BVAC News January 2023

Happy New Year to All Our Members!



As we look back on the club's 50th Anniversary year we can reflect on some marvellous events – The Sir Jackie Stewart Classic at Thirlestane will of course stay in the memory for many years, but other highlights include the celebration run recreating part of the 1972 event, the huge turnout of beautiful cars at Newhailes in September and of course the annual Christmas Dinner, back in the calendar after the Covid-induced gap. Many thanks are due to Helen Grimes and all the staff at the Kingsknowes Hotel for making that a night to remember!

Now it's time to look forward to 2023 – read on…

BVAC Classic at Thirlestane 2023



There has been much discussion within the committee about how to react to last month's bombshell announcement that Sir Jackie Stewart will not be lending his support next year. Even a show on the scale of 2019 is beyond the club's resources to stage without significant sponsorship and given the time it takes to organise, that sponsorship needs to be in place this month for us to be able to commit to running the show. The team at Thirlestane Castle Events led by Edward and Rory as well as Keith and all the committee are trying to drum up sponsorship, no mean task in the current economic climate, but if any of you know of or have contacts in a business that might be a potential sponsor, please get in touch with Keith at keith@kmwagencies.co.uk .

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Milestone Meets



Our informal breakfast meetings will continue throughout 2023 on the second Sunday of every month. That makes next Sunday, 8th January a date for your diary. If you haven't been before you should make it a New Year resolution to come along. It's totally informal from 10am to about noon at the Milestone Garden Centre, Newtown St Boswells and it's a great chance to get to know fellow club members and see their cars or just chat over a coffee or something more substantial in the Greenhouse Café. At this time of year, no-one minds if you arrive in a modern car, but if you can bring your classic along, so much the better. See you there!

2023 Club Programme from Chris Biggs

The Club Management Group met during December to begin discussions on the general shape of our 2023 programme of Events and how this was likely to integrate with the year's programme of Show visits.



Additionally, events are in planning as outlined below -

- February - Indoor meeting, Members Restoration Projects, short illustrated talks.
- March - 'Curry Night' or similar
- April - Drive it Day Run, 23rd, possibly including lunch
- May - Garage Night visit
- June - Thirlestane Show
- July - Club Treasure Hunt Run
- August - Possible BarBQ and visit/Social
- September - Run and visit
- October - Club A.G.M.
- November - Indoor meeting, Film Night.

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- December - Club Christmas Dinner.

The list above should be seen as integrating with our anticipated visits to other Shows throughout the season.

A meeting of the Group will take place in the New Year when dates will be set against many of these events and further details will be added where possible.

There may be other 'small number' activities like visits to Care Homes and 'Pop-Up' car shows to add in due course.

It is our intention to publish an Events Programme in list form that can be made available in various ways to all members as soon as possible in the New Year.

Events will also appear on the website and in the monthly Newsletter with as much notice as possible. Members will appreciate that 'the best laid plans' must sometimes be altered and we will endeavour to keep you all up to date.

BVAC Stand Entries for 2023 from Dennis Fortune



At the recent Club Management sub-committee in December a review of the other car shows for 2023 was completed and the undernoted is a list of potential shows where the BVAC will consider putting on a club display. From the undernoted list of 15 shows, it is anticipated that between 8 – 10 shows will be selected for the club's participation and added to our website by March/April.

A small number of the shows listed have still to confirm that they will go ahead in the coming year and, all but two, are subject to confirmation of the exact date(s) the shows will be held.

The shows, with appropriate comments, are listed below in the anticipated order which they will take place, and any member wishing to comment on the undernoted list of proposed shows should contact Dennis Fortune or e-mail clubstandentries@bvac.org.uk

- **Keilder National Park** - early May, first time club attended last year, nice showground and facilities.
- **BVAA Kelso** - mid May, always a favourite and well attended.
- **Doune Hill Climb** - late May, new show last year but no BVAC attended one to consider for 2023?
- **Corbridge** – early June, but club members may be busy with preparations for our own show
- **Thirlestane** – our own show 17/18th June.

