



Jowett Car Club of N.Z. (Inc)
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**Bruce McLaren Trust:
Sunday 30th August**

This year the organisers' have invited the British Car Clubs and a chance for us to show our Jowetts in the presence of other interesting cars. A run followed by a relaxing lunch and drink at the restaurant in the surroundings of the Formosa Country Club out towards Beachlands. Or if you prefer, lunch down at the marina where there are pub lunches or a Café. After lunch have a look through the window of the shop at the marina and see some famous cars from the past. During the run we will be visiting the Warbirds hanger. This should be an all weather event and you will need to make your own bookings direct. See booking form.

**Richard Longridges Rolls Royce Collection.
October 18th**

11am but the Jowett Club may meet earlier for morning tea

This collection is professionally housed out Alfriston way and should not be missed. This visit has been arranged by the British Car Clubs group and we are limited to 10 cars and only Jowett vehicles, so we will if needed arrange seats in Jowetts. To register your interest with or without your Jowett contact Jowett@xtra.co.nz or 09 523 3798. More details later

**Waiuku Classic Festival
24th October**

This event returns to full strength this year, with the British Cars back in the main street of town and the Flying 50 classic pursuit road race being reinstated along with all the other activities. More details coming

**Jowett Car Club of NZ National Rally
Fielding
Probably 9/10/11 April but yet to be finalised**

**Jowett UK International Centenary Rally
May 2010.**

Full information booklet and booking forms available from Jowett@xtra.co.nz or 09 5233798
So far there are at least 12 from the Northern Branch booked.

What's Happening at the Shed

Well the Club car was all painted and ready to begin having all the bits put back on, when a car crashed through the fence with bits going everywhere including the shed windows which then showered glass on to the newly painted car. Winter arrived and according to our painters Kevin Lord and Chris Clark the temperatures and conditions are not conducive to shed or outdoor painting so progress is stalled.

Some work continues under the bonnet and replacement of the fuel tank, spare wheel carrier and new boot floor. Also late model post production engine maybe around 1956 that is in good condition is

being prepared under the directorship of Neil Moore. Crank has been ground and new bearings fitted, the liners, pistons and rings are now all in place and most recently the oil pump was being overhauled

Javelins are prone to overheat now and again and in my opinion the best cure is to have the tanks removed and the tubes manually cleaned out. Well what looked like a nice radiator (painted) from the outside had the tanks removed and just as well as over half the tubes were blocked and no chemical or back flushing was likely to remove this. So another item is almost ready to be fitted.

With most of the components all painted up and the engine progressing, once the weather warms and we complete the painting, hopefully the putting together will be done to launch the car for Motat

John Godfrey's Javelin has been in the shed for a few months now and is the other active project. Just this week it was driven out of the shed and changed places with the Club Car to be close to the door so it can get out and road tested then taken away by John for the rest of the tidy up. Another Javelin soon to be on the road and almost certainly a case of "I'll be at Motat"

The third vehicle in the shed is the CD Bradford which alas is not receiving attention at this stage

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Chris Clark after abandoning hours of work on his first Javelin has now another which the condition is such that he is also making noises about being at Motat

New member Trevor Brain has also taken up the Motat challenge and hopes to have a Javelin ready

If you don't know the significance of Motat, it is just that it is the Northern Branches goal to get 20 Jowetts at a Branch meeting. Motat is in February and 2010, the centenary year of 100 years of production of Jowett cars could be the year to do this.

Will Peter Valler who after a couple of years of "I'll be at Motat" make it next year, this time registered and warranted?.

John Meharry has sold his dark green Javelin and delivered last week to Waiheke!

Neil and Denise Moore have purchased a house and so now Neil has his CD housed in the garage and is making plans for this

Kevin Lord is rebuilding a motor for his Jupiter and often doing bits in tandem with the Club Car engine rebuild

Ray Harwood of Taupo has sold his partially restored Bradford to Derek Gordon of Napier. Derek is the Club Captain of the Hawkes Bay Vintage Car Club and was our host and cook on the Friday of the Napier National Rally.

A Bradford van from Hawera that a few years back featured in the NZ Classic Car magazine and was a National Rally Concours winner is rumored it will be at Motat 2010!! Watch this space.

Bradfords do seem to be gaining popularity, with a new member in Raglan doing one up. I wonder if he saw the Bradfords when the Club was in Ragan for our weekend away last December.

By the way on the Fish and Chip run the Jupiters were the most prolific model on the day.

New member and Javelin Jack Quinn owner has just published the second issue of his magazine The Historic Racing Driver and again Jowetts get two mentions, a book review and a photo of Bunty's Jupiter and Ivan Paul's Javelin at the Classic Car show on the Auckland viaduct that launched his magazine. Good stuff Jack. Now lets see the Javelin on the road.