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2024 BVAC Classic



With less than three weeks to go to the deadline on the 21st, any members who want to bring their car to the show need to get their entry in soon. The showground capacity is around 1000 cars and at time of writing about 940 spaces are already taken.

The American theme is proving popular with a good variety of cars from across the pond signed up. The accent is on the Ford Mustang which is celebrating its sixtieth anniversary this year and we have Mustangs of all ages promised. This fine example is booked to come from Dundee, although I don't know if the cardboard cut-out Steve McQueen will be aboard.



Other vehicles booked in so far range in age from a 1915 Ford Model T to a 2018 Mustang and in size from a Peugeot moped to a Bristol double decker bus – surely something for every automotive taste!

Help Needed

A show like the BVAC Classic doesn't just happen, so please don't skip this plea from Chris Biggs for assistance around the show.

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CALL UP FOR THIRLESTANE

Committee members and some others never stop their planning and working for Club activities throughout the year but now is traditionally the time that all Club members start thinking about their activities for the coming season and central to that, our own Thirlestane Show.

Now is the time to begin booking up for things, sorting out your calendars and volunteering your help. The Show takes a tremendous amount of organisation that goes on for almost the whole year but there is a special need for extra help in the preparation week and for Show week-end itself. This year the Club has taken the decision to appoint a professional company, Neon Security, to manage and staff all aspects of road route entrances, car parking and movement on the Castle driveway. This will leave BVAC as the organising Club in sole charge of the Showground area and marshalling within this area. There will be much to do in the week preceding the Show as well as through the week-end with the focus on Sunday 2nd June.

This year Philip Weiss, a new Committee member, has very generously agreed to be Showground site manager and to facilitate this will be resident on site throughout the week in his well-known Land Rover camping combination. There will be work to do on site every day from Monday 27th May through to Friday 31st May. This could include measuring out compounds and roping these off, erecting barriers and placing cones, erecting Club gazebos, transporting materials to all areas of the Showground and finally placing signage and information everywhere. There is lots more I haven't mentioned. I am sure that many of you will want to support Philip and the Club by volunteering for a day or two or three or the whole week. In the first instance please contact Philip at kinderscoutpgw@hotmail.co.uk indicating what days you are willing to volunteer for and giving your contact details. He will be in touch and take the organisation on from there.

Jono Hunter will once again take on the role of Chief Marshal for the event. A small group of volunteer Marshals will be needed for Saturday morning 1st June for about one and a half hours to help manage the driveway whilst those on the Borders Scenic Run depart. The main requirement for volunteer Marshals is on Sunday 2nd June for the Show itself. This means an early start but Jono is confident this year that most volunteers will get time off to enjoy the Show during the middle of the day. Duties will include directing Show entrants to their designated areas and individual stands, dealing with problems and questions that may arise whilst the showground settles to its fixed format for the day, from mid-afternoon (TBC) directing traffic off site by safe exit routes. Throughout the day Marshals will be able to direct people to the BVAC HQ if appropriate to deal with their enquiries. Briefings are provided along with hi-vis jackets. Please contact Jono direct if you are willing to volunteer for marshalling duties at jono.hunter@bvac.org.uk and include your contact details including a phone number.

In BVAC we are proud of the reputation we have for providing the best and the biggest Classic Car Show in Scotland at the most beautiful venue. Reputations are easily lost however, and we hope you will respond generously to this appeal for volunteer help. A few kind and helpful words from a friendly face on the day can influence the experience of those taking part. Equally some willing helpers, even if only for half a day, can ease the burden of those who will toil for the whole week to ensure that everything is ready.

Please do consider volunteering and get in touch with the relevant person.

Chris Biggs, Vice Chairman.

March Events

The March breakfast meet on the 10th seems to have been well attended with several 'new' cars coming along with their owners. Unfortunately a puncture en route prevented me from getting there, so thanks to John Littlewood for the pictures.



