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Editor's Ramblings

We had a very busy June with events on every weekend, although the Christchurch Quay meet was called off, due to the soft ground on the Quomps. I have no idea if any of our members when to Nick Mason's Middlewick House this year, maybe not after last years traffic jams etc.

Visit to Highgrove

The visit to Highgrove was very interesting, but from my point of view it was a nightmare on the journey up to Tetbury, as you can read in my report. Beautiful gardens made up for the effort, we opted to stay overnight in Tetbury, which was nice, but when we checked in the morning, I said I had a complaint.

The receptionist "Oh dear what was the problem." I said "well, our window was right opposite the roofline of the hotel and we had to watch two pigeons copulating. That made the young lady smile, but she didn't offer a rebate?"

Ferndown Car Show

Unfortunately, I couldn't make this year's Ferndown Classic Car Show this year, due to lack of communications within the family. It was my wife's 80th birthday celebrations on the 21st and naturally assumed my daughter and niece had organised the barbecue for Sunday, but no, it was taking place on Saturday, so hence my no show. It would have been nice if someone who attended the show to send me some pictures and a few words?

Heatwave

I don't know about other members, but I can't be doing with the heatwave temperatures we had during the last week in June. It was just so uncomfortable even with next to no clothes on and then sweating even with nothing on trying to sleep at night. (sorry, too much information)

Verwood Rustic Fayre

This is a reminder about the Classic Vehicle Show at Verwood Rustic Fayre on Bank Holiday Monday, August



Morris dancers in full swing at the Rustic Fayre.

31st. The cost is £7 per vehicle which includes driver and passenger. This year Verwood Rotary are planning a "best in show" competition, with a trophy for the winner.

Please note that additional passengers must pay at the gate, £7 per head.

Exhibitors are asked to arrive from 9am -11.30am on the day to be in place for the Grand Opening at 12:00 noon. Excepting emergencies there will be no vehicle movements from 11:30am and you are requested to stay until 5:00pm due to site Health & Safety requirements. I have made enquiries about having a Club Stand, so I will let members no how I got on with my request? Well I had a fairly quick reply to say, yes we can have a club stand. I will have a clipboard at club night. Unfortunately, the show is principally for pre-2000 vehicles.

Tickets can be bought through the website

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/wessextrgroup/2185895>

Invitation to car a gathering

Additionally, Wessex TR is running their free Annual Invite to Club Night on Wednesday 29th July at the IBM Hursley Sports and Social Club, Hursley, SO21 2JN from 19:00. Hursley is midway between Romsey & Winchester, there was a big turn-out last year from local clubs

Forest Hill Reservoir in our Garden

Most of our members are not aware that we have a 2½ million gallon underground reservoir on our land and it was built in 1890 after the Poole corporation compulsory purchased the land and it was primarily to supply water to the cordite factory at Holton Heath. It now belongs to Wessex Water. On and off over the last week, we have had water tankers pumping water into the reservoir. A workman from Wessex Water came to inform us of what would be taking place, which was very strange as we have living here for 32 years and this has never happened before. He explained that they are pumping millions of gallons of water up to the north of the country. Apparently, the reservoirs are very low, due to lack of rain and our reservoir is now below 45 percent. He told me that in Dorset and Wiltshire, we have many boreholes and aquifers, allowing surface rain water to filter through chalk beds into underground lakes.

I don't know how they were actually transferring the water up north, because I am sure they haven't yet laid a large pipe running from south to north, although they are taking steps to implement this task.



Cover picture: A lovely colour of blue for Glen Alcon's E-Type Roadster, taking part in last years Treasure Hunt.



Classics on Christchurch Quay

Unfortunately, it was not good start for Classics on Christchurch Quay as the first planned event on Sunday 7th June had to be cancelled, due the Quomp being too soft.

However, the next event a week later did go ahead and it was very well attended and Bob and I had a lovely spot by the river.



Judy Posing on the bonnet of her XJS.

The plan was to have a relaxing cup of coffee and then walk round to view all the other cars, well we both got bogged down with visitors wanted to know all about our E-Types. Not that a bad thing, how many people do you know that doesn't enjoy talking about their pride and joy? The other problem is that Mr. Flint knows an awful lot of friends and acquaintances, so that when we did have a walk round it took so long, we had to go back for lunch.

