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Kevin Price

Welcome to all new Club Members and to this, the Winter 2024/25 Issue of our Club Magazine.

Happy New Year. I hope you all had a good Christmas and an enjoyable New Year. I spent the New Year in the Canaries and what a shock I had when returning on 6th January. No snow in Birmingham Airport but Manchester had been closed. I am still trying to get warm!!

Can I firstly thank all those Club Members who have already Renewed their Club Membership for 2025. In these times of trying to save money and give our Members the very best value for money sending out Reminders costs the Club additional cost in Printing and Postage. It also saves the Club in Bank Charges etc by paying your subs via Bank Transfer or by Cheque, as our Bank currently has no costs for our account.

We will be looking in future at the use of PayPal as a form of payment for Subscriptions, as too many Members are not using the 'Friends & Family' option on check-out, even though we have requested, hence every Subscription is costing the Club at least £1.14 in charges! This is monies that we cannot recoup and hence spend on Members activities. So please help us in the future by paying by Bank Transfer or Cheque.

Our first event of the 2025 was our informal get-together at the Redwings Horse Sanctuary at Oxhill near Stratford upon Avon, where we have an adopted horse called Rumpel. The event, as always, was very well supported with a great selection of Volvo models represented, including a PV544, 2 x Amazons, a 164, a Volvo 440 & 480 plus 240's too name but few. We even had a 2024 vintage Volvo in attendance.

As is our usual practice at the event, Members received a complimentary tea or coffee and piece of homemade cake. It was a little disappointing to me, however, to see that a number of Non-Club Members took advantage of the FREE hospitality without even joining the Club. In future to avoid confusion and any embarrassment to all, we will be operating a booking In system for our Members and checking Membership Cards at Club Events, so **ONLY current Paid-Up Members** received the full benefits of Membership — This we feel is only fair to all. I am very disappointed that we have had to come to this, but fair is fair. **SO PLEASE MAKE SURE THEREFORE, YOU HAVE YOUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD AT ALL OUR CLUB EVENTS:**

If you would like to check our 'Forthcoming Club Events'. you will notice that we have a wide range of Club Events already booked for 2025. These include 2 Volvo Model Birthday Events, the launch of the Volvo 480 and the 700 Series, the last of the 700 range, the Estate, was launched in 1985 – these events are both ticketed events to cover costs of admission to venue etc and are open to ALL/ANY owners of other Volvo models to come along – see details in this magazine for each event and how to book your tickets.

The Club has also Booked a Southern Day Out at the Royal Naval Dockyard Chatham on 28th September. Further details in a future Club Magazine but please put it in your Diary. Will be a great day.

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 100th 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 75th and 80th Birthdays were celebrated, booked the venue for a big birthday celebration to celebrate the 100th Birthday of Volvo. Date booked is the 18th 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.



Preparations for our Display at the NEC Birmingham Practical Classics Car & Restoration Show 2025 are progressing well. If you would like to come and help us, particularly with building the Display, laying the carpet tiles etc; on Wednesday and Thursday or with breaking down the display on Sunday evening/Monday morning. please let me know. Please, if you do intend to come to the show as a visitor, please. please purchase your Discounted tickets prior to the event using our Special Club Code: CCC5M350 from the NEC Box Office — Please remember by purchasing ANY Tickets for the NEC Shows, you are supporting our Club. The Organisers check Ticket Sales, and your support helps us get a prominent stand at these major events in the future.

Well, that's all from me for this issue, I very much hope to see you at the NEC Birmingham for the Practical Classics Car & Restoration Show 2025 and other Club Events during 2025. Once again can I thank you all for your continued support of the Club and myself. Here's to a very successful 2025. **Kevin**

VEC Forthcoming Club Events – Dates for the Diary:

Please note: We will try to keep our 'Forthcoming Club Events' pages up to date. For up-to-date information on ALL Volvo Enthusiasts Club events please check our Club Website www.volvoenthusiastsclub.co.uk & Club Facebook Group Page – 'Volvo Enthusiasts Club Est. 1989'.

Membership Cards: Please make sure you have your current Membership Card with you when you attend ANY 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:

21st-23rd March 2025 - 'Practical Classics Restoration Show' at the NEC Birmingham - Club Display 29th March 2025 – TMS Heritage Meet Note this will be held at their new Leicester Volvo Dealership, 27th April 2025 Srive it Day in support of the NSPCC - register and purchase Rally Board www.driveitday.co.uk 10th -11th May 2025 - 'Marches Transport Festival & the Spring Food Festival' in Ludlow - Club Display 11th May - Swedish Day a day for ALL Swedish built vehicles venue to be confirmed 1st June to 30th September 2025 - VEC Members Reliability Challenge 2025 - Challenge to be confirmed 1st June 2025 - 'Volvo Enthusiasts Club' National Gathering 2025 - at the Wythall Transport Museum 7th June 2025 - An invitation from Volvo Truck UK - A Club Display at the Volvo Truck UK HQ Warwick 21st June 2025 - Southport Auto Centre (Volvo Specialist) Charity Open Day - Club Display (to be confirmed) 12th & 13th July 2025 - '50th Powderham Castle Historic Vehicle Gathering', near Exeter, Devon - Club Display 20st July 2025 - 'Fleetwood Festival of Transport 2025' (Tram Sunday)'- Fleetwood, Lancashire - Club Display 27th July, 2025 - 'English Riviera Classic Car Show' - Paignton, Devon (To be confirmed) Club Display 1st-3rd August 2025 - Torbay Steam Fair 2025 - Individual Entries at this fantastic event in the South-West 3rd August 2025 - VEC Volvo 480 40th Birthday of launch Celebrations at Great Northern Classics 31st August 2025 - VEC Volvo 700 Series 40th Birthday Celebrations at Whythall Transport Museum 6th & 7th September 2025 – Beaulieu International Autojumble 2025 – Usual Club Stall G042 28th September 2025 - Volvo Enthusiasts Club Southern Day Out at the Royal Naval Dockyard, Chatham 7th-9th Nov 2025 'The Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show 2025' NEC Birmingham - Club Display

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

21st-23rd March 2025 – 'Practical Classics Restoration & Classic Car Show 2025' – A major Club Display at this event! Come and see us in Hall 3 Stand 3-360. The Club will be putting on a very special display at this premier event to celebrate the launch to the press of the Volvo 480 and the 700 Estate the last model of the 700 Series variant to be launched. Discounted tickets are available for Club Members friends etc using our special Code. So if you do intend to join us, please do take advantage of purchasing tickets in advance For further information or if you would like to be involved contact Kevin Price – kevinprice.vec1989@btinternet.com
For Members & Friends Discounted Tickets use Code CCC5M350 at the NEC Box Office

