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NEWSLETTER

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- July**
- 1-3rd Concours d'Elegance t'Loo Palace Apeldoorn, Netherlands. with special attention to Lagonda cars (Contact Herman Arentsen, eh-arentsen@hetnet.nl)
- 2nd LC Anglia Area – Lakenheath Wing and Wheels Bash. (Contact John Stoneman 01353 649494)
- 3rd VSCC Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb, Shelsley Walsh, Worcs .
- 8-10th Le Mans Classic, Le Mans, Sarthe
- 9th LC W Midlands Area visit to Chivel, Chipping Norton, John Sword's Home for lunch and to view cars (Contact Robin Balmain 01531 640166)
- 10th LC Southern Area Summer Picnic Uppark, Petersfield, Hants (Contact Michael Drakeford 01903 872197)
- 21st Lagonda Club Board Meeting
- 23rd AMOC Pre-War Team Challenge, Snetterton, Norfolk
- 24th VSCC Cadwell Park Race Meeting Nr. Louth, Lincs
- 31st LC DB Themed Event, Wyboston, Beds. (Contact Martin Peters 01480 212657)
- August**
- 5th VSCC Prescott Long Course Hill Climb Nr. Gotherington, Gloucs
- 6/7th VSCC Prescott Hill Climb do.
- 6th BDC Silverstone Race Meeting with Pre-War Team Challenge Round and Barbecue on Friday night Silverstone, Northants
- 13th Help the Heroes Classic Car Day hosted by Robert & Tania Lewis, Rotherwood, Jumps Road, Churt, Surrey
- 14th Brooklands Reunion Weybridge, Surrey. (Contact Michael Drakeford 01903 872197)
- 20th LC W Midlands Area Lunch , The Kings Arms, Ombersley, Worcs. Contact Robin Balmain 01531 640166
- 21st VSCC Pembrey Race Meeting. Nr. Llanelli, S. Wales
- 21st LC South West Lunch time picnic. Royal Oak Inn N Gorley SO6 2PB Contact nigel Paterson (01460 258844 or Bill Schofield 02380 292083)
- 25/28th LC 14th Continental Rally 2016 , Hotel "Gut Steinbach", Relt im Winkel 65 miles south of Munich (English speakers: contact Hardy Ueberreiter, dk2cu1@gmail.com, 0049 157 38115853)
- September**
- 3/4th MRL Historic Grand Prix Zandvoort, Netherlands
- 3/4th Beaulieu International Autojumble Beaulieu, Hants. Lagonda Club Stand Red 300. (Contact Colin Bugler - admin@lagondaclub.com)
- 10th VSCC Loton Park Hill Climb Nr. Alberbury, Salop
- 24th VSCC Bob Gerard Memorial Race Meeting. Mallory Park, Leics
- 24/25th LC Annual Gathering. Wokefield Park Hotel, Nr. Reading. Featured Model, LG45 (Contact Nigel Smeal, 0207 251 8972)

Guest editor of the month, Patrick Rollet, reports on the 22nd **Fougères Rally** which took place from the 27th to 30th May 2016

This touring event, organised each year at the end of May, gathers about 150 owners of pre-1965 cars from various countries in Europe and the USA, to discover some of the under-rated architectural, historic and... gastronomic heritage from the West of France. Pre-war cars represent half of the total and Lagonda owners are traditionally present in numbers, with 7 cars in 2016. President David Hine attended this year with his M45, along with Daniel Billerey (M45 Lancefield), Peter Hill and Patrick Rollet (16/80), Kip Waistell (3 litre), Malcolm Pratt (2 litre), Laurence Hannam (LG6 Brooklands), and John Hugh with the oldest Lagonda in sight (14/60 from 1927). This actually makes 8

cars, but Laurence's motor could not make it and he and his wife regretfully attended with a "modern". Nigel Hall, a Lagonda regular on the rally, came this time in his pristine Bentley Derby.

Two days before the start of the event, petrol supplies were not guaranteed and many participants wondered whether the organisers were changing plans, but eventually everything went well, with lots of petrol and no water, a first in Fougères since 2004!

