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## Founder's Ramblings

Kevin Price

Welcome to all our new Club Members and to this, the **Summer 2025 Issue** of our Club Magazine.

Before we go into my Ramblings, I must apologise on 2 accounts to Club Members. Firstly, health issues have meant that I have not been fully engaged in the running of the Club over the past few months. Many Members will be aware that I had Cancer in 2017 and earlier this year it was believed that it had returned. Obviously, this had a great impact on my wellbeing, and I must once again apologise if I was not my usual self at the March NEC Show or the VEC National. Having been wrongly diagnosed by a Health Care Professional, I finally managed to see my own Doctor and after delays, I saw a Consultant and the good news is that it was not cancer. My reason for opening up to Members is that it was believed I had Breast Cancer, yes Men can also get it! and it is not as common, as in women but men do get it and they should also check their chests for lumps etc. Members may be aware that Christina Stadden Co-Founder of the Volvo Enthusiasts Club and Matts Mum, passed away and so did my Mother from Breast Cancer and I have to report that the Friends of the Volvo Enthusiasts Club with the staff of the Rising Sun held a High Tea Event at the Rising Sun in Bewdley on 5<sup>th</sup> July for Breast Cancer Care, where we raised a staggering £1204.65 for the Charity. Many thanks to all those who supported the day and in particular Nigel Salisbury, Landlord of the Rising Sun for all his help and support. We will be doing a similar event later in the year for Wear Pink for Breast Cancer as advertised on TV, so if you are local or want to get involved, please let me know. It is a very worthwhile charity, who I am very pleased to support.

My second apology is that **yet again my Club Email has been scammed THIS TIME IT WAS BOTH MY CLUB AND PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESSES!!! Plus on 1<sup>st</sup> July - Tesco Mobile gave out my Personal Data and my Mobile Phone Number is now blocked on my phone! So, if you do have my Mobile number and someone rings you on GiffGaff it's not me!!!!** Therefore, it would appear Club Members etc have not been able to contact me. So, if you have not received a reply to your emails, this is probably the cause. We believe we know who has been interfering with our Email Accounts and I have reported it to my Internet provider. Further action will be taken! So please be patient and use my new email Address, particularly if you wish to join us at the Chatham Dockyard or Avro Museum Club Events – we still have spaces at both but do book quickly if you want to join us at these great events – my new Email is [kevinprice1955@btinternet.com](mailto:kevinprice1955@btinternet.com) and hopefully members should now be able to contact me without ANY problem. You can also contact us via Facebook Messenger on our new Members Facebook Page **Volvo Enthusiasts Club Est.1989** or leave a message on our Club Answerphone for our Club Secretary 01299 400039

Well, with the 2025 Volvo Enthusiasts Club National Gathering just a memory, I look back on a fantastic day at the Wythall Transport Museum, whose Volunteers really did look after us all so well. Can I personally thanks all those who helped make the day a great success and in particular our Club Secretary Rose Lambert who booked all Club Members into event, the Friends of the Volvo Enthusiasts Club, Annie Matthews and Mick Langdon for running the Club Regalia Stall and the Raffle and also the various Members of the Club Team who looked after the Judging of the vehicles on the day, plus all the many Club Members who came along and supported our National Day. Can I also thank Lancaster Insurance for their continued support of the Club, which Sponsorship of the Awards presented on the day. Next year's Volvo Enthusiasts Club Est: 1989 National Gathering will take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026 – venue still to be confirmed.

Our outdoor Show Season started with a great display at the Marches Festival of Transport & Spring Food Fair, held back as usual, inside Ludlow Castle in the centre of Ludlow. During the Event we were joined by YouTube Channel Film Makers 'The T Junction Torque Channel' who were involved in producing the history of the TV Saint Volvo 1800's, my car being the sole survivor of the 3 cars used. Robert & Louise Lovegrove brought their 1965 1800S which is a replica of 77 GYL the second car used by Roger Moore and finally Keith & Wendy Jones, displayed their 1967 1800S which is again a replica but of the final car used in The Saint NUV 647E – The T Junction Torque Channel also came along to our National Gathering and filmed many of our members cars, so please do look up the Channel and subscribe.

Our Display over the weekend featured in addition to the 3 1800's, a 122S, a 164, a V70 T5 Police Car, a 440 and finally an ex Swedish Army TP21 Sugga Radio Car (known affectionally in Sweden as the Sow due to shape of the Bonnet. Our efforts were recognised by Winning **'Best Club Display'** at the event. If you

have not visited Ludlow or the Marches Festival of Transport it's well worth a visit. Entries for the show go live usually in February, so if you are interested, why not join us next year, it's a great weekend in a beautiful part of the country.

**VOLVO 480 and 740 BIRTHDAY EVENTS BOTH CANCELLED!** I am extremely disappointed, particularly as a long-term owner of Volvo 480's and a 740 Pick-up, that I have had to make the decision to **CANCEL the 480 and 740 Birthday Celebration Events**. It was very disappointing to have received little or no support from 480 Facebook Clubs in UK and Europe and also Volvo 480 Owners. This was the same for the 740 Series. Hopefully we will be able to run an event next year with **MORE SUPPORT** to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the launch of the 480 For Sale, which will include other Volvo Models as a Club Day Out.

Once again, a reminder, If you would like to check our **'Forthcoming Club Events'**. We have Booked a Southern Day Out at the Royal Naval Dockyard Chatham on 28<sup>th</sup> September and a Northern Meet at the AVRO Museum near Stockport on 12<sup>th</sup> October. Further details of both events are also enclosed in this Club Magazine, with info how to book and pay through myself. Payment and booking **MUST** be received before event. **These are both Ticket Only Events and no arrive on the day admission through our Club Booking!**

We have recently received confirmation of our Club Stand at the NEC Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show in November. This year we return to Hall 4 – Stand 4-660. Please if you are going to come along to the Show, purchasing your tickets in advance not only supports your club – Organisers Check Ticket Sales against attending Clubs but also will save you £4.00 per ticket on admission – **Please use our Special Code CCCNOV5347 when purchasing tickets in advance at the NEC Box Office for Discounted Tickets**

**Volvo Enthusiasts Club – Est: 1989 - Volvo 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Event -18<sup>th</sup> April 2027 at the British Motor Museum, Gaydon, Warwickshire.**

**The VEC 100 Years of Volvo Event:** Never a Club not to be forward thinking, the Volvo Enthusiasts Club Est: 1989 are already looking at celebrating Volvo's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 2027. We have with the support of the British Motor Museum at Gaydon off Jn 12 of the M40 in Warwickshire, where both the UK's 75<sup>th</sup> and 80<sup>th</sup> Birthdays were celebrated, booked the venue for a big birthday celebration to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Volvo. Date booked is the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2027, so log it in your diary, it's going to be a fantastic event, where ALL Volvo built Vehicles including Cars, Trucks, Bus & Coach, Agricultural & Plant, Ex Public Service & Military plus also DAF cars will ALL be welcome.

Well, that's all from me I think for this issue. Can I thank all those who have supported me over the past difficult months and kindness shown, it is much appreciated. Hopefully the club is now back to our usual friendly service.

I look forward to seeing you all at one of our other events later this year. In the meantime, drive safe, take care and Happy Volvoing rest of the summer, **Kevin**



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**Membership Cards:** Please make sure you have your current Membership Card with you when you attend ANY of our Club Events, as these will be now checked, so only our Club Members in future will receive the full benefits of our Club Membership.

