

Newsletter Winter 2002

Working at Le Riche Auto's is a passion! Even though we are part of the motor trade the projects are diverse and interesting and despite the challenges that accompany them our employees really are experienced in using their skills to the best of their ability...furthermore these skills are learnt on the job and we are grateful that you recognise the need for engineers rather than fitters. And although we began the business in the early nineties, during a recession, we believe we have grown and managed change effectively as an independent garage with purpose built facilities and a formidable team.

We are continually proud of our achievements and are pleased to have a presence worldwide flying the flag for Jersey. Each year we have tried to enhance the services on offer and invest in technologies that belie our small workforce. So please do take the time to view our updated website leriche.com and let us know what you think! Classic and vintage cars are a precious commodity in a niche market and with your support, we aim to continue providing a specialised service in a difficult marketplace in 2003 and beyond...

...TIME TRAVEL now possible

Why not take advantage of our new service, currently on the drawing board, where LRAR can source those cherished classics by travelling back in time to purchase them new and direct from the dealers saving pounds!! For example: a 1930 speed six Bentley VDP tourer, 2002 price circa £150,000 our price £2,230 saving a massive £147,770 or how about a 1964 E type 4,2 FHC or £3,000 and save yourself £27,000 on today's prices!

If only!!!...well Christmas is known as the "silly season!". And for those who are already reaching for their wallets you'll have to hold fire until the road testing has been carried out on a recent project commissioned by Play.com. LRAR have been busy recreating the Delorean time machine



synonymous with the 1980's Hollywood blockbuster film "Back to the Future". We thought classic and vintage car parts can be difficult to locate – try sourcing a Flux capacitor, the nerve centre of the time machine!

Fortunately Deloreans do have a cult following and many phone calls later we managed to track down the improved later version known as a Mr Fusion. The distinctive car with its stainless steel body, gullwing and various lights and exterior components mean you wouldn't miss this on the road! Despite only 250 cars produced from the Irish factory. This Delorean's timely release from the past coincides with the 3 film box collection in December and will be seen nationwide in various promotional activities. Our only problem now is road-testing. We need to achieve 88.8 mph to time travel which means if Ian doesn't come back he's either in a time vortex or been jailed for speeding!!! Back to the Future boxed sets can be ordered online at play.com.

...Sales & Brokerage

Remember, we have a wide variety of vehicles available – just check out our website for the full listing, email on enquiries@leriche.com or call us for a mailing list and we'll be delighted to provide you with further details of the classic and vintage cars, currently starting from a very affordable £1,200.

See overleaf for our autumn choice

...Meet the team

This season we meet Neil McKenzie, & Daren England who predominantly work on the restoration side of our business.

Neil: has worked in the trade for the past 11 years, starting out as an accident and repair specialist until 5 years ago. He is now an experienced coachbuilder /fabricator which basically entails beating sheet metal into panels and repairing body parts of rusted vehicles. In his free time Neil likes to try his hand at metal work sculpting and latterly armour.

Daren: joined the company straight from college and has now built up 11 years with us. He is an excellent "all rounder" specialising in fabrication and re-fitting. Daren being a true enthusiast spends his spare time restoring British motorcycles and tanks!



Neil & Daren reviewing "Challenge Alvis"

...Alvis TB14 - part 1

At Le Riche we quite simply revel in challenging projects so when this rare Alvis appeared (which was still driveable!!) requiring a full restoration it took a considerable amount of head scratching in deciding how to approach the project as the front bulkheads had collapsed, the door pillars fell off and the rear wings were held into position by fibreglass and pop rivets. The body shell has now been centralised to the chassis and the correct height calculated prior to bracing into position. A removable central rod has been fitted to enable accurate measuring. With all the old repairs removed we can slowly begin the task of unpicking the corroded sections, fabricating new and securing. We'll be following the Alvis' restoration over the year and hope it will give you a better insight and appreciation of the skill involved in turning out a concourse vehicle from what appears to be scrap! You can also follow the progress on our website: under "current projects".

