



# **WESSEX VEHICLE PRESERVATION CLUB**

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## **'WESSEX WAYS' AUGUST 2023**

### **CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER**

Hi everyone,

Just to let you know how on the ball I am, I've just received an email from our esteemed editor demanding that I write my bit for the newsletter so here goes !

Two things I want to bring to your attention firstly it's the Purbeck Rally on the weekend 11<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup> August and some of you may be worried about the weather, so if for any reason it's against us you will be sent an email, hopefully as predicted the weather improves then it would be good to see a good turnout, it makes the arranging worthwhile. We hopefully will have a gazebo erected.

Secondly the Cream Tea run is on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August the same applies to this event, the more of you who can attend it makes it worthwhile, the details can be found elsewhere in the newsletter, well that's me done for now so you all drive and ride with care.

Doug

### **CALENDAR OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August – Club Night - Quiz**

**Fri, Sat, Sun 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> August – Purbeck Steam Rally – Club Stand**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August – Cream Tea Run**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August – Wings and Wheels at Henstridge**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August – Rustic Fayre, Potterne Park, Verwood**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Cars on Christchurch Quay**

**Fri, Sat, Sun 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> September – Harmans Cross Steam Rally**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Cars on Christchurch Quay**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Club Night**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Cars on Christchurch Quay**

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> September – Sun 1<sup>st</sup> October – Burley Steam and Classic Show**

## **CREAM TEA RUN ON SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

Hi All,

The run will take place on Saturday August 19th, as with most of our runs we will start off from the Memorial Car Park at West - Moors, we suggest that we meet there at 1-30pm leaving about 2ish do a nice run and arrive at Basket's and Blooms in time for a cream tea.

The cost of the tea is £6 per person and I have been told that it is very good, also they did us proud on our previous lunchtime visit.

Now I know you want to come along so it's the usual routine just let me know either when you see me or just give me a ring on 01202 895387. Looking forward to hearing from you. Doug.

## **WVPC VISIT TO JHG JIGSAWS LTD**

On Wednesday 19th July, the pieces all came together for a fascinating visit to the Jigsaw Factory. The sun was shining and we had a lovely run in the classics to the picturesque village of Ashmore, where we were greeted by the owner Julie (often known as Julie Jigsaw), and her very friendly chocolate labrador Poppy.

Julie explained that she started her business in 1997 having taken redundancy from her job as a bank manager. They had just 20 images at that time.

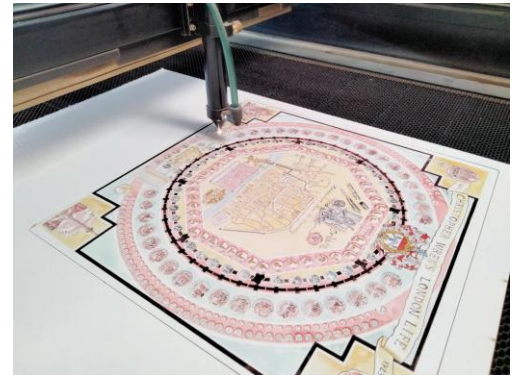
In 2008 they set up manufacturing their own puzzles in the converted cowshed in Ashmore. They now have over 400 images in their range and manufacture wooden and cardboard puzzles. They have many prestigious customers including charities, Sandringham House and The National Trust. Whilst we were visiting they were making a special puzzle to mark the 300th anniversary of Christopher Wren. However, obviously using her banking knowledge, Julie was not finishing the project until she had received a purchase order - she certainly keeps a tight ship in that regard.

The cost of some of the machinery was staggering, apparently she has had to source some from China due to the prohibitive costs of British products. Unfortunately that does mean that they often have no instructions in English, so it is trial and error to get them set up and working.

Julie showed us the wooden puzzle printing and laser cutting. She is very hands on and has first hand knowledge of running all their machines. Only five people work at the workshop and they rotate the jobs so everyone learns everything.

Most of their products are cardboard puzzles, often short runs for specific customers. Industrial guillotines are fearsome machines, luckily with many safety features built in but not foolproof. They use water based glue and hot melt glue - yet more recipes for disaster ! On top of all that there are the hydraulic presses within the cardboard puzzle cutter. Interestingly, the puzzle pattern is unique to JHG Jigsaws. We were all enthralled by the processes and the tour was extremely interesting. Towards the end we all had a go at putting a bag of puzzle pieces in a box, checking for air and then putting the top of the box on in a specific manner, quickly. Not as easy a task as it sounds!

We rounded off the visit with plentiful cups of tea and slices of homemade cake. Most of us bought puzzles as souvenirs and gifts. Frances and Paul took a liking to a puzzle that was a customer order, so Julie very kindly ran another print of the design for them. Francis had the print mounted on the board as a picture, and Paul had his puzzle cut, boxed and cling wrapped. Talk about hot off the press !



## **TED PAYNE'S 1972 RELIANT SCIMITAR GTE**

Following Ted's death in April, Keith, Ted's son will be putting the car up for sale sometime soon. It runs OK (I ran it on the 24<sup>th</sup> July) and everything works. When he bought it he stripped the engine and suspension and did some bodywork and chassis TLC – I have few images of that. The paint was never that great (it was poorly re-sprayed at some point in the past) and Ted always struggled to keep it looking good. Time has faded the roof and bonnet and the time it spent outside under a car cover whilst he worked in the garage on his Talbot Special did not help. Some of the interior also needs some TLC. But it seems mechanically and structurally sound and I think is useable now. I'm away until the middle of August but, if anyone is interested in looking at the car, please send an e-mail to [payne99@btinternet.com](mailto:payne99@btinternet.com) or text me on 07712 089525 to arrange a visit.



## **VISIT TO CHRISTCHURCH GUN CLUB**

Committee member Keith Nethercott is a member of the above Club and would be prepared to arrange a visit to the Club. It would take place in October sometime on a Wednesday pm. The air guns and targets will be supplied, the cost will be £10.00 per person plus pellets. Shooting will be for around 2 hours, full instructions and safety procedures will be given by 2 of the Clubs range officers. Although it is an open air range shooting will be from undercover so weather will not be a problem. We can accommodate 6 to 12 people. Both male and female members welcome. Contact Dennis on 07887 830122 or [djones4990@gmail.com](mailto:djones4990@gmail.com) if you are interested.



## CARS IN THE FIELD TUESDAY CLUB NIGHT 11<sup>th</sup> JULY

Nine entries to the cars in the field with the eventual winner being Richard Evans with his Jaguar.



The winner

## SOME PHOTOS FROM WESTIVAL 2023 SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY

