

The Squeaky Wheel

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Bucklers Hard

Our upcoming Dorset Delights Run Destination

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Introduction from Dave Rosher, Chairman

Hello members – and welcome to issue 72 of Squeaky Wheel...

This edition should be with you just after Easter, by which time many of you will have already taken your classics out to blow away those winter cobwebs.

Around 30 cars did just that back in January on Allan Goddard's New Year Run; which went ahead despite the weather and last-minute roadworks doing their best to thwart proceedings...! You can read Alan Drake's report on how the day went further on.

Also braving the cold but much further north above the arctic circle, were Association Chair, Gerard O'Sullivan and CVG members, Malcolm & Steven Grubb; who entered the recent Planet Pub2Pub, Snowstorm Rally. Hopefully, once they have thawed out, we will be able to report on how that went in the next issue.

At time of writing, it's too early to say how the Easter Sunday display at Weston Park fared - but at the moment, at least the weather forecast looks good, with "13 degrees and sunny" currently forecast...!

Coming up later in April, Bernard has arranged for a joint visit with our Motorsport Group to the Morgan Factory in Malvern. Depending on how bookings are going, there might just be a chance of getting a place.

The annual FBHVC Drive it Day is towards the end of the month and there should be an event happening locally to tempt many of you out. Our own run in Hampshire & Sussex being one of them.

As we move into May, Geoff Davies has once again arranged for CVG members to get discounted entry to the Donington Historic Weekend and we also have an invite from CVG regular, John Iddles, to join the Jaguar XK Car Club (SW) on their run in Somerset. June sees Chris & Shirley's ever popular Dorset Delights run, along with Barry's foray into France.

And, there are just a few places left on the Retro Run in September – but you will need to get your entry in to Madeleine & Malcolm by 19 April.

On the organisation front, I am pleased to announce that the post of Motoring Leader on the Club Council has been filled by Graham Davis.

There were no new nominations forthcoming for the CVG committee and all the current members have agreed to continue in their various roles for another year - but if there are any members among you who would like to get a bit more involved, even if just to organise the occasional event – please get in touch with any of the committee members.

That's it from me for now, enjoy the spring - *Dave*

Local CVG Groups

Severn & Avon

Geoff Davies is the local Severn and Avon Group co-ordinator and he holds regular Noggin & Natters on the second Tuesday of most months at: The Bell Inn, Martley Road, Lower Broadheath, Worcestershire, WR2 6QG
For more details and dates, email Geoff at: a6gcd@btinternet.com

North Staffs & Stone Classic Car Group –

Pete Cresswell's regular classic car meets are on the first Monday of each month at: **The Mill at Worston, Worston Lane, Little Bridgeford, ST18 9QA** from 7pm; to which CVG members are invited to come along. For more info, email Pete at: pete.cresswell.t21@btinternet.com

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JOIN US ON THE MORGAN WORKS VISIT

Thursday 23 April 2026



Morgan Motor Company, Pickersleigh Road, Malvern WR14 2LL

This is a joint visit by the Classic Vehicle Group and the Motor Sport Group.

Our tour of the Morgan Car Works will start at 10:20 am and will last for about 2 hours after which we can eat in their café, but we shall have to pre-book our food.

Famous the world over for its unique blend of craft, heritage and pure driving experience, the Morgan Motor Company has been in Malvern for over 110 years. We will see the craftsmanship used in creating the wooden frames from start to finish on site.

Please email your expression of interest to bernard.ward3@btinternet.com who will send out a registration form and request for payment.

Name Membership no. / guest E mail required

Morgan has kindly provided the following information.

Car parking is available on site and there are three accessible parking spaces at the front of the building. Visitors will be on their feet for the two hours but there are seats and resting areas around the factory.

The tour will cost £29.95.

Email - Bernard Ward: bernard.ward3@btinternet.com

On behalf of the Boundless by CSMA Classic Vehicle Group and Motor Sport Group

Come and join the Classic Vehicle Group

On Sunday 26th April for:



Starting from The Angel Hotel on the A32 near Privett, this year's run will take us east from Hampshire into the South Downs National Park, then via a specialist car dealership to finish at the South Downs Light Railway, located in the Pulborough Garden Centre, where there is also a café.



Entry fee is £45 per car and two occupants (£50 non-members), to include: tea/coffee at start, tulip roadbook, Drive it Day rally plate and rides on the railway. (Extra passengers £10 each)

Download full details and entry form from: boundless.co.uk/cvg or, email: daverosher@gmail.com for more details.

The Donington Historic Festival,

1st/2nd / 3rd May 2026

The Donington Historic Festival (DHF) offers a wealth of on and off-track entertainment for spectators, that are jam-packed with world-class race action, track displays and parades.

