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Cover images; River Haven Day Out 30th November 2024

President's Page

The big event we had at River Haven was one of the most successful that we have had for some time. I had put a lot of time and effort into to this show, to mark the 75th anniversary of the XK engine. This day also marked our very generous host's 75th year. The whole day was filmed by ITV who were documenting a feature on Noel Edmonds. Noel had approached me earlier in November with a proposal to celebrate the Jaguar milestone. I readily agreed and he set up a day to interview me at home. This was a first for me to be televised, the film crew were fantastic as was Noel and his media manager Angela. I spent a lot of time chasing up early XK cars, pulling favours from various acquaintances. The work paid off with Noels idea of a mini-Goodwood, went down a treat. Great food, entertainment, and a wonderful selection of cars. A bottle of special Pinot Gris wine was given to all who displayed their cars. A similar event to mark the 50th anniversary of the XJ-S will be held later this year. A huge thanks to all who attended, and to Noel, Liz, Angela, Amy, Bert, and staff from River Haven... just awesome.

2025 has arrived with nice hot weather, although our last event in 2024 had, like the Christmas picnic in 2023, a touch of rain. A small group gathered at Faulkner's Bush reserve and set up before some light showers dampened the day, but not before we enjoyed some very tasty fresh strawberries, supplied by Geoff and Val Gaul. I suppose that the rain on our parade was a fitting end to a weather disrupted year.

As I said in my last President's Report, a lot of work had gone into the Constitution, and I am very happy to announce that it has been accepted by MBIE so our club is now an incorporated society. The INC will be added to future logo's etc as we run down our stocks.

Also, David Burr and I are looking at a bank change, as our current bank, the SBS, are no longer supporting Club accounts. This will be notified to you all as soon as possible.

We had a small group enjoy the picnic lunch at the Twin Bridges Reserve up the Aniseed Valley in January which was a nice way to start the year, and our weekend away in Kaikoura and Hanmer was also very enjoyable. The way members embraced each other was nothing short of fantastic.

Like-wise our Rabbit Island Picnic went down a treat with our new members fitting in well with us seasoned campaigners. Great weather and a happy attitude by all are a success in today's fanatical world.

The Great Nelson Motor Show was, I think, an outstanding success. I had asked for a bigger plot this year as we had a good number of cars to display. Unfortunately, we ended up with a cramped display, and despite the wind it turned out ok. A lot of other clubs did not follow the protocol of informing the organisers of the numbers attending, which added to the problem of site size. Never mind, we were commended on our display, so thanks again to all who helped make it happen.

We have a few different events coming up, so please watch for emails on these as well as date changes.

I would now like to take the time to officially thank John Miller for his time and huge effort he has put into producing our Club Magazines over the past 10 years. It is not only the work he has done on the magazine, but the other tasks John has done have been invaluable to the Club. John has decided to step down from his roles and will not be seeking re-election at this year's AGM. This will allow him to concentrate on other things. Once again Thanks John.

Wendy Joyes has stepped up to take some of John's tasks over so thank you Wendy. As you may be aware we have purchased a new laptop computer for the Secretary to use for club administration. It was decided that the club's information and history stored on individual's own computers was at risk. If any thing had happened to the various people, all this would have been compromised as passwords etc were not known.

Let's all get behind the Club and enjoy what we have. Our club subscriptions are coming up for renewal at the end of March.

John Eales

Special Notice

**For all communications with the Nelson Jaguar Drivers
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**To contact the President directly please use;
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Upcoming Club Events 2024/2025

16th March

Club Run

Details to follow

27th April

Club Run

Details to follow

11th May

AGM

Please note this is a change of date from previous advice

15th June

Club Run

Details to follow

20th July

Club Run

Details to follow

17th August

Club Run

Details to follow

7th September

Fathers Day event

Details to follow

21st September

Annual Lake Run & BBQ

Details to follow

19th October

Club Run

Details to follow

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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.

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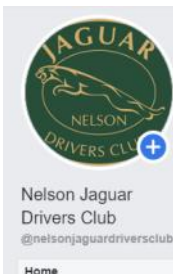
A very warm welcome to the following new members

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Sharon Corbett

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Jim & Helen Ford
Mark & Brenda Shephard

2007 Jaguar XK Convertible
1964 Jaguar E-Type
1997 Jaguar XK8
2009 Jaguar XKR
2006 Jaguar XJ6
2015 Jaguar F-Type

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The Editorial Jaguars 1981 –2025



Editor's Page

It is time for a change

I have now been your editor for 10 years and the motivation to continue with the attendant responsibilities has faded. Accordingly, from 11th May, which is the new date for our Annual General Meeting, I will be retiring from the position of Editor for the Nelson Jaguar Drivers Club. I will also step down from the committee at this time.