Kip and Carmen Waistell's 3 litre won the "Coup de Coeur" of M. le Maire of Vitré and Daniel Billerey's M45 nearly made it for the Women's Vote, finishing second to a Speed 20 SC Alvis Drop Head.

Many participants were talking about the Low Emission Zone projects in Paris. We all learned a few days afterwards that the French Federation FFVE, the FIVA representative in France (which, by the way, is a world organisation, having no particular link with "Brussels"), managed to obtain full exemption from week days restrictions for historic cars –over 30 years of age-, as long as they hold a Carte Grise de Collection (CGC). Historic cars and utilitarian vehicles with Carte Grise Normale won't be exempted but are allowed to switch to a CGC, which takes a "contrôle technique" (a light version of the MOT), one hour queue at the Préfecture and about 35€. The problem is still unsolved for "Youngtimers", here defined as being manufactured between 1986 (30 years) and 1997, However none of this will affect the 2017 Fougères Rally, which will take place on May 19th-22nd in the Saumur – River Loire area. The Belles from Staines will naturally be welcome, once more. It's about time that French people stop confusing Lagondas with Lagunas!

Following immediately on from the Fougères Rally, literally in the case of some participants, was the Lagonda Club's **Tour de Dordogne** impressively organised by Rodney Saunders, Nigel Walder and Jonathan Oppenheimer. There will be a full pictorial account in the Magazine but in the meantime John Batt reports on a wonderful time in Tamnies-en-Perigord. After braving the rain and floods on the way down - thank goodness for large wheels and a good hood - it was a pleasure to arrive at the charming, quiet, hotel Laborderie. The weather picked up progressively through the week though the strength of the river ruled out the planned boat trip with Les Gabarres Caminade. The picnic with the local car Club went off very well especially after the tables had been re-arranged to get everyone together! In all the Batt's covered 1400 miles without trouble save for the fitting of one 5\16" BSF nut!

If you missed the above events there is another opportunity to visit France in the right sort of company, with the right sort of cars when Mark Walker (facelvegauk@aol.com) leads an interesting and relaxed **trip to the Loire** starting on September 11th.

Before then there is much to see and do in the UK. The Midlands Section have organised a visit and **lunch at John Sword's** on Saturday the 9th July - Robin Balmain advises that you will miss a real treat if you don't go. Phone him on 01531 640 166 or 07816 668 065.

The following day the Southern Area have their **Summer Picnic at Uppark**. Contact Michael Drakeford on 01903 872197 if you have not already done so.

At the end of the month on the 31st the Post War Section invite us all to the **DB Lagonda Event** at 45 Rookery Road, Wyboston, Bedfordshire MK44 3AX This is a bring your own picnic / social gathering. Parts information / technical displays / mini autojumble in addition. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet and talk to other DB owners about your cars. Although a DB themed event, any model of Lagonda will be welcome. It would be helpful, although not essential, if you could let the joint organisers Alan Heard, 0208-554-8938, alandheard@yahoo.co.uk and Martin Peters, 01480-212657, mjpeters@supanet.com know you plan to attend.

August, as always is a particularly busy month. Please note there is an important addition to the events list on Sunday August 21st when the Club's South West Section is reviving the **Picnic at the Royal Oak Inn** North Gorley, Fordingbridge. In addition to those listed above the RNLI are holding a **Charity Vintage & Classic Vehicle Event** on Thursday 4 August 2016 from 4pm onwards at Pirton Recreation Ground near Hitchin. Those living in the area might like to support this worthy cause. The organiser is Michael Frisby frisby1963@talttalk.net Still on the charity theme the **Gerrards Cross Classic Car Show** is on Wednesday 10th August in the grounds of the Memorial Centre. Full details plus entry form can be obtained from www.gxclassiccars.co.uk

As I hope everyone knows by now the Club's **Annual Gathering (and AGM)** is over the weekend 24/25th September. All 41 rooms in the main hotel are now booked so it is suggested that anybody needing a room might like to try the Premier Inn at Grazeley about a mile down the road, phone 01189 883115. However members must use the Club

website to book their Saturday evening meal, wine and Sunday lunch (if required) via this link <https://www.lagondaclub.com/shop/2016-agm/> . So far only 37 evening meals have been booked for 80 attendees, so please do so before you forget - unless you are planning to bring your own sandwiches !

