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# Your ABCCC News

*The Official Newsletter of the All British Classics Car Club of Vic Inc*



## Front Cover

*Photo on front cover –*

Photos taken of the Walhalla Goldfields Train Lance takes a view from the Train Drivers seat, whilst everyone else is happy to sit and relax!  
See more photos and event report.

## Presidents Report April 2024

What a busy start to the year, can you believe we got flooded, we have lived on top of this hill for forty years and never seen anything like it, The wind was so strong it blew the water uphill, the drains couldn't cope and the water came through the back door of the garage which is carpeted. After a days work with a industrial vac. And with fans blowing 24/7 for three days we got everything back to normal, then bugger me if on the Monday night it came down from the heavens again and half flooded the garage again. After two weeks work clearing partially blocked drains re-routing others into the paddock I think the property is now floodproof?

Then we went to Tasmania for five weeks catching up with old friends stuffing ourselves with Crayfish and Scallops and doing the obligatory walking on the beach holding hands in the moonlight, and thoroughly enjoying ourselves.

We had no sooner finished unpacking when we were off again for the day on Geoff and Judy Birkett's run to Gippsland, meeting at the cheese factory then taking the scenic route to the Poowong Hotel for a St Patricks day lunch, a very enjoyable day all round.

Two days later we were off again, this time to Erica/Walhalla for two nights, the first night we had the customary nibbles and drinks followed by a BBQ in the Caravan Park. Next morning we took off for Walhalla for a ride on the Goldfields Railway with the afternoon free. Maxine and I visited the Erica and District Historical Society where we viewed a lot of material about the building of the Thomson Dam after which we drove out to the dam to see it almost full. The last time we visited the Dam was on the Fly The Flag Tour 2010 when it was less than half full, it filled for the first time in it's history a few months ago. That night we had a excellent meal at the Erica Hotel to cap off a very enjoyable two days. Thanks to Lance and Adele

Three days later, the AGM, this went smoothly without incident with the majority enjoying the lunch and courteous staff, all office bearers offered themselves for re-election so we have the same stable management team. The one thing that concerns me is that no one put their hand up for the Editors job, Glenda wants a break so we really do need someone even just for a few months, can you imagine this Club without a Newsletter?  
I am now starting to work on the Hamilton Rally in June, I have a few rooms left at the Grange Burn at \$115 per night let me know if you need one. If you are organising your own accommodation but wish to join us for lunch on the way up or for dinner on Friday night please let me know.

We have quite a few members not travelling too well at the moment including our treasurer who is in hospital recovering from back surgery, and Joy Brown who has gone from bronchial ??? to shingles and now kidney stones, I wish them all a speedy recovery

Tony Pettigrew

President

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## CLUB INFORMATION

Visit the club's Website for information about how club matters are conducted. This Website also features information about how the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS) is operated by the All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc.

Our club does have one explicit rule – for those motor cars operating on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS), using the auspices of the All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc., for the ongoing benefit of the VCPS, their owners must continue to be a financial member for the duration of the permit period, and attend a minimum of three club events during the permit's active year. Failure to respect this rule will result in the VCPS renewal being insupportable and void.

## YOUR COMMITTEE

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<b>The Federation of Veteran, Vintage and Classic Car Clubs Website <a href="http://www.federation.asn.au/">http://www.federation.asn.au/</a></b>			

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On The Web <http://www.abccc.com.au>  
 On Facebook [www.facebook.com/AllBritishClassicsCarClub](http://www.facebook.com/AllBritishClassicsCarClub)  
 Postal Address PO Box 190, Coldstream, Victoria, 3770



## MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual membership subscription for the All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc. is \$45.00 per annum. This subscription fee also includes the club member's partner. In addition to that, there is a once-only \$30.00 Joining Fee. Please address membership enquiries to: Membership Secretary PO Box 190 Coldstream Victoria, 3770. Telephone Number 03 9739 1879.

## LIFE MEMBERS

The All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc was founded by the late Frank E Douglas on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 1997. The Club is proud to grant Life Membership to those who provide exceptional service to our club.

