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Front Cover: Volvo 164 owned by Patrick Bunn on our VEC Club Display at the NEC Classic Motor Show November 2025

Credits: Questions & Answers to Honest John - Our thanks to them to reproduce these items

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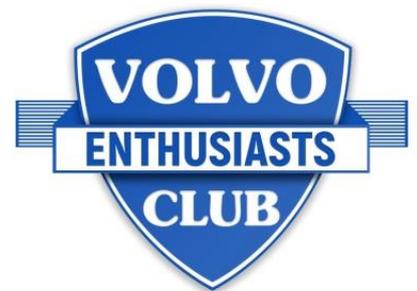
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Founder's Ramblings

Kevin Price

Welcome to all our new Club Members and to this, the **Winter 2025-26 Issue** of our Club Magazine, the first Magazine of 2026, so a Happy & Healthy Volvoing New Year to you all.

Hot off the Press: Latest News: Our 2026 National Gathering Venue - At the invitation of the Transport Museum Wythall, a venue we have used and supported before, who have been let down by a booking on a Saab/Swedish Event Booking being cancelled, they have asked if we would take over the day for our National Gathering and obviously support the Museum and it's Volunteers, who work to preserve the old buses in their collection. As a keen supporter of the Museum, I have agreed to move from the venue we had previously proposed, to support them following their disappointing cancellation. I very much hope all Member will support this decision and come along and also invite other Volvo Owners to bring their vehicles, who may not be Members of our club. ALL Volvo's and their owners will be most welcome. It's a fantastic friendly venue and worth supporting.

As is our usual practice, Club Members will receive FREE Entry to ALL the Museum facilities, but Non-Members will be charged to enter, as I have agreed with the Museum, as the Club will pay Members admission fees. So, remember, your Club Membership is for up to two Members in the Same Household, so if you want to upgrade your Membership to include your Partner, please send an SAE to save our postage costs, to me with your Membership Number and a request, to receive an additional Membership Card. **Membership Cards will be now be checked at all our events**, following problems we had at the Redwings Event in January 2025, where Non-VEC Club Members claimed the Complimentary Refreshments offered, which was obviously unfair to ALL subscription paying Members, plus also was very disappointing to me. At this year's Redwings Event, a Voucher system worked very well and we will now use this to avoid future embarrassment with Non-Members. Further details of our National Gathering are enclosed in this Club Magazine, and we look forward to seeing you all there.

As I write this Ramblings, preparations for our Display at the Practical Classic Car & Restoration Show at the NEC 20th -22nd March 2026 are well in hand. We will as part of our display be removing the engine from my 1954 ex-King of Sweden Volvo PV831 Limousine, (See photos of the PV831 in the November NEC Show report) which suffered a catastrophic engine failure some year ago and was removed from its 25 years of storage, for our display at the Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show last November, where it caused much interest.

Coming to the Practical Classics Show? Please remember, if you are planning to join us at the show, **please purchase your tickets in advance using our Special code CCVOLENM6**. Not only will it **save you £3.50** on every ticket you purchase but it will also support your club, as the Show Organisers check Ticket Sales, against each Club and the more we sell, the higher our standing with them at the event. So, if you want to ask others to join you, please book their tickets using our code and also save on normal entrance fees. When at the show, please come along to our **Stand in Hall 4 Stand 4-475**, which is against one of the Hall Walls and grab a free tea or coffee and biscuit. Just ask one of the Stand staff and they will get you sorted. We will be very pleased to see you there.

VEC Southern Day Out 2026 – 19th April 2026 On the topic of Club Events we have a **VEC Southern Day Out booked for the 19th April 2026**, meeting, thanks to owner, Peter Suchy at Volvo Specialists Charlwood Volvo for refreshments and a look around his facilities. Peter and the VEC go back to the very start of the Club and his expertise cover Volvo's from the early 1960's e.g. 120's, PV's & 1800's etc; right up to today's latest Volvo models and also includes "Rica" and BSR Chip Tuning and software upgrades, plus other workshop facilities at a fraction of Main Dealer costs. We will then travel the short distance to the Gatwick Aero Museum for a Club visit.

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

The VEC 100 Years of Volvo Event: Never a Club not to be forward thinking, the **Volvo Enthusiasts Club Est: 1989** are already looking at celebrating Volvo's 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**, just 4 days after Volvo's actual Birthday, when on the 14th April 1927, **Jakob, an OV4** rolled out of their works in Sweden. So, log the date 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 built cars will ALL be welcome**. If you would like to help in any way and be involved in the planning, please let me know.

Well, that's about it from me for this issue of our Club Magazine, other than to hopefully see you all a one of our many Club events in 2026. Wishing you all the very best for 2026, Kind Regards **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 of our Club Events, as these will be now checked, so only our Club Members in future will receive the full benefits of our Club Membership.

The VEC Events for 2026 – Dates already booked in the Club Diary:

20th-22nd March 2026 – 'Practical Classics Restoration Show' at the NEC Birmingham – Club Display
18th April 2026 – Volvo Enthusiasts Club Est: 1989 Southern VEC Day Out – at Gatwick Aviation Museum
9th -10th May 2026 – 'Marches Transport Festival & the Spring Food Festival' in Ludlow Castle – Club Display
10th May 2026 Swedish Day - a day for ALL Swedish built vehicles – to be held at Yeovil Rugby Club
1st June to 30th September 2026 – VEC Members Reliability Challenge 2026 – Challenge to be confirmed
7th June 2026 – 'Volvo Enthusiasts Club' National Gathering 2026 at the Transport Museum Wythall
13th June 2026 - An invitation from Volvo Truck UK – A Club Display at the Volvo Truck UK HQ Warwick
11th-12th July 2026 – '51st Powderham Castle Historic Vehicle Gathering', near Exeter, Devon – Club Display
19th July 2026 – 'Fleetwood Festival of Transport 2026' (Tram Sunday)'- Fleetwood, Lancashire – Club Display
31st July-2nd August 2026 – Torbay Steam Fair 2026 – Individual Entries at this fantastic event
12th-13th September 2026 – Beaulieu International Autojumble 2026 – Usual Club Stall in Green Field
4th October 2026 – VEC Northern Day Out and Road Run – Venue to be confirmed
13th-15th Nov 2026 'The Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show 2026' NEC Birmingham – Club Display

VEC Event Dates in more detail already booked for 2026 in Club Diary.

