

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 May / June 2007

Mid May already!

Time for another news-letter, and it doesn't seem that long since I wrote the last one.

Since we all went to Coventry, plenty has happened. As some of you know, I've been out in Oman for a month, flying over Afghanistan, and have therefore been out of the loop for a while.

John & Wendy's 541

After arriving safely in New Zealand, the new owner has had the car re-painted in green.



I loved the old burnt orange colour!



The "Old REK"

During my time away, 'the old REK' has been to Cropredy to have some work done around the windscreen after four attempts to fit a new screen had damaged some of the paintwork. Thank heavens we weren't paying for it!

Shortly after I arrived home, the car was returned, and I managed to put my back out lifting a seat out of the car. I thought my spine had snapped but apparently the doctor said I had just pulled a muscle.

This left a car on the drive with no interior and just when I had decided that the car wouldn't be ready for the season, Lisa made her mind up to fit the interior and carpets. She managed to fit the carpets on the Saturday and the rear of the interior on the Sunday, with me sat on the driveway 'directing' operations.

A friend fitted the front seats a couple of days later. The 'old REK' is

now back on the road and MOT'd, but that's another story ...



However, there is still a long list to be completed before the International.

Cropredy Bridge Open Day

Thankfully with the car back on the road, we managed to make it to the Cropredy Bridge open day. The overall turnout for the day was less than last year but it was a Bank Holiday weekend. The Wessex area was well supported and a great day was had by those that came to what turned out to be an Interceptor and FF event.

The food was brilliant (again) and it was wonderful to catch up with the club members again after a long break!



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Sandwell Historical Vehicle Show - Sunday 13th May 2007

Rain, rain, rain. The weekend started out quite well with most people arriving at the Village hotel in Dudley for a spot of ten pin bowling and drinking.

It's amazing just what a competitive lot you are. I say you, because I'd decided to sit it out for my back's sake. With Bill Smith and I firmly placed in the bar, the remainder started the bowling, only having to move lanes twice. How do you manage to break a bowling lane? Some considerable time later we left for a meal in the pub next door. With all my senses numb, I managed to pick up Callum and did a little more damage to my back than if I'd been bowling!!!

Onto the Sunday, the rain held off for our drive from the

hotel to Kelvin Way for a quick photo opportunity and then onto the Sandwell show.

A huge thanks must be said to Steve and Tracy Johnson for all the effort they showed in organising the event for the club. Once we all parked up, the rain started..... and didn't stop.



Imagine the look on your friends faces when you tell them you spent the entire Sunday in a field getting wet.

Still, the company was truly excellent, as always. A rain sodden drive home ensued. Just as we pulled up outside our house, the rain stopped and the sun came out...



Who's feet are these?

The JOC JO'G LE - Saturday 9th June 2007

With the changeover of chairman's happening soon, Alan and David have decided to take 'Furious Fred' (Dave's FF) from John O'Groats to Lands End in 24 hours using only A and B roads.

During the run they will be passing through our area, down the Fosse Way through Cirencester and then down past Chippenham and Melksham on the A350 and on towards the A303 to Exeter.

Hopefully if we can get some members of the Wessex area together then we can escort them through the area in either a convoy or be waiting for them at various strategic points.

Knowing Alan, the boot will be crammed with a multitude of tools and parts, however it may be a good thing for them to also have anything you may have in your garage or in the boot of your car in case they need it and it will

help them speed on their way.

Please find time if you can to support them on their long journey. **Phone Keith Andrews for updates on the day**



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JOGLE 9th June / JOC International 16th-17th June.

Glavon TR – Classics at the Hall - Sunday 1st July. Contact Lewi for details 01249 446648

Wroughton Classic Car Show 4-5th August.– Contact Alan Smith for details and to book. Numbers needed by 1st July

Area Meet Tyntesfield House. Lunch 1^{pm} at Sailand Inn. Aug 12th – Contact Jill Bird 01275 392913

Kingswood Classic Car Show 1st September – Contact John Parker 0117 9562858