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Chronicling Trevor Kent's Euroclassic in his Jaguar XJS Cabriolet – Car 90



■ CLASSIC CARS: Trevor Kent being overtaken by a Ferrari in the Euroclassic Rally

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Trevor swaps houses for life on the road

A GERRARDS Cross estate agent felt the need for speed when he took part in a classic car rally in Spain.

Trevor Kent returned to the UK on September 13 having completed the Motor Sports Association Euroclassic Rally in a 1987 Jaguar XJS.

The 915-mile course leaves Santander, Spain and passes over the Pyrenees through a previously closed pass, which was opened by the local mayor.

Mr Kent said: "Although it was

kind of him to open the pass, knowing there was no likelihood of traffic coming the other way tempted me to be a little too wide on some of the hairpins.

"We lost a 1960 Alfa Romeo there, it having turned over after brake failure, but fortunately a fallen tree stopped it from dropping a further 300m."

The collection of cars taking place in the event included Austin Healeys, MGs, Bentleys, Ferraris and a host of Jaguars, including Mr Kent's.

He said: "My car only just qualified as a classic and with a value of only £6,000 it was a bit of a poor relation to the Ferraris and even two Cobras."

Mr Kent and his navigator eventually reached the finishing line in Versailles, France within one minute of the required time.

He said: "Our only delicate moment was the oil pressure gauge dropping to zero on the Le Mans circuit, but it was only a faulty dial, and we completed the rally without a hitch."