20th-22nd March 2026 – 'Practical Classics Restoration & Classic Car Show 2026' at the NEC Birmingham on Stand 4-745 in Hall 4 – A major Club Display at this event! The Club will be putting on a very special display at this premier event to celebrate several Volvo Model anniversaries. Discounted tickets saving £3.50 per ticket for Club Members friends etc; using our special Code **CCVOLENM6** from the NEC Box Office – See Advert Enclosed. For further information or if you would like to be involved contact Kevin Price – kevinprice1955@btinternet.com

19th April 2026 – Volvo Enthusiasts Club Est: 1989 - Southern Day Out at the Gatwick Aviation Museum Meeting from 10am at Charlwood Volvo Independent Volvo Specialist (see Advert Enclosed) at 4 Charlwood Place, Norwood Hill Road, Charlwood RH6 0EB for Coffee and tour of the Volvo Garage Services & Facilities, followed by a drive to the Gatwick Air Museum Lowfield Heath Road, Gatwick, Surrey, RH6 0BT for 12noon. Best Volvo attending Competition, Furthest Distance Travelled Award and complimentary refreshments for all Club Members – For more up to date information on the day – Contact Kevin Price – kevinprice1955@btinternet.com

26th April 2026 – 'Drive It Day 2026'. 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

9th to 10th May 2026 – '40th Marches Transport Festival & Spring Food Festival' held at Ludlow, Shropshire A Club Display at this very popular event held inside Ludlow's Historic Castle in centre of lovely town of Ludlow in Shropshire. www.ludlowspringfestival.co.uk for more information. If you would like to display your car you must book individually and state, 'Club Display' in 'Category Entered' and Volvo Enthusiasts Club. There is a Road Run on Sunday if you wish which needs to be booked with your application – This is 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 due to venue, so book early to avoid disappointment – Bookings are taken early in the New Year – Club Contact: Kevin Price – kevinprice1955@btinternet.com

10th May 2026 - Swedish Day 2026 – 10.00am to 4.00pm A day event dedicated to all those who love Sweden and Swedish ideas, for those who like to drive and those who admire Swedish Vehicles – to be held at the Yeovil Rugby Club [Swedish Day UK \(weewebs.co.uk\)](http://www.weewebs.co.uk)

1st June to 30th September 2026 onwards – ‘The VEC 2026 Volvo Reliability Challenge’ – This year with Volvo’s 100th Birthday rapidly approaching, we ask members to set their own Volvo Challenge, with their much-loved Volvo. There will be a special award for the furthest distance travelled and the most unique Challenge - A Club Members Challenge, where they use their Volvo, classic or new to undertake a driving challenge, usually set by the VEC Club within the specified time. allowed - Further details and confirmation of your Volvo challenge contact Kevin Price email kevinprice1955@btinternet.com

7th June 2026 – ‘The Volvo Enthusiasts Club National Gathering 2026’ 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 At the request of the Transport Museum, Wythall, who had been let down with a booking for a Saab/Swedish Event on that Sunday, we have agreed to step forward to support the Museum and hold our National Gathering once again at their very popular Venue. So this year’s Volvo Enthusiasts Club National Gathering will again take place at the Transport Museum Wythall and we hope that other Volvo Owners will come along to support this event – ALL Volvo Owners, enthusiasts and friends are invited, from 11.00am 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. There will be Complimentary refreshments for Club Members in the Museum Cafe, as is our usual custom and free entry to the site for ALL Club Members. There will also be the chance to ride free on the Museum’s Preserved Buses during the event – Club Membership will also be available on the day – For more information contact Kevin Price – kevinprice1955@btinternet.com This is a FREE Event for ALL Volvo Enthusiasts Club Est: 1989 Members – Membership Cards will be checked – ALL NON-CLUB MEMBERS WILL BE CHARGED FULL Admission a agree with the Museum

13th June 2026 – At the Invitation of Volvo Truck UK & Ireland – 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 Volvo Enthusiasts Club Est: 1989 Display at this event please contact Kevin asap – It’s a great day out and was a regular pre Covid in our Club Diary – ALL Club Vehicles MUST BE Prebooked with Kevin and place confirmed as Volvo Trucks require our details of attendee’s – Contact Kevin ASAP if interested - kevinprice1955@btinternet.com

11th & 12th July 2026 – 51st Powderham Castle Vintage Vehicle Show, near Exeter in Devon – Club Display at this really fantastic show, largest in the South-West – Club vehicles wanted for display, either or both days. Camping available on site – PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT OR WE WILL NOT BOOK YOU A SPACE FOR THIS YEAR – 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 2025 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

31st July -2nd August 2026 – ‘Torbay Steam Fair 2026’ – 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, Volvo Classic Cars, Trucks, Buses etc all welcome. For more information and Booking Form www.torbaysteamfair.co.uk – VEC Club Contact: Kevin Price

12th & 13th September 2026 – ‘Beaulieu International Autojumble 2026’ Our VEC 1989 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 – kevinprice1955@btinternet.com for more information.

4th October 2026 – Volvo Enthusiasts Club Est: 1989 Northern Day Out and Road Run – Venue to be confirmed -This will be a Meet followed by a Road Run to a place of interest in the North of England Date, Venue and timings to be confirmed organised by Steve & Cath Cropper, our North-West Regional VEC Club Reps,– Contact Steve & Cath for up-to-date information catherineandsteve@virginmedia.com

13th-15th Nov 2026 **NOTE THE DATE CHANGE** 'The Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show 2026' at the NEC Birmingham – Club Display A Club display at this premier indoor Classic Car Show held at the NEC Birmingham – This year we will celebrate a number of Volvo Anniversaries plus display a number of unique Volvo vehicles in the UK. If you would like to help in any way, we particularly need members to help with build-up and breakdown of the Club Display Stand, so if you can help it would be much appreciated, please contact Kevin Price – Email kevinprice1955@btinternet.com

Date For 2027 – Yes 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, Commercial, Ex Public Service & Military etc.** For further details: kevinprice1955@btinternet.com



NOTE: Volvo Enthusiasts Club 1989 Limited hold no responsibility for loss or damage however caused at ANY events. You are responsible for your own safety.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY CLUB EVENT CONTACT volvoenthusiastsclub@btinternet.com or our Website www.volvoenthusiastsclub.co.uk



