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# NEWSLETTER



*Wishing BVPG Members a Happy 2024!*

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## *A FOND FAREWELL...*

Pat German, our Vice Chair has stepped down and we would like to say a BIG

*Thank You*

to Pat for the many years of fulfilling this role and being the rally co-ordinator for our shows.

Pat will be greatly missed as an active committee member, but will remain a loyal club member and we hope to see her with Alan at club meetings and our annual shows.

We wish Pat all the best for the future.



## URGENT!

## TWO COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are urgently seeking TWO new committee members for the roles of Club Secretary and Treasurer.

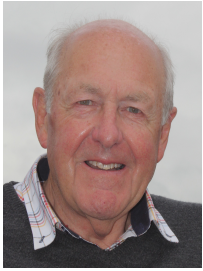
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# CHAIRMAN'S CHUNK



**H**ello everyone and welcome to the first Chairman's Chunk since our Annual General Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup>. October.

Thank you first of all for trusting me to chair our wonderful organisation for a further year. I have always gained great pride and satisfaction from that position, and I again thank you for supporting me. I did, however, state at the meeting that it was my intention to step down from that position at the next AGM and let new blood with new ideas, etc. take over that role. Anyone interested in taking over please feel free to chat about it.

Also at the meeting, **Pat German** stood down as Rally Co-ordinator and Vice Chairman. Pat and Alan have been members of the Group since the early 1980's and Pat has undertaken the onerous task of booking in and organising the attendance at our rallies for a number of years. That meant being bombarded with so many phone calls and letters in that role, and I wish to thank her, both on my own behalf, and on behalf of you all for her hard work, which she carried out without complaint. Thank you Pat and we hope you enjoy your little trip out.

**Duncan Hayhurst** has taken over the role of Vice Chairman as well as being Rally Co-ordinator. We know Duncan, of course, from his excellent production of our newsletter. Our Social and Publicity Secretary is again **Alan Wignall**, so thank you to you both.

## FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERS

Hilary, our Club Secretary, brought up a request at the AGM, suggesting looking for your feedback on what YOU want as a club member.

This is a great opportunity to tell us about activities you're happy with, anything you would like to see in future or changes.

**Feedback is always welcome, anytime!**

Please contact us: [editor@bvpjg.co.uk](mailto:editor@bvpjg.co.uk)

**Hilary Cruickshank** and **Richard Senior** have continued in office as Secretary and Treasurer, not easy tasks, but always performed with the necessary expertise. (*EDIT: see Urgent Request*)

A new role has been created of Web Master and Media Editor. **James Brookes** and **Phil Nicholl** will take these roles, and know what they are doing with computers, facebook and all those type of things, and I thank them for their previous work and now taking over those roles officially.

**Joan Ducker** will continue as Membership Secretary, so if you haven't renewed yet, please get in touch with her. Thank you Joan and also **Alan German** for continuing as Trophy Secretary.

And now to the future. We look forward to our club meetings from February, currently at Fleetwood Cricket Club. There was no meeting in January, because, in the past, this meeting has usually been poorly attended. Then we look forward to our Concourse/Landlord's Choice meeting and, of course, our usual shows at Stanley Park and Lytham Green.

**I wish you all a happy, healthy and enjoyable 2024 with many hours with our special and lovely vehicles.**

*Bill Swindlehurst*

(Chairman)

## A Message From Pat...

Hi everyone, as most of you may know, I have stepped down from my position of rally organiser and Vice Chair after 15 years.

I have enjoyed being rally organiser and it has helped me through many things, I have met some lovely people, it's been a very rewarding position to hold.

Duncan Hayhurst has taken over from me and I would like to wish him well.

My special thanks go to Joan Ducker who was by my side in the early days of my roles, in fact our chairman Bill Swindlehurst called us the 'dynamic duo'.

I hope you each had a happy Christmas and I wish you all a Happy New Year.

*Pat*

## Two Volunteers Urgently Required for Committee Posts

Richard Senior, Club Treasurer, and his partner, Hilary Cruickshank, Club Secretary have announced they are stepping down from their roles, in a matter of weeks. Richard and Hilary will provide assistance to volunteers taking over, while other committee members will also be on hand to help, anytime.

As members of the committee, both roles assist in the smooth running of the club and decision making for the benefit of members.

The Club Secretary takes minutes of meetings (summary of matters discussed, shorthand not necessary) which is forwarded to committee members and used to create the agenda for the next meeting.

For Club Treasurer, a pre-formatted spreadsheet has been created for inputting and recording cash and bank payments and receipts (totals are done automatically). For a small club like ours, there is a small amount of recording activity outside of annual memberships. So you just need a computer and at least one working typing finger!

**If able to help, please contact Richard on 07710 716344  
or Bill (Chairman) on 01772 633369**

We would like to thank Richard & Hilary for their time in these roles, and wish them well in their future adventures.

### A Letter From Richard and Hilary

Dear Members

Due to a change in circumstances, myself as Treasurer, and my partner Hilary as Club Secretary, are no longer able to continue in our posts.

Can you help?

Both positions would enable you to become a member of the committee and take an active part in the running of the club and help in steering it forward in the future.