After lunch, we never did get any time to look at the rest of the cars. I not sure how the Jonny public know that there is an event taking place in Christchurch, but

I suppose it could be social media and or Facebook.

The thing that attracts so many classic car owners to these events is, you can turn up anytime and leave anytime, plus it is £2 in the bucket, all the collection goes to three local charities.



A lovely old Bentley

The following Sunday's event down the Quay, clashed with my wife's official birthday, although we had the celebration on the Saturday, but like always there is a lot of clearing up the following day.



This is a beautiful old Alvis





Visit to Highgrove

The long-awaited visit to Highgrove Gardens came on the Thursday 11th June, however getting there was quite a challenge. I opted to drive straight up the A350, but unfortunately, I didn't do my homework, because the road to Melbury Abbas was closed at Dinah's Hollow. We resorted to driving up the A350 from Blandford to Shaftesbury, which involves going through every little village at 20 mph, plus many road work traffic lights. It took over an



hour from Corfe Mullen to Shaftesbury and from then on there was so many delays with road works, especially approaching the M4, in the end we resorted to using very minor roads and found them very smooth and so pleasant to drive on.

Eventually we arrived at the Hare & Hounds pub and met up with all the other members for lunch. It was time for us to make our way to Highgrove, which obviously it was not over signposted, so we missed the entrance and we not alone, because we met other member coming the other way. We made sure we had all our documentation for the security guards, but they just waved us in, after he said "I thought you were coming in a Jaguar," I then said "it is a Jaguar it's an XF," to which he relied, "no I expected an E-Type," I replied "my E-Type is still at home."

For anybody that has never been Highgrove the layout is



very interesting and usually has a theme, using particularly species of tree, shrubs and flowers. King Charles receives many gifts of ornaments and busts etc and he incorporates them into his gardens.

The guided tour is about 1½ hours and our guide was absolutely amazing, her knowledge of the plants, trees and shrubs. I later said to her how do you remember all the different names, and she said I have been conducting the tours for quite a few years and it just becomes repetitious.

Apparently, there are 12 full time gardeners looking after the gardens and there is a lot of inpute from King Charles. I



did say to our guide that we have 3½ acres of woodland and I might head-hunt a couple of his gardeners to come and sort it all out?

It is just a shame that we are not allowed to take any pictures, I have had to use some stock images but they may not be of high resolution.

After our tour ended, we went to the very posh tea room, where we were served with a really nice tea pot and you could have a cream tea at no expense spared, so we just had a piece of ginger cake.

Some members had decided to stay at the Hare & Hounds overnight, instead of the 2½ drive back, unfortunately, they had no vacancies when we booked, so we stayed at the Royal Oak in Tetbury



Corfe Mullen Carnival

Corfe Mullen Carnival returned on Saturday, June 13, with a full programme of family fun, entertainment and fundraising in support of local community groups.

This year we managed to double the cars on display to four cars from the Dorset Region and we had two E-Types from Barry and Glen Alcon, a Mark 2 belonging to Bill Rockstro and an XK8 belonging Gordon and Frances Whitehead. The majority of cars on display were from the Three Counties Classic Car Club and the Dorset Car Club.

The following was from a new item in the Evening Echo.



The day began with the signature parade, featuring floats, walking groups, and colourful displays from community organisations.

Stalls, games, fundraising activities and food vendors offered something for all ages, while children enjoyed miniature train rides, fairground attractions, and a host of other activities.

The dog show, organised by Hillside Veterinary Centre, drew a large crowd and plenty of enthusiastic canine contestants vying for a prize.

Live performances took place throughout the day, show-



ing a variety of local talent from across the community.

The spokesman said: "The performance stage remained busy throughout the day, showcasing a variety of local talent and providing entertainment for visitors across the recreation ground."

Refreshments were served at the carnival tea tent, where visitors could relax and catch up with neighbours over refreshments.

The carnival gazebo was also a hive of activity, with visitors buying grand draw tickets and taking part in fundraising games and activities.

The committee extended its thanks to the many volunteers who helped make the event possible.

From early morning set-up crews to those who stayed late to clear the site, dozens of people gave their time to ensure the day ran smoothly.