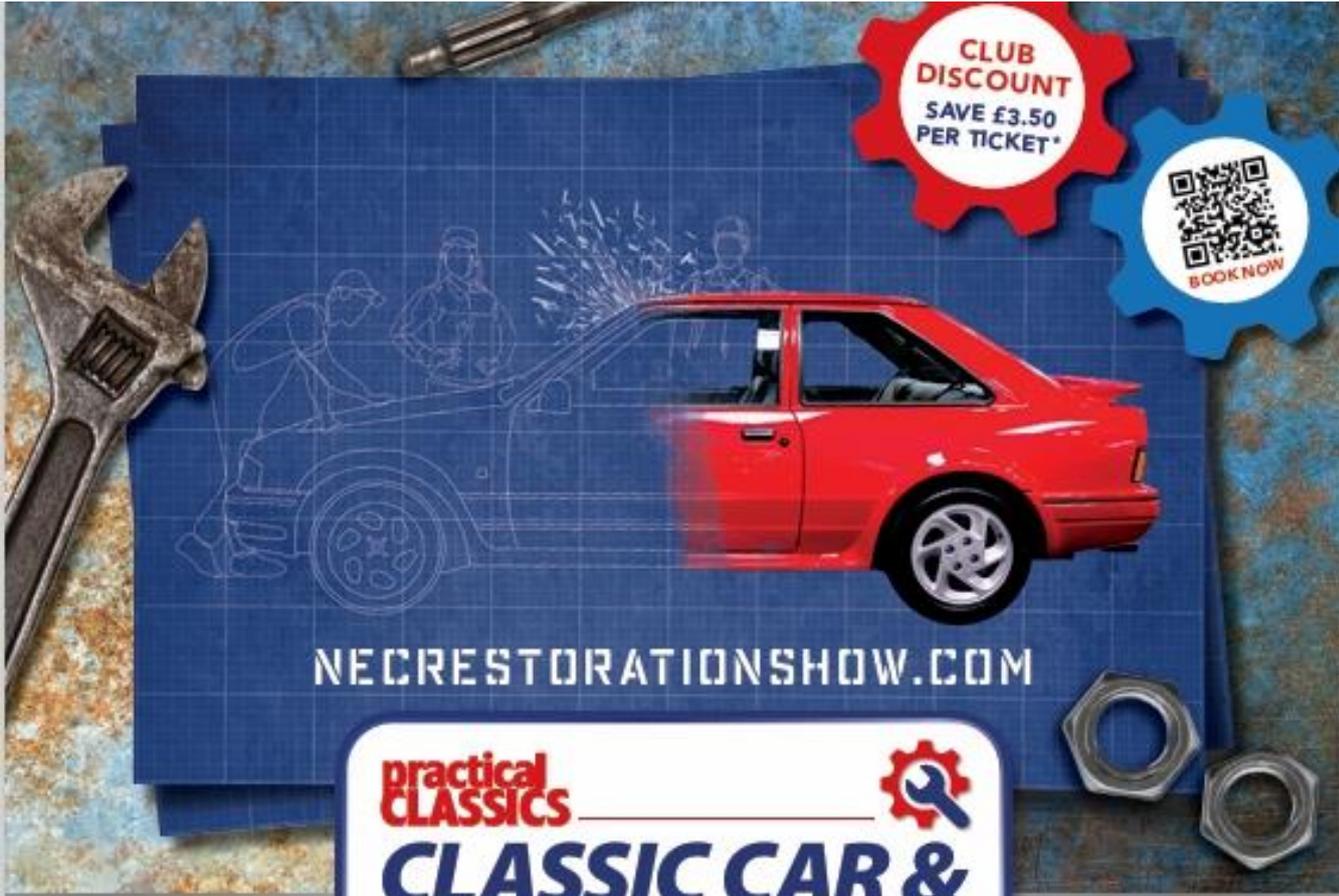
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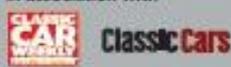
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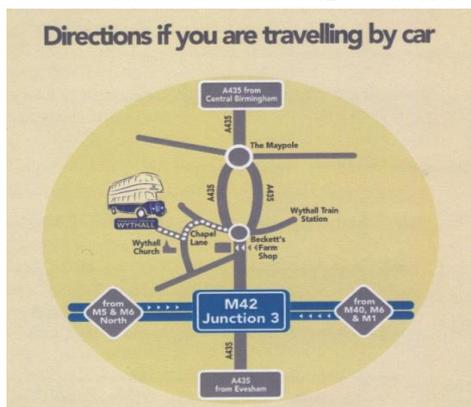


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At the request of the Transport Museum, Wythall, who have just been let down by a group organising a Saab/Swedish Event, we have agreed to move our National Event from the planned site this year, to their venue and thus support the Museum and it's volunteers once again. **This is our Club's National Gathering** at a venue which we have once again chosen as a place of interest for Club Members, all the family and other Volvo visitors to the event. With lots to do for **ALL the family**.

We return this year to the very popular venue of the Transport Museum, Wythall, which is very easy/convenient 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 the West Midlands 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 FREE 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 at this Event, courtesy of your Club.

All Volvo owners, enthusiasts and their friend & families are welcome to come along, so please tell your Non-Member Volvo Friends about the Event and invite them to come along.

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

CLUB MEMBERS- Please Book in on arrival after 11.00am at the Club Reception and collect Voting Forms, FREE Refreshment Voucher etc; etc. **MEMBERSHIP CARDS WILL BE REQUIRED - so please bring them - ALL NON-Club Members will be charged to enter the venue as we have agreed with the Museum - So remember your membership can be for up to two Members in the same household.**

Picnic area available for those who wish or catering in lovely cafe and shop in its own 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 Boot Sale from your car.**

Please no vans, trailers etc - CAR BOOT SALES ONLY PLEASE - TRADERS only by prior agreement and confirmation with Kevin or unless you are a full VEC 1989 Club Member and selling from boot of your Volvo - There will also be a raffle for Club funds and our charity

Best Volvo Awards -There will be a **Best Volvo Competition** and other awards including **Furthest Distance Travelled to the Event, Best Restoration 2025/26** etc etc. Judging to be undertaken by attending Club Members as usual and a team chosen by the Club Officials.

Gathering from 11.00am 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 - kevinprice1955@btinternet.com

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

Informal Club Meet at Redwings Horse Sanctuary - 18th January 2026



Redwings Oxhill Centre near Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire.

We once again, organised an annual New Year informal



visit to the Redwings Horse Sanctuary at Oxhill near Stratford upon Avon for Volvo Enthusiasts Club Est: 1989 Club Members.



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

We once again had a fantastic turn-out of Club Members, with Volvo's attending included an Amazon, a 164, 144, several 240's, 850/V70's and other Volvo's right up to modern vintage models.

Club Members were again provided with our 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 and smiles from all the Members.



This year we held a Meet & Greet session with **Rumpel**, who seemed very pleased at the attention he received with our fresh hay feed and we also had a guided tour of the facilities by two of the very enthusiastic volunteers. Thanks to all concerned at Redwings **DIARY DATE: Next year's return visit will take place on Sunday 17th January 2027 from 10am in the Café.**

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Are cat's eyes disappearing from our roads? Why are cat's eyes disappearing from many roads, when their aid to safer driving is well documented Asked on **4 December 2025** by **Paul Butler**

Answered by [David Ross](#)

Cat's eyes are less common on the roads for a number of reasons, most of which are financial. On roads which are well-maintained they can see decades of service without issues, but where roads are resurfaced it is then a decision for either the local council or highways as to how to replace them. Sometimes they are replaced with reflective paint or LED studs, or unfortunately sometimes not at all. Modern lighting technology makes driving in the dark less problematic than it was, but road infrastructure should support all road users and cat's eyes still have a role to play.

How will mileage for PHEVs be worked out when EV pay per mile is introduced? I own a Mercedes CLA 250e hybrid and currently pay £180 VED, rising to £195 in Jan 26 when it becomes due. Can you tell me if, from 1 Apr 2028, I will not only pay the going rate of VED but also the 1.5p/mile announced by the Chancellor? Secondly, how are they going to decide what percentage of my annual mileage is completed on battery power or will it just be raised against my full annual mileage? Asked on **1 December 2025** by **Muttley04**

Answered by [David Ross](#)

Electric Vehicle Excise Duty, or eVED, will be introduced in April 2028 alongside the current VED system, so you will pay both eVED and the applicable VED rate at the time. Full details of the scheme are yet to be announced, but what has been stated is that hybrids will pay 1.5p per mile compared to 3p per mile for EVs.

Calculating how many miles are covered on electric as opposed to petrol power would require data from the vehicle to be gathered, which could only be implemented using black-box technology, something which the government has insisted will not happen. It is more likely that the 1.5p per mile charge will be levied against total annual mileage, which would effectively mean hybrid drivers will pay more for miles travelled on petrol power than electric. There are clearly still lots of questions to be answered about how the scheme will run. And at the moment, few answers...