29th March 2025 TMS Volvo Dealership Heritage Event at their new Volvo Leicester Dealership, for all Volvo's over 7 years old from 9am for Coffee & Fika – Free Health Check, must be booked in advance

27th April 2025 Drive It Day 2025. Yesterday's Vehicles Supporting Today's Children. National Drive It Day www.driveitday.co.uk/ to register and purchase your Grill Rally Board in support of the NSPCC

10th to 11th May 2025 - '39th Marches Transport Festival & Spring Food Festival' held inside Ludlow Castle, Ludlow Shropshire. A Club Display at this very popular now 3 day event but vehicles displays only on Saturday & Sunday. If you would like to display your car on EITHER of the days, you must book individually and state 'Club Display' in 'Category Entered' There is a charge for this show. Payment when booking – A great show so why not come along.—. To book - http://www.marchestransportfestival.co.uk then please let me know when you have received confirmation of booking – Numbers may be limited so book early – Club Contact: Kevin Price – kevin Price – kevinprice.vec@btinternet.com

11th May 2025 Swedish Day 2025 – 10.00am to 4.00pm - Venue to be confirmed due to venue change of ownership for more information Swedish Day UK (weewebs.co.uk)

1st June to 30th September 2025 onwards – 'The VEC Volvo Reliability Challenge' – Challenge to be confirmed - A Club Members Challenge, where they use their Volvo, classic or new to undertake a driving

challenge, set by the VEC Club within the specified time. allowed – Further details contact Kevin Price email kevinprice.vec@btinternet.com

- 1st June 2025 'The Volvo Enthusiasts Club National Gathering' to be held at the Transport Museum Wythall, Chapel Lane, Wythall, B47 6JA near Junction 3 of the M42, off the A435 Alcester to Birmingham road Website www.wythall.org.uk ALL Volvo Owners, enthusiasts and friends are invited, from 11.30am onwards This is The Volvo Enthusiasts Club 'National' Day Out with awards, voted by attending Members for the 'Best Car' of each Volvo Model, furthest distance travelled to event, Best Restoration, etc; etc. Complimentary refreshments for VEC Club Members, as is our usual custom Club Membership will be available on the day For more information contact Kevin Price kevinprice.vec1989@btinternet.com This is a FREE Event for ALL Volvo Enthusiasts Club Est: 1989 Members Membership Cards will be checked NON CLUB MEMBERS WILL BE CHARGED
- 7th June 2025 At the Invitation of Volvo Truck UK A Club Display, joining with the 'Steelboys' Classic Truck Club for their annual visit to the Volvo Truck UK HQ in Warwick Club Display at Volvo Truck UK HQ at Warwick. This will be followed by the usual Road Run down the M40 with the Classic Volvo Trucks to the British Motor Museum at Gaydon (NOTE: A charge to enter the Museum at Gaydon may be levied by them, as it is their 'Classic & Commercial Show'). If you are interested and would like your car or truck considered for our Club Display at this event please contact Kevin asap It's a great day out and was a regular pre Covid in our Club Diary Vehicles MUST BE Prebooked with Kevin kevinprice.vec1989@btinternet.com
- 21st June 2025 (Saturday) Southport Auto Centre (Volvo Specialist) Charity Open Day 2025 from 8.30am Club Display An invitation to Volvo Enthusiasts Club Members to display their cars at the Southport Auto Centre (Volvo Specialists) Charity Open Day in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care and the Southport Lifeboat. To exhibit please contact Steve & Cath Cropper, our North-West Regional Reps asap to avoid disappointment catherineandsteve@virginmedia.com or Kevin Price kevinprice.vec@btinternet.com
- 12th & 13th July 2025 50th Powderham Castle Vintage Vehicle Show, near Exeter in Devon Club Display at this fantastic show, vehicles wanted for display, either or both days. Camping available on site PLEASE BOOK EARLY Contact Terry Court asap topcars1@hotmail.com to book or more details There will be a charge of £17 per vehicle to exhibit and camping/caravan £40 for the weekend, which includes showers etc based on 2024 prices to the club Payment to Club will be required on your booking before the show and no refunds, as Club will be charged by organiser on booking the VEC Display pitch. Club Contact: Terry Court email: topcars1@hotmail.com
- **20**th **July 2025** 'Fleetwood Festival of Transport & Tram Sunday' Club Display Tram Sunday is funpacked transport event for all the family... is the largest FREE event of its kind, attracting crowds of 70,000+ to fill the town of Fleetwood. There's something for everyone and entertainment for all the family. If you would like to come along and display your Volvo or help man the Club display please contact Kevin asap as Stand booking has to be made early in 2025 and vehicle numbers confirmed **kevinprice.vec1989@btinternet.com**
- 27th July 2025 'English Riviera Classic Car Show' Paignton, Devon (Date to be confirmed) Organised by the 'Torbay Old Wheels' Club Club Display at this popular Classic Car Show held on the seafront at Paignton, Devon and in aid of local charities. If you would like to help or display your car please contact Contact Terry Court asap topcars1@hotmail.com to book or for more details as Terry has to book our Club Stand and vehicle numbers early in 2024 There will be a charge of £8 per car on booking in your car, paid to Club before show not refundable as Club will be charged on booking our VEC Display Pitch by the Organiser. Club Contact to book your space Terry Court topcars1@hotmail.com-
- 1st-3rd 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
- 3rd August 2025, The Volvo 480 40th Birthday of its launch to the press and 30 years since end of 480 production, with the Volvo 480 Celebration The Event is to be held at Great Northern Classics, Derby from 9.30 am. The Volvo Enthusiasts Club Est: 1989 with our guests Nordik Rides will be celebrating the 40th Birthday of the launch of the Volvo 480, Volvo first Front Wheel Drive model to the Press and 30th Birthday of

the final 480 production in 1995. All Volvo 480 Owners are invited to this very Special Day of celebrations — Club Members with other models will also be very welcome. Birthday Cake and Celebration drinks will also be provided by the Club plus Trophy awards for the various models attending. Put it in your diary today — this will be a great event For more detail of the event see article enclosed — Members with other Volvo models will also be welcome to attend - This is a TICKET ONLY event, to cover Club Costs — to book tickets please use the link below - Each ticket gets your car and all your passengers into the 40th Birthday Celebration of the Volvo 480 This is a ticketed event so please follow the link below and get your ticket booked. Tickets are £9.92 including the Eventbrite booking fee. Each ticket allows your car and all your passengers into the 480 40th Celebration Event. Volvo 480 40th Launch Celebration Date: Sun, August 31st 2025 • 09:30 BST Location: 278 Osmaston Road, Derby, DE24 8AE Check out "Volvo 480 40th Launch Celebration" on Eventbrite! https://www.eventbrite.com/e/volvo-480-40th-launch-celebration-tickets-1087096126779
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30th August 2025, The Volvo 740 Estate 40th Birthday Celebration to be held at Wythall Transport Museum, just off Junction 3 of the M42 from 9.30 am. The Volvo Enthusiasts Club with our guests Nordik Rides will be celebrating the 40th Birthday of the 740 Estate, final derivatives of the 700 Series to be launched, along with the 780 Bertone Coupe (which was not available in UK). All Volvo 700/900 Series Owners are invited to this very Special Day of celebrations – Club Members with other models will also be very welcome. Birthday Cake and Celebration drinks will also be provided by the Club plus Trophy awards for the various models attending. Put it in your diary today – this will be a great event For more detail of the event see article enclosed – Members with other Volvo models will also be welcome to attend - This is a TICKET ONLY event, to cover Club Costs – to book tickets please use the link below - Each ticket gets your car and all your passengers into the 40th Celebration of the Volvo 740 and also gives you an your passengers full access to the museum. Tickets are £10 plus the Eventbrite booking fee. Follow the link and get your ticket booked:

