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NEWSLETTER

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November

- 6th London to Brighton Veteran Car Run
12th LC Anglia Area Monthly Pub meet– The Plough, Green End, Cambridge (contact John Stoneman 01353 649494)

December

- 3rd LC W Midlands Area Christmas Lunch. The Kings Arms, Ombersley, Worcs (Contact Robin Balmain 01531 640166)
3rd VSCC Winter Driving Tests Bicester Heritage, Oxon
10th LC Anglia Area Monthly Pub meet - Christmas Lunch – The Plough, Green End, Cambridge (contact John Stoneman 01353 649494)

January

- 1st Various New Year's Day Meets
21st LC Anglia Area New Year's Lunch, Quy Mill Hotel & Spa, , Stow-Cum-Quy Cambridge CB25 9AF (contact John Stoneman 01353 649494)

This is the last Newsletter for this Calendar year, so the next one will be in January 2017!

Best Christmas Wishes for the season ahead, from the Chairman and Board to all our Members, and a good year of Lagonda activities in the UK and around the World in 2017!

In the UK the weather during Summer and into the start of Autumn has been good for open air motoring and the very well attended Annual Gathering and AGM Weekend had mostly good and sunny weather – but with a playful short shower in the middle of the AGM meeting – which caused a number to sprint for the display field to pull tonneau covers over their tourers!

Comments on the Lagonda Club Gathering and AGM weekend at Wokefield Park were enthusiastic on the Saturday Tour and teas, thank you Stephen and Rebecca; the convivial discussions at the Dinner and particularly the grand display on Sunday - look for the innovative 'drone' picture in the Lagonda Magazine accompanying this Newsletter!

It was wonderful to have so many visitors from the Continent and indeed around the world, the most for many a year; please add your comments onto the club website, in the Reports section.

Particular thanks must go to Aston Martin for showing the new and much admired Lagonda Taraf, Roger Duddings for providing the Rapide and V8 Towns cars, plus Macko Laquere for sending across the LG45 Team Car. We had 22 LG45 Lagonda there on the day, probably the best we have ever had for the Special Car Display – they looked stunning! Thank you for bringing them all. Thanks also to the excellent displays of Club items for sale from Robin and Leah with mainly new Spares items; Colin, Valerie, Martin and Denise Bugler with the Shop, other Club Regalia and Manuals on display. Thanks finally to Nigel Smeal for the great organisation with support from Colin and Valerie! Well done!

During the AGM reporting across all the Official business was efficient and good humoured, with positive reports from all areas, Financials, Spares investments, Membership - up 23 on the same time last year at 830 - and the Club Website, all showing a Club in good health!

Plus, Arnold Davey mentioned a couple of items of interest to us all – firstly that he would be selling his new short book on the History of Lagonda, that came from his well-received talk, for the Dudley Coram Lecture to the Aston Martin Trust -look at the flyer with this Newsletter, good Christmas item; plus a DVD on the Lagonda.

Then he gave a brief snippet of new findings about Russia and Lagonda registrations, started by research by one of our Members who travels to Russia and has done some delving about the early stories of the Lagonda exports there in the early 1900s! Watch this space.

After the AGM all Members headed for the Display field and judging, examining the marvellous array of Lagonda cars, grouped efficiently by Len Cozzolino, and judged by a strong Club team of Judges; leading to the Prize giving at the end of the afternoon. See our Magazine for a full review of this key Meeting in the Lagonda Club Calendar, hope to see you there next year.

During the Presidents' AGM address he brought to our attention the Consultation by the UK Department of Transport, on the future options for Historic Car testing! We took the opportunity to ask the 110 or so Members there to give a show of hands to drive the Lagonda Club formal response, which was almost unanimous in voting for having a Safety Check for Historic Cars.

After discussion at the recent Board Meeting, the Club has put in an appropriate Submission along those lines - as the Members Voted at the AGM - that the Lagonda Club supports the Option 2 'Introduce a basic 'Vehicles of Historic Interest' Roadworthiness 'safety' test - [either annual or biannual] for 40 + year old vehicles.

