



# VOLVO ENTHUSIASTS CLUB

*The only club specifically for the classic VOLVO*

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Issue 1

Hello Everyone

Welcome to our first proper issue of what we hope to be a regular bi-monthly newsletter.

Happy New Year to you all but trouble is it's pay membership time again so download a renewal form from the website if you need one [www.volvoenthusiastsclub.co.uk](http://www.volvoenthusiastsclub.co.uk) but I will of course include a form to the people who wish to receive their copy by post but many thanks to the one's registering to get your newsletters by email it will save money for the club. And it would also save a lot of time on printing, folding putting in envelopes, sealing them up and putting stamps on.

The response to the Taster Newsletter has been really good and we have some things inside sent in by members which may be of interest to you all. Thank you all who have sent items in. For a newsletter we need news Please send it to me Gillian [vecnewsletter@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:vecnewsletter@hotmail.co.uk)

## Club Contact List

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Report from the National

Spring 2012 Southern Get Together May 20<sup>th</sup> see inside for details.

The Government Cutting Red Tape sees inside.

A member's on going restoration of his P1800E

Next time I hope to have something about Fuel Additives so if you have anything about this please send it in so it can be included

Also any comments on the MOT problems its' important to all of us

In fact anything you think may be of interest

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## Help Needed!

Member Sam in Chatteris, Cambridgeshire needs assistance in finding a Volvo Fitter/Engineer.

Please see back page for full details.

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### [BRISTOL CLASSIC CAR SHOW](#)

April 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012 we are having a stand at the above once again more details nearer the time just mark your diaries

### [NEC CLASSIC CAR SHOW](#)

November 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> we will be having a stand once again more details nearer the time just mark your diaries

### [SPRING GATHERING 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2012](#)

David Foxley has sent this in so I hope as many as possible turn up. It is of course for any member from anywhere in the country all welcome:

I have made a booking for the Spring 2012 Southern Get Together. It will be at Milestones Museum in Basingstoke on May 20th.

We have met there before, so some people should remember it, but the last time was Spring 2006. The museum opens at 11:00, so I suggest a mid-day start; so that we can get things set up before the multitudes come flooding in. As for previous events, all VEC members will get free admission to the museum and Colin has promised all members a free drink and cake on arrival.

Access to the museum is good. It is close to either junction 6 or 7 of the M3. The museum is dedicated to the history of life in Hampshire, which includes two significant heavy vehicle manufacturers. Thorneycroft who used to make Lorries and buses just across the road from the museum and Taskers who made steam engines in Andover. There is a good display of vehicles from both companies, so plenty for petrol heads, diesel heads and steam-buffs. Follow the link for more information: <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/milestones>

Please can anyone planning to come to drop me a message at [davidfoxley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:davidfoxley@yahoo.co.uk)

This will give me an idea of how many parking spaces we need to allocate.

### [Shows/ Gatherings 2012](#)

It's been suggested that a number of Gatherings are organised at various Car shows to enable people to meet up. If you know of any places any where let us know and we will send out the details in each newsletter.

[Tatton Park in Cheshire](#) has been suggested as a venue How many are interested?? Please let us know as it needs to be booked but we need approximate numbers to what size area we need this will go for any other places put forward I will try and put a list of suggestions in each newsletter so people can see where and when and let us know if they are interested.

[Trafford Centre Manchester March 24/25<sup>th</sup>](#) an indoor Show for Clubs if anyone interested in this please contact and let us know as its no use booking if no one going to turn up

## MOT Problems

This is from David Foxley and something for a lot of us to be aware of:

You remember the problem I mentioned previously about the MOT for my car. Well, there is an issue here that might catch more of us out. What happened is this:

1. When I got my car home from the test, I found that the new MOT had been dated to 12th December 2012, whereas it should have read January 9th 2013.

2. I contacted the garage to find out why they had not dated the new MOT to start when the existing one expired. They said that the MOT computer system did not recognise my car, as the chassis number was only 5 digits (as will all 1800s be) and not

6. They therefore had to issue the certificate as if the car was being tested for the first time! This was a big surprise as there has never been a problem before, and the computerised MOT system must have been in operation for at least 5 years.

3. I went back to the garage and they issued me a new certificate with the correct expiry date in January 2013. They told me that they had to go into the system manually as the MOT computer would not recognise my car.

4. Today I received a letter from DVLA regarding

5. "inconsistencies" in the registration details of my car, asking me to fill out a questionnaire with the chassis numbers as listed on the MOT certificate and

the V5C, and also as stamped on the car body. They said that until this was done, the MOT test details regarding my car would not be shown on their computer system. They said that if the inconsistencies could not be sorted out, then I would have problems registering the car (and presumably insuring it).

