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NEWSLETTER

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Norman Marrett

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June	
10 th	Bentley Drivers Club Rally - Lagonda V12 Invitation. Stonor Park, Near Henley On Thames, Oxfordshire. (Contact Nic Waller nic@nicwaller.co.uk or 07875 516 817)
16 th /17 th	VSCC – Brooklands Double Twelve. Brooklands, Surrey. (contact Michael Drakeford on 01903 872197)
22 nd -24 th	Invitation from RREC to participate in their Annual Rally & Concours d'Elegance at Burghley House, Stamford, Lincs. Contact https://www.rrec.org.uk/ Or Gerard Le Clerc at: leclerc.g@sunrise.ch
23 rd	VSCC - Hertfordshire Tour. Manor Farm, Church Lane, Barkway SG8 8EJ
24 th	VSCC - Formula Vintage Festival - Donington Park
July	
1 st	VSCC Rd 4 Speed Championship. Shelsley Wood. Worcestershire
6 th – 8 th	Le Mans Classic 24 hour Race. Le Mans France
18 th	LC Southern Area Meet. The Red Lion, on the A275 at Chelwood Gate, Haywards Heath, RH17 7DE
22 nd	VSCC Rd3 Formula Vintage Cadwell Pak
28 th	Egham Classic Vehicle Mark Adams on 07591 760644 or e-mail admin@eghamchamber.org.uk

Before we get to this month's main letter two important items:

- Data Protection Act. I am sure you have all heard of this piece of legislation and even bombarded by hundreds of emails on the subject. Unfortunately it applies to our Club and the Board have agreed the Club's policy which is included as an attachment to this Newsletter.
- Christopher Hobbs would like a bit of help. The Club is looking for a Member to take on the task of handling Club Website enquiries from Members and non-Members through the Contact Form - these are ones that can be re-directed to the correct person to answer, help with re-setting passwords and other general requests. This is not a Board position and can be done from your home computer. Clearly some experience with the Lagonda Club and a degree of computer literacy is helpful. Could interested Members please send an email christopher.hobbs@chco.co.uk , or ring Christopher on 07775 847 811 or 01628 825246 Thank you.

Our letter this month comes from Norman Marrett who writes as follows -

Brought up in Coventry with many of our family and friends connected with the motor industry. Tricia's father worked for Armstrong Siddeley and The Rootes Group on the technical sales and many of our friends also worked for or were associated with the car industry. So it was hard not to have an interest in cars.

At the time, I don't think I appreciated how unique many of my experiences were until some time later. One that comes to mind was the day Olaf Poppe arrived at the house in Jet 1, the Rover jet turbine car now in the London Science Museum. He took us all out in turn for a drive around the local lanes. What a car.

Some years later, when visiting the Science Museum, Jet 1 was on display. I was telling Tricia how I had been taken out in it, when an American, who had overheard our conversation, accosted me. In true American style, said, " Gee did you ride in that car. Can I take your photo next to the car?" Fame at last!

Other memories of helping father preparing a 1904 Daracq for the London to Brighton Run or rebuilding an 1800's Payne and Bates, built in Coventry, now in the Coventry Motor Museum. An interesting car that we believe could never had travelled far before boiling. It had a very small water pump, with an impeller about an inch in diameter that was expected to circulate water around a crude radiator. This so-called radiator was in effect a zigzag tube about ½" diameter and 60ft long.

My first car was a 1934 BSA saloon, with a Wilson pre-selector gearbox. A bargain at £17. The only major fault was the roof lining. A friend's father who had a factory making ladies underwear volunteered to find some suitable material. Bright yellow-brushed nylon! Well it did brighten up the old girl and I had no difficulty in attracting the opposite sex. I have to admit it was probably the novelty of the car rather than the driver, but real kudos over those who had flashy sports cars.

In 2015 I was kindly invited to Chateau Impney Hill Climb by BishopGray. I had invited a friend to accompany me to the hill climb. Our day started driving to the event near Droitwich in the 16/80. We sauntered around the pits where I was reacquainted with Dick Hardy specials 2 and 3. I had spent many hours, in Newton Ferrers, reminiscing about our days in Coventry but more importantly how he could keep ahead of the other specials, especially the Issigonis Special. His cars were extremely rapid hill climb cars, holders of many hill climb records. He built three, powered by supercharged Vee-twins, but the last two are the probably the better known. Number 2 had a rear engine, but when he came to build the third, the VSCC insisted that to qualify it would have to have an engine in the front. He always reckoned it would be the quickest.

