

# THE DORSET JAGUAR ENTHUSIAST

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**Lulworth Castle Car Show  
Trip to Exbury Gardens  
A Tribute to Mark Young  
Editors Ramblings  
Car For Sale**



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## Editor's Ramblings

I am sure that all our active members will know that, sadly Mark Young passed away recently and our thoughts are with Chris and family in this difficult time. Many of us have been in a similar situation, so we know what it is like to lose a loved one. It just leaves such a big hole in your life.

As I write my Ramblings it is currently 31 degrees outside and I think it is probably a blessing in disguise that we do not have any events to attend at the moment. Us Brits are always moaning about our weather, its either raining, too cold, gale force winds or it's too bleeding hot. I have plenty of jobs to do outside, but in this temperature, that's a bit of a no, no! Spare a thought for our pets, our dog Isla, has very fine, short hair, but even she is not happy in these sort of temperatures. We call it a 'Floppy dog day,' I certainly would not be happy wearing a fur coat during the last few days!

### Charity Cheque Presentation

A representative from the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance accepted a cheque for £1000 and then gave us an up-date on their latest Helicopters and their ever-increasing work load, attending local incidents. One of the biggest problems at the moment is the cost of fuel,



every time the helicopter takes off, it cost over £2000. It is incredible that the running costs are supported only by charity contributions and the main reason for that is they do not the government involved, as they just interfere. It is just my opinion, but I think they should receive some money from the NHS, after all it is an ambulance, it just happens to use the sky instead of the roads

**Events coming up in June**, you have a choice on the first Sunday in June, Middlewick House or Classics on Christchurch Quay. Or of course you could attend Nick Mason's house on the Saturday and Christchurch Quay on Sunday. Unless we have a lot of rain between now and the 7th June, it shouldn't be cancelled this time.

Quite a few of our members are visiting King Charles gaff at Highgrove, Dawn and I are down to go, but due the distance to travel home after the guided tour, we opted to stay overnight at the Royal Oak, Tetbury, which is only a

couple of miles from Highgrove.

**Corfe Mullen Carnival –Saturday 13th June.** Currently there is only one name on my list and that is mine. As a local I feel obliged to support this event, I attended last year, along with Glen Alcorn and it was quite a good event, the Dorset Car Club supported last year in good numbers, including 'James Bond.'. Glen and I were tagged onto the end of their stand and as per usual our E-Types attracted a little bit more attention.



We don't seem to have many names down for **Fete on the Field (Ferndown Car Show)**, so it may not be feasible to book a Club Stand, maybe better to meet up in the car park of Ferndown Leisure Centre at 9.45 am, we can then enter together, unless of course we have a few more names at Club night. This event is free to enter, but you still have to book on line.

**Summer Road Run to Forde Abbey, Sunday 28th June** We have 18 names for this event and I suggest we meet for coffee at the Hamworthy Club at 10.00 am and you will be able to pick up your route details. As mentioned in my Ramblings last month, it will be much easier to use the route to Crewkerne, rather than the more scenic route though Beaminster and Broadwindsor, because the roads are a bit too narrow. We will meet Dawn and Roger at the venue as they live just down the road from Forde Abbey. Hopefully the weather will have cooled down by then?

**Classics on Christchurch Quay - June 7th, 14th and 21st.** It will be interesting to see if we will be able to attend all three Sunday's for this event, it just depends how much rain we have? It is such a lovely, picturesque location by the River Stour. Don't forget your drip tray.



**Cover picture: Mark and Chris, in his lovely XK150, on a club run in 2009, descending Zig Zag Hill.**



## A Tribute and Profile to Mark Young

As many of you are aware, Mark Young passed away recently and our thoughts must go to his wife, Christine. Many of our newer members did not really know Mark, so I thought it would be a fitting tribute to him, just to share some of his journey with you all.



Mark was born in Southampton on the 19th June 1943, he lived and grew up in Bitterne, until the age of six when the family moved to Esher. He had a Grammar school education but would have loved to work in the farming community as he spent some time working on his uncle's farm in the school holidays. This is where he learnt to drive tractors and combined har-

vesters. His father didn't want him to work on a farm, so Mark thought he would like to work as a technical draughtsman at the BAC factory in Weybridge and did actually complete a one year's course at the local Technical College. However, his father had other ideas and advised him to enter the Civil Service and secured him a job in the local tax office. Mark, not wishing to go against his father, worked at this job for five years, although this was not a happy time for him as he hated the job. One day he went to London with his father to meet a director of a company called Atlas Air Express, a freight forwarding company operating out of Heathrow. Through this chance meeting



*A very young Mark cuddling one his sons.*

Mark managed to secure a job in administration. Mark left home at 18 and lived with a mate in his flat in Surbiton. Mark worked at Heathrow for a short time, before being offered another position in Coventry. His boss successfully won a contract shipping out cars and spares for Jaguar, Rolls-Royce and the Rootes Group. Mark has had many jobs mainly working in freight forwarding. He was obviously very good at his job, as he was head hunted many times. This also meant living in different parts of the country and many hours building up these companies. Mark met Chris who had two boys Mark and Stephen, they tied the knot in 1978. They had two further sons, Christopher and Matthew. Sadly they lost Stephen in 1992. Various opportunities arose and Mark and Chris set up their own business, which was very successful for 27 years, before selling out to secure a comfortable retirement. Mark had too many cars to list and unfortunately ge didn't take pictures of them all. Mark and Chris became involved with our Jaguar club from a chance meeting with a couple of members and they have been very active members of the club ever since.



