BVAC News May 2026

April Events



April has been an active month for the club, but even before the month started (and just missing the deadline for the last issue) several members enjoyed fish and chips at Giacopazzi's in Eyemouth. I was sorry to miss an event right on my patch, as I know their chips are always tasty! We then had three events on successive Sundays through the month, starting with the regular Milestone meet on the 12th. More than forty cars turned up on a pleasant morning, with the usual eclectic selection to be seen. I'll let the pictures do the talking.



The following Sunday, the club was invited to Rob Armstrong's premises in Jedburgh. Rob is lucky enough to have a sizeable garage behind his antiques business where he houses his varied collection of cars along with a few belonging to friends and a huge assortment of period signs and assorted automobilia. Rob's Lagonda single seater attracted admiring comments, but he also has more modest machinery – no self-respecting antiques business would lack a Volvo estate, still going strong well into its thirties. Some very tasty food was on offer and

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after lunch we took a run up to the Carter Bar for a photo shoot. Everyone enjoyed themselves and Rob is already talking about a return match next year – thanks to Rob, family and friends for arranging a fun day out.



Drive it Day happens on the last Sunday of every April, the national event co-ordinated by the FBHVC to showcase classic cars the length and breadth of the country. The organisation this year was a bit fraught due to our planned destination venue dropping out. Thanks to the efforts of Philip Titley and William Mykura, a new programme and route was arranged at the last minute, taking in a run from Kelso to the Belford Car Show in Northumberland then on to the Canny Owl in Wooler for afternoon tea. The weather was mostly kind with only a brief shower while we were at Belford, the show has some 300+ cars in a field that was just big enough. Here were some unusual cars to be seen, like the 1928 Austin and Chevrolet van

pictured below, but the queues at the catering outlets were enormous at times, so it was just as well that there was a huge spread of sandwiches, scones and cakes awaiting us at Wooler.



May and June Events

It looks like there will only be a small representation of the club at the Kingdom Classic at Lathalmond in Fife this Sunday. This is a shame as it's a great venue with free entrance to the Scottish Vintage Bus Museum as well as the car show.

For the rest of this month, we have our breakfast meet as usual is on the 10th from 10am at the Milestone Garden Centre, Newtown St Boswells and the 17th sees the BVAA show at Springwood Park in Kelso. A good turnout of members and cars is expected for this show. The last entry date to guarantee inclusion in the programme has passed, but late entries could still be given space on the club stand. You can enter using the form on the website here. Extra news for this year is that club catering will be provided for members for the price of a donation to help cover costs.

In June, we have:

- 14th - Gather & Brew at Etal show field. This is a club event to give everyone an opportunity to get together instead of Thirlestane which will be making a comeback in 2027. Club members only plus special invites by the Chairman to clubs who have

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given strong support at Lauder so expect to see 60 plus cars on the field. Tea, coffee and rolls from 10.30 to 12.30 will be free of charge. Click here for the entry form.

- 28th - Moffat Car Show. Another show that has usually had strong support from members with the benefit of a lovely drive down past St Mary's Loch. Still time to get the entry form returned to ensure there is space on the club stand. Enter here.

Further Ahead

Philip Titley has provided the planned programme for July to December. Inevitably at this stage there are some details to be confirmed and unfortunately there are a few date clashes, but be sure to get at least some of these dates in your diary. More information will be posted on the website and future editions of BVAC News.

July	Milestone	Milestone Garden Centre	Sun 12/7	Regular Sunday meeting at 10am for breakfast or coffee
	Club Barbeque	Held at Ken & Helen Grimes house in Innerleithen	Sat 18/7	Annual club and JEC members bbq hosted by Ken & Helen Grimes in Innerleithen including the club concours for the car voted most wanted to take home. Cost of £20 per person must be paid to the club account when booking.
	Barn at Beal Drive	Summer run to near Lindisfarne	Sun 26/7	Meet at Kelso for a drive out to the Barn at Beal Café located near Lindisfarne OR just drive there directly and meet up at the Cafe. A great social meet up and summer drive with the opportunity for a cup of tea or coffee and a cake or scone when your there. No catering organised just buy what your own if you want. Make your own way home on leaving.
August	Milestone	Milestone Garden Centre	Sun 9/8	Regular Sunday meeting at 10am for breakfast or coffee
	Duns Show	Berwickshire County Show	Sat 1/8	The Duns Castle grounds hosts the annual Berwickshire Agricultural Association show and always has a good number of vintage and classic cars. The BVAC organise a club stand area for members cars to be displayed. £5 per car.

