)  
Potterne Park, Verwood - pre-1985 booked cars only

Hamworthy Club - 7.30 pm  
Haynes Motor Museum (go to our web site for more info)  
Motor Racing Circuit  
Castle Combe Circuit  
Eastleigh - book on-line.  
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Hamworthy Club - 7.30 pm  
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## Is this the end of the road for Classic Cars?

Decarbonisation Minister states that there are no plans to remove older cars and classic cars from the roads "at this stage."

Minister Rachel Mclean made the comments in an interview with Autocar (1). A recent report by the Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR) (2) highlighted the economic value of the classic car industry, which has a annual turnover of £18 billion and supports 113,000 jobs. A conservative estimate of the value of the UK's historic and classic car fleet in the report is £12.6 billion.

ABD Spokesman Paul Biggs said: "The obvious aim of the ban on new petrol and diesel car sales by 2030 is to end the sale of petrol and diesel fuels as soon as possible. This has huge implications, not only for classic vehicles or other vehicles with a long lifespan, but also the 6000 essential products that are made from refining oil. No one is telling us how these products will be replaced and there is no comfort in Rachel Mclean's words for the long term future of classic or older vehicles."

The soon to be released report on the 2030 Petrol and Diesel ban by the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) Fair Fuel for UK Motorists and Hauliers represents the beginning of a proper scrutiny of a government policy that has so far avoided rational debate and a proper cost: benefit analysis.

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### CLUB NIGHT VENUE

The Club meet on the first Tuesday of every month from 7.30 p.m. onwards at the Hamworthy Club, Magna Road, Dorset. BH21 3AP

Food is available prior to club night, order at the bar.

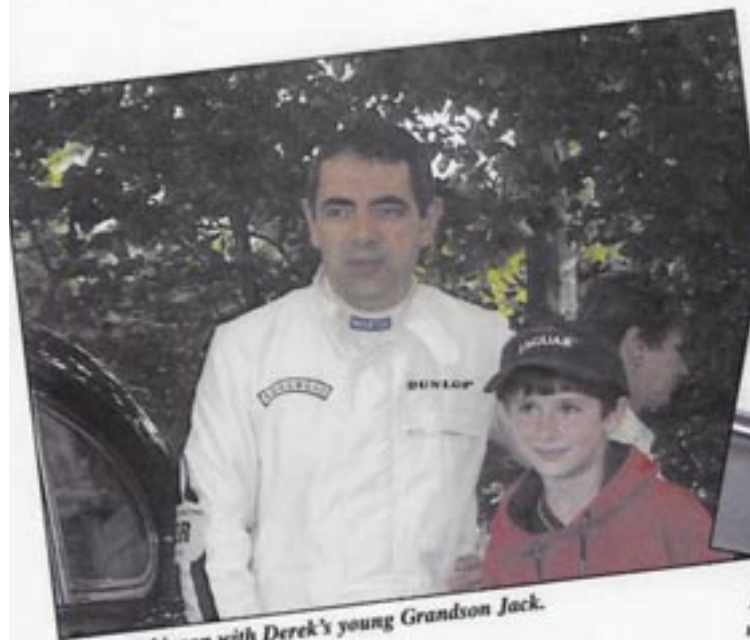
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We have had to cancel the West Dorset Meetings due to lack of support.

All members and new members are welcome to join us at our club nights and events..







Rowen Atkinson with Derek's young Grandson Jack.



Left to right, Dave Dacombe with his Chick Dot, Barry Heath and Derek Patterson, posing on the viewing gallery above the pit lane.



We might be slammed up in here if we cause any 'bover' !



Dot looking pensive in the Paddock area



Win Percy in conversation with Norman Dewey and lady friend.



Win Percy looking very smart in his Dicky Bow, posing with a couple of local trouble makers !!!