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March Events

The monthly Milestone meet enjoyed rather more pleasant weather in March than the previous month and this was reflected in the turnout of over forty cars ranging from vintage to modern, carefully preserved to highly modified. Notable arrivals included several more variations on the Mini theme and Robin Wild's beautiful Bentley special. Although Robin has built specials before and he tells me he has another on the stocks, this one isn't his own handiwork.









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The week after Milestone, there was a new event on the calendar, a joint invitation to Duns from BVAC, Millar's Autos and Nathan's Auto Shine. Despite some showery weather, it attracted a full house, some familiar members' cars and a variety of others with the accent on performance machinery. Congratulations to Toby Marshall-Andrew for the organisation – he tells me his team served 165 bacon rolls and around 200 teas and coffees, and before you ask – yes, he is looking to repeat the event in future. As with Milestone, I'll let the pictures tell the story.









I should point out that many more pictures can be found on the BVAC Facebook page.

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By the time you read this, the drive out to Eyemouth will have taken place. I'm going to be away but if someone who's taking part can send me some words and pictures to editor@bvac.org.uk, I'll report on it next month.

Forthcoming Events

We have events three Sundays in a row in April – our regular breakfast meet at Milestone Garden Centre, Newtown St Boswells on the 12th, the visit to Rob Armstrong's garage at Jedburgh on the 19th and Drive-It-Day on the 26th.

May sees the first two car shows of the year at Lathalmond near Dunfermline on the 3rd and Kelso on the 17th. In June, we have the 'Gather and Brew' event at Etal on the 14th and the Moffat Show on the 28th.

In addition to all this, our Milestone breakfast meets continue from 10am every second Sunday of the month. All welcome!

Altogether there's no excuse for not getting your classic out on the road!

Full details and booking arrangements for all these are on the website. Use this link for club events and this one for visits to car shows.

2cv Ecosse Raid Murrayfield 2026 by John Littlewood

Making our French Rugby Friends Welcome in Edinburgh!



But what were we to do?? Last minute news!!! Our 2cv Ecosse Founder and Leader, Joe Cent and his wife Zara, stranded in bunkers on the beach in Dubai!! Would we be safe to carry on regardless without our leader???

Of course we could!!! No worries!!! Retired farmer from Fife, James Storrar, had everything under full control, as he is the driving force behind this surprisingly complex endeavour. And I mean Everything!!! The rendezvous, the route, the locals who knew where we should be going and all the directions for our brilliantly coloured assemble of 2cvs. Two of the 14 Citroen 2cvs there were BVAC Members, John & Sandra Littlewood accompanied by Alistair and Yvonne Skinner in their beautiful grey ex-Air France 2cv Fourgonnette …. Van 😊

"Remember! Our 2cv non-Convoy Does NOT Mean we can drive through Red Lights!!"

Proceed with care and caution at all times and follow the directions carefully. There are possible "Pull in and Wait" places en-route if you fall behind, so you can catch up.



Earlier that morning, we fired up our carefully prepared 'KatieP' … back seat replaced with a folded wheelchair for Sandra, to head north to the Capital City, seeing a plenty of snow as we drive up Soutra where we can marvel at the countless windfarms, busy 24/7. This year we were meeting at Swanston Golf Club, where we were a brightly coloured assortment of 14 2cvs and friends gleaming in the bright morning sunshine ready for coffee, tea, scones or bacon butty in the very impressive Brasserie of the Golf Club …. What a steep 1/5 hill to push Sandra's wheelchair up, to discover Disabled Parking facilities right at the very top!! Phew!!



In good time we were all assembled by the 2cv's, Tricolour Flags and baguettes at the ready for the briefing from James Storrar … He never mentioned it, but I know we caused chaos through the Edinburgh traffic last year … Hopefully we will be better behaved this year!!

We set off as not-a-convoy, which we most certainly weren't by the time we were heading to the city, with a Mobylette and Vespa Scooter joining the Motley non-crew … I must say it was the Vespa ridden by a local which kept a small group of "Ducks", including Alistair and myself, on the right roads to Murrayfield! Thank you 😊

Such interesting road names in Edinburgh: Oxgangs Road, Holy Corner (3 churches), King's Theatre, Greyfriars Bobby Statue & Kings Stables Road. There was a 2cv breakdown, temporary thankfully, so the non-convoy headed into the Edinburgh Grassmarket where we were warmly welcomed by one and all, into one of the "possible waiting places", enjoying much cheering, waving and photo opportunities.

The route through the capital centre was busy as, with our French friends clapping and cheering for the next 10-15 minutes as our very French non-convoy proceeded very slowly



amidst the crowds, trams, taxis and traffic in the direction of Murrayfield!! What a wonderful sight we created for the visitors and locals alike … Such noisy and chaotic fun in the sunshine!

But all good things must come to an end as we peeled off and headed towards the Modern Art Gallery to park up, have a good old chat, fix some failing 2cvs, grab a bite of lunch before heading to the match or home along all the points of a compass.

A HUGE THANK YOU to James Storrar for his wonderful, careful, thorough organisation and detailed route maps … So much appreciated by every participant 😊 I hope you enjoyed the game!!

Everyone is looking forward to 2028 already, and perhaps securing a second victory over our French friends!

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Fun on May Day Weekend

Last year several BVAC members attended the Yetholm Free Music Festival on May Day weekend and enjoyed it immensely. The 2025 event was a huge success, and this year promises to be even better, with bands playing both in the main tent (the same one BVAC used at Thirlestane last year) and in the pavilion.

There is no charge for admission, and you can camp overnight. See the poster below for details or search "Beltane Music Festival Yetholm" on Facebook. Alternatively, call our treasurer, Norman Burr (07729 618861), who is on the organising committee!



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Nostalgia Corner

As usual, thanks to Fred Magill and Chris Biggs for keeping me well supplied with photos and adverts illustrating how motoring was in bygone days. Here is just a selection of what they've sent me. For the businesswoman on a budget, there's a basic van with even paintwork an optional extra!



Or something rather smarter but undoubtedly more expensive…



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Delivering the beer from Morland's Brewery in Abingdon…



Where they also build sportscars…



Sadly, neither the brewery nor the Midget production line still exist.

That's all for this month, thanks to John for his entertaining article. If you'd like to see your name in print, any remotely relevant articles are gratefully accepted. If you can't provide a full article, news snippets, adverts for local motoring events or interesting pictures are equally welcome.

Clear roads,

David

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