### The VEC Events for 2025 – Dates already booked in the Club Diary:

1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025 – Torbay Steam Fair 2025 – Individual Entries at this fantastic event in the South-West  
**CANCELLED** 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025 – VEC Volvo 700 Series 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday at Wythall Transport Museum, Wythall  
**CANCELLED** 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 – VEC Volvo 480 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday of launch Celebrations See Details in Events  
31<sup>st</sup> August Nordikfest 2025 – an Invitation from Nordik Rides – Grear Northern Classics, Derby  
6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – Beaulieu International Autojumble 2025 – Usual Club Stall G042  
28<sup>th</sup> September 2025 - Volvo Enthusiasts Club Southern Day Out at the Royal Naval Dockyard, Chatham  
12<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – VEC Day Out at the Avro Museum, Woodford Aerodrome, near Stockport – SK7 1AG  
7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025 'The Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show 2025' NEC Birmingham – Club Display

### VEC Event Dates in more detail booked for 2025 in Club Diary.

1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025 – 'Torbay Steam Fair 2025' – near Brixham, Devon – Individual entries only at this fantastic Steam Fair in glorious Devon. Camping available on site, Free Live entertainment for exhibitors on Friday and Saturday evening, Classic Cars, Trucks etc all welcome. For more information and Booking Form [www.torbaysteamfair.co.uk](http://www.torbaysteamfair.co.uk)

**EVENT CANCELLED** 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025, (Sunday) The Volvo 740 Estate 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration to be held at Wythall Transport Museum, Due to poor support for this event The Volvo Enthusiasts Club 1989 has decided to cancel the day to celebrate 40 years of the Volvo 740 Estate Car. This is a great disappointment, but without the support of Owners and the wider Volvo Community, with less than a month to go we were forced to cancel as we were unable to guarantee the minimum numbers of vehicles to make the day. Club Contact: Kevin Price – [kevinprice1955@btinternet.com](mailto:kevinprice1955@btinternet.com)

9<sup>th</sup> August 2025 (Saturday) TMS Volvo Heritage Meet – TMS Volvo Hinckley are holding another of their popular Heritage Meets from 9am to 1pm. Swedish Fika – Teas & coffees will be available plus offering 15% Discount on parts ordered on the day. Volvo Technicians will be available on the day – Book your FREE HEALTH CHECK on your Volvo – Must be booked in advance – All Volvos over 7 year old welcome at TMS Volvo, Trinity Marina, Coventry Road, Hinckley, LE10 0NF [TMS Volvo Events for 2024 - Coventry, Hinckley, Leicester \(tmsmotorgroup.co.uk\)](http://www.tmsmotorgroup.co.uk)

**EVENT CANCELLED!!!** 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025, (Sunday) The Volvo 480 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday of its launch to the press and 30 years since end of 480 production, with the Volvo 480 Celebration **CANCELLED** It is with great disappointment that we must inform all Club Members that we have had to cancel the Volvo 480 40<sup>th</sup> Launch Celebration event, due to the lack of interest and support by 480 Owners in UK and Europe etc plus also us not being able to meet the booked venues required attendance numbers. It is hoped that we will try to do this event again in 2026, which will celebrate 40 years from when the car was first launched for sale to owners, but only if there is enough interest, particularly from ALL 480 Owners and Clubs here and in Europe etc. plus owners of other Volvo Models built at the Volvo BV factory in Born, Holland Club Contact: Kevin Price – [kevinprice1955@btinternet.com](mailto:kevinprice1955@btinternet.com)

31<sup>st</sup> August 2025, (Sunday) An invitation from Nordik Rides to join them at NORDIKFEST 25 which is back at Great Northern Classics Derby DE 24 8AE on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 @10am, get this date in your Calendar. Numerous Trophies to be awarded at the end of the day for those cars selected by our Judges and via the Peoples Voting Sheet, so everyone gets a chance to select their favourite cars at the Show. Further details contact Kam Shrih [kamsrih@gmail.com](mailto:kamsrih@gmail.com)



**6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – ‘Beaulieu International Autojumble 2025’** Club Stall near our usual spot – Green Field – **Stand G045**. Why not come and see us for a chat and time to relax with a cuppa etc Club Regalia will be available with some very special offers – [kevinprice1955@btinternet.com](mailto:kevinprice1955@btinternet.com) for more information.

**STILL SPACES AVAILABLE - 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025 - Volvo Enthusiasts Club 1989 Southern Day Out at the Royal Naval Dockyard, Chatham 10.30am to 3pm** [www.thedockyard.co.uk](http://www.thedockyard.co.uk) – This will be a ticketed event - further details how to book Tickets in future Club Magazine/on Website. Arrival please at 10.30am for Breakfast at 11am – Ticket will include a full British Cooked Breakfast and tea/coffee in the Mess Deck Restaurant and Club area inside the Dock Yard to display our vehicle. Submarine guided tours available booking on arrival – Cost per person £28.00 to include Breakfast plus tea/coffee and biscuits in afternoon – **Members must Book and pay for this event in advance, as Numbers for the event are limited, so offered on a First Come basis** Please contact Kevin Price - Event Organiser for more details and to make payment for Museum Entry etc. Contact Kevin – [kevinprice1955@btinternet.com](mailto:kevinprice1955@btinternet.com) or [volvoenthusiastsclub@btinternet.com](mailto:volvoenthusiastsclub@btinternet.com)

**STILL SPACES AVAILABLE - 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – VEC Members and Friends Day Out at the AVRO Aircraft Museum, Woodford Aerodrome, near Stockport, Manchester – SK7 1AG.** We have booked a Club visit to the AVRO Aircraft Museum which is on the site where the famous Lancaster (Dam Busters) and Vulcan Bombers plus the Nimrod were designed and built. The museum tells the story of the AVRO Aircraft Company [www.arvoheritagemuseum.co.uk](http://www.arvoheritagemuseum.co.uk) Members will have the opportunity to park their Volvo in small groups under the Museum Avro Vulcan, only example painted in the original antiflash white Cost is for the event £10 per person. Members will receive Complimentary tea/coffee in the Vulcan Cafe. Members will also be able to book cockpit tours on arrival in the Lancaster, Vulcan. Nimrod and VC10 Booking with Kevin in essential as spaces will be limited – **Members must Book and pay for this event in advance, as Numbers for the event are limited, so offered on a First Come basis** For further details and how to book/make a payment Contact Kevin Email [kevinprice1955@btinternet.com](mailto:kevinprice1955@btinternet.com) or [volvoenthusiastsclub@btinternet.com](mailto:volvoenthusiastsclub@btinternet.com)

**7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025 ‘The Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show 2025’ at the NEC Birmingham – Club Display in Hall 4 Stand 4-660 A** Club display at this premier indoor Classic Car Show held at the NEC Birmingham – This year we will celebrate a number of Volvo Anniversaries plus display a number of unique vehicles in the UK. If you would like to help in any way, we particularly need members to help with build-up and breakdown of the Club Display Stand, so if you can help it would be much appreciated, please contact **Kevin Price** – Email [kevinprice1955@btinternet.com](mailto:kevinprice1955@btinternet.com) Discounted Tickets NOW available from NEC Box Office using our **Club Code CCCNOV5347** to save £4 per daily admission – **Please support your Club by using our special unique code and purchasing Tickets prior to the Show, Many Thanks**

## **A Date For 2027 – Yes 2027!!! Volvo’s 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration**

**18<sup>th</sup> April 2027, The Volvo Enthusiasts Club - Volvo 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

**Celebration is association with the British Motor Museum at Gaydon** – We are pleased to announce that we have secured the British Motor Museum, Gaydon as the venue for our celebration of Volvo’s 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday – the first car rolling off the production line on the 14<sup>th</sup> April, 1927 and called ‘Jakab’. So, get it on your calendar – **Volvo 1927-2027 100 Years ALL Volvo Owners** will be welcome This will be a ticketed event through the British Motor Museum, but Discounted Tickets will be available **ALL VOLVO BUILT VEHICLES WILL BE WELCOME** including Cars, Commercials, Ex Public Service & Military etc. For further details: [kevinprice1955@btinternet.com](mailto:kevinprice1955@btinternet.com)



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By Old Banger

### Volvo Enthusiasts Club – Est: 1989 – Our Club Wins Again ‘Best Club Display’!

The Minions were on the road again. El Presidente (the redoubtable Kevin Price) decided to have a Club Display at The Marches Transport and Spring Food Festival held on the 10th and 11th of May in the grounds of Ludlow castle.