We also put the Details on the Club Website Noticeboard and invited Members to submit, as they wished on their own account, as the Submission has closed on the 2nd of November just before this goes to press.

This year's Autumn Classic at Castle Combe was a mixture of sun and showers. Richard Reay-Smith, our sole Lagonda entry got a dry run but the more modern, quicker cars, provided great entertainment in the wet, fortunately without serious consequences.

A few Lagonda were in evidence on a sometimes chilly, but sunny October day at the UK VSCC Goodwood speed event, with Nigel Walder from Pulborough in his M45 tourer, Andrew Cheyne, from Lymington in his Lagonda 3.5/4.5 and Ralph Wienrich – a non-Member, in a very smart Lagonda Rapier Special competing. Although some second runs were not completed after a bad oil spill along the starting straight, plus a couple of minor offs and some troubles with the timing device! Supporting in the paddock, Michael Drakeford with his red M45 Lagonda. A good day to see a variety of Vintage and PVT cars in action, which Kate and I really enjoyed, especially with the right crowd and no crowding!

We are seeing an increased interest in our Club in the history of our cars; through Len Cozzolino, Arnold Davey and Valerie Bugler we continue to add more photos, history for the Club Database and even sometimes artefacts. Then via the website, we have a steady stream of enquiries and photos by relatives of prior Lagonda owners, saying do we know the current owner of car XYZ....? as we have early photos and history through an aged relative. We all like to get these contacts to add in more background; I will always recall the phone call out of the blue, when I was contacted by an earlier owner of my 1932 2 Litre LC PJ2843, he had sold it in 1953 to get married! So it was delightful to have him meet again his old car with his wife; even more when he produced the original 2 Litre Register Badge No 66 and some photos from those days!

So let's find some more history - Did you know Dick Seaman was given a Lagonda 2 Litre for his 21st Birthday on 4th February 1934, by his parents, which he also used to tow his ex-Witney Straight 1933 MG Magnette. Which 2 Litre was it? Are you aware of any pictures of him towing his MG to races in the UK and on the Continent? References from: Dick Seaman Racing Motorist by Prince Chula of Thailand, pages 34 – 42 covering the period 1934 to perhaps mid 1935 – can we track this 2 Litre down?

Our member Philip Neate would love to see some Lagondas at the VSCC New Year's Day gathering which will, as usual, be held at The White Buck, Burley, in the New Forest, BH24 4AZ. Arrive from 10.00 a.m. onwards for hot beverages and bacon rolls but if you wish to stay for lunch booking is essential direct with the hotel.

Looking to the future, if you are organizing any events in 2017 please will you advise Richard Reay-Smith by email, so he can compile the Events listing for 2017, which we expect to publish early in the New Year, so everybody can set dates in their diaries in good time, thanks.

Happy Lagonda fettling and motoring in 2017.

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

WANTED

Wanted by a new member: A 2 litre low chassis tourer or a 16/80 tourer in excellent condition both bodily and mechanically. Even if the car has been recently restored, it would be good to know that it had stalked the street in its current format for many years past. Please contact Barry Stiff on 01603 783771 or barry@stiff1.freesevice.co.uk

Wanted for LG45. Complete body, special body, framework for same or WHY, to fit LG45 rolling / running chassis to revive interest and move project one step closer to getting back on the road. Please contact Frank Hart on 00353 1 8375054 (Dublin Ireland) or efghart@gmail.com

High Chassis windscreen. My car, a 1928 2 litre High Chassis Speed Model, is currently fitted with a late 2 litre Low Chassis windscreen. Does anyone have a High Chassis windscreen they would like to swop / part exchange? Please call Chris Hubble 01905 820372.

