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BVAC Classic at Thirlestane

The weather was kind, the organisation ran smoothly, and a great time was had by all. Huge credit goes to the many people who worked hard to make it a success, too many to name individually but you know who you are! Here's the marshalling crew relieved to have made it to the end of the afternoon and just a few of the many volunteers taking a well-earned break during setup week.





There follows just a small sample of the huge portfolio of photos taken at the event by Ridgeline Prints. They have kindly made them available for members to browse by following this link. Ailidh from Ridgeline at ridgelineprints@gmail.com will make unwatermarked copies available in return for a donation to Race Against Dementia, so if she captured the



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perfect image of your car then you can have a souvenir of the show. Whether you want a picture or not, you can donate to this excellent cause by clicking here.









Club BBQ

Once again, this summer Helen and Ken Grimes have offered to host a BBQ in their garden at Innerleithen on Saturday 26th July from 4pm. The address is 29 Tweedbank Ley, Innerleithen, EH44 6PE, and the cost is £15 per head to include all food and drink. Good company and good cars are guaranteed, and as usual there will be an informal concours where you can vote for the best car. Payment should be made to the club account: sort code 80-22-60, account 27780368. Please mark your payment 'Barbeque' and let Helen know you're coming by email to hl.grimes@btinternet.com **no later than the 23rd.**

Milestone

The regular Milestone breakfast meet was again well attended with some interesting newcomers amongst the regulars. Forthcoming dates are July 13th and August 10th and so on every second Sunday from 10am to about noon in the car park of the Garden Centre at Newtown St Boswells.

Visits to Shows

A small contingent visited the Bo'ness show on June 1st, thanks to Cliff Tosh for these pictures.



By the time you read this, both the Jim Clark Celebration Weekend and the Moffat Show will have taken place. I don't have pictures yet of these events, so I'll include any that get sent in next month.

Philip Titley has provided these details of shows for the rest of the season:

Chillingham Show 6th July at Wooler Show Ground - another great informal show not being attended as a club stand event and anyone can go along and display their car at the ground.

Kingdom Classic 20th July - An interesting show held in the grounds of the Scottish Vintage Bus Museum near Lathalmond, Dunfermline that has vehicles from all different ages and spectrum of car ownership. We have 8 members taking their cars for a club stand presence where they can also enjoy free entry into the bus museum and of course the museum cafe.

BAA Duns Show Saturday 2nd August - An excellent agricultural show that includes vintage and classic cars and is held in the grounds of Duns Castle. We have 20 members so far with a closing date of 10th July for club member entries. Last year the club had 27 spaces!!

Ford & Etal Show 10th August - Held on Etal show field, this is another great informal show that the club has supported since it began 3 years ago. There is currently 16 members cars on the attendance list which will close for entries on 23rd July.

Biggar Rally 17th August - Although heavily date restricted, this event managed by the Biggar Albion Foundation is an annual event for quite a few club members. We have 5 entries so far and the closing date for club entries is 3rd July so be quick if you want to attend.

September sees the return of the Bo'Ness Hill Climb Classic Car Show held in the Kinneil estate on the Sunday of the annual Hill Climb event. This is the oldest motorsport event held in Scotland, and you get access to the paddock to see a fantastic array of vehicles from vintage to relatively modern compete on this hill climb. This is a re-introduction of the car show after a number of years absence so I would like to see a good support from club members.

Also, we have the return of Carhailes, a classic car show held in the grounds of Newhailes House, Haddington. A combination of the estate's shops and cafes, the opportunity to take house tours and a well-attended car show makes this a great day out. We have 18 members so far but the last time the event was held we put a fantastic show of over 30 members cars, so get filling in the forms and let me know you want to be there.

Entry forms for all the shows can be found on the club website here.

Support Berwick Lifeboat

Unfortunately, on the same day as the Etal Show, 10th August it's also the Berwick Lifeboat Fete, and I have this from Jen Wood:

Our Lifeboat Fete Day is 10th August. I am aware that it clashes with the Etal car show, but unfortunately, we are tied to that date due to the suitability of the tides.

We would love to have classic cars at the event again this year but appreciate that members may have other commitments that day.

The annual Lifeboat fete is our main fundraising event of the year but also a great way of getting members of the public to visit the station, see what it is that we do, and to have the chance to learn about water safety at the same time!

