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GOES TO THE PRINTER
on the Monday of the week
preceding the next meeting
Please send articles by e-mail or typed.

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The club has an extensive archive of information relating to all aspects of classic car ownership including technical advice etc. To access this, please contact the archivist, Ranald Smith, at Hawthorn Cottage, 2 Burn Road, Inverness IV2 3NG
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Cover picture

*One-family owned 1975 1256cc Viva
at the Fortrose Fun Day*

THE CHAIRMAN'S BIT

I bought the December issue of Motor Sport magazine the other day because, according to the front cover, it was the 1,000th issue. I must admit I have not read Motor Sport for at least 10 years so it came as quite a shock to find out how good it still is. Excellent articles, very well written, superb photography, and loads of adverts for totally unobtainable cars and other posh stuff. There is even a social diary! Now I'm sure I'm preaching to the converted in many instances (I bet as you read this Randal is checking to make sure he has all 1,000!) but I for one will be buying the next issue.

We had to cancel last month's meeting at short notice due to the ill health of Wheel Fix's owner Kenny. This visit will be re-arranged for sometime in the New Year. My thanks go to Bryan for trying to contact as many members as possible to forewarn them and sorry to anybody who turned up on the night (sorry Fred!). Still all was not lost, I got to ride in an Aston and have a few



pints in good company!

Unfortunately I am unable to attend this years Christmas bash at The Kessock Hotel (details elsewhere) so I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. My New Year resolution? Start that bloody wiring! See you at the Auction.

Michael

This Months Meeting

Thursday 4th November at 7:30pm

A festive meeting at the North Kessock Hotel
(mince pies and sausage rolls provided).

Don't forget to bring a Secret Santa present

EDITORIAL

Hello,

After a long needed service and tidy-up, I've succumbed to the Winter weather and finally fitted my roof for the rest of the year. I think it was the last club meeting where I gave poor Miles a lift there in light drizzle, and a lift home in pouring rain. Still—that's the kind of thing that builds character...and pleurisy!

On the inside of the back cover is the Standing Order Mandate for new members. If you filled one of these in last year, then there's no need to do it again. New members will have to cut off the last page and sent it to their bank. Just as well there's nothing risqué on the back cover!

I came across an advert on ebay recently for a an Escort Mexico for sale in Inverness (pictured above). It was described thus: "the shell is well past it. The front of the car has gone so I have no tags but the V5 has 14 former keepers and is a GENUINE Mexico



LSW9**R" Well, to my surprise, it fetched £650 by the end of the auction. Did I mention that the logbook was included in the sale?

If you don't see me at the monthly meetings, you can write to me at the address inside the front cover, or email me direct.

Callum

SEASONS GREETINGS TO YOU ALL FROM THE COMMITTEE



The next meeting will be at The North Kessock Hotel on Thursday 4th December at 7.30pm and will be an informal Christmas gathering. As well as your Festive Cheer you are requested to bring along with you a "Secret Santa Present." This should take the form of a gift wrapped item that will then be given to one of the other Club members at random. The item need not cost more than a pound or two and can even be something that you already have that is just gathering dust in your garage. It can be something humorous or even just something car related. You will all then receive a gift in return and the hilarity will begin...or the wheelie bin will fill up

rapidly! Either way the idea is just to add a little Christmassy twist to the evening. The sausage rolls and mince pies have been ordered and all we need now is you lot so see you there....seasonal ties optional.

MILES'S MEANDERINGS—Beware of the Interweb



My computer-generated horror started when I recently attempted to sell a Cherished Number Plate on-line. Having bought the thing a while ago on Ebay, where else, I decided to sell it on another Web Site that I thought would be appropriate.

So, having signed up and logged on, I placed my Advertisement. All be it with a fairly optimistic asking price but then I wasn't really in a great hurry to part with it. So far so good.

I should probably point out about now that I had purchased it for my Wife and she hated having it on her car, so I agreed to flog it again. She wanted to know why I was asking so much more than I had paid for it and I told her that I might as well try and make a little profit while I was at it.

