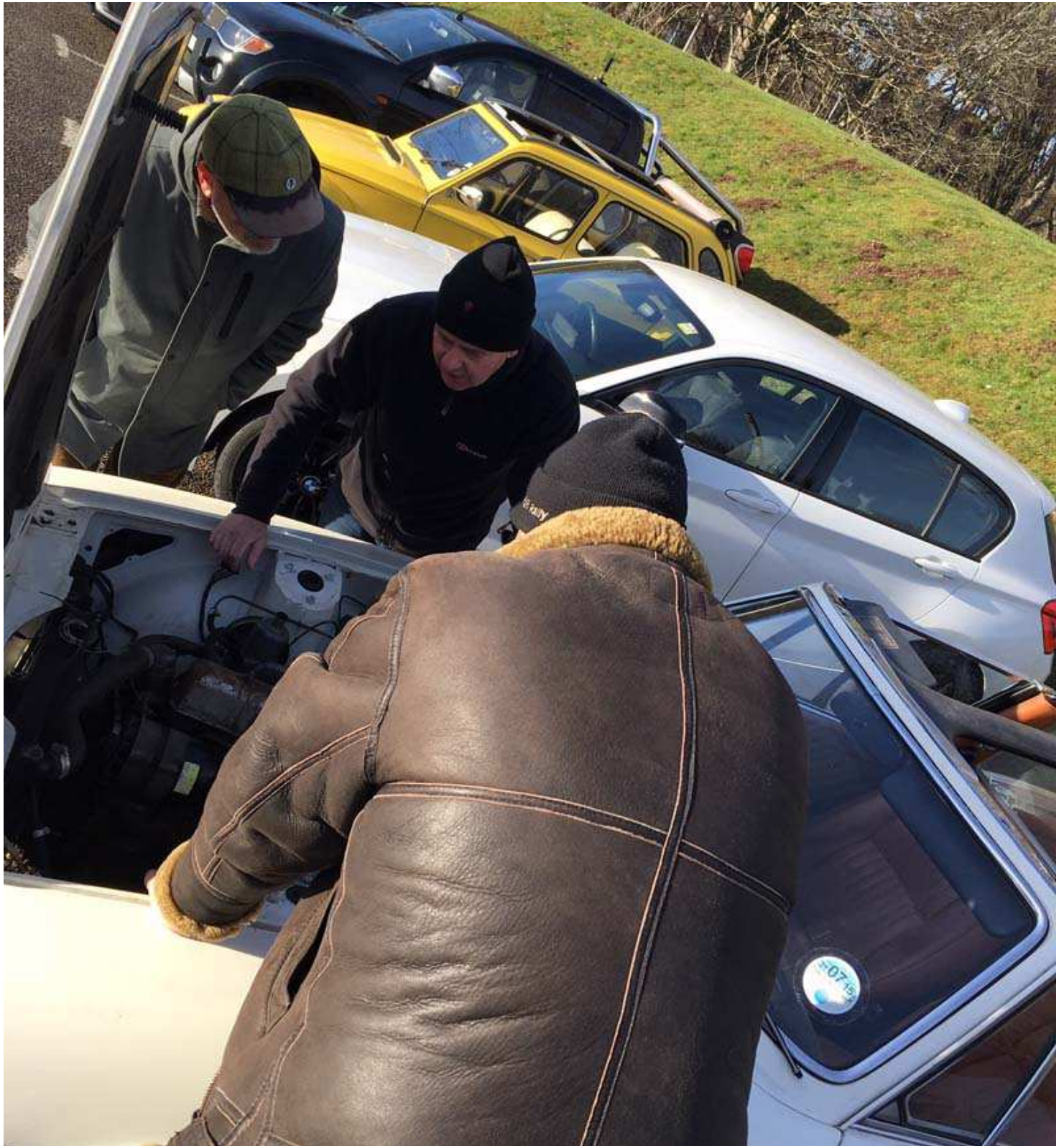


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40th Anniversary



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COVER PICTURE

On the 2nd birthday of Cars and Coffee Inverness, Bryan MacIlwraith's Triumph Stag made an appearance after a 2 year engine swap saga. It's been thoroughly inspected and he's done well.