Nearby Bonham's Auctions had a display of cars for auction. I had been told there was a very nicely restored LG 6 saloon in the auction. Well no harm in looking! We wandered around the display. Nothing seemed very interesting until we came across the Lagonda LG6 tucked away in the far corner next to rather nice Bentley. We looked it over. A very nicely restored car, with many original features retained, such as the rear window blind and original cigarette lighter with the Lagonda winged insignia on the top. A very nice example of one of the few saloons left.

As a matter of interest we decided to watch the auction, by the end I found I had been tempted and was the owner of a very smart Lagonda LG6 saloon.

Having dealt with the necessary paperwork and arranged for it to be picked up by BishopGray, we spent the rest of a very pleasant day watching the hill climb. Returning home I realised that buying the car was probably the easy bit. Telling my wife that the Lagonda stable had increased to 4 was going to be interesting. Now when would be the best time to break the news? Maybe straight away, maybe fixing dinner. Oh well here goes! I arrived home.

"Did you have a good day dear?" She said with that knowing smile that 'she knows more than she letting on look' or "I know something that you don't".

"Yes, we had a great time. We saw Dick Hardy's cars",

"Did you happen to buy anything while you were there?"

"Yes," I said, not sure where this was going.

"Another car perhaps!"

Oh dear! Was it guilt for not discussing it first or was it embarrassment at being found out.

"Well yes," I said, trying to think on my feet.

"I bought it for you because I know you're not too keen on open cars."

"Anyway how did you know?"

"I had a telephone call from a car transport company asking when and where you would like the car delivered. The one you had just bought."

Well after a good laugh and a drink to the new member of the stable, I don't know what lesson I should have learnt but it is now added to the stories related at dinner parties to embarrass me. Norman Marrett.

Like all cars over 40 years old Norman's LG6 will be classified as a Vehicle of Historic Interest providing he declares it to be so, i.e. not substantially changed from the original, when re-licensing it after May 20th. If such a declaration is **not** made the vehicle becomes liable for a MOT test. Something we all need to watch, although many of us will chose to have our cars voluntarily MOT'd as a matter of good practice.

Our President David Hine with son Nick and friends enjoyed a day out at Oulton Park in glorious weather and he reports as follows :- " Although the number of prewar cars competing gets less year by year, the Club was well

represented with Tim Wadsworth in his speedy 2 Litre, Nicholas Morley in his powerful LG45 Special and Trevor Swete in the trusty Invicta.

The general view was that the Handicap race was the most exciting one to watch with Tim W working his way through the field up into 4th place by the penultimate lap only to be overwhelmed by the scratch cars at the last minute.

Jack Read won the Cheshire Life Concours in his beautiful Rapier so the trophy will pass from Brian Green who won it last year in his M45 tourer."

David also sends news of The Northern Dinner and Prize giving at Monk Fryston. "The rally went extremely well with 12 Lagondas and 2 Crossleys plus five other classics gracing the stately pile. Ian Waugh organised a lovely trip through Yorkshire and Nigel Hall laid on a splendid dinner with amazing choice for all. Martin Sumner kindly brought the prizes up for the happy winners whose pictures should appear in the magazine! I am always delighted how many of our stalwart members brave the Great North Road to be with us for this traditional gathering."

He adds that he will soon be off to Ireland for this summer's rally which is exciting and the rally he is organising in Snowdonia in 2019 is almost fully subscribed which is excellent as well !

We are fortunate in the U.K. to have a very healthy old car movement and, especially at this time of year, a surfeit of events to attend. In addition to events organised by our own area representatives (see the flyers) southern members may like to attend The Thatcham Rotary Car Show on June 24th see <http://rotarythatcham.org.uk/id3.html> and/or The Egham Classic Vehicle Event on the 28th July contact Mark Adams on 07591 760644 or e-mail admin@eghamchamber.org.uk Looking at the entry list for the latter event anyone with a Lagonda should be a strong favourite for the Mayor of Runnymede's prize for "car of the show".

