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Dear All,

The Summer solstice just slipped by, marked with intense sunshine followed alas by a day or so later with torrential thunderstorms, which thankfully cleared the skies for a most enjoyable top-down drive to the National Rally. This year being held in the heart of the country at Coombe Abbey just outside Coventry the *ancestral* home of the motor car. There were a variety of models abounding the field, JDHT brought along a eclectic range of Daimlers, amongst which was the late Queen's personal car with a number of novel features which included a modified armrest for her handbag!

I have booked a DLOC stand at Kop Hill **12th -13th September** <https://kophillclimb.org.uk/> for their annual weekend bash of fundraising. When having booked your entry, get transferred to the DLOC stand



I was sad to read recently that Allan Lupton, aeronautical engineer, leading VSCC handicapper, and great Lea Francis aficionado passed away in late December. However, along life's tapestry he acquired a number of SPs, and in his own words I have attached an article he wrote a number of years ago 'entitled 4½ SPs'.

Allan was always willing to answer any questions fielded to him, looking back we seemed to have last exchanged emails in November.

'*The Thing*' that Allan acquired and which he subsequently returned to a road going SP, was later acquired by Pez Newton and with which Pez raced for a few years. I have somewhere a photograph of '*The Thing*' trackside at Silverstone where Allan plied

his spare time as a senior handicapper but as yet couldn't locate it

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We have as usual booked a stand at the NEC Classic Car show being held on the **13th – 15th Nov**. We are stand 380 in Hall 3 and are opposite the DLOC stand itself. The discount code is **CCTDLOCN6** to save a few pounds.

We are currently working on the stand exhibits

I trust by now all should have received the 23rd and latest edition of pasSPort – the global owners' handbook an essential tool for the glovebox

We are planning an SP250 day at the Shuttleworth Collection in Bedfordshire. on **Saturday 24th July 2027** so please make that date in your diary. <https://www.shuttleworth.org/visit/before-you-visit/car-clubs> Further details will be published in the Driving Member and this newsletter.

Although the Spa Classic is some 10 months away Alan Mason is taking ‘interested’ bookings with a firmer sign up in the New Year! - Oh gosh nearly another year goes by.



Left - Sold last month at Charterhouse Auctions for a hammer price of £13/- seems a bargain to me. Just needs a little tlc to improve it surely, not that's not much hardship.



Right - up for sale at the end of this month on the 26th at Silverstone by Iconic Auctions' BRDC Classic Collectors, with a guide of £40/- to £50/- is the ex- Dr David Nancekivell muti award winning SP

Still Wanted urgently - 2 sets of seat runners for Freddie Rayner contact details in pasSPort
- And a rear bumper

Fog and pass lamp brackets – have now been re-manufactured see . <https://www.robertgrinter.co.uk/>

And finally



Seen in the rear-view mirror as Chris rounded the bend- a tad late in the day wouldn't you say Chris?

Honest Laurie...I didn't touch the stuff

Yours sincerely

Laurence & Ann

Thought for the day: I never question my wife's choices – I am one of them!