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Annual General Meeting

It's approaching time for the club's AGM. Here's the formal notice for it, come along and have your say about the running of the club, or even volunteer to help!

The Annual General Meeting of The Borders Vintage Automobile Club Ltd will be held on Wednesday 15th October 2025 at Earlston Church Hall, High Street, Earlston TD4 6HG at 7.30 pm

Agenda will include election of Office Bearers & Committee for 2025/26 and a review of the club's activities in the last year including the BVAC event at Thirlestane in June 2025.

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 22 September 2025.

It is hoped all club members will attend.

Shows, Shows, Shows!

The car show season has continued apace since the last BVAC News, with organised BVAC groups attending at Ford & Etal and Biggar and BVAC members visiting several other events under their own steam. Here are some stories and pictures to record a busy month, including the first ever report on snail racing in BVAC News – we have something for everyone!

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Ford & Etal report and pictures from Kenny Wilson



Around twenty BVAC members' cars enjoyed a trip over the Border into Northumberland when we attended the Ford & Etal Car show on Sunday 10 August. We met up at The Bluebell Inn near the village of Crookham only a few miles from the show field where morning coffee and hot breakfast rolls were served and set us up for the day! Once again, the weather was fine and we had a great array of club cars on display with a prominent position in the show field. Etal is a relatively new show being in its third year and is organised by the North East Restoration club and attracts around 100 cars. it has a friendly atmosphere and is a short walk into the picturesque Etal village and the well-known Heatherslaw Light Railway . We all enjoyed the day and plan a return next year!





Biggar photos from Fred Magill

A week later, the 50th Biggar Vintage Rally took place, organised by the Biggar Albion Trust and as usual this show attracted a variety of interesting cars and commercials, including some fine Albion commercials.





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Southdean & Red Row

from Philip Weiss



On the weekend of 23/24 August I was invited to two vastly different car shows, equally enjoyable but very different.

Firstly, on Saturday, I was invited to the Southdean village fete, BVAC have been invited for the last three years, and again I took up the invite, unfortunately no one else from the club turned up.

After setting up, I was invited to the village hall and had a lovely buffet lunch with the Southdean committee members. After lunch I and the other village residents were entertained with a dog show, snail races (I won £3.20 on one race!!), village crafts and obstacle races. A lovely little gathering and my landrover combo was welcomed with open hands.

On Sunday, I ventured across the border and went to the Red Row vintage car show at Druridge Bay Northumberland. Wow, the BVAC missed a trick not coming here, what a great show, there must have been 200 + cars, 5 landrovers, tractors, loads of steam engines big and small, motorbikes and tractors, trade stands selling auto jumble, jumble and crafts. The marshals did an amazing job getting everyone in on time, the good weather brought visitors in by droves. I was inundated with enquires about my vehicle,



and the BVAC club, and I signed up new members, a great end to a fabulous weekend at car shows.



Berwick Lifeboat Day

Once again, this year Jen Wood invited members to show their cars at the Berwick Lifeboat Day, but unfortunately this year it clashed with both the show at Etal and our Milestone meet, so inevitably the BVAC participation was rather limited, with a few cars and one enormous truck. Nevertheless, it was a good event in a worthwhile cause. Let's hope the calendar works out next year so that we can put on a better show.





Dalemain

Last year we attempted to organise a BVAC stand at Dalemain in Cumbria but attracted little interest. This was a shame as it's an excellent show with the added interest of some very entertaining autotests. Several BVAC members attended this year as individuals or with other clubs and we had a great day blessed with fine weather and interesting cars. It's well worth the trip!



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More to Come…

The show season isn't over yet! Entries have now closed for the Bo'ness Hill Climb on September 7th and Carhailes the week after. However, you still have time to book up for the last show of the season, the NVTC event at Brunton in Northumberland on October 19th, entries for that one close on September 13th.

The entry form for Brunton can be found on the club website here.

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Milestone

Alongside all this show activity, our regular monthly breakfast meetings continue to be well supported, even when they clash with other events. Here are some pictures from the August meeting. Next dates are September 14th and October 12th. Come along and join us from 10am at the Milestone Garden Centre, Newtown St Boswells.







Car for Sale



A 1947 Lanchester LD10 which has recently been fully restored, bodywork taken down to bare metal and resprayed, new headliner, 4 new tyres and new carpets. Selling due to injury. Open to any reasonable offers. Contact Ron on 07484781958. Can be viewed at Tweedmouth.





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Xclusively Jaguar Magazine August 2025 from Letitia Mace

Welcome to the September 2025 issue of Xclusively Jaguar Magazine!
This month we have another double whammy of "In the rear view mirror" as we catch up after our epic August issue that was dedicated to the launch of X300.
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SAVE THE DATES!
Saturday 11th July and Sunday 12th July 2026
The Jaguar Drivers Club 70th anniversary celebrations at Brooklands Museum in Surrey have the advantage of following on directly from Goodwood Festival of Speed on Thursday 9th July and Friday 10th July, making it possible for members to take a break and enjoy the two events back to back!
For more information visit Jaguar Drivers Club at https://www.jaguardriver.co.uk/contact/

