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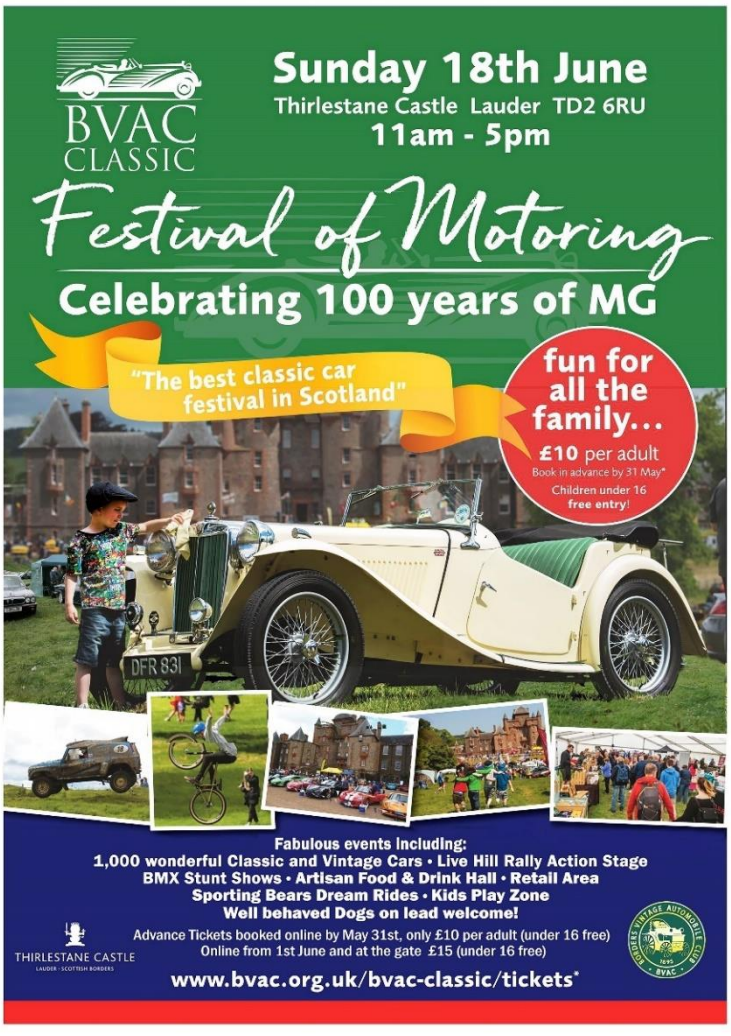
BVAC News June 2023

Almost There

With just over a fortnight to go to the big day, preparations for the 2023 BVAC Classic are really hotting up. Entrants passes will be in the post by the end of this week, the programme has gone to press and before we know it work will start on setting up the site for what promises to be a great show.

As we'd hoped, MG owners are keen to put on a good show for the marque's centenary, and we have nearly 90 MGs booked to appear. There will be a line-up in front of the castle of about twenty of them representing as many different MG models as possible from the early 1930s to date.

It's not all just about MGs though, nearly sixty car clubs will have stands – one make clubs from Minis to Maseratis



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and local and regional clubs from all over the country. Over 300 individual entrants will be coming from as far away as Thurso and even Germany with everything from a moped to a double decker bus.

Many of you have already volunteered to assist with site preparation in the pre-show week, but there's a general call-up to assist on Wednesday evening, June 14th at the castle from 7pm. Let's all work together to make it a day to remember and hope the weather's kind!

Sponsorship

The more observant readers will have noticed a new logo at the top of this issue. This is because we now have an arrangement to sponsor BVAC News from Peter Best Insurance Services whose advert you'll find further down. As there is virtually no actual cost to producing the newsletter, this means a substantial contribution to club funds. Please bear PBIS in mind next time your insurance is due for renewal.

May Events

The club held four events in May, although two of them were on the same day so attending all of them would have been a neat trick! May 14th was both our regular breakfast meet at Milestone and the first car show of the season at Kielder. Despite the clash of dates, both were well attended and enjoyed by the participants. Pictures from Kielder by Fred Magill, followed by one showing the Milestone line-up.







Next up, on the 21st was the Borders Vintage Agricultural Association's annual show at Springfield Park in Kelso. This long-standing local event was as usual well attended, with plenty of tractors as well as classic cars and commercials. As you'd expect from BVAC our stand had a great variety of cars including a couple of recent acquisitions at opposite ends of the age scale – Rob Armstrong's 1925 Vauxhall and Dennis Fortune's Aston Martin.

