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2024 BVAC Classic

If you've looked at the club website recently, you'll have seen that entries are now open for the event of the summer, our show at Thirlestane! As I write, we have about 520 entries already with 26 car clubs signed up and over 170 individual entrants. The American theme is proving popular and the plan to mark the sixtieth anniversary of the launch of the Ford Mustang is taking shape with nine Mustangs booked in already spanning 1966-2005. If you haven't booked your slot already, you can find the entry form here and remember there are no entry fees for club members. Entries close on 21st April but don't delay, book today. It should be a great day!





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Club News

Winter sunshine brought out a good selection of cars for our January breakfast meet at Milestone, although some classic owners thought better of the salted roads. The variety of cars that BVAC members have never ceases to amaze me – this month they varied from an Austin 7 to a McLaren and a 2CV to a Rolls Royce. I hope you enjoy the pictures. The brown Morris Traveller was newly returned to the road with major work completed just the night before!









In February we meet as usual at Milestone on the 11th when no doubt there will be just as great a variety on display. If you haven't been before, I'd encourage you to come along and join in from 10am until about noon in the car park of the garden centre at TD6 0PL and indoors for one of their excellent breakfasts.

On Wednesday 14th February at 7.30pm in Earlston Church Hall, Chris Biggs will give a member's illustrated talk entitled "Morris Minors Matter" - a very unofficial history of this iconic little motor car. Chris will be relating the development of the model to the many events and social changes that have occurred since its launch in 1948 and



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showing the continuing influence in the Classic car movement. Light refreshment will be available and there will be the opportunity for some chat.

In March we are planning a Club dining-out evening on a mid-week date around the middle of the month. Arrangements are currently being negotiated and we will let members know as soon as we have a date and the details settled.

April will feature our traditional first outdoors event of the year with a 'Drive it Day' run on Sunday 21st April, a chance to give your Classic a shake down ready for the season and an aim point to free the shackles of the garage. We are looking for someone willing to devise a suitable route for the day. If you might be interested please contact Chris Biggs (chrisjbiggs@btinternet.com) to discuss what is involved and learn more.

Summer Show Stand Programme from Philip Titley

I am pleased to be able to take on the role of Club Stand Co-ordinator, taking over from Dennis Fortune who has done a fantastic job and has kindly passed to me all the information he has accumulated on Club Stand attendance. My aim is to help and assist in ensuring the BVAC is represented as a club at as many of the local and regional shows as possible, and a full list of events has been put to the Club Committee for consideration at the next committee meeting. There will be events that clash on dates although this is mainly to overcome age restrictions placed on attendance at certain shows and to give an alternative to those members with vehicles that do not comply with those restrictions.

I will continue to provide David Hunter with photographs and information on each event so that they can be included in our monthly newsletter.

All of the events selected will be available for members to register their interest via the club website as early as possible. However, the first two events will be Keilder Castle and the BVAA show in Kelso, which we have supported in previous years, and I look forward to as many members as possible attending either or both of them.

If there are any suggestions from members for different events to be considered then please contact me using the clubstandentries@bvac.org.uk email address.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing as many of our members out and about in their vehicles.

Philip Titley, Club Stand Entries Co-ordinator

Old Scottish Cars 1

Fred Magill has unearthed this story of the Paisley-built Arrol-Johnston which accompanied Shackleton's Nimrod expedition to the Antarctic in 1907, becoming the first car on that continent. It wasn't the first off-road car, but Arrol-Johnston claims that record too with the 1905 'dog cart' with solid wooden wheels supplied to Egypt or the Sudan (depending on which source you read) and still surviving in a Khartoum museum, but I digress…

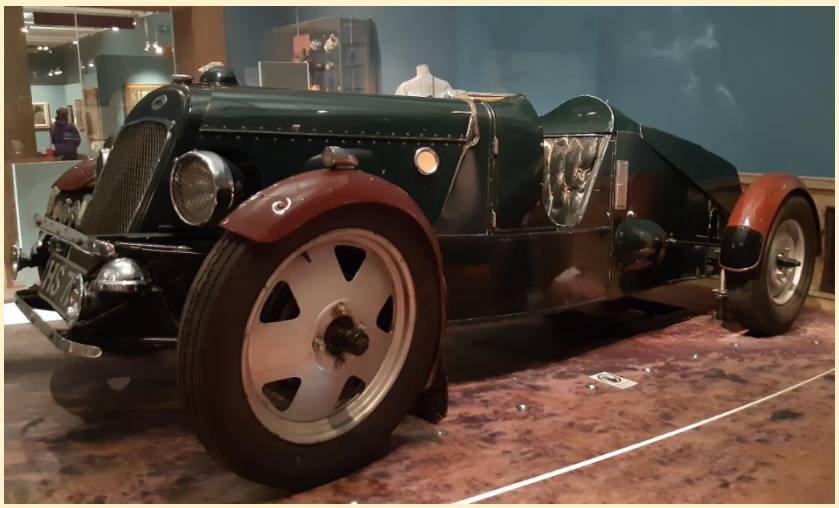


The story of the Antarctic car can be read here. It may have been the first car on the continent but it seems to have been of limited use, OK on hard ice but prone to bogging down when it encountered snow and despite the environment it had an overheating problem! Apparently the spare wheel was left behind and could still be seen at Cape Royds as recently as 2005.