Michael Drakeford reports that the **Brooklands Double Twelve Motorsport Festival** event was well supported with approximately 260 cars taking part in the Sprint, the Concours and the Driving Tests. 42 took part in two of the three events and were eligible for an overall Festival score. The Lagonda success of the day was an excellent outing by Tony Saunders ably assisted by Duncan. They came 1st in class in the concours and 2nd in class in the Driving Tests, making 11th overall in the Double Twelve event. Michael himself was hot on their heels coming 2nd in class and 3rd in class in the same events and 17th overall. Andrew Cheyne in his 3 ½ - 4 ½ special, was just ahead of Nigel Walder driving his M45, both running in the Sprint. Rapier Specials driven by Christopher Reece-Jones and Ralph Wienrich also took part in the Sprint. Christopher & Kate Hobbs had hoped to bring the 2 litre, but the run was aborted when the gearbox failed before setting off. Instead the MG TC was allowed out for the day and gained a creditable 2nd in class for the Concours. Davey Bracey, for ever bringing a different car, turned up in his 1963 Mini attaining 12th overall.

There is another opportunity to visit Brooklands for **Brooklands Reunion** on Sunday, 14th August. Details as per the attached flyer.

Last month we announced the tragic news of John Brown's death while working on his Lagonda. A celebration of his life was held on June 23rd when about 30 members attended bringing 9 of our cars. The floods, crashes on the M25 and the rail disruptions had made attending problematic for several but John Sword just made it and gave an excellent commentary on behalf of the club. John's wife Kay and the whole family really appreciated the support given by the club.

Regrettably we have to announce another death that of Peter Biggs a member of the Lagonda Club for half a century who passed away on 7th June, after a bravely-fought two year battle with cancer, at the age of 86. He died peacefully at his home, Histon Manor, surrounded by his family - four loving daughters and his wonderful wife, Valerie. Amongst many other things, Peter was responsible for the restoration of the V12 Le Mans car which came fourth in the 1939 race. A full obituary will be published in the Magazine.

ADVERTISEMENTS: All advertisements should be sent to Len Cozzolino (len@cozzolino.co.uk). No fee for Club Members except Traders

WANTED

Pre-war 2.0 or 3.0 litre car, don't mind the condition or type of car, whether a saloon or tourer, from a Meccano kit of parts waiting to be rebuilt, a rough project or a running car needing lots of work. Please contact Simon Drachman at sjdrachman@ntlworld.com or 0795 665 7186 (D10)

1950's Lagonda 3.0 litre 2-door Coupe or 3.0 litre drop head from a full on project to a running car in any condition and associated parts/spares as well. You can contact me at sjdrachman@ntlworld.com or 0795 665 7186 (D10)

Lagonda DB 1953 to 1959 pair of coupe or DHC doors also folding roof frame needed, or parts roof frame, David Brown gearbox also needed. Please call Jonathan Dormer 01992 890325 or 07533333606.

FOR SALE

Supercharged 2 Litre; owned for 23 years and one of the best ones. Black with green hyde. Zoller supercharger; recent engine rebuild, with new block, Phoenix crank and rods and WISECO pistons; all new gears last month; just completed The Flying Scotsman rally without requiring any attention. £125,000 firm. Contact Peter Blenk at peterblenk@aol.com or 07711-022-347.

Lagonda Club Newsletters. Complete run c.1990 to date. Club pares lists removed from later issues. Will send Parcel Force. Prefer to sell all but may split. **The Automobile** – Virtually complete run to date. Some missing, near mint. Precise dates on request. Prefer to sell all but may split. Call Mike Farrow 01544 267 371.

