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### Front & back cover images;

Scenes from Jags in the Park, held at Broadgreen, Stoke on Sunday 7th January 2024

### **President's Page**

A quick rundown of past events.

2023 finished with a very nice Christmas Dinner evening at the Harvest Restaurant, but with fewer members attending than I had planned for with them. However, we had a superb evening meal with a lot of general talking amongst the members who attended. We, as a Committee will be looking very closely at our events calendar for the rest of 2024 to see where we can get more of our members to participate in the events that are organised.

The Christmas Picnic at the Spring Grove Drill Hall was attended by only Alan Brown, Max Gray, Ian Brassfield, Diane and Graeme Blackburn and me, as the wet weather in other parts of Nelson put Members off, but we still had a fine day. As Alan put it; "it was the first time that we were able to talk to each other without moving around". This did remind me of the early times in the club when we only had a few members.

The New Year lead on to our Club display at Broadgreen Park, this was well attended by the members who had let Dave know that they would be bringing their cars along. Our display attracted a lot of public, who really liked the effort that members had put in to preparing their cars. We had saloon cars ranging from Ian Bingham's 1947 Mk 4, which was the first club outing for this car after an extended rebuild, through the various models to the latest XJ. It was great to have series 1,2, and 3 cars lined up together, with only a few models of this discontinued line missing. With the Sports cars we were able to start with the XK120 of Jason Trotter's, E Types, XJS, and a huge line up of XKs, and finishing with the F Types. This was one of our best displays that we have been able to put together, and I would like to thank our members once again.

The Top of the South Motor Show organised by the Rotary Clubs, was another chance for our Club to be seen, we had a variety of models on show, unfortunately the space we had been allocated did not allow for us to really present them in the best way, even though we were able to encroach on the Nelson Classic Cars and the VCC spaces as both clubs had small displays. We were beaten for the club display trophy by the Mustang Club. More space and more of our members attending would have given us a better chance, to present or club.

The Rabbit Island picnic was the last event that we have held. Claire and I went out to the Island early to secure a good site taking both cars to make sure we had the space for all. Once again, a smaller than normal

turn out of members came along, but we all enjoyed each other's company on a beautiful Nelson Day.

Our next event will be the Blenheim Hospice Car Show on the 17th March, we were planning on a picnic run to Onamalutu, but we have decided to attend and support the Hospice event, hoping that we get good support from our members! This will be a shakedown run for those attending National Rally at the end of March.

I have been busy promoting our Club over this month, firstly at the Classic Car Museum, as they had tour groups in from the Viking Cruise ship that recently visited Nelson, these were mostly American, who thought that the cat cage full of "Jagwah's" were great, with many of them having owned one at some stage. I felt very privileged to have been asked to help and and donate my time. I had one old man come up to me and say that he used to own a Mk9 but only saw the Mk7, so I took him to the Mk9, opened the door and suggested he sat in the driver's seat. He did so, held on to the steering wheel and shut his eyes as old memories came flooding back to him, he was overjoyed, and couldn't thank me enough.

Claire and I hosted a member of the JDC in England who was out here touring our great country, and as part of this I took Steve to the NCC Museum. He had a wonderful time in there seeing the beautifully presented cars. Seeing English models that are rarely seen in the UK, he told me that it is one of the best collection's that he has visited. This is on our doorstep, and worth promoting. We had a good time with Steve, and he told me of the issues in the UK with attendance at JDC Events. The exception to all these is the Jaguar Breakfast Club's monthly meetings where they can get up to 800 cars. Truly mind blowing to see that many Jaguars in one spot.

On Claire and my recent trip to Gentle Annie, camping, we had dinner

with Dave & Jackie our Westport members at the Seddonville Hotel. I saw this photo that we gave to the Hotel 14 years ago while on a trip to Karamea. The owner suggested a return trip, and we may have to investigate this.

Hopefully we will see you all soon on one of our outings.



**John Eales** 

### **Upcoming Club Events 2024**

17th March 2024 Marlborough Hospice Charity Car Display

Contact; Ken Allcott 0272995505

28th—31st March 2024 15th National Rally @ Christchurch

Contact; John Eales 021450591

21st April 2024 Croquet @ Riwaka

Contact; John Eales 021450591

26th May 2024 AGM & Lunch @ Alpine Lodge , Rotoiti

Contacts; Bob Jamieson 021341229, John Eales, 021450591

23rd June 2024 Club Run, To be advised

21st July 2024 Club Run TBA

18th August 2024 Club Run TBA

1st September 2024 Father's Day @ River Haven

15th September 2024 Lake Run & BBQ

20th October 2024 Club Run TBA 17th November 2024 Club Run TBA

7th December 2024 Christmas Dinner @ Harvest

8th December 2024 Christmas Picnic @ Spring Grove

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Please note that this list is only a general overview, especially in these rapidly changing times, so please keep an eye on your emails as more detailed information will be sent out closer to each event. Members participate in events at their own risk.