March 2019 Newsletter

Welcome to the March issue of Classic scene which is I'm afraid, the last edition to be printed and posted. It will be in electronic form only from next month. More information on that later in this edition. It's a bit of a wordy issue this month, as I have lot's of wordy items mainly AGM related. I usually say a picture is worth a hundred words and they are also much easier to paste into the newsletter, but this month it's words, words words.

At the recent AGM there was a request to read more about peoples projects. We were delighted to see Bryan's Stag at the last Cars and Coffee after the two year engine transplant saga and hope to have some articles about that soon. We also have Callum's current Dyane restoration but we need more, and that relies on you readers.

Things haven't gone well in your editors garage this month. My Ford Focus Mk1's (Future Classic) handbrake lever failed when Mrs. Editor was coming out the steep exit of Munro's nursery, near Munloch. The nut had come off the cable and on investigation there wasn't much spare thread exposed so I made a wee modification and then added some Loctite. Fixed. Then a few weeks after the Golf's MOT advisory for rear brake pipes, the brakes failed on the way back from Elgin, which meant a breakdown truck - Ross's Garage - great service. New rear pipes were fitted and much bleeding later it was fixed. And then the Mini was parked outside in the frost and something split dumping petrol on the drive. I still have that one to fix.

As we know it's HCMC's 40th birthday this year and the committee is organising some special events. We are planning a drive and HCMC Picnic open to all classic owners and other clubs, probably in early July and a social evening at the end of the year focusing on inviting past members. Both great ideas. Also I have volunteered myself to write a HCMC summer special newsletter which I hope will take the form of a 50 page printed A4 magazine to have and to hold, and ready for the July picnic. (Promises!) This will be based around excerpts from old newsletters to try and tell the history of the club with memories from founder and early members. If you have any funny stories you think should be included, please email them to the usual address. Club trailer stories anyone?

Your

Editor

Chairs Bitty

A decision was taken at the AGM to stop printing the newsletter to the few remaining members who still receive a hard copy. Partly because the printer is on its last legs and print quality is very poor, but also because printing and posting is a significant expense to the club that only benefits a very small number. Most members in this small group have already provided an email address and for those that have not, please provide this to the club as this is your last hard copy. If you are not yet in the electronic age, please contact our new secretary.



You will be pleased to know that we had a volunteer for the Secretary's post. Bryan McIlwraith was duly elected by the members present at the AGM. Bryan is keen to make some of the anniversary events very special. More information on this in future newsletters.

Our poor Audi is having a fit. It suddenly decided it wasn't going to start any more. Point blank refused. Diagnostics pointed to the temperature sender, fooling the car in thinking it is hot, when it is not. Tricky when its freezing and the car simply does not get enough fuel to start. Alice eventually managed to get it started when the sun came round on a warmer day and limped to the garage down the road. The part should arrive in a few days. Might take a bit longer after March. Fuel rations anyone?

Shore Street roundabout is definitely a magnet for silly people. I nearly had the car written off when the person in the near lane for South Kessock decided to go up town instead. It was fortunate that there wasn't anyone in the far right lane as I needed it to take avoiding action. These things happen so quickly you don't even have time to toot the horn. And then a few days later me and a colleague were waiting at the pedestrian crossing on our way home when someone ran the red lights and nearly took out the bloke crossing the road. Not that speeding got them far as they still had to wait for traffic on the roundabout.

This months meet is the long awaited Ruby Anniversary Quiz. Ahh, quiz - it takes me back. Some years ago I came last at a club quiz night. Not really a surprise to me given the extremely competitive knowledge that some of our members have. But to my surprise I was rewarded with the Wooden Spoon. Well, plastic, but it is still going strong doing its duties in the kitchen.

Anyway, for this months anniversary quiz we are back at the Old North Inn, 19.30pm start. Thinking caps on.