As detailed on the attached poster we will be having lifeboat displays, children's activities and fairground, live music from the Tweed River Jazz band and others, classic cars (and possibly a Scammell Explorer), refreshments, raffle, stalls and more.



We would love to see anyone (with or without their vehicle) on the day.

Contact Jen at Jen_Wood@rnli.org.uk for more details.

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Daimlers at Crieff from Letitia Mace

Rob Jenner and I were sorry to miss the show at Thirlestane Castle this year, however, we had a previous engagement! The Daimler Lanchester Owners Club held their annual rally at Crieff Hydro, and as this doesn't happen very often, we felt that it was important to support their event while it was fairly "local" to us.

We chose to attend with our 1993 4.0 litre Daimler Majestic Insignia, which has only covered 14,000 miles from new, and our 1996 4.0 litre Daimler Century, a car I had coveted since 2009, which has only covered 13,000 miles from new, having spent most of its life in the Jaguar Daimler Heritage Collection.



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A few days before the event we received an email entitled "Dinner with the Cars" which was an invitation to our Daimler Century to join 5 other cars for the Gala Dinner in the Dining Hall at Crieff Hydro. Standing at one end of the line-up, our Century was the youngest Daimler at the event and at the other end was a Lanchester, being the eldest. Three of the cars belonged to Stephen Leckie, owner of Crieff Hydro and an avid car collector, who joined us for the gala dinner.

The following day, our Daimler Century won the award for the best post-1969 Daimler, so all in all a very enjoyable and worthwhile weekend!

Morrises at Beamish David Hunter

Many of you will have seen my Morris 8 at club events, but I rarely take it beyond the Borders. It's not that it's unreliable (touch wood!), but long trips in modern traffic can be a bit hard going. For the second time in three years, we made an exception for the Morris Register Beamish Weekend and tackled the 90-mile run through the Northumberland Hills to the open-air





museum at Beamish in County Durham, which incidentally has just been named Britain's 'Museum of the Year' for 2025. The Morris Register caters for cars designed before 1940, so includes the cars up to the introduction of the Issigonis Minors in 1948 as well as the once ubiquitous dark green Post Office Telephone vans that were made into the 1950s. Over the two days of the event, there were about forty qualifying Morrises and a few interlopers in the form of a

couple of Fords and some post-1948 Minors. On the Saturday, we had the display field to ourselves, while on the Sunday we shared the field with the start of the Beamish Reliability Run and a much bigger display from NECPWA, so there was plenty to see. In previous years, the highlight of the weekend was the opportunity to drive round the streets of the museum but this year, owing to an incident a couple of weeks earlier, we were limited to posing the cars on the street after 5pm when the public had gone home and the trams had stopped running. Nevertheless, it was a marvellous weekend amongst fine old cars and friendly folk. I'd thoroughly recommend a visit to Beamish even if there's no special event on – there's more to see and do than you can possibly fit into a single day with the 1900 and 1950 towns, a 1900 pit village and no less than three farms in periods from 1820 to 1950. Transport between the sites is by a fleet of old buses and trams, all included in the entry price. The 1900 town includes a recreation of a garage and car showroom with a Renault in the window and the unique 'SHEW' car (that's Seaham Harbour Engineering Works) in the garage.





Car for Sale

Rob Jenner



Sadly the time has come to let BBS go to a new custodian.

My 1968 Triumph Herald BBS 2F is being offered to BVAC members first before I decide where else to market the car.

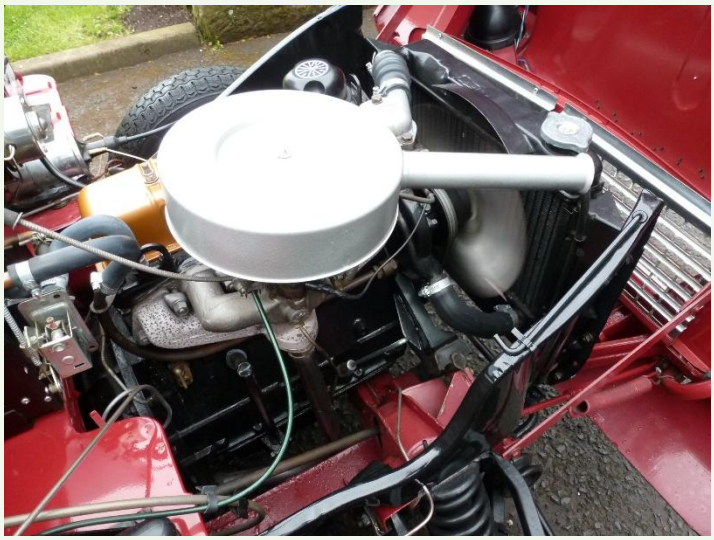
Bought by James Muir in Orkney in 1967 and then stored until June 1968, when it was registered BBS 2F, Mr