2 Litre H/C Zenith Triple Diffuser - I am looking for a Zenith 36 HK or HAK Triple Diffuser Carburettor. The Zenith 36 HK was used on 2 Litre High Chassis. Contact David Ayre (see ad below for contact details)

Complete M45 Rapide Jackall Reservoir Pump. On the M45 Rapide this unit fits between gearbox and chassis rail on the nearside. Over the years lot of these units must have been take off and discarded. Please contact 07968387702 or parts@davidayre.com

Late type V12 / LG6 spare wheel mounting. To replace my original, which seems to have got lost in the course of the engine rebuild. The late type has a conical shaped aluminium casting with a steel plate retaining a captive nut (early ones have a steel disc; I have an early one to swap if preferred). See drawing! Also need one Berkshire wiper knob (brown bakelite). Could collect in UK or be posted to UK address. Contact Laurence Hannam (H14) email best; lhannam@live.co.uk Tel: 0033 (0)549504126 (France; happy to call you back).

FOR SALE

1928 2 L HC Sports. Good condition, but not concours. Mechanically sound. Downdraught head with twin SU's giving greatly enhanced performance. Recently rewired and dynamo rewound. Coil ignition, VSCC Buff Form "vintage modified". Interesting provenance. Took part in 2010 Lagonda Tour to Le Mans Classic. See page 36 of Lagonda Club Magazine, Number 248 Spring 2016. Photos available by email. Garaged near Belfast, Northern Ireland. Offers/enquiries to Roger Corry. Phone 028 90422020: Mobile 07855 373 169 ardvara@btinternet.com (or) corrytr@hotmail.com



Lagonda by Bernd Holthusen, Number 302 of limited edition, blue cloth bound cover, in slipcase, well-illustrated history of the marque in excellent condition. The book measures 365mm x 300mm with 426 pages and 900 of the best photographs. £975. John Fitton 01823 451690 or jandj.fitton@gmail.com

A Christmas present for someone! Cars in the Landscape, a photobook by Benjamin Hargreaves. A celebration in photographs of the beauty of cars with an underlying theme of reclaiming the motor car for beauty, amusement, idiosyncrasy, whim and joy. There are more images of Lagondas than of any other car. You may just want to take an old car and start travelling around Europe (if you don't already). Available from the publishers Troubador

(www.troubador.co.uk), or direct from the author at the reduced price of £20.00 (plus p&p £1.50 in UK). Benjamin Hargreaves e/m: hargreavesbc@waitrose.com or Tel: 020 7385 7757 www.benjaminhargreaves.co.uk

1933(?) 3 litre back axle, front axle - both compete with stub axles and brake drums plus 3ltr steering column with wheel. Geoff Clark-Monks Tel: 0116 2813684 or email bocks@talktalk.net

1933 16/80 Project. Dismantled many years ago by previous owner. I must be realistic about some of my projects and so offer this for sale. V5 and buff logbook. I have not checked through but I was assured it was all there upon purchase. Bonnet, ENV 110, wings, lamps and instruments all present as is the dilapidated saloon body. Has potential. Must be worth £25,000 as there cannot be many left. Call David Wall on 01603 782353 Office 01692 536479. 7 to 9pm only please. Would consider a P/X with Austin Chummy Ford Y or similar.

1932 Low Chassis 2 Litre, dark green with cycle type wings. Twin SUs and rear luggage rack. All in good condition inside and out, and complete with hood, tonneau and sidescreens. £85,000 o.n.o. Contact Tim Wadsworth tim@lagondahire.co.uk or phone 01666 860368 P.S. This is not my own car but a very similar model which I am selling on behalf of another ex-Club member.

