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Contact details for each of the advisors can be found on the website under the "CLUB" heading.

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WHITTON'S WHITTERINGS - A message from the Coordinator (Interim)

Rolling On is the new magazine, complimenting the all new website, of The Volvo Enthusiasts Club and we welcome our readers to this exciting chapter in the history of VEC.

Our Club has come through a difficult rebirthing period and the explanations of those can be found elsewhere in these pages.

We are very much looking forward to the opportunity to meet members at our very first, ever, AGM (date to be announced) and before which we will be asking members to propose suitable candidates for election to the Board of Directors. Five brave souls (I didn't volunteer I was pushed, the others all took one step back) have offered to fill the presently vacant positions until they can be confirmed by vote at the AGM and those elected will, I'm sure, be pleased to hear from you. We hope that you will feel confident in approaching them with your suggestions and any questions you may have on Club policy etc. We are also looking for knowledgeable members to fill the vacant Series Advisor positions for the 300 and 400 models, if you think that you have the passion and experience to be able to help members and will have the commitment to write a model based article for inclusion in the magazine four times a year, then do get in touch, initially through email at admin@volvoenthusiastsclub.org and let us know just how much of an enthusiast you are!

We are aiming to take stands at a variety of local Classic Car Shows and the list is being updated regularly, first stand to be confirmed was the Classic Car Show at Stonham Barns in Suffolk, an application has also been made to Helmingham Halls Festival of Classic and Sports Cars. We are hoping to be at Retro Festival (one or both – see the report from the August 2016 Festival at Newbury on page 5) and maybe you can suggest an event that offers stands to local and national Clubs at no cost, we are open to considering all areas of the country and hope to be able to organise something in as many areas as possible. We have been invited to join our friends at VT (Volvo Tuning) for their take-over of Rockingham Raceway in April where they will be hosting a Volvo 90th Birthday Bash for Club members. Details will be on the website or you can email your Series Advisor for more information.

We will be approaching all the big national show organisers to see if we can get back to the top flight shows once again, we have a stonking array of cars at our disposal and it is such a pleasure to be able to share our passion with members of the public. You can read the NEC report from November 2016 on page 4. Look forward to seeing you at a show soon.

Tony Whitton – Interim Coordinator

VEC2010 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

March 31st to April 2nd – NEC Practical Classics Classic Car and Restoration Show; come and support VEC and VOC members on Stand 8-215 as they aim to rebuild an Amazon 123GT over the three days of the show.

April 25th 2017 – Invited by VT (Volvo Tuning) to join them at Rockingham Raceway for a 90th Birthday bash for Volvo. Full details on the website or from Series Advisors.

June 9th to 11th 2017 – Retro Festival Newark, see website for details or contact your Series Advisor.

July ? 2017 VEC2010 Members Day, venue to be confirmed and full details to follow.

August 6th 2017 – Suffolk, Helmingham Hall Festival of Classic and Sports Cars. Details on the website and from Series Advisors.

August 11th to 13th 2017 – Retro Festival Newbury, another chance to turn back time and step into the past, this time at Newbury. See the website or contact Series Advisors.

August 20th 2017 – Suffolk, Stonham Barns, Classic Car Show. Details on the website and from Series Advisors.

September 2017 – Beaulieu

November 2017 - NEC Lancaster Classic Car Show

NEC LANCASTER CLASSIC CAR SHOW @ NEC – NOVEMBER 2016

We were tucked away in the darkest corner between the Practical Classics Live Stage and the cafeteria but had the benefit of a larger stand thanks to the Birmingham Metropolitan Police, who had the use of Stu Mills "Battenburg" ex. Cambridgeshire Police estate, we were able to edge our boundary into their territory and make it look like one gigantic stand. Paul Stokes had brought along his amazing Ambulance conversion which was visible from the further reaches of the hall – and hid the rest of us in the gloom - lol!

Roger Parish brought along his fabulous PV444, which had previously belonged to another long standing Club member Colin Tatlow, the car has undergone much fettling since Roger bought it and is looking top-notch again.

John Kemp was there with his superb dark green Amazon 131 and Alan Orgill presented his lovely black 480 in pristine condition, the car really is a credit to him.

Tony and Gillian Whitton had driven up in their very elegant 1800 Convertible which was much admired by everyone who passed by, even Ant Anstead liked it so much he was pictured at the wheel.

Colin and Robert Hughes had travelled up to help man the stand for the weekend and Pat Orgill joined Alan for the last day. Sean and Jim Skeet were also a big part of the team, Sean even acting as chauffeur for two days!

Thanks to all who gave up their time to help with set up and breakdown and with all the hours in between!

David Wilson

On behalf of myself and family I wish to thank everyone for the messages and good wishes we have received on the passing of Dave just before Christmas. Plus many thanks for the cheque received for Queenscourt Hospice in Dave's memory. I have many memories of meeting many of you and the runs and shows we attended with Poppy.

