

JOC Wessex Area

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Hi-Ho-Hi-Ho, it's back to flying I go!!!

At long last I am finally fully checked out to go flying again on my own. It has been a long ten months and I suspect it feels a lot longer for Lisa.

Strange to see her and the boys dancing around the kitchen when I announced my first route away in nearly a year. Unfortunately most of the routes these days go East in full Kevlar body armour, but only last week I was allowed to go West during my check ride from Calgary back to the UK. Strange how most of the procedures for crossing the Atlantic in an RAF jet have changed recently. Let's just say that my report is a little longer than normal.....!!!

The ASBO is still teaching me a few things about it's mechanicals and the 'old REK' very nearly got sold. I've never been so unenthusiastic about selling a car before and the buyer picked up on the fact that I really didn't want to sell it.



Spring Weekend at the Tortworth Court Hotel

It's almost that time of year again when we start the season with a well needed break in the country. This year Thelma Smith has done the club proud by offering us a weekend in an original 14th Century manor house in South Gloucestershire. On the Saturday morning we will be heading off in convoy from the hotel to a car park some 15 miles away. This will be the start and return point for the walk to lunch about 5 miles away (most of it flat and by the canal). After lunch it will be the same back to the car park and a return convoy to the hotel. There are approximately 75 of us in 40 rooms, so I think that will be the hotel full, however if you haven't booked and would still like to come on the convoy/walk/convoy on the Saturday, then please contact Lewi for further details on 01249 446648 or via the email above.



Malcolm Webb

Malcolm Webb sadly passed away on 13th February 2008. He will be greatly missed by all those that knew him. His passion for Jensens and the 541 model is well known. His association with the marque started in the 1950's with his first 541 and indeed Malcolm had a Jensen ever since. On behalf of the area our sympathies go to his widow Betty at this sad time.

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What have we been up to.....

Bristol Classic Car Show



My first attempt at organising a big show and I think I got away with it unscathed. This was mainly due to the support I got from club members who helped during the weekend. Many thanks to you all.

As will become apparent in the report in the club magazine, the two cars displayed were the 'old REK' and Tony Iles gorgeous 541R. Tony won the 'Best Interior' at the show and was awarded a trophy and a rosette.

It was great to see Jane and David Turnage at the show, and it certainly helped having the 541 registrar on hand to answer all the tricky 541 questions.

I on the other hand, had our eldest Hayden on wheel cleaning duties for the two days!

Coventry Open Day



What a great time we had on the trip up to and home from Coventry for the Forum / Open Day. Both the old 'REK' and the ASBO behaved themselves and we took advantage of the superb Fosse Way.

It was another very impressive turnout from the club and must have pleased the Coventry shoppers a lot to see such well turned out classics in the centre of town.

Is it just me or does anyone else think the planners decided the roads around the museum by looking at spaghetti on a plate?

Thank you to David Newby and the committee for organising the day in which we all got a say in how to take the club forward. Lisa is currently looking into how to integrate families and partners more.

Area Co-ordinators

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JOC Spring Weekend - Tortworth Court Hotel, Charfield, South Glos, 18th and 19th April. Contact Thelma Smith
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Interceptor/FF Weekend - Sandwell Park, West Bromwich 11th May. Contact Steve Johnson 01746 766994

JOC International Weekend - Hayley Conference Centre, Wroughton, Nr Marlborough, Wiltshire 13th to 15th
June