See you there,

Trish.

HIGHLAND CLASSIC MOTOR CLUB AGM

7th February 2019 – 7.45pm. Old North Inn, Inchmore

Present. Chris Lycett, Ian Thomson, Calum Pearson, Graeme Bremner, Geoff Shakeshaft, Jesse Wigman, Bert Wigman, Kenny Barclay, Callum Beveridge, Miles Vincent, Alan Goff, Richard Lashley, John Mackenzie, Chris Silver, Ian Beaton, John Eastwood, Frank Ross, Stevie Dougherty, Jackson Hiddleston, Liz Bligh, Bryan McIlwraith, Alice Brown and Trish Brown

1. Welcome and apologies

Trish Brown welcome the members to the AGM of the Highland Classic Motor Club.

Apologies were received from Ranald Smith, Douglas Leith.

2. Minutes of 2018 AGM

The minutes were passed as an accurate account of the 2018 AGM. Proposer Chris Silver, seconder Alan Goff.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous years Minutes.

4. Chairman's Report.

The Chair reported that we had a good year and thanked the members for organising events for meeting nights and the separate social events. 2019 is a special year for the Club as we are organising the 40th Anniversary of the clubs formation. Watch the Newsletter and website for more information.

5. Committee Reports on 2017

5.1 Treasurer's Report

Ian reported a balance of £1856 at year end. Museum and the donation to Children in Need. Large items of expenditure this year were stationary, hire of a coach to Moray Motor. The Chair confirmed she reviewed the accounts pre- meeting and verified them as true and accurate.

5.2 Membership Secretary Report

Bryan informed the meeting membership is between the 60 and 70 members, and expressed hope that with the 40th Anniversary coming up former members might re-join.

5.3 Events

Miles asked for volunteers to assist with the co-ordination of events. Miles informed the meeting that the Club has had a presence at many of the Classic Car Shows across the Highlands, using the Club's events shelter. If any member wishes to use the shelter at events, they should contact Miles.

There will be an additional event this year with Graeme holding a BBQ. This will be on a Sunday during July/August, details to be confirmed.

Cars and Coffee has been a great success with the move to Rollerbowl, and this has been brought officially under the Club's auspices for insurance purposes. The Club funded stickers for the Cars and Coffee event, the sale of which has already covered the expenditure.

5.4 Website

Callum challenged the members to be the first to post an item on the Members Forum this year.

6. Determination of Annual Subscription.

The meeting unanimously agreed that the subscription should remain at the current level of £15.00.

7. Election of Office Bearers.

The Chair informed the meeting that Alice Brown, Secretary will stand down from this position at the end of this meeting. Bryan MacIlwraith volunteered for the role was duly elected as Secretary. He will continue in the role as Membership Secretary.

No further changes were proposed to Chair, Treasurer and Committee and these members were unanimously re-elected. Committee Members are Ranald Smith, Roy MacGregor, Callum Beveridge, Calum Pearson and Graeme Bremner

8. Newsletter printing

The Chair informed the meeting that the printer is on its last legs, and proposed that the Club move to all electronic distribution once the printer gives up. As new members receive their first newsletter as a printed copy, new member Chris Lycett confirmed that the quality of the printed newsletter was very poor.

Alan Goff proposed that the Club move to electronic distribution as from April's newsletter, this was seconded by Bryan MacIlwraith and approved by the members present. Callum Beveridge will co-ordinate changes to the website with Bryan MacIlwraith to inform the members who currently receive a paper copy of this change.

Calum Pearson proposed to develop a 40th Anniversary publication containing snippets and articles from archive newsletters. The membership agreed to support this venture by providing articles around the "first club impression" theme. The committee will consider best method of publication.

