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BVAC Classic



Last week we held a photoshoot at Thirlestane to generate promotional material for the show and thanks are due to Jess Houghton and Fred Daynes for bringing along two immaculate but contrasting Mustangs, old and new for the pictures. Also, thanks to Phil Wilkinson for the photography and Bright Light Marketing for making the arrangements.

Entries have now closed, although that hasn't prevented the usual rush of begging letters asking to be let in. It's gratifying to know the show is so popular, but as we're almost exactly on our 1000-car limit so we need to take a pretty hard line with stragglers or we'll not be able to get them all through the gate in time.

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Talking of getting them all through the gate, Jono Hunter is still looking for volunteer marshals. This year external and spectator traffic control is being outsourced, but the club is still responsible for getting entrants from the gate to the correct display areas and for managing movements during the day and at the end of the show. If you can help, please contact Jono by email at jono.hunter@bvac.org.uk or phone 07745 845889

Philip Weiss, who's taking on the site manager role for the first time this year also needs help during the run up to the show. He writes:

> With less than a month before the show, a lot of work still needs to be done in the week before the big day. The show takes a tremendous amount of organisation 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. There will be much to do in the week preceding the Show as well as through the weekend with the focus on Sunday 2nd June.
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> There will be work to do on site every day from Monday 27th May through to Friday 31st May. 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 everywhere. There's also a day's worth of dismantling to do on Monday 3rd June.
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> There is a lot more 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. In the first instance please contact me at kinderscoutpgw@hotmail.co.uk indicating what days you are willing to volunteer for and giving your contact details. I will be in touch and take the organisation on from there.

There will also be the traditional Wednesday evening working party, so those of you who can't get time off during the day don't feel left out. Just turn up from 6pm.

April Events

Last month we had our usual breakfast meet at Milestone on the 14th and as now seems to be





the habit we had a great turnout of cars old and new, mundane and exotic. Here are some pictures.

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The main event in April, however, was Drive It Day and thanks to Philip Weiss for this report, illustrated by photos from Philip and other club members.

The BVAC had it's Drive it Day - Eat it Day on Sunday April 21st. The event was organised by Philip and Lou (in addition a big thank you to Ian for printing out the route and plaques and for Chris with his help on the day) was entitled "Afternoon Tea at Paxton House". After going live in the March BVAC News, uptake to event was fast and was eventually fully booked, (the maximum number set for the afternoon tea, was agreed and set by Paxton House) so 24 cars and their drivers and co-drivers were booked for the afternoon tea and drive. Due to the demand, Philip extended the list for people just to come along for the drive. Therefore, in the end we had 30 cars attended the drive. All cars met early at Milestone Garden centre, where members of the public marvelled at the array of cars. Then in small batches, the cars were sent off promptly at 11.45am.



The run was about 54 miles in length, and took in the scenic back roads, taking in stunning panoramic views of the Borders. The run also included a very popular crossing of the River Tweed on the newly restored Union Chain Bridge and our final destination was Paxton House.



I met the cars arriving at Paxton and we had permission to arrange the cars in front of the house, a great place to take photos and meet members of the public.

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Then at 2.30pm, the highlight of the day, traditional afternoon tea was served by the Paxton House tearoom staff. The afternoon tea was greatly received and consisted of traditional sweet and savoury selections with unlimited tea and coffee.

On behalf of myself and Lou and the BVAC club, I would like to thank everyone for coming along to such a lovely event, everyone who sent a message saying thank you and to Mel and her staff at Paxton house, who has said she would welcome the club back at any time.

Forthcoming Events

May is of course largely taken up with preparations for the BVAC Classic at the start of June, but the car show season is getting underway with shows at the Chain Bridge Honey Farm on the 5th, Keilder on the 12th and Kelso on the 19th. Details of all these and more shows later on are to be found on the website at bvac.org.uk/events/category/club-visits-car-shows. Entry deadlines for the various shows are given – don't delay, book today!

Badge Anyone? *From Philip Weiss (again!)*



Whilst at recent breakfast meets, I noticed that one of the members had a metal BVAC car badge on his car. Since this meeting, and especially after the drive it day, other members have asked about car badges, so I have been tasked to source a new BVAC club car badge, this will utilise the new logo, I have approached a badge company and their minimum run is 50,

So, I am sending out a request to all members, if you would like a car badge, it will cost between £30 and £35 in price and measure 110mm high by 80mm wide, please contact me at kinderscoutpgw@hotmail.co.uk indicating how many you would require?

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Car For Sale

Iain Wilson is moving from the area and sadly can't take his Daimler with him.

For sale my 1969 Daimler 2.5 V8

It looks fantastic and drives like a dream.

It has a new stainless steel exhaust.

All new tyres Dunlop.

New brakes (Porsche) so it will stop.

Car serviced and ready to go for this season.

Looking for £16,000 and it's yours.

Contact Iain Wilson 07864109090 or hornblower1959@hotmail.com for any other questions.



Another Show

I've had contact from Ros Davies about the Village Show at Southdean, south of Jedburgh. It's on Saturday 17th August and they'd welcome any interesting cars to display. It's not an official BVAC outing, but if you're interested in going along, contact Ros at southdeancommunity@gmail.com.

Xclusively Jaguar Magazine May 2024 from Letitia Mace

This month, former Jaguar engineer, Martin Joyce writes about the X type R (the supercharged 3.0l X Type Estate) which is now the property of Jaguar Heritage and on display at The Collections Centre, Gaydon. Martin describes the car as "a tantalising example of the X Type R, one of less than half a dozen supercharged X Type prototypes built by Jaguar, which I can personally vouch is the best driving X Type ever made. The balance of torque and power finally matches the capability of the 4WD chassis, in all conditions." I too can personally vouch for the attributes of this fabulous car and hope that the feature in my magazine does justice to the car itself!



While on the subject of supercharged Jaguars, don't forget that Jaguar Breakfast Club will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of X306 (X300 XJR) at Gaydon at their 18th May 2024 gathering so, if you are lucky enough to own one of these cars, make sure this date is in your diary! All Jaguars welcome but supercharged models will be parked in model groups so need to register at info@jaguarbreakfastclub.org.uk More details are on page 35 of this issue of Xclusively Jaguar magazine.

This month we introduce Xclusively Jaguar Route – Scotland ("XJR-S"), our suggested route across Scotland! Our latest sponsor "The Lands of Loyal Hotel" forms a strategically placed link between The Allanton Inn and The Garvault House Hotel, so now you can have three very different tastes of Scotland, from the South East to the North West! Each one has a motoring link which we will leave you to discover at your leisure! In the not too distant future we will review Peter Simpson's latest touring guide which features three suggested tours of Scotland that would fit perfectly with our suggested hostelries!

Sad news reached me just as I was completing this magazine. Longterm Jaguar devotee, Tony Bailey, passed away on 12th April, aged 78. As Tony was a good friend for many years, and willingly supplied me with information and pictures relating to Jaguar, a fitting tribute will feature in a future issue of Xclusively Jaguar magazine.

As this issue of Xclusively Jaguar lands we will be in Shetland with two XJ saloons for the wedding of Ross and Lucy, Ross being the son of one of Rob's very longstanding friends. We return to the UK mainland for several other events in May before making a second journey north for the Shetland Classic Car Show at the beginning of June. All will be reported on in due course!

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 must apologise that we're a few days later than usual due to the editorial holidays. The June edition will also not be out until about a week into the month so that we can include a report on the BVAC Classic.

Clear roads,

David

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