*A 17 year old Mark sitting on his mate's car bonnet after just passing his driving test.*



*A very young Mark in his pushchair.*



*An Austin Ruby was Mark's very first car.*





## Lulworth Castle Car Show 2026

Looking at the weather forecast leading up to the event on Sunday the 17th May, it looked as though it was going to be a washout. On speaking to Bob during the week, he said “it maybe a XF Sportbrake day,” I thought the same thing, only there is no joy in wearing wet weather gear or wandering around under an umbrella looking at a few classics that braved the conditions. Also, classic car owners are not overly keen on taking their pride and joy out in inclement



*Dorset Region Club.*

weather. Anyway, the weather forecasters had got it wrong yet again, as it turned out it was ideal conditions for all who booked in brought their show cars along.

Again, Bob had managed to book our Club Stand in ‘Pole Position,’ and we had room for a double line up. I had brought my own coffee; despite having a free coffee voucher I also passed on the bacon butty as there was a very long queue. After meeting and greeting everyone, I went on my usual wander round the assembled cars on show and I have to ask myself, why would you bring a boring electric car to a show? I suppose if it was a Ferrari or Porsche electric supercar, it may be a vaguely interesting car? But not a Kia? There was also a van on show, that



*Robert, Keith and Steve in deep conversation.*

looked as though it hadn’t been finished and was still in grey primer, really?

One of the highlights of the show is the performance from the Rock Choir ladies and three or four men tucked away at the back. As most of you would know we have one of our members, Anne Walter who sings in the Rock Choir and I had a chat to her after the performance, about where that many members get together to rehearse? Anne told me that the choir singing at Lulworth was made up of three differ-



*An absolute mint American Pick up.*



*The Rock Choir in full swing.*

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ent groups, Weymouth, Dorchester and Bridport and it is agreed that they would all rehearse the same songs, so that when ever they all get together at a venue, they all basically, know the songs. These Rock Choirs are all over the country, I think I should have bought some shares in the



*A very early Bentley Roadster.*

company who makes all the tee-shirts?

As soon as the gates are officially open to visitors, it gets very busy and I think there were more people that last year, which is good for the staff, shaking the buckets and I hope they donated generously as they don't pay anything to enter the show.

Something that is fairly new at the show is, a panel of judges going round to assembled cars to award best in show and not because it is in 'mint,' condition, but they were looking for originally and they found it when they looked in to the history of Gerald's Mk2., which he has owned since 1966 and is in completely original condition. He was quite proudly awarded 'Best in Show.'

"They raised £42000 for Dorset Blind Association, had 300+ cars on show and 8.000 visitors"



*Gerald receiving his 'Best in Show' hamper for his very original Jaguar Mk.2.*

## A Brief History of Lulworth Castle



The foundations for Lulworth Castle were laid in 1588, and it was completed in 1609, supposedly designed by Inigo Jones. It was built as a hunting lodge by Thomas Howard, 3rd Viscount Howard of Bindon, a grandson of the 3rd Duke of Norfolk. In 1607 Viscount Bindon wrote to Robert Cecil, 1st Earl of Salisbury, crediting him with the origins of the design

According to the NHLE listing, the building was subsequently remodelled 1609-11 for Thomas, Lord Suffolk; remodelled again in 1641 for Humphrey Weld; in the early 18th century by the Bastard brothers of Blandford Forum for the then owner, Edward Weld; In 1641, Humphrey Weld, a grandson of Sir Humphrey Weld (died 1610), purchased it from Howard's heir, Lord Howard de Walden. The castle was seized by the Roundheads during the English Civil War, who used it as a garrison. Weld regained the property after the war finished and held on to it despite growing debts. Having married off his only daughter to an earl, Humphrey chose his catholic nephew, William Weld as his successor. William struggled with near insolvency, but partially rescued the estate finances by ensuring his son, Humphrey III (died 1722), married well into the Simeons family. Margaret Simeons and her parents helped out with a dowry and managed the estate after she was widowed. Humphrey was succeeded by their son, Edward Weld (Senior) who had the means to decorate the interiors of the castle, build extensions and lay out the grounds, despite personal legal difficulties he managed to overcome.

