



## Hello all and Welcome to the December 2019 - Newsletter.

### Introduction:

This month we have plenty of Photographs and input submitted from our members. It is always a pleasure to receive such items that we can share and enjoy and remind us of the great days out we have.

We have also a list of 'Project vehicles', all of which are for sale and submitted by one of our newest members, Derek Shipley. He is located at Roan Farm Nr Urcal, on the back road into Urcal from Huerca Overa. Contact Derek for further information.

It would also be remiss if we did not mention and congratulate our club Chairman David and his wife Sue on the birth of their latest grandchild.

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### Articles submitted by members:

Sent to me by Keith Lakin. Not car related, but worth a read. I hope you agree.

Be sure to read Scenario 3 Quite interesting.

This is a new one . . . People are sure kept busy trying to cheat us, aren't they?

#### **SCENARIO 1.**

A friend went to the local gym and placed his belongings in the locker. After the workout and a shower, he came out, saw the locker open, and thought to himself, 'Funny, I thought I locked the locker.. Hmm, 'He dressed and just flipped the wallet To make sure all was in order. Everything looked okay - all cards were in place... A few weeks later his credit card bill came - a whooping bill of \$14,000! He called the credit card company and started yelling at them, saying that he did not make the transactions.

Customer care personnel verified that there was no mistake in the system and asked if his card had been stolen...'No,' he said, but then took out his wallet, pulled out the credit card, and yep - you guessed it - a switch had been made. An expired similar credit card from the same bank was in the wallet.The thief broke into his locker at the gym and switched cards.

**Verdict:** The credit card issuer said since he did not report the card missing earlier, he would have to pay the amount owed to them.

How much did he have to pay for items he did not buy? \$9,000! Why were there no calls made to verify the amount swiped?

Small amounts rarely trigger a 'warning bell' with some credit card companies.

It just so happens that all the small amounts added up to a big one.



## SCENARIO 2.

A man at a local restaurant paid for his meal with his credit card.

The bill for the meal came, he signed it and the waitress folded the receipt and passed the credit card along. Usually, he would just take it and place it in his wallet or pocket. Funny enough, though, he actually took a look at the card and, lo and behold, it was the expired card of another person. He called the waitress and she looked perplexed. She took it back, apologised, and hurried back to the counter under the watchful eye of the man. All the waitress did while walking to the counter was wave the wrong expired card to the counter cashier, and the counter cashier immediately looked down and took out the real card. No exchange of words – nothing!. She took it and came back to the man with an apology.

**Verdict** Make sure the credit cards in your wallet are yours.

Check the name on the card every time you sign for something and/or the card is taken away for even a short period of time. Many people just take back the credit card without even looking at it, 'assuming' that it has to be theirs.

## SCENARIO 3:

Yesterday I went into a pizza restaurant to pick up an order that I had called in. I paid by using my Visa Check Card which, of course, is linked directly to my checking account. The young man behind the counter took my card, swiped it, then laid it on the counter as he waited for the approval, which is pretty standard procedure. While he waited, he picked up his cell phone and started dialling. I noticed the phone because it is the same model I have, but nothing seemed out of the ordinary. Then I heard a click that sounded like my phone sounds when I take a picture. He then gave me back my card but kept the phone in his hand as if he was still pressing buttons. Meanwhile, I'm thinking: I wonder what he is taking a picture of, oblivious to what was really going on. It then dawned on me: the only thing there was my credit card, so now I'm paying close attention to what he is doing. He set his phone on the counter, leaving it open. About five seconds later, I heard the chime that tells you that the picture has been saved or sent. Now I'm standing there struggling with the fact that this boy just took a picture of my credit card. Yes, he played it off well, because had we not had the same kind of phone, I probably would never have known what happened. Needless to say, I immediately canceled that card as I was walking out of the pizza parlor. All I am saying is, be aware of your surroundings at all times. Whenever you are using your credit card take caution and don't be careless. Take note of who is standing near you and what they are doing when you use your card. Be aware of phones, because many have a camera phone these days. Never let your card out of your sight...check and check again!



Another article from Keith, submitted to him from Daryl and Kay.

Just thought anyone contemplating spending PPI pay out !! or buying any New V6 engine vehicles suggest you avoid these if they are New or less than 5 Years Old !! These vehicles have become a Major Engine Seizure Problem surfacing in the UK and probably other countries with thoughts to consider alternative Engines ( V8 or Electric !! )

Reports of New Range Rover V6's after the First Free 12 month Service seizing Engines after 15-20 miles due to B/E bearing rotating on Crank ( obviously Workshop practice Failures !! )

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

Audi V6 Factory Build...Study around 1min 32secs to notice B/E bearings with NO ' Traditional Securing Lugs '

Thereby allowing Bearing Shells to Rotate on Crank , Blocking Crank Oil Outlets thus inducing Engine Seize !!

You-Pays-Your-Money !!!