Ticket Check out "Volvo 740 40th Celebration @ Wythall Transport Museum" on Eventbrite! Date: Sun, 3 Aug 2025, 09:30 - Location: The Transport Museum Wythall, off Junction 3 of the M42 https://www.eventbrite.com/e/volvo-740-40th-celebration-whythall-transport-museam-tickets-1101073072199 Club Contact: Kevin Price — kevinprice.vec1989@btinternet.com

6th & 7th September 2025 – 'Beaulieu International Autojumble 2025' Club Stall in our usual spot – Green Field – Stand G042. 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 – kevinprice.vec1989@btinternet.com for more information.

28th September, 2025 - Volvo Enthusiasts Club 1989 Southern Day Out at the Royal Naval Dockyard, Chatham – This will be a ticketed event - further details how to book in future Club Magazine/on Website. Tickets which 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 – For further details contact Kevin – kevinpricevec1989@btinternat.com

7th-9th Nov 2025 'The Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show 2025'at the NEC Birmingham – Club Display A Club display at this premier indoor Classic Car Show held at the NEC Birmingham - 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 kevinprice.vec1989@btinternet.com

Date For 2027 – Yes April 2027!!! Volvo's 100th Year Celebration

18th April 2027, The Volvo Enthusiasts Club - Volvo 100th Birthday

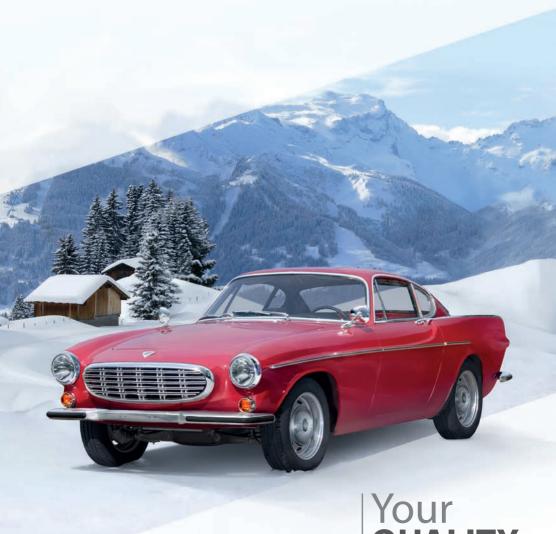
Celebration is association with the British Motor Museum at Gaydon – We are pleased to announce that we have secured the British Motor Museum, Gaydon as the venue for our celebration of Volvo's 100th Birthday – the first car rolling off the production line on the 14th April, 1927 and called 'Jakab'. So get it on your calendar – Volvo 1927-2027

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

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Volvo Enthusiasts Club 'National Gathering - 2025' To be held on Sunday 1st June, 2025

A National Gathering for ALL Volvo owners, friends and enthusiasts

This is our Club's national gathering with a venue which has been chosen as a place of interest for Club Members, all the family and other Volvo visitors to the event.

Our National Event this year returns to the very popular venue of the Transport Museum, Wythall, which is very easy for all to find, being just off Junction 3 of the M42 in the West Midlands. The Museum 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 will even be subject to weather

a 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.

www.wythall.org.uk

There is an excellent cafe on the site where current Club Members will receive complimentary refreshments, as is our usual custom, courtesy of the Club

All Volvo owners, enthusiasts and their friend & families are welcome to come along.

On arrival, please follow Signs and directions of the Museum Marshalls to the 'Volvo' Car park areas.

CLUB MEMBERS- Please Book in on arrival after 11.30am at the Club Reception and collect Voting Forms, FREE

Refreshment Voucher etc; etc. MEMBERSHIP CARDS WILL BE REQUIRED – so please bring them Picnic area available for those who wish or catering in lovely cafe in the Main Buildings Club Activities will include: A Members Car Boot Autojumble:

Members are encouraged to bring along any unwanted spares etc, please be aware that space may be limited so this will **ONLY** take the form of a Car Boot Sale.

Please no vans, trailers etc – CAR BOOT SALES ONLY PLEASE Space may be limited TRADERS only by prior agreement and confirmation or unless you are a VEC Club Member and selling from boot of your Classic Volvo

Best Volvo Awards - There will be Best Volvo Competition and other awards including Furthest Distance Travelled to the Event, Best Restoration 2024/25 etc etc. Judging be undertaken by attending Club Members as usual and team chosen Club Officials.

Gathering from 11.30am onwards:

Remember if your Volvo is not on the road why not come along in your everyday car. You may even find that part you have been looking for or meet a fellow member who knows where there is one.

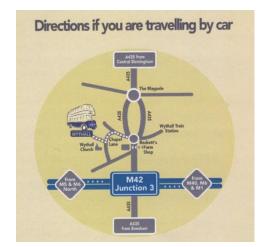
All are welcome, one of our strengths, whether you have a concours car, restoration project or an everyday driver - all Volvo's, owners and enthusiasts are welcome here **Should you require further information please contact Kevin Price - <u>kevinprice.vec1989@btinternet.com</u>**

COME AND JOIN US- It will be a great day! - www.volvoenthusiastsclub.co.uk











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The Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show 2024 – Return of the Minions (Episode 4)

So, it's November 2024. The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness has passed. It's cold, wet, miserable and below average temperatures

(global warming?). The time has come to saddle up your trusty Volvo and set out for the NEC in Birmingham! Yes, the Minions are on the road again, rallying to the call of El Supremo Minion - Kevin.