Lagonda Wheels. 18"x52mm wheels some c/w tyres. Mostly surplus from my LG45, virtually all restored and ready to go, stoved BRG. Plus various other 18" wheels, varying spoke patterns (restored and unrestored). Plus hubs/rims etc. Full details on request or see earlier Newsletters. Call Mike Farrow 01544 267 371

52mm Wheel Spinners. Rudge Whitworth/Lagonda. Surplus 1 or 2 available chrome good and usable but not mint. Call Mike Farrow 01544 267 371

Selection of M45 and other spare parts to dispose of: Low chassis bulkhead (also suitable for 2L, 3L 16/80 and LG45 specials); Lucas RJF91 control box - in good order; M45 Rev counter works well but needs calibration; Later 6 inch speedo not correct but a reasonable match; Open centre spare wheel cover suitable for 650 x 19 tyres; Original headlamp cross-bar for cycle winged cars; Meadows engine bell housing, clutch actuator and shaft; Lucas CJ2 control box (2L?); Low chassis switch panel with some instruments; Various other bits - please ask. Prices negotiable (to fund my projects) or swap for parts I need (preferred). Contact Colin Mallett Colin@fulvens.com or 01728 688696

M45 hood. Having just had a new hood made for my M45, I wonder if anyone else would like to use the old hood as a pattern. It seems a shame to throw it away so if anyone is interested, please ring me on 01829 261522 or e-mail brianjohngreen@btinternet.

SERVICES TO MEMBERS

Vintage and Classic mechanical car clocks rebuilt, restored, overhauled and repaired. Please contact Simon Drachman (member D10) for further details. Vintage Watch Store, our shop is located in Hampstead, London NW3. We also sell Vintage and Classic clocks and watches and offer a full restoration and repair service. Contact 0759 830 1277 or info@vintagewatchstore.com. **(Trader)**

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members:- * Rejoin*/

B 12	Ian Barwick	Kentfield House, Tower Hill, Offham, West Malling, Kent ME19 5NH LG45 Rapide Rep EPC 207 12097
C 20	Keith Currington	Glenbourne, Bourne End, Cranfield, Beds. MK43 0AX DB3L DHC CSL 787 LB 290/1/94
E 9	Jonathan Elstein	15a Fitzjohns Avenue, London, NW3 5JY. LG6 Limousine Saloon HV 795 E3048
L 46	Nigel Litchfield	Lillianfels, Peaslake Road, Ewhurst, Cranleigh, Surrey. GU6 7NT N/O
M 42	Willi Mayer	An der Bismarckhöhe 77, Bisingen-Wessingen, 72406 Germany N/O
M 27	Olivier Molenaar	Steenweg op Deinze 51C, Aalter, 9880, Belgium. N/O
S 16	Nick Somper	Brambles, Chertsey Road, Cobham, Surrey, GU248PL N/O
*W 55	Roger Wellesley-Smith	The White House, 58 Burghley Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 5HN DB3L DHC LB/290/1/154 RLR 3
Y 1	Oliver Young	6370 McCleery st, Vancouver . British Columbia, V6N 1G6 Canada N/O

THE POST 1945 GAZETTE

Lagondas the proper touring cars



A final reminder:

Sunday 31st July 2016 - all DB owners, put this in your diary now.

As you may already be aware, the event we held at Wyboston in 2014 is being repeated.

This is a picnic (bring your own) / social event

We are hoping to see as many DB cars as possible and, a selection of earlier models too.

I am including this notice in the spares report because we intend to present a far more comprehensive and professional (?) display of parts information than we managed in 2014. Details of past and present reproduction parts projects, technical displays, information about updated replacement engine parts, etc, should be on view.

Contact Alan Heard - 0208-554-8938 alandheard@yahoo.co.uk
or Martin Peters - 01480-212657 mjpeters@supanet.com for more details.

Welcome to:

Keith Currington Cranfield Bedfordshire who is returning a DB 3L from France for restoration.

Auction watch A few more Lagondas coming up for sale

A 2 Litre High Chassis Tourer: <http://www.bonhams.com/auctions/23593/lot/279/>

and, not a Lagonda, but one of the original 1949 Aston Martin team cars in un-restored condition. <http://www.bonhams.com/auctions/23593/lot/241/>

Restoration work

Not much happening in my shed, weather here has been cold, rainy, and miserable over the past month or more. I'm waiting for a few warmer days to crank the car up and make sure it starts and runs ok after re-fitting the instruments and sorting out the wiring on the re-finished dash. That and waiting for the return of my temperature gauge which had lost its gas.

