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A long and proud history since 1969

Jaguar Drivers' Club (Auckland) Inc - was founded in 1969 by 19-year-old Murray Higgins, of Blockhouse Bay. The owner of a 1948 Mk IV, Murray placed an advertisement in the Public Notices section of the New Zealand Herald inviting Jaguar owners and enthusiasts to a meeting. The result on April 16 1969, was the formation of what is now known as the Jaguar Drivers' Club (Auckland) Inc.

The first event, on June 9 1969, was a fun rally and gymkhana, followed by lunch at the Puhoi Hotel (for the princely sum of \$1.00 for adults and 50c for children) and an evening "get together" in the Architects' Clubrooms on Symonds Street.

The Club has grown steadily since its humble beginnings and is now one of the largest single marque car clubs in Auckland. The Club's main aim is to foster interest in and promote owning, driving, maintaining and restoring Jaguar cars. To this end, a wide range of events are arranged on a monthly basis. Although some events are competitive, all are social and family and friends of members are welcome to join in.

Another important person in the Club's (and Jaguar's) history was Lofty England. Lofty, who managed Jaguar's successful competitions department in the 50's, was the Club's Patron until his death in 1995. Norm Dewis (Jaguar's chief test engineer 1952 to 1985) was Patron until his passing in 2019. The position of Patron is now being filled by Ian Callum (CBE). Ian was Jaguar's Design Director for 20 years and was instrumental in a full transformation of the saloons and sports cars, the launch of the SUVs, and the revolutionary I-Pace.

The Club's financial year is from August 1st to July 31st and the AGM is held on the 9th November 2025. New members will receive a copy of the current magazine which will give them a list of office holders (who are elected at each AGM). A copy of the Club's constitution can be found on the website: www.jaguardriversclub.co.nz.

Each major centre in NZ now has its own independent Jaguar car club, around 14 in all, ranging from the small with a dozen members up to Auckland with over 300.

Life members - for service to the club.

Bill Crook, Robin O'Connor, Rex Day,
Mark and David Shorter, Steve and Denise Ward,
Laurie Hayward.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome everyone to the end of year E Magazine for 2025. From a very successful, well-attended Annual General Meeting

your club is in great shape, bring on 2026! This report I am covering is my President's Report from the AGM for those who did not attend.

In May this year your new committee took over the running of the Auckland Jaguar Drivers Club.

Your committee is comprised of the following members

President: Dean Wright, *Vice President:* Mr. Jeremy Hatch, *Secretary:* Mrs. Allison Ingram, *Treasurer:* Mr. John Endean, *Magazine Editor:* Larry Raynor Olive, *Membership Secretary:* Mrs. Sue Jenness. *Webmaster:* Mr. Alex Postma, *Committee members:* Life members -Past President Mr. Robin O Connor, Mr. Bernie Wood, Mr. Howard Evans, Mr. Mike Forbes, and of course our wonderful events co Ordinator. Mr. Martin Rees.

I am very appreciative of having a wonderful team behind me, who will all continue for the year 2026. Remember their time and efforts are all voluntary for the benefit of all of us, to keep our famous marque of Jaguar very alive!

Since taking over, we have been working hard to re-invigorate our Auckland Jaguar Drivers Club. We have had nine events from Jolly Farmer, Hunting Lodge, Hunua Ranges, Bugatti, Brigham Creek to name a few. All have been well attended. It's great to see new and older members attending and enjoying the fun!

Just remember some events have limited spaces so when you receive the reminder e-mails, please register via the website to ensure your spot.

2026 promises to be even better!

One event for 2026 we have been

working on is the Ellerslie Concourse De Elegance showcasing your club to the public. We already have vehicles ready for most categories.

This promises to be a fantastic fun event!

Our E magazine has been taken over by Larry Olive with support from assistant editors Xynarah Cezanne & Irene Kingsford (Thank you Ladies for your assistance)

The magazine is our signature message, not only for future events, but to help you with anything Jaguar. Placing your vehicle for parts, Servicing, Upholstery work to name a few.

Our Advertisers support our Club. So please support them! They have the correct advice to help you!

With the coming changes by the Government on incorporated societies we have updated the club's constitution to comply under the new regulations.

I have been supported by Bruce Urquhart and Peter McElroy to make the necessary changes.

At this AGM we have bought back our awards. These are exceptional members who have just given so much back to the AJDC. You never know it could be you!

Award Recipients.

XJ Racing Trophy. This gentleman has completed more XJ racing than any other party throughout the country. In addition, this award goes to a man with a lot of patience spending the last 12 years building a scratch-built stunning Jaguar C Type. Mr John Munro.

Annual XK Cup: You don't see too many older XKs at our events anymore. This award goes to the XK that is a regular at our events and is always fantastic to see an XK150 Mr Peter McElroy.

Sportsman of the Year: This gentleman

attends every event. He resides in Whangarei and is always fun to be with.

Always the gentleman and Sea Captain - **Mr Jim Rentoul**

President's Award; For the last seven years this Gentleman has given so much to the AJDC for all our enjoyment and made our Club magazine what it is today.

Our club Magazine is our point of difference from any other club and is the Best in New Zealand.

A very well deserved - **Mr Gerard Leeuw!!**

Life Membership: What can I say about a gentleman who has given most of his life to the Jaguar marque and the AJDC. A past committee member. A man who set up the Brit and Euro car show.

2026 will be the 10th Anniversary of the Brit and Euro, words cannot describe the honour I have in passing our most highest award to - Mr Laurie Hayward!

As we approach Christmas from Christy and Myself and your committee,

Stay safe, Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

Enjoy your Jaguar, we all look forward to seeing you in 2026!!

Dean Wright

Club President



This e-magazine contains many links and hyperlinks. Click on them and explore the world of Jaguar.

