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From the Editor

Happy New Year everyone! Let's hope for good health and fine weather to let us get out to enjoy our classic cars in 2025, maybe even fewer potholes or is that too much to ask?

I normally put items gleaned from the web well down BVAC News, but this one from prewarcar.com seemed particularly seasonal. It features a Windhoff, a little-known German car pictured in a Swedish snowscape around 1920. Click on the picture for more details.

I hope you like the change to colour scheme for BVAC News, using 'BVAC Green' for the titles – let me know if you find it harder or easier to read.

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Club Events

The biggest social event of the club's year was our Christmas Dinner at the KIngsknowes Hotel in Galashiels. As has become traditional, it was superbly organised by Helen Grimes and prepared and served to a high standard by the hotel staff. Congratulations to all concerned and thanks to Robert Stewart for recording the event in these photos.



The very next day was our regular meet at Milestone. By this time of year, a lot of classics are under wraps and that, combined with the bitter weather, left us with a much smaller turnout than we have become used to of late. Well done to those who did make the effort! (Pictures on next page)





Looking ahead, we'll meet up again at Milestone on Sunday 12th January. Most of you will know the score but for the benefit of new members, it's entirely informal – just turn up at the Milestone Garden Centre, Newtown St Boswells from 10am until about noon and look for the older cars at the far end of the car park.

Membership Renewals

It's that time of year again – you'll be receiving an invitation to renew your membership of BVAC very shortly. 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 in June, you can ignore the reminder as your membership covers 2025.

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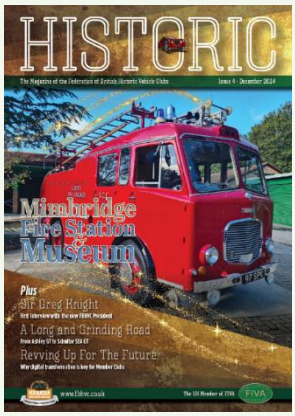
Thirlestane 2025

Car entries for the show on June 8th will be available shortly via the website. Watch out for an announcement.

Need Somewhere to Store Your Car?

There's space for two or three classic cars in a clean and dry unit in a locked yard in Earlston. Long term preferred, but happy to discuss by contacting Frank at frank@bes-limited.co.uk.

FBHVC Magazine



The December 2024 magazine from the FBHVC (Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs) is now available online here. As usual it contains a wealth of interesting articles, including on page 5 a tribute to David Steel who has stepped down after acting as president of the federation in recent years.

You now need an account to access the magazine, but this is available free to all our members as BVAC is affiliated to the Federation.

Sporting 2CV?

I know several club members have Citroen 2CVs, but none of them looks quite like this! It's a Radar, built in small numbers in Belgium around 1960. It strikes me as a 'marmite' car, you'll either love or hate the styling! It has been suggested that the inspiration for the styling was Penelope Pitstop from Wacky Races – you decide!





It apparently has twin carbs and manages to go a little faster than a standard 2CV, and you can find more details on this Facebook page.



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Xclusively Jaguar Magazine January 2025 from Letitia Mace

Happy New Year from Xclusively Jaguar!

Wedding Belles



I apologise for yet another picture of Brucie on the front cover, however, **t**his is a commemorative issue dedicated to Lucy & Ross, who were married in Shetland on 3rd May 2024 and allowed Rob and I, along with Brucie and Pearl, to be part of their very special occasion.

Jaguar's New Image

It has been suggested that the Jaguar owners of the future will be entirely different to those of the past, so please be sure to read this issue of Xclusively Jaguar magazine to find out more!

Project Jaguar

This year Diary of an XJ40 becomes Project Jaguar as Esta-jane moves on to an XJ-S, which is rather fitting as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of XJ-S production in 2025!

Coming of Age

21 years ago, on the 8th of January 2004 I purchased my first Jaguar from Dave Baskerville Auto Services in Barnstaple, North Devon, and now we welcome Dave Baskerville as our latest sponsor!

Thank you!

From Stuart Steinberg – USA – December 2024

Thank you ever so much for your beautiful presentation of my XKR in Xclusively Jaguar. It's an honor!

Not that it matters to more than myself, the car was retired from concours after winning 2023 First in Class in North America. That is attained by averaging the scores from ones best three concours competitions. The scores were 10.0, 10.0 and 9.999.

While that is an achievement, someone wins that every year. The honor of being represented in Xclusively Jaguar and appearing on the cover of Jaguar Magazine are unique recognitions few receive. You, Letitia, were instrumental in both of these extraordinary life-time events, leaving me short on words of gratitude.

Thank you many times over for continuing this XKR's legacy.

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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