The spokesman said: "We would like to thank every volunteer, sponsor, performer, stallholder, participant and visitor who helped make carnival day 2026 such a memorable success."





Visit to Forde Abbey

A few of our members met at the Hamworthy Club for coffee and to pick up the route sheets, whilst other members made their own way to Forde Abbey. Everyone left at about 10.30 and we found we were on our own, which from my point of view was good. Because it is almost impossible to keep a convoy intact in modern traffic volumes situation. It was a simple route to Crewkerne and then onto narrow



unclassified roads, but when we approached the entrance to Forde Abbey, the road was closed, so this required a slight diversion. When we arrived, most members were all parked, John Brewster seemed have drawn the short straw and he was delegated as the gate control man.

Initially there was some confusion over the group discounted ticket price, as on the face of it, we were being charged the same entry price as the visitors. It turned out that group discount charge included parking on the East lawn. Our Jaguars were certainly an attraction for the visitors.

Fortunately, for everyone the heatwave had passed, so having a picnic was in quite pleasant conditions. Dawn and I have visited Forde Abbey, with the club in the mid to late 2000's and we did go round the house and thought it was very interesting, so we opted to have another look.



However, the next fountain display was at 2.30, but we had enough time to complete the house tour. When they switch the water pump on, it is quite spectacular and as the water reaches a height of 100 ft and if there is a breeze, it creates a fan of spray as the water falls back into the lake. Some visitors get a good soaking if they are down wind, which I think would be really nice on a hot day.

By this time in the afternoon, it was cr me tea or ginger



The cloisters, with the monks bedrooms all along the left-hand side of this picture.



Our Jaguars lined up on the east lawn.



cake time, so we made our way to the café, which wasn't in existence when we last visited Forde Abbey. It was actually built last year and I believe it is run by an outside catering company. After our refreshments, we had a good wander round plants for sale, but I had to remind Dawn that we



were in the XJS and there wouldn't be much room for plants.

When we came back to our parking area, most of our members had left, so I told my Sat-nav to take me home and made our way home, somehow, we managed to avoid the centre of Crewkerne and had quite a good, trouble-free ride back home.



History of Forde Abbey

The Cistercian monastery, Forde Abbey, was founded in 1136 by Richard de Brioniis at Brightley in Devon. The land was too barren for an agricultural community and this forced the monks to return to the mother house in Surrey in 1141. On their journey they met their former patron's sister and heir, Adelia de Brioniis. Determined to honour the wish of her dead brother, she offered them the use of the Manor of Thorncombe and a site on the River Axe.

They accepted the offer and within seven years the monastery of Forde Abbey was built. Forde Abbey flourished as a monastery for four hundred years and became renowned as a seat of learning. The third abbot, Abbot Baldwin, became Archbishop of Canterbury before dying on the crusades and his successor, John Devonius, was confessor to King John and reputedly one of the most learned men of his time. It also became a wealthy foundation and by the 14th century owned some 30,000 acres. Each land transaction was recorded in the Cartulary which belongs to the Abbey to this day. Abbot Chard, the last abbot, succeeded in 1521 and applied his substantial learning and imagination to a comprehensive restructuring of the fabric of the building. However, his work was interrupted in 1539 by the dissolution of the larger monasteries. Chard decided that discretion was the better part of valour and handed Forde Abbey quietly over to the Crown, becoming vicar of Thorncombe until his death in 1543.

A great deal of the original living quarters of the monks still exists here at Forde Abbey and is incorporated into the house as it is today. Forde Abbey retains its refectories, monks' dormitory, Undercroft, novitiate school, chapter house, scriptorium, kitchen, tower, hall and the North section of the cloisters.

What has gone, sadly, is the large Abbey church that stood where the South Lawn is now. This simple building was some 250 feet long and stretched from just west of Chard's Tower to just east of the present Chapel (chapter house). The lead roof of the Church contained a high percentage of silver making it the first item to be stripped and sold with the stone soon following. Now only the two statues in the Great Hall and the four pillars at the Mermaid Pond survive from the original Abbey Church



Police dogs demonstration at Club Night

Our June club night promised to be a slightly different and unusual and we were not disappointed. We had arranged for Colin Nash a City of London Police dog trainer and handler to give us a demonstration with his police dogs.

