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Our Chairman Martin Bugler

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For full details please refer to the Club EVENT's page on the Website <https://www.lagondaclub.com/events/>

January

1st	Many New Years Day's events – many cancelled due to storm forecast
4th	Brooklands Classic car event – delayed from 1 st Jan
11th	LC Anglia Area Pub Meet – The Red Lion Great Sampford, Saffron Walden contact Len Cozzolino
11th	VSCC Measham Rally
26th	VSCC Winter Driving Test Brooklands

As is traditional the January Newsletter is written by our Chairman - Martin Bugler, who writes -:

Well, where did that quarter of a century go? Time really does fly.

As we move into 2025 it is time to reflect on 2024, the 125th Anniversary of Lagonda, and look forward to 2025. This time last year I stated what I consider are our four pillars, **Social Gatherings, Sound Finances, Spares Scheme and Archives.**

Your Board, all volunteers, work hard to ensure that we are successful in all these areas. I would like to thank all Board members and those that assist us in running the Club.

Social Gatherings

2024 was exceptional in both the number and variety of tours and gatherings. I wish to publicly thank **Catherine Monnington**, as the Events Co-Ordinator, for the exceptional contribution she makes to the overall organisation of these events. Her enthusiasm and drive are infectious.

Each Tour organiser goes to enormous lengths to ensure the success of each event and I would particularly like to thank each of them, as well as their partners, for their patience, ingenuity, flexibility and sheer hard work.

So, what did we witness and who organised them?

- Norfolk Tour by Martin Sumner – 20 members
- Northern Dinner, Prizegiving and Dales Tour by Nigel Hall – 53 Diners
- Ultima Thule Shetlands and Orkneys Tour by Bill and Sue Spence – an incredible logistical journey – 14 cars and 26 members
- Brooklands Relived by Catherine Monnington – 30 cars
- Spitfire Run and Break – Headcorn, Kent by Paul Anderson – 22 cars with formation take offs (Spitfires, that is)
- Suffolk Dinner with Rapier Register by Colin Mallett – 16 Diners
- Vintage Prescott convoy by Mark Yeomans – 10 cars
- Brooklands Lagonda Fete by Catherine Monnington – 40 cars
- Continental Rally in Flanders by Jean Van der Elst and Isa van Damme – 20 cars

- Epernay Champagne Tour in France by Catherine Monnington and Phillippe Nogen with 20 cars and 48 members
- AGM weekend – Rapier’s marque of the year but with awful weather but still upbeat
- Outside these Club events members have been active in the USA at Lime Rock Park courtesy of Rob Bettigole and 6 Lagonda’s at the Gran Premio Nuvolari in Italy

Many of these have been written up with appropriate photographs in the Club magazine. I must say that Roland has slid into the Magazine Editor’s role with panache and a visibly vibrant touch.

From a personal perspective I read in awe about the Buenos Aires to New York venture in the Magazine. Richard Cunningham kindly attended the Northern Dinner and said a few words about this incredible adventure – he was presented with the Overseas Award.

Instagram – I know that social media is not everyone’s cup of tea but the @Lagonda_Club_Events Instagram account now has 272 followers having only been set up during 2024. It is a very visual way of showing what the Club does and also a way of advertising future events.



Plus all the local area meets

2025

At the moment it is looking to be a slightly quieter year, which may not be a bad thing after the wonderful excesses of 2024 125th Anniversary Celebrations.

8th 9th May 2025 – Northern Dinner and Prizegiving at the Izaak Walton Hall 01335 350981, email reception@izaakwaltonhotel.com This was a really great occasion in 2024 with 53 diners. We have taken over the whole hotel for 2025 (rooms are available for booking now, at B&B rates of £120-135 for singles and £140 -157 for doubles) and although it is the Northern Dinner it is very accessible being in the Peak District at Ashborne, which is midway between Derby and Stoke. A tour of the very scenic local countryside will be arranged for the Friday. The Friday dinner menu, at £45 per head, will be chosen and booked on the club Events website at Spares as previously. This will hopefully be available in early spring. Any questions? Contact your Northern Secretary, Nigel Hall on 07831 638383, or nigelhallgb@gmail.com

3-6 July 2025 – Le Mans Classic Tour to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the famous 1935 win. Whether in a track side hotel or Glamping this is set to be a special weekend. There will be Lagonda’s on track both racing in Grid 1 and also some on Parade laps with a Club Marquee likely to be on the Bugatti circuit for members to meet up and exchange stories etc

July 2025 – Suffolk Dinner and an opportunity to visit our Spares gurus at Saxmundham

10 August 2025 – Lagonda Brooklands Fête – already advertised on the Brooklands Museum website. This will be an opportunity to take your car up the Test Hill at Brooklands with the addition of entrance to the fascinating museum. This was an excellent event in 2024 with 40 cars and Brooklands were very keen to host us again.

