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Milestone Meets

Our regular breakfast meets at Milestone Garden Centre continue throughout the year, whatever the weather. In January, with salt and even a touch of snow on the roads, the number of classics in evidence was inevitably rather reduced from what has been the recent norm but members still turn out in numbers as evidenced by these pictures Keith Watson took of everyone enjoying the hospitality of the Greenhouse Café. We'll be back on 9th February when all are welcome from 10am, with or without your classic!











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Winter Warmer

Look out for an email coming shortly about a winter warmer meeting. Keith Watson will be organising this one, but he'd like to remind people that since our AGM last October we haven't had anyone in place to organise club social events. If you feel you could help out, please contact Keith at keith@kmwagencies.co.uk.

BVAC Classic at Thirlestane

You will have noticed that Thirlestane entries have not yet opened online. The committee are trying to resolve the issues and a circular email will be sent to all members as soon as we are in a position to accept entries. Rest assured that planning is moving ahead for the show on Sunday June 8th.

Membership Renewals

Just a quick reminder that if you haven't already renewed your membership please do so soon. Rates are unchanged, remaining at £20 for an individual or £25 for a couple, surely great value! Remember that if you are a new member who joined at or after the show at Thirlestane last June, you can ignore the reminder as your membership covers 2025. You can renew online or by printing the form here and sending it to Kenny Wilson (address on the form). Kenny asks any members renewing by direct debit or bank transfer to please also complete the form so he can keep his records up to date.

Free Screws (9,900 of them!) from Norman Burr

I recently ordered some small machine screws to do a minor job on my AC. I needed about a dozen, but the minimum order quantity was 100 and as they are not expensive I didn't mind having more than I needed.

However, you can have too much of a good thing. The supplier completely cocked up the order and for the price of 100 sent 100 packets of 100. Moreover, they don't want the excess 9900 back, because this is a Chinese product sold to a UK importer via an American parent company, so the admin and carriage would exceed the value.

They told me to scrap them but that seems wasteful. So, if any member wants some free 32x3/4 UNC slotted pan-head zinc-plated steel machine screws, call Norman Burr on 07729 618861 or email nburr5006@gmail.com. Any quantity from one packet to 99!

I can bring them to the February Sunday gathering, though as the AC is currently receiving some TLC you'll need to identify me via more mundane machinery: my Lexus is300 Sportcross (GY05HVW) or my wife's Skoda Fabia (DE10UJM).

FBHVC Survey

The FBHVC is conducting a survey of historic vehicles on our roads. Here's their press release about it, but please note that it won't be formally launched until 10th February, so the web address will not be active until then.

Please participate in the crucial National Historic Vehicle Survey and keep transport heritage on our roads.

The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs will have to argue even more strongly for historic vehicles to retain their current access and freedoms on our roads in the coming years as we navigate the most challenging period in our history. To defend our freedom to use yesterday's vehicles on tomorrow's roads, we need your help completing this crucial survey.

The Federation represents more than 500 clubs, museums, and individual members passionate about historic vehicles older than 30 years, such as cars, motorcycles, buses, coaches, lorries, agricultural, military, or steam vehicles.

Due to changing political and environmental influences, the historic vehicle community, events, the freedom to use the roads, and even the fuel we use are under increasing threats and pressures.

The FBHVC aims to lobby the Government against detrimental legislation and restrictions that could impact the future of historic vehicles. However, to secure a successful outcome, the organisation needs dependable data on the significance and scope of the historic vehicle movement. The responses you provide will help shape the future of historic vehicles in Great Britain over the next five years by providing crucial data.

The Federation first conducted research in 1997 and has repeated the process at least every five years since then. HM Government values this research for providing a consistent approach that demonstrates accurate traceability and the development of the historic vehicle movement over time. Such transparency fosters trust in the government and ensures that the 1.9 million historic vehicles recorded on the DVLA database are treated fairly and appropriately.

The survey encompasses all historic road vehicles, including cars, bikes, lorries, vans/motorhomes, military vehicles, buses/coaches, tractors/agricultural vehicles, and steam vehicles.

Details of the previous research can be found here: https://www.fbhvc.co.uk/research

Over 15,000 enthusiasts participated last time around. We want to make this survey the largest and most comprehensive of its kind in the world, so please take part, have your say, and help keep the historic vehicles that we love on the road for the benefit of everyone in the future.

Depending on your responses, the survey should take approximately 15 to 20 minutes to complete. Kindly ensure that you finish it in one sitting.

