

CLASSIC SCENE



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Cover picture

*Shelf of model cars at the
Glasgow Riverside Transport
Museum*

The Chairs Bit

The talk given by Ranald on the Titanic at our October meeting gave me an intriguing insight into how a simple interest can develop into a long term fascination with a particular subject. It was obvious that Ranald is passionate about "his" Titanic. I think it is fair to say that we were all awed by the selection of books, prints and other artefacts brought along on the night, which apparently represented but a small selection of his overall collection. And although Ranald mentioned that most of his collection had no great monetary value, it is clear that it does have a very real sentimental value. Thank you Ranald for this window into your life.



(bikes, tool kit, trolley jack, very important to be able to get to this !) put back behind the car..."Darling where is the WD40?" ... ****

The Smart is in the garage! But not after a bit of hassle at it attempted to ground on the ramp. But with the aid of some 2x1 bits of wood the Smart made it safely in, although not all bits of wood survived the experience. A donation of some 4x2's, plywood and an old pallet later, a spot of DIY and we are now proud owners of perhaps somewhat over engineered wooden ramps.

Our club has been enriched with a new member recently: Graham Hastie, who owns a 1981 TR7 V8 – nice. Do take your car along Graham, we need to admire it.

This month is a talk delivered by the VOSA. All you would ever want to know about vehicle inspection but were afraid to ask.

And of course the minute you have the car nicely parked up and all the stuff **Trish**

This Months Meeting

Thursday 1st November. Talk by VOSA at the Bogroy (Old North Inn), Inchmore. 8pm sharp.

HIGHLAND CLASSIC MOTOR CLUB

Monthly meetings (1st Thursday of every month)

2012

January 5th	Annual Auction—North Kessock Hotel
February 2nd	AGM and Quiz Night—North Kessock Hotel
March 1st	Club night at the Bogroy (Old North Inn), Inchmore
April 5th	Visit to Moray Motor Museum
May 3rd	Road run to the Altguish Inn
June 7th	Scenic drive to Whitebridge via Foyers
July 5th	Scenic drive to Tomich
August 2nd	Visit to Rimtech, Inverness
September 6th	Visit to the Glen Ord Distillery
October 4th	Titanic Evening
November 1st	Visit to VOSA—Bogroy (Old North Inn), Inchmore
December 6th	Christmas night—Bogroy (Old North Inn), Inchmore

2013

January 10th 2013	Annual Auction—Venue tba
February 7th 2013	AGM and Quiz Night—Venus tba

(Further details to be published in 'Classic Scene' prior to the individual meetings)

For Sale

1971 Imp Super Taxed & MOT'd until next April and has a genuine I think, 51k on the clock. I know the history of the car for the last 20 years approx. and it hasn't been tampered with.

It has had minor welding to the sills in the past, but the floor doesn't seem to have been welded and is in good condition.

The rear wheel arches are showing signs of bubbling.



The car runs well and had King Pins, Steering Joints, Tyres and Brakes for the last test. Only reason I am selling the car is that I am moving house in November and have no room to keep it. Loads of spares also included. In ScotAds at present for £1500.

Phones 01463 233491 home & 07990 563961 mobile.

Davie

Editorial

Where have I been on my holidays recently? Why, the Riverside Museum in Glasgow of course. Lots of cars on display—it's just a shame that you can't get very near to a lot of them. I was reduced to taking long exposure pictures with a zoom lens to get any decent images. Ah well, that's progress I guess?

Last month's meeting was an unforgettable 'Titanic' evening at the Bogroy presented by our very own Ranaid. Lots of fascinating history and a salient lesson in the perils of hoarding....

I popped into the North Kessock hotel the other day for a quick business lunch and asked about booking the venue for the Fan and Feb club meetings only to be informed that they're unlikely to be available due to the long awaited renovations. Therefore, we will likely be looking for an alternative venue for these two annual fixtures on the club calendar.

The post of Newsletter Editor will become vacant at the AGM and a willing volunteer is currently being sought. Minimal computer skills are required and help is always at hand.

The December newsletter will also incorporate the January newsletter next month, as I'm leaving these shores for some sun at the end of the year. As a result, any articles need to be submitted by the 25th of November at the latest. I'm not posting them from California....



This month's meeting will be a presentation and slide-show from Ian Brown and Hugh Cameron from the Vehicle Operating & Services Agency at the Bogroy (Old North Inn) at 8pm sharp. Ian's going to give us the low-down on pre-1960 vehicle MOT exemption amongst other topics.



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Wedded Bliss

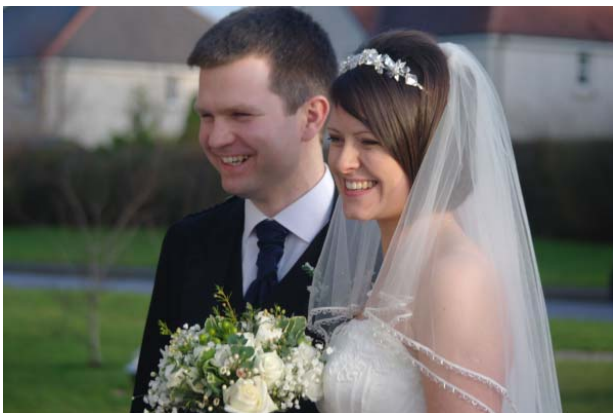
Last January, I had the privilege of driving the wedding car at Kaye's wedding. I had been invited to her wedding and I had offered Samantha's services. There was no need as her minister's car was available but she needed a driver. Would I drive? It's a Rover P4. How can I refuse? She's such a lovely girl.

Now, my farming background has prepared me to drive anything, sticky this, loose that, missing the next thing, none of the other thing, used to do it,

does it all the time. I've been there, making the best of what's available. Many years ago I bought a Morris Minor pick-up for £35 after the salesman took me out for a run in it. It ran beautifully, not a shudder, clonk or rattle as the old man cruised round the streets of Glasgow, effortlessly. When I drove it away, I couldn't believe how awful the three pedals were, juddering clutch, tight ineffectual brakes and throttle that fell to the floor (when selling a car, slacken off the throttle spring so that the engine will appear to



be more willing). So it was as I lurched away wondering what I had bought but you know a strange thing happened. Over time all the faults cured themselves and I was cruising, effortlessly!



It was agreed that I'd have a test drive before hand so that I could cruise in it, effortlessly. There's no place for stalling, kangerooing or any other amateurish booboo's with a bridal car. Alistair's car was nothing like the pick-up, everything worked as it should so cruising was really cruising. One of the last P4's, a 110 with a big lazy 6 under the bonnet, this car was the bees knees in two tone

green with original green leather interior. I was on a cushy number.

The weather was dry and sunny, Kaye was a beautiful bride, the car ran faultlessly and the driver had a great time - Cheers!

Jim MacKay.

Wanted

We are on the hunt for a second hand Morgan - a four-seater one. Do any members own either a two-seater or four-seater Morgan? We would love to be in contact with them for some advice. We live in Inverness.

Look forward to hearing from you. When (not if) ! we get one we will be joining the club. Thank you for your help.

Kind regards
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Out & About



BMW 2002 en-route to Storna-



Freds former Lomax 224



2cv Hoffmann cabriolet



North Kessock MGB