



Dragon / Y Ddraig  
Jensen Owners Club, South Wales

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### **Inflation Clearly is on the Rise...**

There has been so much activity on all fronts of the JOC recently, from the local meet at Peterstone Court and the 'Drive it day', to the Spring Break and of course the International, that writing reviews that would do each of these wonderful events the justice that they deserve would run to several pages – I will therefore summarise – Fantastic all round! Donna and I were obviously very busy organising the concours aspect of The International, though also found plenty of time to enjoy ourselves - my report for this will be in the main club mag though I thought that this photo from the dinner would form the basis for a good caption competition...first prize is my bar bill from the International...



Back to more local events therefore and the next meet sees a return to using the cars on the Treasure Hunt that has been organised – this sounds like a lot of fun (aren't all our meets?) and I look forward to seeing as many Jensens as possible here. Many thanks in advance to Bodfan for arranging this...

Now to your Treasure Hunt, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00am - That time is important as crews will leave at 3 minute intervals after 10.30 and a briefing will be given before you go. Get to A465, Heads of the Valleys Road. From Merthyr Tydfil, head west to roundabout signposted Trehebert / Brecon. Take the Brecon turn toward valley Penderyn.

From Swansea, go to same roundabout (top of Glyn Neath Banks) and do same. You will see a sign for Ty Newydd Hotel, enter the 'old road' which leads to it. Bev and I'll be there.

The treasure hunt is a light touch run of less than 30 miles, through lovely country.

You'll be given the instructions which will be partly self-explanatory – Ed Pillinger, having failed to answer a clue in a crossword I devised, which answer named a house at the bottom of his lane, has implored me to make the clues easy.

Accordingly, they are.

After all, the object is to socialise while wining and dining and having great fun so we don't want to be short of crews at luncheon. Any number (including one) may crew a car.

Our luncheon is at the Castle Hotel Brecon: in the ballroom window with views over its garden, town roofscape and the Beacons highest peaks.

By the bye, there is a bottle of bubbly for the winning crew. Oh, I should say that Bev and I will not be competing.

Jensens please, if possible, otherwise, who cares what marque.

Look forward to seeing lots of you and raising a glass or two.

### **Bodfan.**

Nothing yet is planned for August, so please feel free to arrange something – organising an event is hugely rewarding. Without wanting to wish summer away, looking further ahead, September 21<sup>st</sup>, sees the annual meet at the Tredegar House show in Newport – this is by far the biggest car show (and much more besides) of the region and one that really should never be missed – even if you are not able to bring a car, come along and share the fun. I feel a tad hypocritical at this point and must apologise in advance because the 20<sup>th</sup> sees me at a friends wedding. Experience tells me therefore that I will be unlikely to be amongst the first to arrive at Tredegar House – I'll call ahead when leaving home to place my breakfast / lunch order! I will have a few spare entry forms – if you need one, let me know as soon as possible please so that I may post one to you. Though my car is no 'show queen' she will be looking considerably better at Tredegar House (and indeed everywhere else) than she would otherwise have done, having had her front valance repaired – a *massive* thanks to Tony Hutton for this. Thanks too to Tyron for sorting my tracking – a car is much smoother when all 4 wheels point in the same direction! That's about it from me at this point, so I shall close as always by wishing you all happy motoring and I look forward to seeing as many SWJOC members as possible at the next meets.

Cheers

Rich.

### **Note from Ed...**

July already! How quickly the year goes by. Several of our SWJOC members attended the Annual Spring weekend held this year at the beautiful Tortworth Court, taking advantage of the price discount secured by the JOC. In spite of some poor weather, everyone enjoyed themselves tremendously. Accommodation and food voted best ever, considering this event is over 20 years old, that's some recommendation! As usual the walk was well attended by some 40 keen (to clear hangovers?) JOC rambles (hic). Many Jensens had their first outing and the group photos taken by Nic our professional photographer were superb. Places for this annual event are booked up 6 months in advance and I would highly recommend the 2009 weekend to anybody who has never been on one before.

The 2008 International weekend was held this June at Alexandra house, Marlborough, and was a great success. There was some concern that fuel prices etc would somewhat curtail attendance, but on each day, particularly Sunday, a great turnout of cars of near 100 – congratulations must go to our own Donna and Richard, the JOC concours secretaries for top class organisation of this event.

I look forward very much to meeting up with you all on the 20<sup>th</sup> for the treasure hunt, anything with Bodfan and Bev's name attached to it is bound to be a winner. Until then...

Hapus Jensen.

Ed.

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