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AGM Report

The club's AGM took place on Wednesday 11th October in Earlston Church Hall. Two new committee members were elected – Phil Titley and Philip Weiss, while David Webster has stepped down. David who moved out of the area recently has worked hard in recent years as site manager at Thirlestane and will be sorely missed. Phil is taking over from Dennis Fortune to organise our programme of visits to shows next year. Financially, the club is in a very comfortable position, this year's Thirlestane show having shown a handsome profit. That said, we are anticipating higher expenses next year as the absence of volunteers will mean more paid help, particularly in the public car park which did not run smoothly this year. Following on from the discussion last year when the meeting tasked the committee to consider the name and image of the club, Chris Biggs reported back that there would be no change of name but that Mike Webber had produced new artwork to be used alongside our traditional Panhard roundel on publicity and merchandise. A board showing the new artwork was displayed and they will start appearing from later this month.

Milestone Breakfast

Our October breakfast meet was held on the 8th and there was a decent turnout of cars despite it being a rather grey and drizzly morning. At least it wasn't as wet as the day before, or many since! The date for November is the 12th and if you haven't been before, do come along whether in an old or modern car. You'll find us



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in the car park (or the café) of the Milestone Garden Centre at Newtown St Boswells from about 10am.





Brunton Cancellation

Unfortunately, due to the severe weather recently, the NVTC show at Brunton had to be cancelled. Let's hope for better luck next year.

November Film Night

Now that the clocks have changed and the dark nights make garage work uninviting, how about some indoor entertainment? There will be a film night on Wednesday 22nd November at the Church Hall in Earlston High Street, starting at 7.30. There's no need to book, just turn up for what promises to be an interesting evening. The programme will include Ford Cortinas rallying in Africa and two MG promotional films, a silent one from the early 1930s and one featuring MGAs a quarter of a century later. There will also be something for Jaguar fans and more so come along!





Christmas Dinner

Just a reminder that the club Christmas Dinner is on Saturday 2nd December at the Kingknowes Hotel, Galashiels. **Helen Grimes will be taking the bookings which must be with her by 22nd November including payment and menu choices.** If you've forgotten the menu, you'll find it at the end of this issue of BVAC News and you can download the booking form by clicking here. If you pay by bank transfer, you can email your menu choices to Helen at hl.grimes@btinternet.com. We will as usual be holding a raffle to help defray the cost of the

wine which the club provides and leave a gratuity for the staff. Any gifts of prizes are welcome and should be given to Helen on the night or before.

Obituary

John Eldridge 1946-2023

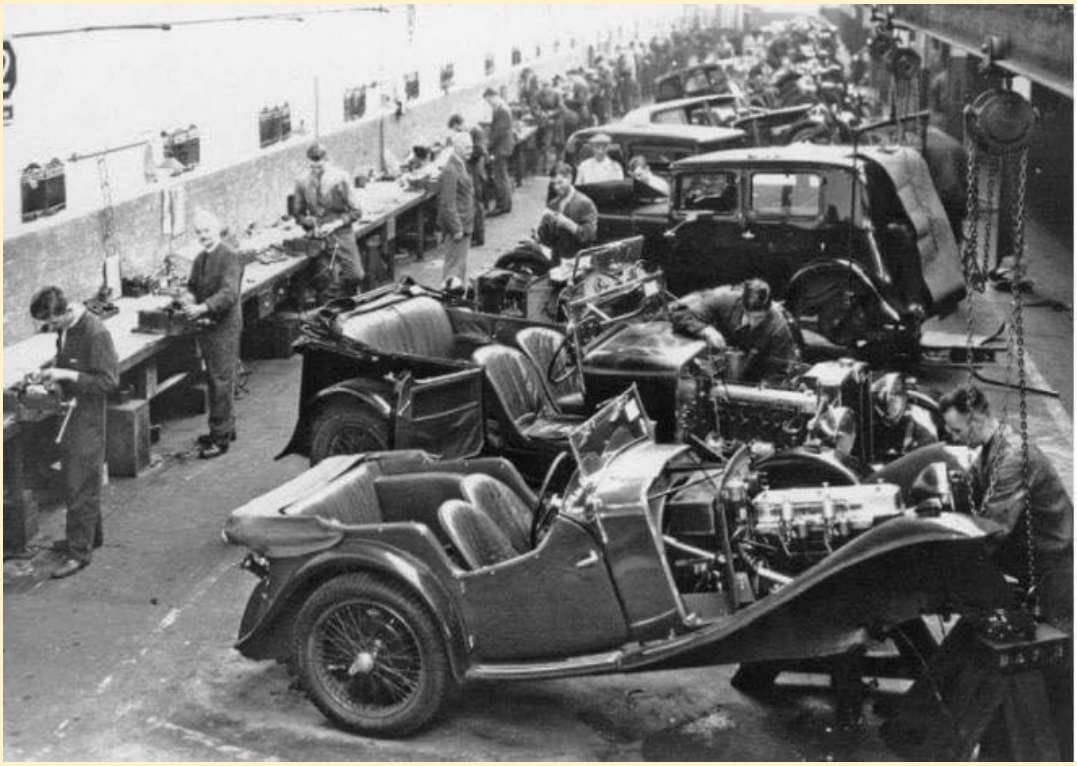
John Eldridge lived in North Berwick and was a serial restorer of Morris Eights. He had several of them over the years. 'Grumpy John' (as he called himself when contributing words of wisdom to the Morris Register Forum) got his nickname not from his temperament which was anything but grumpy, but from one of his grandchildren who couldn't get his tongue round 'Grandpa John'. He and Moira enjoyed taking their immaculate Morris Eight Series E Tourer to shows and even this summer when his health was failing, he managed to turn out several times including the Carhailes show at Musselburgh barely a month before he passed away. He was a quiet gentleman, always willing to share his knowledge with less experienced owners as I can testify. Our condolences to Moira and the family.