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The final event of the month was the garage night at Grandison's in Whitecraig. Owner Fraser Ewart put on a fine spread of snacks and an even finer show of cars. There was such a range of styles, ages and condition from recent barn finds to concours restorations that it's hard to pick out highlights, so I'll let the pictures do the





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talking. Thanks to Fraser and to Fred Magill for organising the visit. For those of you who didn't make it along, Fraser has taken a stand at Thirlestane to show off some of his cars.



Forthcoming Events

Inevitably the club calendar for June is dominated by the BVAC Classic, but there's more. June 11th will see our regular breakfast meet at the Milestone Garden Centre at Newtown St Boswells and the usual formula will apply despite it also marking the start of preparation week at Thirlestane. If you've got a couple of hours free that morning, get your classic out and come along between 10am and around noon.

The club will also have stands at the shows at Bo'ness and Moffat on the 4th and 25th respectively. Bookings have now closed for these, but if you missed out you can always come along as a spectator. Looking further ahead, there's the Chillingham Vintage Rally on July 2nd and no less that three shows in August at Duns, Biggar and Newhailes. Bookings for all these are open on the club website at Upcoming Events › Club Visits to Shows › – Borders Vintage Automobile Club (bvac.org.uk). Please note the closing date for Chillingham is June 14th and for Biggar it is June 30th.

There is a possible addition to our show visits this summer – the Kingdom Classic Auto Show hosted by the Scottish Vintage Bus Museum at Lathalmond near Dunfermline on Sunday July 23rd. Keep an eye open for more details on the website.

Events where we are not having a BVAC stand but which you might like to visit individually this summer are the car show at Aviemore on 1st July and local fairs to which classic cars are invited at Cardrona on 5th August (clashes with the Berwickshire Show at Duns) and Scremeston near Berwick the following day.

FBHVC News

Remember that BVAC is part of the Federation of Historic Vehicle Clubs and we can find their excellent quarterly magazine online. The latest issue can be found here and as well as interesting articles on motoring history you'll find information about the work the federation does in representing the interests of historic vehicle owners with the authorities. One small item which caught my eye was on page 6 highlighting that although historic vehicles are exempt from the restrictions of Glasgow's recently introduced Low Emission Zone, there may be some issues with the automatic systems recognising this fact. Best to check ahead of taking your older car to Glasgow. Similar provisions are coming in future to other Scottish cities.





Holidaying in Aberdeenshire this Summer?

I've been contacted by Alex Macleod of the Grampian Transport Museum about a couple of events they have on this summer. Alex writes:

> I am contacting clubs to let you know about two exciting events we have this summer at the Grampian Transport Museum and would be grateful if you would distribute the information below to club members.
>
> GTM celebrates its 40th anniversary and to celebrate we are having our anniversary Cavalcade on the 23rd of July and would welcome entrants from individuals and clubs, for more information please visit or website for more details and entry forms.
>
> 40th Birthday Cavalcade - Grampian Transport Museum (gtm.org.uk)
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> On the 20th of August we are holding AllFord, this event celebrates all things Ford, entrants can be Ford clubs or individuals, this event is a celebration of Ford through the ages with exhibits from the original Model T up to the very latest models.
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> We are delighted that Trust Ford are supporting the event, for more information please visit our website for details, we will be welcoming Ford entries from clubs and individuals.
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> AllFord - Grampian Transport Museum (gtm.org.uk)

Xclusively Jaguar from Letitia Mace



Lots of news and events, with full details in this issue of Xclusively Jaguar!

TKF9, the D-type that kick-started Jim Clark's career is currently at The Jim Clark Museum!

Our new series on rebuilding an XJ-S continues this month with Part 2 of "Long, Lean, Green and Mean!" by XJS Specialist, Andy Harvey.

XJR9 is the star of the show in a full pictorial report of a recent track day at Castle Combe.

In the last few months you may have noticed that Xclusively Jaguar patron, Sir John Egan, former Chairman of Jaguar Cars, the man who saved Jaguar back in the 1980's, and now President of the Jaguar Drivers Club and Patron of Xclusively Jaguar, has joined us as a contributor.

Sir John enjoys giving us the benefit of his experience in matters of global importance, which all reflect upon us as vehicle owners. We hope you enjoy these features and appreciate their value and relevance.

Meanwhile we will be off to the next round of events and we may see some of you while we are there, if not, enjoy and report back to us – we love to see pictures of our readers Jaguars out and about!

You will find the latest issue of Xclusively Jaguar magazine (along with all back issues) at www.Xclusively-Jaguar.co.uk

Contact Letitia Mace via 07836 68 78 98 or Letitia@exclusively-jaguar.co.uk for more information

Until next month, Happy Motoring!

That's all this month, if you've anything you'd like to see published next month, contact me at entries@bvac.org.uk.

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