

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

**Saturday, August 20 – 21-Aug-16**  
Cheshire: Tatton Park Passion for Power  
Location: Tatton Park, Knutsford, WA16 6QN  
Contact: 01565 723863



**Saturday, August 20 – 21-Aug-16**  
Kent: Model Weekend  
Location: Dover Transport Museum, Willington Road, Dover, CT16 2HQ  
Contact: 01304 822409

**Saturday, August 20 – 21-Aug-16**  
Carmarthenshire: VSCC Pembrey Welsh Speed Weekend  
Location: Pembrey, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire, South Wales, SA16 0HX  
Contact: 01608 644777

**Saturday, August 20 – 21-Aug-16**  
Herefordshire: Kington Vintage Show  
Location: Kington Recreation Ground, HR5 3AL  
Contact: 01544 388956

**Saturday, August 20 – 21-Aug-16**  
Northamptonshire: Atomic Vintage Festival  
Location: Sywell Aerodrome, Hall Farm, NN6 0BN  
Contact: 2085665226



**Saturday, August 20**  
Northamptonshire: Run What Ya Brung Saturday Night Special  
Location: Santa Pod Raceway, Airfield Road, Podington, Wellingborough, NN29 7XA  
Contact: 01234 782828

**Sunday, August 21**  
Leicestershire: Ibstock Country Fair  
Location: Pretoria Road, LE67 6HR  
Contact: 1530262609

**Sunday, August 21**  
Aberdeenshire: Royal Deeside Speed Festival  
Location: Kincardine Castle, Royal Deeside, Aberdeen.



**Sunday, August 21**  
Northamptonshire: Monster Truck Nationals  
Location: Santa Pod Raceway, Airfield Road, Podington, Wellingborough, NN29 7XA  
Contact: 01234 782828

**Sunday, August 21**  
Northamptonshire: Run What Ya Brung  
Location: Santa Pod Raceway, Airfield Road, Podington, Wellingborough, NN29 7XA  
Contact: 01234 782828

**Sunday, August 21**  
Gloucestershire: Tewkesbury Classic Vehicle Festival  
Location: Tewkesbury School, Ashchurch Road, Tewkesbury, GL20 8DF  
Contact: 01684 850940



**Sunday, August 21**  
Somerset: Classic Car Show at Grove Park  
Location: Grove Park, Weston-Super-Mare, BS23 2QJ  
Contact: 01934 627563

**Sunday, August 21**  
Leicestershire: PG Rover Owners Club National Show  
Location: Rockingham Castle, Market Harborough, LE16 8TH  
Contact: 01484 607772

# FORECOURT FUEL PRICES FALLING

- Petrol and diesel prices have begun to fall due to over supply
- RAC Fuel Watch data published at the start of August revealed forecourt fuel had been rising steadily for four months consecutively
- Supermarkets cut the price of fuel by 2p at the end of July following an RAC plea
- Average price of classic friendly liquid petroleum gas (LPG) has stayed consistent
- Imposition of E10 (ten per cent ethanol) fuel remains a worry according to experts
- Price of fuel additives remain unchanged
- No movement in price of ethanol-free fuel barrels

Classic owners stand to benefit from cheaper forecourt fuel, states new data from RAC Fuel Watch.

Analysts noticed petrol and diesel prices began to tail off at the end of July following four months of subsequent increases.

The tip of the pricing iceberg, then? The RAC seem to think so. Its chart of oil prices compiled since January 2006 is available online, and charts the price of Brent Crude oil: on Friday, June 10, a barrel cost \$49.63; by Friday, August 2, the same barrel could be had for \$42.02.

In the interim, on Thursday, July 28 the RAC pleaded with supermarkets to slash fuel prices by 2p a litre – according to its figures, around 40 per cent of the UK's fuel is supplied by the likes of Tesco, Sainsbury's and Morrisons, making their influence on the over supplied crude oil market considerable.

RAC Fuel Watch spokesman Simon Williams said: "July's slight reduction in fuel prices is very welcome as it has ended four months of rising prices on the forecourt. We hope that the early August supermarket cut will make a bigger difference to household budgets in the summer holiday period even though it came more than a week later than it should have done."

Martyn Mann, Millers Oils technical director added: "The visible price of Brent Crude [oil] is dropping because more and more gas and oil fields are coming back on stream." In short, there's more than enough petrol and oil to go around.

"Although cheaper fuel is a bonus, the issue of E10 fuel still looms," continued Martyn. "Ethanol poses far more of a threat to classics." An awareness of increasing ethanol content – dependent on whether or not EU fuel directives are adopted after Brexit – needs clarifying on the fuel agenda beyond how much a tankful will cost. What use is cheap supermarket fuel if it's all corrosive E10? Higher octane 'super' unleaded (free of E10) will remain available at larger forecourts, but at greater cost to the motorist and the supplier (see Issue 336, June 22, for our original story).