How can I fix my Volvo's blocked sunroof drains? I have a Volvo XC40 2018 that has blocked roof gullies from the sunroof. How can I clear them? Asked on **22 January 2026** by **Bryan Little**

Answered by [David Ross](#) Blocked sunroof drain channels can cause water to enter the cabin, but it is important to be delicate when attempting to unblock them as it is easy to damage the channels which would then require a more expensive repair. You can check the performance of each drain using a small amount of water, and then use something flexible such as a pipe cleaner or coated garden wire inserted into the drain. You can also use compressed air to free any blockages if you have access to an air line.

My Volvo EX30 has been recalled - what are my rights? I bought a new Volvo EX30 Ultra Long Range from a main dealer in May 2024, paying in cash. A safety recall has since been issued due to a potential high-voltage battery fire risk, and I've been advised not to charge the car beyond 70% while awaiting further action.

I specifically chose the Long Range version because I need the range, and with this restriction the car is no longer suitable for my needs. What are my rights under consumer law, and what should Volvo reasonably be expected to provide in this situation (e.g. a fix, replacement vehicle, or other remedy)? Asked on **21 January 2026** by **bmw-jack**

Answered by [David Ross](#) If a vehicle is recalled then the manufacturer has an obligation to notify owners of the vehicle, explain any risks and arrange rectification to be carried out at no expense to the owner. If the vehicle is no longer suitable for your needs, it could be argued that you have grounds to reject the vehicle. However, that the vehicle is approaching two years old would make this less likely, and it is possible that the dealer would refuse an attempt to reject given that the issue is a temporary fault which can and should be rectified rather than an individual issue. Typically

the owner is expected to give the dealer an opportunity to rectify the issue before attempting to reject the vehicle. However we would suggest asking the dealer for a courtesy/replacement car that will cover your needs while you await the fix.

Can a dealer sell a car without a valid MoT?

An elderly friend bought a second hand car last October from a well known VW dealership in Cambridge. She has now discovered that she has no MoT or service history. She contacted them on Friday to find out the MoT should have been done in November. She has visited the garage several times since purchasing and this has never been flagged up. This has caused considerable distress to an elderly lady. What are her rights. They have agreed to MoT the car on Monday the 16th at Waterbeach which another stress because it is not near where she lives. Urgently need you advice.

It is legal for a car dealer, or anyone, to sell a vehicle without a valid MoT, but they are legally obligated to inform the buyer that this is the case, so if they did not inform your friend of this then technically they have broken the law. She could reject the vehicle and ask for a refund given it was not as described, you can read more about this process here - <https://www.honestjohn.co.uk/faq/consumer-rights/>. As for the service history, depending on the age of the vehicle this may be stored digitally, so the dealership should be able to provide you with the history assuming it is present.

Answered by [David Ross](#)

Cost of an MoT could rise after lobbying from garages [Richard Aucock](#)

Wed, 22 Oct 2025

The cost of an MoT is under review and set for industry-wide consultation after garages highlighted growing financial pressures caused by the long-static fee.

The Department for Transport (DfT) will consult with stakeholders later this year, following a series of meetings between the Independent Garage Association (IGA) and Minister for Local Transport Lilian Greenwood.



The maximum MoT fee is £54.85 for cars and £29.65 for motorcycles.

Remarkably, it has remained static for 15 years, despite rising costs.

"The current system places unsustainable pressure on businesses that are essential to maintaining road safety across the UK," says IGA CEO Stuart James.

"We are pleased that the Minister has recognised the invaluable contribution of independent garages and the Department for Transport is now actively reviewing the MoT fee structure."

James hopes the review will lead to a "fairer, more sustainable framework for MoT testing that reflects the real costs faced by garages."

The Independent Garage Association says it has already provided plenty of evidence to the DfT on the impact of the long-static MoT fee and will "advocate for a fair and sustainable future" for independent garages.

While the £54.85 fee, set back in 2010, is a maximum fee, garages are able to charge less. Larger organisation can charge as little as £10 for an MoT, if it's carried out at the same time as a service.

However, smaller garages have less flexibility to provide such offers. They are also under pressure from the rising cost of living in areas such as salaries, which is why the long-awaited MoT fee review has finally been given the green light.

The development comes as latest research shows [MoT pass rates have risen 20% in the last decade.](#)

MEET THE OWNER – Kevin Price and his 2002 Volvo V70 T5 Police Car

AN ARRESTING SIGHT – KEVIN PRICE’S POLICE VOLVO V70 T5 - Words By Andrew Roberts



Kevin Price’s 2002 ex-Leicestershire Constabulary Volvo V70 T5 is the sole survivor of its vintage as a police car of that county – and one of the undoubted stars of the 2025 Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show. Many readers will be very familiar with Kevin’s P1800, the original car used by Roger Moore in *The Saint*, but he is always keen on another Volvo challenge. As he explains. I bought the V70 in 2017, and at the time, it looked like

another white Volvo with seven previous civilian owners. I was then on the lookout for something different to display on the Volvo Enthusiasts’ Club Est: 1989 - <https://www.volvoenthusiastsclub.co.uk/> - stand at the Classic Motor Show and the other events we attend around the country. It was at the Bristol Classic Car Show in Shepton Mallet that Kevin had a chance conversation with another gentleman who said he owned an ex-police car. Naturally, Kevin bought the Volvo: “I was first unsure whether it served in Leicestershire or Nottinghamshire”. His research led him to find out that his V70 was stationed at Oakham as a traffic car throughout its service life, although “I am unsure when the force decommissioned it”. Fortunately, the T5 was in a good condition when it joined the Price fleet, although the roof had scabs as a result of the light bar’s removal. Kevin restored the V70 to police specification during lockdown, painstakingly acquiring the equipment. “I found the light bar on eBay, and it was in Hastings. Because of the Volvo’s roof, it is a longer bar than normal. Kevin further obtained “various electronic bits and pieces, and the Whelan siren”. He also obtained pictures of his car in service, and a Solihull company recreated the V70’s livery using these images. Before Kevin embarked on the Volvo’s restoration, he wrote to John Cole, the then-Chief Constable of Leicestershire, who greatly approved of the project. In terms of using the Volvo, Kevin remarks, “You would not think it has covered 170,000 miles when you drive it”. The V70 has even been reunited with a member of its former crew at the NEC: “He was a member of the Mini Club and was walking past our stand when he noticed a police Volvo. He then saw the number plate and was amazed that it was his old patrol car!”. <https://policecaruk.co.uk/> says, “The Volvo V70 T5 has to be regarded as one of the best police cars of all time”. When Kevin takes the V70 on the highway, he covers the light bar and blanks off the ‘Police’ signs, but people still brake on seeing the Volvo in their rear-view mirrors. But then, it is an arresting sight... With thanks to Kevin Price of <https://www.volvoenthusiastsclub.co.uk/> for his time.

Words by Andrew Roberts

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The Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show 2026

So, once again it's November and time for the Volvo Enthusiasts Club Display Team to saddle up our trusty Volvo's and set out for the NEC in Birmingham!



Yes, the Minions including the Friends of the Volvo Enthusiasts Club were on the job to build a Club Stand and the same old question, – Why do we have to lay some 700 carpet tiles? Answer from Kevin - because they won't lay themselves!