The call went out again for volunteers. Ludlow is a market town in the Welsh Marches with



fine Tudor and Georgian buildings situated on and around a hill on which sits the castle. The origins of which are medieval and in the 15th century it was famous for housing a Prince of Wales later to be dispatched as one of the ‘Princes in the Tower’ allegedly by Richard III — **Fun historical fact.**

By the time we got there, the castle was in ruins (nothing to do with us — honestly) and it is large enough to host the whole festival, including the

food and drink, within the castle perimeter with the classic vehicle display in the castle garden.

The good news for us Minions was that an outdoor display did not involve carpet tiles (see previous jottings by Old Banger)! We just had to erect two flags which could not be pegged into the ground anywhere on site in case we damaged some underground Archaeological Ruins (most of which appeared to be above ground and in the beer tent). Hence photo of Team Minions relaxing by a bar.



Speaking of which Kevin organised what had to be the best pitch on the site for us, just by the entrance to the Transport Display and backing onto said bar. Our club stand comprised Kevin’s

Leicestershire Police V70 T5 estate in full livery and full of genuine Police kit, Kevin’s P1800 - the genuine Saint Car as seen on TV, Robert and Louise Lovegrove’s 1966 white P1800S, Old Banger’s white 1967 P1800S (thus showing all of the types of P1800 used in the Saint TV series) visitors were asked to spot the differences (see answers below), Patrick Bunn’s beautiful blue Volvo 164 saloon and bringing up the left hand side of the display Nick Dimarco’s rare Volvo military communications vehicle from 1957/8, a Volvo TP21 Radio Car ex Swedish Army, often known as the Sugga (Sow) due to





(brewed locally) drunk.

The organisers also had a classic vehicle run on the Sunday morning through the local countryside for those vehicle owners interested but we stayed with our display rather than break it up for the run. This worked very much to our advantage as we won the award for Best Club Display. Runners up being the Jensen Club. The MG



and his merry men. We all enjoyed the experience and if you have the urge to go I would

shape of bonnet, Derek Russell & Victoria Soal's 1967 122S and finally Rob Marshall's Volvo 440, which due to his late arrival and permitted space had to be parked away from our main Club display

The organisers put next to the Sugga a Bren-gun carrier complete with attached Bren gun much to the delight of young children and, after a while, serious cider drinkers. The weather was glorious for both days resulting in a lot of visitors admiring the vehicles and a lot of interesting drinks



owners proved that turning up in numbers does not guarantee a prize. Just how many MG B's are there left in the world—more than a few it would seem.

At about 4.00pm on the Sunday the transport element of the festival finished and the vehicles drove off the site and through the castle grounds in convoy to the applause of the crowd. Leading the procession were Kevin



recommend it, especially if the VEC have a display. **Answers to spot the difference:—**

1. Cow-horn bumpers on the early car—straight on the 1965 & 1967 model.
2. Chrome running strip down the side of the two earlier cars runs up to the door handle following the body line—thinner stainless-steel strip runs straight on the 1967 car.
3. Volvo badge by the rear quarter light on the Saint car - signifying that it was one of the first production models which were built by Jensen Motors in the UK - not on the two later cars.
4. Interior on the Jense built car

different design. 5 Volvo built cars painted in a Volvo Paint colour 'Pear White', Jensen built, because British, painted in UK Car Colours – this one 'Old English White'. 6. Anything that El Presidente thinks I've forgotten! We hope to see you during the coming year at the other VEC events. **Old Banger**



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# Volvo Enthusiasts Club 'National Gathering' held on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025



## Wythall Transport Museum

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What a fantastic day and the weather was kind to us almost to the end of the day!

This was our Club's National Gathering, which was held on our usual day, the first Sunday in June, this year at the Wythall Transport Museum, Chapel Lane, Wythall. Which is situated just off Junction 3 of the M42 in the West Midlands.

Once again, the Museum proved to be a great choice as a venue. It contains a large collection of preserved Buses and Coaches from West Midland and other Operators, the largest collection of Battery Powered Vehicles e.g. Milk Floats etc; once common sight in



our towns, plus a miniature steam railway and other vehicles. There was even the chance to ride on some of the preserved vehicles during our visit and guided tours behind the scenes in the workshops where vehicles are being restored and undergoing routine maintenance.

Attendance at the Event was fantastic, particularly considering this year the Sunday formed the end of the Whit School

Holidays, plus clashes with other pre-booked events.

Despite this we had a great attendance of Classic Volvos and Club Members in other vehicles,



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included a 1956 Ford Zephyr, the oldest example in the UK, a Wolseley 1500 and a Frogeye Sprite who arrived in this rather than his PV or 120 Estate?.

As is our usual event practice, Club Members received complimentary Refreshments, of a Drink and piece of Homemade Cake, which was well received judging by the many compliments received both on the day



and since on social media.

#### **Awards on the Day:**

Judging of the attending Volvo's was as usual undertaken by Club Members, with additional awards being judged by a team selected from the Club's Co-ordinators – **See the results for award winners.** Our thanks once again to Lancaster Insurance for their continued support by sponsoring awards presented on the day.

Our Congratulations to all the Award Winners.

Many thanks to all those Members who came along and supported us, plus particular thanks to those Members who arrived early and helped with setting up, plus also those who helped at the end of the day with the packing up.

Many thanks to all the volunteer staff, at the Wythall Transport Museum for making us so very welcome plus providing Tours for Club Members and rides on their preserved ex Midland Red BMMO D9 bus.



Finally, many thanks to Lancaster Insurance for their continued support and sponsorship of the trophies presented on the day.

