



BVAC News

September 2020

Club Activity Resuming!

It may not be exactly 'business as usual' but you should all have received a message from Chris Biggs about the restart of breakfast meets at Milestone Garden Centre Newtown St Boswells on September 13th and two one-off events, a small scale car show in Kelso on September 19th and an outing to Dawyck Gardens on October 18th. It makes a pleasant change to be reporting 'forthcoming events' after all these months and I hope to see some of you (socially distanced of course) at these events. Despite the necessary Covid precautions, the Milestone meet will be as informal as usual, just turn up any time between 10 and 12.

In case anyone missed the message from Chris, I've included it at the end of this newsletter.

In Kelso we are limited to 14 cars on display and at time of writing I already have seven entries giving a good spread of cars from the 1930s to the 90s. If you'd like to take part, please email me at entries@bvac.org.uk or phone the number at the foot of the page as soon as possible. So far, we don't have any cars from the 1920s or the 50s, so if you're the proud owner of one of these you'd be particularly welcome. Even if you don't have a car ready to show, do come along and see the show or better still take a spell to help with stewarding.



Just because we're now able to be out and about in our cars again, that doesn't mean we don't like reading about them, but the supply of articles for publication that's been so good throughout lockdown seems to have dried up. All contributions welcome, rant over!

Annual General Meeting 2020

Due to the ongoing Covid 19 restrictions on gatherings, the Committee have decided that the Annual General Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 14 October at Melrose Rugby Club rooms cannot take place in its usual format.

It is therefore proposed that a summary of the club activities for 2020/21 will be forwarded to members on or around this date along with a profit and loss balance sheet of the club's finances.

Any agenda items requiring a response via email should be notified to the Secretary at secretary@bvac.org.uk by no later than Monday 14 September in accordance with the club's memorandum.

It is also proposed that the existing Office Bearers and Committee are continued to October 2021. Nominations for these roles are also open and should be notified to the secretary by the same date.

More Quiet Roads

Dunbar High Street in the 1930s. Parking is a little trickier here these days!



Ad Speak!

Came across this the other day and thought it might be useful for anyone contemplating the purchase of the perfect older car ... or it might just amuse!

OFFICIAL CONVERSION CHART	
HOW TO INTERPRET	
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ANTIQUE CAR ADS	
IF IT SAYS:	IT REALLY MEANS:
Rare model.....	Nobody liked them when new either
Older restoration.....	Can't tell it's been restored
Needs engine work.....	It's been frozen for 30 years
Uses no oil.....	Just throws it out
No rust.....	Body and fenders missing
Rough.....	It's too bad to lie about
One owner.....	Never been able to sell
No time to complete.....	Can't find parts anywhere
Needs interior.....	Seats are gone
Rebuilt engine.....	Has new spark plugs
May run.....	But it never has
Low mileage.....	Third time around
Many new parts.....	Keeps breaking down
29 coats hand-rubbed paint....	Needed that much to cover rust
Clean.....	It sat out in the rain yesterday
Best offer.....	About what I expect to get
Always driven slowly.....	Won't go any faster
Prize winner.....	Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
Stored 25 years.....	Under a tree
Real show stopper.....	Orange with purple fenders
Easy restoration.....	Parts will come off in your hand
Ready to show.....	Just washed it
Top good.....	Only leaks when it rains
Good investment.....	Can't depreciate any more

Shorty Mini For Sale

Shorty mini and BBQ trailer. Mini, ex Mini City. Now a great advertising tool or just a great fun car. It will always get attention so has been and can be used to ADVERTISE YOUR EVENT. New tyres 12 month MOT. These can be sold separately or as a package. Complete advertising package £2600. For more details, contact Fred Magill at fredmagill@btinternet.com or 01578 718965.