Thanks to Geoffro Mansfield, who had provided a Van, with all the stand materials for the

display including the said carpet tiles, were delivered ready for building to commence, any chance next time you can lose them all on route, Geoffro, only joking Kevin!

Oliver Lydon and Thomas Bennet, who once again delivered one of Kevin's unique Cars, this time the King of Sweden's Limousine which would be the main part of our display – it really is a beast! arrived. with Kevin driving ST 1 and Gary Deakin the Police V70 T5. Already on parade were Graham Silverton,



Gary in charge of 'Traffic' calming

Patrick Bunn with his 164E and Robert and Louise Lovegrove with their 245 Pick-Up. Joining the



'We have us a Convoy' - On Route to the NEC Show

group were Friends of the Volvo Enthusiasts Club, Rose Lambert (Club Secretary) and Mick Langdon

Carpet Tiles soon laid it was then the job of erecting the new Club Tea Shed (officially a Display Unit), which had been **type approved** by no other than the **NEC Structural Engineer** at the previous Practical Classics Car & Restoration Show and built last year by Mick and Kevin to a light-weight design and

ease of assembly. On one side, behind the Limousine, a large Volvo poster of 'As Time Goes By' which featured all the Volvo car Models produced from 1927 the OV4 to 2000 and the 960 & 850. This was supplied by the Club's Co-Director Matt Stadden and the job of pasting the picture to the 8 x 4 plywood board was handed to Wallpapering supremo Graham. This really did make a great back-drop for our Limousine display.

The other side of the shed featured display material to accompany Rob Marshall's very rare low mileage 440GLT which was parked next to the Display Board and due to other commitment could not make the Stand Build sessions until the Thursday afternoon

The Exhibits:

Now the important stuff— the vehicle on display taking Pride of place went to **Kevin's ex King Gustaf VI of Sweden's Royal Car – a 1954 Volvo PV831 'Manager' Limousine (Known in Sweden as the 'Disponent')**

Volvo PV831 Limousine - 7 seater. Imported from Sweden in 1985 by a Volvo Specialist in Brixham Devon. Returned to the road by Kevin, who purchase vehicle in 1999 in Summer 2000. Only 4,000 of the PV830 Series were built of which only 200 were Limousines, identified by the 4-bar grille – Taxi's only had 3 bars in the grille. Limousines also had Fog lights, Radio (unfortunately missing) and partition. Generally. Limousines were painted Maroon, Royal Cars Dark Blue and Taxi's were black

A Royal Car: This Volvo PV831 was one of those used by the



Ex King VI of Sweden Limousine - 1954 Volvo PV831 Disponent



Removing the Volvo PV831 from its 25 years of storage

King of Sweden - King Gustaf VI for ceremonial use.

Most survivors of the PV830's were used as Taxi's and found in use on Stockholm streets until 1985. It is said that many Swede's were actually born in these motors and there is still great affection for the vehicles!

Powered by a Volvo 'ED' Engine - 90bhp, side valve six cylinder 3670cc. Fuel consumption approx 9-10 mpg

The vehicle has been in store for the past 25 years due to a massive engine failure and only recovered

from storage that week! It is hoped that parts may be found and the vehicle returned to the road in the near future - **Any help with part location or a replacement Volvo ED engine would be much appreciated.**

Pastrick Bunn – Volvo 164E 1972 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/110miles per 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 1973 VOLVO 164E 3 LITRE AUTOMATIC Arctic Blue – OYY 886L Built 1 August 1972 - Limited history until bought in 2010 by James Davison, Stroud. Patrick purchased the car on 21 July 2018 and since:

Complete overhaul including:- New stainless steel exhaust system custom made and fitted by Infinity Exhausts.

New radiator – Tachometer added – Four new road springs – Front dampers replaced Auto box overhauled – All brake and fuel hoses and lines replaced as necessary

All electrics checked and renewed – All seats reupholstered with new black leather.

Front wings and bonnet resprayed

Estimated current mileage 100K

Kevin Price – Volvo V70-T5 Ex Leicestershire Constabulary
Police Car: 'FL02 XFN' started service with Leicestershire Constabulary in July 2002.

Her primary use was a Traffic Unit based at Oakham and saw service mainly on the A 1 and M1 Motorway.

After being decommissioned she was sold and had 7 more private owners before he purchased the vehicle in February 2017, with the intention of returning the car to its full original Police operational specification for use as an exhibition vehicle at Car Shows.



Patrick Bunn's 1972 Volvo 164E



Kevin Price's Ex Leicestershire Constabulary 2002 V70 T5

Since purchase he has been trying to locate all the items require to transform a standard looking Volvo V70 T5 back to its original operational specification.

As a private individual, I am, able to use the car on public roads providing the Light Bar and all 'POLICE' signs are covered.

He is still looking for Police items for the car e.g. foldable signs. If you can help in any way or have history on this car, please contact - kevinprice.vec1989@btinternet.com

Robert and Louise Lovegrove – Volvo 245 Pickup Reg: No: F752 GTV 1988:

This Volvo is UNIQUE as it started life as a 245 Estate 2.0 automatic. This was converted into a pickup, along with a full body/underbody restoration, by Squire Furneaux Volvo Dealership, as an internal trainee exercise. Previous owner swapped in a B230E engine + a M47 manual gearbox. Have owned and enjoyed this unique pickup for two years.



Robert & Louise Lovegrove's 1988 Volvo 245 Pick-up



Rob Marshall's Rare 1988 Volvo 440GLT

Robert Marshall – 1988

Volvo 440GLT The car is immaculate and rare GLT version and sold in the first fortnight of UK sales - 27,000 genuine on the clock, full service history and he displayed loads of documents, information and promotional material for the 400 Series model, now very rare on the roads of the UK today.

The two quirky Volvo 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' Manufactured (Our Barn Find) Plastic Bike. Produced using Recycled Plastics

And last but by no means least **ST 1 - The Saint's own 1962 Volvo P1800** without which no Volvo Enthusiasts Club exhibition celebrating **Volvo's Best of Both Worlds**, the theme of the show, would be complete. This 1962 example being the very first car and only one purchased by the Production Company, subsequent 2 cars being supplied free of charge by Volvo Concessionaires Ltd, the then UK Importer, who had realised the sales potential of seeing an 1800 each week on TV.

Kevin's 1962 P1800, seen in the very first episode 'The Talented Husband' is the sole survivor of the 3 cars used by Roger Moore alias Simon Templar in the TV series The Saint and is therefore unique!



Kevin Price's 'original' Roger Moore P1800 Car from The Saint

As usual the interest in our exhibits was huge and we were all kept very busy answering queries, selling Club Regalia and enrolling new Club Members plus talking about the various Volvo models on our display.

The whole event was well attended (around 72,000 over the 3 days) and a good time was had by all!

Many thanks to all the Minions responsible for putting the whole VEC 1989



show on the road namely (in no order) – Patrick Bunn, Robertt & Louise Lovegrove, John Comer, Mick Langdon, Gary Deakin, Rose Lambert, Oliver Lydon & Thomas Bennett (transporting the King of Sweden Limousine), Geoff Mansfield, Mark Hull, Matt Jefferies, Graham Silverton, Paul Stokes, Robert Marshall, Paul Shipley and Shelley & Paul Sandall

Delivery of all the Club Stand materials was undertaken, using a van loaned by Geoff Mansfield, our thanks to him once again for his continued support.