"Ethanol doesn't discriminate between old and new vehicles; in the



former it will attack cork gaskets and fuel lines along with soldered carburettor float bowls." Martyn argued. As a measure of how worried the classic car movement is of E10, fuel additives aimed at preventing ethanol corrosion are doing "roaring business" according to Martyn.

Cheaper forecourt fuel prices doesn't mean cheaper fuel additive prices, sadly. "They're a different strain of chemistry," Martyn stated. It's a similar story with the ethanol free supply of VP Race fuel introduced in 2014 and imported into the UK for classics by British Motor Heritage (BMH)

"Ethanol-free VP fuel barrels come from America which hasn't seen the same drop in crude oil prices," a BMH spokesman confirmed. As a result, BMH is unable to offer a reduction like the forecourts can as its costs remain the same.

It's not just about cheaper fuel at the pumps; the risk posed to historic vehicles from ethanol is far more worrying. Switch to super unleaded, convert to LPG, fork out on fuel additives or buy barrels of race fuel from America; expensive though they may be, the damage is confined to your wallet and not the fuel system of your classic.

## RAC FUEL WATCH CURRENT AVERAGE FUEL PRICES (correct at time of going to press)

**Unleaded:** 110.73 pence per litre  
**Super Unleaded** - 109.8 pence per litre  
**Diesel** - 120.10 pence per litre  
**LPG** - 52.57 pence per litre

Find RAC Fuel Watch's online crude oil chart at:  
[www.rac.co.uk/drive/advice/rac-fuel-watch/historical-oil-price-data](http://www.rac.co.uk/drive/advice/rac-fuel-watch/historical-oil-price-data)



Last month, Silverstone Auctions' 1989 Peugeot 205 GTI 1.9 sold for a record breaking £30,983 including premium. Are hot hatch values set to skyrocket?

about two or three years ago and since then we have watched the prices rise and rise as more and more cars have been both found in original superb condition and restored to the sort of standards we are seeing in the fantastic prices being realised at auction. It's wonderful to see that the owners are being recognised for all the hard work they have put into these great cars."

# HOT HATCH PRICE BOOM

If auction results are anything to go by, 'Eighties hot hatches are the next big classic investment.

Between Tuesday, July 28 and Friday, August 1, experts – including Classic Car Buyer's Stratford Godfrey – watched a 1989 Peugeot 205 GTI 1.9 set a world price record of at Silverstone Auctions' Silverstone Classic sale. Including premium, the hammer came down at £30,938, £12,000 more than the car's lower estimate as a one owner from new, 7986 mile example. In the 205 stable, only its Group B homologated half brother, the rally-bred T16, fetches more.

It could be argued that Silverstone Auctions set a precedent for the hot hatch boom; last year, at the Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show, it sold a 1985 Ford Escort RS Turbo S1 for £60,188 following a frenzied bidding war.

The news didn't surprise Classic Central's founder and Classic Car Buyer contributor Justin Lazic: "We've been waiting for non supercar

values to rise – there's legs in the hot hatch movement."

Classics Central set a hot hatch world price record of its own in recent years when a 1983 Ford Escort MkIII RS1600i crossed its block for over £15,000 before premium.

Justin continued: "We've seen prices increase with fast Fords; now it's the turn of hot Peugeots."

"The people who couldn't afford cars like the 205 GTI in the 'Eighties when they were new because of insurance quotes are now buying the best cars they can find. In most cases, you're looking at between £150 and £200 to insure something like a 205 GTI.

The old Peugeot community greeted the auction results enthusiastically. A spokesperson for Club Peugeot UK told Classic Car Buyer: "We first saw an upturn in interest in 205 GTI

# XJ13: THE BIG REVEAL

Jaguar enthusiasts congregated at Curborough Sprint Course, Staffordshire on Tuesday, August 9 to witness the first on-track outing of a brand new Jaguar XJ13 recreation.

This remarkable car is a ground-up fresh build, built around a genuine quad-cam V12 engine that was assembled during the original XJ13 programme. Owner Neville Warwick told *Classic Car Buyer*: "This is not a recreation of the car Jaguar Heritage has in its collection. Instead, we have based it on the condition that car was in during the 'Sixties, before it was involved in a serious collision at MIRA in 1971."

The original XJ13 was substantially rebuilt after the accident and incorporated some design differences along the way. Neville and his team preferred the original lines, as penned by Malcolm Sayer, designer of the C-, D- and E-types. Fittingly, his family was on hand, including daughter Mary, grandson Sam and great-grandson Ceol. Mary said, "It's been a wonderful day. It was great to meet his old colleagues."

