



VOLVO ENTHUSIASTS CLUB

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Hello Everyone

Welcome to the latest issue of our club newsletter.

Sorry it is late this time hope to do better with the next one.

The response to the last Newsletter has been really good but please could anyone with Internet Access please sign up for your copy to be sent by email. It saves money for the club. The Quarterly magazine has been replaced by our bi-monthly newsletter that is sent to Club members via email (in colour) and by hard copy (in black & white) to those who do not have email access.

Using email costs us nothing (as our Committee all work for free), printing, packaging and posting a copy to a Member costs us around £2.50 per issue (and again, the physical part of this process is provided free)

We do have plans to create and publish a VEC annual, but this is only in the discussion process as the costs of producing this will be very expensive unless we can find a sponsor, editor and printer within the Club who could produce it at "cost" only.

Unlike other Car clubs, we are not sponsored by Volvo and most of our income is generated from our Members subscriptions, So please send your details to: vecnewsletter@hotmail.co.uk put Confirm in the subject line and your name and membership number in the main part and anything else you want to say good or bad your comments are always welcome.

Thank you to all who have sent items in. For a newsletter we need news in fact anything you think may be of interest to others please send it to me Gillian vecnewsletter@hotmail.co.uk or my address on the next page.

BEAMISH EVENT

Saturday October 13th please see inside for more details

Welcome to our New Scotland Representative

Gordon Woodham contact details on next page

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EVENTS

**Northern Volvo meeting ---Beamish event we are booked in
For Saturday the 13th of October**

**The more people the merrier also we can get a group booking
Overnight accommodation is available at the "Campanite Hotel—
Washington"----- 4 miles from the event at £39-20 per room (twin
bed)**

**Email Washington@campanite.com Animals and children welcome
Members attending so far: Colin & Robert Hughes, Graeme &
Lesley Muir, Dave & Heather Wilson, Russ Evans, Geoff & Gillian
Naylor also Kevin Price is hoping to attend so please let Russ know
ASAP if you are going.**

**Any other questions please contact Russ on 01995 61012 or email
rossjevans@tiscali.co.uk**

NEC CLASSIC CAR SHOW

STOP PRESS - Club Stands at Classic Car Shows:

**Club Stand at the Classic Motor Show 16th-18th November 2012 at
the NEC Birmingham.**

**We are pleased to inform Members that the Club has received
confirmation that we have a Club Stand at this year's Classic Motor
Show held at The NEC, Birmingham.**

**Our Display will be in Hall 11 Stand No: 11C18 and will feature a
collection of Members Classic Volvo's including the original TV
Saint Car a 1962 Volvo P1800 Reg. No: 71 DXC which was driven
by Roger Moore in the very first series. This car has been
undergoing a ground-up restoration and it is hoped that the car
will be completed for the show to celebrate its 50th birthday and
50 Years of 'The Saint'**

**Don't forget our stand at the Bristol Restoration Show -
[10th & 11th November 2012 at Shepton Mallet](#)**

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

**This is from Member David Wilson with a note of caution for other
members about Footman James and perhaps other companies**

**I recently received my reminder for renewing policy on my classic
144 Volvo, only to find it had gone from
£122 to £154. Upon checking policy I noticed they had no mileage
limit and considering even after using my
car for 3 months commuting in two years had only clocked up less
than 600 miles so I rang them and a pointed**

this out. Within less than two minuets my policy was put back to original 1500 mile limit and my policy came down to £111 saving me £43 so even less then two years ago. So proving it is worth keeping an eye on them.

FOR SALE

1800 bonnet very good condition no holes dents etc – best offers
Volvo 1800 heater / air slides £12
Volvo 1800S rear seat upper - black £10
Volvo 1800/S chrome washer surrounds £2.00

Contact Trevor 07967 049763 or email
volvo1800@htpsolutions.co.uk

ADVERTS

Please can you let us know when you have items no longer for Sale as we will remove anything over 3-4 months old? Here is what is now on the website pages:

<http://volvoenthusiastsclub.co.uk/vehiclesale.htm>

Charge rates for advertising Sales and Wanted items in the club Newsletter and Web Site are as follows:-Current members quoting a valid membership number and year code may place ads free of charge. Non members with private sales pay £10.00 for 2 months publication.

“Trade” pay £25.00 for 2 months publication. Payments for the advert should be sent directly to Colin Hughes (see contact page) and upon receipt of payment the ad will be released for publishing in the Newsletter and on the Website

MEMBER'S CAR'S

In future issue's I would like to perhaps put 2 member's car's different models each time as I was thinking when we go to local shows we see each others cars but with being International we can't do that. So please send me a photo with a little bit of info model, how long owned, restored etc if you don't have email access just put it in the post my address is on the contacts page and I can still use it.

Welcome to New Members

Terence & Sally Ling

FOUNDERS RAMBLINGS

Welcome to all new members and also this latest edition of the Club Newsletter.

I have been asked to resume my 'Founders Ramblings' which was a regular feature of past Newsletters/Magazines – so here goes:- Firstly I would like to thank all those Members and friends who have sent their good wishes and support during my continued spells of ill health, it has been much appreciated. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my thanks on behalf of myself and members, to all those who have been working behind the scenes to help keep this club alive and kicking.