	Wings & Wheels	Athey's Moor Flying School, Longframlington NE65 8EG	Sat 1/8	NEW EVENT - Organised by WB & Sons and Athey's Moor. There will be planes flying and plenty of cars at the show which we can support with a club stand area. Cars in the show field are free entry for 2 people.
	Ford & Etal Show	Etal Show Field	Sun 9/8	Now a regular annual event organised by Ford & Etal Estate, the club always has a large number of vehicles at this lovely country show. Close to Etal with a meeting point at The Blue Bell at Crookham for tea, coffee and bacon rolls. £5 per person at the Blue Bell and £10 per car for the show field.
	Tea & Talk	Scott Brown Cars Reston	Sun 23/8	Join JEC members at Scott Brown Cars for a look around the workshop and a chat with the staff about all the work they do in restoration and maintenance for vehicles. On site catering is being supplied by the Jim Clark Trust Café & Bistro of Duns.
September	The Car Cave Visit	Unit 6a, Butlerfield Industrial Estate, Bonnyrigg EH19 3JQ	Sun 30/8 or 6/9 tbc	Visit to The Car Cave who are known for their work on and sales of classic Fords in particular although they work on any car. A chance for a good natter about their work and to have a look around the cars for sale. On site catering tbc
	Kielder Castle	Forestry England	Sun 6/9	Annual show at Kielder Castle grounds moved from it's usual May slot to coincide with Forestry England's 30th Anniversary celebrations for Kielder. A great little car show with a good range of cars in the show; well worth the trip into the forest. A choice of Kielder or Bo'ness.

	Bo'ness Hill Climb	Kinneil Estate Bo'ness	Sun 6/9	Classic Car show based at the historic Bo'ness Hill Climb. Entry to the car show includes access to the hill climb paddock and the array of cars taking to the hill climb. Reinstated last year and a good show for those interested in watching the hill climb competitions. A choice of Bo'ness or Kielder. £10 per car
	Carhailes	Newhailes House, Musselburgh	Sun 13/9	Held in the grounds of Newhailes House. A really good selection of cars displayed in the grounds which also offers the tea room and restaurant as well as tours of the house itself. The only shame is that it clashes with Milestone - but then that's somewhere for everyone
	Milestone	Milestone Garden Centre	Sun 13/9	Regular Sunday meeting at 10am for breakfast or coffee
October	Autumn Run	Fun drive around the Borders	Sun 4/10	A fun drive around the roads of the Borders collecting answers to a fun treasure hunt style quiz.
	Milestone	Milestone Garden Centre	Sun 11/10	Regular Sunday meeting at 10am for breakfast or coffee
	Brunton Show	NVTC Annual Show	Sun 18/10	NVTC show on Brunton Airfield. Last of the season and is always a bit of a windy day at a good car and agricultural machinery show.
November	Milestone	Milestone Garden Centre	Sun 8/11	Regular Sunday meeting at 10am for breakfast or coffee
	My Cars, My Club	Club members' presentation	tbc	Presentation by Rob and Lettitia on both their car collection and their club and magazine roles. Date, time and location to be confirmed
December	Club Xmas Dinner	Kingsknowes Hotel, Galashiels	Sat 5/12	Annual Christmas dinner. Come and enjoy a great festive meal, have a bit of fun and maybe win a raffle prize or two.
	Milestone	Milestone Garden Centre	Sun 13/12	Regular Sunday meeting at 10am for breakfast or coffee