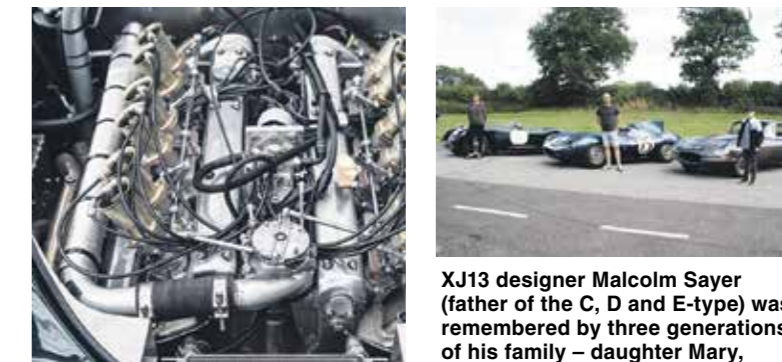
Those colleagues were invited by Neville, and they were kept busy recalling their experiences at Jaguar and signing copies of a new book dedicated to the XJ13 project. This has been published by Paul Skilleter and written by Peter Jones of the competition department. Peter started working for Jaguar in 1949.

The XJ13 was joined on track by replica Ford GT40s of the kind it was designed to race against in the 'Sixties, and by other iconic Jaguars, including an ex-works C-type, the D-type which finished 2nd at Le Mans in 1957, and 9600 HP – the oldest E-type, now owned by Philip Porter. The Sayer family enjoyed passenger rides in the car their ancestor had been so instrumental in designing.

Sadly, the XJ13 experienced an engine bay fire after only a few laps due to a failed fuel pipe. Thankfully, an on-board extinguisher proved very effective, and an astonishing day was not sullied by disaster.



Neville Warwick's Jaguar XJ13 recreation appeared on track for the first time inside the tight confines of the Curborough Sprint Course (image courtesy of Chris Frosin).



Although the body is a modern recreation, the XJ13's V12 is a pukka, created during the original XJ13 development programme (image courtesy of Chris Frosin).

## FURTHER INFORMATION

- This Autumn's *Classic Jaguar* magazine features the XJ13 in more detail. Subscribe now at: [shop.kelsey.co.uk/subscription/CJG](http://shop.kelsey.co.uk/subscription/CJG)
- If you want to find out more about Neville's XJ 13, look up: [www.xj13.eu](http://www.xj13.eu)

## BRIEFS

### 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF MASSEY FERGUSON

Wednesday, July 6 saw the 70th anniversary of the first Ferguson TE20, also known as the 'Little Grey Fergie' and the brainchild of renowned inventor and engineer, Harry Ferguson – rolling off the assembly line in 1946 at its former manufacturing plant in Banner Lane, Coventry. Key to the success of this tractor was the unique three-point linkage implement attachment system controlled by its hydraulics. Designated the 'Ferguson System', this turned the tractor and implement into a single working unit. The Ferguson System has produced major advances in the efficiency of food production. And in doing so, helped achieve Harry Ferguson's lifelong ambition to help farmers affordably mechanise all aspects of crop production to better and more economically feed the world.

### VULCAN WOWS AT THE FAST CAR FESTIVAL

With over 1000 cars on display on the weekend of July 30-31 at the UK's newest car event, The Fast Car Festival, a spectacular Aston Martin Vulcan, owned by Stu Moss, certainly the unexpected star of the event wowing the 6000-strong crowd. An 800bhp purpose-built race car worth £2 million, the Vulcan is one of only 24 in the world, making it one of the nation's most exclusive, desirable cars. Other highlights included Caterham Drift Passenger rides with professionals, and on Sunday the Supercar Driver club showcased over 40 supercars including two Lamborghini Aventador SVs, a Jaguar F-TYPE R Project 7, McLaren 650S and a Ferrari F12 Berlinetta.



### SALON PRIVÉ TO UNVEIL MORGAN 1909

Salon Privé has announced that the Morgan 1909 Edition EV3 will make its first public debut at an unveiling at their event at Blenheim Palace on Thursday, September 1 to Saturday, September 3. Launched with Selfridges and nine other iconic British brands, just 19 of these bespoke models will be available, complete with bespoke driving kit from British designer Alexander McQueen. The retro-futuristic sports vehicle combines British style and elegance with zero-emission technology. Tickets for Salon Privé 2016 are on sale now at: [www.salonprivéconcours.com](http://www.salonprivéconcours.com)

### ON THIS DAY

August 17, 1959: Sodium road lighting was tested in the UK for the first time. Because of its efficiency and the ability of its yellow light to penetrate fog, it became widely used thereafter.

Extracted from the new book, 365 Days of Motoring: An Everyday Journey Through its History, Facts and Trivia, by Nigel Freestone, it's available from all good bookshops and online via: [www.365daysof-motoring.com](http://www.365daysof-motoring.com)