



**XKCC**  
**Newsletter**

June 2022

**New members since March 22**

Stephen Jones, Lancashire: John Kane, Alabama, USA: Charles Pollard, Essex: Damian Kelly Derbyshire: Paul Earps, Cheshire: Paul Holtom, Leicestershire: David Page, Worcestershire: Patrick Rose, Devon: Peter Alexander, Herts.: Darren Flint, Cornwall: Mark Atkinson, Herts: Allan Doyle, Devon: Tony Rigby, Bedfordshire: John Drewitt, Cheshire: David Green, Lancashire.

**Region Reports**  
**Beds. And Bucks Area**

We had very reasonable turnout for our first Beds & Beds breakfast meet at the Travellers Rest in Berkhamstead coupled with a beautiful sunny day, Krystina the manageress was very accommodating and reserved an area for us in this beautifully decorated pub/bistro.





Big thanks to Ray Smith, Steve and Martina Tullet, John & Wendy Diffley, Peter & Sue Braybrooke who travelled a fair distance to meet up with club members once again sharing stories & experiences on our beloved cars.

Also big thanks to Tony Rigby & Ian Pemberton for their local support.



We had Seven XK150 models attending & no less than Four XKRS's & One XKR Dynamic in the line up. Great to see a lovely mix of this timeless model.

Afternoon was spent with a mini tour through the scenic Buckingham countryside to Woburn village where the ladies enjoyed window shopping along its picturesque old High Street. The day ended with afternoon teas & coffee in the local pub.



Hope re-arrange again in late June. Watch this space  
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### Cornwall & Devon XK Group

The Cornwall & Devon XK group been busy over the past few months

In March we visited Martin & Bettina's house, it was another enjoyable day out to see the lambs with the ewes in the barn also some were in the field you could see the lambs playing together enjoyable to watch. Bettina explained they must be named /registered because they are rare breed. Martin & Bettina are knowledgeable about their breed they keep.

We headed indoors for a buffet lunch and spent a lovely afternoon together with a great bunch of friends.



On Easter Sunday 17 members attended the Devonshire Lavender's & Herbs nursery owned by Les & Gill, after drinks on arrival Les took everyone around the nursery poly tunnels to see how they start to produce from seeds or cutting, then onto establish plants ready to sell to wholesalers across the UK. So much to see and all sorts of plants from herbs, roses, climbers, ferns, shrubs, and fruit trees just to name a few. Les is deeply knowledgeable on how best way to look after them too.

We had an Easter egg hunt, everyone had to find them scattered around the garden, but Mike did not find one and I could not remember where I put it but luckily Paul bought one for the raffle, so Mike had that one. Lottie the granddaughter found a big After 8 egg the next day in the garden – a lucky girl 🍀.



**Drive it weekend on 22 April 2022** 2 nights' accommodation staying at the Penventon Hotel in Redruth Cornwall, this was part of the Poldark tour again for some of my locals that could not make the tour in September 2021, also visited some of the unspoilt locations in Cornwall. It's great fun to be out with the XKs friends we went to Falmouth, Pendennis Point, Botallack—the three famous engine houses, Gwennap pit, Cornwall chocolate shop, Tremenheer Sculpture gardens and Cadgwith which I agree with John it is a very pretty cove, chocolate box thatched cottages, John favourite places in Cornwall. John took then up the cliff edge to the National Trust Devils frying pan



Cadgwith cove Michael Mount in the background. Sculpture Gardens with St



**On 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022** breakfast meeting at the Jamaica Inn Bolventor, attended was 16 people/ 9 cars then a scenic tour in convoy to St Breward a tiny village on Bodmin moor, over a couple of narrow bridges before coming out on the Atlantic highway coastal road turning off to Tintagel, Boscastle and Crackington Haven back onto the Atlantic highway to the Bay View Inn at Widemouth Bay for lovely lunch. The tour was 1½ hours and roughly forty miles.

## Photos outside the Jamaica Inn



Everyone enjoyed the route epically the Bodmin moor with fantastic views – an enjoyable day out with you all.

### Upcoming events

3<sup>rd</sup> June - Jubilee Garden party at Morwellham from 3pm – BBQ, XK car sparked on the village green

26<sup>th</sup> June - Ed & Gill is organising a scenic drive from Smiley café 11.45am to the White Horse pub near Exeter for lunch

9 & 10<sup>th</sup> July - Powderham Castle car show

16<sup>th</sup> July - Breakfast meeting then a wine tour

17<sup>th</sup> July - Wadebridge wheels charity car show

**Finally**, to Norm & Mandy on behalf of the group, wishing you all the best and happiness in your retirement in sunny Cyprus, thank you for all your support over the last 4½ years.

