

In my introductory article posted on the club website as the first new member of 2020 I said that when I bought the car it came with very little paperwork relating to its history. Just the service records in the Aftercare book stamped by the garage (no detailed bills), a few old MOT's and the sale documents when purchased by the last owner in 2014. Thanks to Neil Mead I now have the original reg no. it was issued with when it was first registered along with the date when it was changed to the current one of J4 EAD. Armed with this info I thought I would go into more detail about the documents and dates I have in the hope that this will jog the memories of other members who may be able to supply further information as to its history. Not much to go on but maybe they remember seeing it in their travels. Possibly spotted it at previous club meets or car shows. Even miraculously have old photos of it. Or even the details of a previous owner. A shot in the dark I know but any such info would be greatly appreciated in filling in the gaps. Also I did say in the article that I would let you know some more about the previous owner so will cover that as well.

Some of this info I have already told you so apologies beforehand for boring you but for the sake of keeping everything in chronological order it makes sense to start at the very beginning. Also please note that the car's location stated on the date of the various documents may well not be where the vehicle resided. Just where the car was bought or taken to be tested/serviced at that time. Dates as follows :-

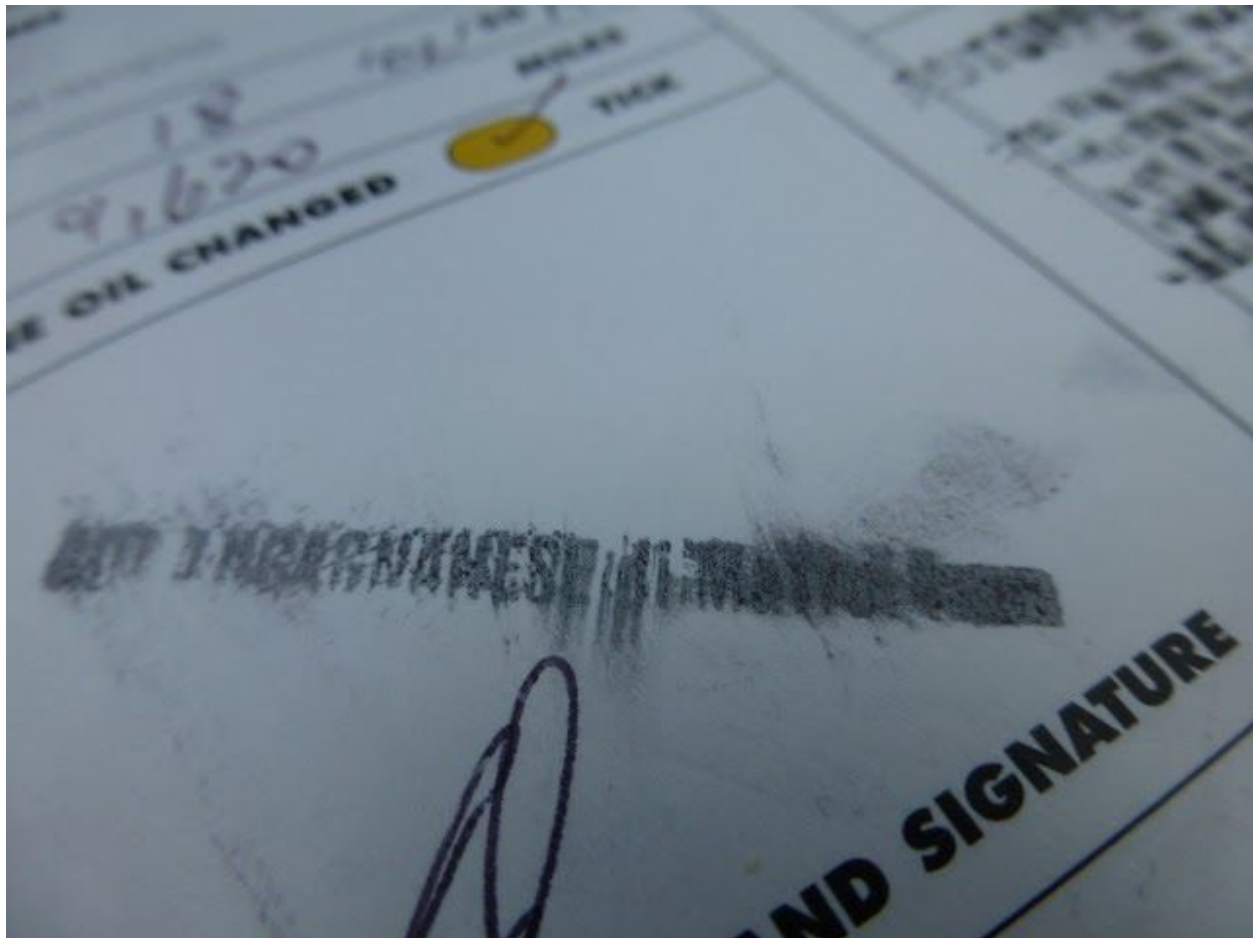
Built 2004 (so I have been informed). Don't know the exact month it was built.
16/8/2005 - Service stamp - Pre-Delivery check by Stoneacre Worksop
24/8/2005 - 1st registration - Reg No. YM05 FOJ.
21/12/2009 - Service stamp - 2962 miles. The dealer stamp is ineligible but not Stoneacre.
?14/10/2011 - IoM Certificate of Approval No.49702 - 3459 miles - Reg No. HMN 962 W
11/7/2012 - MOT - Howes Motors in Norwich - 3800 miles - Reg No. YM05 FOJ
25/9/2012 - Service stamp - Norwich Sports & Classics - 3828 miles
3/10/2012 - Parts receipt - Westover Poole - to Mr Hill (Norwich?)
16/4/2013 - Change of Reg No. to J4 EAD
10/7/2013 - MOT - Little Canford garage in Wimborne - 4672 miles
?18/2/2014 - Service stamp - ?? **MGAGNAMESE** ?? **MA?** (see pics) - 9620 miles
10/4/2014 - MOT - Majestic Garage Dorset in Bournemouth - 5114 miles
25/4/2014 - Bill of Sale - Meridien Majestic in Bournemouth - 5114 miles
7/4/2015 - DVLA - Statutory Off Road Notification (SORN)
16/6/2016 - Service stamp - Autofficina Lugagnanese di Maffei Ivan in Italy - 16210 miles
20/3/2019 - Service stamp - Autofficina Lugagnanese di Maffei Ivan in Italy - 22390 miles
4/10/2019 - MOT - Bola Autos in Perivale - 25225 miles
4/10/2019 - Service stamp - Autotech in Perivale - 25225 miles

