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Club News

As usual during the winter months, our regular Sunday breakfast meets at Milestone Garden Centre continue to be the focus of club activity. The turnout on February 9th was excellent as these pictures show and we'll be back as usual on March 9th when all are welcome from 10am. I'm sure you nearly all know the score, but for the benefit of any new members, there's no need to book, just come along with or without your classic to the garden centre in Newtown St Boswells and look for the older cars around the foot of the car park.







Our 'Winter Warmer' curry night takes place this Wednesday, March 5th at 7pm at the 1953 Restaurant in Galashiels. I'm afraid you're now too late to book, and a report on the event will appear next month.

Looking ahead to April, the annual 'Drive It Day'

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is on Sunday 27th April, when classic car clubs all over the country will be trying to get as many of their cars as possible on the road. It should be a great spectacle and as usual BVAC will be taking part with a run through the Borders countryside organised by Philip Titley. The run will be around 55-60 miles, finishing at a venue for afternoon tea. More details soon but meanwhile, save the date.

BVAC Classic at Thirlestane

With the current chilly weather, June seems a long time away, but the Thirlestane show will be upon us before we know it. Entries are now open, so it's time to get your car booked in. Our new entries secretaries, Moira and Robert Stewart are looking forward to getting your entry form which you can complete online here, and remember entries are free for members!

Organising the show takes a huge team effort, co-ordinated by our site manager, Philip Weiss. Here's his pitch for some of your help during the setup week and on show day.

> With just over 3 months before the big day, a lot of work still needs to be done in the week before the event. The show takes a tremendous amount of organization that goes on for almost the whole year but there is a special need for extra help in the preparation week and for show weekend itself. This year the Club has again taken the decision (based on their work last year) to appoint Neon Security to manage and staff all aspects of road route entrances, car parking and movement on the Castle driveway. This will leave BVAC as the organising Club in sole charge of the Showground area and marshalling within this area. There will be much to do in the week preceding the Show as well as through the weekend with the focus on Sunday 8th June.
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> There will be work to do on site every day from Monday 2nd through to Monday 9th June. This could include measuring out compounds and roping these off, erecting barriers and placing cones, erecting Club gazebos, transporting materials to all areas of the Showground and finally placing signage and information around the area.
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> There are a lot more jobs I haven't mentioned. I am sure that many of you will want to support me and the Club by volunteering for a day or two or three or the whole week. I was so proud of all the club members who helped out last year, your hard work, teamwork and humour, made the tasks easy and I didn't have to crack the whip once.
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> In the first instance please contact me on the following email address:
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> kinderscoutpgw@hotmail.co.uk indicating what days, you are willing to volunteer for. In addition, can you supply the following details:
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> 1. Name
> 2. Address
> 3. Telephone
> 4. Emergency contact: Name, address and telephone number:
> 5. Health issues (this is the first year we have asked for these details, please do not worry, that this information will be kept confidential, and will only be used in an emergency situation)
> 6. Days you can volunteer

As in previous years, your health and safety will be my upmost concern, I will be available for any first aid issues which arise during and after the show. I have just renewed and passed my first aid qualification and at all times there will be a comprehensive full first aid kit and a defibrillator on site. If anyone has any health concerns, please don't hesitate in discussing them with me.

I will be in touch nearer the event.

Thank you for your support, time and commitment

Philip Weiss

Car Shows

Philip Titley has put together a provisional list of car shows we might attend this year, some where he's proposing we have a formal BVAC Stand and others for information only where members might want to attend as individuals. Any feedback should be sent to Philip at clubstandentries@bvac.org.uk. In particular, let Philip have any views on whether it's likely to be worthwhile having a stand at Heathersgill. Also, members need to understand that if we commit to the Jim Clark Trust event in June it is a 2-day event at which we will need cars both days - these do not need to be left overnight and can be different members/cars both days. Also, if we do JCT then we will not be doing Moffat. Again, feedback to Philip as above.

Date	Name	Restrict	Comment
27/04	Belford Classic Car Show	Nil Individual entries	**Free. Alternative to Drive-it-Day** South Meadows Park NE70 7DP
27/04	**National Drive-it-Day**	**Nil**	**50-60 Mile run round Borders and Lothian roads with destination TBA**
05/05	Hethersgill Vintage Rally	Nil	Old Carlisle Airport
??/05	KEILDER	Nil CLUB STAND	Normally use Eventbrite
18/05	BVAA KELSO	Nil CLUB STAND	Application form in hand. Website event posted. Closing date
01/06	Bo'Ness Car Show	CLUB STAND	Kinneil Estate
08/06	BVAC THIRLESTANE	INFO	All members should register their car for club compound.
08/06	Corbridge Steam Rally		
15/06	Jimmy Guthrie Run	INFO	NO CLUB STAND. **Individual members only**
28/06 29/06	Jim Clark 60th Anniversary	Nil CLUB STAND	Duns Castle. 2-day event. Club cars on front field.
29/06	MOFFAT	CLUB STAND	Club Stand will be in 2nd field
21/07	KINGDOM CLASSIC	Nil CLUB STAND	SVBM Dunfermline. Good show and enjoyed by those attending.