Heard of a New XJ V 6 this week less than 40k miles...seized engine !!

Jaguar/Land Rover Robot Built Engines...Look at 6 min 18 & 19 secs....possible answer....No Bearing Lugs ??

[https://www.bing.com/videos/search?](https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Jaguar%2fLand+Rover+Robot+Engine+Build&view=detail&mid=A92F36CAA4A48476A6B6A92F36CAA4A48476A6B6&FORM=VIRE)

[q=Jaguar%2fLand+Rover+Robot+Engine+Build&view=detail&mid=A92F36CAA4A48476A6B6A92F36CAA4A48476A6B6&FORM=VIRE](https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Jaguar%2fLand+Rover+Robot+Engine+Build&view=detail&mid=A92F36CAA4A48476A6B6A92F36CAA4A48476A6B6&FORM=VIRE)

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

Pentastar V6 Engine Factory (2017) Looks Good Quality no known Problems !

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sIQ9E1s1FuQ> Bentley W12 ( Audi but assembled by Bentley at Crewe, UK )

Personally, I'm staying with my circa 1960's Jaguars and my 10 year old W12 !!

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Message from the Albox meeting on November 3rd. Thanks go to Amanda and Steve for the re-introduction to this annual event. Despite the cold and wind, the event was well attended and the town came out to welcome the cavalcade as it passed through the streets of Albox before the ascent up to Saliente Monastery.







The Christmas run and luncheon has been finalised and we have 42 attendees. Can we ask as many as possible turn out for the run as the owners of Blu Cafeteria and Karen's sports bar are opening specially for our run, and they are looking forward to seeing our classic vehicles.

So please do not disappoint. The full route timings etc are given below. If you check your emails I am aware Chas has also distributed the itinerary.

**Itinerary for A. C. C 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019 run and Christmas lunch at:-**

**Los Conteros Restaurant located at Plaza de de Los Conteros, 14,  
04616 Cuevas del Almanzora, (Villaricos)**

**10:15 am.**

Meet for hot and cold beverages etc...

Blu Cafeteria (Heladeria) Avenida Mediterraneo 249, 04638.

(Opposite Red Cross building Mojacar. Ample parking adjacent to Red Cross area).

Adelio and his staff will be ready with a warm welcome and would appreciate it if he could have his photograph taken alongside our classic cars.

**11:15am**

Leave Blu Cafeteria for a short 18km run - approx. half hour run.

Head off along AL5107 Mojacar coast road towards Garrucha. Pass Repsol garage on left after 5.6km. Then after a further 0.5 km take 2<sup>nd</sup> exit at roundabout. At next roundabout take 3<sup>rd</sup> exit towards Almeria/Murcia. Travel up the bank and take 2<sup>nd</sup> exit - straight on, (pass Lidl on Left, careful of large hump in road). Turn right at the junction at the top of the bank. (Take care here as the vehicles come from behind you, over your left shoulder).

Carry on along the A1370 towards the Las Buganvillas roundabout where you take the 4<sup>th</sup> exit, coming back on yourself and travel for 1.5km then take a right turn at a small sign for Campo De Golf-Valle Del Este.

Travel along this narrow and winding country road (Careful of the sleeping policeman) to our coffee stop destination, this to the right of the Valle Del Este Hotel and Golf complex.

The venue is Karen's Sports Bar, 21 Centro Commercial, 04620. Situated 7.1km from the last turn off. It is located inside the orange coloured Central Commercial Valle Del Este, to your right. Ample parking around venue.



**12:45pm.**

Leave Karen's bar at the roundabout outside the commercial centre, for another half hour run. Approx 19.6 km.

Travel up the bank passing the hotel front entrance to your left. At the next roundabout as you pass hotel frontage take the 1st exit, turning right. Follow the road and take the 1st exit on the next roundabout. Carry on down the hill and take the 2nd exit at the next roundabout and again take the 2nd exit at the next roundabout whereupon we leave the golf complex.

Turn right at the junction and travel to the next roundabout taking the 1st exit immediately onto the next roundabout again taking the 1st exit, take the turn for Vera N340a.

Travel along to the next roundabout taking the 1st exit onto the A120 Vera/Garrucha road. (Vera Diesel fuel station on your right).

At the next roundabout take the 2nd exit carry on towards the Vera Bullring.

At the next large roundabout (at the Bullring) take the right turn on to the A352 towards Garrucha . (Passing Iceland supermarket on the right hand side). Once again carry on down this road (Careful of roadworks - making into dual carriageway with a 40km/hr speed limit).

At Buganvillas roundabout take the 3rd exit towards Villaricos on AL7107.

Along this stretch there are 7 more roundabouts. Take the 2nd exit at each. It remains a straight trip and when you reach the Repsol garage on the right hand side, travel another 2km before turning left on the AL8106 signed Las Herrerias /La Muleria.

Our destination Los Conteros Restaurant which is situated 200 metres on the right.

