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AGM Report from Kenneth Wilson, BVAC Secretary

The club held its Annual General Meeting on 16 October at Earlston Church Hall, Club Chairman Keith Watson welcomed forty club members and gave a review of the club for the past twelve months highlighting the BVAC Classic event at Thirlestane in June which had been a great success this year and thanked all those who had been involved. Mr Watson also thanked specifically Helen Grimes who is standing down as treasurer this year after many years in the role and gave a presentation of flowers to Helen on behalf of the club. Mr Watson also thanked David Hunter who is stepping down in 2025 as entries secretary for the rally and Chris Biggs who is relinquishing his role as Vice Chairman and Club Convenor. The remaining committee were then re-elected with the addition of Rob Jenner as our new Vice Chairman and Gavin Craig who is joining the Committee for 2025.

There was discussion on the 2025 BVAC event which will be held at Thirlestane on June 8th with several good ideas on how we can improve certain aspects including traffic congestion from entrants and public. Mr Davidson thanked all those who had come to his assistance when he became unwell on site during the week prior to the show and had now made a good recovery.

Mr Watson thanked all those present and closed the meeting at 9pm.

October Events

The only club event I have to report on is the regular Milestone meet as poor weather scuppered the NVTC Show at Brunton. In the face of forecast 60mph winds, most members planning to attend were already having second thoughts when the organisers officially called it off the day before. This is the second year in a row when that show has been cancelled due to high winds, perhaps having a tented show on an old airfield in mid-October isn't the best plan.

Milestone on the other hand was another success, blessed with a fine morning. I think I counted 45 classic cars of all descriptions in the car park. Thanks to Mike Webber for these photos.



Looking Ahead

Sunday 10th November is the next Milestone meeting. Do come along, even if you've laid up your classic for the winter. There will always be something to see, old friends to meet or new friends to make. We get such good numbers these days, it's easy to assume that everyone knows the score, but if you haven't been before it's just a question of turning up at the Milestone Garden centre, Newtown St Boswells from 10am and join the crowd in the car park or in the café.

We also have the Christmas Dinner to look forward to! It's on Saturday 7th December at 7 for 7.30, at the Kingsknowes Hotel, Galashiels. You've still time to get your booking to Helen Grimes (along with payment and menu choices) by 27th November at the latest. The menu is on the next page and the booking form can be found at the end of BVAC News or you can download it as a separate Word document by clicking here.



The next day, Sunday 8th is the last Milestone meet of the year.

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FESTIVE MENU



GF = GLUTEN FREE, V = VEGETARIAN, VG = VEGAN, * = CAN BE ADAPTED

Honey roast root vegetable soup *GF, VG

Trio of smoked salmon – Hot smoked salmon, smoked salmon parfait & smoked salmon. Avocado puree, citrus dressing, wholemeal bread

Chicken liver pate, red onion & grenadine jam, pickled shallots & oatcakes *GF

Blue Murder & leek tart, pear & dressed micro salad V

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Roast turkey crown, apricot & sage stuffing, pigs in blankets, roast potatoes, vegetables & turkey gravy *GF

Braised beef bavette, chive mash, sauteed wild mushrooms, celeriac & truffle puree, red wine jus *GF

Baked cod fillet, spiced puy lentils, curried Aioli, confit peppers, baby leeks & coriander GF

Tomato & basil arancini stuffed with bocconcini, tomato fondue, Parmesan & pesto dressed rocket V

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Christmas pudding, brandy sauce & red currants *GF, V

Baileys & white chocolate parfait, mixed berry compote & berry sorbet GF

Sticky toffee pudding, toffee sauce, vanilla ice cream *GF, V

Cheese board: Smoked applewood, Isle of Mull cheddar, Tain brie, Blue Murder, Homemade apple chutney, grapes & biscuits *GF

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Malta Classic Car Museum by Dennis Fortune



On a recent holiday to Malta, I was somewhat surprised, when looking at a location map of my hotel, to see the annotation “Malta Classic Car Museum” located in Tourists Street, Qawra and what is more it was only two blocks away from the hotel. So having a spare day off from our guided tours I suggested to Cathy that we should go for a walk in the cooler morning air and visit the museum, to which she willingly agreed.

As we approached the museum, housed in the basement of a large apartment building, we could see straight away the exact location and entrance to the museum as this was marked by a lovely blue pre-war Bugatti displayed just outside the main entrance.