End of August 2025 – Continental Rally near Wien (Vienna)

20-21 September 2025 – AGM Weekend at a new venue – **Stratford Park Hotel** near Stratford-Upon-Avon. We have booked out the whole hotel which has 32 rooms, is very accessible, and has plenty of parking room for our cars as well as an ideal size room for the Saturday night Gala dinner and AGM on the Sunday. I would highly recommend booking early due to the limited number of rooms. Contact the hotel direct on 01789 731857 and say that you are with the Lagonda Club.

There is also a planned Brewery visit Saturday lunch time at the historic Hook Norton Brewery followed by a convoy to the Stratford Park Hotel in the afternoon.

Sound Finances and Spares Scheme

From a financial perspective, thanks to the stewardship of Brian Green who keeps us squeaky clean, we are in a very healthy position and even better than this time last year with plenty of cash in the bank.

The Spares scheme has financially performed better than the previous year aided by restorations and continues to be very successful in keeping our cars on the road.

Robin and Leah work very hard to ensure that items are available and always dispatch promptly. As ever a big thank you to both of them.

The photographing and documenting of second-hand spares continues although it will not be quite as quick now that Francis has left the Spares team to pursue a new career venture.

An item that should come to fruition shortly are the Winged badges for radiators – this has taken some time as we want to ensure the quality and fit although the fit is always a difficult issue with Lagonda's as items were not mass produced exactly the same as they are for modern vehicles.

Spares Survey – thank you to all the many members who contributed to the survey results and to Ian Seed who has collated them. An interim report will shortly be sent to all members to explain the results and some of the planned actions that will occur as a result of the survey.

Clothing – we are running down our clothing stocks as you may have noticed on the Club website with bargains to be had if you are quick.

Logo That Polo has continued to provide quality goods at competitive prices – please log on to <https://logothatpolo.co.uk/store/lagonda/> to view a much wider range of goods than was previously available. We are continuing to add further items to the range on a regular basis as the Club stocks diminish.

Archives and Digitisation

One way of ensuring that we capture all of the history of the Lagonda marque is to digitise as much as we can so that is safe for future generations. We have now completed the first task and that is the digitisation of all Club Magazines. Len is now working on uploading them to the website so that, very soon, all members will be able to effectively electronically search for anything within all of our magazines. IN addition the list pf technical articles will be included with the Magazines to speed searching for these. This will be a fantastic and very useful service to members particularly for those who wish to understand which widget connects to which when carrying out a rebuild or those that wish to conduct historical searches.

Our next portion of this project, which is being coordinated with the Lagonda Heritage Trust by Kevin Lloyd-Bisley and the sub-committee, is to cost out the historically very important W.O.Bentley archives. Further progress reports will be announced in due course.

In Summary

The Club is in excellent health with an increased membership compared to this time last year. We have had a very enjoyable but incredibly busy 2024.

What differentiates us from some other clubs is the camaraderie that we all witness at events, tours and meetings. This was mentioned to me more than once by members in 2024. With this spirit and enthusiasm for all things Lagonda we can now look forward to meetings and events in 2025.

Safe driving and please, where you can, be active and be supportive of your Area Representatives and the Club events that we put so much effort in to organise.

Sadly three of our most prominent members have not made it into 2025.

Brian Saville Club Chairman 2005 – 2008 died on November 6th at his care-home. Brian did a great deal for the Spares Operation, particularly 16/80 spares and restored a very fine 16/80 saloon which was extensively illustrated in Arnold Davey's book. Thanks to Angela, his daughter, for the information.

Terry Brewster owned a striking red LG45 LMRep, sometimes referred to as "The Fire Engine" Both he, and his wife Margaret, successfully campaigned this car in speed events for many years. A commemoration of Terry's life will take place at Pershore Abbey on 21st January at 12 noon. Members are welcome especially in a Lagonda, and colourful clothing is preferred.

Richard Campbell (Cam) died in October. He was a long term Lagonda Club member and owner of CPA 575, a modified M45. He was a well-known pig farmer in Dorset and had received an MBE for services to the pig farming industry in the UK. He leaves a wife, Pippin, children and grandchildren.

The Club sends sincere condolences to family and friends of the above members. "Gone but not forgotten"

The Northern Dinner and Prizegiving Friday 9th May 2025 .