We should aim to arrive no later than **1:15 pm to be seated for our 1:30pm** Luncheon.

The restaurant owner Lenka is in possession of a spreadsheet with all our menu selections. Jacquelyne and I will also have a list of menu selections for your perusal.

Regards to all and here's looking forward to the 12th....

**A couple of articles from PC Magazine.  
Watch these guys on TV. They turn car restoration into a passionate art form**



Fuzz (fourth from right) and the team at S.O.S Workshop.

**S**.O.S Workshop is the classic restoration firm owned by Fuzz Townsend and Classic Oils' top man Guy Lachlan. It's the workshop where the National Geographic TV series 'Car SOS' is filmed, but is also a flourishing restoration business in its own right, which will undertake a wide range of work on customer's cars from an oil change through recommissioning to a full top-end restoration. Fuzz told PC: 'We're unique, certainly in the UK, in being the only car restoration TV show that operates out of a real, working workshop. It's not a set, and the SOS series cars are treated to the same exacting standards as any other vehicle coming through our doors.' S.O.S Workshop is an all types garage, not specialising in any marque or model. 'However,' says Fuzz, 'we often get people contacting us to work on their car after seeing us restore the same model on the 'Car SOS' series. The TV series shows the restoration in depth and, having now restored 70 cars in front of the cameras, has given us a proven track record.'

When PC popped in, there were 10 customer cars in the workshop for various bits of work from light recommissioning through to full strip and rebuild. Nine members of staff work alongside Fuzz to keep

projects moving – from initial assessment through strip down, fabrication, bodywork, mechanical recommissioning and final reassembly. We asked Fuzz how things differ when they are filming a series of 'Car SOS'. 'Each series car takes on average 750-800 man hours from start to finish, so generally it's all hands on deck to get everything done in the tight timescales we give ourselves. We try to work in parallel wherever possible to ensure that when the car is finally painted, all of its components are already refurbished and ready to simply be re-fitted like a big kit of parts.'

'Not everything always goes to plan, though, as many of the 'Car SOS' cars, in particular, have been sitting around for 30+ years, so previous repairs might not be to the standard you would expect of the car today. We've often found neat and elaborate glassfibre repairs or tins of Smedley's carrots welded into the sills!



Mercedes-Benz SL 'Pagoda' is in for a full rebuild.

**Contact**  
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0121552 3334



# TRIUMPH 'SHELBY' STAG

## Jamie Bilson shows us his spectacularly sassy 'Stag in Drag'

**P**eople can be very rude. One man came up to me and demanded that I remove the Triumph badge from the front! He was deadly serious, too. Clearly he had no appreciation for the hard work that's gone into building this car. I know it isn't to all tastes, but when I found this Stag it was a total wreck - rusty and destined to be broken. All the panels were completely shot and I couldn't afford replacements.

Then one day, in the

workshop of our car repair business, I saw a BMW 3 Series in for work with its front bumper laying on the ground. It got me thinking. How possible would it be to fabricate new panels and shape bodywork to fit classic vehicles? I decided to put my skills to the test with all the knowhow I'd gained from the family business. My dad Paul has had Stags for years, so I grew up around them but I've always been a fan of the Shelby Mustang and having researched it, I figured that 'look' would work well for this project - especially as I didn't want to make it too off the wall.

It was important to me to retain the Brit design, but introduce a bit of American styling flair. I've gone to great effort on the attention to detail and it has made a real difference to the fit and finish.

My favourite part is the way the front sits, as it is really purposeful. The engine is the original Stag unit. It's such a great sounding lump, I didn't want it any other way - I wanted it to keep its authentic Triumph soundtrack. It gets a mixed reception but it's mostly positive and I've noticed fellow enthusiasts looking closely at certain aspects, while planning their own projects. It's a great feeling to imagine you have inspired other car enthusiasts! ■

**HOW MUCH?** Jamie did it himself, so it wasn't as expensive as you might imagine.  
**HOW MAD?** Insanely clever.  
**HOW HAPPY?** I love the looks, it drives really nicely and that engine is superb. But I'm planning a Stag with a 4.4-litre V8. That will scare the Triumph purists!



**Rear end**  
That sizeable bootlid lip spoiler is certainly a talking point - we like it!



**Engine**  
The factory 3-litre V8 runs well and sounds fabulous.



**Interior**  
The interior is still much as Triumph intended it, bar an aftermarket wood-rim steering wheel.

**Show us your car hybrids!**  
Got an unusual project of your own? Send pics and details to [james.walsh@practicalclassics.co.uk](mailto:james.walsh@practicalclassics.co.uk), marked 'Sounds crazy'. Make sure your pictures are high-resolution and that you are in them.



## **Forthcoming Events:**

The Christmas run and lunch has been arranged (Please attend the run with your classics) and the menu's have been finalised with the Los Conteros Restaurant.

2020 CALENDAR of Events will be posted in next months newsletter.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New year to all our members.

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