Since 2015 I have been involved in the production of 31 magazines, 2 books, along with 9 calendars and feel I have made a significant contribution. The past year has been tougher than expected and I want to move on to new things. These will take a significant amount of my time and energy.

This is my final magazine.

Now that this club has become an incorporated society it, I believe it is time for a new focus, and perhaps a more modernised style of keeping members informed. My interest and skills do not extend to these things so it will be up to the club members and the new committee to decide what they want.

I would like to thank all who have helped me over the years and hope that you continue to support the club and its activities.

I wish you all well.

John Miller



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From the World of Jaguar

Here is a selection of images released by JLR to confirm their new Reimagining strategic direction for Jaguar. Will these concepts be produced or are they just teaser images to promote lively discussion?



We all have differing opinions about this so I leave you all to wonder, ponder, or just scratch your heads in amazement.

You can find out more at; <https://media.jaguar.com/en>

JM

No new Jaguars to sell in New Zealand for one year

Amid grand changes to its line-up and the direction of its brand positioning, the local arm of Jaguar has confirmed that the marque is expected to have a 12-month new-product hiatus in New Zealand once stocks of current models finish up.

Motorcorp Distributors chief executive Steve Kenchington — who is set to imminently take on the role of CEO of Giltrap Group — told media in Auckland that Jaguar will run out its current line-up locally in 2025, before commencing a hiatus as it waits for new models to arrive.

“Jaguar for 2025 will be on run out, and then there will be a hiatus for probably 12 months post that before we start to see anything coming into production, which will obviously be the UK and US first,” said Kenchington.



The Jaguar F-Pace is the only current Jaguar still in production.

As previously reported, Jaguar’s current line-up has been culled as it prepares to debut an all-new line-up constructed with new platforms — a move that includes a radical shift in the brand’s positioning and marketing.

Jaguar's bold shift: NZ dealers to focus on Land Rover as Jaguar dramatically turns to super luxury

The future of Jaguar and Land Rover in New Zealand is undergoing a significant shift, as the brands navigate an ever-changing automotive landscape with a new pair of hands on the wheel.

Ben Montgomery took over from outgoing Motorcorp boss Steve Kenchington on the 1st of February, as the latter embarks on a new role as CEO of the Giltrap Group. Montgomery takes the reins at Motorcorp as Land Rover sales continue to hit new levels, thanks to the success of new Range Rover models and the ongoing high demand for Defender, but it is also at a pivotal time for Jaguar both locally and globally.



Jaguar is undergoing a major transformation, repositioning itself in the super-luxury segment to take on the likes of Bentley and Aston Martin. As a result, the brand will be on run out in 2025, followed by a hiatus of about 12 months before new models are released, with the UK and US markets being prioritised initially.

While Jaguar transitions to this new segment, Kenchington says Land Rover will fill the gaps in the market with other products. Existing retailers will become Land Rover dealerships, and a determination will be made on which of those retailers will take on the Jaguar brand nearer the arrival of the new models.

Montgomery says the new Jaguar will be a **"high price"** and **"low volume"** vehicle that will see the need for a different approach in the New Zealand market.

"I think we're going to have to go find new customers. And if we don't find new customers, any brand, doesn't matter what you are, if you don't find them, you die," he said.



Racing XJS at rest above.
Left, our own Barbara Kelly with NZ racing legend, Kenny Smith at Taupo Motorsport Park January 2025. The famous Silcock MK2 below.



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Events Round-up

Kaiteriteri adventures Friday 18th October 2024



Bob and Barbara are currently living at Kaiteriteri, so, when Bob raised his hand to organise something, we knew it would be a neat day out. It was deliberately planned for a weekday to avoid the crowding which can during weekends. Our cars were allowed to park on the Village Green, attracting a few admirers, and lunch at the Waterfront Café and a round of mini-golf were the arranged entertainments.

Mini golf is certainly an unpredictable game. A little drizzle did not spoil the fun and it was obvious that we have some naturally talented people amongst our membership...some play proper golf. There were winners and runners-up with a light hearted prize giving to finish the day.