Upon entering the ground floor reception area, we paid our entrance fee and were given a brief history into the creation of the museum by Carlo Galea. He was a Maltese entrepreneur who since childhood had a love of cars and throughout his working life on the island he had bought and sold cars as a hobby. In his

working years he often travelled abroad and during these trips visited many other car museums. And so it came to pass that in 2005 he realised his dream and opened the “Malta Classic Car Museum”, taking his private collection of classic cars, previously stored in a variety of garages and lock-ups, and bringing them together and putting them on display for the public to see.





Prior to gaining independence in 1964 Malta was under the rule of the British since the early 1800’s and evidence of this is confirmed by the number of UK style cars on the roads and where, like the UK, they drive on the left. The climate of Malta is also particularly suitable for classic cars as can be seen by the number of classic and older vehicles still in everyday use.





As for the museum itself, Carlo Galea had the idea that it should be like no other and created a difference by adding a wide range of memorabilia items, including Jukeboxes, Slot Machines and Manikins to create a story around each of the car exhibits. As you see from some of the photos the exhibits on display cover a wide range models including, Jaguars, Minis, Triumphs, Fords and MG’s as well as American, Italian and some other European models.

Sadly, Carol Galea passed away in June 2022, however, his family continue to run the museum and so if you ever go on holiday to Malta, this museum is a must for your “to visit” list.

Equipment for Sale



Fred Magill has the following for sale:

- PH10 1 ton hydraulic lift in very good order (pictured) £250
- Engine Stand £50

Call Fred on 07812 024862 for details.



Xclusively Jaguar Magazine November 2024 from Letitia Mace

Welcome to the November 2024 issue of Xclusively Jaguar Magazine!

As is usual, we've made this our Christmas gift issue, so that you can plan in advance what you would like for Christmas!

We've held back some of our planned features to fill this issue with an interesting gift selection, so you might like to tell your friends that lots of features are planned for the new year and now is the time to sign up for a subscription to Xclusively Jaguar – a perfect Christmas gift!

If your wallet allows, a spectacular gift idea is the XJ12 featured on the cover of this issue - with its excellent provenance it is now reduced to £12,000 to the right home!

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Time flies, and on the 4th November I will have owned Brucie (my X300 4 litre Sovereign LWB) for 14 years. Together we've travelled more than 50,000 miles, from Plymouth in the south to Shetland in the north!

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Paul Skilleter apologises for not having much on his website these days in the way of new books, but says that he is selling old stock and various Jaguar items that he is finding in the

back of cupboards – which, knowing Paul, could be more interesting, given that he has had a long and fruitful career as a successful Jaguar historian, journalist, author and enthusiast!

The website is actually defunct and Paul is now trading from an ebay shop. To view all of his current stock please contact him direct at 01425 612 669 or jagworld1@aol.com

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We recently asked subscribers of our printed magazine if they preferred their magazines to be “stitched” (that is, stapled together) or “perfect bound” (that is, with a glued spine). The feedback was unanimous – all of those subscribers who responded said that they preferred the stitched version! Many thanks to those who provided valuable feedback.

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While browsing through this pre-Christmas issue of Xclusively Jaguar magazine I hope you will find your perfect Christmas gift – you may also notice that some of the items featured in our Christmas Marketplace are discounted, compared to the usual price!

Amongst all of this there should be some good reading!

You will find the latest issue of Xclusively Jaguar magazine (along with all back issues) at https://www.xclusivelyjaguar.org/

Contact Letitia Mace via 07836 68 78 98 or Letitia@xclusivelyjaguar.org for more information or if you have any problems accessing the new website.

Until next month, Happy Motoring!

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That’s all for this month. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

Clear roads,

David entries@bvac.org.uk

Don’t forget the Christmas Dinner Booking Form on the next page!

Dear Member(s)

Please find attached the menu for Christmas Dinner, which is being held on Saturday, 7th December

2024 at The Kingsknowes Hotel, Selkirk Road, Galashiels, TD1 3HY - 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm.

The cost is £33 per person for three courses, or £28 for 2 courses

This event is being arranged by Helen Grimes, 29 Tweedbank Ley, Innerleithen, EH44 6PE. Menu to

be returned to Helen, NO LATER THAN 27TH NOVEMBER 2024 (hl.grimes@btinternet.com)

Name(s)----------Numbers Attending----------

Starter Choice/Names

Soup ----------

Smoked Salmon ----------

Pate ----------

Tart ----------

Mains

Turkey ----------

Braised Beef ----------

Cod ----------

Arancini ----------

Sweets

Xmas Pudding ----------

Parfait ----------

Sticky Toffee ----------

Cheeseboard ----------

Tea or Coffee and Mince pies

I/We enclose a cheque value----------made payable to B.V.A.C.

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