You can imagine my surprise, as I have owned the car for nearly 14 years, and have never had a problem before. The V5C has always shown a 5 digit chassis number, even the new one that was issued a few months ago. I can only presume that this number has been in the system since the car was first registered in 1967. Nowadays all cars have a 17 digit Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), which presumably incorporates the manufacturer's chassis number. When 1800s and Amazons were first registered, everything was still done manually through the local licensing authorities. All manufacturers must have issued their own chassis numbers and used their own numbering systems for this. I can only presume that in the last 12 months, the MOT system data base has been set to need the last 6 digits of the "chassis number". I will find out if the problem has been resolved when I go to reinsure the car towards the end of January.

I shall keep you up to date on this, and would be interested to know if anyone else has had the same problem.

Regards  
David

### [Proposed Closure of DVLA Local Offices](#)

The Department of Transport announced plans to close all 39 local offices by the end of 2013 centralize the services offered at DVLA, Swansea with communication mainly online methods.

Minister Mike Penning said: Centralizing the DVLA services is the first crucial step towards making more of its transactions available online allowing people to deal with the DVLA at their chosen time and place. This will mean quicker turnarounds to meet customer's needs??

In reply Labour Shadow Transport Secretary Maria Eagle said: Ministers must now explain why they believe that closing down the entire network of DVLA offices and centralizing services will make it easier. And can they

### [Public Consultation on Historic Vehicles MOT Exemption/FBHVC MOT Survey](#)

The possibility of exempting certain groups of vehicles from the requirement to have an annual MoT test has been under discussion since the end of 2010.

The Department for Transport issued a public consultation paper in November which included a proposal to exempt pre-1960 vehicles (historic vehicles) from testing. The full text of the consultation, together with a pro-forma for responding, can be found at [www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/dft-2011-27](http://www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/dft-2011-27). The document sets out 4 options:

demonstrate what steps they are taking to ensure continued access to services for those who don't have internet facilities or need face to face assistance., The consultation on this subject is open until 12th March 2012  
Correspondence to:  
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Swansea  
SA6 7JL

Just a comment on this as some of you know I am Deaf and use a special Tynetalk telephone I had reason to phone the DVLA at Swansea last week using Tynetalk and I tried for over 40 minutes when they answered it came up as symbols etc when I looked up what was wrong it said the other end (Swansea) had turned their special code off and it would not work - Gillian

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| Option 0 | No change  |
| Option 1 | Exempt all pre-1960 manufactured vehicles<br>(the DfT's preferred option)                      |
| Option 2 | Exempt all pre-1945 manufactured vehicles<br>Continue testing vehicles manufactured after 1945 |
| Option 3 | Exempt all pre-1920 manufactured vehicles<br>Continue testing vehicles manufactured after 1920 |

The closing date for responses is 26 January 2012. In completing the pro-forma respondents are required to explain the reasons for their preferences.

The FBHVC wants to seek the views of its members before responding to this consultation. As time is limited the only practical way to obtain this information in time is by means of an on-line survey that addresses the key questions raised by the consultation.

The survey that has been set up for FBHVC by the Historic Vehicle Research Institute outlines the DFT proposals and should take no more than five minutes to complete. It may be submitted anonymously and can be found here. The survey is open until 10 January 2012.

This was sent in by member Paul Cassell

### [Government slashes motoring red tape](#)

Drivers are to be released from excesses of red tape currently required by government, Transport Secretary Justine Greening has announced. As a result of the 'Road Transport Red Tape Challenge' the government-wide process to get rid of unnecessary, burdensome and overcomplicated regulations, the Department for Transport is:

- Scrapping the regulation requiring motorists to hold a paper counterpart to their driving licence by 2015.
- Improving the regulation surrounding the notification process for vehicles that are not in use on the road (Statutory Off Road Notification or SORN). Once drivers have notified the DVLA that their vehicle is SORN, they will no longer have the burden of annual SORN renewal.
- Only issuing hard-copies of V5C vehicle registration certificates for fleet operators when needed, with the potential to be rolled out to private motorists.
- Removing the need for an insurance certificate. The Department for Transport will work with the

This is an important consultation for all owners of historic vehicles so please take time from your Christmas festivities and complete the FBHVC survey and also, if you so wish respond direct to the DFT.

insurance industry on removing the need for motorists to have to hold an insurance certificate.

- Abolishing the requirement for drivers to prove they have insurance when applying for road tax meaning 600,000 more people will be able to tax their car online. This has been made possible by new checks of existing databases for insurance under new Continuous Insurance Enforcement rules. The DVLA's records are compared regularly with the Motor Insurance Database (MID) to identify registered keepers of vehicles that appear to have no insurance.
- Abolishing the regulations regarding the treatment of lost property on buses. Bus companies currently have to wait 48 hours before they can throw away perishable items left on the bus.