THE EDITOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Kia Ora and Seasons Greetings

Welcome to the November/December edition #59 of our AJDC e-mag - Fangazine!

As we accelerate toward the end of another fantastic year, I want to extend a very warm welcome to all our readers, and a special greeting to our newest members who have recently joined the Auckland Jaguar Drivers Club family. It is wonderful to have you with us. I hope everyone has had a truly wonderful Christmas surrounded by family and friends, or simply chilling and you are now finding time to sit back, relax with a good book to read and enjoy the summer season.



Looking back on the last couple of months, we have certainly kept our calendars full with memorable moments. One standout highlight was the unique fusion of MG and Jaguar cars coming together for a fantastic day out in Avondale. We were treated to a sumptuous Ryder Roast Luncheon, followed by a retreat to the "secret cinema theatre". Then we settled down for the hilarious film Waking Ned Devine. The room was filled with laughter, we were enticed by the antics of that small community in a remote village, complete with the cantankerous witch and the chaos surrounding that coveted Lotto ticket!

We also enjoyed a change of pace, finding peaceful tranquillity during our midweek visit to the stunning Ayrilies Gardens. This was perfectly complemented by a luncheon at Settlers in Whitford, where the service was just as memorable as the food, thanks to our highly entertaining waiter, Josh.

On the business front, we saw a wonderful turnout of over seventy members for the AGM held at our Headquarters: The Remuera Club. Our President, Dean Wright, did a stellar job navigating the business of formalities. He kept proceedings moving with his usual dry wit and provided a heartwarming moment by surprising a group of dedicated Jaguar Club members with classic trophies in recognition for their extraordinary services to the club. Once the business concluded, attention was quickly directed to the dining room where a steaming hot buffet beckoned.

The grand finale for our year of fabulous events was, of course, our Christmas Party held at Settlers Country Manor in Waimauku. It was a spectacular occasion where fifty members gathered to enjoy wonderful company and another delicious banquet. A special note of appreciation must go to Alison for the appropriately themed and beautiful floral Christmas table decorations.

I want to offer a huge thank you to our committee members, whose combined efforts have put their hearts and souls into creating all these exhilarating events into reality. Your hard work allows us all to participate and share these experiences as a collective.

As we look toward the horizon of 2026, the engine is already revving. We have exciting events planned to kick things off. I know many of you are already looking forward to "Wings and Wheels" at Thames on 24th January. The Ellerslie Car Show on the 8th of February, then a midweek visit to the Musick Point Radio Station on the 22nd. Then prepare your precious Jaguar cars for the Brit and Euro Car Show, and come along to support your clubs combined display with the B.O.P. and Waikato Jaguar Car Clubs on the 1st of March, hopefully we make over a century in Jaguar numbers for the lineup display. Then for April our midweek excursion will be to visit Steve Keys private car collection South of Auckland.

Please keep a regular check on the website for upcoming events and be sure to book early! While you are there, take a look at previous issues of the AJDC e-mag, the gallery images from our previous gatherings, and then peruse the immaculate Classified Cars for sale for incredible bargains.

Finally, as we head into the New Year, let's make a resolution. We can actually keep: more kms on the odometer and fewer "unexplained" noises from under the bonnet. Please always give first thought to our advertisers and support them, just as they faithfully continue to support our club.

Here's to a prosperous, safe, and exciting New Year on the road. May your tanks be full, your batteries charged, and your oil leaks stay within "historically accurate" limits.

Happy New Year everyone - cheers, until we meet again - happy holiday motoring. Your Editor, **Larry Raynor Olive** Editor

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MIDWEEK FEAST OF FELLOWSHIP AND FILM AT RYDERS

Article and photos: Editor



A joint venture, by invitation from the Auckland MG Car Club, saw members arrive in a cavalcade of classic beauty—sleek Jaguars and spirited MGs—and park in the historic grounds of Ryders in Avondale. It was a glorious day for our combined clubs' lunch, where the Auckland Jaguar Drivers Club and the MG Car Club put aside any friendly rivalry to indulge in a shared love of motoring... and, more importantly, a magnificent meal and movie.

The comforting aroma of macrocarpa wood smoke mingled with roasting meat immediately conjured in my mind's eye, a truly sumptuous Kiwi culinary experience awaits as members gathered, drawn towards the heart of the dining area and seated alongside the majestic wood-fired range oven, and we weren't disappointed.

As the bain-marie trays began to arrive, heaped high with juicy, tender roast meat freshly carved from the Angus Baron of roast beef by Chef Clinton, complemented with slice after slice of succulent roast chicken, and all the medley of perfectly roasted seasonal veggies. Every plate was generously anointed with rich dark gravy, a velvety addition of warmth and deep flavour.

But the feast wasn't just on the plate. It was served with Clinton Ryder's warmest hospitality and humour, a boundless energy that made every guest feel like an old family friend. His jovial banter was perfectly complemented by the dry wit of John (son of Jack), who moved among the tables with a quiet, observant humour and landed its punchlines softly but effectively.

After achieving more than ample sufficiency, the groups migrated to the snug "Lumiere Theatre". With hearts set on favourite Trumpet ice-cream, the perfect nostalgic palate cleanser, we removed hats, kicked off shoes and settled in for a classic: the beloved Irish comedy, Waking Ned Devine.

The room was instantly captivated by the scheming, manipulative antics of the tight-knit Cregneash village community



MIDWEEK FEAST OF FELLOWSHIP AND FILM AT RYDERS



on the Isle of Man, all centred around a single, life-changing winning Lotto ticket. The irony was palpable, with the New Zealand Lotto reaching a must-be-won record high the coming Saturday night, the tension on screen felt acutely relevant.