I have purchased an electronic ignition system for the car, I've used these on two other vehicles, a MkII Jaguar and Triumph TR6 and it worked fine for both. Could not find a listing for the Lagonda as such but did for an Aston DB2 with positive earth so bought that. Once the weather warms up a bit I'll fit it up and let you know how it goes. The unit is small, replaces the points in the distributor so unless you take the top off the distributor, everything looks as it did with points fitted.

So, what's happening with your post war cars? Feel free to send me any info you care to share with others, either problems you are experiencing or, better still, any you have managed to solve.

On the Lagonda Show Chassis

Our records show two c1950 factory show chassis which were shown at various motor shows at the time. One was LAG/50/110 which was recorded as having been sent to New York for that show, returned to the factory then sent to Melbourne for our show and it remained here in

Oz. I went to look at this one with a friend who ended up buying it back in 1972 and though engine and gearbox had been removed, it was still in great shape.

The other chassis LAG/50/106 we had as having been shown at Earls Court, then later fitted with a 3L Tickford body for show at Geneva, then returned to the UK where it remains. There was some confusion about which chassis was which so I asked Aston Service Dorset if they had any info in the factory records. The factory records state:
LAG/50/106 – “Chassis Geneva Show 1952”
LAG/50/110 – “Show Finish Chassis Ex Earls Court 1950”
So I've added this info to our records.

And a question from Martin Peters: “Following Alan Heard's article on the 2.6 estate cars in the last Club magazine I am left wondering just how many Mk IIs were made. I had always thought 10 but does that include the 2 estates or were there really 12 in total? Does anyone know?”

DB Spares news from Martin Peters, mjpeters@supanet.com, tel: 01480-212657

3 Litre windscreen rubbers. The mounting rubbers are the same for the two different profiled screens. Simon Constable has a small stock of rubber from a previous production. Call Simon for details. 01553-764003 constable70@btinternet.com By the time this stock has been exhausted we anticipate that a fresh batch will have been produced under the auspices of the Club's Spares scheme and will be added to the website.

I have noticed that the cross-sectional picture of the 2.6 dhc windscreen frame to body rubber on the website has no ruler alongside it. I will address this as soon as possible.
Front suspension bump stops are nearing completion.

If you are having difficulty sourcing or repairing DB chassis or body parts that you think we could reasonably have made please tell me - we will at least look into it.

If possible please order parts via the website. If any of our website descriptions need improvement / clarification please let me know - we will be happy to update them.

DB Archives Please send any information on your car(s) that you have not already submitted, to Arnold Davey, Registrar of The Lagonda Club. Arnold's address is in the Website or Member's Register. In addition I recommend sending the same information to Alan Heard for his Post 1945 Archives. He is also collecting body numbers. Alan's email address is: alandheard@yahoo.co.uk and his postal address is: 1, Beaufort Gardens, Cranbrook, Ilford, Essex. IG1 3DB

Club and other websites The Club website, www.lagondaclub.com, is fully operational and continually being developed with information on spare parts for most models of Lagonda. The Newsletters, including the Post 1945 Gazettes, are archived here. Also of great interest is the www.lagondaforum.com run by Peter Schirg. Ron Press' Post-1945 website www.lagonda1949-1958.co.uk for DB Lagondas has a huge number of photos, with more being continually added and other information, including members who have parts for sale. A section for technical items was added some time ago. For the 2.6 & 3 Litre visit www.DB-Lagonda.com
For DB Rapide information visit <http://lagonda-rapide.com/>
For the William Towns V8 visit <http://lagondanet.com/>
Compiled by Nick Proferes. email: nproferes@internode.on.net

SPARES NEWS – JULY 2016

E-mail; spares@lagonda-club.com, website: www.lagondaclub.com

NEW PARTS NOW AVAILABLE

	PRICE
GRS432 - Locknut for T8 gearbox.	£52.00
BRKV07 - V12 handbrake return spring.	£5.88
VLV416A - Oilite bush for 4.5L rocker shaft.	£1.40
SPKX07 - Magneto points - platinum/iridium giving superior performance. 3.6mm dia, 1.0mm thick. Suitable for most pre-war mags. Silver solder flat/concentric onto contact screws.	£30.66
DBRBR08 - Windscreen to bodywork sealing rubber for DB2.6 drop-head coupé.	£31.50 per metre
STGX01 - Bishop cam steering box side-plate & column shim – available in 2 thou, 3 thou, 4 thou and 10 thou. 1 pair £20.20, 2 or 3 pairs £19.05 per pair or 4 or more £17.95 per pair.	£22.20 per pair

NEW PARTS IN PROGRESS.

