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# **Editor's Ramblings**

Well, it would appear that Murphy's Law has been tamed at last, but the bad news is, it is probably just for one year. Unfortunately, on a few occasions it has been too flipping hot, well certainly for me anyway. September usually marks the end of the show season and the weather is now looking changeable and we definitely need some rain, but I am afraid it is a bit too late for some of our trees and shrubs. We had a similar situation back in 1976 with a prolonged period of dry weather, but as soon as we hit September the heavens opened with copious amounts of rain for three months. Its nature's way of balancing things up, but at the moment that looks unlikely to happen, but you never know! I am currently dealing with the 'false Autumn' thought to be a stress response from nature due to the unusually hot spring and summer we've had this year, so I am having to blow the leaves off my drive nearly every day.

I know some of our members are going to the **Steam** & Classic Show at Norden although I have just looked at the web site and it says they are fully booked for classic cars now.

Personally, I have booked to go to John Haynes Classics at Sparkford on the Sunday to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the opening the Motor Museum and looking at the website, it looks pretty good, with lots going on. I know John Meaden has been approached to display his flat-floor E-Type at this event. If anybody else is going and wishes to meet up and go together, please let me know, I hope to arrive about 10.00 am, not sure which car I will be taking, it depends on the weather. barry@baz234.co.uk

### Saying Goodbye to Dick Jolly

Dick certainly had a very good send off with full capacity at the Woodlands Crematorium, it was full with friends, relative's, work colleagues and car club acquaintances. It was an excellent service, not too religious from my point of view, excellent music and just about long enough for most people.R.I.P Richard.

#### **Goodwood Revival and Autumn Classics**

I have booked two days for Revival and taking my

younger grandson, Liam who is not a particularly a petrol head like his brother Aaron. However, Aaron is accompanying me on the following weekend to Autumn Classics on the Saturday.



# Autumn Road Run to the Acorn Inn, Evershot

Provisionally, I am proposing to book for Sunday lunch at the Acorn Inn, Evershot, and afterwards a visit to Mapperton Gardens for our Autumn Road Run. We have visited this pub in the past, but it is a long time ago, so I will have to check it out. Obviously, it will depend on the weather for the visit to Mapperton Gardens. I will have a clipboard at our September Club night.

### West Dorset Club Night - Thursday 16th October.

A speaker has been booked for the West Dorset Club Night at the Gamekeeper Inn, Charminster. His name is John Smith and he will be talking about the Battle of Britain over Dorset during the Second World War. I will prepare a clipboard for September club night.

# More Car Related Snippets Car Manufacturing:

Despite a decline, the UK still manufactures a significant number of cars and vans. In 2023, more than 905,000 cars and 120,000 commercial vehicles were built in the UK.

### **Exports:**

A large portion of the cars manufactured in the UK are exported to over 140 markets worldwide.

### **Electric Vehicles:**

Sales of electric vehicles are increasing, with projections indicating they will surpass sales of internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles by 2028. *Editor: Not sure about this fact?* 

### **Charging Infrastructure:**

There are numerous public charging points for electric vehicles across the UK, with thousands more being added each year.

### **Cost of Car Ownership:**

The average person spends over £206,000 on cars in their lifetime, covering costs like insurance, tax,

Cover picture: This very nice Opulescent Golden Sand Mk2, taken at the Rustic Fayre would make a good stable mate for my E-Type, but the owner is not too keen on selling yet!



# Treasure Hunt & Picnic

Since Linda and Mark took over organising the Treasure Hunt and Picnic in 2024, they have brought in not only different clues, different routes and alternative technology. Last year, I had already booked the start destination at Alec's Field in Hazelbury Bryan for 2024, but they planned the route and clues, using Goggle maps. This was completely different to what I and anybody I could rope in to help me did, I kind of planned the route as we drove, whilst also looking for clues at the same time. Later, followed by another recci to may sure we had the route correct and more importantly that clues made sense. All very time consuming, so when I heard that Linda had done the route and clues, whilst sitting at her computer, I was completely gobsmacked. Not

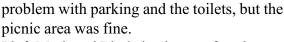
A circle is a nice way to have a picnic, so every one can see each other and there was a bench and table for me as I came ill prepared

only that she also took a picture on her laptop of each clue to avoid any arguments with the contestants. However, they did actually make a physical check by driving round the whole route and on occasions had to take a pair of clippers to trim some plant growth that may have obstructed a clue.



However, by using the same start point every year, you gradually run out of routes and clues, so a new venue for the start point was needed. After a frustrating search for a new venue, they came up with Cheselbourne village hall, who were amenable and the cost hire was much the same as previous years. However, there





I left Mark and Linda in charge of setting everyone off with 2 minutes interval and I made my way to find a vantage point to take pictures on-route. However, the first car that came into view and I knew Peter and Margaret York were nowhere near the first car setting off. They had of course gone wrong and missed a sizable chunk of the route and it seemed ages before anyone else appeared. However, Peter and Margaret then came back the other way trying to find where they had gone wrong.

Gradually, more cars appeared and I had ticked most of them off my list and quite a few said they were trying to find a bicycle.