Thomas Weld, Edward's youngest son, eventually inherited the property after his eldest brother, also Edward, died as a result of a riding accident in 1775. Twenty-five-year-old Thomas set about refurbishing the interiors in Adam style. He enriched the collection of books in the magnificent library, a few of which are extant.[8] He also entertained George III at Lulworth. Thomas and his wife Mary produced fifteen children, most of whom survived, and together with their descendants were able to retain Lulworth as the family seat into the 21st century.



# Visit to Exbury Gardens

I put Dawn and my names down for this year's visit to Exbury Gardens and this time we actually made it. Unlike last year, when my E-Type developed a loud knocking noise as we were approaching Canford Bottom roundabout. I turned off left at the roundabout to investigate, but could find anything initially wrong, but we decided to drive the car back home.

However, no problem this year, as it was quite a nice day, decided to take XJS with the top down. We had a lovely drive through the New Forest, listening to all the birds singing.



The first priority was a coffee and a snack to put us on until lunch and sat on a table with a couple of ladies of



On arrival, a few of our members had already arrived and it was nice to have preferential parking within the group, as we all would make sure there would not be any door dings.





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*just a glimpse of the Beaulieu River.*

a certain age, who lived in Poole and came on a coach tour.

Bob had been in touch with the staff at Exbury to make sure that the rhododendrons and azaleas would be in full flower this time. As some of you know we have about 3½ acres of woodlands, with similar plants and some of them had already gone over a week before we were booked to go to Exbury. However, I needn't have worried, as everything was so beautiful, with such a variety of colours. On our way wandering round we met up with a few of our members, we had booked a ride on the steam train so we decided to make our way back to the station to catch the train.



Brings back memories, smelling the smoke, although back in the day, we actually moaned about these old fashioned, smelly steam trains, with the dirty seats in the carriages, with trains that never run on time. After the train ride, it was cup of tea time and of course a

piece of cake. We had a quick look at the plants for sale, but couldn't really decide on anything as we were approaching rush hour, so we thought we had better make haste.

We recently had a pergola taken down in our garden, before it fell down and this had left an empty space. We decided that it would be nice to put in three rhodo-



*Here are the three plants that we recently bought, they do look a bit lost, but will eventually grow to a height of 130 cm, and obviously fill out. But, this will take about 10 years,, It would be nice to see, should we live that long?*

dendrons. We went on-line and found a place out at Woodlands, called Koirin Azalea Centre, they also sell Rhododendrons. The owner was very knowledgeable about all the plants he was selling and helped us to make our choices. We mentioned that we had recently been to Exbury and he told us that he actually grows plants for these gardens. The other fact he mentioned was that the Rhododendrons originally came from Turkey.



## S-Type 'R' FOR SALE

Sadly, our member Charles Smith passed away at the end of last year, and his family are now parting with his much-loved S-Type R. It is being offered to Dorset members first, before being advertised more widely in the main magazine, with the hope it can remain within the club among those who knew both Charlie and his car.



Jaguar produced relatively few S-Types, and even fewer of the 'R' models (400bhp supercharged),



reflected this is the included private registration J400 STR.

This is a 2003 car, purchased by Charles in 2005 from Westover Jaguar. It has had just two former keepers and currently shows 41,498 miles, supported by a full MOT history confirming the mileage.

The car was maintained by Gables Garage, with the last service around five years ago. Due to Covid and declining health, it has remained stored under cover in his garage.

Condition is excellent overall. The bodywork presents very well, with only light marks and minor paint swirl to address. Two wheels would benefit from light refurbishment. The cream leather interior is virtually unmarked.

The car was featured on the covers of Dorset Jaguar Magazine in 2006 and 2013.

Located in Corfe Mullen and available for viewing. For more photos and videos showing its outstanding condition, please contact his son, Frazer, on 07973 199280. Asking price £12K ono.

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2026

### JUNE

Tuesday 2nd	Club Night	Hamworthy Club - 7.30 pm (Police dog demo)
Sunday 7th	Classics on Christchurch Quay	11.00 am - 5.00 pm Entry fee £2.00, bring a drip tray.
Sat 6th - Sun. 7th	Middlewick House	Book tickets on line
Thursday 11th	Visit to Highgrove	There are 6 places still available, contact Bob.
Saturday 13th	Corfe Mullen Carnival	Corfe Mullen Rec. 9.30 am (book with Barry).
Sunday 14th	Classics on Christchurch Quay	11.00 am - 5.00 pm Entry fee £2.00, bring a drip tray.
Sat. 20th	Fete on the Field - Ferndown	King George Playing Field - 10.00 - 6.00 - free entry
Sunday 21st	Classics on Christchurch Quay	11.00 am - 5.00 pm Entry fee £2.00, bring a drip tray.
Sunday 28th	Summer Road Run & Picnic	Forde Abbey, Chard, Somerset, meet at HamworthyClub for coffee at 10.00 for 10.30 off

### 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 & Barbicue	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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**Tuesday 22nd September - 17th November**

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