

JOC Wessex Area

Please see the last page for future events for the Wessex Area, and contact either the organiser or the area co-ordinator for further details. Also, any suggestions for meets can be emailed to the address below. This is your area and your input is welcomed.

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Newsletter February 2008

Happy New Year

Wow, it's the February newsletter already

I hope you all had a very pleasant Xmas and both Lisa and I wish you a very prosperous Jensen New Year.

Santa was obviously in a very good mood this year judging by the startled look on my face on Christmas morning. Most of my pressies under the tree were Jensen related. I'm now motivated for concours this year!

At long last!

After much badgering of my doctor at work, I have finally been allowed to complete a Spinal Rehabilitation Course and am now waiting for the doctors to sign off the paperwork so I can start a retraining package of simulators, flying and ground testing exams.

Hopefully this will mean that I can go back to flying but on the downside means that I will be away a lot more in 2008. Work have already booked me down for at least 2 possibly 3 detachments to the Middle East!!!



Bristol Classic Car Show

This years Bristol Classic Car Show will again be held at the Bath and West Showground in Shepton Mallett on the 16th and 17th of February. As mentioned in the last newsletter, the organisers are being a lot stricter with the allocation of free tickets for this event. For club members we have negotiated a special offer code **BCM8** which is applicable for advanced ticket sales only. The price of this offer is £5.00 entry instead of the £9.00 on the door (and £7.00 for general public advance tickets). These tickets can either be purchased online at

www.nwe.co.uk or by phone on 01179

071000. Please remember to book early to allow the tickets to arrive by post.

There isn't a theme to the stand this year as we have managed to secure a stand back in the main hall, so we are attempting a smart casual and professional approach..... As a tip for all, remember to bring a jacket as it's not the warmest place I've ever visited. To all those newsletter readers that we haven't met, please find time to come and say hello. Feel free to direct any questions to Lewi on 01249 446648.

Insurance Claims

There is a very good article on insurance in this months (March) Practical Classics magazine. The gist of it is that insurance companies are not paying out the true value for classic cars. It would seem that in some cases the claims have been referred to the Insurance Ombudsman who have, as it turns out, sided with the claimants and forced the insurance companies to pay out the true worth. The outcome is..... to get your classic car be it a

Jensen or otherwise an agreed valuation.

Generally the registrars of the club can help in some way with a valuation and together with some photos, a value can then be agreed.



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What have we been up to?



CHRISTMAS DINNER

Just before Christmas we met at the Holford Arms just outside Tetbury for our annual Christmas dinner. Terry Coggins organised the

event which was a late venue change, however the pub served us admirably well and the food was of the highest quality.

It's a slight pity that Lisa and I arrived late for the evening as the sat nav decided to take us the other side of Tetbury, past all forms of civilization and down a narrow country lane!

Once we had arrived, we noticed that all the members were grouped around a huge roaring fire, with pride of place going to the pub owners Labrador dogs.

Food and festive fun ensued, and it was a very fitting end to the Jensen season.

Thank you Terry for your hard work in organising yet another Wessex meet.

Steam train lunch, Avon valley railway 6th April

Congratulations to Sarah.....and Zac

The Wessex Area has organised a steam and cuisine lunch on the Avon Valley railway Sunday 6th April. I have already had a lot of interest in this event and need to book our carriage. I will need your money in advance of £30 a head. This is for a three-course gourmet lunch and unlimited travel on the railway. I am planning on filling a whole coach so we can be our normal boisterous selves!! This will also be a celebration of Alan's 60th birthday, which is on the 8th You are welcome to bring your own drinks.

Jean Smith 01380 726876

Thursday 24th January 2008

Sarah and Zac are now the proud parents of a baby boy. Luke Joseph, 7lb 10oz. Both mother and baby are doing fine. Zac is reported to be over the moon.

Congratulations to you both from all Wessex Area Members

Forthcoming Events for 2008

Bristol Classic Car Show - Shepton Mallet Showground 16th and 17th February

Open Day/Forum - Coventry Transport Museum 2nd March

Alan Smith's 60th Steam Train Lunch - Avon Valley Railway, 6th April. Contact Jean Smith 01380 726876

JOC Spring Weekend - Tortworth Court Hotel, Charfield, South Glos, 18th and 19th April. Contact Thelma Smith 01283 760535

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