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JOC Newsletter

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Welcome from the Editor

Author: Leah Guilliard-Watts



Like most of the world right now, we are sadly experiencing the effects of COVID-19.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to say we are thinking about you all at this time. We know that some of you have had to postpone family holidays, and

reschedule car events, and so much more.

This is the time for us all as a club to pull together and support each other throughout these unprecedented times, so that we come out of this stronger.

As you may already know, the 271 Issue of the JOC Magazine has been postponed as a result of this, however, the next issue will be out on the 30th June 2020. Due to this, we have provided you with a brief update about the club via the JOC Newsletter.

Thank you to everyone that has already sent in articles to contribute to the next magazine.

Until the lockdown period is lifted, the committee would like to remind all members to continue to stay safe and stay alert.

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JOC Chairman

Author: Shaun Winfield

Well, where do I start? Usually the Chairman’s piece would be in the magazine and would have been about how the season had started, what kick off events there had been and what we had to look forward to in the coming months.

You will hopefully have seen two campaigns:

1. The Jensen in the most unusual place competition
2. Virtual Concours run by

Dave Pearce

Thank you to everybody who contributed to the unusual places competition. The “Most unusual place a Jensen has been” contest, brought a good number of entries. The winner on the cover and a selection of other entries also elsewhere inside this edition. Thank you to everyone who sent in a photo.

Dave Pearce has also given members a chance from wherever we are around the world to put an entry into the Concours. More details can be found on the JOC Website.

As for other things, I find it incredibly ironic that with fuel at the lowest price per litre that we have no opportunity to take advantage of the situation.

Life can be very cruel at times but seriously, taking into account what is going on throughout the world, the price of fuel is

seriously very very very low down on my list.

I can only compliment those who are contributing to various social media outlets with Jensen based material. It’s good to look back and think, wow, “what a turn out,” “I’ve not seen one of those before” or “I wonder what happened to that car.”

Please read through the newsletters as there are some updates in regards to the JOC International and events that have been cancelled.

These are challenging times for us all and to be brutally honest, getting a classic car out and about to a meeting or event is, in my opinion, pretty low down the list of things that need to be put right or back in order for us all to resume some sort of normal existence.

So, it looks like 2020, at least for the first half of the year, is going to be a write-off. We can only speculate as to what operating model we may be able to adopt for the future. So, keep the faith and I bet a myriad of tasks have been carried out on our vehicles, as for once, it would seem, we have the time to attend to them.

Thank you to Richard Fischer, who has kindly provided us with a ‘Lockdown Loom’ article below.

For now, I will reiterate the words of our Editor by saying, stay safe and stay alert until we can all meet again.

JOC Committee Updates

JOC International 2020

*“Stay Alert” Boris
Johnson - Prime Minister*



With great regret the committee has had to cancel this year's International Weekend.

Members will appreciate that as the restrictions on hotels, bars and restaurants have now been extended to include June, our annual gathering is not possible.

The current restrictions on car ferries also mean it will be difficult for our friends from mainland Europe to travel to the UK and would therefore be unable to join us with their cars.

The committee is looking at alternative arrangements for the AGM which is usually held to coincide with the International. The

committee aim to make an announcement about the next date later in the year.

Thanks to all who had booked for the event, we are making arrangements to return deposits paid.

We do intend to hold the International Weekend again in 2021, which will be the Club's 50th Anniversary, and we look forward to seeing you all then.

Cancelled Event 2020

The Healey Day 28th June 2020 at the Haynes Motor Museum has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

JOC Committee Updates

Virtual Concours

Virtual Concours contact details – Dave Pearce

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**** Due to Covid-19, the 2020 concours meeting has been changed. ****

We will be pushing ahead with a virtual concours online.

This exciting new initiative will still result in the award of engraved Trophies, but they will not be handed out.

Please read about the virtual concours on our Forum.

<https://www.joc.org.uk/forum/viewtopic.php?f=2&t=30801>

[Virtual Concours Rule and Information](#)

If you have any questions, please contact our concours secretary:

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The ads@joc.org.uk telephone number is Colin Mayes JOC Sub Editor & Advertising Asst 01775 725020. (Office Hours Only please) Please continue to send your classifications to ads@joc.org.uk.

Member News

*"I have been restoring
my Dad's Jensen 541
over the last 12 months"*

Phil Spencer

In March Phil Spencer the TV presenter posted his latest restoration project on social media. He said "I have been restoring my Dad's Jensen 541 over the last 12 months - It hadn't been driven for 50yrs. Beautiful day to take it out for a spin!"

The JOC Editor is hoping to get an article from him in the very near future. For now, here is one of the images he sent to the club.