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 76	Elizabeth Brown	Priors Farmhouse, Peasemore, Newbury, Bucks RG20 7JH 1932 16/80 Trmbnbvcxz\asdfghjkl;'[poiuytrewq23215465789-= S10236 YY 2317
D 30	Shaun Dixon	Old Abbey Farm, Rosehill Market Drayton, TF9 2JF N/O
M50	Catherine Monnington	The Old Fox Inn, Old North Rd, Bourn Camb's CB23 2UF 2Lt L/C S/C OH 9806 GK 4650
*R32	Jon Radgick	Whickham House, 4 The Causeway, Glanton, Northumberland. NE66 4AY DB 3Ltr Saloon LB/290/1/209 SVB 600
S 45	Barry Stiff	The Coach House, Stone Lane, Ashmanhaugh, Norwich, Norfolk NR12 8YR N/O

THE POST 1945 GAZETTE

Lagondas the proper touring cars



Welcome to rejoining member Jon Radgick who has recently acquired a highly original LB290/1 DB 3 Litre. Jon says that it needs complete restoration which he hopes to start this winter.

I'm travelling October to mid-November so trying to get a few things written prior to departure. I'll have to catch up on auction action and new post war car members after I get back.

Restoration work

The rain and cool weather has continued with only the occasional warm day so, not much new happening on my DB2.6L Saloon. I did manage to get some of the trim around the door replaced. The draft seal is a rubber extrusion wrapped with leather on the bottom half of the door frame and wrapped with felt on the upper half. I've replaced that on both front doors as both the leather and felt were badly deteriorated due to water damage and abrasion. I chose to use matching vinyl on the lower half as it's less susceptible to such damage and matches the vinyl I had the inner door panels covered with some years back.

I did get a shock when I went to turn the engine over a few days back. Switched on the battery isolation switch, then turned on the ignition key, and the horns nearly deafened me. Somehow in the process of getting the fog lights wired up and working, and sorting out the wiring to the head and side lamps, I've managed to earth the horn relay so they blow whenever the ignition is switched on. I disconnected the horn relay so I could crank the engine over but sorting out the fault will have to wait until I get back.

On the Lagonda Show Chassis

Restoration work is progressing with a lot of parts requiring re-chroming and painting but now that parts like rubber boots are being re-manufactured, at least these bits can be supplied as new. Anthony is fossicking through boxes of parts trying to tie together various bits of engine and chassis, not an enviable job. He has sent me some photos and the work so far looks great, it will be up to the restoration standard of the 2.6L engine he and Clarrie have rebuilt and is now on display in the Gosford Classic Car Museum, with as many of its original bits as they can locate.

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

Thanks to the efforts of Simon Constable, the lock washers and shims mentioned last month should be made and available within the next few weeks. This selection of washers will also include those used on the steering rack and the clutch pedal pivot shaft nut. I have had no response regarding 3 Litre anti-roll bar bushes, however, if someone has a spare, new or used

bush I could borrow as a pattern, I will happily make enquiries to see if getting a small batch made is feasible. The front, outer engine mounts project is proceeding - no news yet.

Please let me know if you experience any difficulty with fitting and using Club DB parts. By this I mean beyond the "therefore parts may require minor adjusting/fettling to fit" advice given in the `Ordering Spares` section of the website. I am optimistic that no one will have discovered any issues given the care and scrutiny exercised during the course of the remanufacturing projects. I would also like to know if any of the website parts descriptions need adjustment in order to improve component identification or application. I know what I intend to convey when I compose them but I am very open to, and will be grateful for, any suggested changes.

If possible please order parts via the website.

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/>
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SPARES NEWS – November 2016

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

NEW PARTS NOW AVAILABLE

BDY214 - Push & turn bonnet catch

CLT412K – M45, Invicta Borg & Beck type clutch conversion, complete assembly

All prices quoted are excluding VAT.

PRICE

£177.20

£2,250.00

NEW PARTS IN PROGRESS.

CST104 - 16/80 side water elbow.

CST105 - 16/80 front head offtake, high water pump.

CSTX03 - Ball end spare wheel spinner.

CSTV01 - V12 head front water pipes (pair).

CSTV02 - V12 water plates.

BEN201 - Starter bendix and pinion assembly for 2, 3 and 3.5 litre.