The film built to its humorous yet tense finale, the score dominated by the shrilling, spine-tingling wail of uilleann pipes backed by the stampeding rhythmic beat of a bodhran drum, and acutely accentuated by the seemingly endless fermata of caterwauling violin notes. The crescendo of chaos and conspiracy reached its peak, and then—PING!—a high-pitched sound of a snapping string cut through the air, with perfect timing putting a slow motion pause to the insidious plot. Much to everyone's relief (and amusement), the violins 'E' string had snapped, mimicking the explosive release of tension both on-screen and in the room. Everyone jumped with surprise, then burst into joyous laughter and spontaneous applause.

Ryders truly lived up to its reputation as the epitome of real, genuine, friendly Kiwi hospitality, served with lashings of humour. It was an extraordinary moment in time, a shared memory for the two car clubs' members to reflect upon, celebrating not only their shared passions but also the three generations of Ryders' ambitious preservation of the past, celebrated so wonderfully today. Thank you Jack and Clint - you really "made our day"

Much gratitude was unanimously extended to Maureen and Robin O'Connor, valued members of both the AJDC and MGCC, for arranging such an awesome, memorable day out.

P.S. I told the AJDC committee that if I win the Lotto, I'll fund a new club headquarters. They said, "Fantastic, we'll pencil it in, right after the Auckland motorway upgrade".
Editor





A Hello fellow AJDC Members!
I hope this finds you all well and that your Jaguars are purring happily. What a splendid time we had at the Annual General Meeting on Sunday, November 9th, at our official AJDC Headquarters, the Remuera Club!

It was fantastic to see such a superb turnout—around 70 members congregated to be part of the action. The atmosphere was simply buzzing!

Our Club President, Dean Wright, was in top form, taking the floor to reiterate his AGM notes. "It's clear that the new committee is firing on all cylinders, and the Club is heading in a great direction, topped off by a positive report from the Treasurer, John Endean. Financially, we are certainly purr-fectly sound! A huge thank you to Bruce Urquhart and Peter McElroy for their much-appreciated support".

Dean Wright, with his true-grit style, sense of humour, and the gift of the gab and gavel, truly demonstrated why he'd make an exceptional auctioneer. He certainly knows how to drive home the key message: the AJDC is primarily about having fun!

The formalities were highly engaging, and when Dean Wright opened the forum to all members, the feedback was excellent. Notably, Don Bowwater raised an interesting discussion point about options for a hard copy magazine. So, keep your eyes peeled and watch this space—exciting developments might be just around the bend!

Surprise! The Awards are Back!

Just as everyone was feeling the vibe and the time clock was ticking towards the noon lunch bell, we had a magnificent surprise! The annual awards to members who have given so much back to the Club have been brilliantly reinstated! The air of suspense was palpable as no one knew who the deserving recipients might be.

Please join me in putting your hands together for these truly exceptional Club members:

- Mr. John Munro: Awarded the XJ Racing Trophy
- Mr. Peter McElroy: Awarded the Annual XK Cup
- Mr. Jim Rentoul: Awarded Sportsman of the Year
- Mr. Gerard Leeuw: Awarded the President's Award
- Mr. Laurie Hayward: Awarded Life Membership
- Mrs. Sue Jenness: Awarded for Outstanding Support for the Club!

The delicious buffet provided once again by the resident caterers at Remuera Club was the perfect accompaniment to the morning's success. With much-needed sustenance and a hot or cold beverage in hand, it was the perfect timing for everyone to be spontaneous and further the conversations, and then get to know each other just that little bit more. I certainly left with the feeling of wanting to continue the chat another time soon!

It really was a splendid day from start to finish. I plan to relax



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and enjoy the cricket on the telly when I get back home—happy and content watching other folk running around for a change.

Thank you all very much indeed for coming along to formalities, then celebrate what we are all about- having fun!

See you all at the next event!



Payment of your annual membership subscription is required to enable you to book for these organised events. If you have forgotten to pay your subscription, please contact us - jagclubak@gmail.com



INVITATION 2023

Wings & Wheels



Venue: Thames
Facilitator Dean Wright

Combined with the B.O.P. and Waikato Clubs
Bring your deck chairs, sunscreen and sun brolly, and your own lunch if you wish, however there will be plenty of food trucks at the event

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See the website for details and to Register



ELLERSLIE CAR SHOW

Venue: Ellerslie Race Course
Contact Secretary Allison Ingram

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Musick Memorial Radio Station - Bucks Bistro

Venue: Musick Point, Howick
Facilitator Howard Evans

A visit to the iconic Musick Point Radio Station Tower is a must do event

See the website for details and to Register

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Dear members.

Events are now booked via website members only section, and invoices will be generated and sent out via e-mail. All payments are now electronic payments via internet banking.

Problems with event bookings?

please contact
events.jagclubak@gmail.com
 or Allison Ingram, Secretary -
jagclubak@gmail.com



10TH BRIT & EURO CAR SHOW

Venue: Howick

Coordinator: Jeremy Hatch

This is the 10th year of the Show and as the instigators of the Show back in 2016, we would like to make it the biggest display ever. Please dairise now and plan to have all your Jags there, book your extra drivers now too (for those wishing to enter more than one car) The Club has booked 100 car spaces.

We intend as usual to hold the annual Club Concours at this display, registrations will be asked for closer to the time, but if you'd like to register early please email; j_d_jag@hotmail.com and use B&E Entry as the subject.

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16th National Jaguar Rally 2027

Attention all Club Members -
 Keep your calendar open for
 this one.

12th March 2027 - 14th March
 2027

Venue Tauranga

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STEVE KEYS PRIVATE CAR COLLECTION - HALLERTAU PUB

Venue Flat Bush

Facilitator Martin Rees

Steve has an eclectic car collection with some early Ford Flathead V8s, the Diamond T Texaco Fuel Tanker truck, plus many other interesting vehicles and service station accessories

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CLASSIC COVER

ELLERSLIE CAR SHOW

& INTERMARQUE CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

Attention all Members

Entries for all the concours events are now open and in particular the 30-40-50 competition and to attract still younger entrants into the classic car hobby, the Little Legends competition for classic pedal cars!