We look forward to seeing you at next year's National Gathering, which has already been booked, for the 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2026. In the meantime, we hope to see you all at our many other events already booked for the

rest of 2025 – see Forthcoming Events in this Club Magazine, our Website or our all new, Facebook Page – [Volvo Enthusiasts Club Est. 1989](#)

## **A GREAT DAY SPENT AT THE WYTHALL TRANSPORT MUSEUM**

### **Best Volvo 2024 Competition –**

### **The VEC Best Volvo 2025 Competition – Results:**

During the day there was a competition for the 'Best Volvo's' attending Sponsored by Lancaster Insurance – these are the results for 2025:

#### **Winners by Volvo Model:**

#### **The Very Best Volvo Attending Award:**

#### **'Best Volvo 2024' –**

Tony & Jill Malkin – Volvo 960 Exec Royal, 1996, Reg: No: A26 HRH



**R/U Best Volvo 2024 –**  
Kam Srih –  
Volvo V70R,  
2004, Reg:  
BW54 ZHU



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## **The Club Awards:**

**Best PV – All Models:** - Andy & Lynne Marshall – Volvo Duett, 1965, Reg: No: FNB 421C

**Best 120 Series:** Malcolm Crosher – Volvo 122S, 1968 Reg: No: UGF 436F

**R/U Best 120 Series:** David Laing – Volvo 120 Estate, CPX 557B

**Best 1800 Series:** Kevin Knowles – Volvo P1800, 1962 Reg: No: 813 UYX

**R/U Best Series:** Anthony Tozer – Volvo 1800E 1969 Reg: No: WYO 883H

**Best 140/164:** – Stephen Brook – Volvo 144DL, 1973, Reg: No: GAD 478L

**R/U Best 140/164:** Patrick Bunn – Volvo 164, 1972 Reg: No: OYY 886L

**Best 200 Series:** Adam Howell – 264GLE. 1977, Reg: No: RDF 22

**R/U Best 200 Series:** Pete Walker – Volvo 244GLT, 1989, Reg: No: G240 GLT

**Best 300/66 Series:** Non Entered

**Best 400/40 Series:** Nick Elliot – Volvo 480 Celebration, 1995, Reg: No: M803 WJO

**R/U Best 400/40 Series:** Nicole Keenan – Volvo S40, 1992, Reg: No: S40 YAY

**Best 700/900/V90:** Chris Hill – Volvo 740GL, 1989, Reg: No: G509 APA

**R/U Best 700/900/V90:** Andy Baker – Volvo 740GL, 1996, Reg: No: E75 JUJ

**Best 850/70/S80 P80 Series:** Steve Williams – Volvo V70 Classic, 1997, Reg: No: P92 PVW

**R/U Best 850/70/S80 P80 Series:** Peter Kaye – Volvo 850, 1996, Reg: No: P605 TFC

**Best P1 Series:** Curty Molloy – Volvo V40, 2014, Reg: No: V40 YAY

**R/U Best P1 Series:** John Sanderson – Volvo C70, 2010, Reg: No: CY10 AZN

**Best Ph2 Series:** Kam Srih – Volvo V70R, 2004, Reg: No: BW54 ZHU

**Best Ph2 Series:** Rob Gray – Volvo V70R, 2005, Reg: No: V70 RHG

**Best Ph3 Series:** Ant Stewart – Volvo V60 Polestar, 2017, JXI 417

**R/U Best Ph3 Series:** Thomas Hill – Volvo V70R, 2008, 2 DNG 500

**Best Tuned/Modified:** Pete Walker – Volvo 244GLT, 1989, Reg: No: G240 GLT

**R/U Best Tuned/Modified:** Rob Grey – Volvo V70R, 2005, Reg: No: V70 RHG

**Best Engine Bay:** Kevin Knowles – Volvo P1800, 1962 Reg: No: 813 UYX

**R/U Best Engine Bay:** Kam Srih – Volvo V70R, 2004, Reg: No: BW54 ZHU

**Best Commercial Volvo:** Andy & Lynne Marshall – Volvo Duett, 1965, Reg: No: FNB 421C

**Best Restoration 2024/25:** John Bush, Volvo 123GT 1968, Reg: No: JSB 255G

**R/U Best Restoration 2024/25:** Stacey Martin (Brian), Volvo 245GL, 1989, Reg: No: F699 YJT

**“The Volvo Concessionaires Limited Trophy – Most Original Volvo”**

Graham & Mary Silverton – Volvo 145, 1974, Reg: No: XHJ 727N

**Best OEM Volvo Pre Year 2000:** Malcolm Crosher – Volvo 122S, Reg: No: UGF 436F

**R/U Best OEM Volvo Pre Year 2000:** Stephen Brook – Volvo 144DL, 1973, Reg: No GAD 478L

**Best OEM Volvo Post Year 2000:** Tony & Jill Malkin – Volvo 960 Royal, 1996, Reg: A26 HRH

**R/U Best OEM Volvo Post Year 2000:** Curty Molloy – Volvo V40, 2014, Reg: No: V40 YAY

**Volvo Enthusiasts Club ‘Special Award’:** Patrick Bunn Commitment to the VEC 1989

**Volvo Enthusiasts Club ‘Highly Commended’:** Chris Hill – Volvo 740GL, 1989, Reg: G509 APA

**Best Non-Volvo Classic:** Sarah Perkins – Ford Zephur, 1956 Reg: No: NVN 254

## **Furthest Distance Travelled to Event Awards**

### **Furthest Distance Travelled to Event – UK:**

Matt Mc Dermott – Volvo 240GL 1990 Reg: No: G286 VFC – 196 Miles

### **Furthest Distance Travelled to Event – Overseas:**

From Belgium - Thomas Hill – Volvo V70R AWD 2008 Reg: No: 2 DNG 500 – 646 Kms

**Winner of the Members Invitation Draw donated by Trevor Ashley of HTP Solutions – our VEC Webmaster** – Chris Ford



## Volvo Enthusiasts Club National Gathering 2025 - The Winners

### Volvo Enthusiasts Club Est: 1989 – Trophy Awards:

These Perpetual Trophies are kept by the Club as a permanent record of winners at our National Gathering each year – As you will note, some models/awards do not have a Trophy, so if you would like to donate a permanent trophy for a particular award or Volvo model, please let Kevin know – your support would be appreciated.



#### 'Best Volvo 2024' – "The Christina Stadden Memorial Trophy"

Tony & Jill Malkin – Volvo 960 Exec Royal, 1996, Reg: No: A26 HRH

#### R/U Best Volvo 2024 – "The Chairman Trophy" – Donated by Kevin Price

Kam Srih – Volvo V70R, 2004, Reg: No: BW54 ZHU

#### Other Awards:

##### "The PV Co-Ordinators Trophy" – Donated by Colin & May Tatlow

Andy & Lynne Marshall – Volvo Duett, 1965, Reg: No: FNB 421C

##### "Phyllis Patchton Memorial Trophy – Best Amazon"

Malcolm Crosher – Volvo 122S, 1968 Reg: No: UGF 436F

##### "Ted Wills Trophy – Best 1800 Coupe"

Kevin Knowles – Volvo P1800, 1962 Reg: No: 813 UYX

##### "Best 140 Series Trophy" – Donated by Christina Stadden

Stephen Brook – Volvo 144DL, 1973, Reg: No: GAD 478L

##### "Best 164" – Donated by Vic Barnes

Patrick Bunn – Volvo 164 1972 Reg: No: OYY 886L

##### "The Matthew Stadden Trophy" – Best 300

Not awarded

##### "Best 480" – Donated by Dave Stadden'

Nick Elliot – Volvo 480 Celebration, 1995, Reg: No: M803 WJO

##### "Best 700/900/V90 Trophy" – Donated by Christina Stadden

Chris Hill – Volvo 740GL, 1989, Reg: No: G509 APA

##### "Best P80 Series Trophy" – Donated by Kevin Price

Steve Williams – Volvo V70 Classic, 1997, Reg: No: P92 PVW

##### "The Brookhouse Volvo Trophy – Best Engine Bay" – Donated by Simon Richardson

Kevin Knowles – Volvo P1800, 1962 Reg: No: 813 UYX

##### "The Volvo Concessionaires Limited Trophy – Most Original Volvo"

Graham & Mary Silverton – Volvo 145, 1974, Reg: No: XHJ 727N

##### "The Best Competition/Modified Volvo' – Donated by Rob Clarke

Pete Walker – Volvo 244GLT, 1989, Reg: No: G240 GLT

##### "The Founder's Trophy – Best Restoration 2023-24" – Donated by Kevin Price

John Bush – Volvo 123GT, 1968 Reg: No: JSB 255G

##### "The Bodyline Trophy – Best Commercial Volvo" – Donated by Bob Nash

Andy & Lynne Marshall – Volvo Duett, 1965, Reg: No: FNB 421C

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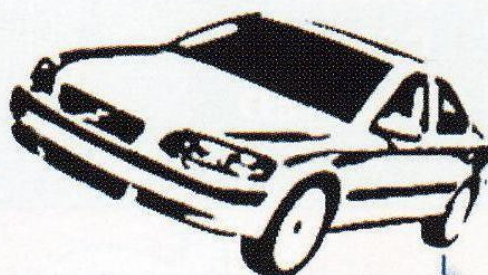
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**VOLVO ENTHUSIASTS CLUB Est: 1989 - FORTHCOMING CLUB EVENTS:**