9. Club's Ruby Anniversary calendar

2019		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Who to Organise</i>
7 th March	Quiz Night, Old North Inn	Mark Wilson
4 th April	Bitz engine cleaning, Nairn	Bryan McIlwraith
2 nd May	Pub run	Callum Beveridge
6 th June	Drive each other's cars, Brockies Lodge, Kiltarlity	Club Membership
4 th July	Club Ruby Anniversary run	Club Membership
1 st August	Visit to Inchriach Distillery, Laggan	Bryan McIlwraith
5 th Sept	Chips and Ice Cream run to Nairn Harbour	Club Membership
3 rd October	Club's 40 th Anniversary	Club Committee
7 th Nov	WW2 Talk	Alan Goff
5 th Dec	Secret Santa (TBC – meet at Inverness Raceways with optional karting)	Callum Beveridge
2020		
9 th January	Auction Night	Trish Brown/ Bryan MacIlwraith
6 th February	AGM	Trish Brown/ Bryan MacIlwraith

Note

Please note that this calendar is subject to change as plans for our 40th year celebrations come into place.

As always, please check the website for details.

10. AOCB

Other events:

Drive it Day, 22nd April. Provisional start point at the Rollerbowl with the route to be determined. Proposals for routes can be posted on the Club Forum. The members agreed for the club to fund the refreshments.

Inverness car show is being held on the 12th May this year and members are advised to register early as last years show was over subscribed.

Social events:

Graeme has kindly offered to host a BBQ at his house on a weekend in July/Aug 2019, the date and details is to be confirmed nearer the time.

Bryan MacIlwraith is investigating a HCMC picnic during the summer as part of the Ruby celebrations, this would be at a weekend.

Potential visits for 2020:

Airport Control Tower – Tom MacCallum

Coastguard helicopter base – Alan Goff

Visit to Tom Meridith's classic car collection - Roy MacGregor

John Mackenzie asked about the whereabouts of the Club Trophies: the Alan Chisholm Rosebowl and Bill Aiten cup. He mentioned enquiring about this a number of years ago and has had no response. This will be investigated by Bryan.

Frank Ross asked about club membership cards. It was agreed that the Club business cards could be altered to have a name space printed on the back.

Miles informed the meeting that the Club can get 10% discount at Autosave in Inverness.

John Eastwood suggested a "HCMC Information / Join Here" table at events to provide interested members of the public – who are too shy to speak to members - with information about the club. This will be taken up by the committee at their next meeting.

Meeting closed 9.00pm.

HCMC's First AGM

In the spirit of celebrating our 40th year I'm publishing what I'm told are the minutes of the Club's very first AGM in 1996, 23 years after the club was formed.

Note the humorous mentions of the last minutestreasurers accounts (there weren't any) and the ethereal club constitution. Have you read it?

*MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
HIGHLAND CLASSIC MOTOR CLUB HELD IN THE ROYAL HOTEL
FORTROSE ON THURSDAY 8TH
FEBRUARY 1996,*

PRESENT: Mr. Bryan MacIlwraith, Chairman, and seventeen members plus four non-members.

APOLOGIES: Mr. Sandy Macrae, Mr. Charlie Munro and Mr. Ranald Smith.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 8pm and announced that there were no minutes to hand from the previous AGM. This matter was discussed and accepted by the meeting.

The Chairman announced that the secretary/treasurer was unable to be present due to other important commitments and that no balance sheet was to hand but assured members that the club had "some funds". There was no indication of how much the funds might amount to and this seemed to be accepted by the members present.

The Chairman produced a copy of the club's constitution and further copies are available to members on request.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS: The Chairman announced his retiral from office after eleven years and asked for nominations to fill this office. Mr. Tom McCallum proposed member Chris Silver and this proposal was seconded by Mr. Peter Stewart. There being no further nominations, Chris Silver was declared as the new club chairman. Bryan announced that Ranald Smith was prepared to continue for one further year in the office of secretary/treasurer to provide some continuity in the new committee. Tom McCallum at this point accorded a vote of thanks to Ranald for work and input to the club over many years. Craig Anderson followed by according a vote of thanks to the retiring chairman for his many years of service to the club. These were warmly applauded by the members present. Bryan remained in the chair and suggested that two extra committee members be appointed to assist with the running of the club. Bryan proposed John Mackenzie and Roy MacGregor to fill the two positions. John Mackenzie proposed Jim Mackay who immediately declined this nomination. It was agreed that John and Roy should be the new committee members.