Old Scottish Cars 2



Not quite so old, but worth a look if you're in Glasgow is this special on display in the Kelvingrove Museum. James Anderson was an engineer and ran the Andersons Garage in Newton Mearns where he built cars of his own design for racing and rallying. The Anderson Special Mk.II seen here was originally built in 1928, but re-engined in 1934 with a remarkable eight cylinder powerplant created from two Humber four cylinder blocks. There is great footage of this car in action on the NLS website here – see from about 6 to 8 minutes into the film.

Perthshire Car Tour

I probably shouldn't be advertising events that clash with our own, but on Drive It Day (21st April) there is a charity fund raising car tour in Perthshire organised by the Perth Rotary – details here.

For Sale

David Bell of Greenlaw is looking to sell his Austin Mini. It has two owners from new, the first was an old lady who used it once a week to go shopping and David acquired the car when she went into a care home at least fifteen years ago. It has the original engine, alloys and interior and has been serviced regularly and garaged all its life. Apparently there were only 600 built with the Lux package and only 100 of these had the factory fitted sunroof making this a rare model. The mileage is around 55,000. Contact David on 07807903826. Photos on the next page.











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Holidaying in Aberdeenshire?

If you find yourself anywhere near Alford, the Grampian Transport Museum is worth a visit, particularly if you can arrive when they're having one of their special events. They've sent us the programme for this summer, and you can get details of the museum and all the events on their website at: www.gtm.org.uk .

Date	Event
14th April 2024	Spring Autojumble
12th May 2024	How Many Left
21st July 2024	Alford Cavalcade
18th August 2024	AllFord
22nd September 2024	Autumn Autojumble



Xclusively Jaguar Magazine February 2024 from Letitia Mace

This issue of Xclusively Jaguar magazine features Yeo in the second part of a new series entitled "My Jaguars". In this same issue Tiggy and Cranberry are also mentioned in Esta-jane's "Diary of an XJ40". Although YEO arrived in 2004 and Tiggy and Cranberry had yet to arrive in 2009, they are all mentioned in this issue as the two articles are running side by side. I had to explain, as it took me awhile to work out how they had all ended up in the same issue when they were years apart in real time!



I've spent some of the extra time available over Christmas updating and refining my Jaguar/Daimler Vehicle Identification Number table. If you don't find the subject of VIN's as interesting as I do, I apologise now. You may be thinking, as you read it, that I really do need to get out more! I have placed the VIN information in the centre of the magazine so that those who subscribe to the printed version of Xclusively Jaguar magazine can easily remove the centre pages and keep their VIN table handy for future reference.

X-type owner and Xclusively Jaguar subscriber, Colin Shippey, recently wrote to us about our X-type Development feature by former Jaguar engineer, Martin Joyce, which appeared in our October 2023 issue.

"Thank you very much for featuring Martin Joyce's very interesting and informative article regarding the X-type. As you know, this model is dear to me and to read it through the

involvement of someone like Martin with his special knowledge is a privilege. No punches pulled and some wrong suggestions eliminated." CS

Meanwhile, X150 owner and Xclusively Jaguar subscriber, David Dunning, wrote: "You have done us proud" in response to seeing his car featured in Pride of Ownership in our January 2024 issue. I have to agree with David's views on the X350 and X150. We've 'lived' in dozens of X350's and absolutely adore them. They drive beautifully and stand up well to wear and tear. We have just treated ourselves to our first X150 and I am beginning to wonder why we didn't do it years ago - it is sublime!

This month's Racing News features Motor Racing Legends Silverstone GP Meeting which took place on 22nd October 2023, with some stunning photography by Dave Airston and David Lowe. This photo feature should keep the racing enthusiasts happy until the 2024 season gets underway!

"Looking Back", we have some interesting articles from our February 2010 issue of Xclusively Jaguar News which deserved a second outing in print, and on the subject of looking back, Martin Joyce turns his attention from the X-type to advances in engine design and development in the past thirty years. Former Jaguar engineer, Ed Abbott comments on cars and colleagues, during his time at Jaguar, and in keeping with our global theme regarding our readers, Pride of Ownership this month features an X350 in Norway.

Looking ahead now, we have reminders and notices for events this year and next year!

So, 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

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That's all for this month, I hope to see you all soon.

Clear roads,

David

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