As Club Secretary you would take minutes at the meetings and deal with any correspondence, of which there is very little for a club of our size.

The Treasurer is a little more involved, but you don't need to be a wiz at maths. I have set up a system whereby you simply enter the figures into a spreadsheet and it does any necessary totalling up etc.

We would both shadow and help any volunteer who took over to make for an easy and gradual transfer.

Our time with the club has been very rewarding and we have made many new friends. - can you take over.

Please contact myself on 07710 716344 or our chairman, Bill, on 01772 633369.

A quick response would be much appreciated.

Kind regards

Richard Senior (Treasurer) and Hilary Cruickshank (Club Secretary)

Welcome to the last newsletter of 2023. I hope you all enjoyed Farmer Parr's Christmas Dinner. It's been a busy year for me and my backroom staff (not quite the little helper elves, although they might say they've worked as hard as Santa's elves).

It's our hope that you enjoy the content, and feel able to put pen to paper for one of our members' features: Member's Showcase, Memory Lane and Member's Corner to share your vehicle exploits and achievements.

Share your experiences of being custodians of what at times may be the spoilt child of the family, show off your achievements, tell us places you have been with your pride and joy.

Whatever you want to see in the newsletter in the future, please let me know. (Some committee contact emails have been updated, so be sure to use these in future.)

Meanwhile, we are actively looking for a new club venue and several locations are being considered. Look out for further information, as the first club meeting of 2024 (February) may be at the new venue.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the other side of January, your content flowing into our newsletter, a fresh look facebook, wonderfully worked website, a new venue and a new committee members.

*Wishing You All  
A Very Happy 2024*

*Duncan Hayhurst*

(Editor)

## TELL ME LINES, TELL ME SWEET LITTLE LINES

Our Lytham Show was the usual fabulous success, but an independent Fylde councillor sparked online debate from the war desk in his home bunker, when he took a hard line with our pitch marking lines on the hallowed Lytham Green, which made national headlines.

Three online supporters underlined that the Green is not for car shows, nor 'a car park' implying that we were out of line. It seems only our car show on the Green was in the firing line and should go offline, because the temporary white lines spoiled their eyeline.



Now our marshals may not be in the line of Picasso, but they were very meticulous in this crucial line of work in the name of safety and order, being careful to toe the line while ensuring the boundaries between rows of cars were kept in line. They endeavoured not to step out of line until they reached the finishing line.

Fear not, dear councillor and your three merry supporters, it is not the end of the line for the Green, as the paint is the same water-based chalk paint as used in the sports industry (for which we have had no previous complaints) and it will no longer be in the line of sight after rain (every cloud has a silver lining) and the scheduled mowing.

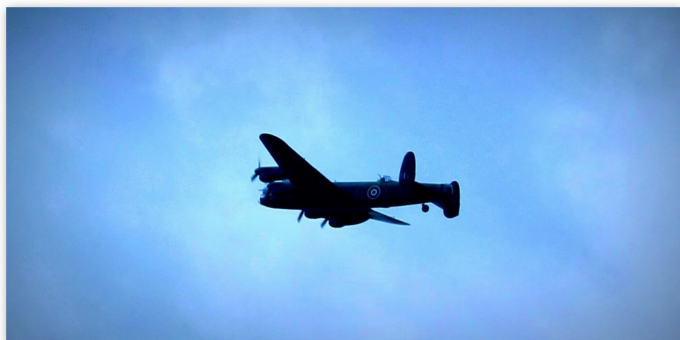


*Area of the "sacred" Green after Lytham Festival that is adjacent to the area used by B VPG's car show (to the left of car park, not visible)*

Alas, the same cannot be said of the Green after the Lytham Festival. We could find no complaints made to national news outlets by the same councillor (or anyone else) for the poorly grass, above.

So laying it on the line, it's a fine line we tread in this line of business on such a prized Green, that is far from pristine, but the bottom line is, we are holding the line as we wait in line to sign on the dotted line for 2024 (and chalk this up to experience....)

# HIGHLIGHTS OF LYTHAM SHOW 2023





We would also like to give special thanks to another longstanding and loyal Club member, **Kathleen**, who successfully ran the raffles for us during 2023, with her partner.

## **OUR SPECIAL THANKS TO...**

**Pauline**, one of our long term loyal club members for her most generous annual donations.



Many of you will recognise Pauline as the owner of a champagne gold coloured Ford Anglia. usually accompanied by a colourful array of doll and animal characters (and sometimes Union flags) which often raise a smile or two.



Kathleen was also a Guest Speaker in July, when she surprised us by giving an entertaining insight into the world of female chauffeuring.

She recounted tales from her 40 years in the role, during which she visited every facility of the United Kingdom Energy Authority (UKEA), which then became British Nuclear Fuels Limited, as part of her duties.

Kathleen explained how she drove buses, cars and vans as one of very few female chauffeurs in the country at the time, and additionally trained in advanced driving techniques (our very own Jane Bond).

One of the dignitaries and celebrities she was given responsibility for during these times was none other than the former MP and Prime Minister, Dame Margaret Thatcher!