With open access to paddock and pit lane walks, a trade village, plus the presence of hundreds of cherished classic cars in displays staged by dozens of car clubs the event attracts a calibre of drivers that matches the calibre of cars. Past and present-day BTCC and Le Mans names are often seen on the entry lists.



The Classic Vehicle Group has once again signed up for the 2026 club package deal, offering 50% discounted entry along with free infield car club parking. When booking your club-discounted tickets, you will also need to request a free parking pass to join the CVG display.



Please note that only cars deemed appropriate for the club display are permitted into the infield. You will be asked to provide the car's year of registration, make, model, and registration number at the time of ticket booking.

Club members who are not planning on arriving in a display car are able to park in the free general public car park.

Price - Friday £7.50, Saturday or Sunday £14.00, Full weekend £22.50

Contact Geoff Davies: a6gcd@btinternet.com for more information, club discount details and to register your interest

DORSET DELIGHTS DRIVE

13th June 2026

This year we have put together an event which explores not only the towns and villages and coast of these two beautiful counties, but a little bit of Wiltshire too! We will start at our earlier venue at The Swan, just south of Lyndhurst on A35, now re-opened and under new and enthusiastic ownership where breakfast options will be available, while registration and briefing take place.



We will look at the 20th century history of the areas through our visit to Breamore Countryside Museum and several WWII airfields in the New Forest – as well as our earlier history ranging from passing the important Roman villa at Rockbourne to our spectacular finish at Bucklers Hard, the

protected village on the Beaulieu River where a number of the ships of Nelson's navy were built, including his first command, HMS Agamemnon.

The run will be broadly circular this time following the south coast before arriving at the finish, where tea and cake will be provided at The Captains Table café at Bucklers Hard, and we will display the cars in the ancient village between its picturesque rows of cottages while we visit the exhibition, the chapel and possibly the Master Builder's Hotel next to the river for anyone wanting to finish our afternoon in classic style!!

Entry fee for car and 2 people, £50 for members (£55 non members) to include rally plate, tulip road book, refreshments at the start and finish for driver and passenger, admission to Breamore Countryside Museum and all facilities at Bucklers Hard.



Other food items are available on restaurant menus in addition at your cost. Extra passengers £20 each to cover admissions and refreshments.

Entry forms available from:- Chris Laver, email: chris@whitesands82.co.uk

CVG trip to France 2026

Monday 22nd June – Sunday 28th June 2025

6 nights, 7 days

We invite you to join us on our annual jaunt abroad in June 2026. The trip is being planned again with our Boundless partners, Brittany Ferries. This year an extra day has been added as we will be venturing further eastwards to our destination, a long overdue return to Reims.



Our adventure starts in Portsmouth where we will join our 8am Brittany Ferry for the 6-hour crossing to Caen arriving at c.15:00hrs. From there we will take a drive to our first overnight stop at Hotel Ibis Styles Parc des Expos Zenith in Rouen.

Day 2- Tuesday. After breakfast will see us making our way to our next Hotel, the Ibis at Soissons where we will be staying for the next 4 nights. A location ideally placed for exploring the surrounding area.

Day 3 - On Wednesday the main event will be a drive to the historic "Reims de Gueux", the former Reims racing circuit. Opened in 1926, it used public roads and was the venue for the Grand Prix de la Marne and hosted several Formula One French Grand Prix from 1950 to 1966. Closed as a racing circuit in 1972 and now a public road you can stop and walk around the pit complex and grandstands, many of which are in Art Deco style. The circuit saw its heyday in the 50's and 60's with both 12-hour endurance races and 14 Formula 1 Grand Prix's. Indeed, its debut in Formula 1 was during the inaugural World Championship year in 1950. In 1954, Jaguar



gained a 1,2,3 in the 12-hour race with a maiden victory for the D Type. If there's no traffic you can try a grand prix start and imagine being in a F1 car and drive the route which is apparently still accessible to experience the circuit, all at the correct speed limit of course. While



in the Reims area other places of interest include Musée Automobile Reims Champagne and Cathedral of Notre-Dame of Reims.

Unlike our tour 2 years ago to Normandy and WW2 beaches, this year we will be in the depths of World War One country and the Somme.

Days 4 and 5 - As the tour is a free and easy event, Thursday and Friday you have the freedom to explore the area, and the following provides some places you may be interested in –

Soissons - Butte de Chalmont is a national monument in France, featuring the "Les Fantômes" (The Ghosts), Compiègne Forest - Memorial de l'Armistice. Where The World War I Armistice was signed in a railway carriage in the Rethondes Clearing. Venturing further afield – Take a ride on the Le P'tit Train de la Haute Somme – used by the French and British armies to supply men, equipment, and ammunition to the Battle of the Somme front lines, Chateau de Pierrefonds – Located in the Oise region, built in the 14th century and used in several films and TV series.

