



## G-WAC Notes

From the  
**Project Jay Preservation Group**



A News Sheet for those who are interested  
in the factory registered G-WACs.

### March 2022

G478WAC came out of storage this month and off for the first MoT since 2019. A pass was expected after the body off resto in 2019. There was just a couple of advisories, a slight blow on the exhaust, the D clamp nuts had stripped the thread and would not tighten, and the red slider bit on one of the seatbelt fittings was broken.

Our first long trip with 478 was to the NEC resto show and she ran very well after all the problems that I had with no oil pressure. She did 13 MPG at a good motorway speed of 65 to 70 MPH, cost £127 to fill her up. But hey ho, my Jays are my hobby, I don't smoke and drink or play golf, but I will have to increase my fuel budget in my personal accounts this year.

Now looking forward to the next show, which is at Weston Hall, in Staffordshire. We have not been to a show there, as I was ill at the time we had our first weekend there, but Patrick and Ian went and said that the hall and grounds are very spectacular and well worth the visit.

### Franks blog March 2022

Frank likes working on his Series Land Rovers, he says..."Most of us get a lot of fun out of working on our vehicles when we're not driving them.

In fact, many owners of off-road vehicles, particularly Land Rovers, start off owning them because of how easy they are to work on.

That's one of the reasons why me and my current L322 Range Rover are not best of friends. There is so much I can't do to it."

Have a look at his March blog. <https://frankelsonhome.wpcomstaging.com/columns/>



### G612WAC for sale

When I found and purchased G612WAC, I had intended to bring it to Spain, where I live, but with import and transportation problems I have decided to sell.

Currently registered under G738CLH, I sent the VIN to the British Motor Museum, and they came back to say that it was first owned by Land Rover and registered in Coventry. Colour is Marseilles blue, a 200 Tdi, 3-door VIN number SALLJGBF7GA410463.

The car needs a lot of work. No engine but does have its gearbox. The boot floor is rusted, passenger side floor and both sills will need replacing. All arches and body panels look good. The interior is complete and original.



Stored currently in Crawley, Sussex. The lovely lady I bought her from is a Project Jay fanatic and said that the car had sat in a field for 12 years and was bought by the previous owner for the engine.

If anyone is interested, in this project, please email me on: -

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## The Practical Classics Classic Car and Restoration Show at the NEC Birmingham

We were looking forward to the first show of the year at the NEC, and after all the problems that we had encountered with the oil pressure, or lack of, on G478WAC, (a story for Roy to relate sometime) we decided to give her a run to the show, her first outing since November 2019.

Set up day is always on a Thursday for the three-day show, and the arrival at the NEC Lorry Park N11, to await our turn to proceed to Hall 5, was accomplished in just under three hours. By 1.00 pm we were greeted by Ian, Patrick, and Julian at our allocated stand number 5-360. The CVC contingent were on the adjacent stand.

Ian was not able to bring his Jay to show but was in charge of the stand and had six volunteers to show their Jays. Unfortunately two owners were not PJPG members, so the final plan was for, Julian, Patrick, Peter, and us to show.

Initially we thought that we could accommodate five Jays but decided it would look too much like a car park and settled for four. Unfortunately, Peter had last minute problems and could not come, so we settled for three exhibits



Three turned out to be exactly right, because at these indoor shows we are always short of space, which restricts us from opening doors to show the visitors round the interior. Ian positioned the three Jays symmetrically with G526WAC and G601WAC flanked by G478WAC.

Even the children enjoy the Jay experience.



With the three exhibits and the gazebo set up by mid-afternoon Thursday, it was time to book into our

hotel. We usually stay at the Premier Inn in central Solihull, much cheaper than the NEC hotels, and they do breakfast and dinner on the premises. Patrick normally stays at the Premier too but was too late to book accommodation and so had booked into a NEC hotel.

Ian offered to drop Roy and myself at the hotel, so by 4.0 pm we were settled in and had a table booked for dinner at 6.30 pm.

Julian lives in Solihull and collected us from the hotel Friday morning and dropped us off at the NEC. With a steady stream of visitors to our stand during the day, we were kept busy answering questions about our exhibits, and the significance of the G-WAC registration numbers.

On Saturday Ian had traveled from home early and collected us from the hotel at 8.15 am. We were very pleased to see Pam arrive too, as with only three members present, we would have been a little short of staff to 'meet and greet' the visitors.