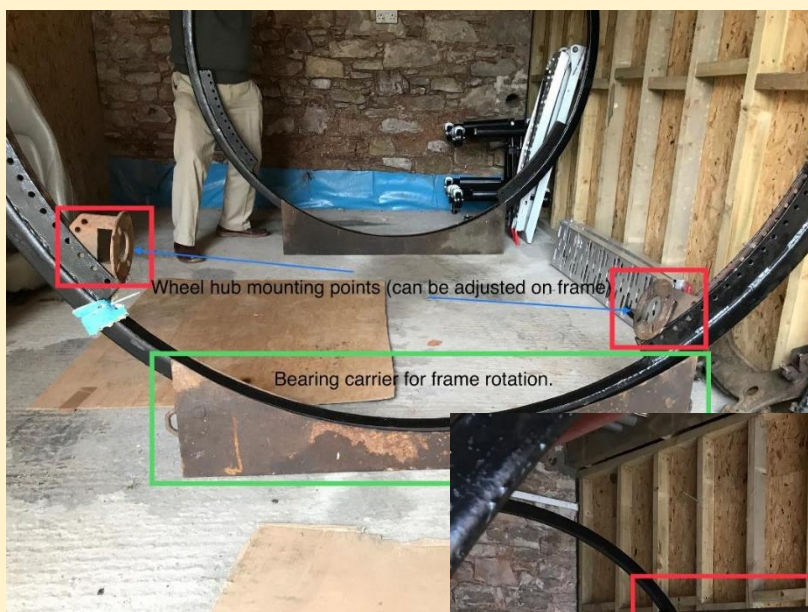


Rotation Frame For Sale

Car restoration frame which encircles the car and simply bolts to the wheel hubs of the body shell of the car undergoing restoration. This allows full access to all areas of the body for repairs e.g. welding and as the frame rotates easily on bearings, it is easily managed by one person. Was purchased originally a couple of years ago for use on an MX5 but never got round to using it and as I also have another roll over



jig for my Sprite restoration, this is simply taking up space. When purchased it had been used successfully for Triumph Herald restorations it but can be used on various vehicles as it is fully



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adjustable. Note, this is a substantial frame and is extremely heavy but hopefully, this could help somebody with their restoration.

£50 for quick sale.



Message from Chris

Here's the full text of Chris Biggs' message mentioned at the top of the newsletter:

BVAC Resumption of Club Activities 2020

Dear Members,

This has been a difficult and challenging year for all of us involving restrictions and severe limits on our lives. It gives me great pleasure to be announcing the resumption of Club Activities from September. This will be a modest and carefully controlled operation taking into account current Government guidelines and Scottish Borders Council approval where required. We have arranged the following –

Milestone Breakfast Meets:

These will resume from Sunday 13th September and every second Sunday of the month thereafter until further notice. Social distancing will be required in the Car Park and masks must be worn inside the buildings until seated at a table. We may have to queue at the Café to be seated. There is a limit of 4 persons to a table from no more than 3 households. Where possible the Café will allocate us a 'block' of tables so that Members will be in the same area. Milestone now has their extension to the Café fully operational. We shall have to be flexible and see how this goes.

Kelso Meet and Show:

Saturday 19th September, 10am – 3.30pm, using a reserved section of the Car Park in the Market Place. We are limited to 14 cars on show, Members wishing to 'show' their cars should email entries@bvac.org.uk with details of their car. David Hunter will allocate places so as to give an interesting variety of cars. We anticipate a strong demand for places. A reserve list will be kept for last minute adjustments and to have in hand for possible future events. If this event is successful it may be a formula that would interest other Borders towns. David will also take a note of volunteers for Stewarding duties. We must provide four Stewards at all times during the day to answer questions and be friendly to visitors – a chance to be involved even if you are not showing a car. Further details will be sent to Members who are directly participating. This event is intended to promote the Club and provide relaxed and informal enjoyment. Members not showing their cars will be welcome as visitors to Kelso during the day. The town has free parking, a vibrant town centre, many historic buildings and lovely riverside walks. Those showing their cars should also have ample time for exploration and refreshment. Please bring pleasant weather!

Dawyck Botanic Gardens Visit:

Sunday 18th October, Stobo, Upper Tweeddale. A chance for a good drive visiting a beautiful place that should be resplendent in Autumn foliage. Members will travel individually from their homes (or with another car by private treaty) to the gardens. Aim to arrive in a 30minute 'window' between 11.30am and 12.00 noon. Park in the Car Park and assemble there, socially distanced, before we enter the gardens. Masks in buildings plus you must complete their 'Test and Trace register please. Toilets are available. The 'Group' rate of entry will apply to us - £5 per person. The Café offers 'takeaway' fare and you are welcome to bring your own food and drink and consume this in the gardens. Outdoor seating is available. Plans will be provided and walking routes are marked. Visitors may walk the gardens in small groups following current guidelines. There are more details on the Dawyck website, rbge.org.uk. If you would like to join us for this visit please email chrisjbiggs@btinternet.com and provide your car details and number of people. I need to monitor things to advise the gardens what to expect. To some extent this event is weather dependent but will not be cancelled unless the weather is very bad.

That is all for now. I hope you will find something here to interest you and that we shall see many of you at one of these events to dip a toe into the 'new normal'.

Best wishes to you all,

Chris Biggs,

Club Management Group Convener.

That's all for now, I hope to see many of you at our events this month.

David