Day 6 Saturday– sees us return to Rouen for our overnight stop again at the Hotel Ibis Styles Parc des Expos Zenith.

Day 7 Sunday – we make our way back to Caen and our 16:30 return ferry to Portsmouth.

The cost per car with driver and one passenger will be £985 for 6 nights (7 days), and includes return ferry crossing from Portsmouth to Ouistreham, Caen, 6 nights with bed and breakfast accommodation. A local tourist tax may be levied at the hotel, which is not included in the price. An additional £50 will be payable directly to Classic Vehicle Group to cover Rally plates and admin costs etc. Price correct as of 11th December 2025.

If you wish to join Marian and I, email me at barry.haughton@sky.com for an entry form. Places now subject to availability.

Shelsley Walsh Classic Nostalgia Weekend

Saturday 18 July - Sunday 19 July 2026

The Classic Vehicle Group invites you to celebrate the Glory Days of Motorsport at the Shelsley Walsh Classic Nostalgia Weekend.

A highlight of the UK motorsport calendar, the event features the very best racing cars and vintage specials, a relaxed garden-party atmosphere, and thrilling track action from rally cars to cool machinery from every era, where anything goes. It is a relaxed meeting with plenty to enjoy both on and off the track.



First used in 1905 and in continuous use ever since, Shelsley Walsh is the oldest motorsport venue in the world still run on its original course. Today's competitors follow in the wheel tracks of motorsport greats such as Raymond Mays, Hans Stuck, and the late Sir Stirling Moss.

Renowned throughout the motoring world for its unique atmosphere, Shelsley allows enthusiasts to get exceptionally close to the action, as well as to the cars and drivers.

Car Clubs at Classic Nostalgia

Car clubs will have a designated parking area to include sufficient space for club gazebo/seating area. Gates open for general admission at 8:00 am. Hill climb action runs from 9:00 am until approximately 5:00 pm each day. It is recommended that you arrive between 8:00 am and 10:00 am to get into position on your car club stand.

Contact Geoff Davies: a6gcd@btinternet.com for more info and how to book; or see the website for further updates closer to the date of the event: classicnostalgia.co.uk

Price - Discounted rate for Club Members (per person, per day) £17.00

Chiltern Cream Tea Run

Saturday 1st August

Come and join the Classic Vehicle Group for a delightful drive exploring the beautiful Chilterns.

This year, and new to the calendar, we have a new run exploring the villages of this picturesque part of the country.

The run starts at Mursley Farm Shop with a hot drink (hot food available if required) and will end there with a cream tea. This will give you an opportunity to look around and, if so inclined, purchase some of the many gifts and the highly recommended farm produce on sale and not forgetting the ice cream made on the premises.

The route will take us through many charming villages in the area. If they look familiar it maybe because you have seen them on TV. For example, the Cock & Rabbit pub in the picturesque, village of The Lee, near Great Missenden seen many times in Midsomer Murders.



Here you can enjoy a coffee or a bite to eat. If you wished to stretch the legs, a short walk from the pub you will find the wooden figurehead of Admiral Lord Howe located at the gated entrance of Pipers, a private house in the village. It was the figurehead of the HMS Howe (later renamed HMS Impregnable), the Royal Navy's last wooden battleship, broken up in 1921. Taken from the 19th-century warship *HMS Impregnable*, this Grade II listed landmark was moved to its current position in 1953.

The route will take you passed Chequers through to Butlers Cross and back to the start, via Quanton with its windmill, for a cream tea before heading home.

For more information and an entry form please email Pete at –
Pete.joyner@ovitts26.com

The Capel Show Saturday 15th August 2026

“An extravaganza of Classic Cars and Motorbikes, Flowers & Vegetables, Food and a Bar with a good selection of local ales, an Auto Jumble, Dog Show and local stalls selling everything good our village has to offer” - is how the organisers describe it; and those of you who have been before will probably agree.



Online registration is now open for this ever-popular event, and we have once again reserved a limited number of spaces for members.

Please note: The show is aimed primarily at vehicles registered before 2001 - unless of special interest.

The theme for this year's show is yet to be announced.

Entry is by charitable donation to Friends of St. John The Baptist, and you can choose how much to donate when you register.

Entries are already coming in fast, so to guarantee your place, go to the Capel Classic Car & Bike Show website at: <https://www.capelshow.co.uk/>

Follow the instructions depending on the category of vehicle you wish to exhibit and when completing your personal details at the “checkout” stage, when you get to the **“Are you joining the show with your club...?”** choose **“yes”** and select **“Boundless CVG”** from the drop-down options.

Once you have entered, if you could then let me know what vehicle you are bringing by email at: daverosher@gmail.com, then I will know how many to expect on the day.

Many thanks - *Dave*

Bookings have already passed 40% - so don't delay...!