There was a need to build a stand for the VEC

1989 and so the Minions were on the job. Question – Why do we have to lay 750 carpet tiles? Answer from El Supremobecause they won't lay themselves. It's the usual ritual of floor laying to get matters underway. There is view held in Minion land that Kevin insists on it just to see us on our knees - but that may be a little harsh. Thanks to Mick Langdon



& Kevin we now have a new super light shed getting its first outing. Much easier for the superannuated Minions to erect, although still particularly narrow for some! The 'new shed' also boasted new artwork, a large photo of 2 Volvo 850 BTCC Race cars on a Race-Track somewhere in Britain in 1994! This was supplied by the Club's Co-Director





Matt Stadden and the job of pasting the picture to the 8 x 4 plywood boards was handed to Wallpapering supremo duo Gary and Graham, ably assisted by Rose. This really did make a great backdrop for our display.

We inducted two new Minions – Graham Silverton and Ash Davison-into the dark arts of stand building and reduced the average Minion age by at least 20 years!



The Exibits: Now the important stuff— the vehicles on display Pride of place went to Kevin's ex British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) 850 Estate - yes it's one of the originals (where does he find these things) The year 1994 saw Volvo with **Drivers Rickard Rydell** (who would in a later season Win the Championship for

Volvo in an S40) and Jan Lammers, embark on their first season with Team Volvo headed by the motorsport legend Tom Wilkinshaw and TWR Racing.

The 850 Estate was a great PR success and even better on the track with the drivers Rydell and Lammers ending the season in 14th & 15th respectively and Volvo with TWR Racing being 8th in the Manufacturers standing. It was a great return but 1995 with the 850 Saloon it was even better, with drivers Rickard Rydell and Tim Harvey gaining 3rd and 5th places in the Championship and Volvo/TWR Racing 3rd in the Manufacturers Standing – Volvo was definitely Back on Track!!

This exhibit is one of the original 1994 BTCC 850 Estates, believed to have been used by Jan Lammers, here to celebrate the 30th Birthday of Volvo's return to Motorsport in the British Touring Car Championship.

Graham Silverton's 145DL He says- I purchased the car in November 2023 and drove it over

500 miles home from Scotland to Lincolnshire with no issues, other than having to wave at so many other drivers. It is a car that always starts a conversation as everyone seems to have had one or knows someone that did. But where have they



all gone now? It was car I had to have as it is the same Year, colour and interior trim combination as the car my late parents bought new in late 1974. The car has brought back great memories from my childhood of holidays and days out. Since owning the car, I have gently coaxed it back into more regular use, a thorough going over of the brakes, oil and filter and couple of small bits of paint,

although the engine bay is mostly original having just been cleaned. the interior gets a gentle clean now and then, and the bodywork likewise. Used mainly for high days and holidays I just love it.

Ash Davison's Torslanda A little history of Toro - 1992 Volvo 240 Torslanda 2.0 Petrol Manual



B200F Rare factory sunroof with wind deflector, Stainless custom sport cat back exhaust, Fully refurbished alloys -Tinted Hella spotlights, Was originally sold by Continental Cars Volvo Leighon-Sea (Essex) & maintained by one of their garages (Lancaster) from 1992-7. Possibly a part-ex at a Volvo Dealer (Hildenborough) in 1997 & maintained until 2004 with paperwork & original Hildenborough Dealer plates too. 3rd & 4th Owners were still in Kent 2004-2021 History lost or obsolete between 2021 to January 2024. Recent years the car had been used to drive on trade plates & used around a yard or two, not

really being used from 2021-2023 & had been sat for a year so previous to my collection having been passed around used little. Loads have been done since my purchase back in April 2024, now in regular use & based in Nottingham. Here's a list of what I've replaced so far. From the 5th April - New battery. - New 10mm performance HT Leads. New Spark Plugs.- New Oil, Oil & Air Filter, Coolant. New Metal Plates & Surrounds.- New Reflective Bumper Stripe New Bosch Wiper Blades. - New CD Bluetooth Radio. New Stainless Sport Cat back Exhaust. - Painted Grill Black. Painted Roof bars & added new fittings. - Detailed Engine Bay & treated any rust spots. Wire brushed & treated with Hammerite & Waxoiled the whole of the underneath & arches. Clay Barred, Polished & Waxed Body. - Refurbished & powder coated Alloys. Wheel Alignment. - Fixed Central Locking & oiled key holes etc. 1991/2 Vintage VEC1989 Grill Badge, Hella Black Magic 500 Spotlights with lower Bosch Spotlights, all four tinted yellow. Sunroof fixed with new rubbers, tinted mirror black & fitted wind deflector, Front & Rear UJ's replaced & rear trailing arm bushes. Found a 240 original dog guard & fitted. - Fitted cushion headrests to driver & passenger. Researched past owners & found more history & photos of the car.

Robert and Louise Lovegrove's Volvo 164 The Volvo 164 was introduced in 1968 and was

the top of the range Volvo model, often known affectionally as the 'Swedish Rolls Royce It came with an all-new engine developed from the very successful 4 cylinder B18/20 engine. For the 164 the Engine became a straight 6 with a capacity of 2.978cc This car had a top speed of around 175km/hour and cost in 1968 for the base model 25,500 Swedish Krona, around £3,000. The model also boasted Power Steering and a prestigious leather interior, unique



to the model. This particular Volvo 164 is possibly unique in the UK. Purchased by the present owner early in 2024. it originally came from South Africa, where it was built in the Volvo Plant in Durban, from a kit sent from Sweden. This was a common practice of Volvo at the time, as a method to reduce import tax. Volvo's built in Australia were also at the time built similarly, from kits. This 164 was first Registered in the city of Cape Town At the moment, it's an ongoing restoration project.

Once again the Evans family supplied a **Volvo truck the F88 290HP 4X2 Tractor Unit.** The truck was originally bought new in October 1975 by Howes estate of Middlesbrough, Then sold



approx 2 years later to Kings Coaches of Middlesbrough, where it was used daily on tipper work, for the last few months of work it was put into contract work for Ferrymaster before being parked up in a shed, In late 2003 Bob Bayliss of Redcar purchased the truck and restored it in his own colours and livery, the truck was then used on many road runs and truck shows. In October 2015 the truck was purchased by Carl Evans of Shropshire, and partially restored and put into

the family livery, the restoration only took approximately 5 months due to being in such good condition, The truck had only done 248.000 genuine miles from new All the cabs interior was removed for painting, cleaned, and refitted no parts need to be sourced; the interior was like new Since the restoration the truck has been on many road runs and seen at many truck shows.

The two quirky exhibits which we regularly see, were the Volvo OV4 'Jakob' pedal car (owned by Treena and Kerris Price) and Kevin's 1980's Volvo Designed 'Itera' Plastic Bike.



And last but by no means least **ST 1 - The Saint's own Volvo P1800** without which no Volvo Enthusiasts Club exhibition celebrating **Volvo's Hall of Fame** would be complete. This 1962 example

being the very first car purhhased and the sole survivor of the 3 cars used by Roger Moore in the series.

As usual the interest in the exhibits was huge and many of the folk expressing interest in the estates were pleased that Volvo had reversed its decision to stop supplying estate cars to the UK.