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Muir wanted BBS 1F and waited for the old ABS registrations to finish at ABS 999F, sadly BBS 1F had already been reserved by the County Surveyor, so BBS 2F it was to be. BBS..F registrations only lasted until August 1968, so alone that is a rare item. I feel it is important that the car and registration remain together.



BBS has covered a mere 4780 miles since she left Canley in 1967, always cherished beyond belief, with Mr Muir, then Mr Bain in Wick in about 1992, and then to me is 2015, always kept covered in a bubble in a dry garage, always MOT'd except 2024 when time got away from me, hence one of the reasons for the sale, BBS will be sold with a fresh MOT.



The story of my acquisition of this car is well known and published, but should you not have heard it, or wish to discuss its purchase, please call me, we can arrange a viewing to suit, or we have a file of pictures we can send.

Price, difficult to value, so let's chat, but for sure it will not be a cheap Triumph Herald, but find another!

rob@xclusivelyjaguar.org

Mazda & MG parts

For Sale

Four MX5 wheels and good tyres from 2017 model (Mk4) generally in good order two wheels have light fixable curbing, good tyres on all four (205/45ZR17.88) £280. Also bespoke very good hood cover £40 and two front callipers that need pistons and seals £20 the pair or £300 for all items.

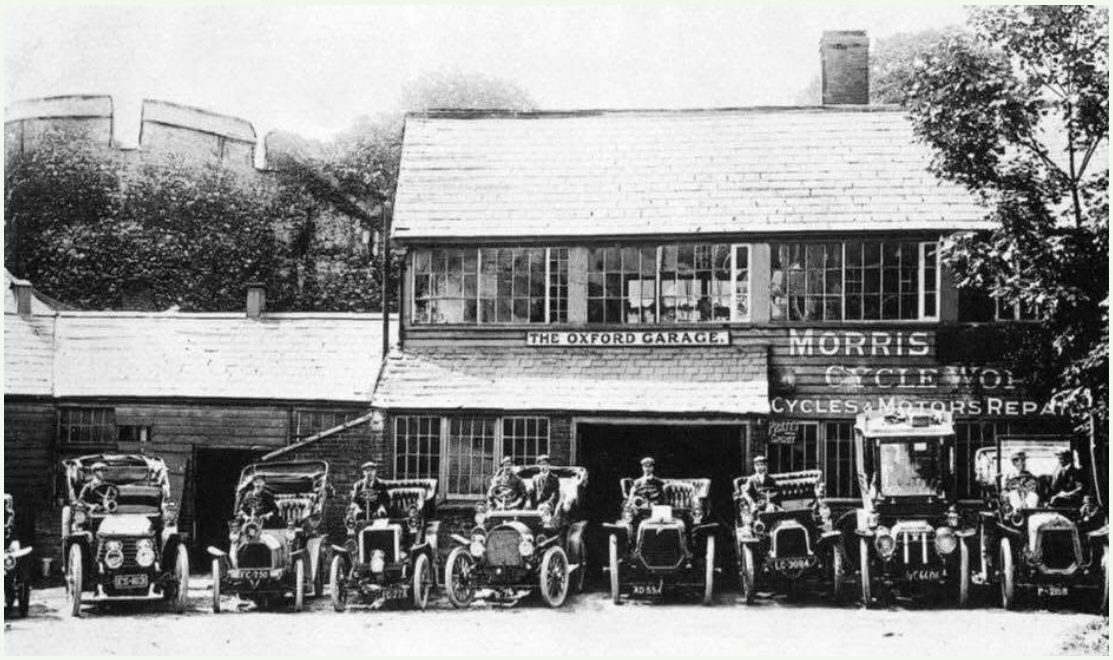
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MGB engine, largely complete, might make ideal base for rebuild or trade in for exchange unit.