LODGE'S CLASSIC CAR AND BUS SHOW

Sunday 16th August 2026

Added to the event calendar this year is the visit to Lodge's Classic Car and Bus Show where, should you wish to display your 'classic' we will have a CVG stand with flags and all.

Even though the Capel Show is the same weekend we hope to encourage members in the East of England to join us. As reported in the January Squeaky Wheel we can expect rides on Lodges' classic buses and a flying display which is well worth seeing.



One of the oldest, if not the oldest, a 1915 Singer 10 hp on display last year.



In the Lodge Museum is this 1931 Gilford that appeared in an episode of Dad's Army (Everyone's Trucking) and was later abandoned after engine failure. Rescued and after a 5-year restoration.

The arrangements are unlike Capel in that it will be pay on the gate on entry, letting them know you will be on the Boundless CVG stand, and dropping a line to Bernard in advance so he can arrange the stand space.

Attendees will have a bargain entry at just £5 per car (which is donated to charity). Contact Bernard Ward - bernard.ward3@btinternet.com

HERTS. & BEDS RUN

Sunday 6 September

This is a new run for CVG which is being run jointly with North West London Group members. It will start from the Greenhouse Cafe at Vanstone Park Garden Centre, near Codicote, Herts. The finish will be at the famous Shuttleworth Collection near Biggleswade, Beds.

There are also a couple of special places of interest planned along the route as well. More details will be available later on the website or,

Contact: markbrumwell@btopenworld.com for more info.

The Retro Run

Friday 11 to Sunday 13 September 2026

**** Just a few places left - Closing Date for entries is 19 April ****

For the 2026 Retro Run we will be staying at The Frensham Pond Hotel & Spa, a 15th-century country house in a beautiful lakeside setting in the Surrey countryside, ideally situated for exploring the roads, countryside and places of interest across Surrey, Hampshire and Sussex.



The weekend will start on Friday evening with a welcome drink reception ahead of a 3-course evening meal. We offer scenic runs on Saturday and Sunday which are untimed, so you can go at your own pace with plenty of time to relax, enjoy the views of the countryside and visit some of the interesting places on the way.

Road Books will provide information about places of interest on route, and of course, a Retro Run Rally Plate to add to your collection!

The event will finish with a cream tea at the hotel on Sunday afternoon.

Price - Entry fee £55.00

2 night's dinner B&B Classic Rooms £438.00

2 night's dinner B&B Garden Rooms with Private Patio £460.00

For more information and to book, please email Madeleine at:
madeleine.grubb@boundless.co.uk

We look forward to receiving your entries in due course, and to welcoming you to the RR 2026 - *Malcolm and Madeleine*

Event reports.

New Year Run - report by Alan Drake

11th January 2026

I was really looking forward to this New Years Run as the weather had been so cold recently and we hadn't had much of a chance to get out and about over the Christmas break. Unfortunately, my wife and co-driver Yvonne injured herself in a fall a week before the run and was unable to attend. This had me rushing round looking for a new navigator and luckily my sister Sue came to the rescue and as a bonus her hubby Mark came as additional backup on the condition that I find a country pub along the way so he could have a pint!

I picked them up nice and early and set off from Wokingham across the Walthams to head to the start at the Taplow House Hotel to be greeted by a great selection of classic and modern cars. A certain Talbot or should I say Lotus Sunbeam caught my eye straight away. It brought back fond memories of when I was a young man as I owned one similar except mine had a much smaller engine and was a hideous orange/beige colour and covered in dents. But equally as fun driving around the country lanes with the rear-wheel-drive snaking around corners.

We headed up the hill to the lovely hotel and I was quite surprised at the turnout, and it looked like almost double from last year. On arrival we were all well fed with bacon and sausage baps washed down with a good selection of coffee and tea. I got chatting with a couple from Kent and discovered they had the same Jag as I had a few years back except they had the larger engine than I had - there must be a theme going on here!

Before long, it was time for AG's briefing and he reminded us it was the clubs 103rd year and it is rumoured he organised the first one, only kidding but he has certainly done more than a few. Poor AG had more than the usual bother with the route this year having to chop and change many times due to road closures, but we all thank him for his efforts for making it happen. He went on to remind us that we may encounter one or two (hundred) potholes! And we performed our usual incantation "It's going to get very, very muddy!". With the briefing over, it was time to head over to the vehicles and mount the rally plates and we all set off with a few minutes in-between.

We turned right out of the hotel up past Cliveden with the weather slowly warming up and headed over the M40 towards Beaconsfield. My sister Sue was doing a grand job navigating considering she had never done it before, and she even bought a bag of sweets along and she may just put Yvonne out of a job!

