



BVAC News

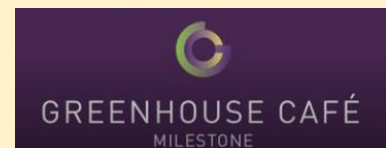
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Club Events

The monthly breakfast meeting at Milestone Garden Centre continues to be popular with a good turnout on Sunday 12th March. The next date is April 10th. If you haven't been before, do come along – it's totally informal, just roll up from 10am until about noon and look for the older cars in the car park, just off the A68 at the south end of Newtown St Boswells. Anything from a cup of tea to a slap-up breakfast is available in the Greenhouse Café.



The other event to report last month was the curry night held at the Shish Restaurant in Galashiels. An enjoyable evening was had by the dozen or so members who came along.

Looking forward, 6th April is our garage night at Lloyd Land Rover in Kelso. Join us at a



specially arranged evening at this major Land Rover dealership. The evening will include a 'Welcome' and a brief introduction about Lloyd and the Land Rover brand in the Scottish Borders. A video presentation will showcase vehicle capabilities and there will be opportunities to inspect the showroom. A

garage tour will look at their departments including workshop facilities, including vehicles on ramps, when there will be technical expertise on hand for discussion. Questions will be welcomed. Our hosts would like us to be reasonably accurate about numbers attending so if you would like to join in this activity, please email Chris Biggs at chrisbiggs@btinternet.com. Time is getting tight and there are only a few places left, so **do it NOW!**

Sunday 24th April is National Drive It Day, the day when classic car enthusiasts all over the country get their vehicles out on the road to be seen by as many people as possible. BVAC will be putting on a run through the scenic Borders countryside with cars leaving Milestone from 11am for a run of 60-70 miles finishing in the afternoon at Woll Golf Club at Ashkirk where refreshments will be available. Members and guests welcome, no need to book.

Beyond April, there are a couple of club events planned for May and early June as well as the first shows of the season, so keep these dates in your diary, more details to follow:

- 8th May BVAC visit to the Kielder Classic Car Show
- 15th May BVAC visit to the BVAA show at Kelso
- 22nd May an afternoon visit to Dawyck Botanic Gardens
- 5th June our 50th anniversary run which will follow part of the route taken in 1972 by the rally which led to the founding of the BVAC.

More information about the Kielder and Kelso shows is in Dennis Fortune's article below.

BVAC Classic Update

The demand for places to show cars at Thirlestane on June 19th has been unprecedented and we have already had to close general entries more than a month before the scheduled date. Club members can still apply to show their cars in the club display area, just email

entries@bvac.org.uk for an entry form. For the rest, we've got a waiting list going in the hope that we have some cancellations or can organise a bit more space.

Of course, we have to justify all this popularity by putting on a great show and those of you who were involved in 2019 or earlier will know that the show doesn't just happen, it takes a lot of hard work! Granted, the new organisation will relieve us of some jobs, but there will still be plenty to do. Volunteers will be needed during the week before the show to help with setting up, on the day for marshalling and on the Monday after to clear up, so please try to make yourself available to help if you possibly can. We'll be putting out details of the jobs and the times they're needed nearer the time.



Car Shows This Summer (from Dennis Fortune)

Now that we are into April, we have two car shows coming up in the next month, the first being Kielder on 8th May, where we currently have **3** entries from club members. The closing date for entries is 01st May so if you are thinking about going to Kielder then you still have time, but just remember you must make an individual entry using the Eventbrite website (link shown below) as well as submitting the BVAC entry form on our own web site.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/2022-kielder-vintage-classic-vehicle-show-located-at-kielder-castle-tickets-251449300627>

The second show on 15th May is the ever-popular BVAA Annual Rally to be held in Springwood Park, Kelso. Here we currently have **5** entries from club members but the closing date for entries is the 15th April, so if you are thinking to come along then you have just two weeks to get your entry submitted using the BVAC website entry form.



After the BVAA at Kelso we have our own club show and other activities happening in the first 3 weeks of June and the next show to be looking out for after that will be Moffat on 25-26th June and it is now confirmed that BVAC has been

allocated space for a club stand sufficient for 10 cars, so if interested in going to Moffat with the club stand get your entry in now, using the entry form on the BVAC website. If you have already entered as an individual for Moffat but would like to join the club stand then please get in touch with Dennis Fortune at clubstandentries@bvac.org.uk

Other shows confirmed, but awaiting further details are Chillingham on 3rd July and Berwickshire Agricultural Show on 06th August.