For our competitors we have the Brooklands Double 12 on 16/17th June, VSCC Donnington on Sunday 24th June, Shelsley Walsh on 1st July and Classic Le Mans the following weekend. Could we ask for anything more?

ADVERTISEMENTS: All advertisements should be sent to Len Cozzolino (len@cozzolino.co.uk).

WANTED

For 3.5ltr: Lucas charge relay combined with fuse box Code: RJF 92 L 12 12V 370 6-55B. Contact mogens@bessermann.com (Member from Denmark)

4 ½ LITRE ORIGINAL RADIATOR BADGE also have you got any LALIQUE CAR MASCOTS lying around and not on your Lagonda which I would be interested in purchasing. Please Ring Richard Bush (B35) 01252 703325

FOR SALE

Complete set of rear, **SU H6 Carburettors for the 3 litre Lagonda** (Circa 1950's) . Rebuilt as new in satin black ready to fit. Please email: rodperin1@gmail.com for pictures and further details **(Non Member)**

Wessex workshops are intending to make a batch of down draught cylinder heads and would like to invite owners who would like to be involved with this project to register their interest by contacting Alun Jones. Telephone 01373 823513. or wessexworkshops@aol.com **(Trader)**

Lagonda LG45 Tourer 1936. G9 gearbox BRG Green leather. DPH 610 Purchased by my father from the original owner in 1959. The engine has been recently completely overhauled with a new cylinder block, clutch, couplings etc. Fitted with extended oil pump gears, improved camshaft, steel conrods etc. Radiator and all ancillaries have been overhauled or replaced as necessary. Less than 100 miles since. New MOT. Known as "The Duchess" she has a long history with the Lagonda Club. Reluctantly for sale but she is missing regular use. Offers invited over £280,000. Further information from: John Macdonald. 01207 520012 or 07976 658773. Email: jmacdonald44@outlook.com



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)**

Lagonda Instrument Restoration

Professional restoration service and supply of pre-war Lagonda instruments. Also vintage racing type instruments supplied to order such 6" Rev-counters etc. Contact Patrick Henry. Phone 07342 306690 Email:- vintageinstruments@hotmail.co.uk **(Trader)**

NEW MEMBERS

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

C 51	Malcolm Craig	The Birches, Shandon, Helensburgh, Argyll & Bute, G84 8HN 1957 3Ltr DHC TUK 567
R 25	Jan Roeck	Boneputterveld 29, B-3960 Bree, Belgium 2 litre L/C Tr OH 9958 PJ 4790
S 27	Donald Spong	2 Northfield Rd, Maidenhead, Berks. SL6 7JP 1934 16/80 Tr S11091 UN 7664
V 6	Ward Van Dermolen	Dorpsstraat 63, Stabroek, Antwerpen, 2940 Belgim. 1937 LG45 DHC 12165
W 16	Rupert Wood	54 Prince of Wales Drive, London SW11 4SF 1932 S type Invicta Tr GVN 899

THE POST 1945 GAZETTE

Lagondas the proper touring cars



Auction Watch

An LG6 drophead

<https://hymanltd.com/vehicles/6179-1939-lagonda-lg6-rapide/>

And a DB3L Saloon Antony Bowie found, a well known car.

<https://www.carandclassic.co.uk/car/C994076>

An invitation from the Rolls Royce Enthusiasts Club

Just repeating the invitation to participate in their Annual Rally & Concours d'Elegance at Burghley House, Stamford, on the weekend of 22-24 June 2018. I have the full information which I can pass on to anyone interested or you can contact them directly at:

<https://www.rrec.org.uk/> Or organizer Gerard Le Clerc at: leclerc.g@sunrise.ch

AGM CD still Available

Alan Heard still has copies of the CD of the AGM available and if anyone would like a copy they are £10 including postage just cover his costs.

It covers the evening meal on Saturday and members speeches etc. and the cars on Sunday plus the prize giving and many stills. most Lagondas are in it.

So if you want one, contact Alan

1 Beaufort Gardens, Ilford, Essex. IG1 3DB ph. 0208 554 8938

alandheard@yahoo.co.uk

Data Keeping and Records

Alan has also asked me to include a note that new EU regulations on recording and disseminating data are coming into effect soon. From the newspaper clips he sent many if not most car clubs are in a state of confusion at the moment. It is not clear to me if the records I keep on post war Lagondas will be affected as Oz is well outside the EU. But I'm told that once the implications are clear they will be noted in the broader newsletter. So, keep an eye on the newsletter as these new regulations may affect your access to club records on the history of your vehicle in some way.