**Volvo Enthusiasts Club Est: 1989 Southern Day Out – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

On Sunday 28th September 2025 @10am Volvo Enthusiasts Club 1989 Southern Day Out at the Royal Naval Dockyard, Chatham [www.thedockyard.co.uk](http://www.thedockyard.co.uk)

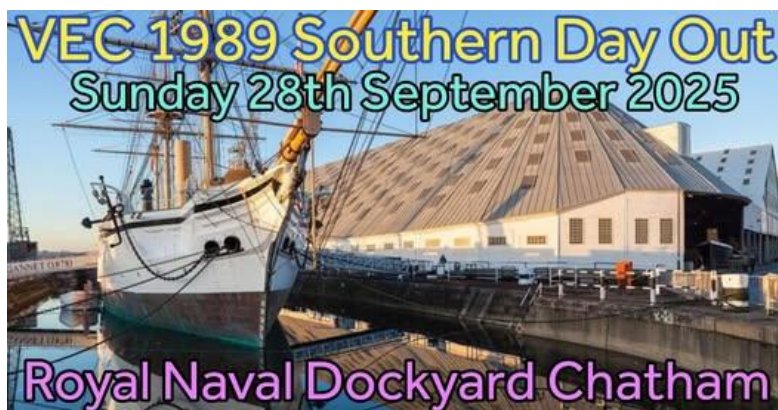
This will be a ticketed event, further details how to book your slot for this event will be in the future Club Magazine and on the Website.

Tickets which will include a Full English Cooked Breakfast and Tea & Coffee in the Mess Deck Restaurant and Club Area inside the Dock Yard to display our vehicles.

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booking on arrival. Cost per person £28.00 to include Breakfast Plus Tea/Coffee and Biscuits in afternoon – Members must Book and Pay for this event in advance, as Numbers for the event are limited, so offered on a First Come First Serve Basis Please contact Kevin Price the Event Organiser for more details and to make payment for Museum Entry etc. Contact Kevin Price:

[kevinprice1955@btinternet.com](mailto:kevinprice1955@btinternet.com) - **NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS due to being Scammed AGAIN!!!!!!**



**Volvo Enthusiasts Club Est: 1989 - at the AVRO Aircraft Museum – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

On Sunday 12th October 2025 VEC Members and Friends Day Out:

@AVRO Aircraft Museum, Woodford Aerodrome, Stockport, Manchester SK7 1AG

We have booked a Club visit to the AVRO Museum which is on the original site where the famous Lancaster (Dam Busters) and Vulcan Bombers plus the Nimrod were designed and built. The museum tells the story of the AVRO Aircraft Company:

[www.arvoheritagemuseum.co.uk](http://www.arvoheritagemuseum.co.uk)

A photoshoot opportunity will be available for Club Members, who will have the opportunity to park their Volvo in small groups under the Avro

Vulcan (paid for by the Club), only example painted in the original antirash white. All monies raised go into the Museum Funds for the upkeep of this fantastic museum. Club Members will receive a Complimentary Tea/Coffee in the Vulcan Cafe.

Members will also on arrival be able to book Cockpit tours of the aircraft including the Lancaster, Nimrod, Vulcan and V10 at additional cost Booking with Kevin is essential as spaces will be limited and offered on a **First Come - First Served basis**. For further details and to book – Cost will be £10 per Person booked and paid in advance which will include entrance to Museum and Donation.

Contact Kevin via Email: [kevinprice1955@btinternet.com](mailto:kevinprice1955@btinternet.com) **NOTE: NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!!!!!!**

We look forward to meeting and greeting you all at the wonderful Venue with a fantastic photo opportunity for your lovely Volvo's and the AVRO Vulcan Bomber



## TV's 'The Saint' at 60 – Restoration Continues – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2007 Kevin Price©

### Restoration of the Bodyshell continues at Phoenix Motor Bodies:

Continuing on from the last report, Dave Gate of Phoenix Motor Bodies of Wybunbury, Cheshire, CW5 7HA [www.phoenixmotorbodies.co.uk](http://www.phoenixmotorbodies.co.uk) – Tel: 01270 642049 (**who MUST NOT in ANYWAY be confused with a Suffolk based organisation with a similar name!!!!!!!**)



Following my visit of the 17<sup>th</sup> August, my next trip up to Cheshire to see Dave's progress on 71 DXC was on the 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Both sill assemblies had now been welded into position and the old passenger rear wing removed to reveal the extent of corrosion in the inner wheel arch.

My original plan was to have repaired all four wings but after some consideration I decided that in order to



make sure 71 DXC would survive for another 50 years and also time constraints, it was decided it was best to replace all four wings with new old stock panels.

After a discussion with Dave and my viewing the corrosion in the inner wheel arch it was decided we needed to find a new full outer section of the passenger side wheel arch. A phone call to Simon at Brookhouse came up trumps, In that he had just received the prototype of the new Arch Repair Panel and it was the passenger side.

The Jensen built Cars and up to Chassis No: 8000 have a completely different Bodyshell to the later 1964 Model, so although the arch looked the



same Dave would need to work his magic to get it to fit and meet up with Rear Wing when fitted.

I was pleased to see that great progress had been made in other areas of the bodyshell.

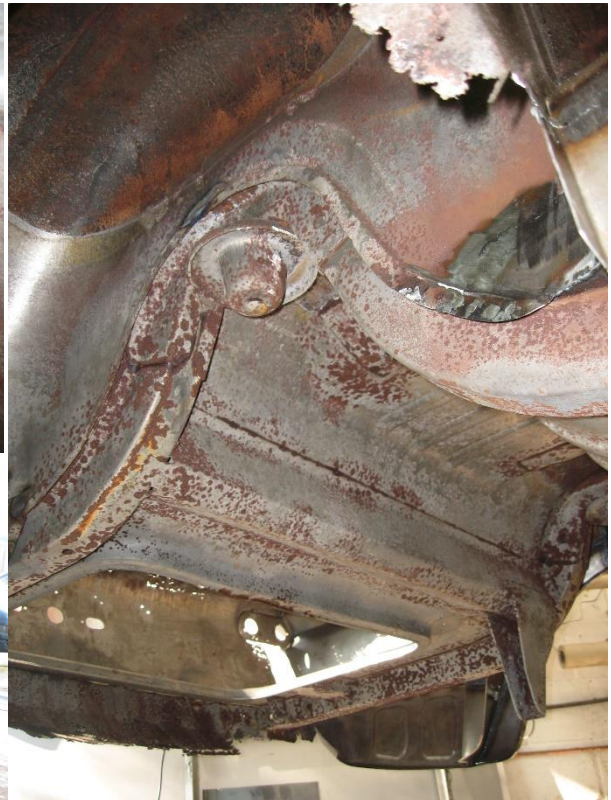
Again, it had been decided to replace the outer front floor pans rather than just repair.