The venue was great and we were very well looked after at the café. and one of our members had so much fun that they announced it would become an annual event and a trophy is being prepared.

If you missed out this time please consider joining us later in the year when we meet there again. Our thanks to Bob & Barbara for putting it all together for us.

JM







Above: We always knew that Treasurers could fly!
David doing his best “Flying Nun” impression.
Below: Another supremely calm day at Kaiteriteri.





The Winners & Grinners



River Haven Display & Lunch Saturday 30th November 2024 Celebrating 75 years of the Jaguar XK Engine

Organised by Noel Edmonds and his team and with a UK film crew recording the day this was something we had looked forward to attending. Fortunately, the weather co-operated.

The plan was to arrive in model groups and to achieve this the Ngatimoti Fire Station was selected as our meeting place. Unfortunately, a local resident just had to force her way through our group did not have



the patience to wait the few minutes until we had departed...a rather unpleasant moment.

We had been asked to *"smile for the cameras"* but otherwise keep a straight face as a continuous line of Jaguars were filmed entering the River Haven property and we were then marshalled to park amongst the vines...it all went smoothly.



In the afternoon there was a ceremonial unveiling of Noel's latest addition to his collection...a V12 E Type convertible with its very special



number plate. Now fully complied to use in NZ...after a bit of a battle.







Dress-ups to invoke the Goodwood Festival theme were the order of the day and there were some great outfits to be seen. Apparently the ITV documentary will eventually make it to NZ screens...we hope we do not have to wait too long.

Another fantastic experience at River Haven and our deepest thanks to all who came along.

JM



Christmas Picnic at Faulkner's Bush Reserve Sunday 8th December 2024

Thirteen cars, one of which was a modern, attended on a cooler windy then dampening day at our former venue...Faulkner's Bush reserve in



Wakefield. It was only an average turnout of members (approx.18%) for our final event of 2024 but the conditions probably did not help.

The reserve was quite different from the last time we were there and not in a good way. The Tasman District Council has “sanitised” the area with bollards and chains to prevent vehicle access to the large, shaded area near the rotunda which we previously used. **JE**



Picnic at Aniseed Valley Sunday 19th January 2025

Our first event for 2025. With a beautiful day dawning we were all set to have a lovely picnic at the Twin Bridges Reserve in the underrated Aniseed Valley. Claire and I went up there early to secure a great spot for the anticipated numbers who we hoped would join us. Claire, as she always does, checked out the toilets only to find that they weren't operational...what a mess! I don't know why some people in today's world are so filthy. In due course a TDC worker turned up and told me that the pumping station was faulty as the water inlet pipe was blocked, so he secured the doors so that no one else could continue to make more mess.

Anyway, we were up here so we set up under some trees for shade, and slowly members turned up. With chairs and picnic tables all was looking good. Russell Green had bought his fly rod so as we could have a casting competition, and I had taken up Pétanque so that a few games could be played. All were happy to kick back and enjoy each other's company, which is what life is about.

With very limited cell phone coverage the day passed quietly with a few taking advantage of the crystal-clear river to have a swim and relax in the sunshine.

All in all, with the nine members plus their families we had a great day out.

JE



Kaikoura & Hanmer overnight trip

31st January –2nd February 2025, Nelson Anniversary Weekend

The weekend got off to a great start with us meeting at the North Nelson Country Club. A timely departure from here to our next scheduled lunch stop at the Runway Café in Woodburn. This was a fantastic lunch stop with great food and staff and seemed to set the tone for the rest of the weekend. It was a quiet drive from here down to Kaikoura, to Donegal House. The new owner James and his business partner Kate welcomed us all and selected the rooms that we had booked. A get together and drinks before the dinner that followed. What a meal, the food was excellent and so were all the staff with many both serving the bar and waiting at the tables, all with a smile and courtesy.



Saturday morning started with Graeme having to change the wheel on his E-Type as it had flattened the bottom half...funny how the air can vanish like that? I took both Graeme and the wheel down town and had excellent service from the Bridgestone dealer. He was the only place open. With this fixed we headed to the Beach House Café for breakfast. Once again this was a quality establishment. Many of us went around Kaikoura to see the after-effects of the earthquake, and then some visited the Museum, which is very well presented with a lot of the history of Kaikoura. I had a particular interest in finding out more about my Great Grandfather who immigrated here from England. One of his remarkable feats was to contract the mail delivery between Blenheim and Hawkswood in North Canterbury, a 300-hundred-mile trip with only stock tracks to follow, delivering and picking up mail from the early run holders.