Bryan then thanked Craig Anderson for his excellent work as newsletter editor and Peter Stewart for his duties as newsletter distributor.

There being no other competent business the new chairman thanked the members and the retiring chairman. Chris told the members that he had no plans to change the direction of the club and hoped that it retained its present friendly format. Chris also confirmed his pleasure at having been elected as chairman.

Bryan announced the meeting closed at 8.18pm and the evening continued with a "Table Top" Rally.

JMK.

The Last Alness Rally. During some detective work by John MacKenzie on behalf of the HCMC, Hector Mackenzie, editor of the Ross-Shire Journal produced this clip about the last Alness Car Show from their archives.

'Rally was vintage Stuff!'

by Laurence Ford

ROSS-SHIRE JOURNAL, JUNE 24, 2005

The 17th Alness Vintage, Historic and Classic Car Rally attracted large numbers of visitors from far and near. Spectator Neil Brady from Gairloch is pictured explaining the workings of a rear-engined Beetle to his family of young VW Bug fans (from left) James Clark, Lucy Clark, Lewis Brady and Charlotte Brady. Pic by Derek Gordon



THE 17th Alness Vintage Car Rally staged last weekend has been hailed as a resounding success, but a large anticipated additional spin-off aided by the arrival of a Royal visitor at nearby Invergordon, the Cunard flagship ***Queen Mary 2***, did not materialise.

Although a considerable number of passengers off the luxury liner attended the event, only a minority of the members of the public who came to visit her carried on to the rally at the Alness Academy playing fields on Sunday.

Organiser Charlie MacRae, suspected that after travelling to Invergordon to see the vessel, a large number of people thought there was too much traffic on the road to bother queuing up for entry to the rally.

He was, nonetheless, delighted with the public support for the event which, although it did not supersede the 2002/03 rallies, was very well attended and had an entry of more than 500 pieces of machinery "covering every form of transport under the sun".

Charlie also hinted that he and secretary Sandy MacRae had been considering their future links with the Alness Vintage Rally, suggesting it was time for some new blood to take over the onerous task.

Charlie, Sandy and another stalwart, Hec Sutherland – who has had two knee operations in the last few years – have been the mainstay of the organisation, and are starting to feel their age.

Charlie confessed, “I think I would like to see someone else taking charge so I could step back. Part of going to the rally is to get your car polished, getting it all spick and span and if you win a prize that’s lovely, but I have to pay someone to do that for me now.

“A lot of the trouble is that we cannot get enough help and volunteers now. We need somebody to take over the reins and somebody to take on the secretary’s work, but I think I will probably still be here next year.”

He added that although it was a beautiful day for the visit of *QM2* and the rally, that also had an adverse effect on entry numbers at the veteran’s display. “I think it was unfortunate that there was an awful lot of traffic on the A9, and on such a hot day you do not want to be queuing in the traffic for hours,” he said.

Charlie said that overall the various side stalls and other attractions on the field were very well received by the spectators, and one which went down particularly well was the “One Man And His Dog” show put on by Tom Langton, of TV fame, who herded sheep and then put a flock of ducks through their paces with his skilful dogs.

Tracking down the Trophy Trail So why is this article relevant? Well the HCMC was heavily involved in the Alness show and this marks the last one, but also significantly the results section shows the last winners of the Bill Aiton Memorial Trophy and the Alan Chisholm Memorial trophy the location of which John raised at the AGM. Well found John! I have only included highlights of the published results as there were pages of them. I can provide the full list on request.

RESULTS of the 17th Vintage, Historic and Classic Car Rally
held on Sunday, June 19, 2005. Alness.

