

JOC Wessex Area

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New Editor

Hi to everyone, and welcome to a new editor, and a new look newsletter

I must start with a huge thanks to John and Wendy Parker who have run the newsletter for the past three years; I hope that I can carry on in a similar vein.

Most of you by now are already aware that being in the RAF, I'm away for a few days at a time and once every 4 to 6 months I'm away for a month in the Middle East.

However, most places I visit do have some form of internet connection, so please feel free to contact me through the JOC forum or by email

Since Lisa and I will not be able to attend all the JOC events due to work and life commitments, please send me info from the meets so that I can add it to future newsletters.

Bristol Classic Car Show 17th & 18th February 2007

The handover for the newsletter was done at the recent Bristol Classic Car Show. For those of you unaware, there was a particular mix-up with the allocation of spaces and instead of our usual space in the main hall we were hidden away in one of the cow sheds.

Jean Smith decided that in honour of a cold shed, we would go with an arctic theme for the show. Due to the small pitch, only one car was on display and a grateful thanks to Keith and Val Dingley for bringing their white Jensen Healey all the way down from Shropshire.



Somehow, Jean had managed to procure a life-size moose for the event from her local garden centre and with the stand resplendent with *iceberg* lettuces and iced buns, we all dressed up as

penguins, some so much more convincing than others!



After the show on the Saturday, we all made our way in convoy to Steve and Marianne Mitchell's for a wonderful turkey curry at their turkey farm.

I really should say a "bootiful" curry, but I had already been threatened by Lisa with a fate worse than death if I even mentioned Bernard Matthews!

Local Meetings

At the show John handed me a file containing all the newsletters and correspondence, it certainly made some rather heavy reading that night as Lisa and I took the weighty tome to bed with a cup of tea.

It would appear that the area has at least a meeting a month in either a pub for Sunday lunch,

with a large enough car park to cater for our needs, or a meeting at an historic site or outdoor venue.

Both Lisa and I are happy to continue this tradition and help to organise a monthly meet, so if you know of some place local that you'd like to visit, contact me, and we will try to arrange something.

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JOC Open Day—Coventry Transport Museum Saturday 11th March 2007

Well, we are now nearly a quarter of the way through the year and have attended the first national Jensen event at the Coventry Motor Museum

Unfortunately 'The Old REK' our Mk III Interceptor is still minus its interior and awaiting new carpets, so very kindly Zac Marshall lent us his FF for the day out to Coventry.

Having not driven a Jensen since early December it managed to put a huge smile on our faces and certainly just when we needed cheering up.

It was a great turnout across the entire club and, as usual, well supported by the Wessex area.

As Lisa put it, I was far too attracted to all the shiny bits on the Rejen stand that I missed the JOC talks in the conference room; however, the chat out in front of the building was pure Jensen.

Zac unofficially (until the International) handed over the huge responsibility of the regalia to Colin and Diane Mayes which means that we can now stop pretending that we live in a studio flat!



Only half of the cars shown
Pic courtesy of AdrianH

National / International Events

March

23rd-25th **Jensen Owners' Club** 'Spring Weekend', at The Metropole Hotel, Llandridod Wells, Wales, always book through Thelma Smith (01283 760535).

29th-1st **Jensen Owners' Club** at Techno-Classica, Essen, Germany, www.cilttd.co.uk/Techno. Don Betts (01480 463720) or Klaus Pape (49 (201) 284822) goev.pape@t-online.de

April

28th **Jensen Owners' Club** Lincs & South Humberside trip to the York Moors + Railway, staying at The Mallyan Spout Hotel www.mallyanspout.co.uk, Simon Holloway (01790 753121) jensen@interceptor.fsnet.co.uk

May

7th **Jensen Owners' Club** Cheshire Area at the Gawsworth Classic Car Show. Adrian Howells (01270 587778) ade@dbsv8.fsnet.co.uk

13th **Jensen Owners' Club** Interceptor/FF day at the Sandwell Historical Vehicle Show, all Jensens welcome, Steve Johnson (01746 766994) stevej@geebee4.fsnet.co.uk.

Wessex Area Events

No local events at this time

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