**Current Life Members are: Pat J Douglas, Mike Allfrey, Tony & Maxine Pettigrew**

## CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

ABCCC is a VicRoads authorised Club to participate in the VicRoads Club Permit Scheme (CPS)

The ABCCC has set rules & conditions for operating a motor vehicle [twenty-five (25) years old and older on the CPS, for further information about how the CPS is conducted by the All British Classics Car Club please visit the club's Website Link [ABCCC Club Permit Scheme information](#) All the information is available online.

1. **Initial contact** should be made with the club's Vehicle Logbook Club Permit Scheme (VLCPS) Applications Officer, currently Wally Thompson. He will advise the procedure for application with respect to the conditions set by the ABCCC. He must also provide a first inspection of the vehicle.
2. **PERMIT RENEWALS** VicRoads requires that an ABCCC authorised VLCPS Officer's signature is entered on the permit renewal notice. Therefore, your VLCPS renewal should be sent to Colin Brown, PO Box 40, Coldstream, Victoria 3770. Enclose with it a stamped envelope addressed to VicRoads, along with a cheque/money order for the VLCPS fee. Colin will sign on behalf of the ABCCC, and then forward the permit renewal on to VicRoads. The form also requires YOUR signature, so be sure to sign it as the permit holder as well.

Both Wally & Colin's position are entirely voluntary, so due consideration should be given when contacting them.

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## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Payment of ABCCC Annual Fees of \$45.00 are due by 1<sup>st</sup> January each year.

Please post or transfer money to: All British Classics Car Club, Membership Secretary PO Box 190 Coldstream Victoria, 3770. Tel 0438 508 235

Bank details: BSB 063 863, A/c No.1001 3709, please provide your surname as a and "dues" as reference.

Please note that, should you be unfinancial and driving a classic car under the auspices of our club on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme, you are effectively driving an unregistered motor vehicle.

Renewal Form can be downloaded from the ABCCC Website if required to update information.

Thank you, Ed Bartosh

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## ABCCC – Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held Sunday 24th March - Photos from Ed taken at event Crown Hotel Lilydale







## ABCCC EVENTS DIRECTORY

**Note: This ABCCC Events Directory lists only those events organised by the ABCCC. Only those events scheduled in this Directory qualify for Victorian Club Permit Scheme requirements. All events are also listed on the club website.**

### ABCCC Calendar of Events for 2024

If you are attending any of these events please contact the Organiser, as numbers are often required  
Further details will be provided closer to the event



Sun. April 7th	Out for lunch with the Tootells	Sun. May 5th Fed.	Scoresby picnic at the Steam Centre info Jack Craven	Fri. June 7th-10th	Hamilton Kings Birthday Rally Tony Pettigrew
Wed. April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Craven Classy Dayout Jack Craven	Wed. May 8th	Cancelled	Wed. June 19th	Coffee with the Cravens
Sat. April 27th	Lunch and Music at the Emerald Hotel Sth. Melb. John Provis and Dawn Shoppee	Sun. May 19th	Heritage Motoring Day Rex's Big day out	Sun. June 23rd	The inaugural Jervis-Read run. Robin and Anne
Sun July 7th	Annual lunch Colin Brown	Sun Aug. 11th.	Observation Run Brian Aitken	Tues. Sept.10th -12th	Sandra's September Sandra Wishart
Wed. July 17th	Coffee with the Braziers	Wed.Aug. 14th.	Coffee with the Braziers	Wed. Sept. 18th	Coffee with the Braziers
Sun. July 21st	Pub run Tootells	Sun. Aug.25th	Historical Lilydale John and Jennifer Mason	Sun. Sept. 22nd	Rainy day in a Morgan Phil Cook
Sun. Oct.6th	Visiting Healesville. Ian and Lyn Terry	Thurs Nov. 14th	Visit to Beleura in Mornington. Robyn and Robert Joiner		
Sun. Oct. 20th.	Gippsland drive, Graham Talmage	Wed. Nov.20th	A big kids day out. The 3 G's Geraldine, Greg and Gary	Sun. Dec. 15th	Christmas lunch Maxine Pettigrew
Mon.Oct.28th -31st?	Trip to Mildura Lance Brazier	Fri. Nov. 22nd-24th	Indulgence weekend Peter McKeirnan		

