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Editorial

Martin Gliddon

Well the Virus is still with us and creating havoc to all event calendars, although we are starting to work our way around it...sadly most of this years events including the AGM and Xmas Lunch are now cancelled but we do have a couple that are still going to happen, please see the events pages inside and take note of the booking instructions.

I make no apologies for the cover picture and the story inside, although I feel I should warn those members with a “dodgy ticker, or is it tiquer” who should have a lie down when reading it...

New files on the website are online now and the start of the Section Library. Here we are starting to place online technical manuals for our cars and we start with the correct jacking procedure for SZ models, a complete manual of all model chassis numbers and their variations up to 1983 and a sales manual for SZ cars from MY 92/93. All make fascinating reading and if you have any Rolls-Royce manuals or literature lying around that we could use, please get in touch as I'd like to build a comprehensive library of such items.

Finally, Section Membership renewal forms are included as a loose leaf item with this magazine. Please complete them and return to the address on the form before 1/1/21

Martin Gliddon

As always, I look forward to your contribution. Please send your articles, pictures etc. to me by email at rrecwestmids@gmail.com or by snail mail to 84 Frobisher Road, Coventry CV3 6NA



Chairman's Chat

New and views from the Section
Chairman Mike Ridley

It is very difficult to be positive in my comments, when I seem to be spending as much time cancelling events as organising them. However, it is in my nature to be positive and so, whilst I will have to break some bad news, I will try and impart some good.

The saddest news is that we lost Robin Winkworth on 13th July this year. Robin was one of life's true gentlemen and was a 50 year member of the Club, buying, restoring and running a 1957 Cloud for 29 years. He served in the RAF as a dentist with the rank of Group Captain, serving in Holland, Germany, Russia and the USA. One of his claims to fame was that he developed a filling for use by astronauts in space. Not many people can put that on their CV. Robin will be sadly missed and we hope we will continue to enjoy the company of his wife, Judy, daughter and son in law, Louise and Ian.

The circumstance that disappointed me most, for reasons which most of you will be unaware of, was the cancellation of our 3 day event at the Chateau Impney, commencing on 15th June, just past. All guests were told to arrive by 2pm at the latest as a big surprise was in store for them. Many of the guests speculated as to what was in store. Was there to be a celebrity, maybe even royalty?

On arrival they would have witnessed and participated in Krystyna's and my wedding. What a way to kick off an event! and we would have shared our happy day with 50+ good friends. So for now we remain single until I can think up another good idea.

Just one last bit of bad news. You will see from the article on page 22, what a wonderful time we had at the picnic, hosted by Steve and Michelle Gardner. We have had to cancel the one planned for 4th October, due to the new Covid restrictions. No further events will be planned for 2020.

All is not lost! The informal lunches will continue from October and we may even add a few if circumstances allow. Just remember you will need to book rather than just turn up. The best idea is to arrange with fellow members so you do not end up sitting alone like Billy Nomates.

Mike Ridley



Some Member's cars were parked "round the back"
at the Gardner's picnic



Informal Events 2020

All welcome at these wonderful events

All informal events for 2020 are from 12:00 noon. To comply with Government Track and Trace, you MUST book with the venue before the date of the event. You can no longer just turn up on the day.

At the time of going to print, these events are still going ahead

15th Oct The Millstone Hare, Southam CV47 2DL

19th Nov Fleur de Lys, Lowsonford B95 5HJ

All dates are now PROVISIONAL and are subject to change or cancellation

Further details can be found on the Section Website
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All the listed events have to be booked prior to attending. Forms for these will be either found on the Section Website, sent as an email or included with the relevant copy of the Section Magazine.

Due to the uncertainty of the Covid-19 situation, the AGM and Xmas dinner has been postponed until further notice.

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Humpty does a fashion show

Martin Gliddon

Pics by Martin Gliddon and Paul
Ward

Back in the mists of time, in a land far, far away, well Shirley actually, I was asked by a colleague if he could use one of our cars for a photoshoot he was planning. Paul Ward was the gentleman who asked, owner of a lovely but very small Italian open top two seater sports car and also a professional photographer, and he expected this to be with a couple of weeks. Well



Chris and I said yes, no problem...fast forward 3 years and I get a message from Paul to say he had a model, make up team and a location, were we still interested? Of course, over the last three years the old memory has deteriorated a little bit, so I had to ask him to remind me of what he was talking about. Gradually, it sank in and the old brain cells started to recall the request. Paul's venue was many, many miles away. So we suggested one that was very near to us and a date was fixed. At that time we had no idea what kind of shoot he was planning, it could have been very dirty for all we knew. It could have been for Pig Farmers Monthly, which thinking about it would have been just as mucky! No, Paul assured me that everything was above board and it was a fashion shoot for a young model's portfolio that he was looking after.

The day in question arrived and it was decided that Humpty would provide the best opportunity for the shoot, Paul saying he would have to use (ahem) the back seat to which I told him that there was no room whatsoever in the XJS, not much more in the Daimler and Humpty would be the best bet.

Of course, it had to rain but there was the promise of some brighter spells as the afternoon wore on. Sure enough, it rained all afternoon...almost!