Do keep an eye out for more updates from the ECS Committee and remember to save that date – 8th February 2026!

For more information please click the following link:

www.concours.org.nz

Also do keep an eye on their social media pages:

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The first weekend of November 2025 saw Christchurch play host to a significant automotive milestone: the National 75th Anniversary celebration of the Jaguar Mk VII. Organized by the Jaguar Drivers' Club and spearheaded by automotive historian Rev. Dr. Richard Waugh, the event commemorated the 75 years since the model's debut at the 1950 London Motor Show. The weekend was designed not only to celebrate the Mk VII, Mk VIIM, but also its successors, the Mk VIII and Mk IX, which collectively represent a golden era of Jaguar's "Grace, Space, and Pace" in the 1950s.

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Title image: Paul Willyams Photography



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Event Highlights

The festivities began on Saturday, November 1st, with a major public display at Risingholme Park in Opawa. This venue was historically significant as it was the former home of Sir John McKenzie, who was among the first Cantabrians to own a Mk VII in 1951. The display aimed to set a world record for the largest gathering of these specific "Big Saloon" models, targeting an assembly of around 45 rare examples. Enthusiasts and the public were treated to a spectacular lineup of gleaming chrome and walnut, showcasing the vehicles that once dominated New Zealand's roads as the preferred transport for business leaders and dignitaries.

The celebration continued into the evening with a formal dinner at the Cashmere Club, which also served as the launch event for Richard Waugh's definitive new book on the Jaguar Mk VII-IX series. Sunday concluded the weekend with a spirited run onto the Canterbury Plains, allowing owners to exercise the 3.4-liter XK engines in their natural touring element. The event successfully highlighted the enduring legacy of the Mk VII in New Zealand, celebrating a car that was pivotal to Jaguar's early post-war success and its deep-rooted connection to the region through dealers like Archibalds.

Long Live The Leaper.

Editor



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⑤ At the launch of the new Jaguar, well-known Australian Jaguar historian John Elmgreen commends the good work.

⑥ Grant McMillan, a founder member of the Auckland club who contributed to the new Jaguar book in significant ways, speaking at the book launch in Christchurch.

④ Probably the most outstanding and highly modified Mark VIII of Graeme & Nancy Blackstock of New Plymouth. Graeme spent years modifying the car so that Nancy, in a wheelchair, can go up a ramp into the back of the car. It is now based on an XJ6-R undercarriage and engine.

① Jeff and Gail's superb 1958 Mark VIII, delivered new in Christchurch by Archibalds, and with one owner for the first 50 years.

② Dave Ingram of Hamilton raced his early (1951) Mark VII for many years, and made the trip to Christchurch.

③ Stuart Skurr of Darfield has this early 1957 Mark VIII, and a rare manual/overdrive car.

⑦ 1953 Mark VII, owned by former NZ First MP, Denis O'Rourke, and still used in his wedding car business.

⑧ Noel Scobie and family in their original 1953 Mark VII ready for a drive onto the Canterbury Plains.



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75 Years of Jaguar Mark VII, Mark VIII & Mark IX

 YouTube link:

Jaguar 75th Anniversary Song

Written and produced by Curious Jag on YouTube

*From Coventry's heart to the Land of the Fern,
75 years, oh, how those wheels turn.
Mark 7, Mark 8, and the grand Mark 9,
Purring through time with a style so fine.*

*At Rivinghome Park on a bright spring day,
In Christchurch, we gather—hip, hip, hooray!
From bonnet to boot, they're polished and proud,
75 years, and they still draw a crowd.*

*Raise a glass, let the Jaguar shine,
Mark 7, 8, and the bold Mark 9.
Through Canterbury's plains, we'll laugh and drive,
Here's to the legends still roaring alive.*

*The sun on the chrome, the leaper in flight,
Cashmere Club calls for a grand soirée night.
We'll launch a fine book, tell tales, swap cheer,
And toast every mile of each glorious year.*

*With friends old and new, our stories we weave,
Of highways conquered and bright summer's eve.
Each engine song is a promise well kept,
Through decades of dreams, these Jaguars have left.*

*Raise a glass, let the Jaguar shine,
Mark 7, 8, and the bold Mark 9.
Through Canterbury's plains, we'll laugh and drive,
Here's to the legends still roaring alive.*

[Music Break]

*Now Sunday rolls in with the morning sun's glow,
Picnic packed, and it's time to go.
The Canterbury Plains, wide skies, open roads,
Purring in convoy, what a fine episode.*

*From a plains park to the mountains afar,
We know what we are when we're with our cars.
It's not just the steel, the chrome, or the speed,
It's the friendships we make and the passion we feed.*

*Raise a glass, let the Jaguar shine,
Mark 7, 8, and the bold Mark 9.
Through Canterbury's plains, we'll laugh and drive,
Here's to the legends still roaring alive.*

*75 years, and the best is yet to be,
Long may the Jaguars run wild and free,
Long may the Jaguars run wild and free.*



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The Christchurch celebration of - "The Car That Made Jaguar..." Some personal comments as someone involved in both the event and in particular, the book...

So very satisfying to have achieved a world record for the number of Mark VII, VII and IX cars assembled at one event in recent years (ever?) - 24 versus maybe 19 or 20 in Germany in the last year or so. Paul Skilleter, the renowned Jaguar historian doubts that there could ever be that many assembled in the UK.