Sunday was another busy day and with the loss of Pam and Ian, we were on our feet all day. The time to break down the stand was 5.00 pm and by 5.30 pm we were on our way home on the M42.



After a only a few miles, 478 decided to throw the alternator belt off. Dan Clark had warned Roy that the incorrect belt had been fitted, but Roy had not changed it for the correct one. We stopped at the Tamworth services and decided to book B&B for the night.

We had a spare belt of the correct dimensions, but no tools, so the AA was called to fit it for us and we were on our way home at about 9.30 am. Arriving home about 12.15 pm, Patrick came later to return 526 and collect his V8.

A great show again after the break due to covid, and our first weekend away for some time.

We are looking forward to our next show, which will be a much more relaxed event at Western Park, Shropshire, on the Easter weekend 17th-18th April. Western Park is a family friendly place, so if you are free that weekend do come and visit us.

Daphne

## Events

Showing our Jays at classic car shows is our hobby, and getting them to shows is part of the enjoyment. For the popular main Land Rover shows, which are listed on our website, we have space already booked for a club stand, but space at some smaller local shows have also been booked.

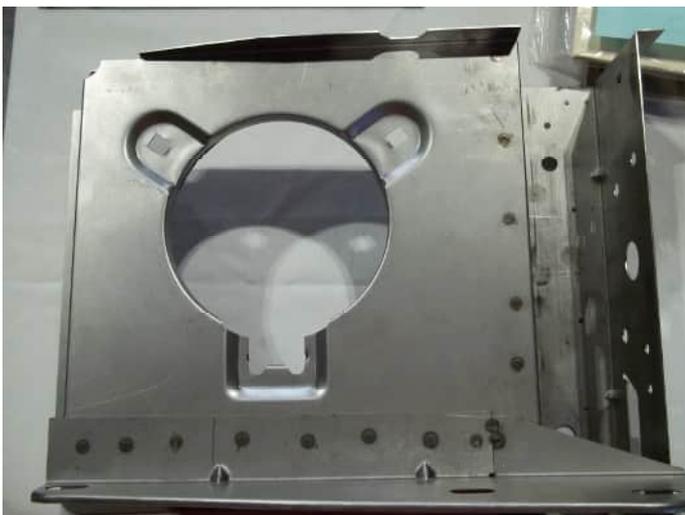
2nd May. Ripley Castle, Ripley, Harrogate, North Yorkshire. HG3 3EA  
19th June. Father's Day Motor Show at Castle Howard, The Stray, York. YO60 7DA  
17th July. Wentworth Woodhouse, Wentworth, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S62 7TQ  
24th July. Classic Car Gathering, Ripon Racecourse, Ripon, North Yorkshire HG4 1UG,  
7th August. Lytham Hall, Ballam Rd, Lytham Lancashire FY8 4JX  
14th August. Tynedale Park, Corbridge, Northumberland. NE45 5AY.  
28th August. Ripon Racecourse, Boroughbridge Rd, North Yorkshire, Ripon HG4 1UG  
29th August. Ripley Castle, Ripley, Harrogate, North Yorkshire.HG3 3EA  
4th September. Hoghton Tower, Hoghton, Nr Preston, Lancashire. PR5 0SH

If you are a paid up member of the PJPG and would like to put your Jay on our club stand, please email me [berrypatrick22@gmail.com](mailto:berrypatrick22@gmail.com) or [events@pjpg.co.uk](mailto:events@pjpg.co.uk) or message/phone/text 07894 090 514

Patrick

## Jay headlight boxes

The main suppliers of front-end replacement panels for the DI are for the 300 shape, therefore the headlight panels are incorrect for the Jay headlights.



Atkinson Bespoke Engineering of [www.atkinsonbespokeengineering.com](http://www.atkinsonbespokeengineering.com) are now producing them. They will supply them welded up as a complete lightbox or as separate parts.

Bespoke also produce the rear disc brake shields, the wide one, and inner wing panels. The three-door rear quarter window rubber seals are also in stock.

Give Paul a call at Bespoke for more details.

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## Weston Park 17th–18th April

Come and join us at Weston Park and enjoy woodland walks, soaking up the fresh air, taking in breath-taking views and strolling through the gorgeous gardens surrounding the House. And have a look at our Jays of course.

The Woodland Adventure Playground is a firm family favourite, packed full of equipment including log swings, climbing walls, slide, trampolines and one of the country's longest double zip wires.

Take a mile and half ride on the Miniature Railway journey through Temple Wood and view nature's beauty.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Patrick