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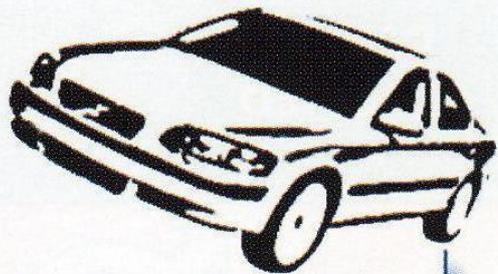
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Restoration of the Engine with the Cornwall Engine Company:

With restoration of the Bodyshell well underway, it was time for me to look at restoring the mechanical components.



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Although the car had only covered 40,000 miles when I found it, and when considering how little wear there appeared on the steering wheel, pedal rubbers and other components, I believe this to be the true mileage. Readers may remember that when I found the car on that Welsh Hill Farm the engine was in pieces and the Cylinder Block on the Back Seat with rest of the engine and the Gearbox in the boot,

On inspection of the Cylinder block it was found that No: 4 Cylinder had suffered from the Gudgeon Pin having

moved and gouged a slot up the side of the bore and the pistons rings of No: 4 piston were broken; Suspect was that either the Circlip holding the Gudgeon Pin had moved or had never been fitted, either way, this supports the evidence, when looking at the car in episodes of The Saint, it smoked, often badly from the exhaust. Perhaps this is why Volvo were keen to replace 71 DXC with the 2nd Saint Car 77 GYL in 1964.

As I wanted to keep as much of the original car as possible during my rebuild, it was obvious that the Engine would need to be rebored and new oversize Pistons fitted. Having previously built 2Lt Engines in B18 Blocks, I took the Engine Block to Patrick at the Cornwall Engine Company, who I had used many times before, and he agreed that if we bored the engine to standard 2Lt it would remove the damage caused to the bore, so this was agreed. I wanted to make the car very useable so my next choice was a cylinder head, as car would now be 2Lt. I still wanted the engine to look original, so I managed to find a late 140 Cylinder Head, which has the B20 Injection Casting but without the holes for the Injectors as used in the 1800ES, E and 140 Grand Luxe but also the 44mm Dia Inlet Valves, again as used in Injection Engines. These Cylinder Heads are commonly known as the Big Valve Heads and are the best of the B20's and very rare plus desirable. In the 140 Carburettor Form, without the injection Holes, the engine is low compression so at least 25 thou needs to be removed, to bring up the compression ratio. The Head I had chosen was also ported and gas flowed with polished ports, I also had Cornwall Engines fit 8 Valve seats, at their recommendation. Be very careful though when machining, for the seats in this cylinder head, as the waterways are very near to the seat and easy to break into, which can be costly to repair if you do break through. I also fitted IPD, from the USA, 8 Bronze Valve Guides.

Conrods, pushrods and the Crankshaft for the B18 and B20 are identical so no need to change these but you will need a B20 Rocker Shaft if using a B20 Cylinder Head.

I had the Crankshaft ground and new bearings supplied for both the Big Ends and Mains, plus I lightened the Flywheel and had the Crank, Complete Clutch and Flywheel balanced before reassembly. Again, this work was undertaken by Cornwall Engines, along with new Con Rod 'Little End' and Camshaft Bearings in the block.

For the Cam Shaft I chose a D Cam and initially I fitted Steel Timing Gears, which was a Big mistake, being repro they were not at all good and actually screamed on startup due to poor machining tolerances.

Finding metal shards on the Magnetic Sump Plug, I had fitted, supplied by IPD in USA and rattling of the gears, I pulled out the engine from the car having only covered 6000 miles and rebuilt it again. There were already signs of bad wear on the steel gears, so this time I fitted fibre gears. However, having built 3 engines since, I have fitted the new Aluminium/Steel Gears, which being two dissimilar metals work well and would fully recommend.

NEXT TIME – on the Restoration of 71 DXC aka ST 1 and we continue the Restoration of the Mechanical parts of the 'original. Roger Moore TV Saint Car.



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

Hello all 200 series lovers,

As I sit here in Plymouth writing the first piece of 2026 I'm looking outside at the rain beating on the roof of my trusty old GLT. We have had 47 days of constant rain. This year has definitely been a wet one so far, as a result I've not been able to get the covers off the cars to tinker. Let's hope we have a dry spring.

I've been contacted by a member who has asked for advice on what time of year to underseal his 240 and a method. Now is definitely not the time to underseal as you will simply trap in moisture and make things worse. Late Spring early Summer is the time. I'm sure most know already but for those that don't, here we go.

Just a brief description on my methods that I've found works for me over the years -

Here is my process when undersealing my cars, Clean the underside with a steam cleaner or power washer to remove all the loose dirt and mud. Then I use a wire wheel on my drill to remove the loose rust and any stubborn debris. I then jet wash again and allow it to dry thoroughly, blowing out crevices with an airline if you have one.

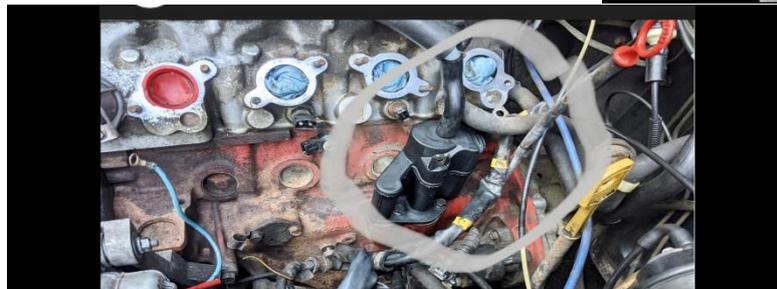
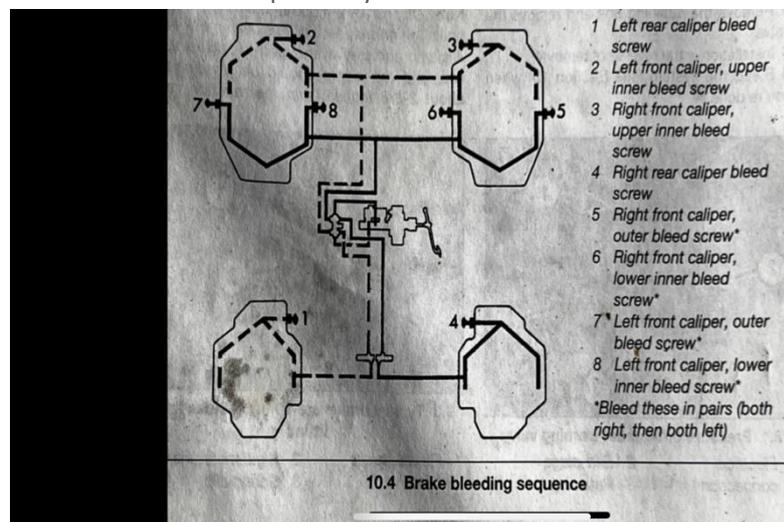
I always used a sticky black wax oil, until recently. The only thing I used to find, it would dry and crack over time allowing the moisture back in. I've been using Lanoguard of late and it's a lot easier to apply, the results seem to be good. However, I do find it needs reapplying more frequently. Always allow it to dry before using the vehicle. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions on whichever product you choose.