The whole event was well attended (around 71,000 over the 3 days) and a good time was had by all,



sore throats and aching feet notwithstanding!

Many thanks to the Minions responsible for putting the whole VEC 1989 show on the road namely (in no order) – Patrick Bunn, Mick Langon, Gary Deakin, Tony Wilcox, Keith Jones, Rose Lambert, Annie Mathews, Oliver Lydon & Colleague (transporting the BTCC Car), Geoff Mansfield, Mark, Paula & Darci Hull, Matt Jefferies of St John's Garage, and Tim Rollinson.

Delivery of all the Club Stand materials was once again undertaken, using a van loaned by Matt Jefferies of St John's Garage, our thanks to him once again for his continued support.

Gird your loins VEC Members and Minions because we've got to do it all again in March at the Restoration show Till then 'happy trails'. **Old Banger**

Photographs of our display by Richard Dredge:

















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Lancaster Insurance unveils new benefit for Car Club members:

Reinforcing its continued commitment to Classic Car Clubs, Lancaster Insurance has announced an exclusive service for Club members looking to cover their pride and joy. The dedicated service is now live and gives owners the option to book an appointment to talk through their classic car insurance needs. Club members need to simply email Lancaster with their details and a specialist member of the team will contact them at a time that is convenient for them, meaning they bypass any waiting time and speak to someone straight away. Yvonne Gosney, Senior Trading Manager at Lancaster Insurance, comments: "We've been arranging classic car insurance for 40 years and are always looking at new ways to enhance our offering. Car club members give so much to our community, so we're launching this new service, designed specifically for them, to help save them time and provide a fast-track policy quotation that works around them." To take advantage of this new service, Car Club members should simply email the 4 details below to carclubs@lancasterinsurance.co.uk

- 1. Name
- 2. Phone number
- 3. Vehicle make and model
- 4. Preferred date and time for a call back.



Are classic cars going to have safety checks?

I read online a brief report that classic cars are due to come under the scrutiny of an MOT like safety check. Are any actual details known? Asked on **31 December 2024** by **Peter Goddard**

Answered by David Ross

The Department for Transport conducted a public consultation earlier this year on how classic cars should be treated in respect of regulations such as the MOT. Just over 1,000 responses were received, and when questioned on whether there should be a new type of safety check which takes into account the age of an historic or classic vehicle, 36% said no, 18% said yes - same or similar to the current MOT tests, 10% yes - basic check for roadworthiness, 8% said yes - MOT style test which is appropriate to the age of the vehicle, and 5% said yes - an ad hoc inspection when the vehicle is used on the road or following a major restoration.

It is worth bearing in mind that this is a relatively small public consultation, and does not necessarily mean that legislation will be put in place. It is also important to note that the consultation was carried out under the previous government.

Do I still need a paper copy of the MOT?

I took a personalised registration off a car and have been sent a new log book but not a new MOT certificate. Is that normal? Do I need a new paper MOT as it shows on DVLA records as having a current MOT? Asked on **9 December 2024** by **Old King**

Answered by <u>David Ross</u> MoT certificates are usually issued by the testing garage so you would not necessarily receive a new one automatically, but you can obtain a replacement from any MOT station if you supply the vehicle registration and V5C, or get a replacement for free directly from the DVLA here - <u>www.gov.uk/replacing-lost-damaged-mot-certificate</u>

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All things 200 Series – Steven Short – VEC 200 Series Technical Co-Ordinator Hello and a warm welcome fellow 200 enthusiasts.

Being the first magazine of 2025, I'd like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Where have all the 240's gone? I haven't seen another 240 on the road for as long as I can remember.

How many of you Club Members have a 240 stuck in the garage, under a tarpaulin on the drive awaiting a new lease of life?

Every month I get an email from enthusiast looking for a project. It would be great to put owners who want to let their 240's go to someone who wanted to give them a second/third life in touch with each other.

The 240 is one of the most iconic of all Volvo's, I have been lucky enough to have owned a DL, GL, GLE and a GLT.

Which one was my favourite? I have to say it would be my 1984 245 GLE in a light green metallic, with beige velour interior and automatic transmission. Why is it my favourite 240? This is easy to answer, it was so smooth and comfortable, much softer suspension when compared with my GLT. Every journey was an adventure. It almost felt like you were floating along. I recently had a ride in a friend's 2024 Tesla and couldn't believe how much road noise you could hear and felt every pothole. Sadly, the dreaded rust got the better of the GLE. It was scrapped I cannot find a picture of it anywhere. Didn't have a mobile with a camera back then.



Stock Photograph off the Internet of a 245 GLE - Where is it now? Would love to know. I hope you all continue enjoying your 200 series cars and I'll look forward to hearing from you all. Until the next time, take care.

Happy Volvoing! Best wishes, Steve



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A trip to Bonny Scotland to take part in the Volvo Owners Scotland Annual Glencoe Road Run – 13th October 2024

At the invitation of Chris Stead and also being a Member of Volvo Owners Scotland Facebook Group, I finally managed to get up to join the group members on their annual road run around the West

Highlands and Glencoe.

Glencoe is one of my favourite places in the UK and if you have never visited Scotland, it without doubt, a fantastic part of Highlands, with its rugged unspoilt scenery.

I have spent many holidays staying in and around Fort William, which is the major

town in the area and again a lovely place to visit.



ST 1 aka 71 DXC the TV Saint Car at the Inverary Start

Joining me on the trip was a great mate of mine Mick Langdon, who had visited Scotland many times in the past but never seen Glencoe. Mick as you may have read elsewhere is a keen supporter of the Club and helps with building our Club Stands at the NEC and is one of the Members of the 'Friends of the Volvo Enthusiasts Club'.

The journey would

be undertaken in 71 DXC aka ST 1, my 1962 Jensen Motors of West Bromwich England built Volvo P1800 TV Roger Moore Saint Car and on route I would do a DVLA inspection in the Scottish Borders of a Volvo C303 4x4 ex Swedish Army Laplander, for a Club Member, who was in the process of

restoring the vehicle and needed to get an 'Age Related' Registration.

Staying in Fort
Willian, we had an early start
to travel down to Inverary, the
starting point for this years,
Road Run down to Oban and
back to finish at the Glen Coe
Ski Centre, having travelled up
the full length of Glen Coe.





Start of the 2024 Glen Coe Run at **Inverary**

Arriving at the Inverary Start we were greeted by a fantastic turn-out of Club Members and were soon surrounded by Volvo Owners Scotland members keen to know more about my TV car.

It was soon time to leave Inverary and head towards Oban. Not sure of the route they had chosen I was keen not to have a similar experience I had had with ST 1 on a similar Road Run with Nordik Rides, where everyone shot off like a F1 race and we were left not knowing where we were going. This time I made sure that I went off in the first batch of cars, which were primarily Volvo T5's!!!