This not only makes replacement of the front outriggers/jacking point easier but also by joining the new panel on top of the Main Chassis Rail, gives access to inside the chassis to check no rust is still present. The great news was that following the SPL Chemical Dipping process inside the main chassis was totally free of corrosion.

The main Chassis Rails and over axle sections on 71 DXC were found to be in excellent condition, considering the car had sat up to the sills in the earth while on that Welsh Hill Farm!



Dave had also repaired the Rear Floor Pans on both sides of the car and replaced the centre Crossmembers on both sides – the Drivers Side of which mounts the Handbrake.

Since my last visit the Drivers Side Rear Wing had been fitted and spotwelded into its final position.

Parts the Rear Panel had also removed to start the repair the boot Floor and inner rear valance.

With the rear lower section of the original front Wings removed, repairs to the lower A Post were also undertaken. **NEXT TIME – Dave Gate continues work on the Bodysell Restoration of 71 DXC aka ST 1 – the ‘original TV Saint Car**



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**‘Ask Kevin?’ A section in the Club Magazine where Members contact Kevin with their Volvo problems:**  
**Subject: Renewing your UK Driving Licence at the age of 70 and above.**

Dear Kevin, Like you I will this reach the age of 70 year and I read in many place that the Government and Department of Transport are changing the rules on requirement Self-Assessment to a Medical undertaken by Doctor. This, according to the media, was to take place

from July 2025 but having checked widely on the Internet I cannot find anywhere which confirms that this is the case.

I also understand that from the age of 70, a Driving Licence must be renewed every 3 years and currently there is no charge for this.

As many owner of Classic Volvo's are in later years could you please let us know what the latest situation is regarding the above.

Can I once again, thank you on behalf of the Club Membership for your commitment to the Volvo Enthusiasts Club and your hard work running our Club. Kind Regards, Bill W

**Kevin Replies:**

Dear Bill, I too had heard that there was to be an introduction of a medical requirement for Renewing your Driving Licence at the age of 70 from July 2025

Having trawled the Internet and eve checked the GovUK Website on how to Renew your Driving Licence at 70, it would appear that up to today 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025 there is still no requirement to undertake a Medical with a Doctor.

With the current situation where it is almost impossible to get a GP Appointment, I know been there with suspected Cancer and only being able to see a Health Care Professional, wo wrongly diagnosed me, I wonder with current GP workload and hours actually at the surgery, how this can even be achieved in addition to the requirements for Medicals for HGV and PCV Licences – which applicant has to pay for as it's a private service. If you have more up to date information please let me know. Kevin

**However from MSN on the Internet:**



**Drivers over 70 must face two key tests when renewing licence in 2025**

Drivers aged 70 and over are set to face two essential health assessments when renewing their driving licences in 2025, as the Government and DVLA have recently clarified. There's a mandatory requirement for seniors to update their licences— fortunately, the renewal is free and can efficiently be completed via the internet. Now, there's discussion about potentially

incorporating cognitive assessments before licence renewals as an additional safety measure on the roads. Moreover, the RAC has issued a warning that if drivers fail to renew their licence and continue to drive, their car insurance would be rendered invalid. This could lead to serious offences with severe consequences such as hefty fines or even having their vehicle seized by the police. It's vital for individuals to disclose any new medical conditions and also affirm their eyesight. The RAC stresses the importance of being truthful about one's health when applying for a licence renewal.

Conditions you must disclose include: Failing to declare a condition or disability that could affect your driving is an offence, and you could be fined up to £1,000. For more guidance on renewing your licence, you can refer to the advice provided by the RAC. The DVLA also provides an online renewal service for convenience, which can be accessed

here: <https://www.gov.uk/renew-driving-licence-at-70>. If you apply online, your new licence should arrive within a week.

However, postal applications may take up to three weeks to process.



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## All things 200 Series Steven Short – VEC 200 Series Technical Co-Ordinator

Hello all 200 series fans, can you believe we are more than halfway through 2025. I hope un-like me you have been out enjoying your 240's?

Having owned my 240 GLT for over 20 years I'm thinking its time to refresh the engine bay as it's the only part of the car that really lets it down. Has anyone restored their engine bay who could send me a picture for inspiration.

Now what has happened to the once must have Volvo Estate? You still see the MK2 and MK3 V70's flying about with the odd V90 but for how much longer? Back in the day there was only 1.....the 240!

### Do any club members still use there 200 as Dailey drivers?

When I was growing up in Plymouth. we had several Antique shops on the Barbican area of the city along with many little interesting shops selling a whole array of things from second hand clothes to expensive paintings, the connection being a lot of them had Volvo estates.

I used to catch the bus into the Barbican to get fish and chips and walk around Volvo spotting, with the strong smell of vinegar in the air. I remember many of them One that stands out more than any other was a bright yellow 245 GLE, black leather with more rips than a teenager's jeans, 4 speed with O/D. Similar to Lovejoy's 265GLE. Sporting a massive roof rack hanging over the windscreen which certainly wasn't a Volvo issue item. More likely off a transit van, modified to fit the Volvo, it had a burgundy driver's side wing and a light metallic petrol blue tailgate with a massive fog light screwed to it, hanging down. The rear arches were in primer, things like this were acceptable back in the early 90's how times change. The car belonged to an antiques dealer and I used to see it all the time never with the rear seats up, a true work horse. In contrast the dealer's wife drove a mint condition metallic peppermint green 240 GL Saloon with beige cloth interior this was an automatic. Another that springs to mind was a decorator my Father used to know, he a blue 240 GLE estate on an E reg, rear seats down fully loaded. Sitting down on the rear springs, you couldn't see the tops of the wheels. From a distance it looked like a boat up on the plane. He also had a 760 Turbo in metallic silver he used when not working; however, he always said how much he preferred the 240.

The many faces of the 240, which is your favorite and why?



First model



Outside Harrods in London



Last 240

I would love to hear from fellow members with story's of their 240's, so I can add them into the club magazine.

Until next time enjoy your Volvo's. [Classicvolvos@btinternet.com](mailto:Classicvolvos@btinternet.com) , Steve.



Due to poor support for this event The Volvo Enthusiasts Club 1989 has decided to cancel the day to celebrate 40 years of the Volvo 740 Estate Car. This is a great disappointment, but without the support of 700 Series Owners and the wider Volvo Community, with less than a month to go we were forced to cancel as we were unable to guarantee the minimum numbers of vehicles even with other Volvo Models invited to make the day possible.

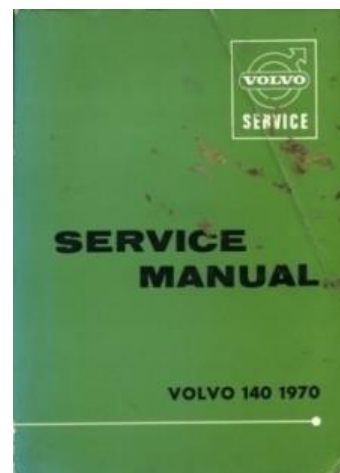
We apologise for any inconvenience caused but we can only run events with the full support of Club Member's and it would appear with us also having to cancel the 480 Birthday Event that single model events do not work even with the support of members with other model Volvo's, unlike the 200 Series Birthday last year where we received much support from the wider Volvo 200 Series Facebook community to run the event.