Heather Wilson

RETRO FESTIVAL 2016

CLASSIC CARAVAN GUINNESS WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT 12TH TO 14TH AUGUST 2016

After reading an article inviting entrants to swell the numbers hoping to break the current World record, I duly sent off my entry along with two sae's and awaited my passes.

Sadly Polly the 1978 Cosmopolitan didn't make it to the event behind my 1979 Volvo 262C, but was towed to Newbury by my Land Rover Discovery. The 262C had been MOT'd during the preceding week and was given a very long run the day before we were due to leave having been re-fitted with her tow-bar and electrics - but then a temperature issue on the Thursday afternoon made it a sensible decision to leave the car at home and use the LR – which was given a proper wash before hitching up!

Not one other Classic Caravan was spotted on the 149 mile early morning trip from Suffolk to Newbury; but there were plenty to see at the showground. By pure chance we were directed to pitch besides fellow Period and Classic Caravan Club members Mr & Mrs Colin and Joy Madge with their gorgeous 1958 Eccles Bounty which they have owned for six years, it had recently been repainted and looked superb.

There were Airstreams aplenty; a total of 70 Portafold caravans were expected and the numbers cannot have been much short of that (I didn't count). Safari's; Cheltenham's; a truly wonderful Bluebird Sunparlour; Castleton's; a Car Cruiser; Eriba's of many different models mostly towed by VW's, Ace's; Thompson's; Fisher's (including a very early model with straight lines rather than the usually seen quilting) and towed by a very rare Vauxhall FB, another Carlight (a Cassetta); Royale's; Sprite's; 1 Rapido; 2 Esterel's; a Wessex towed by a Ford Consul and the most fantastic Winchester – a 1933 beauty that had recently completed a full restoration. A good number of the 'vans had been towed up behind classic cars, adding as much interest to the event as all those entries on the showground proper.

Vintage and repro clothing stalls abounded, antique and retro auto-mobilia traders rubbed shoulders with the guy who could fill your tyres with gloop to stop punctures, you could also have temporary tattoos - and period hair stylists were on hand to coiffure your tresses if you so desired! The expected Auto-jumble proved to be rather a disappointment with far fewer stalls than the number suggested by the website, but the music was plentiful and spanning the years from WWII in the Spitefire Pavilion; the Rock 'n' Roll era on the Black Hangar Stage and topping things off with the Ricky-Tick Mod Stage, all great stuff. There was a strong Rock-a-Billy presence with American muscle cars and pick-up trucks in all areas of the showground - on the caravan field, in the Club areas and amongst the individual entrants show field.

But, for me, the caravans were the stars of the show and three days were not really long enough to absorb all the nuances of each make and model of caravan and it was a fabulous opportunity to talk to the owners, check out the interiors, hear the individual stories and just enjoy the atmosphere.

I was sad to have to hitch up and leave on Sunday evening, although more than half of the rally field had already gone. The run home was reasonably smooth, the M25 restricting us to 50/55mph by weight of traffic and the determination of most other drivers to keep a caravan from slowing them down

It was the best caravanning weekend I could have asked for – and, at the time of writing, I've still no idea by how many the previous record of 104 was broken!

THE (R)EVOLUTION OF THE VOLVO ENTHUSIASTS CLUB

In 1989 the Volvo Enthusiasts Club was founded by a group of classic Volvo nuts in order to meet up and generally enjoy associating with like minded friends. Overtime the interest grew from informal gatherings into attending classic car shows throughout the country to promote the Club and classic Volvos, membership rose and a quarterly magazine was also introduced.

In 2009 Colin Hughes was handed the baton of the stewardship for The Volvo Enthusiasts Club from the founder-in-chief (Kevin Price) and, after settling debts that came with this honour from his own resources, Colin renamed the Club which then became The Volvo Enthusiasts Club 2010 (VEC2010), although still simply called The Volvo Enthusiasts Club.

During the period 2010 to 2016 Kevin Price, as Honorary President, organised the stands at the major shows, e.g. 3 x Bristol, 2 x NEC, Manchester.

At the 2016 NEC Lancaster Classic Car Show, on 13 November at the start of a meeting of approximately 16 members, the founder-in-chief resigned from his role as Honorary President and all his roles within VEC2010.

After the Volvo Enthusiasts Club (which had been dormant since 2009) was restarted by Kevin Price the original mission statement was reintroduced, which claimed all Club income and assets belonged to Mr Price. Access to the website, the membership records and the Club funds were denied to the officials of VEC2010.

It was at that point that it was decided that VEC2010 had to continue, sadly, in a new vein that required a less informal and trust based governance and led instead to the formation of The Volvo Enthusiasts Club 2010-2020 Limited which now forms the basis of VEC2010. Along with an all new logo, a very impressive website with Forum and new facebook page, for the first time we have a board of directors, a mission statement all of our own and Articles of Association, the Club now looks forward to its future.

The Volvo Enthusiasts Club 2010 will continue to be run for the benefit of its members, with members being encouraged to share in the decisions that affect the Club future, to be part of the VEC2010 community through the website, facebook page and at events. There is already a growing number of regional events at which Club stands are being organised and we look forward to welcoming members along to show their cars, or just meet up at the stand to say "hello" and have a biscuit.