Later in the month we had a very sociable occasion when more than twenty of us were very well fed at the Shanghai Buffet in Tweedbank. This proved an excellent venue for a club meal

as we were able to get a seating area to ourselves so we could chat while tucking in to the huge variety of food on offer at the buffet. Thanks are due to Chris Biggs for organising this.

April Diary Dates

The first event in April is our regular breakfast meet at Milestone Garden Centre in Newtown St Boswells from 10am on the 14th. Turn up and join in!

A week later, on the 21st, it's national Drive It Day, promoted by the FBHVC and organised for BVAC by Philip Weiss. Afternoon tea at Paxton House is now fully booked, but if you'd like to take part in the run without the tea option, contact Philip at kinderscoutpgw@hotmail.co.uk.

Summer Shows from Phil Titley

Phil has posted details and booking forms (where appropriate) on the website here and over the page you'll find a summary of all the shows this summer where we can expect a BVAC presence, either an official stand or individual entrants. Something for everyone here!





Date	Name	Restrictions	Comment
28-Apr	Belford Classic Car Show	Nil No club stand	Details on Club website. **Individual entries direct.**
05-May	Chain Bridge Honey Farm	Nil - No club stand	**Individual entries direct to organiser**. Details on club website.
12-May	**KEILDER**	Nil	Entry via Eventbrite website. Plus Club Form. Closing date 03/05/24
19-May	**BVAA KELSO**	Nil	Club website event form. Closing date 24/04
02-Jun	**BVAC THIRLESTANE**		Members to assist marshalling show field. All members should register their car for club compound.
09-Jun	Corbridge Rally	Nil - No club stand	**Individual entries direct only**
16-Jun	**FIFE HVC**	Pre-2000	NEW Held at SV Bus Museum Dunfermline. Club website form. Closing date 03/05/24
16-Jun	Jimmy Guthrie Run	No club stand	**Individual members only**
30-Jun	**MOFFAT**	Nil on stand	Details on club website with form. Closing date3 1/05/24 Club Stand will be in 2nd field
21-Jul	**KINGDOM CLASSIC**	Nil	SVBM Dunfermline. Details and form on website. Closing date 30/06/24
03-Aug	**BAA – DUNS SHOW**	Nil	Details and form on website. Closing date 12/07/24
11-Aug	**FORD & ETAL**	Nil	Alternative for Biggar. Details and form on website. Closing date 28/07/62
11-Aug	**BIGGAR**	Pre-1982	Heavily age restricted. Details and form on website. Closing date 21/07/24
18-Aug	**DALEMAIN Nr Ullswater**	Nil	Show focus on French & German vehicles. Details and form on website.
25-Aug	**FIFE VINTAGE OWNERS**	Pre-1999	NEW at Ladybank Fife. Details on club website. Closing date 07/08/24
20-Oct	**NVTC BRUNTON**	Nil	Club Flags only. Details and form on club website. Closing date 31/08/24

Jaguar For Sale from Rob Jenner

Terry Young was a Jaguar man through and through, sadly he passed away in December 2023. I have been asked to dispose of his collection of cars, to find the new owners who will love and cherish as Terry did.

This is the stunning F-type convertible that was Terry's dream car. Unfortunately, since his passing, I have the extremely sad task of selling it. It has now reverted to the registration you can see in the first photo. The spec on the car is as follows: 2017 Jaguar F Type Convertible 3.0S, 380PS, Storm Grey, with soft grain Black Leather, 20 inch Windmill black alloys, four brand new Pirelli tyres, red calipers, active sports exhaust, front and rear parking aid, rear parking camera, DAB radio, Bluetooth interface, heated seats, heated mirrors, heated steering wheel, SOS emergency call, Jaguar IN CONTROL, bronze paddle shift, Xenon lights, headlamp leveling, TPMS, cruise control. Terry was the first owner of the car and it has only done 4,000 miles since new. If you are interested in purchasing this absolutely stunning car, or if you know someone who would like to, please get in touch with me. The car can be viewed at Scott Brown Cars in Reston. Serious enquires only please. In essence a new F Type for £36995 or close offers

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The 2CV Ecosse Raid on Edinburgh by John Littlewood



As there are now 6 Citroen 2cvs amidst the wonderful variety of BVAC motors the following seemed appropriate with four BVAC Members participating in the chaos!!!