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How They Used to Build Them

Thanks to Chris Biggs for these two pictures from the MG factory. The first shows the service and repair section in the 1930s while the second is the MGB production line in the 1960s.





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Xclusively Jaguar Magazine November 2023 from Letitia Mace



So, you may be asking why Jenson Bu□on is on the cover of this month's issue of Xclusively Jaguar? Well, he was driving 70XVK at Goodwood Revival and our cover and inner cover pictures are a sneak preview of the pictorial review of Goodwood Revival 2023 that will feature in a future issue of Xclusively Jaguar magazine.

This month marks 13 years since I purchased Brucie (4th November 2010) - it's the longest I've ever owned one car and the time has just flown! Recently I'd noticed that some of the tasks I'd undertaken when I first owned Brucie were beginning to fail again, or need further refreshing. Suddenly it dawned on me that Brucie was only 13 years old when I purchased him, so it is no surprise that things are failing again and it

prompted me to go back over his service history to pre-empt potential failures and take preventative measures to attempt to avert a catastrophe! He had his MoT on 4th September and will be hibernating now, until next Spring, in order to avoid the Scottish winter – once upon a time he was my only car and used year round, but in the more temperate climate of Devon!

While browsing through this 'pre' Christmas issue of Xclusively Jaguar magazine I hope you will find your perfect Christmas gift - you may also notice that some of the items featured in our Christmas Market and Stocking Fillers are discounted, compared with our usual Marketplace!

I hope you enjoy this issue of Xclusively Jaguar magazine and don't forget to contact me with your own stories, thoughts and reports.

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!

Sign Off

That's all for this month, thanks to all those who contributed text or pictures. I hope to see you at the film night or the Christmas Dinner. Don't forget to book your place for the latter – the menu is overleaf.

Clear roads,

David

KINGSKNOWES HOTEL

Starter

Roast Butternut squash, carrot & ginger soup

Prawn & crayfish cocktail, smoked salmon, avocado puree, herb crisp breads

Chicken liver parfait, red onion jam, pickled shallots, oatcakes

Mull cheddar & confit tomato quiche, basil dressing, apple & chilli chutney, micro salad

Main course

Roast turkey crown, apricot & chestnut stuffing, pigs in blankets, roast potatoes, vegetables & turkey gravy

Braised shin of beef, haggis, horseradish mash, spiced red cabbage, rich red wine sauce

Baked fillet of salmon, spinach & garlic crushed potatoes, smoked tomato fondue, green beans & sauce vierge

Roast red pepper, beetroot quinoa, salt baked beetroot, celeriac puree, tarragon oil

Dessert

Christmas pudding, brandy sauce & redcurrants

Salted caramel & Baileys cheesecake

Sticky toffee pudding, brandy snap, vanilla ice-cream

Chocolate & orange tart, lime curd, orange mascarpone

Tea, Coffee & Mince Pies

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