



Dear SP Owner,

18<sup>th</sup> July 2020

## **This the July Newsletter albeit somewhat late**

There are chinks of 'sunshine' appearing on the classic car scene after some 10,000 events cancelled (source: the FBHVC, stating 40% of clubs have reported a decline in subscriptions!)

I have had reports of problems with coils; it seems a number of spare parts suppliers are selling the wrong model for the SP. I put the problem to the technical director at NGK, his answer was that the coil we need is one of 3.4 OMHS whereas those being sold are of insufficient capacity at 2 OMHS causing the burn out.

If you are interested in the NGK, it is model U 1061 and comes with an acorn screw centre. Here, again NGK caution to buy from a known supplier as copies abound (eBay) not only of this but of their plugs also, I use NGK BP 6ES. I asked NGK for their local agent and then bought a coil just in case. Forewarned is fore-armed.



Tony Cartwright was idling away time watching a repeat of Minder, which features that likeable rouge 'Arfer Daly' (George Cole), and his minder Terry McCann (Dennis Waterman). In the shot, Arfer is having, a serious chat with a local ne'er-do-well when in the background is an SP250.

I did the same as with the Stirling Moss clip when Tony alerted me, I watched on catch-up then paused and screen shot with the iPhone.

Modern technology!

More woes at Aston Martin as they unveil their new luxury £158/- plus 4x4, the 180 mph/40 mpg DBX™ they are asking investors to stump up £152m so that they, the company, can become more road-worthy again. Mind you, 40 mpg seems very reasonable. It should secure its much-needed funding led by Lawrence Stroll, although one of its main investors trimmed their holding from 20% to 15%.

James Dyson through £500 million at trying to produce an Electric Vehicle and then decided not cost effective to manufacture even after all the subsidy/handouts/incentives were factored in.....

...and now the new coming Sir James Ratcliffe who has built his multi-billion chemical company on the cast-offs from BP has invested £1bln with no subsidies on a winning 4x4 called The Grenadier so named after a pub in west London. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ineos\\_Grenadier](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ineos_Grenadier) His modelling as you see is based on other companies cast offs, this time the Grenadier is lookalike Land Rover Defender 110 with an impressive forward sale order book. Land Rover missed the boat by stopping production of the original Defender series that set the company up in 1948.

[https://ineosgrenadier.com/reveal/exterior-design?gclid=EA1aIQobChMIhbe-8tbR6gIVSYBQBh0iLAKUEAAYASAAEgLoFPD\\_BwE](https://ineosgrenadier.com/reveal/exterior-design?gclid=EA1aIQobChMIhbe-8tbR6gIVSYBQBh0iLAKUEAAYASAAEgLoFPD_BwE)

Moreover, you'll note, it's powered by a conventional 3 litre turbo charged engine in either petrol or diesel form, a winning combination fitted to an 8 speed ZF automatic no wonder he has an awe-inspiring order book.

Need to get out and about , well I have just heard that the Layer Marney Cup rally is on – 9<sup>th</sup> August , awaiting forms. This is a tour through Essex with a couple of stops ending up at <https://www.layermarneytower.co.uk/> if interested let me now and I will get the form out to you as soon as to hand.

I hear that Kop Hill has fallen to the pandemic and now cancelled for this year. However, locally we can look forward to the Lavenham Classic Car show on the August Bank Holiday Sunday (30<sup>th</sup>). Clive Burton is the link man [grenville.clive@gmail.com](mailto:grenville.clive@gmail.com)

In addition there is the Classics ay Glemham <https://classicsglemham.org.uk/> on 6<sup>th</sup> September, if you are interested let me know and I will help sort and we can go as a group.

*And finally.....*

Alan Mason putting to good use some left over parts from his 'big block' rebuild



*Yours sincerely,*

Laurence and Ann

Thought for the day: It's a courageous man that runs naked through a cannibal village.