Mick hanging on in the Passenger

Seat and being very quiet for a change, could not believe I was keeping up with all these powerful models, but I was determined I would not be left behind!



Red Block' was my reply!! At Oban we parked up in the large carpark next to

Tesco's and all set off into the town to get lunch.

If you are visiting Oban there is a fantastic Fish & Chip Shop in the town, with their Benches and Tables overlooking the harbour and Cal Mac **Ferry Terminal**

Refuelled with Haddock & Chips or Haggis & Chips, I love Haggis (which were now back in season following the mating season) to the sound of a lone Piper, we returned to



the car Park to view the many Volvo's assembled, which included a 120 and 2 very rare XC70 Ocean Race Limited Edition Estates









and a Volvo 244GLT decorated for Halloween with a very bad fuel leak problem!

Leaving Oban, we then in convoy. travelled back towards Fort William and Glen Coe, before ending our circular run by travelling up the whole of Glen Coe and reaching our final destination of the Glen Coe Ski Centre Car Park.





A fantastic day out, with some great owners. I look forward to joining them next year with possibly my V70 T5 ex Leicestershire Constabulary Police Car, in which I am sure I will have no problem keeping up with the locals ha, ha!

Many thanks to Chris Stead and all at Volvo Owners Scotland for the warm welcome and organising such a fantastic event – see you all next year

Total mileage, in the 7 days away, was just over 1500 miles. ST 1 behaved without ANY problem – A testament to both British and Swedish Engineering. **Kevin Price**







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The Volvo Enthusiasts Club 1989 would like you to Come join us to celebrate 40 years of the Volvo 740 Estate Car, we will be awarding trophies to the best cars at the show selected by our members. We will be cutting a cake to celebrate with a glass of Bucks Fizz or a soft drink if you are the driving, so plenty of cake to go around for everyone on the day. So, if you have any of the 700 Series cars and want to come join us to celebrate 40 years of the 740 Estate car, get your ticket booked as the tickets are limited in numbers and it will be first come first serve.

Owners of other Volvo models are also welcome to join in with the celebration

The VEC 1989 will be hosting this event at The Transport Museum Wythall. Which is situated in north Worcestershire, just to the south of Birmingham near to M42 Junction 3 which is handily placed for visitors from the West Midlands and further afield. They have extensive collections of buses and battery electric vehicles with a cafe, shop and kids Cabin activity area.

Dogs are allowed to this venue but must be kept on leads for safety reasons, dogs are not allowed in the cafe but there is plenty of seating outside for owners and their dogs.

This is a ticketed event to help cover the Club's costs for the Event and each ticket gets your car and all your passengers into the 40th Celebration of the Volvo 740 and also gives you an your passengers full access to the museum. Tickets are £10 plus the Eventbrite booking fee. Follow the link and get your ticket booked:

Ticket Check out "Volvo 740 40th Celebration @ Wythall Transport Museum" on Eventbrite! Date: Sun, 3 Aug 2025, 09:30 - Location: The Transport Museum Wythall

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More Questions asked to 'Honest John' of interest to Club Members:

UK MOT & ROAD TAX EXEMPIONS:

Why is my Classic Car not MOT & Road Tax Exempt?

My car was first registered on the 2nd of January 1985 and my calculations make that my car is 40 years and 2 days old.... yet the DVLA insists my car is not eligible for exemption stating that the vehicle needs to be OVER forty years old... even though it is over 40 by a few weeks now why is this? Asked on 8 January 2025 by Robbie Roller Answered by <u>David Ross</u> Tax exemption for a classic car applies from the 1st April in the year after its 40th birthday, so as your car was first registered on 2nd January 1985 it will become tax exempt on 1st April this year.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM KEVIN: If you don't know when your car was built but you know it was registered before 8 January in its 40th year, e.g. 8th January 1985, the same rule applies.



Volvo's - Spotted in the Movies:

A section in our Club Magazine where we ask Members to look for Volvo's seen or featured in the Movies or on TV:-

This Magazine – TV's 'Gavin & Stacey' Volvo 850 SE Estate 1996

Gavin & Stacey is a

British sitcom created, written by and

starring James Corden and Ruth Jones about two families: one from Billericay in Essex, and the other from Barry in the Vale of Glamorgan. Mathew Horne and Joanna Page play the eponymous characters Gavin and Stacey, while Corden and Jones star as their respective friends Smithy and Nessa. Alison Steadman and Larry Lamb costar as Gavin's parents Pam and Mick, Melanie Walters plays Stacey's mother Gwen, and Rob Brydon plays Stacey's uncle Bryn.

Baby Cow Productions produced the sitcom for BBC Cymru Wales. The first series, consisting of six episodes, premiered on BBC Three in May 2007 to positive reviews



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for a second series of seven episodes in March 2008, before being transferred to BBC One for a Christmas Eve special, due to the show's growing mainstream popularity. The third and final series aired from 26 November 2009 to 1 January 2010, forming a significant part of the prime-time BBC Christmas programming for 2009.

and strong ratings. It returned

For Christmas 2024 a final Special was produced Volvo 850SE 1996 driven by 'Smithy'



The 1996 Volvo 850SE Estate Auto – Petrol, driven by James Corden's character Smithy in the BBC comedy Gavin & Stacey. Was recently put up for auction on Ebay, with 148,000 miles on the clock, but only 12,000 of those have been logged since it was sold by the production company.

It was, however, the real deal – the actual car from the series, complete with Smithy's decals on the rear windows. WHERE IS the 850SE P26 LLU NOW? We would very much like to know?

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Informal Club Meet at Redwings Horse Sanctuary - 12th January 2025

Redwings Oxhill Centre near Stratford upon Avon

Once again, the Volvo Enthusiasts Club Est; 1989 organised it's annual New Year visit to the Redwings Horse Sanctuary at Oxhill near Stratford upon Avon.

Here is the home of our adopted rescued horse **Rumpel**, a Cob Cross Gelding, who we have helped following the death of our previous horse **Dylon**.

Again, we had a fantastic turn-out of Club Members, joined by our invited guests from the



480, several 240's, 850/V70's and 900 Series plus other Volvo's up to a 2024 vintage model.

Club Members were again provided with complimentary tea/coffee and a piece of Homemade Cake in the Redwings Café/Shop courtesy, as is our usual practice at this event, by the Club. This was



very well received by all the comments.

Those who chose to venture into the cold went to see Rumpel in a nearby paddock who seemed pleased at the attention he received.

DIARY: Next year's return visit will take place on Sunday 11th January 2026 from 11am in the Café.



Facebook Group Nordik Rides, a group for all Scandinavian built cars run by one of our Club Members Kam Srih.