...Own a piece of art

Mark Blanchard, a local artist and art teacher recently won C4's South West final in the series "Watercolour Challenge" and will be available for 12 commissions, size A2 of your car or group of cars. So if you'd like a permanent reminder or an original present of a special vehicle or even your dream car email us on enquiries@leriche.com or call on 864073 to discuss.



Chrysler Monte Carlo & Talbot
Original purchased by a collector from the Watercolour Challenge Exhibition held at Mall Gallery, London 2002.

Fancy an Xmas break?

But unsure of where to go? Well how about the Eulah Country Hotel, Mont Cochon? This really is a retreat hideaway with simply stunning rooms and views, spacious and comfortable lounges complete with an honesty bar, R&R couldn't be easier. Special Christmas and New Year packages are available so visit www.eulah.co.uk call them on 62662 and let them know you heard it from us first!

...Our autumn choice



LAGONDA LG6, 1938 £27,500
We have a selection of Pre-war cars available from £2,950.



MORGAN 4/4, 1967 £14,750
We have three currently available up to a 1996 and all are in immaculate condition.



JAGUAR E type, 1973 £34,750
Excellent low mileage car. Ready for touring. Other E types available from £8,750.



JAGUAR XK150s FHC, 1959 £27,500
Superb touring car ready for use. Rare 150S Roadster also available.



JENSEN INTERCEPTOR 1974 £19,750 Ex Jordanian Embassy car used by Royal family. One of 3 Interceptors available (including F.F.)

...Not just classics

LRAR doesn't just maintain, service and repair vintage & classic vehicles we can also look after your everyday car on a regular basis. Take advantage of our highly skilled and trained team that can undertake the work at **VERY competitive** hourly rates; £35 for mechanical work and £32.50 for body repair. Add to this our upholstery and valeting service and our **ONE STOP SHOP** will **SAVE** you **£££'s** on dealership rates.

So, what makes us qualified?

Our **MECHANICS** Graham Bellee and Henry Wincholle have in excess of 70 years motor trade experience between them. They've trained with the best and have vast experience on Mercedes, Aston Martin, Rolls Royce, Ferrari, Porsche, Renault, Ford, Alfa Romeo, Toyota and so on. There really isn't much that challenges their spanners from a crumbly classic to a race tuned Ferrari!!!! while in the **BODYSHOP** with Frank Le Jehan and Larry Scally at the wheel and their 70 years in the trade ensures that the team rectify all those scratches and dents knocking them into shape leaving the car in pristine condition on the exterior and well undersealed on the interior. And don't forget that accident repairs for insurance companies are also undertaken - you usually have the option of choosing the garage to carry out your repairs! As for our **VALET**, Paul Marsh whose highly regarded by local dealers for making their cars shine and gets into those nooks and crannies like no other valet. You'll notice the difference and have your car well waxed and protected for winter.

...the Pit Stop

A Basic Service 3-6 hours
(depending on model -parts additional)

The Valet From £50
(Rate card enclosed)

The Body Repair POA
(Subject to inspection & estimate)

FREE Courtesy car
(Subject to availability)

Jaguar XK

2002 has certainly been the year of the Jaguar for us. Of the ten or so locally owned cars almost half of them have been through our works this year for servicing, repair, restoration and the odd tweak.

The XK120, launched in 1948, with its looks and powerful XK engine capable of 130mph was an absolute milestone for Jaguar. Initially an all aluminium or 'lightweight' handmade version was produced before the mass production steel bodied cars rolled off the line in 1950. Amongst the XK120 & 150S we have worked on we have been fortunate enough to work on the oldest surviving XK's, No2 and No3. Owned by the same local collector they have recently undergone a thorough mechanical sort through making them more user friendly and driveable. If this type of car appeals to you then we have 2XK's currently for sale, details overleaf.