We do still have however, the Southern and Northern Members Club Day Out with spaces still available – see details enclosed in this magazine, so please do try to support your Club events which are all organised for your benefit.

## WANTED: Volvo Special Tools and Volvo Workshop/Parts Manuals



**Wanted Donations of ANY Volvo Special Tools** Particularly for **OLDER Volvo Models** e.g. PV to 850, plus **Bus & Truck** and **Ex Volvo Military, Construction, Agriculture, Volvo Penta & Public Service Vehicles** so we can increase the range and number of our items in our tool library, which will be available to Members in the Club's '**Special Tool Loan Scheme**' to be re-launched shortly, We are also looking for **Volvo Parts/Workshop Manuals**, particularly **Bus, Truck & Ex Military** – older or new models for **Club Technical Library**. **ALL/ANY donations most welcome**. Please contact Kevin if you can help the Club with ANY items –



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**The Volvo Enthusiasts Club – Est: 1989**  
**100 Years of Volvo Event 18<sup>th</sup> April 2027**



Following on from our announcement in the Winter 2024/25 Issue of our Club Magazine, we are pleased to confirm that in association with the British Motor Museum at Gaydon, Warwickshire we will be holding a celebration of

Volvo's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2027, just 4 days after the actual 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

The first car an OV-4 called 'Jakob' rolled off the production line from the Lundby factory in Gothenburg, Sweden on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 1927.

It may seem at long way away but time flies, so please put it in your diary and tell all your Volvo friends about this special event.

This will be a celebration of



all things Volvo, including Cars, Trucks, Buses & Coaches, ex Public Service & Military, BM Plant & Agricultural Vehicles, simply anything, of any age, built by Volvo will be included in the celebration.

We would also like to invite all DAF Car owners, which became Volvo B.V. in 1975.

More Information to follow but if you would like to help in anyway with the organisation of the event, please contact Kevin via

email [volvoenthusiastsclub@btinternet.com](mailto:volvoenthusiastsclub@btinternet.com) or [kevinprice1955@btinternet.com](mailto:kevinprice1955@btinternet.com)

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# 480 40th Launch Celebration

Sunday 31st August 2025

## Event Cancelled



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It is with great disappointment that we must inform all Club Members that we have had to cancel the Volvo 480 40<sup>th</sup> Launch Celebration event, due to the lack of interest and support by 480 Owners/Clubs etc plus us not being able to meet the booked venues required attendance numbers.

The Event was scheduled to celebrate the launch of the Volvo 480 in 1985, when the car, Volvo's first front wheel drive model, was launched to the Motoring Press.

It is hoped that we will try to do this event again in 2026, which will celebrate 40 years from when the car was first launched for sale to owners, but **only** if there is enough interest, **particularly from 480 owners and 480 Clubs here and in Europe etc.**

We would very much like to hear from Club Members, who are still interested in celebrating the Birthday of this iconic car plus also all those Volvo's built in the Volvo Factory (Volvo BV) in Born, Holland (ex DAF Cars and Nedcar Plant) e.g. Volvo 66, Volvo 340/360, Volvo 480/440 & 460 plus the Volvo S & V40 Mk1.

We look forward to hearing from you soon. [volvoenthusiastsclub@btinternet.com](mailto:volvoenthusiastsclub@btinternet.com)

#### **John De Vries – Designer of the Volvo 480, Volvo's first Front Wheel Drive Car and also the Volvo 300 Series Dies at the age of 80 on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025**

**Kevin Price**

It is with great sadness, as the owner of several Volvo 480's, I have to report the death of John De Vries who was the designer of the Volvo 480 and the Volvo 300 Series

John was born February 18<sup>th</sup> 1945 at Bergeijk, in Holland and started at the Design Department of DAF in Helmond, where he worked on the design of Project 900, the successor of the DAF 66. In 1971, out of two of in-house designs and designs by Giovanni Michelotti and Bertone, De Vries' design was chosen for the car that ultimately became the Volvo 343.

In 1980, the first front wheel drive Volvo was in development, and once again competing with a number of Italian designs, Volvo in Sweden went for De Vries' design that became the Volvo 480 in 1986. After his work for Volvo, he started to work for DAF Trucks in 1985, where he designed the DAF 95.

In February 1998 he designed the Alliance bus for Den Oudsten

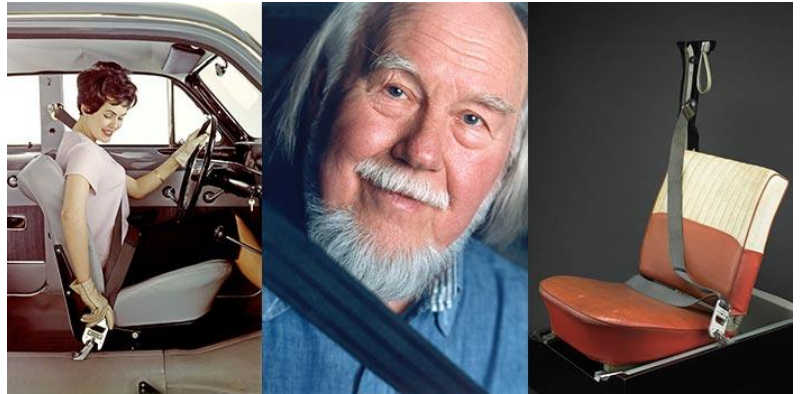


## Volvo's Contribution to Road and Vehicle Safety — A section in the Club Magazine where we look at the contribution Volvo has made to Vehicle and Road Safety — This Issue — New Volvo Seat

### Belt Design to increase In-Car Safety

The 3-point safety belt designed by Volvo's Nils Bohlin has saved **hundreds of thousands of lives**. It has prevented or reduced the severity of injuries for millions of people. This surely makes his three-point safety belt among the most important innovations in the all automobile's 130-year history.

The 3 point Seat Belt became standard in Volvo Cars in 1959 and Volvo then gave the invention 'Patent Free' to the World to save millions of lives



## Volvo reinvents seatbelt with the multi-adaptive safety belt

### Volvo introduces new 'multi-adaptive' seatbelt tech to improve in-car safety

A new seatbelt device developed by Volvo will use sensors to better adapt to passengers' profiles and aims to bring dramatic safety improvements...

Volvo has pioneered a new 'multi-adaptive' seatbelt that could bring significant improvements to in-car safety.

**The world's most safety-focused automaker is launching a "smart seatbelt" on the upcoming EX60.**



### Here's how it works.

- Volvo has revealed its new "multi-adaptive seatbelt" design, which increases occupant safety.
- The new seatbelt adjusts depending on the size and weight of the occupant and uses AI.
- The 2026 EX60 will be the first Volvo to feature this seatbelt, but all subsequent models are likely to follow suit.

Volvo's reputation is built around safety. It's the source of many safety innovations, including the three-point seat belt that all cars have today, introduced by Volvo in 1959 as an improvement on the lap strap. That focus is trickier in a world where safety is mandated by strict regulations, but somehow, Volvo manages to stay ahead of the curve.

AI analysing variables such as seat position, the exact specifics of the crash, and the size and weight of the occupant, it can maximize the use of all available safety systems and even predict an accident before it happens, giving the car valuable time to prepare and fine-tune its approach. This all sounds great in theory, but it will be interesting to see if this system works as advertised out of the box or if having multiple systems working together and controlled by AI will be the source of bugs.

