



**Preston Marriott Hotel**

# XKCC Newsletter



February 2022

### New members since December 21

Trevor Jones, Cardiff: David Cliffe, Staffs: Peter Holt, Cheshire: Simon Forgham, Lancs: Tony Sykes, Yorkshire: Adrian Lloyd, Merseyside: Tony Jeffries, Wiltshire: Derek Brooks, Devon: Paul Dunkin, Merseyside: Craig Earle, West Sussex: Volker Ballueder, West Sussex: John Wilkinson, West Devon: John Thring, Dorset: Martin Crook, West Sussex: Barry Bamford, Lancashire: Howard Davies, Leicestershire: Gary Wotton, Buckinghamshire: Ray Eccles, Surrey:

### XKCC Blackpool 100 Event

We now have 41 members booked into the Preston Marriott hotel for the weekend of Sept. 10-11<sup>th</sup>.

We will be attending the celebration event in Blackpool on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September and following a dinner in the hotel in the evening. We are also having an optional club run on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> through the scenic Forest of Bowland ending in a visit to Samlesbury Hall, one of the most beautiful historic homes of Lancashire.



If you would like to join us for all or any part of the weekend email me asap for more details. [xkcc@btinternet.com](mailto:xkcc@btinternet.com)

## **Jaguar Daimler Heritage Trust (JDHT)**

The club was invited by the JDHT to attend a meeting, at the British Motor Museum at Gaydon.

There was a good attendance from the JBC, JEC, JDC, Daimler and Lanchester club, XJS club, Classic XK and E-type club. The only non-attendance was from the XKEC. There were three members of the JDHT, Mathew Davies (MD), Tony Merrygold (Collections Manager) and Maggy Haynes (Financial Director), and also Glen Kelly (JLR Classic).

After all introducing our clubs there was a big discussion on memberships. We are all having the same issues. Aging membership and how to engage younger members. Social media was said to be the way forward to engage a younger audience and even the JDHT are starting to look at Tik-Tok!

It was also mentioned that Jaguar are getting a bit more involved with the 100 celebrations. They still regard 1935 as the start of Jaguar but are celebrating the 100 anniversary as a "Founders" event. The JDHT tour which is going to have a drive around the Anglesey circuit on its way to Blackpool was originally intended to be a half day event. However the JEC are having a track day there now so it will be a whole day event. I have asked if spectators are allowed and they will get back to me.

The JLR parts manager gave a presentation and asked for comments and how they can help clubs. The main feedback to him was about pricing. But as they are "a business supplying quality products" prices are what they are. We also asked about ECM units. JLR are looking into it but he said Jaguar don't always have the information as firms, i.e. Bosch just supplied modules to do specific tasks as requested. Not knowing how they worked!! But Bosch do have a classic division that are looking into these modules. JLR Classic would like to know what parts members might need that are getting hard to find. The DLOC are even trying to get a machine out of a museum as it is the only one that can make certain parts for them.

The JDHT are also interested in getting Jaguar archive information and are looking at interviewing past employees for a "brain dump" They have also recruited an archive apprentice in the hope of cataloguing the archive and making it available digitally. They even have Sir William Lyon's papers archive but haven't read it all yet. They also said some of their archive is stored in the Cheshire salt mines.

There is another meeting in August. I found it quite useful and it keeps the clubs name at the forefront of Jaguar clubs.

Minutes of the meeting are available. Email me for a copy.

### **XKCC AGM**

The club AGM was held, again over Zoom, on February 8<sup>th</sup>. There were no major issues and the minutes will be provided later.

### **Region Reports**

#### **Cornwall & Devon XK Group**

June has also put together a list of regional events for 2022. If interested in anything the Cornwall & Devon group are doing, please get in touch with June by email at either [xkcccd@btinternet.com](mailto:xkcccd@btinternet.com) or [jaguar.tiger50@outlook.com](mailto:jaguar.tiger50@outlook.com)

### East (Norfolk)

The East Region's breakfast meetings are held at The Swan Hilborough, Thetford, Norfolk

Contact Michael Simmons: Norfolk: [xkceast@btinternet.com](mailto:xkceast@btinternet.com)

### Midlands

The Midlands regions are still holding regular meetings. We meet on the 3rd Saturday but are looking for a more suitable venue. Contact Bob to be added to his mailing list.

Bob Owens: Midlands [xkccmidlands@btinternet.com](mailto:xkccmidlands@btinternet.com)

### North West

Regular monthly meetings at the Kilton Inn, Mere, near Knutsford. The NW is looking for a regional organiser. If you are interested let me know.

North West [xkcc@btinternet.com](mailto:xkcc@btinternet.com)

### North Wales



Gareth & Denise Jones's 2<sup>nd</sup> article for the XKCC newsletter, on the Welsh Air Ambulance.

The Wales Air Ambulance Service launched on St. David's Day 1<sup>st</sup> March 2001. To keep the 4 Helicopters flying 24/7, we need to raise £8million pound every year. Current mission count since 2001: 40936. The Helicopters are based in: Caernarfon, Welshpool, Llanelli, Cardiff.

The Cardiff Helicopter is the "Children's Wales Air Ambulance".



### The Welsh Flying Medics.

The Wales Air Ambulance Charity has a unique partnership with NHS Wales, which enables NHS doctors and practitioners to fly on board its aircraft.

This means patients can receive advanced treatments and care before reaching hospital.

Through the scheme, 24 consultants and 18 critical care practitioners fly with Wales Air Ambulance on a fully rostered programme from the NHS' "Emergency Medical Retrieval & Transfer Service". The partnership also provides access to a range of sophisticated equipment and a fleet of rapid response cars, which are used on missions where appropriate (such as poor weather for flying).