**Website:** [www.abccc.com.au/calendar](http://www.abccc.com.au/calendar)

**Facebook** - don't forget to like ABCCC on facebook  
link.....<https://www.facebook.com/AllBritishClassicsCarClub/>





## 2024 Calendar dates from Federation and AOMC that might be of interest



- 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Florence Thomson Tour – Ladies get ready!
- 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Scoresby Picnic
- 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Murrabit Picnic
- 9 June 2024 Peter Mac Fundraising Display Day (Bendigo)
- 25<sup>th</sup> Aug to 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2024 Golden Oldies Tour

More details on both these websites

- <https://www.aomc.asn.au/events>
- <https://www.federation.asn.au/events>



## Reminder for upcoming ABCCC Events Don't forget to RSVP

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Out for lunch with Tootells

We will meet at Lilydale Lake at 9.30 for 10,00am departure to Healesville for morning tea, and then onto the Home Hotel, Launching Place.

NOTE: the proposed route includes approx 500metres of 2nd class road.

If you would like to join us, please respond by 1st April so catering can be confirmed.

Anne and Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906 [annbry@optusnet.com](mailto:annbry@optusnet.com)



### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Cravens Classy Day out - Please come & join us!

Hi Guys don't forget our classy day out – we have room for more starters, hope you can make it!

We will meet 10:15 - 10:30 am for morning tea at Hahndorf's Chocolatier Cafe - 960 Mt Dandenong Road Montrose -and popular already with a number of ABCCC members.

Around 11.30 we will be leaving convoy style to Pine Grove Hotel Upper Beaconsfield - route instructions will be provided as well- just in case. Trip distance 55 Kms and at legal speed arrive 12.30 pm or so. Expect a pleasant drive.

I don't think ABCCC has been there especially since refurbishing and change of style presented by new owners.

We will be provided with table service for drinks and meals- more time for chatter . Senior Menu will be available as well.

Hope you can join us - Jack and Shirley please let us know, so catering can be confirmed

Contact Jack 0425 881 449 or [e mail jarcraven@gmail.com](mailto:email.jarcraven@gmail.com).

Shirley 0413 795 504



## **Saturday April 27th 2024 – Lunch & Music at the Emerald Hotel, Sth Melb** **Please check have you have booked to this great upcoming event?**

If you have not booked but love music and great food. Better act fast & make a booking as spaces are limited!

**Call John on 0418 564 082**



**John Provis & Dawn Shoppee**

Want to thank the ABCCC and it's members for the joy & pleasure we have experienced from our membership over the past years.

We are going to sponsor an event quite different to others. A big band concert performed by six wonderful musicians - not amateurs, but professionals who have played in Europe, USA, on cruise ships and Hamer Hall etc.

**Location:** Emerald Hotel 415 Clarendon St, South Melbourne

**Date:** Saturday 27 April 2024

**Time:** 12 Noon for lunch and drinks at own cost. Musicians will arrive and setup during lunch, and play until we finish eating. When lunch is over, those not facing the band will stand and turn their chairs around. Then the fun starts. The music will finish just after 4:15pm. There will be two fifteen minute intervals. The band is our guests and will play numbers we know and like - music to suit us with lots of variety.

**The Music:** What a wonderful world... Edelweiss ( Sound of Music )... Teddy Bears Picnic... When the Saints Come Marching In... Basin Street Blues... Alexanders Rag Time Band... Georgia... Sweet Georgia Brown... High Society... Down By the Riverside... and so on... Plus your requests.

**The Musicians** Steve Grand - Piano  
Ian Smith - Trumpet, Sousaphone, Drums, Washboard and Vocal  
Chris Ludowyk - Trombone  
Call Duffy - Drums and Washboard  
Mark Elton - Double Bass  
Jo Stevenson - Clarinet and Saxaphones

**This will be an outstanding event but numbers are limited.**

**To reserve your place please phone John on 0418 564 082  
or email: [johnprovis@blgpond.com](mailto:johnprovis@blgpond.com)**



**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – ABCCC event**

## **Federation Scoresby Picnic**

National Steam Centre 1200 Ferntree Gully Rd Scoresby, Vic

Planning to stay together with our cars on display so pls try and get there before 10am.