Anyway, even if it took a while I was only looking for one "Mug" with more money than sense. She then replied that that was probably exactly what the Guy who had sold it to me had said!

Well, imagine my delight when less than 24 hours after placing the advert I received an E-mail offering me the full amount. It went like this;

*Hello,
Am interested in your CAR
525X am offering £XXXX for
it..Payment will be by
cheque,so let me know if my
offer is accepted by you as
for shipping i will take
care of it myself.Hope to
hear from you soon.
thanks
ANDREW.....*

Now, I was slightly confused by this but thought well "one in the hand is worth two in the bush!" so I replied thus;

Hello Andrew,

*Thank you for the offer of
£XXXX for the Cherished
Registration Number CAR 525X
held on a Retention
Certificate. I am happy to
accept the offer. Payment
by Cheque is acceptable. As
the number is held on
Retention what we have to do
is get your name on the
Certificate as the "Nominee"
to allow you to transfer the
number onto a vehicle owned
by yourself. To do this,
once I have received your
Cheque and the funds have
cleared into my account, I
will send the Certificate to
the DVLA and when they
return it to me with your
name on it I will then
forward it to you
immediately. They say to
allow a few weeks for this*

happen but in the past I have never found it to take too long.

Could you also make sure that you send me your ADDRESS so that I may pass on the Certificate promptly and can you confirm the NAME that you would like to appear as the NOMINEE on the Certificate as the number may only be transferred onto a vehicle owned by the NOMINEE.

Thank you once again and I look forward to hearing from you

Miles

I thought that I had been pretty clear about what I was selling but then I got this E-mail;

**Hello,
Thanks for your mail i'm okay with £XXXX.Irrespective of payment i have a client in U.K who is owing me £3,500.All i need to do to make payment easier and faster is to instruct him to procure a cheque and mail it to you on the address and name you want on the cheque and you know it takes 3 days for a cheque to clear in U..K But i would want to know if i can trust you to send my balance to me via western union money transfer after the money must have**

**cleared in your bank to enable me prepay the shipping company here so that they can instruct their office in U.K come for the pick up the CAR 525X from your location.pls mail me asap to enable me arrange payment.Send me with your name and address and your phone number also i will compensate you with £50 for the stress and time taken.
Thanks
ANDREWS....**

It was at this point that I decided to cease communications with “Andrews!”

However, all is not lost on the money making front because I have also been recently befriended on-line by a very charming Nigerian chap who is going to give me a rather nice slice of the Millions that he wants to transfer into my Bank account in order to get it out of his Country.

I was a little concerned about this at first but apparently all I have to do is tell him my Bank Account details and my Password and he will do the rest....

....which is handy, because to further allay my fears my own Bank called for “Security Reasons” the other day to check that I did actually know these pieces of information, how lucky is that?!

MILES

**P.S. STILL FOR SALE – CHERISHED
NUMBER – CAR 525X**

STANDING ORDER

Instructions to your Bank or Building Society to pay by Standing Order

To: The Manager



----- Bank/Build.Soc

----- Address

----- Post Code

**(send direct to your
bank; do not send to
club)**

Name(s) of account holder(s)

1. -----
2. -----

Bank/Build. Soc. Number

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Sort Code

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Reference (Surname & initials, no spaces, e.g. MCKENZIEAB)

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Please pay to the following account as indicated below:

The Highland Classic Motor Club
Bank of Scotland
2 – 6 Eastgate
Inverness IV2 3NA
Acc. No. 06013653
Sort Code 80 – 91 – 26

Amount £ 15.00

First Payment Date 01 / 01 / 2009 (or as soon as possible thereafter)

Annually thereafter on the 1st day of each year until further notice.

Signature of Account Holder(s)

----- Date / /

----- Date / /

Moggies at Grantown



Grey Fergie



Early Armstrong Siddeley



Dingwall Albions