Video clips of post war Lagondas in action

In the process of trying to find a particular video clip on a DB Lagonda, I came across quite a few Lagonda clips. These for the V8 Towns car enthusiasts:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FVgQP2w4gt4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tTx5ecT1JYE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8pRuYrYX-HU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ylGEGl4J8gk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vwZj6yw-Axo>

And a 1963 DB Rapide

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDeEw76CK4Y>

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

Projects referred to last month are all under way but too soon to estimate delivery dates. Small components of dismantled cars awaiting rebuilding can get lost and I have just discovered that I have no petrol tank rubber support blocks for the 2.6 I acquired in pieces. It will not be difficult to fabricate suitable supports though having some professionally made to include the round locating protrusion would be preferable. That cannot happen if I am the only person needing some. Is there any additional interest?

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

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/
For the 2.6 & 3 Litre visit	www.DB-Lagonda.com

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SPARES NEWS – June 2018

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

NEW PARTS NOW AVAILABLE

PRICE

CST104 - Low water pump, side elbow, 16/80, fully machined.	£97.15
CST106 - Low water pump, bottom elbow to radiator, 16/80, fully machined.	£66.40
CST111 - High Water pump, bottom elbow, 16/80, fully machined.	£98.00
BDY231 - Interior door pocket securing latch, 14/60 & early cars.	£37.90
BRK215NH - Pair of aluminium screw caps for latest front hubs (BRK213A).	£54.40
GRS454K - 4.5L Half shaft, nearside includes ring nut, key & hub nut.	£435.00
GRS455K - 4.5L Half shaft, offside, includes ring nut, key & hub nut.	£435.00
BDYX28K - Inflatable air cushion for front seat. (Will fit all pre-war models).	£155.00
GRSX11 - Light axle pinion assembly shims, 2 thou, 3 thou, 5 thou, 10 thou & 20 thou.	1 pair £22.42, 2 or 3 pairs £21.18 each, 4+ pairs £19.93 each

All prices quoted are excluding VAT and carriage

NEW PARTS IN PROGRESS

CST211 - Camshaft cover plate (cast aluminium) for 14/60 and early HC cars.
 CLT209 - Clutch drive spider & shaft for 2L
 CST105 - High water pump, front head offtake, 16/80.
 BEN201 - Starter bendix and pinion assembly for 2L, 3L and 3.5L.
 ENG114-6 - 16/80 high water pump impellor.
 GRSX17 - Heavy axle pinion assembly shims, 2 thou, 3 thou, 5 thou, 10 thou & 20 thou.
 GRSX16 - Complete differential assembly and components, light axle (14/60, 2L, 16/80).
 Light axle half-shafts.
 All cars - range of gaskets in 'Chieftain' material.
 Various DB parts, please see Nick Proferes's 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.

CST302 - Radiator to head casting, 3L ZM.
 Rear spring U bolts, LG45.
 ZM chassis - braking system (13 parts).
 Rockers, 4.5L.

Fuel tank senders (3-terminal type), 2L, 3L.
 PMP103 - High water pump housing, fully machined, 16/80.
 PMP104 - Low water pump housing, fully machined, 16/80.
 Various DB parts, please see Nick Proferes's Gazette.

NEW PARTS AVAILABLE



Low water pump, side elbow, 16/80, fully machined.



Low water pump, bottom elbow to radiator, 16/80, fully machined.



High Water pump, bottom elbow, 16/80, fully machined.

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

BRK231



Interior door pocket securing latch, 14/60 & early cars.

BRK215NH



Pair of aluminum screw caps for latest front hubs (BRK213A).

GRS454K



GRS454K - 4.5L Half shaft, nearside, includes ring nut, key & hub nut.

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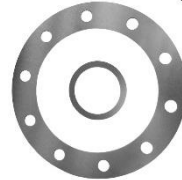
GRS455K - 4.5L Half shaft, offside, includes ring nut, key & hub nut.