And Risingholme Park made just the perfect setting, with the flagship saloons assembled in a broad arc on their own and numerous other Jaguars of all ages scattered amongst the trees elsewhere, with a gracious Victorian mansion as centrepiece. Just lovely... and an extraordinary variety of Mark VII series cars were present, ranging from weary survivors to immaculately restored cars, numerous cars in regular use including several recently or still used as limousines, plus two former racers and the astonishing modified Mark VII of Graeme and Nancy Blackstock.

A very pleasing number of Australians came across especially for the event, including eminent XK historian, John Elmgreen, who was so helpful with so much research for the book, Garry Baxter, Vice President of the Jaguar Drivers Club Australia and his wife Susan, David Clash an engineer

and car designer and Geoff Bott, creator of the fascinating Curious Jag website (available on Youtube) - who made several videos for the evening, including one accompanied by a song especially written for the occasion, another comprising an interview about the cars and most remarkably a video of Sir William Lyons expressing his regret that he "...was unable to be present in person but was there in spirit..."

The drive next day in the country followed by a picnic was a series of treats, ranging from the biggest, stately procession of Mark VII-series cars likely to have ever been seen on the Canterbury plains, to a glimpse of the 1950s in the town of Oxford, with Mark VIIIs, VIIIIs and IXs lining both sides of the main street and the occasional XK interspersed for variety.

And the writer learned a new phrase for the Mark VII too far gone for realistic restoration but too good to wreck - for those with a large enough garden it can become a "garden ornament". The one at Stuart Skurr's was not too expensive to acquire - it had cost him a crate of beer.

All in all, an extremely successful event, celebrating the cars that came to be overlooked in later years but were in fact, the cars that made Jaguar the legend it was to become.

And for all those who were there and those who weren't, there is a most excellent book available.

A Few Words from Grant McMillan



The record-breaking gathering of 24 Mark VII-IX cars at Risingholme Park, Opawa, Christchurch on 1 November 2025: 7 Mark VII, 8 Mark VIIM, 5 Mark VIII, and 4 Mark IX.

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BOOK REVIEW of Richard Waugh's latest release

Jaguar Mark VII • Mark VIIM • Mark VIII • Mark IX

Celebrating the 1950s Flagship Saloons

Every so often, a book comes along that doesn't simply sit on the shelf—it welcomes you in, shows you a polished wing mirror, and invites you to settle in for the ride. Richard Waugh's newest publication on the Jaguar Marks VII, VIIM, VIII and IX does exactly that. It is a warm, engaging journey through the most elegant of Jaguar's 1950s saloons—cars that embodied the original promise of Pace, Grace and Space.

A Strong AJDC Connection

The Auckland Jaguar Drivers Club has a particularly happy connection to this work. Long-time member Grant McMillan collaborated with author Richard Waugh and contributed Chapter Three. Grant's encyclopaedic knowledge and enthusiasm for these flagship models are unmistakable, and his writing adds both expert depth and personal charm to the book.

Another AJDC highlight comes from Gail Percy and Jeff Cartridge, whose beloved Mark VIII—known far and wide as the "Grand Duchess"—appears in both photographs and narrative throughout the book. Finished in opalescent Jaguar Maroon and rumoured to have once been owned by a member of the Windsor family, or not! The Grand Duchess drew admiration once again when Gail and Jeff received the award for Most Distance Travelled to the 75th Anniversary celebrations in Christchurch. Their passion for the Mark VIII, captured beautifully in the book, is as striking as the car itself.

Organiser of the 75 anniversary for the Mark VII, Richard Waugh.

A Magic-Carpet Ride Through Jaguar History

Waugh's writing style is wonderfully accessible. He brings together design evolution, engineering stories, social context, and personal anecdotes into a narrative that feels like gliding through history in a well-sorted Mark IX—unhurried, elegant, and immensely satisfying. Whether you drive a Jaguar from the 1950s or the 21st century, or simply love the marque's heritage, this book offers an engaging and educational read.

Final Thoughts

As Editor of the Auckland Jaguar Drivers Club e-Magazine, I am very happy to recommend this delightful new book by Richard Waugh. It is a handsome, thoughtfully compiled tribute to Jaguar's 1950s flagship saloons and a perfect companion for relaxed New Year holiday reading.

Highly recommended for all Jaguar owners, enthusiasts, and lovers of motoring history.