Classifieds

Stunning English White Jensen Interceptor Mk 1. Registration XLB 69

With just a handful of careful owners, this car has a mileage of 71,418 and comes with extensive invoices in the history files. The black leather trim has aged beautifully. It is in good condition and the car is mechanically sound and drives well. Metalwork re-chromed 2018; New Edelbrock Chrome air Filter Unit; Fully reconditioned transmission & torque convertor 2005; Replacement Master Cylinder 2014; refaced cylinder heads, valves and valve seats 2006; Replacement Dunlop servo 2013; copies of original factory paperwork from Jensen Motors. Can be provided with MOT (certificates going back to 2001). **£45,000 ONO.** chris@chrismarshclassics.com or text/call +447900 994 049



Jensen Owners Stories

*"I used LED's from
Classic Car LED's"*

Richard Fischer

Lockdown Loom Article

Author: *Richard Fischer*

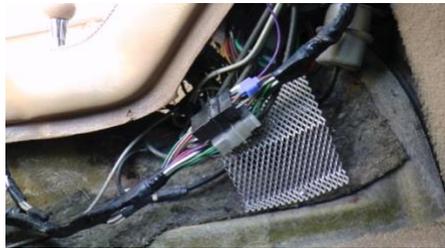


Figure 1 Position of heat shield under

I have been doing a lot of work on my SP over the winter, and one of the jobs was to replace all the filament bulbs in the instrument panel and centre console with LED's.

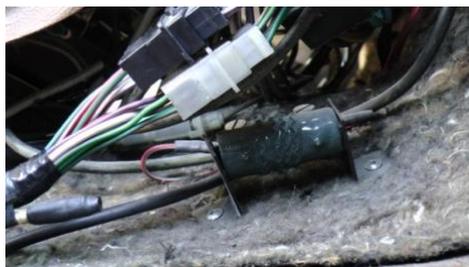


Figure 2 The original dimmer resistor

I used LED's from Classic Car LEDs, who advertise in the magazine and found I can actually see the gauges now at night time! It has made a tremendous difference.

However, with LED's fitted the panel light dimmer switch made no discernible difference to the brightness. For many people, this probably would not be a problem, but I like to have everything working and so have come up with a modification to enable the dimmer switch to work properly. This is appropriate for mark III interceptors and SPs, but I don't know if Mark I and II's used the same circuitry.

When the dimmer switch is in its central position, a 1 OHM resistor is introduced into the circuit.

With incandescent bulbs, this provides sufficient voltage drop to dim the lights, but since LED's take far less current the voltage drop is negligible and no discernible dimming occurs.

The solution is to increase the value of the series resistance. I decided to fit a variable resistor so that I could adjust it to the light level I wanted. A 100 ohm, 2 W 10 turn wire wound potentiometer works well and is readily available on eBay and other shopping sites.

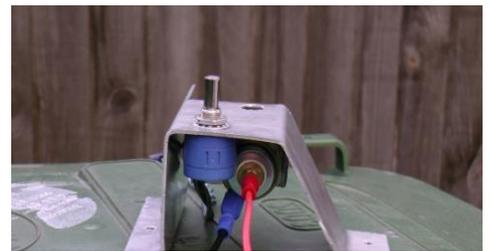


Figure 3 Bottom view of the new bracket assembly

The original resistor is located under the centre console and is accessible if you remove the driver's side tunnel carpet. I find it easiest to remove the driver's seat in order to take out the carpet. Figs 1 and 2 show the location of the resistor, which is under a heat shield.

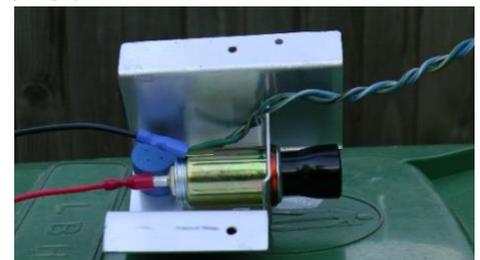


Figure 4 Side view of new bracket assembly

I recommend disconnecting the battery before starting any of the electrical work. First, remove the heat shield by undoing the two retaining screws and then remove the two resistor securing screws. You will find that the flying lead from the resistor is connected into the wiring loom by two bullet connectors which you can pull apart, thus removing the resistor.

The new 100 ohm potentiometer needs to be connected into the wiring loom with two bullet connectors, and so a new flying lead needs to be made. I soldered two wires to the potentiometer, one to the wiper terminal and one to one end of the winding with bullet connectors at the other end of the wires.

The potentiometer needs to be located in much the same place as the original resistor, and so I made up a suitable bracket and fixed it using the old heat screen mounting holes.

I also decided to fit an additional auxiliary socket to power my sat nav and dashcam, so that I wouldn't have unsightly wires trailing across the centre console to the cigar lighter socket and

incorporated this into the same bracket.

The completed assembly is shown in the figures within the article. Note that if you also fit an auxiliary power socket, you should include a 10A line fuse.

Having fixed the bracket in place all that remains to be done is to connect the flying lead from the potentiometer back into the wiring loom and reconnect the battery. You should find that when the panel lamp switch is in its centre position, you can adjust the light output to your desired level by twisting the potentiometer shaft. Once you have it set, I would recommend putting a piece of heat shrink sleeving over the potentiometer spindle and mounting boss in order to stop it turning inadvertently.

Finally, I have to refit the carpet and seat.



Figure 5 New bracket assembly installed in car