As far as my Classic Volvo's are concerned, Members who came along to our Stand at the Bristol Classic Car Show will be aware that work on the 'Original' Roger Moore TV Saint Car 71 DXC aka ST 1 is progressing well and thanks to Club Member Jonathan Bell and others should be finished for unveiling on our Club Stand on the opening day of the Classic Motor Show at the NEC Birmingham on the 16th-18th November, 2012. What would make this a very special event if anyone has contact with Roger Moore, for this is his first Volvo 1800 in the Series and it was him who suggested the car, when Jaguar refused to supply an E Type. Even today Sir Roger confirms that 'my little P1800 was my favourite car and I still drive a Volvo to this day'. So if there are any members who have contact with Sir Roger, your help would be appreciated as this is 50 years of The Saint on TV and 71 DXC aka ST 1 is also 50 – what a great reunion it could be. Also on the Club Stand once again will be a collection of Members Volvo's so why not come along and see us there, you will be made very welcome and if you have never been to the show it is one of the biggest in the Europe – Discount Tickets are available to Members see the show advert on our Club Website.

For those unable to get to the NEC, it is hoped that the final parts of the Restoration of 71 DXC aka ST 1 will take place at the Bristol Restoration Show at Shepton Mallet, on the previous Weekend - 10th & 11th November 2012. Again we will be pleased to see all members – so come along and have a chat.

Well that's about it from me for this issue. I shall hopefully be at Beaulieu International Autojumble again this year so please do come along and see us and I also hope to get along to the Clubs Northern gathering on Saturday 13th October at Beamish Living Museum

Have a safe and enjoyable summer,
Best Wishes & Happy Volvoing,
Kevin Price Founder/Hon President

Where did it all start?

Ploughing up and down the A12 on a mission to rescue a batch of classic cars, it set me wondering just what gets us enthusiasts going in the first place. And does it really matter what your particular passion is?

I have to admit to having a love of Volvos and can trace this back to my childhood; walking to the local shops with my Father I espied a very pretty dark green car and asked what make it was "That's a Volvo" said my Dad "Its the Swedish Jaguar". I was hooked.

Fast forward to 1971 and my Fiancé and I had bought a house in dire need of renovation and you couldn't fit many bags of cement in a Mini, so we went looking for a suitable workhorse. Enter our first Volvo, a 1962 122S and the rest was not history, because we traded that in for a new Mini just after we got married. However, we soon realised our mistake and began the hunt for another Volvo. This resulted in our real passion – the Volvo 1800S. We have 8 - 1800's of various ages and condition. We have a total of 26 Volvos and many more have passed through our hands.

We have tried to inject new blood into the collection; started with an immaculate MGBGT, no good. Then a TR6,

loved it for several years, but the novelty wore off. Back to an MGBGT, which was lovely but then rust got it.

We do still have a MG Midget, never driven it in the 11 years it's been here! But it has a new shell standing right next to it - and somehow the Volvos always get in the way. I suppose it's much easier to tackle the cars you are so intimate with and ignore the job that needs more concentration!

I think we have accepted that Swedish Iron is in our life to stay ... and we HAVE had great fun over the years; as well as driving around Europe to various Club's meetings; making friends with so many people who share our passion; AND attending the Volvo P1800 50th Anniversary event in Blois, France in 2010 – now that WAS special.

So, what did it for you?

Gillian Whitton

Thank you Gillian you have got me thinking about this. So please everyone tell us your reasons and I will print as many as I can as I am sure many of us would be very interested email vecnewsletter@hotmail.co.uk or post my details are on the contacts page

This is an email sent to Colin Hughes and the replies etc.

Hi

I'm restoring a 1973 ES colour code red 46.

Please can you recommend a supplier who can accurately match the original Volvo paint codes?

Thanks & regards

Geoff Yeoman

GEOFF, SORRY FOR THE DELAY IN REPLYING.

I am copying this to our 1800 Expect, Kevin Price who may be able to assist YOU.

Hi Geoff,

Thanks for the Email.

Regarding your question

Volvo 46 is a very old Paint Code and has been used since 1958 with just some of the following names - Red, Amazon Red, Cherry, Camine Red etc. It also comes in a large variety of shades from a really dark red to a bright red. Red is also a bad colour for fading due to sunlight. This therefore can be a real problem if trying to match existing paintwork for a repair.

Most Paint Suppliers will mix paint to what they call the Standard Shade - usually the mid range point although some paints companies do list alternative shades e.g. Volvo 42 California White can be supplied by Valentine Paints in four shades - No:1 Standard Shade - No:2 Dirty Yellow/White Shade - No: 3 Clean Shade - No:4 Dirty Green Shade.

An alternative if you take a piece of paintwork from your car to a professional paint supplier they can use a Colour Spectrometer which can look at a sample paint and produce a list of tints needed to make a match.

In your question you ask for a supplier -

It really depends on what type paint you require and how it is to be applied e.g. Touch-up Can, Using Spray Gun - Cellulose, Two-pack, Water based, Base Coat & Clear etc. Most commercial paint suppliers no longer sell or stock Cellulose Paint and Two Pack (requires sprayer to wear special breathing equipment to spray as very harmful) due to restrictions in the use of solvents.

Possible Paint Suppliers:

Spray Cans - from EBay e.g. Turbo Spares Tel; 01905 29342 -

Cellulose,Two-Pack and other paint/consumables to classic enthusiasts - Well known suppliers in Classic circles Ken & Lyn Tel: 01298 814813

Re Commercial Paint suppliers suggest you check your local Yellow Pages or the internet.

I hope that you find the above useful, if I can be of any further help, please do not hesitate to contact me direct.

Regards Kevin

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Club Single ticket offer limited to 2 tickets per member. Club Family ticket admits 2 adults and up to 3 children (5-16yrs) and is limited to one Family Ticket per member. Club single tickets save £5.00 off the Sat/Sun door price. Club Family tickets save up to £39.50! off the Sat/Sun door price compared to buying individually! Offer applies to advance bookings only. Hand in your ticket stub or voucher to your club at the show and your club gets a commission! See website for all information. All bookings are subject to a single transaction fee. Ticket price includes the official showguide to the value of £7.50. All information correct at time of publishing.

