

New Members Story - Alan Pollitt

I have been a member of a few car clubs / groups over the years, but I am new to the Jaguar scene.

My Dad has always had an interest in cars, and it is something that I picked up early in life, and it is something I really enjoy sharing together.

I have only owned a few 'classic' cars: -

- 1970 VG Valiant Coupe 318 V8
- 1967 Mk 1 Ford Cortina 440 (one of the very last Mk1s made)
- 2016 RS Ford Focus (future classic)
- and now a 1974 XJ12L Jaguar

My fondest memories involving cars are all to do with sharing them with my family. A few that instantly pop into my mind are: -

- the first start of my Valiant after my Dad and I put the engine back in.
- cruising on a sunny summer afternoon to go and get ice creams with my Sons in the Cortina.
- road tripping with my Dad to go and get his latest Jag (XJS).

My current classic is a 1974 XJ12L Series 2. After a change in life circumstances and finding some extra time on my hands my Dad gifted it to me as a Project

in 2023. He purchased it many years previously and it had sat in a warehouse waiting for its turn. The previous owner had pulled it down to replace the timing chain and that is how it had been left.

I am not too certain on the car's history, but I know that it was an Adelaide car.

I had a great time putting it back together and working on all the other little bits and pieces to get it back on the road and I am now in the tinkering and driving phase which is fantastic.

Cheers
Alan