Volvo's attending included a PV544, 2 Amazons, a 164, a Volvo 440 and





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The Volvo Enthusiasts Club 1989 are hosting the 40th Press Launch Celebration of the Volvo 480 and also, it will be 30 years since the Celebration model (last production model sold in UK) was launched.

The VEC 1989 would like to invite all Volvo 480 owners to join them to celebrate this iconic Volvo model. On the day there will be trophies awarded to cars selected by everyone attending and also by our Sponsors who will select their favourite cars to award their trophies at the awards ceremony. We will be cutting a cake to celebrate, so there will be plenty of cake for everyone. Come join us to celebrate your favourite Volvo Model and bring your family for great day out.

Club Members with other Volvo models will also be welcome and there will also be awards presented for non 480 Volvo models.

This is a ticketed event to help cover the Club's costs so please follow the link below and get your ticket booked. Tickets are £9.92 including the Eventbrite booking fee. Each ticket allows your car and all your passengers into the 480 40th Celebration Event.

Volvo 480 40th Launch Celebration Date: Sun, August 31st 2025 • 09:30 BST

Location: 278 Osmaston Road, Derby, DE24 8AE

Check out "Volvo 480 40th Launch Celebration" on Eventbrite!

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/volvo-480-40th-launch-celebration-tickets-1087096126779

Obituary: Maurice Williams MBE

Kevin Price

It is with great sadness, that I have to report, the recent death of Maurice Williams MBE at the age of 92, who was one of this Club's Founding Members, being our Club Member Number 003.

Maurice was an active Member of the Club in the early years, owning a number of different Volvo Models, including a 1966 1800S Convertible built by another of our Club Member, John Culham of Plymouth (documented in early issues of our Club Magazine) and a Jensen built 1962 Volvo P1800 and a 123GT.

He, in the early years helped by building Club display materials for shows, such as Bristol and the NEC, including our first front of house Stand Desk which folded into the boot of a car for transportation plus helped with the original setting up of the Club, it's organisation and Mission Statement.

Maurice will be sadly missed by all who knew him and for all his help, particularly with the Devon Vintage Car Club, where he was the President and DVLA V765 Representative.

We send our heartfelt condolences to Maurice's family at this very sad time.

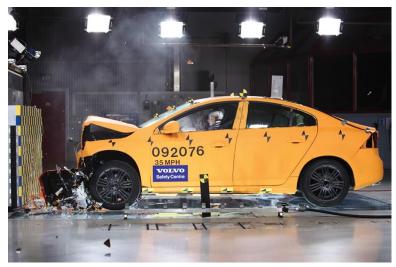
Volvo's Contribution to Road and Vehicle Safety – A section in the Club Magazine where we look at the contribution Volvo has made to Vehicle and Road Safety – This

Issue - The Volvo Crash Test Laboratory in Torslanda, Sweden

On March 29th 2000, Volvo Cars inaugurated a new crash test laboratory in Torslanda, Sweden. One

of the most advanced facilities of its kind at the time of the launch, the lab had a busy time during its ten years of existence.

Almost 3,000 full-scale tests have been carried out during the high-tech facility's first decade, all contributing to the building of safer Volvo cars. "We can replicate most of the incident and accident scenarios that take place out on the roads. By analysing these and then testing new safety technology in



the crash-test laboratory, we can improve the safety level in our cars so that they become even safer in real-life traffic conditions," says Thomas Broberg, Senior Safety Advisor at Volvo Cars, in the press release.

Over the years, the safety centre has retained its position of state-of-the-art facility thanks to the continuous implementation of new equipment and new test methods. The latest technology infusion is in the form of a set of digital high-speed cameras that can take 200,000 frames per second.

"The new cameras give us exceptional scope for studying collisions down to the tiniest detail. What is more, we have a number of miniature cameras that are installed inside the cars to capture what happens with various key components in the vehicle," says Thomas Broberg.

The Volvo S60, the company's latest model, is a worthy representative of the world-leading research conducted at Volvo Cars and its safety centre. "The risk of being involved in an accident or being injured in one of our latest car models has been more than halved compared with a Volvo from the 1970s. We are continuously taking new steps towards our vision that nobody should die or suffer serious injuries in a new Volvo car by the year 2020. The crash-test laboratory is a central part of this development," says Thomas Broberg.

Published: 6 May 2010, By: **Dan Mihalascu** of Autoevaluation

More Crash Test Photographs from the Torslanda Safety Laboratory – Volvo 850's and S40





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low emissions car, 38000 miles £8995

2011 11 Reg V50 1.6 Drive SE. Silver with black leather, manual 6 speed, very nice car inside and out, 67000 miles and FREE ROAD TAX £6995

2009 Private plate, C30 1.6 petrol sport, manual gearbox, nice condition throughout, drives very well £5250 2008 57 Reg S40 Diesel 2.0 litre, 4 door saloon, manual gearbox, recent cambelt service done, lovely driving car

2007 V70 D5 Diesel, locally owned car in nice condition, 136,000 miles, service history, towbar £3650

Non Volvo:

2007 Jaguar XKR Coupe, 4.2 litre automatic, dark grey, black leather, "a superb toy". **£15750**

For Collectors/ Mechanics/Restoration Projects:

2002 Private Plate Volvo C70 Coupe, 2.4 petrol auto, finished in gold with light stone leather interior, electric driver seat, factory sunroof. £2695

1993 K Reg Mercedes Benz 230TE Estate, automatic, petrol, 7 seater conversion 65,000 miles, interior is in excellent condition **£2995**

1994 M Reg Mercedes Benz, C Class Saloon, petrol, very nice car for its age, 117,000 miles
 1998 R Reg Volvo Estate Torslander, 2.4 petrol, a future classic, drives well, towbar, good for age
 £1295



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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 Bedfordshire:**

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

Cheshire:

Pheonix Motor Bodies, Cockshades Farm, Stock Lane, Wybunbury, Cheshire, CW7 5HA, Contact Dave Gate Tel: 01270 842049 Web: www.phoenixmotorbodies.co.uk - Full Body Restoration, Repairs, Welding and Panel Beating Derbyshire:

Hallam & Sutherns, Unit G Midland Road Industrial Estate, Midland Road, Swadlincote, Derbyshire DE11 0AN. Contact: Kev Tel: 01283 221144Web: www.hallamandsuthernssaabservices.co.uk Service & Repairs Devon:

MTM Motors Cumbers Garage, Lower Manor Road, Brixham, Devon, TQ5 8HF – Contact: Terry Tel: 01803 882690 Web: www.mtmmotors.com – Modern Volvo Car Sales, MOT, Service/Repairs

Dorset:

Castleman Auto Repairs. Unit 16 Balena Close, Creekmoor Trading Estate, Poole, Dorset, BH17 7DB Contact Sharron Cooper Tel: 07494 630027 - 01202 698750 www.castlemancars.co.uk Service, Restoration & Repairs Herefordshire/Worcestershire

