



Press Release

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Key Points

- XK70 Festival at Shelsley Walsh on 9-10 June
- Group C cars in action
- Open to all XK-engined Jaguars
- Hillclimb entries now open
- Calling all owners of special-bodied XKs

XK70 in 2018!

Three of Jaguar's legendary Group C cars, including the 1987 Championship-winning XJR-8, will be demonstrated during the XK70 Festival on 9-10 June. The event, which celebrates 70 years since the introduction of the ground-breaking XK120, will take place at Shelsley Walsh in Worcestershire – and the trio of sports-prototypes will join a packed programme of entertainment.

Organisers are aiming to attract a record-breaking 700 XKs from around the world to the historic venue, including those rare examples that were re-bodied in period by some of the world's finest coachbuilders, such as Ghia and Bertone. Also welcome are all other XK-engined Jaguars, including the Mk1 and Mk2, E-type and XJ6, plus more recent models such as the XK8 and F-type.

Entries are now open for the competitive hillclimb, which will take place on the Saturday, while Sunday will be packed with memorable parades and demonstration runs – including the chance for enthusiasts to drive their own car up the hill. Le Mans winner Richard Attwood will be there, as will former Jaguar racers Peter Sutcliffe and Peter Sargent, plus the evergreen Norman Dewis.

Overhead, the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight will stage a fly-past, while a vintage fairground, shopping village and live music are sure to keep all members of the family entertained.

Discounted advance tickets start at £20, with under-16s getting in free when accompanied by an adult. VIP packages are also available. For more information, go to www.xk70.co.uk

Notes to Editors:

International Jaguar XK Club

Formed in 1997 by Philip & Julie Porter, the International Jaguar XK Club is no ordinary motoring club. It has no committees, no concours events and no politics. The Club has members in over 50 countries and welcomes all owners and enthusiasts. The Club publishes professionally-produced monthly printed and digital magazines, edited by James Page, and has a wide range of events.

Brief Facts

The XK 120 launched the XK engine which powered the vast majority of Jaguars between 1950 and 1986, including the Mk2 saloons, the legendary E-types and the XJ6 saloons, to say nothing of tanks, armoured cars, fire engines and record-breaking power boats. For many, it is the greatest engine of all time.

XK 120s were produced from 1948 until 1954 when succeeded by the XK 140 which was followed by the XK 150 in 1957, to be replaced by the E-type in 1961. Over 30,000 XKs were produced, with around 60% exported.

Philip Porter

Described by Murray Walker as 'Mr. Jaguar', Porter has been writing award-winning Jaguar and other motoring books for 30 years and will have owned his historic XKs for 45 years in 2018. A former Chairman of the Sherlock Holmes Society and airship test pilot, he has written books with Sir Stirling Moss, Barry Cryer and Murray Walker. In 2005, he formed Porter Press International, now the world's leading publisher of quality motoring books.

Shelsley Walsh

Located in Worcestershire, not far from the M5 motorway, Shelsley Walsh is the oldest venue of motorsport in the world still in use. Set in beautiful countryside yet within easy reach, it is the ideal setting for XK70.

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