### **New Members**

A very warm welcome to the following new members

Jason Rako & Myo Thein 2008 Jaguar XF 4.2

#### Farewell to a much loved member of our Club.



The Nelson Jaguar Drivers Club offers its sincere condolences to Gordon Morris following the passing of his wife Penny on 6th February 2024 after a battle with failing health. Always smiling and full of fun, Penny will be greatly missed from our outings.

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### **Editor's Page**

Finding suitable content for this issue has been a greater challenge than previously and you might notice that the From The World of Jaguar section is missing. The flow of new information from JLR in the UK has almost dried up. I have for years relied on their Official Press Site, and whilst it has been confirmed that they are moving to a fully electric range there are only speculative images and details of new designs in other motoring publications, and, so far no solid and verifiable information to share. Anyway, those of you who have become familiar with using the internet to search for items of interest can now find things out very easily without me copying and pasting it into the magazine! As some other's do!

#### I feel that it is time for change.

After nine years of effort to keep presenting something interesting I wonder if the time has arrived for new ideas and energy to either take this magazine over or make major changes to how this club keeps its member's informed and records its regular activities? It seems to be a feature of our far too busy modern world that emails to members are often not responded to, and my recent enlargement and rework of the *Upcoming Events* page, to add more information to help members see what is coming up, and thereby improve attendance, still seems to be regularly missed. So the question becomes;

Does anyone read the magazine??

The AGM is coming up on the 26th May and this is a chance for you all to have your say, or even seek nomination!

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#### Car For Sale

### 1978 Jaguar for sale

### Owing to sickness our Jag which we have owned for 36 years is for sale,



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Helen Brewster
2 Mulberry Grove
Morrinsville
0274949753

### For Sale ... Jaguar Mk V... Projects!

Club member Julian Fowler has sent us this message and a range of photographs.

"I've decided to try and sell my two MKV Jags (stored in 20ft containers on Brett Steven's property in Tasman and also my XJ6 Daimler. The storage costs are mounting year after year and lack of use of the Daimler is simply crazy. (please see advertisement on page 14). I will keep just the one car, the 1965 Jag 3.8S MOD for now. The pictures are of the MKV's before they went into the containers. I checked inside the containers one year ago, and found that there was good airflow through breather vents, with no condensation at all.

I paid \$15k for the white one and \$7.5k for the one in primer both about 20 years ago. And am happy to take a loss, maybe \$15k for the two.. but maybe even as low as \$12k. I would prefer to sell them together, but can obviously split as they are both stored in separate 20ft containers.".

I am in NZ until 25th March.

Please contact me at; julian.p.fowler@gmail.com











#### For Sale...1972 Daimler XJ 4.2 NZ New

This is another of Julian Fowler's cars which is now surplus to his requirements. He has provided the following information.

"I have owned this the Daimler owned in excess of 20 years. About five years ago Cliff Bond did a recon (original block) John Smalley did some assembly, and did the rest and install. Everything done. I don't think it's done even 3000 miles since the econ. Last year I had the front disc's sent to Safe-R-Brakes for recon for WOF plus new pads. Sadly the car needs some regular use, which I can't give.

I would like to get \$15k, but again open to reasonable offer.

While I'm in Nelson I want to try and sell."

I will be back in NZ from 16th Feb thru to 25th March, and can be contacted at; julian.p.fowler@gmail.com













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### **Events Round-up**

#### **Christmas Dinner Saturday 2nd December 2023**

The end of each year seems to take less and less time to come around, and once again, we were very well looked after by the team at Harvest. It is a wonderful venue and those who attended had a very sociable evening.



#### **Christmas Picnic Sunday 3rd December 2023**

It was a very threatening and intermittently rainy day but this hardy crew braved the conditions. They tried to convince the rest of us later that; "It was fine out at Spring Grove".

My thanks to John Eales for supplying the photos.