Kathleen recently celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with us at the club. We were told that amongst her presents she had been given was the chance to ride on a Shire horse at Malham. This came as a welcome surprise to Kathleen as she has had a lifelong interest in horses and horsey things which has also taken her all over the country as a contestant in many horse-riding competitions.

# SPOTLIGHT ON STANLEY PARK 2023



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## BVPG Needs Marshals

To address the difficulties of looking for volunteer marshals for future shows at Stanley Park and Lytham Green (and eventually Jubilee Gardens), we are looking to build a solid list of names who can be relied upon to take up the marshal mantle for these shows.

What do marshals do? Co-ordinated by our chief marshal, they may help direct vehicles into spaces and/or ensure they depart safely around pedestrians. But for most, a visible presence is all that's required, as very few vehicles depart before the very end, so there is much time to enjoy what the shows have to offer, while being 'available' to assist.

It may mean arriving at a slightly earlier time and/or leaving a little later.

The ratio of marshals is set by councils to comply with strict health and safety policies.

The more marshals we have, the more vehicles we can accommodate (which keeps our shows so popular).

Without sufficient marshals, our shows are at risk of being on a much smaller scale or being cancelled due to non compliance or viability.

In short, marshals are the mainstay of our shows, and 'mandatory' in council speak.

Above all, you will be doing a valuable service to the community so they (and you!) can continue to enjoy our shows into the future.

A stiff pointing finger and knowledge of family-friendly hand gestures and waving techniques are useful but not essential.

On the day, you will be provided with a very fetching limited edition BVPG hi-viz over jacket which is sure to compliment your outfit and impress your friends. They are guaranteed to get you noticed!

Being a BVPG member is not essential, all volunteers are welcome, so please pass it on to someone else who may be interested.

Contact a BVPG Officer or email us to join up .

## MEMBERS FEATURES

### Member's Showcase

Show off your vehicle, tell us a little about you, and the vehicle history, restoration, achievements at shows or rallies

### Memory Lane

Tell us tales of your motoring exploits, first or favourite motors, or perhaps you worked in the automotive or coach building industry?

### Member's Corner

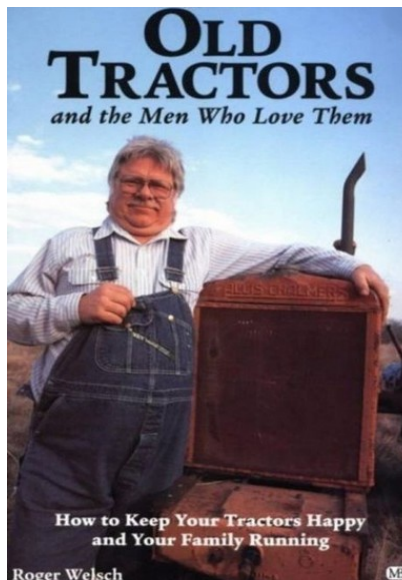
Hints and tips or anything else vehicle related you want to share.

## COMING UP IN NEXT NEWSLETTER

### A SPORTY LOOK AT TEASING TALBOTS!

### PLUS

### AN OLD TRACTOR TREAT!



## CLASSIC & VINTAGE VEHICLE SPARES

### OEM new & used

**LUCAS** Points, condensers, brass dynamo oilers, new old stock.

**LUCAS Matchless/Triumph Twin** distributor caps, Lucas ref 40458A

**Type D Overdrive Unit Laycock De Normanville** 25/61958 Advised it will fit Jaguar E type. May fit other vehicles. Refurbished, never fitted.

**BMC 14" Rostyle wheels, set 5**, 4 are chromed vgc, 1 silver (needs refurb). Stud 114.3". Fit MG, Austin, Triumph etc. Removed from MGBGT

**VOLVO series 200, 400, 700, 900**

Mix of gaskets new in sealed packs for fuel system

Dash centre console side screws large pk2 (series 200+)

Trim clips pk4

**BMC 1950's Front seats**, Pair, Black leather white piping, from 4 door MG Magnette ZB, will fit other BMC (Wolseley, Riley, Austin etc). Non reclining, non headrests. Integrated bakelite ashtrays.

**SAAB 96 (1968)** dashboard gauges - speedo, electric temp gauge, electric clock.

**Porsche 928/928S also 968 (fit 944)** various large & small parts. Mostly used, some new old stock.

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# 2024 Diary Dates

## Monthly Meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday)

Fleetwood Cricket Club, Broadwater, FY7 8AS

**8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

**MARCH (TBA)**

**APRIL (TBA)**

*\*pending decision on alternative future venue*

## Members' Special Events

**Landlord's Choice (TBA)**

**Concours (TBA)**

## Our Annual Shows

**Jubilee Gardens, Cleveleys (Unavailable)**

(Site is still being used in 2024 for plant storage by contractors & ongoing sea wall works)

**Stanley Park, FY3 9HU - 25<sup>th</sup> August**

Join us in the beautiful Italian Gardens for this popular show, usually around 200 classic & vintage vehicles.

**Lytham Green, FY8 5QJ - September (TBA)**

A fabulous old time seaside location for our second popular show that welcomes an impressive display of around 300 classic & vintage vehicles.

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