I have highlighted the 2 dates in red as on the face of it they do not seem to fit in with the chronological flow of the car's history or it's location. Although I do not doubt the actual validity of the IoM (Isle of Man) document the chassis number quoted on it is 57326 whilst the chassis plate on my car is 57323. Of course this can just be an error in filling out the form but when the MOT was carried out in Norwich the following July the car was still on it's original plate. Had it been registered in the IoM I would have thought there would have been a record somewhere of the change. I am therefore hopeful that the owner of 57326 will read this and confirm where their car was at that time. Either that or can someone tell me whether there is a way of checking with the IoM authorities.

With regard to the 18/2/2014 service stamp I am totally puzzled by this. Obvious query is that the indicated mileage of 9620 miles conflicts with that when it was sold later in 2014. My only thought is that the garage that carried out the service entered the wrong year - 14 instead of 15. What do you think?

3RD SERVICE	
OIL CHANGE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SERVICE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Please tick as appropriate</i>	
DATE	18 102/2014
AT	9,620 MILES
ENGINE OIL CHANGED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TICK
DEALER STAMP AND SIGNATURE	

4TH SERVICE	
OIL CHANGE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SERVICE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Please tick as appropriate</i>	
DATE	16 103/2016
AT	16,210 MILES
ENGINE OIL CHANGED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TICK
AUTOFFICINA LUGAGNANESE di MAFFEI IVAN 101 Via Fofmi, 3 - LUGAGNANO VAL D'ARDA (PC) 101 Via U. Foscolo, 5/A - LUGAGNANO VA. (PC) R.I. COI.AA PC e C.F.: MFFVNI78M140811Z IVA 01881380335 - Aibo Art. S.C. SPA - PEGEMPRESA v.le Matteotti, 32 - Fiorenzuola d'Arda	
DEALER STAMP AND SIGNATURE	



So now you know as much about the history of the car as I do. As you can see the car did little mileage before it moved to Italy which would point to it being squirrelled away for much of it's early life so the chances of it being seen on the UK roads by other members will possibly be slim but I may be lucky and someone can add to it. And you never know. Someone based in Northern Italy may look at the website and get in touch having seen it during it's time there.

Anyway enough about the car let me tell you about the previous owner. His name is Enzo Scalzo. Now I have never met the guy or spoken to him but learnt quite a lot about him from his friend in London who was selling the car on his behalf. Now a lot of what I was told by his friend included various personal details and experiences they shared so obviously will not divulge those confidences. However everything in the following is freely available to view online so won't bore you with a long history. I'll let you read up about him on the various websites etc.

A London born Italian entrepreneur he, along with his brothers, owned the Patisserie Valerie chain of cafes. Having then sold the business in 2006 he and his brother Roberto then opened da Scalzo, an Italian restaurant situated in Belgravia, which currently they still run. Coincidentally his friend was surprised to learn that I had visited the place a couple of times in the past when passing through London to go on holiday and said he would let Enzo know. Look it up. It's adjacent to Victoria Coach Station. Very nice too.

Anyway moving on. Although he still retains business interests in London it's reported that, having tired of life in the city, he decided to return to the Piacenza Hills south of Milan to devote himself to his passion of motor's which subsequently led him to establish the Best of Italy event held each year since 2016 which I understand is getting bigger and bigger.

Currently still the Director of this event it is generally thought to be the Italian equivalent of the Goodwood Festival. It brings together all things Italian from exotic supercars to classic cars and motorcycles even including racing bicycles. You can find a comprehensive history including details of this year's event on the Best of Italy website along with a vast gallery of pics of past entrants and associated activities. For your info this year, due to Covid, it has been moved from its July slot to mid September. The listed 4 day inclusive package including all entrance fees for the hill climb and associated activities along with posh hotels, meals etc. but not including the cost of getting there would set you back just under £3900. Any takers?

As to him owning my car it formed, along with a number of more exotic Italian machinery, part of his private collection. His friend told me he bought it for his girlfriend to use and as you can see from the pics on the website it appears to have been used on the event, in various guises, a number of times. The picture below shows it at the start of the inaugural event in 2016. As to why he was selling it well, if I heard his friend correctly and I'm not misquoting, he has a new partner so with the girl gone so must the car!



Hopefully you found the above account of interest. If not my apologies. And as I said if anyone out there knows anything about this car or it's previous owner's any such info will be much appreciated.