Complete it from 10th February at: www.fbhvc.co.uk/survey

Not Just Any Jaguar for Sale from Rob Jenner

I have been charged with selling a local Jaguar Enthusiasts Club member's car whose circumstances have changed for the worse

The car is a 1998 Jaguar 3.2 XJ8 in Sapphire Blue with Oatmeal leather, with 106K miles under her tyres

BUT, this is no ordinary old Jaguar, I have known the car since 2015 with its current owner who has cherished and lavished much time and money on the car.

The history file goes back to 1999 and is 4 inches thick, the service book has 28 stamps, the last one at 105K on 15/01/2024

All keys, remotes, books, manuals are complete and present, there is even a five-volume hard copy workshop manual, plus a boot full of new and nearly new parts.

Four new Michelin Cross Climate tyres in 2024... the list goes on and on and .... on...

This is how you want to find them £5750

Car is with me at Reston for viewings

Please contact Rob Jenner 07747 130139











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Around the Web

If you've got a spare moment to browse the web, here are some items which might be of interest. Thanks to Fred Magill and Chris Biggs for ferreting them out.



A car dealer in Hampshire has just bought back the Ford Anglia it sold in 1949 after its three owners had managed to clock up a total of 4,463 miles in 75 years. Read about it here.



Talking of old Fords, this remarkable survivor in India is now in the hands of the fifth generation of the same family that bought it new. The V8 convertible was built by Ford in Canada and first registered in Bombay State in October 1937 to the great-great-grandmother of the current owner. The old lady posing behind the wheel over the page is the owner's 102-year-old grandmother who

would have been a teenager when her grandmother bought the car. I doubt you'll find another one-family owner, RHD, Canadian built Ford V8 any day soon! You can read the whole story on the deRivaz & Ives website here.



Another one for MG fans – it shows a Magnette and a couple of MGAs being driven out of the Abingdon factory on test runs in 1955, the year of the MGA launch so we have a 70th anniversary coming up. Note that they're all LHD, destined for export. You can find this and more like it on the Abingdon History Facebook page here.



Xclusively Jaguar Magazine February 2025 from Letitia Mace

It's very much a Daimler edition this month!

We have one of the very first and one of the very last gracing our front and inner front covers. Then there is news of a Daimler that has been stolen and another that has been adopted. On page 32 we have a reminder about the Daimler Lanchester Owners Club International Rally ….. and to finish off, our Pride of Ownership page also features a Daimler!



Jaguar Spares Day

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Whether you own a Jaguar (or indeed a Daimler of later vintage) don't forget Jaguar Spares Day, which this spring takes place on 13th April at Stoneleigh – full details can be seen on page 9 of this issue.

Events

While taking a look back at events of last year, we must also consider those models which have anniversaries to celebrate in2025, such as, 50 years of XJ-S, 70 years of Mark 1 and 90 years of SS90

Tea 'n' Torque 2025

We will be hosting another Tea 'n' Torque meeting this year, to be held on Sunday 20th July, from 11am onwards.

Venue: Scott Brown Cars, Reston, TD145JN

No booking required – just turn up on the day.

For more details please email Letitia at Letitia@XclusivelyJaguar.org or phone Rob on 07747 130 139

In the Rear View Mirror

As Xclusively Jaguar developed, so the newsletter grew, and we feel that now is the time to give those pages a new look and a new name, so from this month, ***Looking Back*** is now looking ***IN THE REARVIEW MIRROR*** which we feel is an appropriate title for a feature that looks at the Jaguar news that is now behind us.

More Hindsight

While proof-reading the feature on "SPJ" (one of my past Jaguars) it occurred to me that I'd missed an opportunity ….. why didn't I call SPJ "Pyjamas"? That would have been a fun name!

Latest Feedback

"*Received my brochure this morning and the complimentary magazine.*

Thanks very much for the first class service.

Kindest regards,"

BP

Jim Clark 2025

This year we are looking forward to an event in the Scottish Borders that will celebrate the 60th anniversary of Jim Clark's racing victories in 1965, including his second world championship! The event will be held over two days, 28th and 29th June 2025, and will include a significant display of racing and saloon cars that Jim utilized throughout his career. Exhibition runs using the main drive to Duns Castle will be a key feature on both days. In addition to the racing cars, there will be a diverse collection of rally cars, stock cars, and motorcycles on display. A dinner will be held on Saturday evening in the Volunteer Hall in Duns, with a limited capacity of 200 attendees. Tickets for the dinner will be sold online. Trade stands will be primarily focused on motorsport, reflecting the strong motorsport theme of the event.

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,

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