



BVAC News

June 2021

Back in Business!

As predicted last month, club activities are resuming this month!

On **Saturday 5th June**, we're having an impromptu car show to support the "Coast 2 Coast in 24 Hours" challenge which is aiming to raise £24,000 in aid of Doddie Weir's foundation for Motor Neurone Disease research and support. Sorry about the short notice, but we only heard from the council on Friday that we will have twelve spaces reserved at Gibson Park in Melrose (just opposite the rugby ground) from 2 - 4pm on Saturday afternoon. If they're on schedule, the participants are due to arrive in Melrose at 3 o'clock at the end of the 23 mile cycle run from St Mary's loch, take an hour's break and set off on the ten mile hike to Lauder at four, passing Doddie's farm on the way. With a week to go to the event, the team are already nearly half-way to their fundraising target. If you can't get along on Saturday, you can contribute via their 'Just Giving' page at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/coast-2-coast-in-24-hours/>.



There's no need to book as I'm sure no-one will mind if we manage to turn out more than a dozen cars and I hope those who come along will want to contribute to this worthy cause that we raffled the Mini for at our last big show.



The monthly Sunday breakfast meetings at the Greenhouse Café start from **Sunday 13th June** when we can assemble in the car park at the Milestone Garden Centre (just off the A68 at the south end of Newtown St Boswells) from 10 o'clock before reparing to the Greenhouse Café



for anything from a cup of coffee to a full breakfast. It will be great to catch up with regulars and hopefully meet a few new members as well. If you haven't been before, it's totally informal, just turn up and look for the old cars in the car park; if you have, well, you know the score! In these days of Covid, there are a few new rules that we have to adhere to. As I write, outside 'huddles' should be limited to eight people, so don't all crowd round the most interesting car! The same limit applies to outside tables at the café, while inside wear a mask until you're seated, and not more than six people from three households at each table and please, no circulating between tables. If you want to speak to someone not at your table, please do so outdoors. If we move to level 1, the numbers increase to twelve outdoors and eight per table inside, but still only three households.



Two more dates for your diaries – **Friday 2nd July** is the provisional date for an early evening visit to the Woodside Plant Centre and Birdhouse Tearoom at Ancrum. The event will include a light meal. As the next BVAC News will not be out until about then, we'll send an

email with the details once they're finalised.

Looking further ahead, **Sunday 5th September** is now confirmed as the date for the Thirlestane drive. More details to follow, but keep the date free!

On a less positive note, but no great surprise, Dennis Fortune has now confirmed that all the shows which were prospects for club visits this summer have been cancelled. Thanks are due to Dennis for the thankless task of keeping in touch with the organisers as one by one they took the decision to cancel. Let's hope for a better result next year.

More About That Barn Find

That barn find we reported last month has now been inspected by Robin Wild and Chris Biggs. It located in Midlem and has been dry stored in a small barn. There is no paperwork, but the owner has done some research using the chassis and engine numbers to identify the vehicle which is a 1967 Morris Minor 1000 Traveller. Chris reports: "It is all there and not in



too bad a condition. The wood frame is completely gone due to woodworm rather than the usual wet rot. the floor and all metal panels are in a better state than might be expected. the interior is intact and might need nothing more than a thorough clean and some minor restoration. The engine does not appear to be seized. The vehicle is worthy of being saved." Anyone interested should contact



the owner, James Cheyne, james@burghfencing.co.uk.



Scrap Bugattis!!!

Thanks to Fred Magill for sending me the newsletter from the prewarcar.com website. Many of you may be familiar with this site and its sister site postwarclassic.com. While they are primarily classic car sales venues, they also have some fascinating historical articles and one which caught my eye was illustrated with this picture probably taken in France in the 1960s. There are at least three Bugattis in this picture, and heaven knows what else under the covers! Let's hope they found their way to enthusiasts rather than the crusher. What must they be worth now? Read the whole story at <https://www.prewarcar.com/more-bugattis-in-a-scrapyard>.



All the best,
and hope to
see you either
on the 5th or
13th,

David