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 North West region joined with the Modern XK section of the JEC for a weekend in the Peak District. The weekend started on the Saturday with a visit to Crich Tramway Village.



A well attended visit with XKs lined up along the main road, but out of the way of the vintage trams giving rides throughout the day. There was also a lot to see and learn from the various halls and displays.



The following day was Drive it Day and approximately 40 XKs set off for a 70 mile run through the Peak District followed by lunch.

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.

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### **South East**

The South East continues to hold regular monthly meets interspersed with special events and activities.

Breakfast last month was at a new venue, the Pathfinder Café at Blackbushe Aerodrome, more easily placed for those in the west of the region and was well attended with dedicated parking provided for us. Steve was proud to be this month's winner of the Teapot Trophy. This month, in May, we are moving eastwards and combining breakfast with a visit to member Ian Spencer's charity car meet and Sunday lunch.



Earlier this month some of our members went to support the inaugural meeting of the Beds & Bucks region and enjoyed an afternoon at Woburn.

Some members too have tested the waters of foreign travel with a short break in Northern France finding the Eurostar running efficiently and blessed with a week of sunshine and some very tasty Moules Frites. We also found petrol is also about 10% cheaper out there which was a nice surprise.



Another member enjoyed exploring Provence and a further member attended the annual historic classic car event in Cyprus. Closer to home a group were at the recent Swallows Centenary event at Brooklands with massed rows of Jaguars on display all around the museum on the Sunday.



So, yesterday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Ian & Ann hosted our May breakfast where we first met at their eclectic Marques at Spencers Brmm Brmm Brunch classic car gathering, always an interesting display of cars to get up close to and look at and we followed this with a short drive to Mayfield where we had a most enjoyable lunch at the Middle House Hotel, the sunshine and blue skies allowing us all to gather and socialise in the garden long after dessert had been served. An exceptional venue and a day to be repeated in the future.



In addition to ongoing breakfast events at revolving venues future events include in June the club participation at the Hever Castle Father's Day Classic Car show where we should have seventeen cars on display on the castle lawns and in July we go down to the Castle Coombe race track for a great gathering and some 'gentle' track laps at the BMC Classics & Parade. Here some members are making a weekend of it and a club dinner for twenty is booked for the Saturday night including visiting members joining us from the Isle of Man and from Cornwall. Finally, and not forgetting our regular attendance at Simply Jaguar at Beaulieu in June and the new venue in July for Jaguars at Parham.



Members will also be travelling north in August to attend the JEC Summer Festival and again in September to join the club at the Jaguar 100 Celebrations in Blackpool. So, a busy time for all coming up but one where we all can now get out and about and actually make the most of our cars.





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### **East (Norfolk)**

Due to lack of support in the region Michael has stopped arranging regular monthly meetings. There is however a small group who will continue to meet and attend events as required. If you would like to join this group and help build up the region towards regular meetings again contact: [xkcc@btinternet.com](mailto:xkcc@btinternet.com)

### **Midlands**

Midlands visit to CMC Open Day. 8 cars stopped for breakfast on route. 13 members at CMC.



Also our last breakfast meet at The George in the Tree (16 people) attached.  
Some of us (7 cars) went to Caffeine Machine near Stratford on 21st April and then went on to Gilks Garage in Kineton for lunch.



We have a trip planned for 30th July to Wellsbourne Airfield to see and sit in the Vulcan plane (18 cars). Preceded by breakfast and photo shoot.



Trying to arrange a trip to Midland Airfield which has 30 planes and story of the Jet Engine developed by Sir Frank Whittle. Problem is people have a lot on over summer months so probably will be September time.

Contact Bob to be added to his mailing list.

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

### North Wales

April saw the group have breakfast then head for a visit to the Hidden Gardens (Plas Cadnant) at Menai Bridge. We were blessed with gorgeous weather and an attendance of 12 cars was excellent as it happened to be Easter Sunday, En route we did pull in to the famous viewing spot for the bridges and mountains.



In May we had our long awaited Scenic Drive and Regional BBQ. We set off after breakfast from Llanfairfechan with 18 XK's for a drive through the Llanberis Pass to our first stop in Portmadog for coffee where we picked up 2 more XK's.



Then it was off to Bala cross country enjoying views of the mountains and lakes before arriving at our secret BBQ site. The BBQ was arranged by group members Trish and John Carlin at a picturesque spot above Bala and the groups' second

favourite pastime (eating!) was well catered for!!! Big thanks to Trish, John and their friends for all their hard work in setting this up and doing the catering.