This will take place once more at The Izaak Walton Hotel in Dovedale. A tour of the very scenic local countryside will be arranged for the Friday. The hotel has been reserved for the nights of 8th and 9th of May; rooms are available for booking now, at B&B rates of £120-135 for singles and £140 -157 for doubles. Please phone the hotel reception to book (sometimes needs a bit of persistence!) and be sure to say you are with the Lagonda Club. Phone 01335 350981, email reception@izaakwaltonhotel.com The Friday dinner menu, at £45 per head, will be chosen and booked on the club Events website at Spares as previously. This will hopefully be available in early spring. Any questions? Contact your Northern Secretary, Nigel Hall on 07831 638383, or nigelhallgb@gmail.com

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FOR SALE:

For sale two single SU pumps both working electronic one £65 mechanical one £55 klaxon type horn working £40 all plus postage Alan Brown 07884018301 email alanbrownemail@icloud.com **(Member)**



M45 head & block. Both in good condition and pressure tested. The block has been re-lined and seems to be just over 88mm bore so plenty of meat left for a rebore to fit your pistons. Sensible offers. Contact Len Cozzolino on 07789001716 or len@cozzolino.co.uk **(Member)**

1932 Lagonda 2 Litre LC Tourer - Very Original Lagonda SM tourer, with interesting history, including ownership by Peter Densham, founder of the 2L Register. A very reliable car, good starting & performance; very well maintained, excellent brakes, precise light steering, good hood, tonneau and s/screens. Family owned 20+ years, enjoyed for Lagonda, VSCC, Brooklands events and touring; even winning some trophies! History, invoices and many photos from 1953 onwards - See, drive & discussions around £65,000. Christopher Hobbs - 07775 847811 Berkshire



Early Lagonda Magazines. I have Number of Lagonda monthly mags starting at number 1 up-to number 161 all in good condition and bound in Lagonda folders. I seek offers in the region of £50.00. The mags would have to be picked up rather than post . Regards Barry Banham barrybanham@btinternet.com or 07535516679 **(non-Member)**

NEW MEMBERS We welcome the following new members:- * *Rejoin**

B 10	Thomas Bruns	59439 Holzwickede, Germany N/O
C 24	Katharina Chalupa	Dr. Körnerstraße, 2521 Trumau, Austria N/O
H 27	James Hussey	Silverspar Street, Reno, NV 89521, USA 1939 V12 DHC 14058
L 26	Dimitri Labis	The Wharf, Dock Head Road, Chatham, Kent DB 3L DHC Lag/50/539 KKKU62
L 19	Daniel Lee	Horsted Keynes Business Park, Haywards Heath, West Sussex. N/O
M 62	Mark Manton	Huish Road, Somerton, Somerset M45R Z11224 BU 8547
O 8	Ian Owen	London Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire LG45 Rapide 12267/G10S/R ELB 396
P 18	Adrian Paolicchi	Farrier Walk, London, SW10 N/O
S 11	Charles Saunders	Heath Road, Warboys, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire N/O



THE DB GAZETTE

Greetings All once again.

Firstly, I want to recognise the effort of the new Editor of the Lagonda Club Magazine, Roland Bugler for the way he is subtly changing the content to include ALL Lagondas and I urge all Members/Owners to contribute to the Magazine.

I also want to congratulate David Stone-Lee on the presentation of his DB 2.6DHC featured on page 20 of issue No 282. What a stunning image this is!

Next is a welcome to new Member/Owner Ean McDowell from the state of Victoria, Australia who is also the new owner of 3 DB series cars. Two are DB 2.6I saloons and the third is a DB 3I DHC. All are in need of restoration and Ean is up to the task as he has experience with a number of Classic restorations over some years.

These cars are Ean's first introduction to the DB series Lagonda. We wish him well and Australian owners have located some parts that he will require, stored in sheds around the country.

Ean draws our attention to the use of penetrating oils to aid the dismantling of mechanical components and recommends using a 'home brew' of A/T Fluid and lacquer thinners as a 50/50 volume mix and states that tests show this to be an aid to loosening fastenings that have seized. I'm sure we would all have experienced this problem over the years and worked some magic with tools, fluids and sheer brute force from time to time!

Martin Peters has advised that Ian Turner has located on Ebay -'Klassic Bits', a door strap for Triumph TR2/3 that is almost identical to the door strap used on 3I Lagonda DHC. Thanks Ian, one assumes you are restoring a 3I DHC?