If you can't or don't want to do it yourself there are professional companies that deal in this, they can be found online. We need to preserve these vehicles, let's face it the newest one is 33 years old!

Another inquiry I've had recently was that a gentleman had replaced the rear brake calipers but couldn't get a good brake pedal afterwards, like with most cars there is a sequence that works. Always a good idea to get a Haynes manual or the Bentley manual if you can find one at a sensible price.

Here is a picture from the Haynes manual -

As the 200's are so well engineered and easy for a confident home mechanic to service and repair, I'm still surprised by the amount of people



who forget to replace the breather filter that sits in the "Y" shape housing attached to the flame trap under the inlet manifold. They ideally need replacing at every service or at least cleaned out. Replacement is the better option as they can become brittle due to heat exposure. As you see from this picture it comes from the black box which is the flame trap.

The other small but significant thing this time that's come to light is the failure to replace the copper washer on the sump plug after carrying out an oil change. They are designed to be compressed when torquing the sump plug up to create the oil tight seal. Whilst in some cases you can reuse them and get away with it, more often than not you'll have a persistent weep.

As regular readers will know I'm compiling a register of all known 200's still active on the roads today or tucked away having not seen the light of day in years, I'd be grateful if anyone could send me a picture and the car's story.

If anyone has emailed me and not had a reply I apologize, I've yet again been having issues with my emails.

Silly question but does anyone have an early GLT or GLE they want to sell as I've got a perfect home for one. **Until next time enjoy your Volvos.**



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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 – A TV Advert. 1973 Volvo 1800ES in Twinings Tea Advertisement

The 1973 Gold Volvo 1800ES in the Twinings Tea Advert “Moment of Calm” (alive in every drop) was supplied by Casting Classic Car Hire.

The advert featured the 1800ES parked on a beach with a young woman sitting on the bonnet of the car sipping a cup of Twinings Tea and was first shown in 2023. It has subsequently been released again this year and is currently being shown on UK TV.



1973 Volvo 1800ES featured in the Twinings Tea Advertisement



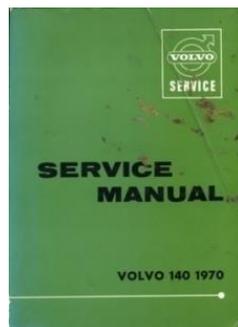
Does anyone know more about this car, we would love to know?

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We are also looking for Volvo Parts/Workshop Manuals, particularly Bus, Truck & Ex Military – older or new models for Club Technical Library. ALL/ANY donations most welcome. Please contact Kevin if you can help the Club with ANY items –

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MEMOIRS OF VOLVO CONCESSIONAIRES - Continues **By the late Rex Emmerson**
Reprinted from our Summer 1998 Club Magazine – Now in colour!

Cars with paint faults went into a big area, rather like a car park, to wait for Panel Beaters or Polishers to be available to deal with them. Dirt in the paint would sometimes be polished out and a 'Ding Man' might tap out a dent without the need of paintwork, but usually it was a case of reshaping, filling and passing the car to the Spray Bay, whence it was slowly by hook on an endless belt through the low bake oven and out for final inspection before parking for despatch.

Somewhere, around 1970, the General Manager relinquished overall control to a Workshop Manager and a Quality Control Manager, while he became the chief Inspector.

By this time there were no more 120's or 1800 Coupe's coming through. I remember having a lot of trouble with the 1800ES bodywork, mostly with fit and water tightness of the doors and tailgate, 164's arrived in 1969.

I fell foul of the law twice while testing cars. The first instance involved a 142, which was getting



The Office Block Completed

water in the rear foot wells or boot. I suspected a leak in the floor or wheel arch and went out on a wet day, looking for puddles. I spotted a beauty close too the pavement and swerved left to get a good splash. Too late, I realised that a Policeman was standing on the pavement. I took my time about the test, but he was there when I got back – all muddy slashes and with upraised arm. He gave me a lecture about his uniform being Taxpayers' property to be treated with respect but accepted my apology. I never found where the water entered the car. On the second occasion, I was testing for a slight vibration on a deserted road, when out popped a Copper, who told me that I was doing 43mph. I was fined £13.

I wish I had kept a Diary, but I think it was in 1970, that a couple of avid Unionists joined the workshops and they soon began to recruit Members to the TGWU. The Management tried to keep us non-unionised but when Lex ran into financial trouble and ordered a 20% reduction in personnel



Cars waiting to go into the Paint Oven

countrywide, Volvo Concessionaires' answer was to close the Servicing Section and most of my mechanics were sacked, and those left suddenly realised they needed a Union to fight for their rights. The local Co-op took over the Volvo Agency, and I was told I could have a job with them or become a Paint Inspector. I chose the latter. I believe it was 1973 that Volvo was the only profitable branch of Lex and we were putting through 100 cars a day.



General view

Volvos were selling well in Britain, and we were being asked to speed up our throughput and do more overtime. The Union asked the Management for a bonus scheme, to which they agreed, only after the Workshop Staff staged a walk-out. I can't recall the details of the scheme, but I do know that by the time we were checking 200 cars a day, the bonus was doubling my pay. Everybody was rushing madly about – tea breaks were taken on the job and quality control to be stepped up to ensure we were not missing anything in the rush.

I often wondered why we found so much body and paintwork to do on Volvos. At one time, there was trouble with the Dockers walking on closely parked cars and accidents will occur, but I think we must have set a higher standard for paintwork than our Swedish friends. As an 'in' Inspector, I worked on one of the three lines fed with washed cars, from the two washing machines. First a Paint Checker would locate any faults in the finish of the cars and 'spot' them on the clipboard picture. I would then code mark them with the section (if any) to which the car should go for rectification. 'Out' Inspectors would examine the output from the Bodyshop or Paint Shop.

An innovation in mid-70's was the Minor Body Repair Section, which was so busy that a separate shop was set up on a local Industrial Estate, some 2 miles from Raeburn Road, This held about 12 cars and had its own paint oven.

In 1975, Volvo took over DAF Cars, and I bought a DAF 46 from a consignment that had been standing on Harwich Docks for a year. It cost me £1,125.00 – and was the first new car I had ever owned. I wasn't happy with the single belt drive, but it was cheap, and my old Jowett Javlin was desperately in need of a rebuild. The DAF served me well for my last four year at Volvo and was so light on fuel, that I gave up my Moped.



Volvo Concessionaires, Raeburn Road, Ipswich

When the 340' started coming from the DAF factory, they had so many faults, that the first consignment went back. The paintwork was awful, and water came into the body all over the place, when we put them through the wash.

I had the job sitting inside the car as they went through the wash with a large lantern and a clipboard noting where the water came in. One of the worst faults was a complete lack of sealing of

the joint between the Bulkhead and the Inner Front Wings, resulting in a steady trickle of water on the front feet. There was obviously Feed-back to the makers as build quality improved and my water watch ceased. The 240-260 Series arrived in 1975. I'm afraid I did not like the fat shock absorbing bumpers.

Lex were a really good firm to work for. Just before I retired, they started a Non-contributory Pension Scheme. Based on years of service, which I part converted to a lump sum, which purchased a 345 for my old age, 25% off basic price.

