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Club Events in April

There were two club meets during April – our regular monthly breakfast meeting and the annual national Drive It Day celebration. Attendances at Milestone continue to be very healthy and these pictures from Kenny Wilson tell the story.






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BVAC's DiD run saw some 35 cars take a scenic journey from Newtown St Boswells to Eddleston where afternoon tea was enjoyed at the Barony Castle Hotel. The route, devised by Philip Titley, took us over back roads through some beautiful countryside, although the weather wasn't always kind with drizzle at times and cloud on the hills. The grounds of Barony Castle house a fascinating three-dimensional map of Scotland built by Polish servicemen who were based there during the Second World War. Thanks to Robert Stewart for some of the pictures











Forthcoming Events

Our usual informal monthly breakfast meet this month will be from 10am to midday on May 11th at the usual venue, Milestone Garden Centre in Newtown St Boswells. Given the numbers seen at Milestone in recent months, the fact that it clashes with the car show at Kielder Castle with seven members signed up to attend is unlikely to dent the atmosphere. Kielder is a really nice relaxing show in the castle grounds with quite a varied display of cars.

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Those members going are meeting up at the Kielder village petrol station having enjoyed a good drive out along the Bonchester Bridge/Saughtree roads.

The day before, some members with pre-war cars are participating in an event in Kelso to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Do drop by and say hello if you're in Kelso on Saturday 10th.

Philip Titley has been busy organising visits to other car shows in the coming months – here are details he's provided of the programme for the next couple of months:

BVAA Kelso 18th May at Springfield Show Ground

The club entry has been submitted for the 20 members who have requested attendance at the show. The organisers normally allow us late entries if anyone is interested but on the understanding that you will not be listed in the programme. Again, another great day with plenty of cars on display as well as a large contingent of tractors, commercial vehicles and car booters. Members can let me know if they want to be added as late entry so I can ensure the club has an appropriate size space allocated on the show field.

Bo'Ness Car Show Sunday 1st June

We have been allocated a maximum of 10 spaces but there are only 4 members that have expressed an interest so far. Please let me know if you want to attend as I will need to confirm final numbers to the organisers on 12th May.

Moffat Show Sunday 29th June

Although this clashes with the Jim Clark 60th Anniversary weekend, we still have 3 members registered with me to attend. Closing date for entries is 30th May so there's not much time to get yourself added onto the list.

All these events and all future events are on the BVAC website under the "Events" tab or under Club Visits to Shows. Each one has its own individual form for members to fill in so that I can add them to the respective show list. If you want to come along and help represent the club as well as have a nice day out then just let me know.

Philip Titley, email: clubstandentries@bvac.org.uk

BVAC Classic at Thirlestane



Publicity is now out there for the Thirlestane Show following a successful photo shoot at the castle last week. The seventies theme was to the fore, with cars from that era posed with a couple of models in period gear. This attracted the attention of the press with features in The Times, The Scotsman and The National and Keith has been interviewed for Radio Scotland. The calls for help from Philip Weiss (kinderscoutpgw@hotmail.co.uk) for helpers during the setup week and from Jono Hunter (Hunterjono4@gmail.com or 07745 845889) for help marshalling on the day are still very much active. Please offer to lend a hand by contacting Philip and/or Jono.

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Belford Car Show from Philip Weiss



Instead of going on the Drive It Day rally, we decided to drive down to Northumberland and try out a new car show in the village of Belford.

On arrival we were met by the show organizer, Peter, who gave us a friendly welcome. We parked up and then set up for breakfast, however a passing shower dampened proceedings. The sun soon came out and dried things out, this changing of the weather bought the cars out and we were soon







surrounded by 150 cars and bikes, of all ages and types. In addition, we met up with two other BVAC members, Rob and John, and had a good chat with them. From the offset there was a busy stream of visitors, most of them families and we were inundated with questions and people asking about our Land Rover combo, most had seen them on our recent TV appearance on George Clarke's amazing spaces programme. The visitors had an array of food outlets craft stands and charity stalls to browse over. At 3.30pm the show came to an end and with a hoarse voice from talking too much to the visitors we left the site after having a fantastic visit to the Belford car Show.

Around the Web



Just one offering this month. If you thought town driving was a challenge in an older car, how about this newsreel from 1952. London traffic seems much less organised than today with hardly any lane markings, no yellow lines and apparently no pedestrian crossings either.
Remember all these vehicles have 1950s (or earlier) brakes! Find it on You Tube here: [London Traffic (1952)]

Another Bit of Nostalgia

Thanks to Fred Magill for finding this old Vauxhall advert, reminding us not only what the cars looked like but also that in those days you could put your car on a plane to take it to the continent. Not a service you can get from Ryanair these days!



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Xclusively Jaguar Magazine May 2025 from Letitia Mace

Welcome to the May 2025 issue of Xclusively Jaguar Magazine!



Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who contacted me in acknowledgement of my feature on TKF9 (D-type XKD 517), which took up the previous two issues of Xclusively Jaguar magazine. It was a long time in the making, but obviously appreciated by my readers. As I had hoped, the feature brought new information to light so the story is ongoing and will be updated in due course!

This month we move forward, but a little bit out of sync as TKF9 took up a lot of room. For this I apologise, but I think everyone will agree that it was well worth it?

In the meantime the racing season has begun, however, as I have pledged to bring everyone up-to-date with last season's racing, I will keep you all in suspense and hold on to the new season's racing news for later! This season we welcome Tripos Media Partnership who will be providing pictures of the modern Jaguar club racing and the Mike Hawthorn Challenge.

"In the Rear-view Mirror" is also out of sync. Again, I apologise, but I hope to put this right in the next month or so.

In this issue of Xclusively Jaguar magazine, whatever your favourite topic, you will find something of interest, be it Mark 1, Jaguar company history, XJS, XJR, upgrades, or Daimler Double Six!

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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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