While the men did the blokes thing and went to the car museum the ladies went off to the lavender Gardens. We all meet up back at Donegal House for more pre-dinner drinks and a walk around the vastly upgraded gardens and ponds. Another fabulous meal followed; I must recommend the Donegal Stout for those who like dark beer. Breakfast next morning saw us packing up for our trip to Hamner with a couple heading back to Nelson, the rest of us heading for a lovely drive down through Waiau and Hanmer. A very scenic drive with interesting landscapes and not a lot of traffic. Lunch, then a wander around the shops with the town buzzing. We headed down to the Bella Vista, our motels for the night, to be welcomed by Steve, who has looked after us on several occasions. Steve spoke to Dave Elener about where we were going for dinner and Dave told him that I had intended to walk around to Five Stage. Steve came and told me that “no way we should eat there as the food and service was “crap”, and that he and other motels get a lot of complaints from their guests. I can’t tell you here what the reply was to a group of visiting car club members who had dinner there. On Steve’s recommendation I booked into the Fire and Ice Restaurant. We all enjoyed another delicious meal and can thoroughly recommend this place. Pack up on Monday morning came around far too soon for the drive home with a lunch stop in Murchison at the Rivers Café.

A great weekend and thanks to the following for making it happen; Dave & Elizabeth Elener, Noel & Catherine Gane, Ken Allcott & Jan Moore, Graeme & Karen King, Larry & June Limmer, Darryl & Helen Stansbury, Alan Brown, and Claire Eales

John Eales

Annual Rabbit Island Picnic Sunday 16th February 2025

A great day for a picnic. It was typical Nelson summertime weather and very encouraging to have a greater turnout than for the past few events.

Eighteen cars were counted and it was nice to see and meet our newest members.

From the pictures it is obvious how the newer cars have displaced the more traditional Jaguar models...just the way it is.

Our thanks, once again, to Geoff & Val for their famous strawberries.





Top of the South Motor Show
Saturday 22nd February 2025 at Richmond Park

This event was held last year and looks to have become a fixture on the local car show scene. There was the usual mix of classic cars and modified cars representing the varied interests of their owners. American cars, some still original as well as resto-mod examples were on show throughout grounds.

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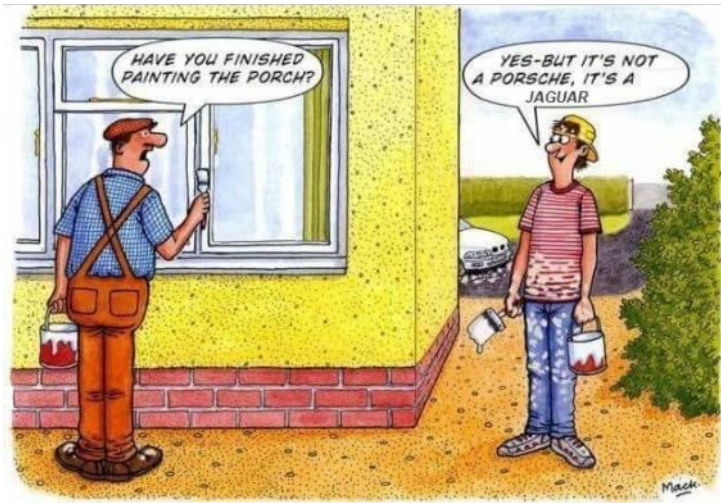




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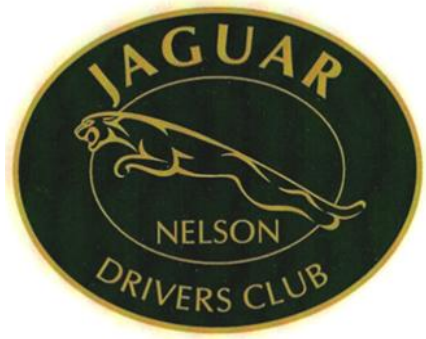
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A close-up photograph of the front of a Jaguar XK150S. The image focuses on the chrome hood ornament, which is a leaping cat, mounted on a vertical pole. Below the pole is a circular red badge with a silver cat head in the center and 'XK150' inscribed around it. The badge is set into a chrome grille with vertical slats. The background is a blurred, light-colored surface, likely the car's bodywork.

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