Saturday 8th August and Sunday 9th August 2026
Nigel Webb will be hosting another exciting event at The Mike Hawthorn Museum in Surrey. More details can be found in this issue of Xclusively Jaguar magazine or by contacting Letitia Mace at Letitia@XclusivelyJaguar.org
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While we were in Orkney recently, we checked out The Lynnfield Hotel and we are pleased to announce that this superb establishment will be joining Xclusively Jaguar Route Scotland aka XJRS! More details inside this issue.
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Obituary: We were deeply saddened to hear the news that former long-term Jaguar Heritage Archivist, Anders Ditlev Clausager, had passed away. Anders was greatly respected for his knowledge and attention to detail. For me, he was always there to answer questions and offer help whenever possible. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. RIP
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Balanced against this sad news I have what I hope is some good news, and by the time you read this magazine Rob Jenner and I will be married! It's taken Rob 11 years to propose, but finally in February of this year he popped the question on my birthday! I will retain my name **Letitia Mace**, although Jenace and MacJenner have been suggested as alternatives!



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Ronald Ferguson, sponsored by Xclusively Jaguar, is moving up the racing ladder, now without his novice crosses! At Silverstone he managed a very impressive 2nd place in his class, and 9th overall! A full report appears in this issue.
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XJ meets AI - Two articles in this issue were supplied by Rob Grace, who

was intrigued by AI and decided that he would try using it. Have a read and see what you think!
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!

From the FBHVC

Any of you who have tried to retrieve the correct registration number for a restored car if it's been off the road for years will know the problems of dealing with DVLA and their seemingly inconsistent approach to the subject. The Federation have been lobbying for a better and clearer policy, and it seems they have made significant progress. Their press release states:

"Following an extended period of lobbying and consultation by the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC) culminating in the Call for Evidence to which Members responded in record numbers, the Federation can now share this Registration Policy Update from DVLA.

The Federation is very encouraged by these outcomes, not only with the revised policies but also with a clear change to a more sympathetic and pragmatic approach to the registration difficulties sometimes faced with older vehicles.

We also acknowledge the considerable time and effort Agency staff have obviously devoted to this matter and are grateful that they so carefully listened to our submissions."

For details of the new policy, follow this link:

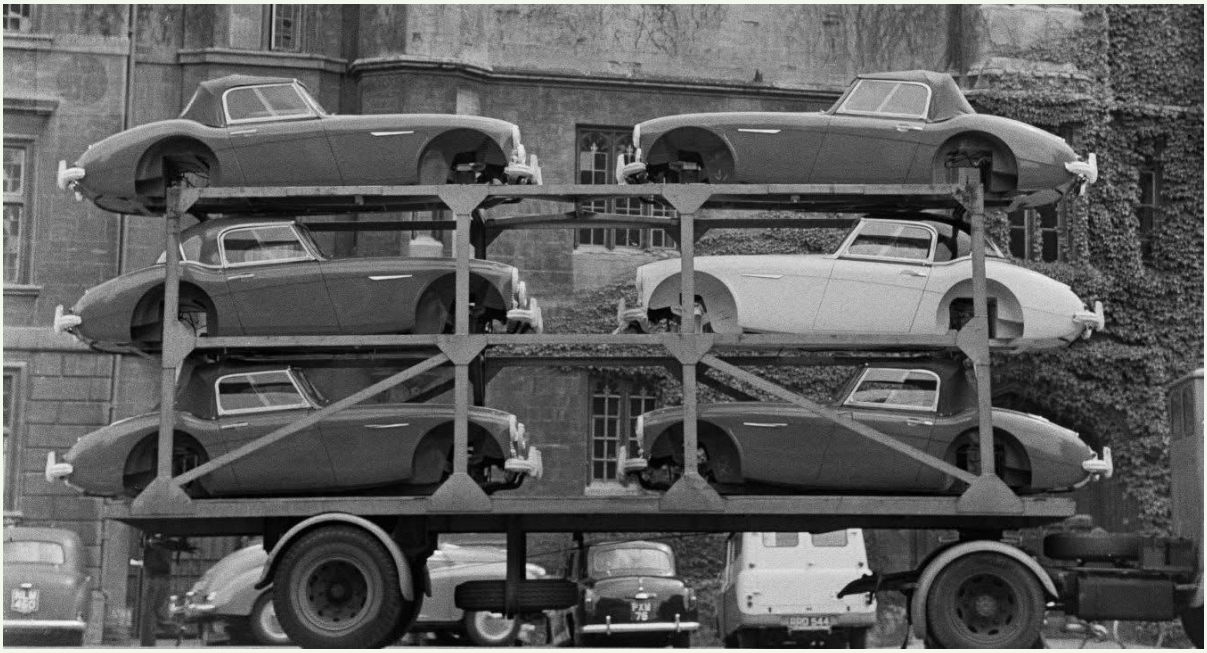
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Miscellany…

Chris Biggs has contributed this fine picture taken at a recent Le Mans Classic showing racing MGAs along with their Morris Commercial support truck. He also sent in the picture overleaf showing big Healey bodies being delivered to Abingdon where they would be assembled and finished.



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Fred Magill has sent me this cover from 'The Autocar' in 1938 featuring two sizes of Austin Seven. I think nowadays the advertising standards might preclude the use of the term 'big' for the four door model, 'not as small as the Ruby' would be nearer the mark. At least it would fit in the garage!



Congratulations to Letitia and Rob – in case you missed it, their news is tucked away in the Xclusively Jaguar announcement.



That's all for this month - clear roads,
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