CST104 - 16/80 side water elbow.
CST105 - 16/80 front head offtake, high water pump.
CST212 - 2L starter motor mounting.
CSTX03 - Ball end spare wheel spinner.
BEN201 - Starter bendix and pinion assembly for 2, 3 and 3.5 litre.
BRKV06 - V12/LG6 front hubs.
BDY214 - Push & turn bonnet catches.
M45 shock absorber mountings & pins.
LG45 rear spring U bolts.
Various half-shafts.
4.5L Scintilla springs, brushes and contact screws.
Various DB parts, please see Nick Proferes' Gazette for details.

PARTS UNDER CONSIDERATION.

Please e-mail Robin Cooke if you are interested in any of these. Your support will influence the Committee's decision to proceed or not.

16/80 flywheel for cars with a manual gearbox.
2L - Camshaft cover plate (cast aluminium) for 14/60 and early HC cars.
ZM 3L - LG45 - Steering wheel bosses.
2L, 3L - Fuel tank senders (3-terminal type).
2L, 3L, 14/60 - Baffle plate for flywheel (oil thrower).
2L, 3L, 16/80 - Pinion bearing for CWP.
CLT412 - 4.5L Clutch kit to convert to Borg and Beck type.
GSKV06 - V12 inlet manifold gasket.
M45 - Petrol filler cap.
M45 kingpins.
PMP103 - 16/80 high water pump housing, fully machined
ZM chassis - braking system (13 parts).
All cars - range of gaskets in 'Chieftain' material.
Various DB parts, please see Nick Proferes' Gazette for details.

Spares Catalogue. Remember that the Spares catalogue is available to download on-line, please visit our website at www.lagondaclub.com/shop/spares/.

The Spares office will be closed from Monday 26th July to Thursday 29th July 2016.

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JOHN AND JOAN FITTONS 2017 LAGONDA SPRING TOUR

As you may now know, John and Joan are taking a well-earned rest from organising next years event as they will be visiting their family in Australia, but will be hopefully joining us. I have agreed to take on the organisation in 2017. There is a slight change in the name of the event to give some uniformity to the past

**THE 2017 LAGONDA NORTHERN GATHERING WILL BE BASED AT
THE GIBBON BRIDGE HOTEL. CHIPPING. LANCASHIRE. PR3 2TQ
IT WILL COMMENCE ON SUNDAY 7 MAY, WE WILL LEAVE ON THURSDAY 11 MAY**

The hotel is based within the Forest of Bowland which is designated an area of outstanding natural beauty (AONB) mostly owned by the Duchy of Lancaster (our Queen) and the Duke of Westminster, many of the roads within the forest are owned by the estates, and it is quite recent that the public were given permission to use them. Prior to that, they were reserved for access to the estate grouse moors and for military training.

Lancashire has a lot to offer, and its image of cotton mills considerably diminished many years ago and even though there is a fine example of a working cotton mill preserved in Burnley, there is also a fine and large collection of Gillow furniture open to the public. I must of course not miss out that famous seaside place called Blackpool, that's noted for fresh air and fun, and Mr and Mrs Ramsbottom went there with young Albert, their son. I will stick my neck out as I think Lancashire has some of the best brewed beers in the country and food which is the envy of many, not forgetting the ladies of course, we also have boundary mill. At Colne for some retail therapy, together with its M&S outlet, restaurant and fish and chip shop. Cosgroves at rimming sell posh frocks, as I have found out.

A ROAD BOOK WILL BE ISSUED AND PLACES OF INTEREST PROVIDED FOR THE THREE DAYS.