Q. How to Create Traffic Chaos in one easy lesson????

A. A 2cv Ecosse Welcome Parade to French Fans through Edinburgh City Centre to Murrayfield.

The Six Nations Rugby, Scotland v France at Murrayfield, February 10th … There might be Snow!!! ….

This fixture Means only One Thing for 2cv Ecosse … A most welcome organising email from James Storrar.

Who's coming? …. We All Are!!!! What Brilliant Idea!!!! Snow is forecast!!! Who cares!!!! ?

How much fun we had filling the busy streets with our motley group of brightly coloured 2cvs giving delight and enjoyment to our Enthusiastic French Rugby Friends. They were seeing their iconic, Very French, "Deux Cheveaux" noisily Parading the Streets of Edinburgh, horns tooting, headlamps ablaze, "Look at Us" screaming out, "We Welcome You All to Scotland!!"

"The Steading" Hostelry was a warm, dry, hospitable place to meet, for the 8th time … OK, 7 as one had to be cancelled at the very last minute because of Covid!!! … that is 16 years of careful planning, organisation, time, effort, route planning, and endeavour by a great, enthusiastic expert, Citroen 2cv lover, James Storrar, from The Kingdom of Fife. Thank you, James. He provided a thorough briefing to all, the emphasis on caring for everybody, with more well-chosen words of welcome and encouragement from our equally enthusiastic, 2cvEcosse founder, Joe Cent and his wife Sara.

Fine fresh coffee by the jug-full with biscuits a plenty, were most welcome after our trip north from Kelso, over Soutra, where there was snow, but nothing to really mention here!!! We were catching up with old friends as well as making new ones there …. Everybody is most welcome in the default 2cvGB way!!! Is there any other???

Everybody had the route plan, but keeping together was a key to the success of this 2cv Raid on Edinburgh, no easy task through the heavy traffic of a capital city centre, with many hazards to overcome, like roadworks, not breaking down! keeping in touch, not knocking over the bravely piloted scooters and decorated Mopeds of 2cv associates, etc etc.

Hundreds … Thousands of mobile phone expert photographers/videoers were on the roadside all the way along the route to the Grassmarket & beyond, waving, pointing, cheering as we filled the boulevards from the city centre to the famous Murrayfield stadium.





The cheers, waves, shouts of delight from our French friends were most evident all the way along the route with some, not Mexican, but “Frenchican” waves from the crowded pavements, resplendent with Red, White & Blue coloured supporters on their way to the Big Game.



What wonderful impression we must have made upon our French friends along the route, where even the Scottish Fans were cheering us, before we left the rugby supporters for an organised park up, chin wag, lunch together at the Gallery of Modern Art, before heading off to all points North South, East and West …. Some to watch the game live, others to watching from the comfort of their own homes …

We were Robbed!!!

What a Wonderful day was enjoyed by so many across Edinburgh with huge thanks to James Storrar, Joe Cent and 2cv Ecosse

Spotted!



On an Easter weekend trip to Fife, I spotted this parked outside the Kinghorn Garage which has a track record in interesting Americana. The California plate on the rear and the absence of British plates suggests a recent import. All I can say is I’m glad I don’t have to polish all that chrome!

From the Web

Our regular internet correspondent, Fred Magill, has some interesting items to bring to our attention. The online magazine published by DeRivaz & Ives is the source of some fascinating articles and recent subjects include Bentley racer Peter Briggs and the amazing Schlumpf Museum in Alsace. Click on the pictures to link to the articles.