Heading on to more familiar territory we went through Bourne End and skirted around the top of Marlow following the A4155 signposted Henley on Thames. Soon after that we turned right into some of my favourite landscape and villages, not only is this area outstandingly beautiful the villages also have great names such as Skirmett, Fingest, Rotten Row and Pishill. I think the last one is pronounced Pish-hill.

Soon the wind had picked up again and a few spots of rain from the aftermath of Storm Goretti and we climbed up the single-track hill to our first rest stop which was the Chiltern Valley Winery. It is also a brewery which delighted my brother-in-law, and he headed into the shop to browse the beers. I stopped in the car park to browse participants vehicles. There was lovely older Saab, MG, MkII Cortina as well a more modern Porsche. In the courtyard of the Winery, there was a vintage Citroen van converted to a food truck, and they had a great selection of freshly cooked pizzas as well as some winter warming chilli. My sister opted for some warmed ginger wine and Mark had a pint. We were due to be sat inside a tent which sounded a bit chilly, and we were pleased that the owners opened the banqueting hall which was lovely and warm. It was a beautiful barn with super-high ceilings and exposed beams all lit up with fairy lights and it warmed our spirits ready for the next leg of the journey.

Once we were all fed and watered, we turned right out of The Winery continuing up the single track. This was a road I had never been on before and I was surprised by the beauty of it all as we sped along the woodland track with fantastic views on both sides. My back seat driver Mark soon reminded me of his thirst and his request for a quaint country pub with a roaring fire, so we started keeping a look-out. As we cruised up and down the rugged lanes of Bledlow Ridge and Chinnor we passed a multitude of pubs only to have either just missed it or thinking that one doesn't look so good. Finally, we pulled into the small village of Lewknor and to the left of the junction was a pub named The Leathern Bottle, and a small wisp of smoke rose from it chimney, so we swung into the car park and headed in.

The pub was perfect for a quick splash and dash with a ceiling so low I nearly bumped my head. The pub was heaving with locals and families enjoying a post-

Sunday lunch drink. Luckily for us there was a table right next to a roaring fire and we enjoyed a nice drink. We were told not to get to the finish until 3:30 so we had plenty of time to take in the atmosphere.

Our final leg didn't take too long at all as we stopped only a couple of miles from the finish which is an old favourite of mine: The Lambert Arms which is owned by Mercure hotels. This place is always a welcome destination as it combines old world charm with a touch of class. I thought we would be the last to arrive after our pub detour but there were still a few cars that pulled in after us so maybe they had similar plans for an additional stop.

AG had us booked into the back hall for our cream tea nibbles and it was good to have a catchup with old friends. We all lined up for our scones and the usual debate ensued, whether cream or jam should go on first. After much scientific research, I feel it makes sense to have the cream on first.

Once those were scoffed, it was that moment we had all been eagerly waiting for: AG's quiz! It was a general knowledge and I done surprisingly well with 30 out of 40 correct but wasn't enough to steal the title which was shared jointly this year. As suspected, there was one final activity, and can you guess what it was? Yes, you are right, the paper-plane challenge. Before I left for the day, I had intended to google the perfect design for making a paper plane but somehow, I got distracted and forgot. So, I did the best I could, and I must say it looked like this thing could fly well but alas, it fell a bit short. But somehow my brother-in-law Mark managed to make an aviation marvel which defied the laws of physics and went on to steal the crown as winner. Strangely his design worked best when he aimed it downwards as that seemed to give it extra lift and speed. Perhaps I should deconstruct his plane and steal his idea for next year!

Once that was all over, it was gone 5pm and time for us all to say our goodbyes and head out into storm. We had to take it fairly steady on the way home and opted for the country route rather than motorway and I headed down through Watlington, Henley and back to windy Wokingham.

We all had a thoroughly great day our and my guests said they really enjoyed themselves and would like to come on The Cream Tea Caper in the summer. Perhaps we have some new Boundless by CSMA members in the making?

Alan Drake

May be of interest

Gavin & Stacey

As reported by various sources in the later part of 2025, a "tidy" piece of TV memorabilia had just gone up for sale which should get lovers of Gavin and Stacey revving their engines.

The actual Dave's Coaches bus from the hit BBC sitcom is now available to buy online for offers of £200,000.

Driven by Steffan Rhodri's character in the series, the red 33-seater certainly seems to have done its fair share of trips between Barry in the Vale of Glamorgan and Essex over the years, having clocked up a whopping 279,361 miles (449,587.9 km) in total.



Image source, BBC/Toffee International Ltd./Tom Jackson

Appearing on the Autotrader website, it has been described as "a once-in-a-lifetime collectable for fans of the show". Dave Coaches and his bus is seen at various times throughout the series and plays a key role in the final moments of Gavin & Stacey.

On the road since 1990, the vehicle - a Mercedes-Benz Vario 814D with the original registration AIG 7814 - has had eight owners so far.