Nothing else altered much until I retired in 1979, after the happiest thirteen years of my working life. I ever lost touch with Volvo Concessionaires. They helped me with several problems which occurred on my 345, Alex Price, the Managing Director of Volvo Concessionaires retired at the same time as I, and he became an Area Supervisor of Lex Pensions, who not only paid the Pensioners but took an active interest in their welfare. I became a Pensioner's Visitor and made regular calls on 20 Pensioners in the Ipswich area, as well as calling folk far away as the North Norfolk Coast. The faithful 345 served me well for 10 years, when I passed it on to my daughter, who upped the mileage to 93,000.

Volvo and Ipswich parted company in 1993, when Lex lost the importing contract but not before I bought my 'F' Reg 1.7 GLE from them, which should keep my 30-year relationship with Volvos going until I can drive no more.

By the late Rex Emmerson

THE EVRI's SAGA – Or How not to run a Courier Business! – Our Apology!

Can I once again apologise for the late arrival of the last Club Magazine, which was entirely due to the actions of the Courier EVRI's, as I explained, with the slip enclosed in the Autumn Issue.

Not ONLY did EVRI's destroy several of the delivered boxes of our Club Magazines – see photos



of the boxes but also lost one, which on further investigation had been deemed so badly damaged, that they had **DESTROYED IT!! So were unable to let us have its remains! HOW DO YOU DESTROY ALL!**

This Club Magazine issue should arrive with you on time, as I personally collected the Magazines from our Printer and thus their safe delivery to me. Once again, I can only apologise for the lateness of the last magazine and the



very poor service we received from **EVRI's**, which if you read the PRESS is **often Legendary!!!**



The Volvo Enthusiasts Club – Est: 1989
100 Years of Volvo Event 18th April 2027



Following on from our announcement in the Winter 2024/25 Issue of our Club Magazine, we are pleased to confirm that in association with the British Motor Museum at Gaydon, Warwickshire we will be holding a celebration of Volvo's 100th Birthday on the 18th April 2027, just 4 days after the actual 100th Birthday.

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

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

This will be a celebration of all things Volvo, including Cars, Trucks, Buses & Coaches, ex Public Service & Military, BM Plant & Agricultural Vehicles, simply anything, of any age,



built by Volvo will be included in the celebration.

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

We have already received support from 'The Steelboys' Classic Truck Club, Volvo Truck UK, Transport Museum Wythall and others so looks like its going to be a great celebration

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

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VEC Member's 'Recommended' Garages & Services

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

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

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 NOW CLOSED?**

Cheshire:

Phoenix 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 221144 Web: 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

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Suffolk:

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 **NOW CLOSED?**

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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

Surrey:

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

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Worcestershire:

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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

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

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

Volvo 1800ES For Sale A 1972 example which comes from a collection of cars owned for the last 16 years by a retired automotive engineer with an interesting history in car design and development. It goes without saying that having come from such ownership the car has been particularly well maintained with a wad of invoices for the car's upkeep totalling in excess of £8000. The history file also contains all MOTs going back 16 years. The car has had recent retrim in leather costing the best part of £2000. The car rides on a relatively new set of Minilite alloy wheels. The car has the desired option of overdrive. For the safety minded the Volvo has a 'Lifeline' fire extinguisher. Probably one of the nicest examples on the market. £23750. Part exchange welcome, ancient or modern, funds either way. **Bill Postins (trade) Please call me on 01676 533949 or 07860 804390 for an appointment to view**

VOLVO PARTS FOR SALE:

Volvo Parts Clear Out: In the process of clearing out some of my storage, so I have the following parts available – Set of **Vintage 1960's Wolfrace Polished 5½ J 15 Wheels**, some repolishing on some wheels needed due previous damp storage with good tyres, wheel nuts and spacers to fit PV, 120 & P1800, 1800S with imperial 5 x 4½" wheel nut spacing. £600 ono, **Set of 4 Volvo 850T5-R wheels** £600 ono, **Pair of Rear Bolt on Splines (Sorry No Front ones but know where you can get new) to fit Wire Wheels to 1800S , 120 or possibly PV** with pair not very good Knock-on Spinners included, to be used with the Triumph TR5 Wheels **NOT SUPPLIED** as used by Volvo on 1800S's in 1965 as a option - £60ono – **Volvo 850T5-R Engine** engine turns no Flywheel (Have it somewhere but sold without) removed from Reg; **M137 RMP** Accident Damaged Volvo T5-R Estate and Manual Gearbox from same car some years ago.– had covered approx 100k Miles – **Volvo 5-cylinder petrol twin CVVT Engine** purchased to put in my BTCC Car but was never fitted, believed low mileage Can Provide photo's for identification, - **Various 480 Spares** incl switches, relays etc, some fit 440/460, **480 Glass** - No Windscreens, What do you need? Set of good condition S/H but working **Volvo 480 Additional Dash Gauges and Oil Pressure Sender** for engine – Wiring Diagram can be provided but easy fit £100 – **Volvo 200 Series, Non-Power Steering Front Suspension Ball Joints** New OEM £20 Pair – Email if Interested in anything, Buyer Collects. Parts are stored near Bridgnorth, Shropshire kevinprice1955@btinternet.com or kevinprice.vec1989@btinternet.com

Various Second-Hand Volvo Vehicle Handbooks – Model & Model Year: Volvo 240 1984, 240 1981, 343-245 1982. 164 1972/73 dirty but useable, 140 1972/73, 140 1973/74, 740 1989 dirty but useable, 440 1990, 340/360 1990. 340/360 1986, 340/360 1992, 440 1990, 440 1990 Vehicle details inside not completed, 440/460 1992 All £6.50 incl UK Postage

Volvo T5-R Sales Brochure – Excellent mint condition – posted in card envelope £16 incl UK Postage

Volvo Workshop Manual: 340/360 by Autodata (very rare manual) £12. Incl UK Postage

Volvo Wiring Diagrams Books for 2010ish Volvo's List available £20 incl Postage **All above sold in aid of Club Funda and available from Kevin** – please Email in first instance to check availability – kevinprice1955@btinternet.com

Volvo 480 New Rear Light Lenses: Now available, reproduction new rear lenses for Volvo 480's or I can refurb your lamps if required. Keith Cooper – Tel: 07774406752

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VOLVO PARTS WANTED:

WANTED: Good Second Hand Volvo 245 Estate - C Reg Rear Light Until – Left/Near Side mine has broken revering light lens or preferably a pair if possible. Also would like to find a S/H Stainless Steel Exhaust system for the above or good S/H System kevinprice1955@btinternet.com

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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 – kevinprice1955@btinternet.com or kevinprice.vec1989@btinternet.com

WANTED: Volvo ED Engine complete: A Straight Six Side Valve from 1950's, as used in PV60, PV830, TP21 (Sugga) etc. Must be able to run, mileage not important, just condition – an ex Sugga TP21 Engine preferred if possible – Contact Kevin kevinprice1955@btinternet.com or kevinprice.vec1989@btinternet.com Or leave a message on Club Office phone 01299 400039 if you can help. Also Looking for NOS Engine Gasket Set, Std Piston Rings Main & Big End Bearing Shells sets

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

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