Contact: Jack Craven 0425 881 449

# **FEDERATION Scoresby Picnic Car Show**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**National Steam Centre  
1200 Ferntree Gully Rd  
Scoresby, Vic**



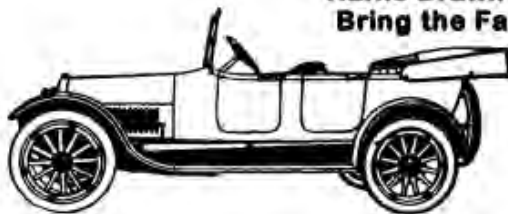
**Starts 10am**

**Hosted by the Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club Inc.**

**Free entry**

**Vehicles 25 years & older are welcomed to park into the display area**

**Trade & Craft Displays  
BYO Picnic Lunch  
Steam Machine Displays  
Food Stalls  
Trophies for 5 Categories  
Children's Animal Farm  
Raffle Drawn 1pm  
Bring the Family**



**Enquiries:**

**Peter: 0409144603**

**Ian: 0419312304**

## **SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Heritage Motoring Day with Rex**

**To celebrate National Motoring Heritage Day, put this in your calendar to attend, it's always "BIG day out with Rex".**

Planning is still underway so watch out for more details

Rex Hall 0408 303 129

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## **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Hamilton Rally**

Contact: Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146 for details on accommodation, also Friday lunch & dinner

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## **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Coffee with the Cravens**

Planning another great catch up with the Cravens, more details soon

Contact: Jack Craven 0425 881 449

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## **SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2024 - The inaugural Jervis-Read run**

Lunch has been arranged at The Victoria Hotel at Woodend.

There is a lovely room upstairs and there will be a log fire burning. The stair steps are broad and shallow. There is a dining area on one side and a theatre setting on the other.

Arrival 12.00pm Sit down and order lunch.

Lunch 12.30 - 1.30pm

A Film will be shown 1.35 - 3.30pm "Ford versus Ferrari"

There will be an intermission.

Afternoon tea 3.35 - 4.15pm

Depart 4.15 - 4.30pm

A morning coffee stop en route to Woodend is being considered and will be advised at a later date.

We would be grateful for fellow members advising feedback by call or text to below mobile.

Robin Jervis-Read 0412 258 998



## **Sandra's September Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> till Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024**

Get ready for this year Sandra's September is heading towards Foster a lovely little town close to the Prom.

There is plenty to see & do in the area such as Agness Falls which is highly recommended.

Another attraction is a wilderness cruise, 2.5 hrs to Skull Rock. If you are interested in doing this cruise it would need to be booked prior to going to Foster. The boat is easily accessible from the sand. [www.promcruises.com.au](http://www.promcruises.com.au) Phone 0428 400 155

We are also looking at a couple of other things to do. More information to come. We are looking forward to seeing you in Foster. Regards

Sandra Wishart 0402 215 367 & Leigh Wishart 0403 243 700





# What have we been doing?

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## ESKY RUN WITH THE BIRKETTS #2

### ATTENDEES:

Ron Rogers and Glenda Duncan  
John and Jenny Mason  
Greg and Lill Margetts  
Geoff and Judy Birkett

Rob and Mary Nolan  
Tony and Maxine Pettigrew  
Jack and Shirley Craven  
John Provis and Dawn Shoppee



A lovely sunny day, and the farm around Bassine was looking verdant, the calves greeting us at the fence when we arrived. Our group was well catered for, coffee, Devonshire tea, milkshakes made with their beautiful creamy milk and a well stocked fridge of their cheeses, milk and cream to choose from. Glenda Duncan spent time searching through the preserves for sale, and added lemon curd and strawberry and rhubarb jam to her shopping basket. We arrived in good time to accommodate everyone at a table and spend a leisurely hour there. We are sure you will enjoy your purchases.