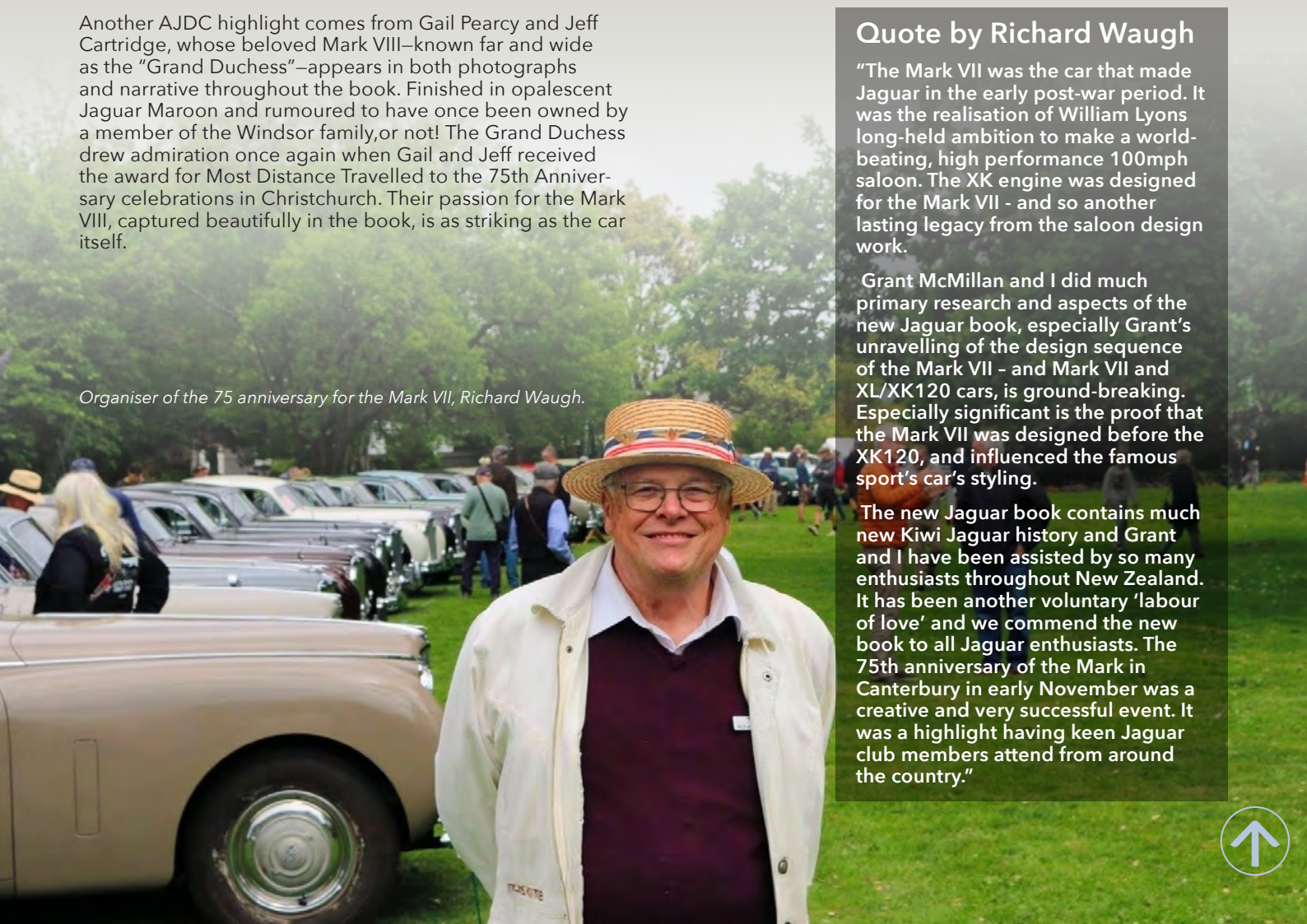
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Quote by Richard Waugh

"The Mark VII was the car that made Jaguar in the early post-war period. It was the realisation of William Lyons long-held ambition to make a world-beating, high performance 100mph saloon. The XK engine was designed for the Mark VII - and so another lasting legacy from the saloon design work.

Grant McMillan and I did much primary research and aspects of the new Jaguar book, especially Grant's unravelling of the design sequence of the Mark VII - and Mark VII and XL/XK120 cars, is ground-breaking. Especially significant is the proof that the Mark VII was designed before the XK120, and influenced the famous sport's car's styling.

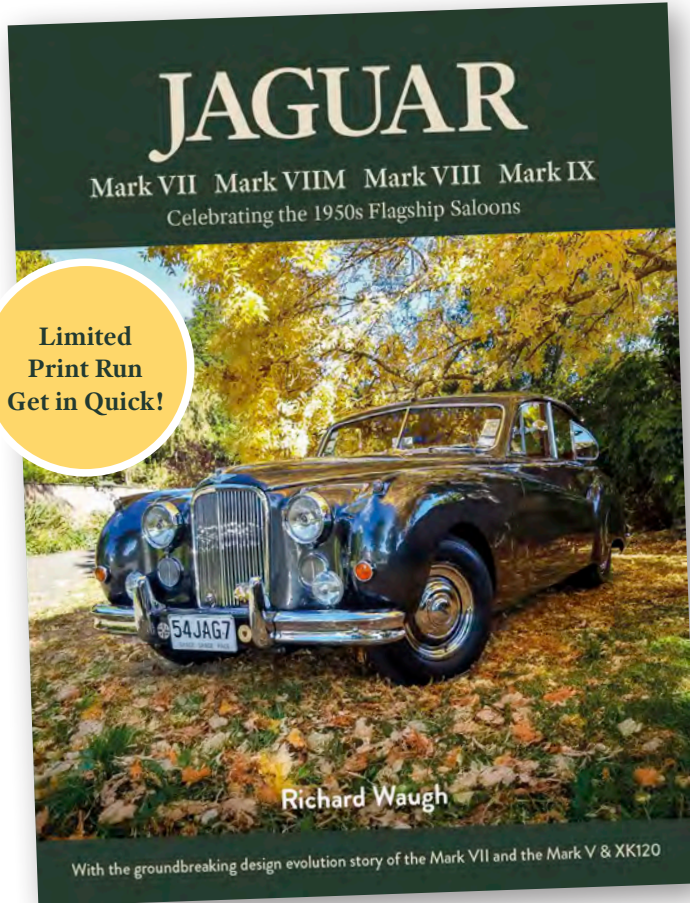
The new Jaguar book contains much new Kiwi Jaguar history and Grant and I have been assisted by so many enthusiasts throughout New Zealand. It has been another voluntary 'labour of love' and we commend the new book to all Jaguar enthusiasts. The 75th anniversary of the Mark in Canterbury in early November was a creative and very successful event. It was a highlight having keen Jaguar club members attend from around the country."



NEW KIWI JAGUAR BOOK

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Richard Waugh

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About the Author Richard Waugh

Well-known motoring and aviation author follows on from his very successful 2021 'Classic Jaguars in New Zealand' book. Richard has been greatly assisted by many Jaguar enthusiasts, especially Grant McMillan of Auckland. For the 75th anniversary of the launch of the Jaguar Mark VII Richard turns his attention to one of the most important Jaguar designs of the 20th Century.

