



# Brands Hatch Report - June 4th Jaguar XK

## JEC Racing – Vredestein Jaguar XK Challenge

### Brands Hatch 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Another wet and miserable day welcomed us although a few hardy souls were at the top of the (open) Stand at 8.30 in the morning, proving the attraction of racing.



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## Happy Days

12 XK and 2 Tojeiro Jaguars making up a 23-car grid of 50's sports cars. A first race for Charlie Chase-Gardner (XK140),

whilst dad Paul brought out an Aston DB2. A welcome return by Nick Wilkins added to the usual miscreants.

At the start, the pack arrived at Druids Bend to find Chris Keith-Lucas facing them in the middle of the track. Some excellent evasive, contact-free action & Chris restarted last to set off & catch up, eventually finishing 10<sup>th</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest XK. Webb headed the XKs followed by a, fast starting, Steve Skipworth. Graham Love (150FHC) had a spirited race against various Aston Martin and XKs to finish 5<sup>th</sup> XK.

It was interesting to compare the power of the XKs against the nimbleness of the Healeys & Tojeiros.

Unfortunately, after 21 of the allotted 30 minutes, the track was liberally coated with oil, resulting in numerous spins. The circuit almost became undriveable & the Officials had no option but to bring out the safety car & shortly afterwards, the red flag.

A fine XK win by Steve Skipworth and overall 2<sup>nd</sup> behind the Maserati.

**Siamak Siassi**, back from a run in the Mille Miglia made up an impressive 9 position in the race whilst Kevin Zwolinski took Drive of the Day for a fine run in the more standard 120FHC.

## One of the Merry Men

### **Race Result** (Jaguars XKs)

**1<sup>st</sup>** Steve Skipworth

**2<sup>nd</sup>** John Burton

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Chris Keith-Lucas

Drive of the Day Kevin Zwolinski