RPM Motors. Link Business Centre, Linkway, Malvern WR14 1UQ – Contact Clare Tel: 01684 565555 www.rpmmalvern.co.uk MOT, Lazer Tracking, Service & Repairs – NEW they now sell and fit tyres. Lancashire:

Readview Garage, Off Station Road, Huncoat, Accrington, Lancashire, BB5 6LY – Contact: Adam Tel: 01254 234382 – Service /Repairs. **Also break Volvo's for parts**

Also:

Southport Auto Centre – VOLVO Specialist, 31 Wright Street, Southport, PR9 0TL – Contact: Chris or Mark Tel: 01704 884418 Mobile: 07046301143 www.southportautocentre.co.uk Service, Repairs etc

Sheffield & Meredith Ltd. 10-20 Upper King Street, Leicester, LE1 6XE Contact: Anna or John Tel: 0116 2470344 email: sheffieldandmeredith@live.co.uk Independent Volvo Specialist, Sales, Service, MOT, Repairs

TMS Volvo – Volvo Main Dealership – Trinity Marina, Coventry Road, Hinckley, LE10 0NF www.tmsmotorgroup.co.uk Tel: 01455 632478 – Volvo Services, New Car Sales, Genuine Volvo Parts – Volvo Heritage Events – Contact: John Shropshire:

Classic Customs, Unit 2A, Farfield Works, Birds Green, Alveley, Shropshire, WV15 6LL. Contact Mark Tel: 07791559935

Email: grippalarge@yahoo.com
Web: www.classiccustomsrestorations.com
Full/Part Restorations – See Advert

Amazon Cars, Woodlands Farm, The Street, Brundish, Suffolk, IP13 8BP. – Contact: Rob or Emma. Full workshop facilities Competition Preparation & parts Tel: 01379 388400 Email: volvo@amazoncars.co.uk Web: www.amazoncars.co.uk

Brookhouse Volvo Parts, Unit 16, Brookhouse Business Park, Hadleigh Road Industrial Estate, Ipswich, IP2 0EF – Contact Simon or Darren Tel: 01473 218806 Email: brookhousevolvo@btinternet.com Web: www.classicvolvoparts.co.uk

Charlwood Automotive, 4 Charlwood Place, Norwood Hill Road, Charlwood, Surrey, RH6 0EB – Contact: Peter – Tel: 01293 863535 Web: www.crvolvo.com – See Advert

West Midlands:

Heritage Motors – 6 Charter Street, Brierley Hill, West Midlands, DY5 1LA – Contact: Paul Tel: 01384 571201/07957970275 email heritagemotors@live.com Web: www.heritage-motors.co.uk

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 - Chemical Dipping, E-coating Body Shells and reclaim. Worcestershire:

St John's Garage, Unit 1, Bransford Industrial Estate, Bransford Road, Worcester WR4 2EU – Contact: Matt – Tel: 01905 420111 email enquiries@stjohnsgarage.co.uk Web: www.stjohnsgarage.co.uk MOT, Service, Lazer Tracking & Repairs – WINNER - Worcestershire Garage of the Year 2022 - NEW they now sell and fit tyres.

Members - For Sale & Wants - Car Photographs on Website:

For Sale – Volvo 1800ES 1973 Metallic gold, black leather upholstery, Manual/Overdrive. Genuine 90,000 miles only. Purchased in 1976 from original owner. Kept under cover in garage. In original condition, recently had full body restoration (see photo 'Classic Customs' advert). Located near Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey. Asking £20,000, call 01372 466030 or Email d.balchin@btinternet.com

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 aches repaired — See Club Website Advert for photo's Reduced to £1,000 ono - Contact Sean Phone: 07976729317 or email ssgt@btinternet.com Herefordshire.

V70 2006 2.4 SE Diesel Estate manual (179 g/km, 163 bhp) Low mileage Full working order. 3 owners, partial service history, MOT Due: 06/09/2024 81,000 miles Diesel Estate Engine 2.4L Gearbox Manual Doors 5 - Seats **5Fantastic, reliable car with very low mileage,** good tyres. Clean and tidy. Owned by myself and previously by my Aunty. Timing belt changed this year. Regrettably selling as its not needed anymore. Its a car for life and collectors value will rise not fall. A super car not to be missed. **I'm looking for £4,000. Julie Rouchon telephone: 07957872337**

email: Julierouchon2@hotmail.com Monmouth, South Wales

C70 Volvo Cabriolet hard top. 2010, 90,000 Miles, Diesel. Some Service History. In good condition. Maroon with white leather interior. Has MOT. Car runs lovely as does the electronic hard top. The car is located in Builth Wells (20 miles north of Brecon - Powys, Wales) Reduced to Price: £3500 ONO Brian Pratt telephone: 07577 846685 brian19@hotmail.co.uk 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

2006 Volvo C70 T5 SE Lux 2.5L Turbo Convertible Car Located in Shotteswell ONLY 42 600 Miles! Price: £3,800 (priced to sell quickly) Engine: 2.5L Turbo Automatic Transmission Highlights: This stunning Volvo C70 convertible is in exceptional condition, with less than 43,000 miles on the clock. Known for its reliability and comfort, this model offers an impressive blend of performance and luxury. Photos on Club Available for immediate viewing don't miss out on this well-maintained convertible! Contact Michael Green on 07508 712 417, or email midori@global.co.za. Serious inquiries only, please!

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 PARTS FOR SALE:

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VOLVO PARTS WANTED:

WANTED: Left Hand Volvo V70 2000-06 Sun Visor from LHD Car – Wanted the Sun Visor from the left (Drivers Side) of a LHD Car – A strange request but this does not have the vanity mirror. Needed for UK Police Car project for fitting Police Equipment held in visor – Contact: kevinprice.vec1989@btinternet.com

WANTED: - Early 245 GLT or GLE - Contact: Steve Short Tel: 07786864375

WANTED: Jensen P1800 Wheel Trim-Any condition Contact Keith Email keith r f@hotmail.com

WANTED: Volvo 240 Time Clock to fit 1985 model small rectangular type fits in dash - kevinprice.vec@btinternet.com WANTED: Police Vehicle Foldable Signs with frames - 'Police Accident' - 'Police Slow' etc; etc - Also any info on year 2001-2002 Volvo Police V70 T5's - kit carried, Specifications etc; Also wanted any kit used in Police Cars of that vintage, Parts Manual, Brochures etc - If you can help Contact Kevin - kevinprice.vec1989@btinternet.com

WANTED: Volvo Special Tools and Volvo Workshop/Parts Manuals

Wanted Donations or for a small donation e.g. charity. 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', which is to be re-launched in the future,

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**

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**

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