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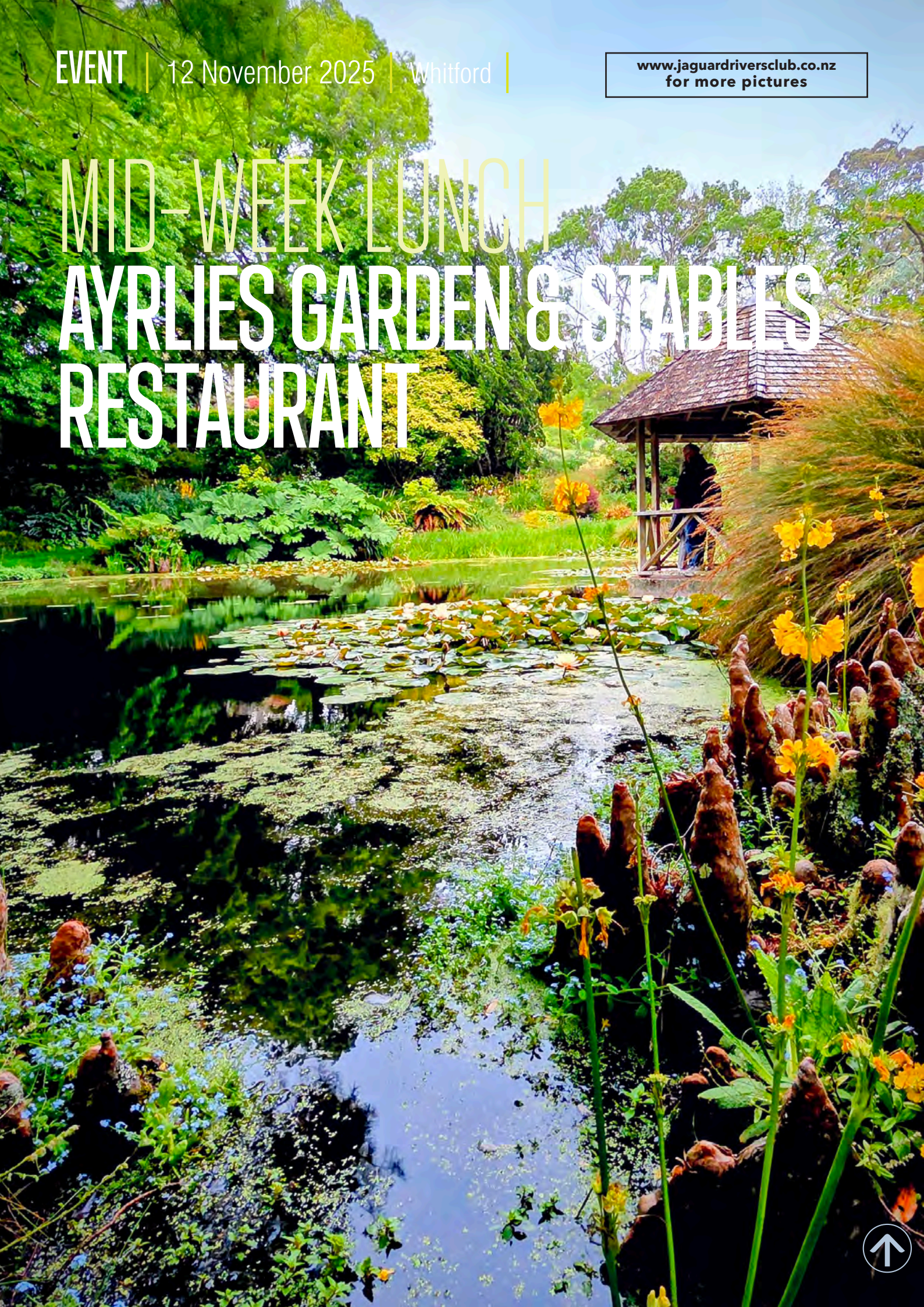
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MID-WEEK LUNCH AYRLIES GARDEN & STABLES RESTAURANT



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Article: Irene Kingsford

Photos: Larry Olive

Forrest Gump once said "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you will get". This is so true when the Auckland Jaguar Club members venture out for a drive in the country. We met together at the delightful village of Whitford before heading down a country lane for the first surprise of the day. We entered the home and gardens of an amazing lady and her late husband.

We wandered in awe around her vast impressive garden which has been named after her Scottish heritage locally known as Ayrilies Gardens. Sculptured from bare paddocks which began in 1964 and over the years it has developed into a 6 star rating as a Garden of International Significance. Inside a gazebo are photographs of the garden, from the bulldozers digging out a lake, to the young trees being planted which created the jigsaw puzzle of such a property. This has been a massive undertaking for generations to appreciate.

The property is magnificent and the dedication has matured into expansive gardens that are tranquil and peaceful. Appreciated by many, the majestic array of trees and natural fauna, man made lakes to open meadows and a special garden of

old roses. The garden offers a picnic area, rapids to bubbling brooks flowing gently past a summer house. Perfect to stop and reflect on the beauty of a dream that became a reality for the owners over so many years.

Today the garden is managed by a team of knowledgeable gardeners who also propagate different species of plants and an abundance of seedlings that are sold to visitors to enjoy in their own gardens.

The property is a gardener's dream and with each passing season the garden would be a canvas of colour, texture, and an absolute delight to behold.

Leaving Ayrilies Gardens, we headed back into the village at Whitford, for an excellent lunch at Stables restaurant. Josh, the waiter greeted us at the door with a smile and his service was impeccable. The day was complemented with laughter, food and a good glass of wine. We look forward to Turkish Delights when the Auckland Jag Club will once again open a chocolate box with delicious surprises, and a few more memorable days out with great friends.



