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2024 BVAC Classic

Plans for the show on June 2nd are progressing well with entries already topping 750. A recent addition to the entrants is the Scottish Mustang Owners Club who are planning to bring up to 25 of these American classics that are celebrating their 60th anniversary this year. This beauty belonging to recent new member Malcolm Brown is promised.

BVAC CLASSIC
Festival of Motoring
THIRLESTANE CASTLE
2nd JUNE 2024



If you haven't booked your slot already, you can find the entry form here and remember there are no entry fees for club members. Entries close on 21st April but don't delay, book today. It should be a great day!

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Just out! This eye-catching advert designed by Mike Webber will be appearing all over the county in the coming weeks.



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February Events

It's getting difficult to write anything original about our breakfast meets as the good cars just keep on coming, and February was no exception. Here are some pictures.









The evening of February 13th saw club members treated to a fascinating illustrated talk by Chris Biggs entitled 'Morris Minors Matter, a very unofficial history'. Chris took us through the story of this great little car from the wartime prototypes to the end of production in the early 1970s. The number of questions at the end and the chat afterwards over tea and coffee showed how much it was appreciated.



March Diary Dates

The first event in March is our regular breakfast meet at Milestone Garden Centre in Newtown St Boswells from 10am on the 10th. Turn up and join in!

Following a very successful outing for a meal at the Monte Casino in Melrose last March we have organised a different style of evening meal this year. Join us for a Chinese buffet style meal at the Shanghai Banquet, 1 Tweedbank Drive, Tweedbank, Galashiels. TD1 3RP on Wednesday 20th March, 2024 at 6.30pm.

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There is a wide variety of Chinese style dishes and a smaller selection on non-Chinese food to choose from. Drinks of all types are available. The Shanghai Banquet operates on a serve yourself basis and you may eat as much as you wish. Staff will help with information if you have allergies and/or particular dietary requirements. The atmosphere is informal and the experience different and fun.



All adult diners pay the same - £20:99 - cash only please on the night.

Parking is available at the restaurant and also in the public car park by the lake a short distance away. For more information see the restaurant website - shanghaibanquet.co.uk

Book your numbers for the evening by emailing chrisjbiggs@btinternet.com.

DEADLINE FOR BOOKINGS - 13th MARCH - SO DO IT VERY SOON PLEASE.

Drive It Day

Once again April sees the national 'Drive It Day' organised by the Federation of Historic Vehicle Clubs to encourage us all to get our classics out of hibernation and on the road at the start of another season. You can support NSPCC Childline by buying car plaques as advertised here. Events will be happening all over the country and Philip Weiss writes with details of our run this year:



The next Drive it - Eat it- Day is on Sunday April 21st. The run organised by Philip and Lou is entitled "Afternoon Tea at Paxton House". This drive will start at Milestone, where all cars booked on the run will meet for 11.15am

for a prompt start at 11.45am. The run will be about 54 miles in length, and take in the scenic back roads, taking in stunning panoramic views of the Borders. The run will also include a crossing of the River Tweed on the newly restored Union Chain Bridge and our final destination will be Paxton House.

We have been given permission to park in front of the house for pictures and then the afternoon tea will be served sharply at 2pm.

Traditional afternoon tea has been arranged with the Paxton House tearoom with a maximum capacity of 50 diners. Paxton House tearoom have said they will cater for gluten free and vegetarian alternatives but will need to know numbers before the event. The afternoon tea will consist of traditional sweet and savoury selections with unlimited tea and coffee provided. The cost will be £20 per person, payable on the day. The club may have to pay a deposit so bookings need to be firm.

To book places, please email Philip Weiss at kinderscoutpgw@hotmail.co.uk giving the make, model and registration number of the car you intend to drive on the day, the name of the driver and the passenger(s), and include any different dietary requirements on the email please.

There is no entry fee for BVAC members coming to this event. Cut-off date for this event is Friday the 18th April.



Summer Shows



Those of you who keep up to date with the club website (isn't that everyone?) will know that the first two shows with BVAC stands are now open for booking – Kielder on May 12th and Kelso a week later. In addition, there are details of a couple of events where we won't have a formal stand, but members may wish to go along as individuals. These are at the Chain Bridge Honey Farm on May 5th and the Corbridge Steam Rally on 8th & 9th June. Get full details by clicking here.

Cars For Sale

This month two club members are reducing their collections, so some very fine cars are on offer.

