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September Events

After a busy August there were rather fewer events in September, with only the regular breakfast meet at Milestone on the 8th and the Yetholm Fun Day on the 14th to report on. The former was well attended as usual with an eclectic collection of cars from pre-war to modern sports cars. It was good to see Stuart Holland's 1926 Morris Oxford Bullnose make a rare appearance, surely one of the oldest active cars in the club.









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I wasn't personally at Yetholm, so thanks to Chris Biggs for the following report and pictures.

On a mostly dry but decidedly windy Saturday a group of BVAC members turned out to support the Yetholm Fun Day in Town Yetholm. This was a new venture for the village and brought together a small car boot sale, a display of classic cars, an informal dog show and various children's entertainments. Representatives from 'Blood Bikes Scotland' attended with a fundraising display and food and refreshments were available from the on-site sports Pavilion. The Club turn-out of nine cars was the main attraction with a sprinkling of individual entries. There was no competitive element, but locals and visitors made it very clear that they appreciated our support and there was praise for cars and owners alike. I had many conversations sparked by memories of my car. Every family has a Morris Minor story!









Looking Forward

Don't forget the club AGM on October 16th – see details below. Note that the closing date for committee nominations has been extended as we are still looking for volunteers to help run the club. Even if you miss that, the new committee will be only too happy to co-opt additional members or accept offers to take on jobs without joining the committee.

The Annual General Meeting of The Borders Vintage Automobile Club Ltd

Will be held on Wednesday 16th October 2024 at Earlston Church Hall, High Street, Earlston TD4 6HG at 7.30 pm

Agenda will include election of Office Bearers & Committee for 2024/25 and a review of the club's activities in the last year including the BVAC event at Thirlestane in June 2024.

Nominations for Office Bearers & Committee (duly seconded) should be made in writing to The Secretary, B.V.A.C Ltd, 7 Hopeknowe, Earlston, TD4 6HA

by no later than Monday 7 October 2024.

It is hoped all club members will attend.

The last car show of the season is the NVTC event at Brunton Airfield in Northumberland which takes place on Sunday 20th October. Entries have now closed, but it's a great event for spectators with usually a bigger turnout of classic commercials and agricultural machinery than most other shows. Being so late in the season, it does have an unenviable reputation for challenging weather so wrap up well, prepare for the worst and hope for the best!

BVAC Classic 2025

Looking forward to next summer, we now have the date for next year's BVAC Classic at Thirlestane which will be on Sunday 8th June 2025. Clear your diary not just for the weekend but also for the week before if you can help with setting up. Philip Weiss has once again stepped up for the job of site manager and he's bound to be looking for helpers.

Christmas is Coming…

And so is the BVAC Christmas Dinner! Mark your diaries for the social event of the festive season which takes place on Saturday 7th December at 7pm for 7.30 at the Kingsknowes Hotel, Galashiels. Regulars will know that this venue has done us proud over several Christmases, and once again Helen Grimes has undertaken to make the arrangements. The menu is on the next page and the booking form can be found at the end of BVAC News or you can download it as a separate Word document by clicking here. Bookings, along with menu choices and payment need to reach Helen by November 27th.



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FESTIVE MENU



GF = GLUTEN FREE, V = VEGETARIAN, VG = VEGAN, * = CAN BE ADAPTED

Honey roast root vegetable soup *GF, VG

Trio of smoked salmon – Hot smoked salmon, smoked salmon parfait & smoked salmon. Avocado puree, citrus dressing, wholemeal bread

Chicken liver pate, red onion & grenadine jam, pickled shallots & oatcakes *GF

Blue Murder & leek tart, pear & dressed micro salad V

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Roast turkey crown, apricot & sage stuffing, pigs in blankets, roast potatoes, vegetables & turkey gravy *GF

Braised beef bavette, chive mash, sauteed wild mushrooms, celeriac & truffle puree, red wine jus *GF

Baked cod fillet, spiced puy lentils, curried Aioli, confit peppers, baby leeks & coriander GF

Tomato & basil arancini stuffed with bocconcini, tomato fondue, Parmesan & pesto dressed rocket V

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Christmas pudding, brandy sauce & red currants *GF, V

Baileys & white chocolate parfait, mixed berry compote & berry sorbet GF

Sticky toffee pudding, toffee sauce, vanilla ice cream *GF, V

Cheese board: Smoked applewood, Isle of Mull cheddar, Tain brie, Blue Murder, Homemade apple chutney, grapes & biscuits *GF

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Electrifying!

