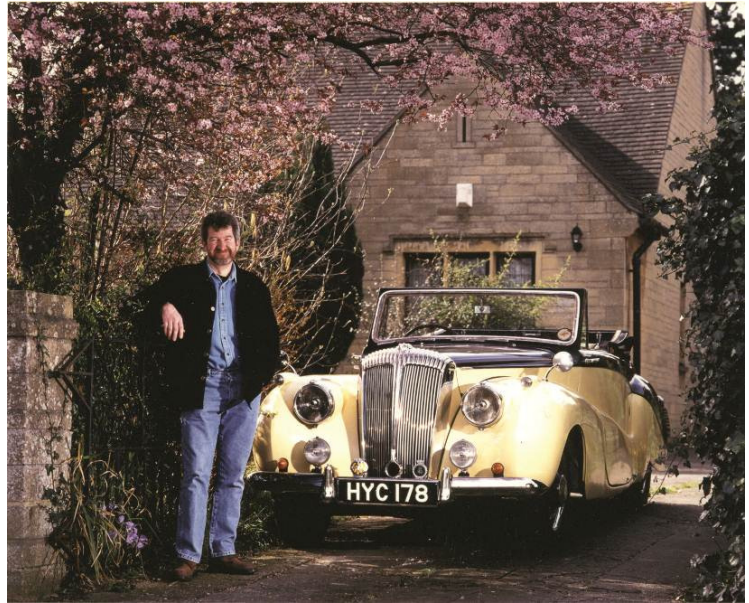


Kevin Bennett talks about his love of Daimlers and Lanchesters

My interest in old cars began when I was legally too young to drive. A school friend introduced me to ancient motor cycles and old cars which he had bought for a few pounds and repaired. I learned to drive them on an abandoned mink farm near Bristol.

My first road going cars were ancient MG and Triumph sports cars. I then purchased a derelict Standard Flying 14 saloon. I found its restoration very satisfying and many of the 'skills' I had learned as a youngster once again became useful.

The fun my family and I had on excursions and rallies with this old car was immeasurable. Those of you bitten by the restoration bug will understand why I immediately looked around for another project!



I then took on a Daimler Barker Special Sports restoration project. It was a decision based on looks alone, and it is a handsome car by anyone's standards. Once the restoration started, I became fascinated with the Daimler's quality of build and excellent engineering, so joined the Daimler & Lanchester Owners' Club.

Several of my restoration articles were published. As a result, I was invited to edit our club magazine, 'The Driving Member', something I continue to enjoy immensely.

Over the last couple of decades, I have owned and campaigned many different cars: from 10hp Lanchesters to V8 saloons, most of them requiring attention! As a result, I have a degree of hands-on knowledge of some of the many and varied motor cars manufactured by the Daimler, Lanchester and BSA concerns.