Then to round things off they had arranged a surprise Falconry experience for us to enjoy. All in all it was a great day and we managed (just about) to avoid the rain showers!!! We had 8 first time attendees for the day and we hope they enjoyed themselves. After expenses and with a bit more money to come in it looks like we will have raised around £200 for our club charity the RNLI, I think I will have to get John to do my shopping every week!!!



<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
June	19th	Breakfast and visit to Portmeirion with picnic lunch (or café) with guided tour.
July	17th	Origins of Jaguar Drive in Meet at Tacla Taid, organised by the museum in conjunction with the XKCC
August	21st	Breakfast then scenic drive - Mystery Tour with picnic.
September	18th	Breakfast then visit to Llangollen Motor Museum (by special arrangement) Lunch at the Ponderosa.
October	16th	Breakfast then visit to Plas Newydd, Anglesey - House and grounds
November	20th	TBA

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Gareth & Denise Jones's 3rd article 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: 41,188. The Helicopters are based in: Caernarfon, Welshpool, Llanelli, and Cardiff.

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



**The Children's Welsh Air Ambulance.**

The Children's Wales Air Ambulance is a specialist division of the charity, providing the expert care and transport required for paediatric and neonatal patients.

They help around 400 children and babies a year, either on emergency 999 missions or by using the dedicated transfer helicopter.

**Babypods.**

They have 4 Babypods (shown in photo above) used for emergency missions. They are light enough to quickly install on an aircraft, providing fast protection for infants needing urgent care.

**Advanced Flight Incubators.**



The Wales Air Ambulance have 2 Advanced Flight Incubators (shown above), costing in excess of £100,000 each, used on planned transfers. These sophisticated incubators are used when a vulnerable baby needs to move hospitals anywhere in the UK, for specialist treatment or to be closer to home. They help to keep our tiny patients warm and well oxygenated for their journey.



This was at the Emyr Evans Machinery Show, at the Anglesey Showground. The company kindly agreed to let us attend over the two day show. A great show, with loads of “Big Boys Toys” on display.

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:** [argued59@btinternet.com](mailto:argued59@btinternet.com)

### **Social Meetings**

If there is not a regional meeting close to you why not consider starting a social one. There will be other members near you who are just waiting for somewhere to meet up! Contact me at [xkcc@btinternet.com](mailto:xkcc@btinternet.com) if you are interested.

We have three members in the Lake District who are a bit far away from our regular regional meetings so Stuart Bisset is organising a breakfast meeting and a 40 mile social run on June 26<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to join them contact Stuart on [stuart@bisset.org](mailto:stuart@bisset.org)

They plan to meet at 10:30am at the Blue Bird café, Coniston for breakfast/coffee. Finishing at Holker Hall Cafe - more coffee / Lunch around 13:00/13:30.

The approx 40mile run will take in:

- Coniston
- Ambleside
- Up The Struggle
- Down Kirkstone Pass
- Windermere
- Winster
- Gilpin Bridge
- Cartmel
- Cark
- Holker Hall

The following link should show on Google Maps. <https://goo.gl/maps/i6YaBrpM7YaWu9JZ6>

### 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  
Saturday 4th June Breakfast Club meeting will feature a dedicated display of X150 modern XKs (2006-2014). 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.

### Llanerchindda Farm: VACANCIES

We have had a **cancellation** for **ONE** double room for the July 8,9,10 weekend.  
There are also **TWO** twin rooms available for the September 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> weekend.

If you are interested in joining us for two more superb weekend visits to the Farm and drives through the Welsh countryside email me asap. First come, first served!

#### 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>

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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### XKCC Contacts

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

## **Club Forum**

We now have 231 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**

A glass of CALLUM anyone?

<https://hiconsumption.com/callum-annandale-scotch-whisky/>

Jaguar and Alexa

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=CG-I\\_xzfxAs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=CG-I_xzfxAs)

Richard Gere's XK8

[https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1999-jaguar-xk8-convertible-35/?fbclid=IwAR3n-vQ\\_vHHhokzwwhEP4t-tV6amQKqHK73dDtgsS6WW757fwx2-R71czlM](https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1999-jaguar-xk8-convertible-35/?fbclid=IwAR3n-vQ_vHHhokzwwhEP4t-tV6amQKqHK73dDtgsS6WW757fwx2-R71czlM)

Worried about Servicing Costs?

<https://www.carscoops.com/2021/09/servicing-and-maintenance-for-the-bugatti-chiron-pur-sport-will-cost-you-roughly-500k-every-four-years/>

Building a wire wheel for a classic Jaguar

<https://youtu.be/ncvdXKsFfX0>

## **Picture of the Month**



**Who else thinks they look like Richard Gere when they stand by their XK?**

**Ron Wood (Club Chairman)**

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