BRKV06 - V12/LG6 front hubs.

GSKV06 - V12 inlet manifold gasket.

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 (manual g/box) – we have not had any interest in this, therefore this project has been cancelled.

CLT210 - 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.

G9 gears.

M45 fuel filler cap.

M45 kingpins.

PMP103 - 16/80 high water pump housing, fully machined

ZM chassis - braking system (13 parts).

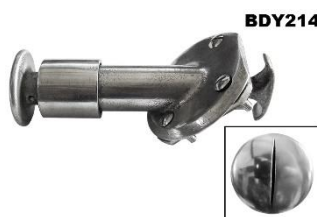
All cars - range of gaskets in 'Chieftain' material.

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/.

Second-hand Spares We have recently put on the website a large quantity of 'new' second-hand spares covering a wide range of models.

NEW PARTS AVAILABLE



BDY214 - Push & turn bonnet catch - a near perfect reproduction.



CLT412K – M45, Invicta Borg & Beck type clutch conversion, complete assembly.



The Lagonda Club - Anglia Area
2017 New Year Lunch - 21st January 2017



Lagonda Club new year's annual get together 21st January 2017

Dear Fellow Lagonda club members and friends,

Once again, you are all very warmly invited to join fellow club members, for the Anglia Area annual New Year's gathering, being held at the Quay Mill Cambridge on 21st January 2017.

This year we have a more informal lunch gathering from 12.30 pm extending into the late afternoon, as some of our members are now preferring not to drive at night. We very much hope you will be able to join us to start the new year off.

The venue will be The Quay Mill Hotel and Spa near Cambridge; a beautiful old Mill sitting on the River Quay in the village of Stow-Cum-Quay. It is a stylish 4 * hotel with sauna, spa and swimming pool and is full of character and charm, set in extensive manicured gardens. Once an historic Water Mill which still retains it's undershot water wheel.

For those travelling from afar, why not make a weekend of it and stay the night to take advantage of the Hotel's facilities, also explore the local sights of Cambridge or the nearby National Trust gem, Anglesey Abbey.

Venue: Quay Mill Hotel & Spa, Church Road, Stow-Cum-Quay Cambridge CB25 9AF
Date: Saturday 21st January 2017
Lunch: 1.00pm We suggest you arrive by 12-30pm for an informal get together and pre-lunch drink at the Hotel bar
Dress: Smart Casual
Cost: £30 per person for a 3 course lunch, including tea or coffee. Wine is not included, but can be purchased at the bar before lunch and then served at your table.

If you wish to stay overnight at the Hotel, we have negotiated a special rate of £105 per room per night for a double room with breakfast. All 51 bedrooms feature en-suite bathrooms. The spa facilities, swimming pool, sauna, and steam room are included as part of the overnight stay cost. **Anyone wishing to stay will need to book directly with the Hotel by calling Kelly Walker on 01223 378116 mentioning you are part of the Lagonda Club Party and early booking is advised as this Hotel is always popular even through January.**

Please make a copy of the menu and enter each individual's name against each menu choice then return the copy of the menu choice with your cheque made out to J Stoneman

Confirmation of if you will be attending would be very much appreciated as we would like to give the Hotel some idea of numbers with a final cut-off date of 5th January 2017 please.

The full address of where to send your payment is:

J Stoneman
21 Main St
Lt Thetford Ely
Cambs CB6 3HA

Te 01353 649494

John.stoneman@btinternet.com

Lagonda Club Anglia Area Lunch 21st January 2017

Menu choices

Starters

Insert your first name/s
Against menu choice

Chilled Mixed Melon Plate, Citrus Fruits, Caramelised Pink Grapefruit, Burnt Orange Sauce (v)

Slow Cooked Chicken & Bell Pepper Terrine, Corn & Coriander Salsa, Wholemeal Toast

Leek & New Baby Potato Soup, Garlic & Parsley Croutons (v)