03/08	BAA – DUNS SHOW	Nil CLUB STAND	Great show & BVAC one of only two clubs permitted
AUG	FORD & ETAL	Nil CLUB STAND	Alternative for Biggar with no age restriction.
17/08	BIGGAR	Pre-1982	Good show & well liked but heavily age restricted.
14/09	CARHAILLES	Nil CLUB STAND	Return of event for 2025
19/10	NVTC BRUNTON	Nil CLUB STAND	Great show cancelled due to weather. Always windy on site. Entries open April

Dates shown are as per SVVF Yearbook and/or confirmed on organisers website.

In addition to this list, Jen Wood has told me that classic cars will be welcome again this year at the Lifeboat Day in Tweedmouth on August 10th. Last year, the road in front of the Lifeboat Station was closed and they're hoping to repeat that this year. It made an excellent setting to show off some classics in a good cause. More details nearer the time.



Cars For Sale

We have no fewer than three cars for sale this month with something for all tastes – a pre-war tourer, a classic British sports car and a luxury modern classic.

For Sale

1935 Morris 8 Series 1 Tourer

£10,500

Dark green over black



This superb Morris was subject to a bare chassis rebuild in 2022 this is a superb example of this enduringly popular model having new battery, hood and having the interior reupholstered. MOT runs until 15/08/2025.

In the last year it has had the steering overhauled, bottom end engine seals and gaskets replaced. starter rewired, fuel sender modified to work with the replacement gauge, L.E.D. bulbs all round

The car is regularly used and travels to shows all over the Scottish Borders regularly travelling 150 miles without issue and is happy cruising at 50mph.

Robert Stewart

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FOR SALE



1969 MGB Roadster, overdrive with folding hood, tonneau and hardtop.



Currently indicating 62,850 miles - believed to be correct. The car has an 'Assured value' insurance currently set at £12500.
Bodywork lightly restored and re-painted (pale primrose) in 2023.

Rebuilt MGB 1.8 litre - enlarged to 1960cc engine with ‘fast road’ camshaft and stainless steel exhaust system by Ivor Searle.

New twin 6 volt batteries fitted November 2024
72 spoke ‘Competition’ wire wheels with good tyres.
Comes with period ‘Lenham’ hardtop including tilt/pop- out sunroof.
Also a complete set of standard 60 spoke wire wheels with almost new tyres.
There is quite a lot of history with the car and quantities of paperwork and bills.
The new engine was fitted in 2012 along with a new clutch kit by a previous owner. Since then the car has been driven approximately 5,600 miles so is just nicely ‘run-in’.

For more information please contact the owner Chris Biggs
- chrisjbiggs@btinternet.com





FOR SALE

2001 Jaguar XJ8

47300 miles, full service history

1 year MOT

£5000 for the car alone or £8000 including number plate

(plate is on Reg Transfers for £3995)

Car has been garaged during present ownership and is for sale due to impending loss of storage.

Contact Andy Aitken andrewsaitken@hotmail.co.uk



Need Somewhere to Keep Your Car Near Duns?

There is a 110 x 20 foot secluded private storage space with electricity available near Hume. The owner, Robin Hold, states “I am very selective over who I want to use this space, and I think vintage car owners would be ideal.”. If you think you fit the bill, contact Robin at 07738 274527 or robinrhold@googlemail.com.

Around the Web

Thanks as usual to Fred Magill for scouring the web for items of interest. There’s a new way of selling surplus parts for older cars. It’s an auction service called ‘Highest Bid’ run by the prewarcars.com website, click the image to have a look.



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There's also a fascinating video on YouTube telling the history of the Hillman Imp and the Linwood factory.



And finally, have you ever followed this biker?



Caribbean Classics from Quentin Lucas

Quentin Lucas is just back from catching some winter sun in Barbados (lucky man!) and found himself at the Classic Car Show and Parade during the Holetown Festival Week. He's sent pictures of some of the fine motors on display. Pride of place goes to the Bentley, a 1947 Mk.VI Drophead by Vanden Plas, built to the order or Prince Berhard of the Netherlands. It ran in the 1949 Monte Carlo Rally, but then ended up derelict in the USA before restoration in Barbados.



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Xclusively Jaguar Magazine February 2025 from Letitia Mace

Welcome to the MARCH 2025 issue of Xclusively Jaguar Magazine!

D-Type TKF9: Special Edition (Part 1)

This month I write about one of my favourite cars - TKF9 – a D-type that celebrates its 70th birthday this year!

With my feature I have tried to explain a little about the people who were involved with TKF9 along the way, rather than just naming them, which I hope explains their relevance to the story. I apologise for anyone I have missed.

"As well as numbering several of the greats amongst its drivers, TKF9 has an unusually complete and consistent competition history."

Gordon Cruikshank



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.

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Don't forget Jaguar Spares Day, which this spring takes place on 13th April – full details can be seen on page 8 of this issue.

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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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