Thanks to Bernie Hartnett for this little gem. How do you make a 100-year-old Daimler easy to drive? Simple, drop an electric motor into it. It's either the obvious thing to do or sacrilege! I'll leave you to watch and decide for yourself as the guy who converted it tries to convince his father. Watch to the end for some nice shots of dad's Lagonda which still makes some marvellous petrol-fuelled noises.



[What does a 76 year old man make of an ELECTRIC 1923 Daimler D16?]

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Golden Oldie

Fred Magill put me onto another fine video on You Tube. It's the oldest car that's still licenced to run on German roads – a Benz Viktoria from 1894. The Viktoria was Benz's first four-wheeler after his initial experiments with tricycles which some of you may remember from the club film night a couple of years ago. It's flat out at 29 km/h (18 mph) which was fast enough to earn the world's first speeding ticket when it was new!

Germany's Oldest Street-Legal Car

Xclusively Jaguar Magazine October 2024 from Letitia Mace

Looking to the immediate future, Jaguar Spares Day is almost upon us, the last big JAGUAR event of the year, made possible by the Jaguar Drivers Club for everyone to enjoy and benefit from! Xclusively Jaguar will be there to welcome you!

Looking forward to 2025 and the 50th anniversary of the XJ-S, we've started the celebrations almost a year in advance of what would have been the launch date with the XJ-S featuring heavily in this issue, from our cover picture, to an updated XJS parts for sale list and a feature on a V12 XJ-S Coupe that I nearly owned!



Being our first ever XJS cover picture, we've gone straight to the top to feature this stunning XJR-S which is proudly owned by David Marks and will reappear in a later issue as I report on a test drive and the model in general.

"Looking Back" this month includes a report from Don Baldry on XJRS lights. An interesting topic, but time moves on and new methods are developed, so I would suggest consulting Better Car Lighting or The XJS Club and Jaguar Drivers Club before attempting repairs or

modifications to XJS lighting which has been the subject of many discussions in the past, so readers thoughts and opinions would be greatly appreciated.

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Jaguar historian, journalist and founder of Jaguar World monthly, Paul Skilleter, wrote to me in praise of our September 2024 issue and, in particular, Howard Hunt's recollections of the X300 launch at Skibo Castle:

> "Dear Letitia,
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> Thanks for another great magazine.
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> I loved the article on the X300 launch, speaking as someone who awoke to the sound of the piper at Skibo Castle at the time... It was a memorable launch indeed, superbly organised as usual back then. Getting Howard to do these stories not only makes for good reading, but also a valuable contribution to Jaguar history because they are now saved for all time. Keep it up!
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> What he [Howard] is able to recall so vividly and with much good humour really is of great value historically, quite apart from being so interesting for us enthusiasts to read."

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Jaguar/Daimler XJ Coupe - Bathurst 2025

Brett Kenyon, also known on Facebook and YouTube as "TJM (The Jag Man) Down Under" has created a YouTube video promoting the "50 for 50 XJC Rally" which will take place at Bathurst, Australia in April 2025.

Information courtesy of Wayne Woonton, Australia

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,

David entries@bvac.org.uk

Don't forget the Christmas Dinner Booking Form on the next page!

Dear Member(s)

Please find attached the menu for Christmas Dinner, which is being held on Saturday, 7th December

2024 at The Kingsknowes Hotel, Selkirk Road, Galashiels, TD1 3HY - 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm.

The cost is £33 per person for three courses, or £28 for 2 courses

This event is being arranged by Helen Grimes, 29 Tweedbank Ley, Innerleithen, EH44 6PE. Menu to

be returned to Helen, NO LATER THAN 27TH NOVEMBER 2024 (hl.grimes@btinternet.com)

Name(s)----------Numbers Attending----------

Starter Choice/Names

Soup ----------

Smoked Salmon ----------

Pate ----------

Tart ----------

Mains

Turkey ----------

Braised Beef ----------

Cod ----------

Arancini ----------

Sweets

Xmas Pudding ----------

Parfait ----------

Sticky Toffee ----------

Cheeseboard ----------

Tea or Coffee and Mince pies

I/We enclose a cheque value----------made payable to B.V.A.C.

Or alternatively by BACS to RBS Account No 00119743 Sort Code 83-23-18

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