Onward then to Poowong via some lovely back roads via Glen Forbes and Woodleigh that even our esteemed President and his lovely wife had never driven on before, to get back to the South Gippsland Highway, and turn off to Poowong.

The Pub was jam-packed because of St. Patrick's Day, but we had been allocated two tables and there was plenty of room for all and a very comprehensive menu to choose from.

Those around us all enjoyed their meal and there was plenty of it. The corned silverside looked good enough to return again to enjoy, likewise the roast and fish and chips.

We hope you all had a safe trip back home, thank you to those who have contacted us to express their enjoyment of the day.

Judy and Geoff Birkett









## Tuesday 19th March to Thursday 21st March 2024

### Erica/Walhalla Overnighter

#### Attendees

Lance & Adele Brazier  
Greg & Geraldine Anglin  
Tony & Maxine Pettigrew  
Leigh & Sandra Wishart

Christopher & Geraldine Constantine  
Gordon Paterson & Gill Hutchins  
Peter McKiernan & Joan Clements  
Trevor & Jill Beaumont

Leon & Judy Cousins  
John & Jenny Mason  
Bill & Margaret Klucso  
Peter Littlejohn

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> saw 23 ABCCC members gather at Erica Caravan Park BBQ. Area for nibbles, drinks, happy hour & bulldust before every one cooked or burnt their choice of fare & added it to Adele's salads. After a very happy nite & a few stories, some retired to Park Cabins & some to Erica Hotel/Motel.



Wednesday saw us all gather at Walhalla Goldfields Railway Café for Coffee / Breakfast before joining train at 11am for a very enjoyable train trip. On return we proceeded to explore "Wallywood" [A movie was made there in Jan.] some dined at Rail Café, & some at various options in Wahalla. It was very pretty, Some trees were turning & shedding leaves. On returning to Erica, Rawson was visited & others went to Thompson Dam . [Main supply of water for Melbourne] It was 98% full & last year was 1<sup>st</sup>. time it was full since being built in 1960s.

Seeing weather had got a BIT cooler, Happy hour was held at Erica Hotel, before we had our meals there. No grizzles were received, & none will be accepted now.

Thursday saw a lot of happy campers heading home, & some had lodged interest in our planned Mildura trip later in year. [look it up]

Hope that this sums it up for you. Might see you Sunday at AGM.

Thanks & Regards Lance & Adele.





Judy Cousins got some great photos of the New Public Art. Below information taken from <https://www.walhallarail.com.au/2022/12/26/new-public-art/>

The artists are – Ray Thomas (mural with the animals) and Steve Bechaz (Train mural). You can see more of Steve’s work at the Moe Botanic Gardens. 🧑🎨🧑🎨

There are a lot of improvements at the Thomson River. The the upgrade is part of the Victoria’s Great Outdoors program and has been funded by DJPR (and delivered by DELWP). This includes rehabilitation of the riverbank, installation of a kayak launch area, fencing, asphaltting, and art work installation and a new gate to prevent non authorised parking under the road bridge, blocking emergency access.











## All British Day at Echunga South Australia – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

Article by Glenda Prewett. On a recent trip over to South Australia with Richard & Barbara Wellard, we joined the Gawler Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club for the ‘All British Day’ annual event.

What started out as a picnic day, is now known as the All British Day in the small town of Echunga about 34kms from Adelaide. This event is held annually, this year celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> Year. Each year they showcase in the middle of the ground a marque vehicle, this year was the MGs from 1924 to 2004, along with another great celebration - 90 year anniversary of the South Australia Sporting Car Club.

The day was perfect and it was a lovely Sunday for a run through the hills to Echunga. There were approx. 900 cars, including a few tractors, a couple of Trucks, a few wooden boats, stationary engines & early motorcycles – something for everyone. It was a great display and realising that most of these marques on display are no longer manufactured, just now its part our history! It was pretty amazing.