- Esso Trophy ‘Spirit of the Rally’ award — Mr and Mrs T MacRae, Portree, 1947 Rover 16 Saloon.
- Alness Business Association Cup for best exhibit in rally — Norman Lowe, Brora, 1953 Morris Z GPO van.
- Bill Aiton Memorial Trophy for best pre-war British car (confined to HCMC member) — Mrs David Matheson, Inverness, 1935 Rover 14.
- Invergordon Distillery Cup for best Highland Classic Motor Club entry — Sandy MacRae, Alness, 1957 Austin A35 Saloon.
- Alan Chisholm Memorial Trophy for best sports car (confined to HCMC members) — Mr Andy Junor, 1968 Triumph TR250.

Callum's Dyane Restoration—Update.



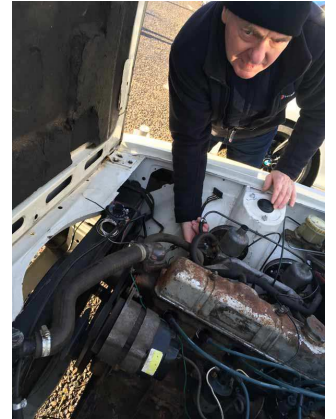
The floor was trial fitted using every available vice grip and then welded in place awaiting tiger seal. [Looking good! - Ed]



Car and Coffee 10th February 2019



It was cars and Coffee's 2nd birthday, the sun shone and I'm told over 100 cars turned out. In February. As usual there was plenty of friendly chat, and cars we hadn't seen before amongst some regulars.



Bryan's Stag came out of the garage after a two year engine transplant project which fought him at every turn. Cars and Coffee was the ideal place for the 'reveal' and he was rewarded with some friendly advice and helpful suggestions. It looks and sounds good too.

There is always something that stands out and this month it was hard to miss this Swedish Military Volvo. The rocket is a mock-up but I'm told the owner does have some real ordnance.

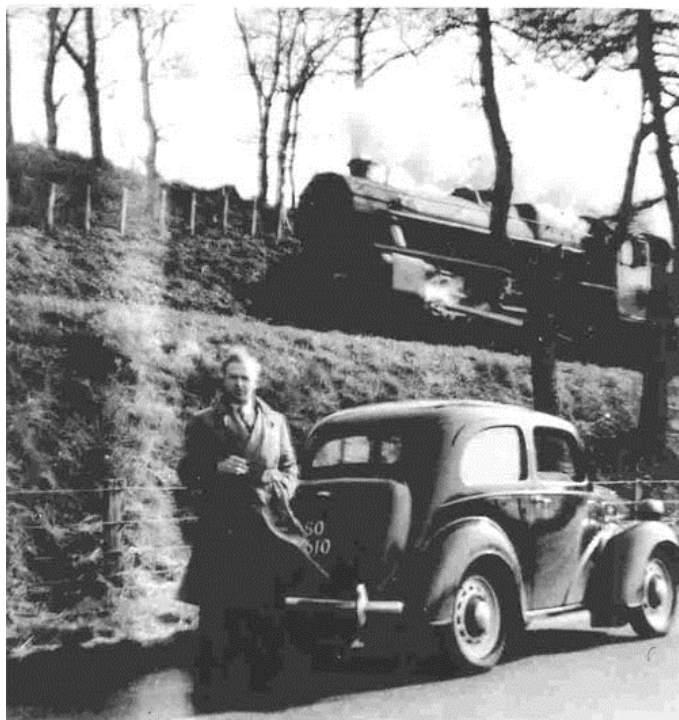
There were some nice window stickers on display. Cars and Coffee—Inverness one's are available. Just ask at one of the events.



Location Puzzle Chris Silver has a challenge for us. This gentleman and his Ford Popular are on a visit to Inverness in the early 1960's.

Your challenge, should you choose to accept it, is to identify the locations. Or even better to take a photograph from the same spot now.

The pictures are in or near Inverness. Answers to editor@highlandclassic.org.uk



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In February's newsletter I mentioned that we've made it to the short list of 30, out of 150 entrants and the only Scottish club on the list.

A top ten place would be a nice way to help celebrate our 40th year.