Later in the year further shows under consideration are Biggar, Newhailes, NMF (Wheels & Wings) but all awaiting further information to be issued on these events.

Unfortunately, it's recently been announced that the Bo'ness Revival & Hill Climb event at Kinneil House will not take place this year, a real pity as this is a good day out and usually popular with club members as it combines the classic car show with the timed hill climb event, hopefully to be back in 2023.

*Editor's Note: The numbers for both Kielder and Kelso seem very low. In previous years we've had a really good turn out at Kelso. Let's see if we can do better than this – **hurry up and book!***

FBHVC News

BVAC is a member of the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs, and they're very active in lobbying for the classic car fraternity. They



also have an excellent website at <https://www.fbhvc.co.uk/> and regular magazine (which is also available online). It's always worth a look and this month their news includes at least one Scottish item – if you're looking for a day out with the kids (or grandkids), you might like to know that at the Dundee Museum of Transport kids go free for the whole month of April.



ULEZ – Coming to a City Near You Soon

You may well know that London has had an Ultra Low Emission Zone for some years and that it has recently been extended. One is proposed for Edinburgh later this year. Whether this is bad news for you depends on how old your classic car is. If your petrol car was registered in 2006 or later you should be OK, but your diesel has to be much newer. At the other end of the scale, older classics are exempt – in London they have to be taxed in the Historic Vehicle class (at least 40 years old), while the Edinburgh proposal states your car must be “over 30 years old, no longer in production and preserved in original state”. The drivers of modern classics that fall between these categories are the ones who will be caught out. While the Edinburgh ULEZ is planned to launch on 31st May this year, there will be a two year grace period before charges apply. The Edinburgh zone is relatively small, but then so was the London one initially and my how it's grown! You can read about it here: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/roads-travel-parking/low-emission-zone-scheme/1>

Austin 7 Centenary

We've all admired the little Austins that Jim, Neil and Dick turn up with at Milestone, and you probably know that the Austin 7 was launched 100 years ago this year. If you are interested in a potted history of the model, you could do worse than read this article: <https://www.hagerty.co.uk/articles/classic-car-reviews/austin-seven-power-to-the-people-100-years-on/>



Xclusively Jaguar Magazine April 2022 (from Letitia Mace)

At the time of writing, the sun is shining, and petrolheads everywhere are beginning to get their cars out - or at least make those final few tweaks before hitting the road - ready for what will hopefully be a more "normal" year for car shows!

It couldn't have come at a better time either, as Jaguar and SS owners look at ways to celebrate their Centenary this year. If you still haven't decided what to do, why not take a look at Pages 36 and 40 for ideas to celebrate with other Jaguar and SS owners!

Whether you are at a show and looking for something to read in the sunshine - or more likely, the April showers have hampered your plans - then this issue will have you entertained for hours. We have a fantastic haul of articles this month, from Swallows "New Look" Launch, to another technical article on the "Dirty Diesel" by Martin Joyce. We also have a book review on Peter Simpson's wonderfully illustrated book "The Curved Road", followed by an overview of Letitia's



trip along the NC500 - if these two articles don't get you wanting to take your Jaguar out for a drive, nothing will! Don't forget, Part 2 of our special 6-Part series from Andy Harvey continues where we left off last issue, in our quest for understanding where the XJS rusts and why!

You will find the April 2022 issue of Xclusively Jaguar magazine at www.Xclusively-Jaguar.co.uk

Contact Letitia Mace at Letitia@exclusively-jaguar.co.uk for more information

Tea 'n' Torque at Scott Brown Cars

Last year, **Xclusively Jaguar** held several "Tea 'n' Torque" gatherings, for car enthusiasts to meet and chat to other like minded individuals and to enjoy seeing some interesting cars.

For 2022 Scott Brown, having seen that we have outgrown our current venue, put forward the idea of moving "Tea 'n' Torque to his garage premises in Reston.

Our first Tea 'n' Torque 2022 will be held on Saturday 16th April, from 11am onwards.

Venue: Scott Brown Cars, Reston, TD145JN

No booking required – just turn up on the day.

For more details please contact Letitia@exclusively-jaguar.co.uk or phone 07747 130 139

That's all for this month, hope to see you at club events soon and if you've anything you want to comment on or contribute, email me at entries@bvac.org.uk.

David