



BVAC News

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AGM

You should already have had your formal invitation to the club's AGM, so this is just a reminder to come along to Earlston Church Hall in Main Street, Earlston, TD4 6HG at 7:30pm on Wednesday 19th October. Members old and new are encouraged to attend and have your say about the club's activities and maybe even offer to lend a hand running some of them!



September Saunter



The main event of last month's club calendar was our drive out on the 17th to have lunch at the Tankerville Arms in Wooler. Thanks are due to Chris Biggs for organising a

marvellous route taking in some fine Borders and Northumberland scenery. We did rather swamp the hotel's kitchen capacity but I think everyone got a tasty lunch before we set off towards Kelso.



Milestone Meets

Our monthly breakfast meetings at the Milestone Garden Centre, Newtown St Boswells continue to be well attended and September was no exception. If you haven't joined us before, I'd encourage you to come along. It's a totally informal event from 10 -12 on the second Sunday of every month. That makes the next date October 9th. See you there!



Brunton Show

The last car show of the season takes place at Brunton Airfield in Northumberland on Sunday October 16th. Entries have closed now but even if you haven't got a place, come along to watch. It's a great day out with usually a big turnout of classic cars, commercials and especially agricultural machinery – it is run by the Northumberland Vintage Tractor Club after all. There's also a decent autojumble to browse round. Brunton Airfield can be found a couple of miles SW of the coastal village of Beadnell; entry is from the minor road at the south side of the field.



Looking Ahead

In November we'll be starting our winter programme of indoor events with a film show on the 16th at 7.30pm in Earlstoun Church Hall. Beyond that, remember the Christmas Dinner on December 3rd.

Veteran Driving



Fred Magill's regular trawl of the internet in search of item of interest to classic car buffs has turned up a gem this month. The club badge is based on the first motor car to arrive in the Borders, a late 19th century Panhard. Have you ever wondered what one of these very early cars was like to drive? Well, wonder no longer as you can find a fascinating YouTube video describing a drive in a Panhard of only

slightly later vintage (1904) by clicking [here](#).

Other gems unearthed by Fred from [prewarcar.com](#) include driving from [Spain to Moscow](#) in 1967 in a Rolls Royce that was already over half a century old and celebrations to mark the centenary of the ground-breaking [Lancia Lambda](#).

FBVHC News

Don't forget that BVAC is a member of the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs – you can read the latest news from them by downloading their latest newsletter from this [link](#).

The magazine is a great read with a mix of historical articles (like the headline one on Sir Donald Campbell), museum visits, club news and useful information about legal issues affecting drivers and classic cars.



MGB Parts & a Lathe

Many of you will have seen Bernie Hartnett's beautiful MG-engined TVR. The restoration has left Bernie with some clutter in his garage. Contact Bernie on 07779 019505 if you're interested in an MGB 1800cc 5 bearing engine block with separate head, both plainly used but should be good donors for an engine rebuild and only £20 to an agreed charity. He also has a Myford Lathe with cabinet and some cutting tools - £650 (could possibly deliver within 30 mile radius of Jedburgh).

Worthy of a Visit

from Chris Biggs

Earlier This year whilst enjoying a short break in Perthshire I spent a pleasant afternoon in Alyth. This is a village full of character and popular with residents and visitors sitting in the Vale of Strathmore close to the entrance to Glen Isla. The river Isla flows through the centre of the village and is a notable feature with its 500 year old pack horse bridge. Ranges of older buildings surround a small square where one can usually park and the place is ideal for a gentle stroll – especially if you like Classic cars.



Just off the village square is a large range of former mill buildings now almost entirely occupied by one of the best vintage and Classic repair and restoration companies in Scotland. “Classic Restorations (Scotland) Ltd;” was begun in 1985 under the guiding hand of Charles Palmer. The organisation has a large workforce providing all the necessary skills for all degrees of restoration along with years of experience. An apprenticeship scheme is in place to train skilled mechanics and restoration specialists for the future and the staff are an integral part of the village. Under a special scheme the future ownership of the company will be in the hands of its employees. An enlightened place with mastery of ancient skills.



The buildings provide ample space for a series of workshops and specialist areas. They are a friendly and welcoming group and I had no difficulty in obtaining an invitation to “come in and look around”. I had seen vintage Bentleys and Rolls Royce cars there before along with



other older vintage tourers but, not having visited for some time, I was surprised by the number of more modern Classics being worked on. In one workshop a collection of Peugeot 205s in varying stages of Rally preparation were getting an overhaul. Their work is widely renowned across Scotland.

This would be a very distant place for BVAC members to consider for help on a project but should you find yourselves in the area with a little time to spare it is a rewarding place to visit. If for instance you were attending the annual Glamis Castle car show and maybe staying overnight in the area you would be only a few miles from Alyth. If you want to have your car serviced they will deliver you to any one of three local golf courses to enjoy a round and collect you later to pick up your vehicle. That's what I call service.



I can recommend the area very warmly, especially Glen Isla, smaller and less spectacular than many but remote, gentle and lovely. My idea of a little slice of heaven.

The website is a feast of great images – classicrestorations.co.uk.

Xclusively Jaguar Magazine from Letitia Mace



Prior to the Covid Lockdowns I announced that I would bring my monthly “Brucie’s Diary” posts to an end, as I had been using other Jaguars for events and travelling, therefore, it seemed a little irrelevant. This brought protests from some of my regular readers, so I promised to include Brucie’s Diary if there was something of relevance to report. These days, “Brucie’s Diary” often appears in other forms, such as, “Brucie Goes to Shetland” so it is far from lost, but this month Brucie has been busy so his diary is included, and having reached 180,000 miles during September Brucie will soon be off to bed for the winter, out of the way of salty roads!

In the midst of compiling this issue, came the very sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II who was well-known for her patronage of the Daimler and Jaguar marques. There was clearly a sense of loyalty and mutual respect between her majesty and Sir William Lyons and the much sought after Royal warrant was bestowed upon Jaguar Cars and Jaguar Main Dealer, R.A. Creamer.

Queen Elizabeth's reign coincided with the beginning of "Jaguar Cars" and has ended at a time when the future of Jaguar, as we know it, is uncertain.

We would like to acknowledge this sombre occasion by saying that it is with great sadness that we say goodbye to the only monarch many of us have ever known and at the same time remember that we are also welcoming King Charles III to the throne God save the King!

You will find the latest issue of Xclusively Jaguar magazine (along with all back issues) at www.Xclusively-Jaguar.co.uk

Contact Letitia Mace via 07836 68 78 98 or Letitia@exclusively-jaguar.co.uk for more information

That's all for this month, I 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.

Clear roads,

David