BDYX28K



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GRSX11



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Lagonda Club Data Protection Policy

- 1) This Policy sets out how Lagonda Club Limited (the Club) collects, uses and protects any information that the Club members (Members) give to the Club about themselves and their cars.
- 2) The Club is committed to ensuring that Members' privacy is protected and that any personal information will only be used in accordance with this Policy.
- 3) This Policy will be effective from 25 May 2018, and may be changed from time to time thereafter. Any changes will be notified to Members before they are implemented.
- 4) The Club will collect, store and update information (the Information) about each Member, covering their name (and partner's name where given), membership number, postal address, telephone number(s), email address and the fact that they own their specific Lagonda(s). No other personal information will be held by the Club. If Members give credit/debit card details to the Club, these details will be used only for the transaction concerned, and will not be retained by the Club.
- 5) The Club will also collect, store and update information on Lagondas owned by Members, including the model, body type, registration number, date of first registration, car number and engine number of each car. One of the Club's purposes is to build a complete history of each car, and it does therefore expect Members to provide this information on joining the Club, and to update this on request at reasonable intervals.
- 6) In addition to the information in 5) above, the Club will collect as much information as possible (including photographic) about each Lagondas and its condition, from Members and from other sources, in order to build upon the Club's historical archive.
- 7) The Club will publish, **to Members only**, a Register, which will include, for each Member, the Information in 4), above, and car details as in 5), above. This Register may be in hard copy or in electronic form (password-protected where necessary). Details of new Members will be published in the Club's Newsletter. If a Member wishes to restrict the publication of the Information relating to them, then they should inform the Membership Secretary, who will agree this with them.
- 8) From time to time, the Club may contact Members to confirm the information that it holds on them and on their on Lagondas. Any Member may obtain details of the Information by contacting the Membership Secretary.
- 9) No Information that is not included in the Register will be used in the Club's publications to Members (including the Magazine and the Newsletter), without their written permission.
- 10) No information about a Member, or any that links them to a specific Lagonda that they own, will ever be published to a non-member or to any third party without the Member's written permission, unless the Club is legally required to do so.

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- 11) The Club will share with bona fide (in the Directors' reasonable opinion) enquirers information about individual cars, including the names and the counties/states/countries of the last known addresses of their past owners, but it will **not** disclose any information about the current owner of any car without the owner's written permission.
- 12) The Club is committed to ensuring that Members' Information is kept secure, and it has taken steps to prevent unauthorised access or disclosure, particularly where electronic data is concerned. Security measures will be reviewed, as available technology evolves, and improvements will be made where reasonable.
- 13) The Club's website uses 'cookies', stored on Members' browsers, which identify Members and store information about any purchases that they may make. This helps the Club to improve its service to Members. Members can change the settings on their browsers to prevent this, but this may limit the service that the Club can provide to them.
- 14) Members are expected to maintain strict confidentiality regarding information about other Members and their cars, and to adhere to the Club's policy in this matter. Members' Information must never be used for commercial purposes. Any breach of this policy will be taken very seriously by the Club and may lead to the termination of a Member's membership.
- 15) All queries should be addressed to the Membership Secretary, who, as at 25th May 2018, is Colin Bugler, at Wintney House, London Rd., Hartley Wintney, Hants, RG27 8RN, email: admin@lagondaclub.com

LAGONDA CLUB, Southern Area

LAGONDA CLUB AND RAPIER REGISTER JOINT PUB MEET, FROM 12.00 MID-DAY ONWARDS, ON WEDNESDAY 18TH JULY 2018

For the third year running Jane Anderson is very kindly organising a mid-week pub meet at The Red Lion, on the A275 at Chelwood Gate, Haywards Heath, RH17 7DE. Tel. No. 01825 740836.

This is a fine opportunity for members of both clubs to meet and chat in glorious summer sunshine in the centre of Sussex.

Jane has arranged that there should be parking for our cars at the front of the pub. Without obligation, if you are considering attending, please could you let her know you are coming with your pride and joy so that she can supply numbers and therefore the spaces can be reserved. Jane can be contacted on 01798 865108 or janegog@hotmail.co.uk

This is a very popular pub, and those expecting a meal are recommended to book directly with the pub on the number given above to reserve a table.

For any other information, please contact Michael Drakeford on 01903 872197 or by email at michaelwdrakeford@hotmail.com