



# XKCC Newsletter



August 2022

## Midlands Region Vulcan Visit

### New members since June 22

Allan Doyle, Devon: Gary Begley, Bedfordshire: David Green, Lancashire: Tim Kidd, Kent: Altaf Shaikh, Lancashire: Deborah Page, North Somerset: Carl Lowe, Leicestershire: James Sherwood, Surrey: Tim Hall, Wales: Paul Cotton, Birmingham: Paul Rogers, Cheshire: Ralph Lennox, Wales: Graham Mayes, Gwynedd: Peter Burgess, West Sussex: Pete Martin, North Wales: Brian Bayliss, Kent: Robert Magee, Worcestershire: Mike Higgs, Cornwall: Llyr Jones, Gwynedd.

### Region Reports

#### Cornwall & Devon XK Group

We've have had a variety of things going on over the past 2 months starting with the Jubilee Garden party at my house on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Bev & Julia came down on the Tuesday to help us put up the marquee, flags and everything needed for a perfect jubilee celebration on the Thursday with my neighbours, family and without saying my lovely XK friends. We had a selection of cars in the back garden for my family and neighbours to admire. Everyone bought some food for a shared buffet; perfectly cooked BBQ by Matt (not burnt) Peter & Margaret supplied the Pimm's, and Bettina made a Jubilee celebration Cake. Bev & Julie thank you for all your help over the weekend



9& 10<sup>th</sup> July - Powderham Castle classic car show near Exeter, very hot weekend so we put the gazebo up, the pitch was in a nice location, the show was well organised and so much to see, we had a lot of interest with people looking at the cars and a few new members. On the Saturday morning we were asked to attend the main arena with JEC Devon to celebrate Jaguar 100 years, Patch the chairman from that group came down the line of cars and spoke to Ed Mann about his car a XKR signature limited edition and Paul Risley XK8 final Edition and Derek Brooks XK8 (early one), I've never done that before it was a little bit of fun, the drive around the arena showed off the cars to the spectators and I did get a change to promote my group.

16<sup>th</sup> July - Breakfast meeting at Lifton strawberry fields at 10.30am leaving at 12 for a 15 minutes' drive away to the Alder vineyard for a wine tour followed by lunch. This was interesting talk by owner Sarah, she was knowledgeable in the planting and looking after the vines all year round to the harvesting the grapes to produce the excellent white wine & Rosa. Sarah was passionate about her produce; everyone enjoyed the wine tasting at the end of the tour we did buy something from the wine shop before leaving. Excellent place to go back to for a visit, very welcoming from Sarah & son Tom, and the staff, a great family run business in the Lyd valley.



Alder Vineyard



Wadebridge Wheels

17<sup>th</sup> July - Wadebridge wheels charity car show, with over 1100 exhibiting from all sorts of vehicles on display a good day out for motor enthusiast. We put up the Gazebo once again it was so hot, the social hub for everyone to meet up and have a laugh in between looking around. Sarah made some lovely Banana cakes also had some lovely refreshing melon to share. It was a good day out with you all. Headed back home with John & Sarah following, a good drive home.

### Upcoming events

7<sup>th</sup> August, Ed & Gill are organising a scenic drive from Smiley café 11.45am to the White Horse pub near Exeter for lunch

21<sup>st</sup> August, a BBQ at Peter & Margaret Drake walls near Gunnislake

1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> September, Llanerchindda hotel Wales - social weekend away. If interested in joining us there is still rooms available, please get in touch

25<sup>th</sup> September, Drive and dine starting on Plymouth at 10.15am then onto the Garden house near Yelverton for lunch

Thinking of joining the Cornwall & Devon XK group please get in touch for more information, my email address is [jaguar.tiger50@outlook.com](mailto:jaguar.tiger50@outlook.com)

### North West

The NW region had another visit to Llanerchindda Farm, the weekend after the SE region! (The Cornwall and Devon region will be there in September!) Once again the weekend was superbly organised with some great runs across the South Wales region including a great drive across the Epynt Military range and a view of the “German” village used by the military for urban warfare training. The only downside being the exceptionally hot weather!



### **Autumn Car run**

Philip Knibbs is planning an Autumn Car run in the beautiful Peak Forest National Park, on the 16th October 2022

The run will start at the Premier Inn Tytherington North Macclesfield. There will be a coffee break at The Carding Shed (Oil Tin Cafe ) near Holmfirth and finish at the Windy Harbour Farm Hotel Glossop for Sunday Lunch

The run will briefing will be at 9.30 am

For those wanting to stay over at The Premier Inn, the rate as it stands at the moment is £59.50 per room  
They have pub attached Beefeater with a good menu and a meal deal £24.99 for two course evening meal with drink and a full English breakfast.

The run is approximately 65 miles on various road classes taking you through lovely villages and beautiful scenery

For any further information you can contact Philip on **07889 928802**

Regular monthly meetings at the Kilton Inn, Mere, near Knutsford. The NW is still looking for a regional organiser to help coordinate events in the region. If you are interested let me know.

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

## South East

The SE region have had a busy couple of months, members supported the local JDC Great British Day Out at Denbies Vineyard although sadly the poor weather dampened the spirits somewhat as did it for members who were looking forward to a brighter day at Simply Jaguar at Beaulieu which was not to be. The weather did improve with only intermittent showers for the fourteen cars on parade at Cars at the Castle at Hever and a good day out was had by all, Colin Pestell brought along his recently restored Jaguar XK150 which took pride of place in the centre of the display and won the Tea Pot Trophy for members choice car of the day.