I then made my way to the finishing point at Bulbury Woods Golf Club for our cream tea and to catch up with everyone. As it was a very hot day, a nice cool pint of shandy on the patio when down very well. We were then beckoned inside for our cream tea, which was excellent and you just know when you taste a home baked scone, so well-done chef and thank you. After everyone swopped their clue sheets, Linda went through all the answers, with a few queries from competitors, that Linda then showed the evidence from her laptop. This years winners were Elaine and Chris Vaughan-Jouncey, so well done to them both, I have also heard on the grape-vine that Catherine and Chris are still talking to each other!





# Picnic in the Park

Last year's Lymington Classic Car Show didn't happen due to the elderly membership of the local Rotary Club, who, like many organisations are finding it difficult to recruit younger people willing to take on the organisation of a charity event like this. However, Ashley Miller, who organises Classics on Christchurch Quay decided to take it



A 1953 Ford Prefect I sold an MG Midget and bought one like this to save up for a deposit for a mortgage for our first house.

on this year and I have to say it was pretty good. A different part of the park was used for displaying the cars, so there was plenty of space for the future, if he decided to organise a show in 2026. The one thing that was missing from this year's event was the car boot sale, which would attract more visitors, but they can be a bit of a pain to manage, having done a few with our Wessex shows. They had plenty of marshals, so late arrivals were guided to a space and anybody wishing to leave early were chaperoned safely out.

With 'Murphy' missing at the moment and with the current weather we are experiencing, finding shade is



essential, so I brought a gazebo that the late Rob Taylor made out of a damaged walk out version. The advantage being it all fits into a normal size car boot, but you need a few hands to erect it. Anyway, it was a god send. As you can see from my pictures, there was a large area left clear for families to have their picnics and of course it was free of charge for us, which is very unusual these days.







# Canford Supercars & Classic Car Sunday

I have been aware of this event that was previously held at Claysmore School, but as usual with multiple events clashing, I never made it to Claysmore, but I have heard that Aperta who are the the organisers do look after the exhibitors. I see that the Porsche Owners Club, Maclaren and a few other actually had club stands, however, unless I run a clipboard for names, I had no idea who was actually booked in for this event. I think if we have enough Jaguars we could possibly organise a club stand for next year, I will make some enquires. I mentioned in my August Ramblings, if anybody that was attending the event and was interested in parking up together to meet at the Hamworthy Club. There should have been four





cars that had arranged to meet, but John Meadens alternator packed up and Bob was delayed, so just two E-Types left and popped down the road to enter the show.

The first little issue on entering Canford School grounds was travelling down a very dusty track and then having to wait at a three-way junction whilst they were turning supercars round that were coming in from a different entrance. Eventually, we were beckoned ahead by a marshal and there were plenty of them, but unfortunately, despite displaying a hanger with a big letter 'B' I got sent to a completely different area. Meanwhile Glen, who got separated from us and was actually sent to the correct 'B' parking area. Eventually, after a few conversations over the intercoms, we were then sent off to arrive at our correct parking area. Bob and Gill who arrived







later and were parked two rows away from us, but with a little bit of shuffling, we were nearer together. As part of the package, we were issued with two vouchers for a bacon roll and a coffee in the



Exhibiters Hall, but when we went to take this offer, there was a massive queue, so we decided to give that a miss for a while. However, we did go back at 11.00,



and then just walked straight in with not problems. It is the first time I have seen inside the house and I have to say it is very impressive, with beautiful ornate carvings and a fantastic wooden ceilings beams, plus the massive stained-glass window. The grand carved wooden staircase is just something else. So, you ladies that are not that interested in classic cars, it may be worth just coming along to have a look at Lord Wimbornes' lovely manor house and see how



the other half lived.

I have to confess, I'm not that interested in Supercars, there are very impractical, very uncomfortable to drive and just a rich man's toy, so I didn't visit that particular area. It would seem that you could bring your modern Jaguar along, as there were cars of the early 2000's on display other areas.

When, it was leaving time, there was the usual stampede to leave, which came with a long queue, so it was much better to have another cup of tea and drive straight out and just a ten minute drive home.



# Simply Jaguars at Beaulieu

I arrived at Beaulieu about 8.30 am but they instigated the stacking system again, but it seemed to move reasonably quick, unlike last year, which was a nightmare, with classics boiling over etc. For the third year in a row, we had a



Chitti bang bang doing the rounds.

different area for our club stand. However, I had prebooked 25 spaces, even though initially I didn't have that number on my list, but I knew from past experience there are always going to be late joiners. Anyway, I needed have worried, as this year we had enough space for 40+ cars and lots of shade under the trees, an ideal spot. Initially, I had a problem putting up our feather flags, with the ground being very dry and rock hard, but Bob had a solution and appeared with a large cold chisel and a lump hammer.

With the meet and greet over with, it was time to find a food stall that were serving bacon rolls, and this came in the guise of two beautifully, polished aluminium Aero caravans. One selling doughnuts and the other bacon rolls. they were very nice and didn't skimp on the bacon. Whoever the owner was, they have made a serious investment, because these caravans don't come cheap.