The venue chosen was Stoneleigh Abbey, a stone's throw from where we live and somewhere I knew we would not create too much interest from any security or the general public. Outside the main venue, there is a lovely stable block with a very ornate sandstone façade. An excellent spot to photograph any subject.

As the rain came down, Chris and I sheltered inside the stable entrance and as things progressed I thought I had better get some pictures for the Magazine. As is usual with these things, time marches on - rapidly and to be perfectly honest I was more concerned that they were keeping Humpty's doors open and the rain was getting in and onto the wood work. So out I

went, avec parapluie and micro-fibre cloth and asked them to wipe the woodwork down before they closed the doors. After some time, and some make up and clothes changes - well hidden and out of view I might add, the rain eased and things began to dry off. It was so interesting to watch a professional



photographer at work and to see how his team of two ladies stepped in without any prompting to adjust the hat , or the hairstyle.

A security van drove past on a number of occasions, but didn't stop and several members of the public strolled by - the Abbey is open to the public and do delicious afternoon teas...well worth it as is a walk around the really beautiful lake and gardens. Thankfully, no one asked us what we were up to, which is a good thing because I feel we might have been asked to leave quickly, having not gone through the "asking of permission" and "it will cost you an arm and a leg to do this stakes thank you very much!!!"

Overleaf are some of the professional pictures...lying down time Muriel!



Lucia does really suit being wrapped in a Rolls-Royce





I still think Humpty edges it on the good look stakes!



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Lockdown Laughter

Mike Ridley



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Picnic at the Gardner's

Martin Gliddon

Pictures by Steve Gardner and
Martin Gliddon

In the midst of the lockdown, where events were hard to come by it was really lovely for Steve and Michelle Gardner to throw open their house and gardens for a very impromptu picnic and BBQ. To say it was impromptu is a bit of a lie as we all had to follow Government Track and Trace regulations and “book” our places. A grand total of 34 “guests” and 14 proper cars were in attendance, all bringing their own food and drink, although several bottles of wine were supplied. Tours of Steve’s workshop where he builds wonderful miniature and drivable Land Rover’s were given and a really great afternoon was brought to end with a display of Latin American dancing, a speciality of Michelle and Steve’s, along with explanations and a potted history of the various types of tango









One of Steve's miniature Land Rovers, all electrically driven and would make the ideal Christmas present for any child





My Other Cars

Alan Harris

I have always been keen on cars and started driving a Ferguson tractor on a friend's farm when I was 7 years old, something you can't do today.

Various cars came and went over time from a Mini Cooper, Riley 1.5, Triumph Dolomite Sprint, TR7 and Triumph Stags until I realised a childhood dream of owning a Jaguar E type roadster about 30 years ago. This was the beginning of my love affair with classic Jaguars.

Since then I have mainly focussed upon XK's of the 50's & 60's currently owning four, 2 XK 120's, a roadster and a fixed head, an XK 140 roadster and a 150S Drop Head. Whilst it is easier to buy re-imported LHD, cars some converted to RHD I have focussed upon original RHD cars. I also have an E type Fixed Head and a Mark 9.

The cars are all on the road and have been used in the main for long distance touring having been to most European countries as well as the Outer Hebrides and Orkney. I am a member of a couple of small groups who organise our own tours but often Mary & I join a tour company, group tour like Classics on the Road.

The Mark 9 is a rare manual car which took 5 years to find and has been fully restored. The car appeared at the NEC Classic Car show in 2014 at the end of the restoration. Since then I have become The Chairman of the Mark 7,8,9 Register of the Jaguar Drivers Club and organise an annual 4 night tour in the UK, next year's tour is to the Isle of Man.

Having been in Jaguar circles for many years I wanted to meet different people, not that I was unhappy with the Jaguar folk, after much research decided upon the RREC 20hp Register. A couple of years ago I purchased a



20hp and have since done a lot of small modifications to enable it to be used for long distance tours with the register but sadly this has been curtailed due to COV-19. On joining the RREC I must say I was disappointed with the club web site and have since put

together a dedicated 20hp web site for the Register Chairman Tom Jones, this can be viewed at www.rrec20hpreregister.com





The Dodford Inn

20th August 2020

Mike Ridley

With so many events cancelled, how welcome it was to attend a (not so informal) lunch at the Dodford Arms near Bromsgrove.

It was such a pleasure to get the car on the road, enjoy the sunshine, the company and the very convivial surroundings of this wonderfully located pub and restaurant.

Ok, there were only 8 of us there, David & Helen Ker-shaw, Morris & Jo Lashford, Ted & Linda Hammond and Krystyna and myself, but it was great to get together, enjoy excellent food and have a good natter.

Whilst we sat at two separate tables to observe social distancing requirements, banter still flew from one table to the next. A very enjoyable lunchtime.





A nice timeline of Proper cars



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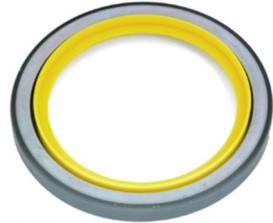
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