According to its seller, who is based in north London, the "instantly recognisable" bus "remains in good condition", is "finished in a sleek red" colour and comes with the "legendary, original Dave's Coaches design" on its front and sides.

It was last seen on screen playing a key role in the show's long-awaited finale which aired on Christmas day 2024 in which James Corden's Smithy is finally reunited with Nessa, played by Ruth Jones.

Most recently, it has also been used to ferry fans around Barry Island as part of the official Gavin and Stacy sightseeing tour which lasts over three hours.



Image source, BBC/Toffee International Ltd./Tom Jackson

Jason and Uncle Bryn during the tense last moments of the series finale.

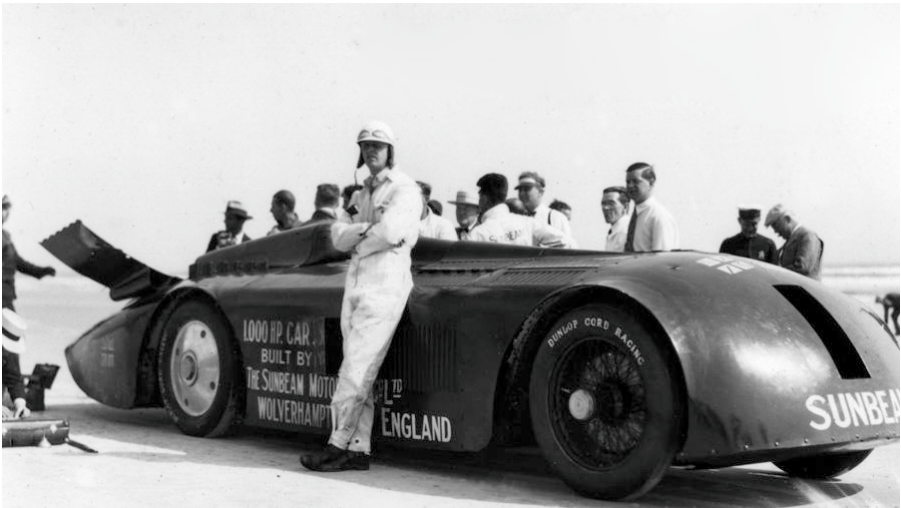
The Christmas Day's *finale* in 2024 was watched by 12.3 million people on BBC1. This makes it the biggest non-sports overnight view of the year with Wallace and Gromit second at 9.38 million.

As of March 2026, the current owner has received several offers including a £250000 bid from a fan in China, but the owner would prefer selling it to a local buyer who would continue the famous Barry Island tours. So, if you have a few 'quid' to spare and fancy a 33-seater coach as your classic, make them an offer.

Baz Haughton

History of the Sunbeam 1000hp

The National Motor Museum at Beaulieu celebrates the incredible examples of pioneering motoring history used by the daring land speed record breakers. In the top league of such motorcars is the 1,000hp Sunbeam of 1927 which was one of the first cars built for the sole purpose of breaking the record and was the first car to reach 200mph/321.87kph powered by two aircraft engines.



The engine of a car which became the first to exceed 200mph (322km/h) was heard again in public for the first time in 90 years. On Sunday, September 7th, 2025, engineers switched on one of the two 22.5 litre Matabele V12 aero engines for the benefit of visitors to the museum's annual International Autojumble. The car is undergoing a significant restoration to get it running again in time for the 100th anniversary of its 200mph achievement.

Although constructed at the Sunbeam facility in Wolverhampton, the remarkable vehicle was transported to Florida for its record-breaking attempt. On the morning of March 29, 1927, before a crowd of 30,000 spectators at Daytona Beach, the Sunbeam 1000hp was driven by Henry Segrave in pursuit of automotive history. The speeds achieved on the two runs averaged 203.792mph/327.972kph – a new World Land Speed record!

Sunbeam 1000hp – also christened 'The Slug' or 'Mystery' went on display at Beaulieu in 1958 on loan before being acquired by Edward, Lord Montagu in 1970.

National Motor Museum Senior Engineer Ian Stanfield has commenced the disassembly of Sunbeam 1000hp's rear engine to assess the extent of corrosion damage. The vehicle's two 22.5-litre engines, each generating 435 bhp, have been inactive for more than fifty years as internal corrosion compromised their functionality. Work to strip, clean and restore one 22.5 litre engine has taken several years. Through methodical restoration employing specialised expertise and custom-manufactured components, the dream is to have the car recommissioned and restored so that it can be enjoyed by future generations and remain a shining example of British engineering, British American motoring heritage, and human endeavour.

Referring to the 1927 speed record, senior engineer Ian Stanfield stated, "It is comparable to the achievement of the moon landings." He further explained that the accomplishment represented a pinnacle of technological advancement at the time, noting, "No other car had gone that fast on the planet".