The final ten will be revealed at the Practical Classics Classic Car & Restoration Show at the NEC on March 22-24.

Once the top ten clubs have been revealed the Practical classics team will embark on a two week road trip from the 24th June to the 5th of July on their hunt for the best club.

The PC Team plan to bring their Jensen Interceptor, Citroen Dyane, Morris Minor and TR6. The sponsors Footman James Insurance will be in their re-stored VW Type 25 van handing out goodies.

2019 Events Guide.

28th Apr 2019	'Drive It Day' 2019	Rollerbowl, Inverness	Run leaving at 10.30am. Destination: Alness
5th May 2019	Forres Theme Day	Grant Park, Forres	Contact: forresvintagevehicle-association@yahoo.co.uk OR patersonsharon@aol.com
11th May 2019	Inverness Classic Vehicle Show	Inverness City Centre	Registration Now Open! Limited Spaces. See www.invernessbid.co.uk
18th May 2019	Rotary Club of East Sutherland Classic Car Tour	Dornoch to Ullapool via Muir of Ord	Limited Spaces. Contact: Patrick "Paddy" Murray Mob: 07785 261 110
26th May 2019	Highland Folk Museum Vintage Day	Newtonmore	https://www.hIGHLIFEhighland.com/highlandfolkmuseum/vintage-day/
8th Jun 2019	Rotary Club of Inverness Loch Ness Classic Car Tour 2019	Inverness Ice Centre	https://lochnessclassiccar-tour.weebly.com/
15th Jun 2019	Truckness	Clune Farm, Dores	www.facebook.com/truckness/
23rd Jun 2019	Tain Vintage Vehicle Rally	Tain Links	www.taingala.co.uk HCMC has a club entry - do not enter individually if you wish to join the club display.
14th Jul 2019	Scottish Transport Extravaganza Weekend	Glamis Castle	www.svvc.co.uk or call 01307 840311
11th Aug 2019	Historic Wheels Rally	Brodie Castle, Forres IV36 0TE	www.moraymotormuseum.org
31st Aug 2019	Fortrose & Rosemarkie Classic Vehicle Rally	Dingwall -> Fortrose	info@fortroserally.co.uk https://www.facebook.com/fortroseclassics
31st Aug 2019	Dingwall Feil Maree - Classic Car Display	Dingwall - Cromartie Car Park	contact Charlie Mackay on email at charlie.mackay@btinternet.com
1st Sep 2019	Motor Mania at Grantown on Spey	Grantown on Spey	www.grantown-motormania.co.uk Late Entries on the day will be allocated spaces outside the Square. Registration Now Open!

Please check the club website or with the event organisers in case of any changes or errors. We expect more events to be announced soon.

LOCAL EVENTS

Sat 2nd March	RNLI Carwash	Kessock Lifeboat Station 10:00 - 16:00	Heavy duty jet washing. Not for delicate cars!
7th Mar 2019	Quiz Night	Old North Inn, Inchmore 19:30	Mark's amazing quiz night. It's a biggie so get swotting.
10th Mar 2019	Cars and Coffee	Rollerbowl, Inverness	Every 2nd Sunday. Grab a coffee. Talk about cars.
24th Apr 2019	Visit to Bitz to see 'Terraclean' engine cleaning.	Bitz Garage, Nairn IV12 5QW (Opposite Sainsburys)	Meet there at 19:30. Contact Bryan MacIlwraith for more details.

Highland Classic Motor Club in conjunction with the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs

Drive it Day

Sunday April 28th 2019—10:30

The 2019 route will start at Rollerbowl on Culduthel Road, Inverness and take us around the Beauly Firth via Kirkhill, Beauly, Muir-of-Ord, Marybank and Contin before stopping in Strathpeffer for refreshments. We'll continue on to Dingwall and Evanton before finishing in Alness for lunch.

To sign up to drive it day 2019, go to <http://www.highlandclassic.org.uk/> and click on the 'Drive It Day' logo.

Drive It Day
2019

April 28th

(Click the logo)