As usual, we have a limited number of rooms and these are available on a first come basis, and to gathers who are staying the 4 nights. The rate will be £110 per person per night including a small number of single rooms. The price includes welcome reception drinks, dinner, room and breakfast. To reserve your room, please telephone reception during the day on 01995 61456 which is held in the name of Roger Firth (Lagonda), the hotel will request a deposit of £100 per room, then, will you kindly send me a cheque for £50 per car made payable to Roger Firth, at Motor House. 20 Fern Bank Close. Stalybridge. Cheshire. SK15 2RZ, (01613039127) to cover the various expenses. If you are unable to obtain a room at Gibbon Bridge, please let me know and I will try to suggest some alternative accommodation, but it is very thin on the ground in this area.

There will be limited trailer parking in the hotel grounds if absolutely necessary and by prior arrangements with Roger Firth.

Please Cut here

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NAME.....TEL NO.....MOBILE.....

I ENCLOSE MY CHEQUE VALUE £50, AND I CAN CONFIRM THAT I HAVE RESERVED MY ROOM AT GIBBON BRIDGE.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE.....CAR.....

PLEASE FORWARD TO ROGER FIRTH.

MOTOR HOUSE. 20 FERN BANK CLOSE. STALYBRIDGE. CHESHIRE. SK15 2RZ

LAGONDA CLUB, SOUTHERN AREA

Brooklands Reunion on Sunday, 14th August 2016

We are pleased to confirm that we have been invited back to Brooklands Museum for the Annual Reunion. This year the event celebrates the 90th anniversary of the first ever British Grand Prix held at the circuit on 7th August 1926. There will be a line-up of Grand Prix cars from those 90 years along with cars seen at the track from the pre-war years.

The Brooklands Double 12 has just been completed and Tony & Duncan Saunders in the LG45 tourer achieved a 1st in class in the concours and a 2nd in class for the Driving Tests. Tony and other Lagonda owners are invited to attend the Reunion and will have the opportunity to compete for the Robbie Hewitt Trophy, which will be awarded to the best Lagonda present.

The event at this historic circuit, will again be limited to vehicles from 1907 - 1939. This will engender the pre-war atmosphere of club meetings in the 1930s with some of the actual cars and motorcycles that were using the circuit at the time.

There will be an opportunity to take part in various activities such as ascending the Test Hill, and a cavalcade on the Mercedes-Benz circuit. Last year we took part in 'Racing Grids' on the Finishing Straight. Cars were lined up and set off from there up to the Members' Bridge. This was a fine opportunity for those that do not participate in the VSCC races, to find out what it is like to start on a grid with other cars. Whilst not yet confirmed, it is hoped that this will be included again.

Drivers of pre-war cars will receive a discount on tickets if they pre-book the event. Pre-war vehicles only, enter via the Campbell gate. The organisers will be pleased if drivers and their guests are dressed in period costume to add to the atmosphere of the event. Food and liquid refreshments will be available for purchase during the day.

The closing date for applications to take part in the track and site activities is 3rd August. Details of the application process are available from either michaelwdrakeford@hotmail.com, or the Brooklands events department at events@brooklandsmuseum.com. Owners taking part are asked to arrive by 10.00am and stay at Brooklands until 5.00pm.

This is the final Newsletter notice and invitation to the DB Lagonda Event

at

45 Rookery Road, Wyboston, Bedfordshire, on Sunday 31st July.

The subsequent Newsletter won't appear till after it's over!

A repeat of the successful DB meeting we held two years ago, this is a bring your own picnic / social gathering. Parts information / technical displays / mini autojumble in addition. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet and talk to other DB owners about your cars.

Although a DB themed event, any model of Lagonda will be welcome. Exact numbers not needed (if you find you can make it at the last minute, come anyway.) However, having some indication of attendance would be helpful, please let Alan or myself know.

Coffee / tea / biscuits provided throughout the day - approx. 11 am to 5 pm

"Will we cancel if wet?" has been asked. The answer is no, not if it's just wet. If it pours for days before the event and the state of the display area is such that your cars could be in peril then we might need to cancel. In this unlikely eventuality please telephone to check.

Finding us: we are just off the A1, in between but nearer to Bedford than Cambridge. If you would like directions we can email those to you. If you use SatNav, please be aware that MK44 3AX postcode will get you to Rookery Road but some older revisions of database will fail to find No. 45. The house numbering in our mile long cul-de-sac is up one side and back down the other, unlike the norm!

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