Rover 3500S Estate



1974 Rover 3500S Estate. Very rare car fitted with 5 speed gear box, tilt and slide sunroof and electronic ignition. Recent new tyres on refurbished wheels and rechromed wheelnuts. Only 3 owners from new, the last two for 20 years each. Genuine 75000 miles from new supported by a very extensive history file. Original handbook pack and all the tools plus a rare brake setting tool and a full set of spare hoses. It featured in the June 2007 issue of Practical Classics and was a star on the P6Rover Owners Club stand at the NEC in November 2016. £12950. Phone Robin Wild on 01835.823203

Morris Traveller

1966 Morris 1000 Traveller. Uprated with 5 speed gearbox, electronic ignition, 1275 cylinder head, front disc brakes with servo assistance, stainless steel sills. Recent tyres on refurbished wheels. Super timber, newly reupholstered and new headlining. Current MOT. My daughter used this car when she was at university and it needed and got its full rebuild after that experience. £9250. Phone Robin Wild on 01835.823203



BMW Z3 M Coupe





Club member, Dennis Fortune, is looking to sell his 1999 BMW Z3 M Coupe. This is a very rare car and one of maybe 300 or so still on the UK roads. The car is finished in Titanium Silver metallic and powered by a 3.2 litre BMW straight six engine producing 316bhp. Mileage is currently 124,450 and has 5 of the 6 service lights still green. The car has had lots maintenance work done on it in the last 3-4 years and full details of all the work done will be made available. Bodywork is solid and generally in very good condition and there is a new MOT with no advisories. The car is finished internally with a full black/grey leather interior in good condition. Annual road tax is £295. Contact Dennis on denfortune@hotmail.com or Mob: 07977133060.









From the Web

As is his habit, Fred Magill has been keeping an eye open for classic motoring items on the web. This may be an advert for petrol, but the choice of Ferraris means you really MUST turn the sound up before watching!

And if your taste is for something older (and your pockets are deep!), how about this selection currently for sale?







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Picture Gallery

Chris Biggs has contributed this selection of period photographs – you'd never guess he has a Morris and an MG!



Fresh out the Morris factory, probably just before the war.



New equipment for the WPCs of probably the Lancashire Constabulary (judging by the registration marks) in the 1950s.



More modest police transport from a few years later with some interesting artwork behind.

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FBHVC Magazine

As BVAC is a member of the Federation of Historic Vehicle Clubs all our members have access to their regular magazine which comes out bi-monthly and is full of interesting information. If you haven't already, go online and see the archive of the last several years' magazines at fbhvc.co.uk

With effect from the latest issue, however, there is a change to the way the magazine is accessed. There is now a members' area in the website and only registered members can see the magazine going forward. It's very simple to register using the link at the top right of their website although annoyingly it doesn't activate immediately.

Xclusively Jaguar Magazine March 2024 from Letitia Mace

If you are planning a holiday in the UK this year, we can recommend a trip to Elgin, in the north east of Scotland where, among the castles, distilleries and stunning scenery, you will find the Moray Motor Museum. In this issue of Xclusively Jaguar magazine we look back at a day spent with some interesting road and racing cars.

If you fancy a road trip further afield, how about Norway? Again, this is something we can personally recommend – a trip across Norway from Oslo to Ålesund in a V12 Series 2 XJ is highly recommended for those who enjoy excellent roads and breathtaking scenery.

Events for us this year will include a trip to Jaguar Spares Day, now back at Stoneleigh, on 17th March. If you are looking for something in particular, why not give us a call or send us an email beforehand? That way we can ensure that we bring the correct item with us for you to view and collect – and save on postage too!! We have parts, new and used, plus clothing, books and automobilia.



This month's cover picture features one of the cars in The Mike Hawthorn Museum and was taken at the 2022 event held there for Mark 1s and XJ Coupes. This year we are once again busy making plans for Nigel Webb's event for the weekend of 3rd/4th August. So, if you own a Mark 1, Mark 5, Mark 7, Mark 8, Mark 9, XJ Coupe or MANUAL XJ40/X300 XJR now is the time to contact me and reserve your place at this event, which is supported by the Jaguar Drivers Club and Xclusively Jaguar.

In this issue the XJ Coupe features heavily in “Looking Back” which seems an appropriate prelude to our impending XJ Coupe Day in August and should please all those who own one of these ever popular classics.

Another feature in this issue is a report on a track day at Palmersport, which will be interesting for those who follow the Palmersport cars, some of which are now with Swallows Racing.

Other items include details of the DLOC stand at the forthcoming Restoration Show, reminiscing over my third XJ40 and my first visit to Swallows Jaguar, details of the impending JAC auction, latest news on LED instrument panel lighting bulbs, XJS brochure car update and spreading Sir John Egan’s thoughts on pollution!

Amongst all of this there should be some good reading and memorable pictures!

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, I hope to see you all soon.

Clear roads,

David

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