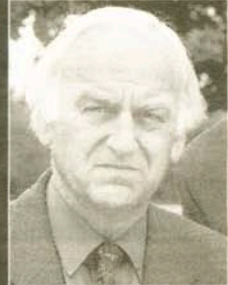


# 'Summer Wine' Morse car link



□ **DREAMING SPIRES:** John Thaw in the classic role of Insp Morse

## See valley the classic way

**IT'S hard to imagine Inspector Morse leaving Oxford's dreaming spires for a motoring holiday in the heart of Summer Wine Country.**

But fans of a classic British car can now get behind the wheel and turn this TV fantasy into an exhilarating real-life experience.

A Jaguar Mark II compact saloon — just like the one driven by Morse — is among a valley-based fleet of sleek and stylish vehicles from the 1960s and 70s now available for hire.

The much-loved car had already earned its place in Britain's motoring heritage long before Morse — played by the late John Thaw — made his screen debut.

Summer Wine Classic Car Hire Ltd — launched by long-time car and bike enthusiast Richard Skelton and his partner Loretta Catlow — offers Morse-style travel in a silver grey Mark II which left the Browns Lane factory in Coventry in 1964 and was fully restored in the 1980s.

Others include a 1961 Series One flat floor Jaguar E-Type, a 3.0 litre V8 Triumph Stag from 1977 and a couple of top notch MGB Roadsters.

A keen classic car and motorcycle fan Richard is a regular contributor to motorcycle racing magazines and race programmes at Brands Hatch and other leading British circuits. He has also written a book on motorcycling

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*Funky Mopeds*, published in 2004.

For the past 18 years he has worked as a television drama sound editor on programmes including the locally filmed *Where The Heart Is* and other long-running Yorkshire-set series *Heartbeat* and *The Royal*.

His latest venture offers famous cars for self-drive hire as well as a chauffeur-driven service for wedding and other special occasions. Visitors can journey in style around the beautiful Yorkshire Pennine countryside, the Derbyshire Peak District and other places of interest within easy driving distance.

The vehicles are housed at the IK Classics and Racing Cars premises in Jackson Bridge. Technical expertise is provided by owner Ian Kellett, with over 30 years' in the motor trade backed by an experienced team.

The cars have not been rented out during the winter due to the corrosive effect of road salt but Richard and Loretta are now taking bookings for spring and summer.



□ **PUTTING ON THE STYLE:** Making the Morse connection are partners Richard Skelton and Loretta Catlow with their Mark II Jaguar at the Jackson Bridge showroom of IK Classic and Racing Cars. And for visitors planning a short break, the couple are also offering bed and breakfast accommodation at their home, Ash House, Dunford Road, in Holmfirth.

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