More information at:  
[www.redtapechallenge.cabinetoffice.gov.uk](http://www.redtapechallenge.cabinetoffice.gov.uk)

[The 2011 Classic Motor Show](#)  
[Celebrating 50th Birthday of the Volvo P1800](#)

Our Stand at this year's Classic Motor Show held each November at the NEC Birmingham was a very special event for all Volvo 1800 owners. Our Club stand celebrated by having a vehicle from each of the 1800 models from the first – a P1800 to the last an 1800ES.

1800's on display included Kevin Price, our Club Founder's Original Roger Moore, TV Saint Car which is undergoing a full restoration. The car has been shown previously on our club stands but has been stored for a number of years following major problems with the paint work and Kevin's poor health. He hopes that next year the car will be on the road to celebrate its 50th birthday and 50 years of The Saint. Tony & Gillian Whitton brought along their recently finished 1800S Convertible and their lovely 1800ES. The 1800ES on display was provided by Colin & Pauline Atkinson and a 480GT owned by Penny Connorton showed how the 1800 influenced future Volvo Production. The 1800's were accompanied by Kevin's very rare PV445 Convertible, John Kemp's lovely 131 Amazon and Colin Hughes brought along his recent purchase a 760 Low Rider, complete with hydraulic Suspension, Sound system etc – a rear crowd puller when car danced to the music! The final Volvo on display was an Itera 'Volvo' Plastic bike, again owned by Colin, which caused a lot of interest from visitors who could not believe Volvo had made a bike.

Also at the show were Volvo Heritage and the Volvo Owners Club with a selection of 1800's including one of the Frua prototypes and an Aston Martin engine 1800S. There was also the plaster Frua models on display. Guest at the show was Pelle Petterson – Designer of the P1800 who visited our stand and kindly 'signed' the boots of each of his 1800 Coupe creations on our stand. Kevin's Monster Miler 1962 P1800 was also at the show representing the Club on CJ Auto's Stand who supply a variety of Chassis Tilters, Ramps and other equipment for the Classic Restorer.

Each year the show gets bigger and better and this show without exception was one of the best. This is only part of the report as its too long I have had to leave most of it on the website:

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Along with a lot of pictures well worth a look.

[FREE TAX FOR OLDER VEHICLES](#)

There is link on the website for an email partition:

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

[FOR SALE/WANTS](#)

Volvo 1800 engine taken from a 145 in running order see website:

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

## SPARES

Just been given this contact for spares of the older Volvo cars

Tony Barrett

0208 525 7283

## VOLVO P1800E ON GOING RESTORATION

Hi Gillian

Thanks for your letter and information on the proposed changes to the MOT, I am sure it will make little difference to the 1800's last thing we need is more expense in the present climate.

I have recently re-joined the VEC Club after an 18/19 years absence, some kind person kept good records as I have been re-issued my original membership number. The car I own is a Gold P1800E and at the moment it is under a full restoration like you and Geoff I am doing the work myself.

## POTTED HISTORY

The last time the car was taxed and used daily was 1993, in 1990 I received Best Car at

## Can someone help!

Here is a letter from Sam a member in Cambridgeshire:

I run a 1989 240 GLT Auto Estate as my everyday vehicle. I love this model but am not very happy with the garages etc in my local area, who I pay to look after my car. I live in the Chatteris area of Cambridge.

Is there anybody in the East of England who can recommend a Volvo Fitter/Engineer.

If so please ring Sam 01354 695 673

## SNOW BOOTS

This has been recommended by Russ Evans we might all need them soon no matter what you drive:

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

Keswick ( Northern Day Out) and the following year same show Runner Up, but had more success at the Volvo Caravan & Camping Section gaining a 1st position.

During 1992 I had to rebuild the engine and managed to do 4,000 to 5,000 miles before a shock absorber broke through the front cross member at which point I decided to lay the car up for what I thought would be a short time.

By next February I hope to have the car ready for a complete respray and then re-assembled by summer fingers crossed.

Not sure if any of the above information is of use to you, attached are some photographs of my progress.

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## Membership Renewal Form 2012

Subscription Rates cover 2 persons and are:-

**UK** Full year (1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> December) **£22.00**

**Overseas** Full year (dates as above) **£25.00** payable in sterling

I/We hereby apply to renew my membership of the "Volvo Enthusiasts Club"

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile No. \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Your Current Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

### Vehicle Details

Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Reg No. \_\_\_\_\_ Colour \_\_\_\_\_

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Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Reg No. \_\_\_\_\_ Colour \_\_\_\_\_

Permission to give details to 3<sup>rd</sup> party? **Yes/No**

Would you be prepared to display your vehicle? **Yes/No**

As a Club member do you intend to insure your vehicle(s) with Footman James **Yes/No**

I enclose cheque/PO for £ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to "Volvo Enthusiasts Club"

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return completed form with payment to:-**

**VEC Membership Co-Ordinator, 21 Woodford Close, Hightown, Ringwood, Hants. BH24 1UT**