Sunbeam 1,000hp breaks the 200mph land speed barrier

The museum plans to finish restoration and return the vehicle to Daytona Beach in 2027 for the centennial of its 203.79 mph record run.

Aethelstan Leofric

NEWS FLASH

Beloved classic car dealership behind record breaking Aston Martin renovation collapses into liquidation

A much-loved classic car specialist has entered liquidation, just two years after capturing national attention with a remarkable, headline-grabbing restoration.

Classic Motor Cars (CMC), based in Bridgnorth, Shropshire, drew motoring press attention in 2023 after completing a landmark project. The firm spent more than four years and more than 7,000 hours restoring a one-off Aston Martin supercar.

The Aston Martin Bulldog, built in 1979, initially failed to reach its targeted top speed of 200mph, recording only 191mph at the MIRA test track. Designed in 1977 to be the fastest production car, the Bulldog fell just short of its goal. Noted at the time the fastest production car in 1977 was the Aston Martin V8 Vantage 5.3 litre, boasting a top speed of 170mph and a 0-60 time of 5.3 seconds. The initial 1977-1978 models are known as "bolt-on" or "flip-tail" Vantages and are highly coveted collectors' items today.

In 2021, Aston Martin's works driver Darren Turner managed 176mph during tests at Yeovilton Royal Naval Air Station. On June 6, 2023, Darren Turner broke the Bulldog's previous record, reaching 205.4mph at Machrihanish airfield, a former NATO base in Campbeltown, Scotland.



What car does this remind you of?

Baz Haughton

Bertha Benz

On 29th January 1886, Carl Benz, now recognised as the father of the automobile, patented the first gasoline-powered car. The Benz Patent-Motorwagen was a compact two-seater featuring a high-speed single-cylinder four-stroke engine, a tubular steel frame, and three wire-spoked wheels—one in the front and two in the rear. It was priced at 600 German marks, roughly 150 US dollars upon its debut.

But did you know his wife, Bertha Benz made history in 1888 with the first long-distance journey ever completed in a motor car. At a time when automobiles were still experimental and largely unknown to the public, her journey demonstrated that the invention could be a practical form of transportation.

However, the vehicle had not yet gained widespread attention or confidence. Bertha believed strongly in its potential and decided to prove its reliability through a real-world journey.



Early on the morning of 5 August 1888, without informing her husband, Bertha set off from Mannheim with her two teenage sons, Eugen and Richard. Their destination was her mother's home in Pforzheim, roughly 106 kilometres (66 miles) away for the round trip. This journey is widely regarded as the first road trip in automotive history.

The trip was far from easy. Roads were designed for horse-drawn carriages, and the early motor car required frequent problem-solving. Bertha had to improvise repairs along the way. When the fuel line became blocked, she cleared it with a hatpin. When the ignition wire needed insulation, she used her garter. She also invented the first brake lining after noticing that the wooden brakes were wearing down quickly.

Fuel was another challenge. The Motorwagen ran on ligroin, a petroleum solvent sold in pharmacies. Bertha stopped at a pharmacy in the town of Wiesloch to

purchase fuel. This pharmacy is now often described as the world's first petrol station.

During the journey, Bertha also realised that the vehicle struggled on steep hills. To overcome this, her sons had to push the car up some inclines. After returning home, she suggested adding an additional gear to improve hill-climbing capability—an idea that later influenced improvements to the car's design.

Bertha Benz's journey was more than an adventurous trip; it was a brilliant act of practical marketing. News of the successful journey spread widely and helped prove that the automobile could be reliable for everyday travel. This greatly increased public interest in Karl Benz's invention and helped establish the foundation of the modern automobile industry.



Today, Bertha Benz is recognised as a pioneer of automotive history. Her courage, technical insight, and determination played a crucial role in transforming the motor car from an experimental machine into a revolutionary means of transport. The route she travelled is now commemorated as the Bertha Benz Memorial Route, celebrating the world's first automobile road trip.

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Austin Healey 3000

Factory built in Sebring Int's works this is the ultimate and final PV factory-built Healey/Sebring with all BMW running gear before Phil Overall sold the company into EV ownership. It features the fuel injected bullet proof 6-cylinder E46 power train and comes with all alloy 400 mile long range fuel tank.

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2026 Events

April

23rd Visit to the Morgan Factory in Malvern

A combined visit with the Motorsports Group for a two-hour guided tour of the factory. Spaces are limited.

Contact: bernard.ward3@btinternet.com

26th Drive it Day Run, Hants. & Sussex

We shall once again be joining in with the FBHVC's national event in aid of the "Childline" charity, with a tour around the Hampshire & Sussex countryside, still a few places left.

Contact: daverosher@gmail.com

May

1/2/3rd Donington Historic Festival, Leics.

We shall once again have a Club display area during the weekend for this popular event and the discounted booking code will soon be available.