View at St Boswells, call Bernie on 07779019505

Morris Garages in Oxford from Chris Biggs

The older photo is the original Morris Garages set up in former stables in Longwall Street in Oxford. Some of these buildings still survive today. The 1970 photo is the Morris Motors rather grand showrooms on St.Aldates in Oxford. Today the buildings are in use as Crown and County Courts.





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Xclusively Jaguar Magazine July 2025 from Letitia Mace

Welcome to the July 2025 issue of Xclusively Jaguar Magazine!

This is the 60th issue of the printed hardcopy version of Xclusively Jaguar magazine!

It is also the last in the "Xclusively Jaguar year" – so next month we celebrate the first issue of our 17th year of producing Xclusively Jaguar News and the first issue of our 5th year of producing Xclusively Jaguar as both an online and printed hardcopy magazine!

This month we have another double whammy of "In the Rear-view Mirror" which brings this series back in line with the relevant month.

One of the topics covered in June 2011 was the announcement by Jaguar that C-X75 was going into production. It was very exciting news at the time, and caused a very positive stir, unlike the recent announcements, but I wonder how many people remember this? Whatever happened to C-X75 – Jaguars first proposed hybrid – and was the experience used to "fuel" Type 00?



As the dream never became a reality, we take a look instead at the new Jaguar models you could have purchased in 2012.

I apologise for an error on page 44 of the June magazine, which should have read "Walter Clay Hill" but was transposed to "Walter Hill Clay" and slipped through the proof-reading net!

Finally, this season I am fortunate to have several accomplished photographers travelling to some of the major motorsport events and supplying me with an abundance of pictures of racing Jaguars of all eras, so this month features a spring racing round up which I hope you will enjoy!

Amongst all of this there should be some good reading!

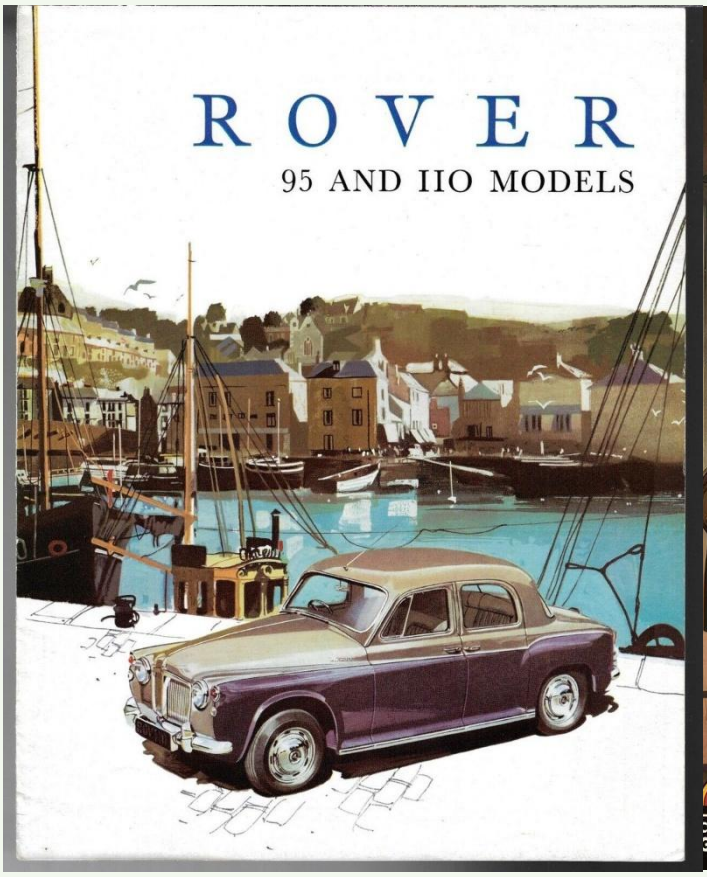
You will find the latest issue of Xclusively Jaguar magazine (along with all back issues) at https://www.xclusivelyjaguar.org/

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!

And Finally …

A couple of classic adverts which Fred Magill has turned up, one British, one German:





Is it just me, or does the German gentleman remind you of Herr Flick in 'Allo 'Allo!? Must be the hat!

That's all for this month, a bumper 11 pages! Thanks to everyone who contributed.

Please note that due to the editorial holidays, the August edition won't be available until later than usual. Normal service will be resumed in September.

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