July saw us return to an old favourite breakfast haunt, Billys on the Road, where the new menu and opportunity to sit out in the sun made the morning even more relaxed and enjoyable than usual. Here, new member James Sherwood, who had joined us for the first time and where his Salsa Red X150 Convertible caught the eye of the restaurant team and was chosen as this month's Tea Pot Trophy winner.



Many have just returned this weekend (22nd/23rd) from Castle Coombe where a gang stayed for the weekend at the Beechfield House Hotel and were joined by others for the Sunday BMC Classics and Parade opportunity to spend three sessions out on the Castle Coombe race track. It was great to have members Ian Gray and Les Lane from the Cornwall and Devon region stay with us and we would welcome more from the south west, or anywhere else, next year!



We are looking forward to going to Parham House next weekend, a new venue for the ever popular JEC West Sussex summer festival, Jaguars at Parham following on from Jaguars at Arundel last year. We are meeting for another breakfast at Billys beforehand as it is conveniently situated for many on the way. Here's hoping the weather holds out for a picnic in the grounds at what is described as one of the top ten stately homes in the country.

August will see some SE members attending the JEC Summer Festival at Newby Hall, in Yorkshire, be sure to say hi if you are there too as will they also be at the Jaguar 100 celebrations in Blackpool. We also have a new venue for our August breakfast meet, Ye Olde Six Bells in Horley and are following this with a visit to the nearby Wings Museum, a fascinating insight into life during World War Two.

### **Midlands**

Our breakfast meets continue albeit a bit quieter due to holidays and lots of other events. We are trying different venues each month.

We had an event arranged on the 30th July at Wellsbourne Airfield starting with breakfast and then a really enjoyable tour of the Vulcan at Wellesbourne which is looked after by a really knowledgeable team of volunteers. Who knew that the Vulcan has 4 Bristol 301 engines each producing around 32,000 HP, we were even allowed up into the cockpit where the technology given the age of the plane was very impressive.





Nothing else arranged but loads of other stuff going on at the moment including Gaydon and Wappenbury Hall.

Contact Bob to be added to his mailing list.

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### North Wales

The North Wales Region Breakfast and Drive turned in to a tremendous day out. This was also the first anniversary of the Region and member Margaret and Robert Smith surprised us with a gorgeous cake in celebration.



We started with breakfast (and that amazing cake) in the Beach Pavilion Cafe in Llanfairfechan with 14 cars and showing off our new club flag.



Then we drove down to Portmeirion where we were joined by 2 more cars. I have to say the staff at Portmeirion were brilliant to us as we got the chance to take our cats through the village and take some pictures of them in this iconic setting. Then we were given a guided tour by the incomparable Meurig Jones, he gave an enthralling insight to Sir Clough Williams-Ellis and the amazing place he built, we really felt he gave us the essence of the man and the place.



Once completed we extracted our cars from the village and set up camp in the car park for a group picnic in glorious sunshine with the usual witty banter and camaraderie. Yes there were candelabras and even a tiara!!!!





July was a bit different as we had an "Origins of Jaguar Meeting" held in conjunction with Tacla Taid (Anglesey Transport Museum) it went very well. We had a tremendous turnout from our own club and attracted some lovely other Jaguars from different ages, We had an SS100 (Suffolk), XK140, E Type, several XJ6's, S Types, X Type, F Type and a superb looking Jaguar Royale. This was something a bit different for us and the weather was superb. A large group drove a route we had prepared around some of the coast, Holyhead Breakwater and harbour, then back to the museum.



August will see 2 events in the North Wales Region. On the 7th we have a stand at Anglesey Autofest being held at Trac Mon, then on the 21st our regular meet featuring breakfast, a "Mystery" social drive with a picnic to finish.

In September we will be visiting the Llangollen Motor Museum and driving the Horseshoe Pass with lunch at the Ponderosa.

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### **Beds. And Bucks Region**

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## East (Norfolk)

If you would like to join this group and help build up the region towards regular meetings contact: [xkceast@btinternet.com](mailto:xkceast@btinternet.com)

## New Website Pages

We have introduced some new members' only pages on the club website. You can now send in pictures of your car, any projects you are working on with your XK and also any toys, hobbies or obsessions you have! The more interesting the better.

Send all you pictures to Peter Braybrooke at [xkccweb@btinternet.com](mailto:xkccweb@btinternet.com). Please send in pictures as you would like them to be displayed as they will not be altered.

We will also be uploading albums from the old club website.

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**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. The meeting is free to display but you will need a ticket, valid for 12 months, to enter the museum. Well worth a visit.

<https://www.jaguarbreakfastclub.org.uk/>

### Club Merchandise

Following discussions with our embroiderer we will only be doing bulk orders twice a year. Order your items **now** as there will not be another order until next year. **Club Grille badges have now sold out.**

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.

### Email Communication

There are still a few emails bouncing back as non deliverable. Can you mark my [xkcc@btinternet.com](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>

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

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## Club Forum

We now have 238 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/>

### Links

#### XKR 75 Review

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=98IHGy2zwcM>

#### Could flat tyres soon be a thing of the past?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-61644033>

#### Ian Callum's latest design.

<https://www.carscoops.com/2022/07/prodrives-gaming-drive-simulator-probably-costs-more-than-your-car/>

### Picture of the Month



### Red Arrows car park?

**Ron Wood (Club Chairman)**

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