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SETTLERS MANOR XMAS PARTY LUNCH A WEATHER BOMB OF FUN

Article and Photos: Editor





The rapidly approaching subtropical weather-bomb storm about to envelop the entire country didn't curb the enthusiasm to meet up just one more time before the year ended. The smiles and laughter were a testament that everyone was having a great time and having fun, true to our club's "Mission Statement."

Fifty courageous and loyal members from the Auckland Jaguar Drivers Club navigated towards the rolling grey skies out West, to arrive at the rustic and welcoming confines of The Settlers Manor in Waimauku. While the barometer plummeted outside, the spirits inside ascended rapidly, fueled by the warmth of good company and the anticipation of the day's festivities.

The Stars Aligned.

The sartorial stakes were high this year. Mystery Christmas gift prizes were awarded for the best dressed, a competition that turned our lunch into an impromptu cat-walk. The mystery "Stars" were chosen by unanimous choice, and were awarded to the swashbuckling Errol Flynn (Peter Mac), who looked ready to swing from a chandelier at a moment's notice. Close behind in the preliminary placings were the fashion trendsetter appearance of Jackie O (Fiona), bringing

a touch of First Lady elegance to the proceedings, and the casual Californian Beach Boy style of Brad Pitt (John Munro), who made looking cool seem effortless.

Robert Phillips' lilac and iceberg blue paisley shirt lit up the room and gave a definite "lost Gibb brother" who wandered into the studio to re-make a Bee Gees 'B' side vibe to the party. Gail Percy floated into celebrations wearing a semi-sheer cyclamen pink dress completely adorned with a kaleidoscope of butterflies so vivid they looked ready to take flight at any moment. Meanwhile, Dawn Judge's Hawaiian beach shirt re-claimed the "golden era" of the fifties and sixties, with blue skies, palm trees and beach scenes reminiscent of the film Blue Hawaii.

Even the Beach Boys and the Surfer Girls would have paused mid chorus to take note. Together they added colour and charisma, like crystals in a sacred temple, creating a charming atmosphere to the Auckland Jaguar Drivers Club's 50s to 80s era themed Christmas Party. Bringing up the rear as the self-proclaimed "Team Entry" were The Blues Brothers (Paul Ingram and myself)—we might have been on a mission from God, or perhaps just a mission to demolish the buffet with a record breaking pile-up.



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The rain kept us all indoors within a warm and cosy atmosphere, safe from the impending tempest. The chatter was briefly silenced when our very own literary giant, Ernest Hemingway's - Mini Me (Dean Wright) stepped up. With gravitas befitting the great novelist, he recited a verse, short and sweet, for the hungry masses:

*"The storm is here, the drinks are cold,
The Jags are parked, the stories told.
The buffet is ready, and that is enough,
So fill your plates, now go get stuffed."*

The food was tasty, and afterwards, we sat back to chat about favourite events, all things Jaguar, and everything in between. The conversation flowed smoothly until 3pm, when we began reluctantly drifting away, homeward bound, and feeling very content indeed to have enjoyed a wonderful time together just one more time before the year's end, and having beaten the worst of the storm.

A massive thanks to the organisers for your incredible effort in putting together such a Grand Finale'. A special mention must go to our resident screen siren, Elizabeth Taylor (Alison Ingram), who crafted the beautiful festive floral art decorations to adorn our dining tables, adding a touch of her own Hollywood glamour and style, that truly set the scene for a fantastic farewell to the year.

Finally, as the checkered flag waves on another spectacular year for the AJDC, we wish that every member and their families have had a very Merry Christmas and are ready for a high-octane, Happy New Year. May your holidays be as comfortable as a Mark VIII suspension, your tanks brimming with NPD premium cheer, and the road ahead paved with sunshine and green lights. Keep those Leapers leading the way, the curbed Growlers at bay, drive safe, and may your engines pounce purr-fectly into action every time, so until we meet again. Happy motoring and Merry Jaguar-istmas!

Happy New Year

Editor



JAGUAR AROUND THE WORLD

— NEWS CLIPS

Jamie Chadwick and Juju Noda impress in Jaguar I-Type 7 at 2025 Formula E women's test

31 October 2025



Jaguar TCS Racing's week-long testing programme in Valencia concluded with Formula E's official Women's Test featuring a standout roster of female talent.

Jaguar TCS Racing proudly fielded Britain's most decorated female racer, Jamie Chadwick, who returned to the cockpit of the Jaguar I-TYPE 7 and delivered a strong performance, finishing 6th overall on a 1:23.692. Joining her was rising Japanese star Juju Noda, who made an impressive debut in the I-TYPE 7, showcasing her potential and composure throughout the session. Noda finished 9th overall with a 1:24.442 and both drivers in the Women's Test clocked in laps within three seconds of da Costa and Evans the day before.

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Jaguar TCS Racing ready for its milestone tenth ABB FIA Formula E world championship season



Jaguar TCS Racing will return to competition this weekend (Saturday 6 December) in Brazil, as the 2025/26 ABB FIA Formula E World Championship begins with the 2025 São Paulo E-Prix.

The race marks the start of Jaguar TCS Racing's milestone tenth season in the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship. During that time, the British team has a record to date of 22 wins, a further 31 podiums and 1,638 points from 127 race starts. Jaguar TCS Racing won the ABB FIA Formula E Teams' World Championship in 2024, also taking the inaugural Manufacturer's Trophy (now a World Championship) in the same year.



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Article By Thomas Gillett
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Dear Alison and the AJDC members,

I just wanted to say a huge thank you, for the most beautiful bouquet of flowers, Laurie came home with them after the AGM.

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Laurie felt honoured to be awarded a Life Membership also.

Kindest regards

Pat Hayward





Welcome! new members

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2011 Jaguar XK150

A reminder to all members to wear their name badge at club events.

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