Smoked Haddock & Crab Fish Cake, Chunky Tartar Sauce

Main Dishes (all served with seasonal vegetables and potatoes)

Braised Lamb Shank, Diced Root Vegetables, Creamy Mash Potato, Thyme Gravy

Baked Fillet of Cod, Roast Cherry Tomatoes, Chive Cream

Pan Roast Chicken Supreme, Sage & Onion Stuffing, Chicken & Truffle Jus

Wholemeal Open Aubergine and Red Pepper Lasagne, Tomato & Basil Sauce

Dessert

Chilled Poached Pear, Vanilla Crème Fraîche, Gingerbread Biscuit

Raspberry & Blueberry Posset, Poppy Seed Tuille

Warm Plum & Hazelnut Crumble, Old English Custard

Cheese and biscuits (Supplement of £3 extra)

Followed by Freshly Brewed Tea or Coffee with Lemon Shortbread

Post a copy of this completed menu together with your cheque to John Stoneman to arrive **no later than 5th January 2017**. John's address is: 21 Main St, Lt Thetford, Ely, Cambs. CB6 3HA

From:

NEW LAGONDA HISTORY

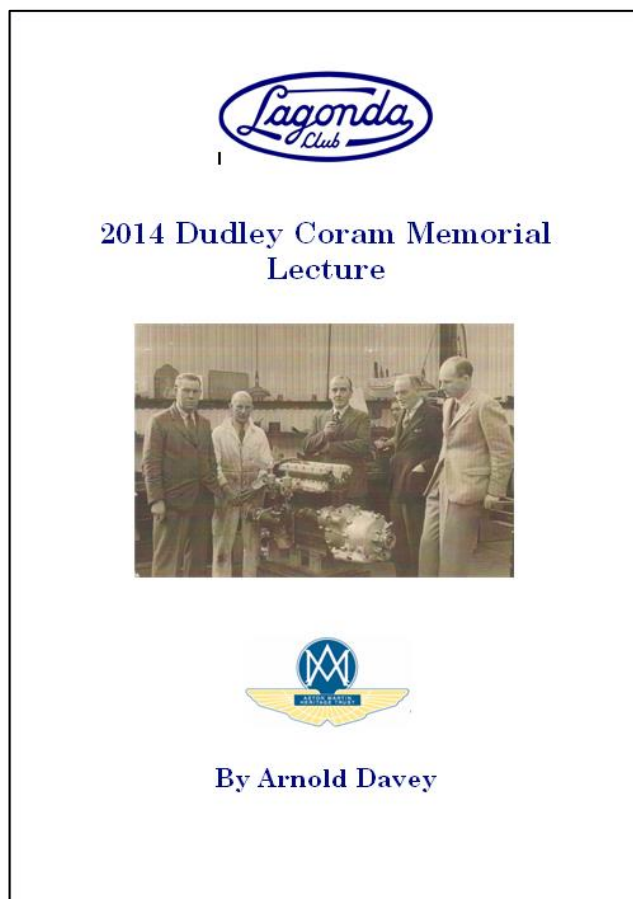
In 2014 Arnold Davey was invited to present the annual Dudley Coram Memorial Lecture to the Aston Martin Heritage Trust. Apart from overrunning by 30 minutes, it went down very well and it is felt worthy of publication in a more permanent form. As the target audience were Aston Martin people, special attention was paid to the 1945-1947 manoeuvres which led to the David Brown takeover and which have not been adequately dealt with in previous histories.

The book covers the entire Lagonda history from 1899 to the aborted Vignale concept of 1993. Fully illustrated and printed to a similar format to the Register of Members but A4 size, each copy costs £20 plus postage. Copies available now from Colin Bugler as below:

The print run will be only **50 copies**, so get in quickly if required for a Christmas present.

Any profits will go to the Lagonda Club Heritage Trust

To:-Colin Bugler, Lagonda Club Ltd., Wintney House,
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