Bob discussing the finer points of restoring an E-Type with journalist Paul Skilleter.



Tim Lanes SS100 sheltering under the trees.



An XJS with gull wings doors - some serious engereering went into this modification. It could be very useful for exiting the car in later years?

It was then time to have a wander round all the cars on display on the tarmac area, also to say hello to our JEC General manager James and his assistant Jake who were on duty and for the first time I met James's lovely, long suffering wife.







If I bought this lovely old MK.V, I'm not sure about taking on the number plate.



Part of the 50th Anniversary display of the XJS.

there was one parked opposite on the Wilshire Region Stand. I seem to remember meeting the owner on a previous occasion, but on talking to him this time he revealed

> that the car was originally white, unlike my car, that left the factory in the Golden Sand. I have to say though, I was not keen on the red interior, much prefer my biscuit colour, but each to his own.

> I met some lovely Jaguar people including Sue and Andy Hedley from the Bucks region and a lovely couple who had got into owning an E-Type when their

children were very young. Consequently, they had to buy a 2+2, but now their children had grown into teenagers, they were on the hunt for a series 1 fixed head.

I left about 4.00 pm and drove straight out and had a really good drive home via Bournemouth Airport and just as I was approaching alongside the runway, the Red Arrows took off in formation, what a sight!



Jaguars as far as the eyes can see.

After going back to our stand, I wandered off to see if I could find some unusual Jaguar models that stood out from the crowd, after which it was then time to head back to base for lunch.

I always make an effort to see how many Golden Sand coloured E-Types that were present and strangely enough





# Invitation to the MG Garden Party

The Garden Party at Athelhampton House is the local 1020 MG Club Flagship Event every year and is primarily held to raise funds for local charities. For a number of years Chris Adamson who is the Area Secretary and Newsletter Editor of the MG Club has invited us to join them, but



unfortunately it usually clashed with our Treasure Hunt and Picnic. So, in January I contacted Chris to ascertain the date for 2025 and would he be happy for the Dorset Region of the Jaguar Enthusiasts Club to join them this year? Obviously, he agreed and I moved events around to avoid that date in August.

I asked her indoors if she would like to go to this event and she said yes, as we had never visited Athelhampton House previously. The only problem we had, was making arrangements for our dog Isla and I had to deliver her to my daughter's house in our Clio and come back to pick my XJS up before we could get on our way and of course we were running a little late. By the time we arrived, everyone was getting worried because we weren't there, plus there wasn't enough space for all our big Jaguars, so I had to park in with the MG's, but that wasn't a problem. Of course, it was another really hot day and all the tree shade



Gina and a friend manning the cake stall.



areas were taken up, but fortunately I had brought a sun parasol, which was quickly erected up. We had a quick cup of coffee and then went off to explore the extensive gardens, so by the time we arrived back to the seating area, it was lunchtime.

Dawn had done something very strange on the day previously, she had baked a clementine almond cake and



Terry and Natalie-anne exploring the extensive gardens.

we had brought a few extra portions for our friends to try. I think it went down well as many members asked to send them the recipe.

It was lovely day and a chance for Dawn to catch up with friends, as she doesn't usually go to cars in a field events.







# Alpacas & Classics Picnic

Bob was contacted about a visit to Paul Abadjian's home in Frampton for a Picnic, to see his Classic car collection and walk the Alpacas. Fifteen cars turned up to support this event and all parked in a large field and then we were asked to meet in a large barn, where Paul welcomed us to view his car collection. Apparently, he contacted the Jaguar virus from his father, all but one of the cars on show were Jaguars. Paul gradually went through the history of his car collection, which was quite interesting, also injected some humour into the stories.

Paul's wife was in charge of the alpacas and invited anybody that was interested to get up close with these fascinating creatures and take them for a short walk around the field area.

It was then time for our picnic, Paul's wife had been very busy arranging lots of round tables and sun parasols, plus there was natural shade next to the barn area, so everyone was catered for.

It was a very pleasant way to spend a day in lovely surroundings and we thanked him and his family for his hospitality.





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**SEPTEMBER** 

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5th - 7th Classic & Steam Vehicle Show Norden, Nr. Corfe Castle - 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
Sunday 7th John Haynes Classics Haynes Motor Museum (more info on our web site )

12th - 14thGoodwood RevivalMotor Racing Circuit20th & 21stAutumn ClassicsCastle Combe CircuitSunday 21stConcorde Classic Car ShowEastleigh - book on-line.

Sunday 28th Classics on the Quay Christchurch - 10.00 am to 5 pm, Entry £2.00,

bring a drip tray, this is the last gethering for 2025.

**OCTOBER** 

Tuesday 7th Club Night Hamworthy Club - 7.30 pm

Thurs. 16th West Dorset Club Night Gamekeeper - speaker booked - 7.30 pm

Sunday 26th Autumn Road Run Acorn Inn, Evershot

**NOVEMBER** 

Tuesday 4th Club Night Hamworthy Club - 7.30 pm

8th - 10th Classic Car Show NIC Birmingham

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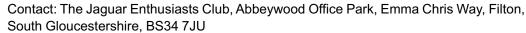
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