This planned display obviously attracted 85 very interested members to our club night and the policeman in charge was not only a dog handler, but a comedian as well, because he had us all in fits of laughter most of the time.

Colin started his presentation, showing us all the kit that he was required to wear and he called for volunteers to try on his stab vest that had various pockets with sprays, a taser gun, and other bits of kit. He also demonstrated the old-fashioned wooden truncheon against a modern telescopic one. He also showed us the various types of head gear available for various situations. All of this was interjected with also sorts of comical situations, that had all of us in fits of laughter.

Eventually it was time to introduce the dogs, I assumed he would be bringing a big German Shepherd dog with him, but no he brought three dogs, two Labradors and a Spaniel, because these are specially trained dogs in different disciplines. First up was the little Spaniel called Freddie and he was trained to use his very, very sensitive nose and he demonstrated that he could actually sniff out a Sim card. Freddie is very near to retiring soon, but he is not going to a rest home, Colin and his wife are going to give him a forever home. This is incredible, because what does a Sim smell like? Colin had taped a sim card onto a metal base and he just went straight to it, unbelievable!



WPC Lillian Candy reporting for duty.

Colin had obviously spoken to Donia and she had agreed to placing a bag of cannabis in her back pocket and he asked



various ladies to stand in line and the golden labrador went up and down the line and stopped instantly when he approached Donia.

The black labrador, is more off a tracker dog and has been trained to catch criminals and to take them down if they desist, by grabbing them by the arm. This was ably demonstrated by our club member, Wendy La Reservee



Everyone really enjoyed the evening and there is technically no charge for the display and he and his wife stayed with a relative locally, but all they request is a donation for the retirement home for working police dogs



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JULY

Sunday 5th	Broadstone Fun Day	Broadstone Rec. 10.30 am - 8.00 pm.
Mon 6th to Thur 9th	Welsh Trip	Now fully booked.
Tuesday 7th	Alternative Car Night	Hamworthy Club - 7.30 pm
Saturday 11th	Westival Car Show	Fryer Field, West Moors-11.00 - 4.00 pm free of charge
Sunday 12th	Fun Concours & Barbecue	Horton Village Hall {more details later}
12th - 13th	Goodwood FOS	Goodwood House
Sunday 26th	Classics at the Castle	Sherborne, Club stand - (now fully booked)

August

Sunday 2nd	Summer Spectacular, Lymington	Woodside Park from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm-Pre 2001 cars
Sunday 2nd	Jaguars at Parham House	Storrington - Book on-line
Tuesday 4th	Club Night	Hamworthy Club - 7.30 pm
Sunday 9th	Treasure Hunt & Picnic	Whitsbury Village Hall, Fordingbridge. SP6 3PZ
Saturday 15th	Vintage Nostalgia Reunion	Stockton Park - pre 1990 classic car - £5 book on-line
Sunday 16th	Simply Jaguar Day	Beaulieu Motor Museum (Club Stand - book on line)
Sunday 23rd	Classic & Supercars	Canford School (book on-line)
Sat. 29th	Wings & Wheels	Henstridge Airfield (Book on-line)
28th - 30th	CarFest	Silverstone Circuit (Book on-line)
Monday 31st	Rustic Fayre	Potterne Park, Verwood - pre-2000 cars only (book tickets on-line)

September

Tuesday 1st	Club Night	Hamworthy Club - 7.30 pm
Sunday 6th	Classics on Christchurch Quay	11.00 am - 5.00 pm Entry fee £2.00, bring a drip tray.
Sunday 6th	John Haynes Classics	Haynes Motor Museum (book on-line)
12th & 13th	Autumn Classics	Castle Combe (Book tickets on-line for JEC club stand)
18th - 20th	Goodwood Revival	Motor Racing Circuit
Sunday 20th	Classics on Christchurch Quay	11.00 am - 5.00 pm Entry fee £2.00, bring a drip tray.

October

Tuesday 6th	Club Night	Hamworthy Club - 7.30 pm
Sunday 25th	Autumn Road Run	Details later

November

Tuesday 3rd	Club Night	Hamworthy Club - 7.30 pm
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December

Tuesday 1st	Club Night - Mince Pies	Hamworthy Club - 7.30 pm
Sat. 12th	Christmas Lunch	Royal Motor Yatch Club - 12.00 noon




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