The consultants are the same as you would see in an A & E hospital, flying to you. The CCPs are highly skilled in critical care, from nursing and paramedic backgrounds. The teams use some of the most advanced treatments and equipment in the world, from techniques developed in the armed forces.

The "Welsh Flying Medics" was the first dedicated, consultant-led air ambulance operation in the UK. The scheme is committed not only to providing the most advanced pre-hospital care in Wales, but also in upskilling and attracting doctors and CCPs to the operation.



This was an event we attended at the Saltney Christmas Fair.

Father Christmas was in attendance, so the kids were on their best behaviour.

A donation was gratefully received from the Community Council.

Anyone organising an event who would like us to bring some merchandise along, please don't hesitate to contact us, and we will see if it can be arranged. Gareth & Denise: [argoed59@btinternet.com](mailto:argoed59@btinternet.com)

Further to last months P.S.

If any XK owners are interested in a tour and visit to the Caernarfon base, with a possible hotel stop-over, can you please just register an interest at this stage, so that I have an idea on numbers.

More information, facts & news coming for next newsletter.

### **North Wales Regional Events**

Jan 16<sup>th</sup> – Not the Christmas Lunch – Oystercatcher, Rhosneigr, Anglesey – Hawaiian or Loud shirts please

Feb 20<sup>th</sup> TBA

Mar 20<sup>th</sup> Drive around Llanberis Pass

Apr 17<sup>th</sup> Drive to Plas Cadnant – Hidden Gardens, Now confirmed, group parking and introductory talk.

May 15<sup>th</sup> Drive to Bala – Region BBQ courtesy of John and Patricia Carlin

Jun 19<sup>th</sup> Drive to Portmeirion – Now Confirmed, group drive through the village, photo opportunity, guided tour and designated parking for our 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary picnic.

Jul 17<sup>th</sup> TBA

Aug 21<sup>st</sup> Motorsport Festival – Trac Mon – Club parking requested.

David Gosling: North Wales: [xkccnwales@btinternet.com](mailto:xkccnwales@btinternet.com)

### **South East**

We generally have a breakfast meeting on the third Saturday of the month and at present we are going to Billy's on the Road, The A29, Stane Street, Billingshurst, West Sussex RH14 9AE <https://www.billysontheroad.co.uk>

This venue tends to rotate over time as we are covering an area with members from Essex, Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Berkshire and Hampshire. We also attend many of the events organised by other classic and car clubs, picnics, days out and tours. In general, any excuse to get the cars out of the garage if one is needed.

In January we had a very successful after Christmas Christmas lunch attended by forty members, after a short walk on Boxhill to get some fresh air. Our breakfast meet on 19<sup>th</sup> February is also at Billys'. Following that we are going to the Teal Café in Kent and then the Pathfinder Café at Blackbushe Airport.

We have a full calendar of events, amongst these members will definitely be going to Simply Jaguar at Beaulieu on 26<sup>th</sup> June, Castle Coombe on 24<sup>th</sup> July, Jaguars at Parham on 31<sup>st</sup> July and in September we are attending the Jaguar 100 Celebrations in Blackpool which includes a display on the seafront on the Saturday.

David Hollander: South East [xkccse@btinternet.com](mailto:xkccse@btinternet.com)

### **New Region\***

We are hoping to start a new region in the Bucks. / Bedfordshire area soon. Meetings will be arranged at a suitable venue. If you are interest please email [xkcc@btinternet.com](mailto:xkcc@btinternet.com).

\* If there is not a regional meeting close to you why not consider starting one. There will be other members near you who are just waiting for somewhere to meet up! Contact Ron Wood if you are interested.

Regions Page : <https://www.xkcc.club/national>

### **Other Jaguar meetings.**

#### **Jaguar Breakfast Club**

Regular, very well attended meetings on the first Saturday of the month at the British Motor Museum, Gaydon, CV35 0BJ

#### **Club Merchandise**

Orders are now being taken for a bulk order. Order your items **now** as there will not be another order until after the summer.

If you would like to purchase any items please go to <https://www.xkcc.club/club-merchandise> and place your order. All profits go towards the club charities.

#### **Spain 2022**

Andrew Spark is also organising a trip to Northern Spain next September. Details of the trip are on the Forum and club Facebook page.

If you would like more information contact Andrew at [a.j.spark1208@gmail.com](mailto:a.j.spark1208@gmail.com)

### **Llanerchindda Farm**

The club has booked two more South Wales weekend tours in July 2022 at Llanerchindda Farm. Now fully booked.

#### **Email Communication**

There are still a few emails bouncing back as non deliverable. Can you mark my [xkcc@btinternet](mailto:xkcc@btinternet.com) address as a "Safe Sender" so it will always get through. Please see link below.

<https://www.getyouonline.co.uk/news/how-to-add-an-email-address-to-a-safe-sender-list>

### Newsletter Articles

We need your stories!!

I am sure you have been doing lots of work on your XKs during the winter, if only polishing! Why not send me a write up, and some photos, on what you have been doing for the newsletter.

Technical articles, restoration work or general things you have been doing or found out that would be of interest to other members. Trips you have done in the past. Also any useful traders or suppliers you have come across.

You **ALL** have a story to tell!

Also if you have any parts for sale let Peter Braybrooke know and we can put it on the site for free.

### XKCC Contacts

Club Chairman: Ron Wood [xkcc@btinternet.com](mailto:xkcc@btinternet.com)

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Club Treasurer: Grantham Fidler [gfid@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:gfid@blueyonder.co.uk)

Website / Forum: Peter Braybrooke [xkccweb@btinternet.com](mailto:xkccweb@btinternet.com)

### Club Forum

We now have 213 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/>



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**Picture of the Month**



**Hawaiian Post Christmas Lunch in North Wales**

**Ron Wood (Club Chairman)**

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