



XKCC Newsletter



December 2020

Ken Smith. Member No. 11

Ken Smith

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that club member Ken Smith has passed away.

Ken was a founding member of the club, at member number 11, and regularly attended the NW meetings firstly at the Smoker and then the Kilton despite it being a 180 mile round trip. As those of you who knew him Ken was very well liked within the club and was always available to help out and give advice. Ken especially enjoyed the Christmas dinners at the Kilton when it gave him an opportunity to wear one of his novelty hats. He also organised a club quiz.

When Norman Dewis signed some of his books for the club I asked Ken to pick them up for me as he lived nearer to Norman. Ken ended up having a two hour coffee and chat with Norman and his son. He always liked rubbing that in that I didn't collect them.

Ken will be sorely missed in the club.

I have passed on the clubs condolences to his family via his daughter Helen.

New members since March:

Barry Brockman, Surrey: Paul Patterson, Merseyside: Neil Beeson, Cheshire: Roger Brearley, South Yorkshire: Graham Farrell, Warwickshire: Melvyn Bull, Cambridgeshire: Phil Dyson Cheshire: peter Boyce, Derbyshire: John Kershaw, Herts.: Matt Ellis, Staffs.: Richard Coleridge, Essex: Jeremy Barden, Cambs.: Angus Matheson, Lancs.: Roger Fry, East Sussex: Michael caress, Gloucs.: Jeff Bell, Northants.: Stephen Webley, Warks.: Diane Osgood, Berks.: David Gosling, Ynys Mon: George Cairnie, Lothian: George Day, Essex: Tim Dady, Norfolk: Eric Steuber, West Virginia, USA: Paul Dimmock, Beds.: Bill Oliver, Kent: Adam Clairmonte, Herts.: Shane Tout, Devon: Tony Hearn, Cheshire: Matthew Jane, Hampshire: Ian Bushrod, Oxfordshire: Charles Johnson. Middlesex: Nigel Sainsbury, Middlesex: Shaun Gadalla, Manchester: Nick Abbot, Essex: Ian Mosdell, Northants.: James Giggins, Berks.: Paul Palmer, France.

Apologies for this being the first Newsletter since March. However I think we are all aware of the reasons why. What should have been another year of meetings, visits and tours has been anything but. We have though attracted about 35 new members into the club since March.

I have been told of members doing various things during and between lockdowns. One member is writing another novel after completing his autobiography and member John Dee is still producing his excellent "To The Garage" videos on YouTube for the X100.

There were some meetings between lockdowns with the NW region managing a visit to Oulton Park for the Gold Cup meeting. We managed to attract 20 XK's that day and were the largest Jaguar contingent there. It may be more difficult next year as Oulton Park is trying to restrict display cars to pre 2000 but we managed to get around that this year.



Oulton Park Gold Cup Meeting

The SE region also managed some meetings including three members visiting the Lake District and four members making a trip to Dorset. There was also a sad visit to Kemble Airport watching BA's Jumbo Jets fly into retirement.



Watching the last BA Jumbo Jets arrive at Kemble Airport

Christmas Grand Draw

As a thank you to the membership for supporting the club throughout 2020 the committee has decided to hold a Grand Christmas Draw. [Enter Here](#)

It is **free** to enter and there will be three groups of prizes. **Five** winners in each.

ENTER (<https://www.xkcc.club/xmas-draw>)

The prizes are:

1. A club branded umbrella. (See [HERE](#)) <https://www.xkcc.club/merchandise>
2. A club grille badge. (See [HERE](#)) <https://www.xkcc.club/merchandise>
3. 12 months free club membership.

We have had a very good response to this but entries will close at 12.00hrs 12th December 2020.

2021 Events

Hopefully things will return to some form of normality in 2021 and some of the postponed events planned for this year will take place.

Bob Owens in the Midlands Region is planning on a visit to the Morgan factory on 25th July.

We have also been invited to a SuperCar Fest. We will be allocated our own area and will be in the main display area where the action is taking place (not the general car park).

There is also a hill event in August.

To register for the Runway event in May please go to the following link: <https://www.supercarfest.co.uk/events/car-clubs-supercar-fest-the-runway>

To register for the Hill event in August please use this link: <https://www.supercarfest.co.uk/events/car-clubs-supercar-fest-the-hill>

Each registration MUST note the following code that has been allocated to the club **XKCC28**

Please also contact Bob if you are interested at xkccmidlands@btinternet.com

June Maunder in Devon / Cornwall region has rescheduled her “Poldark” tour for September.

The NW region has also rescheduled their south wales tour and visit to Llanrhindda Farm.

The club charity presentation to the RNLI at their Lytham station is also to be rescheduled. Not confirmed dates yet.

The Jaguar Breakfast Club is also planning a big 25th Anniversary meeting for the XK at the British Motor Museum at Gaydon in Saturday 4th September. Peter Simpson is hoping to attract **500 XKs** so put the date in your diary now.

After being locked down for 2020 hopefully these events will all be very well attended.

Silverstone Classic 2021

The Club will be attending the [Silverstone Classic](https://www.silverstoneclassic.com). <https://www.silverstoneclassic.com> Confirmed dates: Fri, 30 Jul 2021 – Sun 1st Aug 2021. For more details on discounted tickets and to register your interest contact Andrew Spark at a.j.spark1208@gmail.com

2021 AGM

The way things are going it doesn't look like we will be able to hold the 2021 AGM as normal. The committee has discussed this and are planning to hold the meeting via Zoom. This will limit us to 40 minutes but with our curtailed 2020 activities this should be sufficient for the required feedback. An agenda and Zoom invite will be sent out in January 2021.

Club Forum

We now have 145 members registered. More and more information of planned events, and gossip, is going onto the Forum so sign up and keep up with all the latest information. If you haven't registered yet go to **FORUM**. <https://www.thexkcc.club/>

NEWSLETTERS

As I have not had much to put in the Newsletters this year I would be grateful if you could contribute some articles. Let me know of any interesting trips you managed this year or any projects you have started motoring or otherwise. Also any tips or advice you have gained with your car.

LINKS OF INTEREST?

To The Garage (XK8) <https://www.youtube.com/c/ToTheGarage/videos>

Picture of the Month



**Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year
and thanks for supporting the club throughout a difficult 2020**

Ron Wood (Acting Club Chairman)

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