BVAC News February 2023

Thirlestane Plans



The committee are now pushing ahead with plans for the 2023 BVAC Classic in June at Thirlestane and a public launch can be expected in the next ten days or so. The format will look much more like our pre-covid shows than last year's with a one-day public show on the Sunday and probably a scenic run for entrants on the Saturday. It looks like we have enough sponsorship lined up to make the show financially feasible but the show also relies on a good turnout of volunteers to make it work. This is where all our members need to lend a hand to make it work and we particularly need to encourage some of our newer members to get involved. There are lots of jobs to do, setting up the site in the week prior to the show, marshalling to get all the entrants into and out of the showground quickly and safely and of course putting everything away again the day after. So whether you can help all week or just offer a couple of hours marshalling duty on the day, please step up when the call comes. It takes a lot of effort to put on the show, but it's very satisfying when it all works!

Diary Dates for February

We have two events coming up in February – our usual morning at Milestone on the 12th and an evening meeting on the 22nd. The first is the usual format which will be familiar to most people, but in case you haven't been before, it's simply an opportunity to get together with other club members to socialise over the cars in the car park or a coffee in the Greenhouse Café. The venue is the Milestone Garden Centre in Newtown St Boswells from about 10am.

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Our evening meeting this month will take the form of two talks on restoration and rebuilding. Our speakers will be Fred Magill whose rare and delightful Opel Kapitan made its public debut at Thirlestane last June and Neil Morrison who has built the pretty Austin 7 special that has been a



regular at club events recently. Both will give illustrated talks and will be happy to take questions, then we will also have a short film of a gathering of fine old Opels in their home country. It should be a fascinating evening, so come along to Earlston Parish Church Hall in the High Street at 7.30pm on Wednesday 22nd.

January Milestone Meet

There was a good turnout although inevitably at this time of year quite a few people were there in modern cars. I'll let the pictures do the talking.









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Drive It Day

The date for the FBHVC Drive It Day is confirmed as April 23rd and their chosen charity for us to support this year is Childline. The run is planned to start at our regular venue at Milestone Garden Centre in Newtown St Boswells and run down the Tweed to finish with lunch at a cafe just outside Berwick. Keep the date in your diary, more details later. While on the subject of the FBHVC, they produce an interesting magazine which is available online – look for it here.

Visits to Shows this Summer

We are planning to have a BVAC presence at the following car shows this summer. Dates marked * are not yet confirmed, and they will all appear on the website when details are finalised:

- 14th May * Keilder
- 21st May Kelso (BVAA)
- 4th June Bo'ness
- 25th June Moffat
- 2nd July * Chillingham
- 5th August Duns (Berwickshire Show)
- 13th August Biggar
- 27th August Newhailes
- 22nd October Brunton (NVTC)

There is also the possibility we may get an invitation again to the Border Union Show on 29th July and the fair at Cardrona may feature again this summer.

Fred's Findings

Fred Magill sent me the latest digest from the prewarcar.com website and as usual it contains some interesting articles. Andre Dubonnet's car (here) seemed the most eye-catching although there's much more in there if you have a spare few minutes. There must be money in French aperitifs!



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(Not just) Xclusively Jaguar

Letitia Mace has sent details of the latest Xclusively Jaguar magazine as well as an advance announcement of a Jaguar event later this year. She also has a range of non-Jaguar motoring books for sale – you can reach the list, which is in two parts, by clicking here and here.

Xclusively Jaguar Magazine February 2023

The cover picture for the February 2023 issue of Xclusively Jaguar magazine features the one and only Daimler Corsica – a rare glimpse of the car on the road and a cherished memory. I love this car and was determined that it should take pride of place on the cover of Xclusively Jaguar magazine!

There are a number of cherished memories highlighted in this issue of Xclusively Jaguar magazine; some are those of my contributors and some are my own, such as looking back at a Jaguar Ride and Drive Day, which was unbelievably 17 years ago ..... How time flies!

Looking forward, we have details of an exclusive event to honour Mike Hawthorn and news of an XJ Coupe Day, to follow on from last year's event.

Looking further forward, we are already planning our next trip to the Shetland Classic Motor Show, scheduled for the beginning of June 2024 – yes, 2024! Eight of our sponsors and subscribers have already committed to joining us, so, once again it will be quite a trip! Did I say that 2022 was to be our last trip to Shetland? Well, that was never going to happen, was it?



You will find the latest issue of Xclusively Jaguar magazine (along with all back issues) at www.Xclusively-Jaguar.co.uk

Contact Letitia Mace via 07836 68 78 98 or Letitia@exclusively-jaguar.co.uk for more information

Until next month, Happy Motoring!

Event announcement

Save the Date

Date: Saturday 2nd September 2023

Venue: The British Motor Museum at Gaydon

Event: Jaguar Daimler Heritage Trusts' annual Gaydon event will be a combined celebration commemorating Jaguar's 7 Le Mans victories, 30 years of Jaguar XJ220s and, by popular request, we will now also be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the launch of the XJ Coupe!

Feature cars: JDHT's Le Mans related cars plus XJ220s, XJR-15s and XJ Coupes!

The former Project XJ220 Personnel have been invited to this event, which will be a great opportunity for owners and enthusiasts to meet the people who designed and built the XJ220!

Buying or Selling?

Regular show sponsors Morris Leslie are holding a classic car auction on 18th February. For more details, contact Keith Murray on 07976 089029.



And Finally…

A touch of Mancunian police humour here with a serious point – just a gentle reminder about that insurance renewal note that came in!



That's all for now, hope to see you at club events soon,

David

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