I have received a Greetings card from Alan Heard. Most would be aware that Alan owns SMX -10, the first Lagonda 2.6 DHC. Alan advises that 'The Automobile' Magazine is running a story on the car in the January 2025 edition if you are interested. One can look up the contents of each issue online.

Just before the Christmas Season commenced. My local Car Club staged a 3 day run into the nether regions, using roads less travelled. Always a serious consideration in that in the event of a breakdown, help is quite some distance away.

I thought I would describe the region we visited, topically, attempting to avoid boring you with Australiana. Our system of classic car registration in NSW allows for 60 days of use annually on a Logbook entry scheme.

The trip commenced from a town named Tenterfield which is about 3hrs uphill driving for our group from the Northern Rivers of New South Wales.

Tenterfield is recognised as one of the birthplaces of Federation in this country. Formerly we were a group of six separate British Colonies. In 1899 we became a Federation known as the Commonwealth of Australia.

We planned to take a former Cobb and Co coach trail north, stopping at will to take in interesting scenery - there's plenty of it up on the Granite Belt.

First stop was 'London Bridge', so named after two local bridge designs by I.K. Brunel, the British bridge designer who spent a lifetime building bridges and tunnels.

Next stop was a tribute to the building of 'Tank Traps' to impede the passage of supposed Japanese invaders during WW2, perhaps attempting to cross the Great Dividing Range. As well, the mountain passes had been mined to further hinder the enemy. Seems almost unreal in today's changed circumstances!

Moving on we found a reconstructed Cobb and Co coach house with a locally made coach on display. I'm telling you this because I believe the current Royal Coach maker is an Australian!

Soon we were in South east Queensland's grape growing region. We had crossed the border and were heading for Stanthorpe, centre of fruit and grape production and needless to say, winemaking.

In previous years this region was noted for mining gold, tin and other minerals. More recently it was settled by Returned Service men from WW1, then by Italian migrants who grew grapes and produced very powerful Grappa.

Now the region has been 'incentivised' by Government funding to become a wine producing region. 'Wine Tourism' has been established throughout the Granite Belt where climate and soil types have enhanced production of world class wines. All of the activities associated with drawing tourists to the region have been put in place including training for wine makers and presentation of food at a high standard. Accommodation also is available at levels that suit all.

There is an annual festival aptly named the Apple and Grape festival. It's not too difficult to mix the two together!

Wishing All Lagonda owners and enthusiasts a Happy New Year and I urge all to continue supporting the Newsletter and the Lagonda Club Magazine.

Peter Henson H62. octane1@bigpond.com

SPARES NEWS – January 2025

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

NEW PARTS NOW AVAILABLE

PRICE

CLT301S Clutch spring (200lbs/1") for 2L, 3L, 3.5L's. ***New specification which replaces part number CLT300 which was 270lb/in, these are now also shot peened for long life. £22.04

- The design of these clutches was not one of Lagonda's best efforts, and they have always been at risk of overheating, particularly on higher horsepower cars (e.g. 3 and 3.5 litres). The Club does offer a conversion to a more modern clutch design, CLT207, which overcomes these problems.

(All prices excluding VAT and carriage)

BACK IN STOCK

- BDY420P Rear light stanchions casting, offside, M45, LG6.
- GRS434 - M45, LG45 - 3.31 ratio Crown wheel & pinion
- GSKV06 - V12 Main manifold inlet gasket
- BDY420O Rear light stanchions casting, nearside, M45, LG6.
- STGV05 - Track rod drag link assembly V12, LG6
- BDYX11 – Leaf spring button

USED 3L/3.5L SPARES SPOTLIGHT



3003 - 3L Brake Shoe Rear (also fits M45 NOT Rapide), £40



3129 - 3L ENV axle back plate, oil level plunger & seal, £150



3130 - 3L Flanged joint with splined connection for prop shaft, £138



3007 - 3L Starter Motor, £485



3182A - 3L Rocker Cover (75mm bore) engine with trumpet, £160



3205 - 3L Sump guard, £25

Please visit <https://www.lagondaclub.com/used-spares/> for more information.

NEW PARTS AVAILABLE

CLT301S



Clutch spring (200lbs/1") 3L

NEW PARTS IN PROGRESS

Winged radiator badges (curved and flat) –these are close to being finished – subject to final checks.

- Bishop Cam steering scroll

Please contact the spares team with any requests for new gaskets not already available.

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

- ZM chassis - braking system (13 parts).
- Fuel tank senders (3-terminal type) 2L, 3L.
- Rockers, 4.5L.
- Various DB parts, please see the Post-1945 Gazette for details.