

CLASSIC SCENE



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The Chairman's Bit

I first bought the Grantura back in 1975 when it was the only car I owned rather than the weekend pleasure (?) vehicle it is now. It was also in a lot worse condition, the bodywork had been hand painted, and the interior was really shabby. But it drove ok by the standards of the time and was quick enough when it needed to be.



*One Saturday night I was at a concert at the Rainbow Theatre in North London and had left the TVR in the road outside (you could park in London then). The weather was awful and the journey had been really slow as the wiper on the driver's side had no spring in it so only cleared the rain about 1/2 inch in front of the screen! On leaving the gig I wandered aimlessly down the road and then not so aimlessly back up it looking for my car, slowly coming to the conclusion that some ba*****d had nicked it. As 'Thatcham' tracker devices and mobile phones did not exist I walked through the pouring rain to the nearest nick in Hornsey Lane and reported my loss to the desk sergeant. Trying to explain a TVR to someone is not easy; "Any distinguishing features?". "Er, the wipers don't work very well and er, oh yes! there's no door handle on the passenger side!"*

Two weeks later and I was glumly wondering how much I was going to get paid out on a car that cost me 120 quid when the phone call came;" we have found your car and it's in the pound at the back of the station, please come and collect it". With something approaching joy in my heart (just shows you it doesn't take much to make me happy!) a mate gave me a lift to the police station the next day. Having established I was the rightful owner we walked out the back to the car pound. "It's not here" I said. "It must be" said the policeman. "Well it isn't" I replied (Shakespeare would have been proud). "Perhaps someone's nicked it" said the policeman.

.....To be continued

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This Months Meeting

Thursday 4th August. Scenic Drive to Whitebridge Hotel via Foyers. Meet Inches Tesco's for 7:30.

Editorial

Hello,

Just a slim newsletter this month, as I'm currently packing the Burton before heading off to the Loire Valley tomorrow—thus the early newsletter.

I managed to miss last months meeting which was a 'Drive Each Others Cars' night at Brokies Lodge due to Carburettor problems.

However, I plan to make this months meeting which is a scenic drive to Whitebridge avoiding the traffic from the Black Isle Show. Meet at Tescos Car park for 7:30

I was at the Glamis show recently which was good, even if the weather



was a trifle damp—I saw a few of you there (good parking spot Barry)

Show season is well underway, and my next outing will be Fortrose followed shortly thereafter by Grantown.

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Local Events Diary

Here are some details of 2011 local motoring events that may be of interest to our members

August

14th Historic Wheelsl Rally, Brodie Castle.
27th Fortrose Vintage Vehicle Rally

September

3rd Dingwall Street Fair. Contact Donald Mackenzie 01349 861009
4th Motor Mania—Grantown on Spey
17th/18th Selkirk Rally

If you notice any errors or omissions, please let the editor know.

FOR SALE

2.8 Ghia X Granada Automatic Petrol Saloon

One owner from new. Last of type sold in UK.

Bought from Ford Motors, Dagenham, August 1985

Has won Best in Class, Best in Show and National Concours

Reason for sale - Health. Location - Inverness



The Specification is as follows -

MKII 2.8 Granada Ghia X Saloon

Built February 1985

Carburettor

Ford unleaded fuel heads

Automatic

Air-Conditioning

Ford Mineral Blue

Current mileage 81,478

MOT in force till June 2012

Ford Workshop Manual

Full documentation from new

Vehicle was initially used for business purposes but maintained to original Ford specification in all respects. Although it has achieved Concours level it has never been restored - everything is original whilst items have been replaced with exact Ford parts simply for cosmetic reasons. The engine has been professionally flushed and overhauled and the gearbox rebuilt to Ford standards. The engine bay is pristine. Other critical areas such as brakes have also been overhauled.

Realistic, sensible offers only please, to - John Kay 01463 772 622