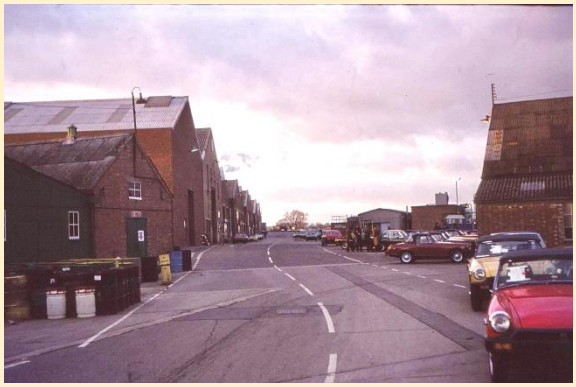
Prewarcar.com have a seasonal story about the history of the Easter egg, illustrated with cars from Swiss car manufacturer Egg & Egli. No, you couldn't make it up – I did wonder, given the date, but it checks out according to Wikipedia.

Pictures from the MG Factory at Abingdon from Chris Biggs

The MG factory in Abingdon closed in October 1980 and ended many years of marque production there. By then most cars were shipped out on car transporters but up to the late 70s many cars were driven just over one mile to the Abingdon branch line railhead and loaded onto flat-bed trucks for shipping out on their journey for export. The station had been closed to passenger traffic since the early 70s but the railhead remained open for several years just to carry MG cars. At some point in their journey they were switched to double-decker rail trucks for delivery to the docks at Southampton then onwards by ship around the world.







The last picture (right) shows both MGAs and Austin Healeys on the 'finishing line' in 1957.



Xclusively Jaguar Magazine April 2024 from Letitia Mace

We have two very special Jaguars for sale this month; the first is an F-type which, having covered a mere 4000 miles, is as good as new! *[See advert earlier in BVAC News – Ed]*

Terry was a former Xclusively Jaguar subscriber who fell in love with Jaguar's new F-type the moment he first saw it in 2013. It was his dream car and by 2017 he could resist no more and went to Pentland Jaguar in Edinburgh and purchased the F-type you see in this magazine, brand new! In his excitement he omitted to tell his wife - OOPS!



Sadly, after only a few short years of enjoyment with his dream car, Terry passed away late last year, otherwise this cherished F-type would not have been for sale, so don't miss this opportunity to become the owner of what is essentially a brand new, F-type!

The other, is the oldest surviving XJ! So, if a classic Jaguar is your preference, here is an opportunity not to be missed!

MWK 28G is a very special car to me; when it was displayed at the NEC Classic Motor Show in November 2018 I had the honour of being asked to clean it and maintain its appearance for the duration of the show. Prior to this, I was asked by the JEC to create an XJ Timeline to celebrate the 50th anniversary

of the XJ at Wroxall Abbey in the summer of 2018, so of course, as the oldest surviving XJ, I chose MWK 28G to head the timeline and receive No. 01 rally plaque to commemorate this important occasion.

Like many of our own cars, this car has an exceptionally interesting story to tell and gathering all of the information that may otherwise have been lost forever has clearly been a passion of the current owner, who has not only put together past information, but also continued to build the story of MWK28G, thus helping to secure the future safe keeping of the oldest surviving XJ. I think he has served the car well, so my aim is to give MWK28G a good send off and hope that the next owner gives it an equally good home!

I don't usually write about what we are hoping to do, preferring to report on the results after the event, however, God willing and with a following wind we are planning to take two XJ saloons to Shetland at the beginning of May. Initially, we were invited to the wedding of Ross and Lucy, Ross being the son of one of Rob's very longstanding friends. Rob asked Ross if, as our gift on his wedding day, he would like us to bring our Daimler Majestic Insignia to Shetland to use as a wedding car and the answer was affirmative. Brucie (my X300 lwb) will also be going for back up and Bridesmaids! Weather permitting; we should get some interesting photos of the two XJs in Shetland.

We return to Shetland again at the beginning of June for the Classic Car Show in Lerwick, this time in the company of several other Jaguar owners and with my 3.6 XJ40 Sovereign, Opium!

Amongst all of this there should be some good reading and memorable pictures!

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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Thanks to everyone who contributed to making this a bumper Easter edition of BVAC News. Keep 'em coming! I hope to see you all soon.

Clear roads,

David

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