JM





#### Jags in the Park Sunday 7th January 2024

Broadgreen Historic House on Nayland Road in Stoke gives us a look back in time to the region's early days. Adjacent to the house the magnificent Rose Garden and grounds with their fully grown trees make



a perfect backdrop to display our cars. For many years now this has been a showpiece event for our club. In recent years both Covid and the weather have interrupted the biennial flow but it was a pleasant surprise to have only light showers in the days before, and to be able to hold this with a good spread of cars through the years. The Bingham's Mk4 was in pride of place having recently returned to the road after an extensive restoration. It looked magnificent and congratulations to Ian. Displaying the cars in sections throughout the park and utilising the shade provided by the trees made for a successful day. There were 38 cars on show and many members of the public passed through. This time we even got some publicity in the local newspaper and the community papers...great to be noticed. Our thanks to the Nelson City Council Parks and Reserves staff for allowing us to use Broadgreen and thanks also to our members who prepared their cars so well and made them available.



1947 Jaguar Mk IV 1960 Jaguar Mk2 3.8





1976 Jaguar XJ6 4.2 (Nelson assembled) 2012 Jaguar XKR Convertible













### Top of the South Motor Show Richmond Showgrounds Saturday 10th February 2024

Organised by the Richmond and Nelson West Rotary Clubs his was not a dedicated NJDC event and with it following so closely after our Jags in the Park display probably explains the reduced number of Jaguars put on show. We had 18 club cars!

Our display attracted a lot of interest but, it seems to me, the general public are attracted more to the muscle car and super modified custom car scene.

A Fire & Emergency training exercise showed how vehicles can be forcibly dismantled to free occupants...in this case the unfortunate car was a 1997 Rover and afterwards, without its roof or doors, did not look quite the same. This same car had been part of a guessing competition to see how long it would last with the engine set at full revs with no oil or coolant. The closest guess to the time won a prize...it took only 17 seconds before failure...but was it a true failure?,... these engines have a temperature controlled protection system which shuts things down. To be fair, it was a car well past its best with an existing mechanical problem.

Our display cards were noticed and read by many visitors and gave the display a finished appearance.

The organisers intend this to be an annual event and we hope they will continue to receive good support from car clubs, general enthusiasts, and the motor trade related businesses.

JM





### TOP OF THE SOUTH

# MOTOR SHOW

















There were 435 cars on display and it has been reported that 3,300 people visited with plenty of money raised raised for local community projects.

#### Rabbit Island Picnic Sunday 18th February 2024

A smaller group than this event usually attracts took the day off and picniced in the peaceful "Old Domain" part of the Rabbit Island Reserve. Thirteen Jaguars and five "others" still made a good line-up which was noticed by people passing by...every bit of publicity helps the club to prosper. We might have had fifteen Jags but one managed to "expire' its battery, and the other was in hospital sorting out mechanical issues prior to the National Rally trip. We had to move around a bit to keep in the shade but it was another very enjoyable outing, even with the very inquisitive Weka keeping us always watching our belongings.







The latest news and images from over the water. A very active and well patronized group of enthusiasts

The boys in blue were out in force for the February Breakfast Club! Thankfully no one was arrested, except by the vision of one hundred blue Jaguars responding to our call for a dedicated line of blue cars at the meeting. Add to that another one hundred and fifty Jaguars of assorted colours and this was a record attendance at the British Motor Museum for so early in the year.





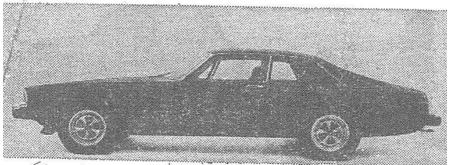




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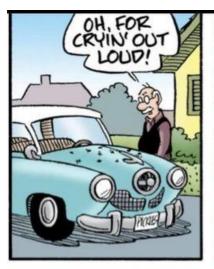
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THE SUNDAY TIMES, OCT 2 1977

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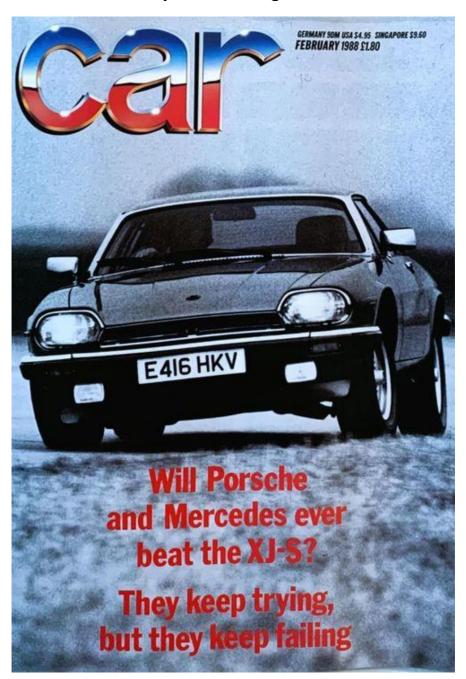


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