BVAC Merchandise Collection News from Mike Webber

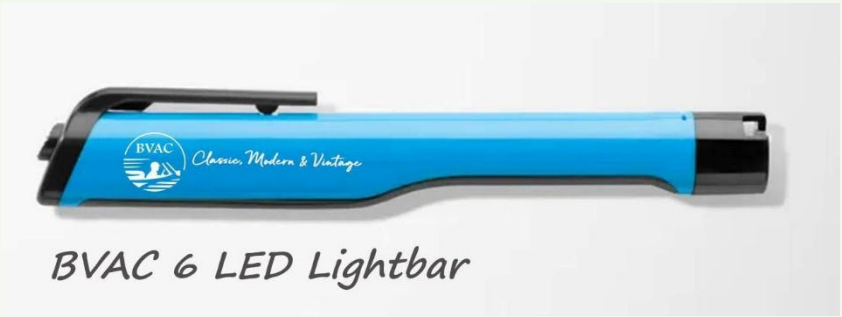


A very smart new design of bodywarmer has come into stock, shown here in grey, paired with a classic sweatshirt in BVAC Green. It's available in BVAC Green, Navy or Grey. Softshell Jackets and Fleece Jackets will also be back in stock by the next Milestone.





Also new is a very handy BVAC-branded lightbar. It's powerful enough to light up even the darkest corners of an engine bay and its bright colour makes it easy to find on a busy workbench! £4.99 including three replaceable AAA batteries to power the ultra-bright 6 SMD LED bulbs.



If you would like more information, or would like to order a particular item please e-mail mike.webber@bvac.org.uk

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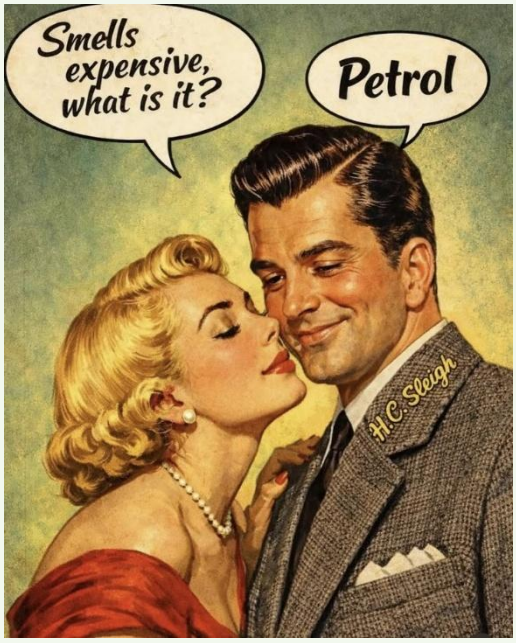
Member Norman Burr is seeking someone with coachbuilding skills to do some work on his 1954 AC 2 Litre Saloon.

The structure is steel chassis with a timber body panelled in aluminium. Thanks to earlier owners, the structure is sound, but it needs some TLC as panel fit is poor. Because of the use of timber, I don't think a regular bodyshop would have the necessary skills. Can anyone suggest a suitable craftsman?

Norman can be reached on 07729 618861 or nburr5006@gmail.com.

Nostalgia Corner

As usual, thanks to Fred Magill for this month's selection of nostalgia. The first picture seems particularly relevant to anyone who's filled up recently!





You shouldn't drive tired, but that's not a problem with the 1949 Nash Airflyte 600 - the seats fold down to make a bed – didn't the Maxi do that too?

Baby can also snooze, but might be a little safer in an ISOFIX baby seat…





Editor's Note

You will have noticed the lack of the PBIS logo and advertisement in this issue. Peter Best have provided much appreciated sponsorship for several years, but they have decided not to renew. That's all for this month, an issue primarily centred on club events. I do have promises of a couple of general interest articles for forthcoming issues, so watch this space and if you'd like to contribute to a future issue, please get in touch.

Clear roads,

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