- **Moffat** – last weekend in June, individual members attended but no club stand in recent years.
- **Paxton House** – late June, but not held since Covid so may not go ahead.
- **Chillingham** – early July, a relaxed show with minimal organisation and easy to get to.
- **Border Union Show** – late July, first time last year by invitation, could be asked to participate again.
- **Berwickshire (Duns)** – early August, always a favourite and well attended.
- **Cardrona Fayre** – early August, new last year, small BVAC attendance one to consider for 2023?
- **Biggar** – mid August, good BVAC attendance last year, good facilities and on the edge of the town.
- **Newhailes (NTS)** – 27th August, large BVAC display last 2 years and prime location in front of house.
- **Bo'ness** – August/September, not been held since Covid so may not go ahead?
- **NVTC Brunton** – mid October, last show of the year, quite popular despite exposed site.



Membership Renewals

Just a quick reminder for anyone who hasn't renewed their membership that it's now due, unless you joined at or since the Thirlestane show in which case your initial membership runs to October 2023. You can download the form by clicking here.

Pictures from Thirlestane Last Summer

Ridgeline Prints created a huge gallery of photographs at the Thirlestane show last summer and these can be viewed here. Unfortunately, they all show with a prominent watermark, but if you spot your car or just one you like, copies are for sale. We hope to get a selection of them to post on the club website in the near future.



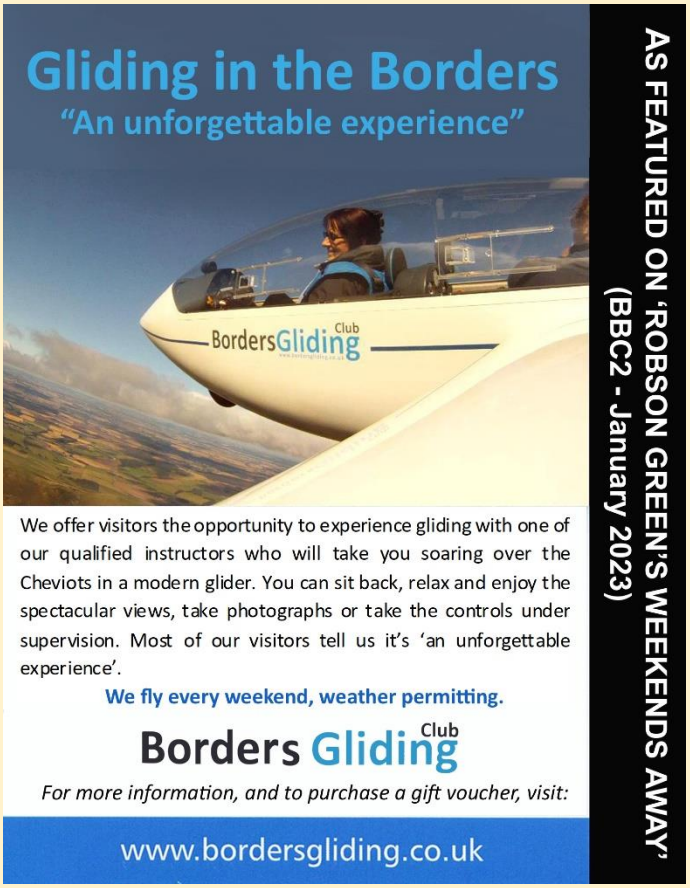
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Borders Gliding Club

Many of you may know that Bernie Harnett not only has a beautifully restored early TVR, but is also a keen member of the Borders Gliding Club and has arranged a discount for BVAC members who would like to try the sport.

Once again Borders Gliding Club are offering a concession to BVAC members and their families, normally a trial flight is £100 but for the next few months there will be £10 off. Flying takes place at Millfield near Wooler, and its hoped that if there is a reasonable uptake from the car club membership, they can organize a car club specific day, where you might turn up in your classic car and have a flight in one of the two seat gliders, relax and take in the fabulous Cheviot countryside perhaps taking photos or if you wish have a try on the controls.

As the image says, the Borders Gliding Club will be featured in Robson Green's new TV series "Robson's Weekend Escapes" that airs on consecutive nights from January 23rd on BBC2 at 6.30 pm. So if you fancy an exciting thrill in spring or early summer contact Bernie on berniehartnett@outlook.com to put your name down, for those who might not be able to make a BVAC specific day, they can certainly fly you most weekends, weather permitting of course!



Fred's Findings

Fred Magill has been trawling the internet as usual in search of items which might be of interest. This month he's found a couple of items from Hagerty's excellent site: the "Full English" that you can read here is that old favourite the Morris Minor, while Paul Cowland tells us here why old, slow cars are better.

That's all for now, hope to see you at Milestone on Sunday,

David

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