Volvo is introducing this feature at a time when vehicles are becoming increasingly dependent on their software. It's a sign that the Swedish manufacturer (owned by China's Geely since 2010) is embracing the software-defined vehicle (SDV) revolution, which is unfolding in parallel with the switch from combustion to electric power. China is the place where most SDV breakthroughs are happening, and through its connection to Geely, Volvo can leverage this to its advantage.





## VEC Member's 'Recommended' Garages & Services

The following is a list of garages etc nominated by individual members where they have experienced good service for their classic Volvo. For legal reasons the club does not recommend any businesses and services. This list therefore implies no formal club approval scheme, warranty or business relationship with the traders listed.

So if you are proud of the service you receive from your garage etc, why not let us know and we can add it to our list – a point of contact at the Garage is also very useful – Your nominations please to Kevin – [kevinprice.vec@btinternet.com](mailto:kevinprice.vec@btinternet.com)

### **Bedfordshire:**

Lakes Volvo, 143-149 Great North Road, Wyboston, Bedford, MK44 3AH – Contact: Tel: 01480 212291 – Mob: 07958750406/07957881496 Web: [www.lakes4volvo.co.uk](http://www.lakes4volvo.co.uk) – Volvo Service & Volvo Breaking/Spares

### **Cheshire:**

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### **Devon:**

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### **Also:**

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### **Also:**

Surface Processing Limited, Unit 20, Sovereign Works, Deepdale Lanem Dudley, DY3 2AF – Contact: Adrian Mc Murray MD Tel: 01384 242010 Web: [www.surfaceprocessing.co.uk](http://www.surfaceprocessing.co.uk) - Chemical Dipping, E-coating Body Shells and reclaim.

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**For Sale: 1993 Volvo 245 Torslanda** - One of the last, end of production, Special Edition models, built by Volvo of the 200 Series. - LPG Gas conversion, 213000 miles, stainless steel exhaust, running fine, no MOT, just needs a bit of care and perhaps rear arches repaired – See Club Website Advert for photo's **Reduced to £1,000 ono** - Contact Sean Phone: 07976729317 or email [ssgt@btinternet.com](mailto:ssgt@btinternet.com) Herefordshire.

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**Volvo Amazon 1965 – Modified: Modifications** 2 door, 2ltr. H Compression Engine. Injection Head on Carbs. Remote Gear Change. Overdrive. 6inch wide wheels. Tandem M/C. Remote Servo. Electric Fuel Pump. Lots of new parts. Sale is due to medical problems. Chris Watts Tel No: 07811743850 Email: [chris.lulu@live.co.uk](mailto:chris.lulu@live.co.uk)

**Volvo 960 1992 Saloon For Sale:** I would like, my 960 Auto 1992 – Dark Grey 134,000 miles, to go to a fellow Club Member. We purchased the car in 2003 and ran it until 2017 when we gained Motability Vehicle. I start it regularly and move it up and down the drive. The car needs a new home. Car had an inspection in 2022 by a Local Volvo Specialist and this Report is available. Members interested should contact Vaughan Jones Tel: 02920890560 – Cardiff, South Wales

**Volvo 850 Estate 1984cc Mileage 269,193 Petrol Manual year 1995 White N577GLB £500** Contact: John Wyatt 01353 772887 or preferably email [mandyandjohnwyatt@gmail.com](mailto:mandyandjohnwyatt@gmail.com) Location: Ely, Cambridgeshire. Regularly serviced and MOT'd until July 2025. recent work done: 2023 – Cambelt and water pump replaced also O/S/R Brake calliper, rear brake pads and O/S/F Suspension arm. 2024 – Exhaust mid box and rear pipe replaced 2025 – New Battery and windscreen washer pump. - Price: MORE INFO AND FULL ADVERT on Club website £500

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**Volvo 120 Estate 1964 For Sale** With many rare and original features; First Registered November 1964 - Light Blue - Twin SU Carbs, Overdrive, recent replacement Brake Servo. Drives well, rust free excellent bodywork. Restored in 2012 and featured in Richard Dredge Book 'The Amazon – The Complete Story' Comprehensive history back to 2012 Volvo option Dog-Guard & Roof-Rack- Headlining Dashtop replaced. New Fuel Pump, Rear Hubs Engine Rebuilt 2016 Photos and full advert on Club Website – [www.classicvolvos.com](http://www.classicvolvos.com) Contact David Laing Email [david.laing100@icloud.com](mailto:david.laing100@icloud.com) Hampshire

**Volvo 960 Saloon 24V AUTO – Colour white – 2922cc** (in Haddington EH41 3LP) The car was first registered on the 11th April 1996. On the passing of the first owner, the car was stored for seven years until I purchased it in 2017, so apart from the garage pre registering it I'm only the second owner. The car has electrically operated central locking, heated seating, electric mirrors, illuminated vanity mirrors, the original radio and tape deck, a sun roof, air conditioning, cruise control and of course all the built in Volvo safety features and seats five. There is a comprehensive service history. In recent times I have had; a new Air Conditioning pump (Skandix), the steering rack professionally refurbished, new front discs and brakes, a complete set of rear brakes - discs - callipers and pads, and two parts of the exhaust system. More recently I had the alloy wheels professionally refurbished so there's not a mark on them. A few weeks ago, a Volvo Dealership, Cleland's of Galashiels, replaced the timing belt and tensioner and two front link bars. And last week I had the auto gearbox oil changed through the Volvo dealership I use. The car has recently been MOT'd by Cleland's a Volvo Dealership. Overall, for its age the car is in exceptional condition - Price: £2500.00 Duncan Robertson Tel: 07918034017 email: [dunrob.dr@gmail.com](mailto:dunrob.dr@gmail.com)

**Volvo Amazon 122S 1966** 1.8cc Powder blue with cream top. Selling my Volvo amazon due to ill health. Very good runner and is in occasional use. The has the hardened valves and head for unleaded fuel. two nearside doors need attention and a little rust on offside front wing. Had intended to fix but not possible now. Class is Historic Vehicle so free tax and mot not required. Mechanically sound. Just needs some light body work attention to fully restore this car. Excellent project for someone to complete. Can be driven away from Bradford Yorkshire. Payment by cash or Bank transfer. Buyer to collect or I can deliver for a fee. Please contact me by email to discuss. [williamkanehere@gmail.com](mailto:williamkanehere@gmail.com) Price: £5500.00 or offers

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We are also looking for Volvo Parts/Workshop Manuals, particularly Bus, Truck & Ex Military – older or new models for Club Technical Library. **ALL/ANY donations are most welcome.** Please contact Kevin if you can help the Club with ANY items – [kevinprice.vec1989@btinternet.com](mailto:kevinprice.vec1989@btinternet.com)

**WANTED:** WANTED for 1972 VOLVO P1800ES coupe, a driver's side (right hand drive) sun visor, if possible, complete with fixing/swivel bar. Phil Lawden Tel: 07860356266 [phil@peelcommonshowroom.co.uk](mailto:phil@peelcommonshowroom.co.uk)

**WANTED:** I'm trying to track down a Dealer window sticker for my 1967 P1800S. I'm fairly sure it was purchased from Mattock Motors. 90 Evington Road. Leicester, asking if any members have a sticker which could be photographed then copies made. A sticker from the late 60's which a copy could be made is probably non existent but it's worth a try. It's just a small detail to match the tax disc and other provenance. Peter Roberts. North Wales. [robertspjr2011@gmail.com](mailto:robertspjr2011@gmail.com)

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