Contact: **Geoff Davies**, a6gcd@btinternet.com

16th Highs and Lows of Somerset Run (Invite)

This invite from the Jaguar XK Car Club (SW) will take in The Mendip Hills and Somerset Levels

Contact: john.iddles@gmail.com

June

13th Dorset Delights Drive

This year we will be starting in the New Forest and heading for the beautiful countryside of North Dorset before finishing our round trip with tea at Bucklers Hard.

Contact: **Chris Laver**, chris@whitesands82.co.uk

22-28th Tour to France – Places now subject to availability

Our annual jaunt abroad. The trip is planned again with our Boundless partners, Brittany Ferries. This year we will be venturing further eastwards to our destination, a long overdue return to Reims. Contact: barry.haughton@sky.com

July

11th Display at Wallop Wheels and Wings, Hants. (tbc)

CVG have once again been invited to have a display area at this Museum of Army Flying event near Andover. Booking details will be available online or,

Contact: pete.gregory@boundlesscommunity.co.uk

July

18/19th Display at the Shelsley Walsh Classic Nostalgia Weekend

A great sporting event at one of the oldest motorsport venues in the world. For more details and to enter your car in our display.

Contact: Geoff Davies, a6gcd@btinternet.com

August –

1st Chiltern Run

A new day run for 2026 starting and finishing at the Mursley Farm Shop with a cream tea. This circular run will take in many interesting villages and places, including some you may have seen on TV.

For more details - Contact: pete.joyner@ovitts26.com

15th Display at The Capel Show, Surrey

Becoming an annual event for CVG, this show features hundreds of classic vehicles along with all the other attractions and atmosphere associated with a traditional village fete.

Contact: daverosher@gmail.com

16th Lodges Coaches Classic Car Show, Essex.

New event for 2026. Classic car show with vintage coach rides and an air display

Contact: bernard.ward3@btinternet.com

September

6th Herts. And Beds. Run

Starting near Codicote, this is a new event for the calendar to be run jointly with the North West London Group.

Contact: markbrumwell@btopenworld.com

11th – 13th - Retro Run, Surrey

This year's weekend will be based in the south at The Frensham Ponds Hotel in Surrey and will once again offer two daytime runs, plus evening entertainment.

Contact: maddy.grubb@gmail.com

October

3rd Midland Meander

A circular run around the Cotswolds, starting near Evesham.

Contact: gillianfigures66@gmail.com

Invitation Events



Highs and Lows of Somerset Run - 16th May

A new event for 2026 – an invite from CVG member, John Iddles, to join the Jaguar XK Car Club (SW) for this drive around Somerset.



This will be a run of around 60 miles, starting from the Ring O' Bells pub in Compton Martin and taking in the Mendip, Hills, Cheddar Gorge, The Somerset Levels and Glastonbury - finishing at The Duck gastropub in Burtle.

The run will also include a stop at Street's Tea Rooms and Museum near Westhay. For full details, food options, and to enter, please contact the organiser:

john.iddles@gmail.com



VALLEYS & VILLAGES CLASSIC TOUR

[Sunday 2nd August 2026](#)

A pleasant 115 miles drive through the Kennet Valley and over the Berkshire Downs, starting and finishing in Royal Wootton Bassett, with a lunch halt at the West Berkshire Classic Vehicle Show.



Supporting



Further details are at www.ddmc.co.uk

Contact - valleysandvillagestour@gmail.com

CVG DISPLAY AT: COOLINGS, KNOCKHOLT

Sunday 26 July 2026, 9:00am - 1:00pm

With over £50,000 raised so far, this is the ideal day out for all car lovers, and the display will once again be held in the front meadow at:

**Coolings Garden Centre, Rushmore Hill,
Knockholt, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN14 7NN.**



As an "invitation only" event, advance registration is essential.

As well as the Garden Centre, the meadow is ideal for a picnic by the car, or if you prefer: breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea are all available in Arthur's Restaurant.

Car Show Entry is by £10 minimum donation per car
all proceeds going to St Christopher's.

For more information and an entry form, email Mike Twomey at:
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Quote

“To achieve anything in this game you must be prepared to dabble in the boundary of disaster”- Stirling Moss.

Go on, have a laugh.

Why did the car need to go to therapy? It had too many breakdowns. 😄😄



Calling all members.

If you have any car related stories, anecdotes, tales of trips in your classic or anything else of interest you would be prepared to share please send them to the editor at barry.haughton@sky.com. Thank you.

For more information about the Classic Vehicle Group events, visit the website at: www.boundless.co.uk/cvg or email: classicvehicles@boundless.co.uk

To find out more about what's been happening with the Club's other Interest and Local groups, as well as keeping up to date with all the latest Club news and developments, you can download the **Member Communities Communique** at: www.boundless.co.uk/communique



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