

JOC Wessex Area

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It's Late...again

For all of you who read my ramblings through the newsletter will know that give or take a week or so the newsletter goes out about every two months. My sincere apologies go to each and every one of you for the lateness of this edition. The idea was to have it ready before the International in June, but whoever suggested putting two cars into the concours should have his bumps felt. Add into this work (last year was such a breeze) and the amount of going away I have been doing over the last couple of months and the impetus for sitting down and writing this has taken a back seat.

For the area we have a couple of things in the pipeline. A Sunday lunch meet is planned, possibly for mid Sept and hopefully a trip to Filton to be hosted and shown around Concorde and it's exhibition. Priority will go to Wessex area members initially and then the JOC

Wroughton 2nd-3rd Aug 2008



The Wroughton classic car show will again be held at the Science Museum on Wroughton Airfield on the weekend of the 2nd and 3rd Aug 2008. For details please contact Alan Smith on 01380 726876 or areas@joc.org.uk

The website for information is www.wroughtonclassic.co.uk

This really is a fantastic show over two days. Last year Lisa, our dog Jake and I did both days and camped overnight. There is entertainment laid on in the evening although last year it was a guy who used to be in the 70's pop group Mud and was a bit dated to say the least!

Hopefully, the Great British weather will be much the same as 2007 and

not the weather we have had for the last few weeks. Geoff Collis managed to make the trip last year from the Cheshire area and I understand that he enjoyed it so much, he is doing it again this year. We had at least 12-14 cars on both the days and I know the organisers were very impressed with the stand. We should again be able to provide hot drinks throughout the day and a BBQ on Saturday evening for those staying over.

Kingswood Classic Car Show - 6th September 2008

The Kingswood show is one of those lovely little events that is held on the village sports field at Kingswood (a mile and a half south of Wootton-under-Edge). The WI make cakes and serve refreshments throughout the day, there is a jazz band (at least there was last year), craft stalls, tombolas, and classic of all varieties. Last year there were two Hudsons and a V12 Cadillac all from the 1930's.

If you can possibly make this gem of an event - we came second for our club stand last year, then please Contact John Parker on 0117 9562858 or email to john.andwendy@virgin.net Hope to see you there!

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What have we been up to?



International Weekend 2008

Yet again we had a great showing of area members at this years International at The Hayley Conference Centre at Wroughton. In the bronze class, Michael Pye had his very original SP there, Lisa with the ASBO, Shaun Winfield and Steve Payne with their Mk III's and Zac Marshall with his (soon to be restored) FF.

I had the 'old REK' in the silver, but due to Lisa being parked right next to me, I kept having my polish and Autosol stolen from my grasp every time I needed them. Next year I think we will concentrate on just one car, or simply just buy more polish!

Due to some rather heavy drinking on the Saturday night, Shaun had to be woken up at nearly 10am to remove the cover on his car so that it could be judged!!! The younger members of the club however put their chinks to good use



The ASBO managed to lose it's brakes leaving the show and was diagnosed as a failure of the master cylinder. Many thanks go to those who tried to assist, thankfully it didn't happen on the motorway.

Regular Meetings

I know it has been a while since we all met up, so my question is..... Would you **like** to have a set Area meeting in a central location to the majority (somewhere around Bristol to Bath) on a regular date i.e. the 3rd Sunday of every month. Attendance would of course not be mandatory, *well until Jean says you have to be there*. Could I ask that each of you contact either Jean or myself by phone, email, letter, message in a bottle or carrier pigeon with your preferences and I will try to find a suitable venue.

Area Co-ordinators

Jean Smith - 01380 726876 and Paul Lewis - 01249 446648

Forthcoming Events

Wroughton Classic Car Show, 2nd-3rd August - Contact Alan Smith (01380 726876)

Stoneleigh Town and Country Festival, 23rd-25th August - Contact Thelma Smith (01283 760535)

Kingswood Classic Vehicle Show, 6th September - Contact John Parker (0117 9562858)