The London Cab on display had a great history and incredible story, London to Sydney taxi ride to break the world record. In 2011 three friends from the UK went to the pub and decided to drive a black cab around the world. Yes around the World, its an incredible story.

To read the story - <https://www.redbull.com/au-en/taxi-round-the-world> by RedBull.com



We were welcomed by the folks of the Gawler car club and there were some great cars. I picked out one car that I liked.



It was something different but familiar looking.

It was a Riley Elf. At first glance I thought it was a Mini. What do you think?

When I got home, I found an article to share with you. “The Quirky Riley Elf”

# The Quirky Riley Elf – The “Other” Classic Mini

Extracted from Silodrome Gasoline Culture, this article was written by Ben Branch in July 2023

The Riley Elf is a little-known car that was based on the Morris Mini, it shared a similar body to the Wolseley Hornet, and both cars were offered as more luxurious stablemates to the original Alec Issigonis-designed Mini that took the world by storm. The Elf has the same underpinnings as the Mini but it has a unique body, with a longer rear end and a reworked front to give it a more “Riley” appearance. The interior was upgraded too, but thankfully the performance and handling was all classic Mini.



## Fast Facts – The Riley Elf

- *The Riley Elf was developed by British Motor Corporation (BMC) and introduced in 1961 as a variation of the Morris Mini. It was designed by Alec Issigonis, the creator of the original Mini, with the aim of offering a more upscale and luxurious version of the popular compact car.*
- *The Riley Elf featured a slightly elongated rear body section, giving it a distinctive appearance notably different to the Mini. This design modification also provided additional cargo space. The exterior of the car featured a number of upscale touches, like the redesigned chrome grille and additional chrome accents.*
- *The Riley Elf's cabin boasted luxurious features by Mini standards, including wood veneer dashboards and plush upholstery. It reflected the desire of BMC to market the car as a more expensive alternative to the best-selling Mini.*
- *The Elf offered a range of engine options, all various versions of the BMC A-Series engine. These engines delivered the same power output as the comparable Mini versions of course. The Elf's lightweight Mini-based construction, coupled with its hydrolastic suspension system, provided the same nimble handling as its more famous sibling.*
- *While the Riley Elf enjoyed moderate success during its production run, it gained recognition and status as a classic car in later years. Its rarity, unique looks, and its combination of elegance and driving fun have attracted the attention of classic car enthusiasts who might otherwise have bought a classic Mini.*
- *The Riley Elf was first introduced in 1961 as a variation of the Morris Mini Minor, a compact car that had taken Britain (and the world) by storm. The Elf was designed by Alec Issigonis, the mastermind behind the original Mini, and produced by British Motor Corporation (BMC), which later became part of British Leyland.*



## Update on Tony's very British Mark V project

### Jaguar MKV Restoration Report April 2024

Not a lot of progress in the last couple of months but quite a bit since the last report mostly at the rear end. First I had to decide does the petrol tank go before the spare wheel locker or after? Does it go in from under or through the boot? As always having not pulled it apart I chose the wrong one but it is now all sorted, the tank is now connected to the pump and carburettors just waiting for the price of petrol to drop so I can test it for leaks. Next in was the boot floor with luggage rails plated and new rubbers side walls vinyl covered and rear wall fitted. Next came the fitting of the boot lid, normally requires four men to fit but with a little ingenuity I managed. Lastly the toolbox which goes within the boot lid and the back end is finished.

At the front end I fitted and wired the instrument panel after first sorting all the bits of metal brackets from the big box of unknown parts. I installed the radiator and grill and a lot of engine components, distributor, coil, generator starter motor etc.

The big hold up on the engine has been the rocker shaft, I sourced one in the UK and asked them to send me the invoice, following day they told me it was sold the day before, this from a company I have established a good relationship. I was told by a local Jaguar specialist he had one in his spare parts containers but after many phone calls it never happened. So I took my last resort, I made one, now I do have a strong engineering background and I do have a lathe and milling machine in my home workshop but I could write a book on the problems I had in drilling a ¼ inch hole through a two foot long silver steel shaft.

If everything goes to plan I should be starting the engine within the couple of weeks

Tony Pettigrew