BARN FIND

RESTORATION

VOLVO 123GT

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Discovered in the darkest recesses of a barn in Suffolk, this 1967 Volvo 123GT* has become the focus of a 50th Anniversary rebuild over the 3 days of the Practical Classics Classic Car Restoration Show in Spring 2017.

A bare shell restoration, every part has been painstakingly removed, refurbished or replaced and the body has been fully fettled prior to being painted.

A team of Volvo Club members (Owners & Enthusiasts) has been assembled and will rise to the challenge of putting the car back together within the 3 days of the show, with the aim of starting the car up and driving it outside onto its trailer at the end of the Show. Many of the team members were involved in the original 3 day rebuild carried out at the November show in the early 1990's, when the 1962 Volvo P1800 - 480 MTT - was reassembled on the VOC stand, this car was bought by Volvo a few years after the rebuild and is normally to be found at their Training Facility in Daventry. Volvo have kindly allowed us to display the car on the stand at The Restoration Show, to demonstrate that the "3 day Challenge" is possible. Photographs and video footage from the original build will be on show for visitors to view.

^{*}See centre colour pages for photograph.

1800 Series - Tony Whitton, Advisor

A warm welcome to all and to this latest magazine of the VEC2010. I would like to introduce myself; my name is Tony Whitton, I live in Suffolk near to Ipswich and I have been around Volvos since 1970 - but specifically the 1800 since 1973 when I bought an accident damaged 1965 1800S (289LUG), she was pale blue with a black interior and a bit of a "Christine". After the '65 I bought another accident victim, this time an 1800ES, 1973 (FPV191L) gold with a Tudor Webasto roof, great for that one day of sunshine we get each year.

I then decided I'd like to try my hand at Concours, first with another 1965 1800S, this time in white; then again a 1965 1800S but in red; a black 1973 (pull switch) 1800ES and finally a dark green 1969 1800S; each of the cars was shown up and down the country at various shows but the most successful was the '69 car (RNV43G) which competed very successfully in The Benson & Hedges Concours series, appearing at the Final three years running - and also ended her career with Car of the Show at the NEC in 1992.

That was a time when Concours was great fun, before the cheque book pot hunters took over and while the camaraderie was still there.

Each car was subject to a bare metal restoration so I have been hands on with every nut and bolt on an 1800 and will do my level best to help you with your 1800 related problems.

I was also lucky enough (in the 1980's) to discover an early RHD Jensen built car (480MTT) which I restored with the help of Simon Richardson of Brookhouse (in his Prettys Garage of Scole days) and it was reassembled in three days on the Volvo Owners Club stand at the NEC in the early 1990's, I then sold the car back to Volvo some years later and it travels the World promoting the Volvo brand. The car is usually kept at their Training Facility in Daventry, but we are honoured that it will be gracing the VOC stand at the Practical Classics Classic Car and Restoration Show at the NEC (March 31st to April 2nd) this year – this time I've taken on the task of reassembling a 1968 123GT to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the model and also in three days.

Many of the original 1800 rebuild team will be donning their overalls to come and put the GT back together.

Come along and say hello, meet the team and watch the action, there will be a video of the original P1800 rebuild too.

If you have a story to share of your 1800 restoration, a special journey or an epic trek, get that keyboard fired up and tell us all about it.

You can send your stories to our Editor at editor@volvoenthusiastsclub.org
Until next time, keep Rolling On.
Best regards, Tony





Come and cheer the team on as we rebuild a 123GT on The Volvo Owners Club stand – STAND NO: 8-215

We all look forward to seeing you sometime over the weekend, there will be footage of the original P1800 (480MTT) build in the early 1990's along with contemporary photographs - and many of the original team will once again be donning their overalls to come and wield a spanner!

MEMBERS INVOLVMENT

Along with the new look to our logo, website and facebook, we are now aiming to provide members with all the technical knowledge they are likely to need at the click of an email "send" button or on the other end of a telephone.

Your Series Advisors are experienced in all aspects of the model they cater for, or have the contacts that can fill any gaps in their own knowledge – not that you will find many!

Although we have Advisors for the PV Series 1800's, the 120's, 140/160's, 200 Series, 700 and 900 Series and the 850/V70 Series, we do need to find Advisors to take on the care of the 300 and 400 models. So if you think that you have the necessary abilities and can also commit to submitting a quarterly article for the magazine, then get in touch **We Need YOU!** and your model needs you too.

Be part of a community that helps to keep our precious Classic Volvos healthy and promoting our hobby, while having fun and getting to meet with other Volvo nuts.

Email your interest to: admin@volvoenthusiastsclub.org

Roger-Parish Introduction to the life of a Volvo Enthusiast – PV Series Advisor

Back in 1989 having already owned a few old cars that are now classic cars 1958 Hillman Minx with a





column change and a side valve engine purchased 1964 for £10 Next came a **Mini Cooper**





Followed by an Austin Healy Sprite Mkll

And finally an Austin A35

Must not forget the **Morris Minor 1000**, everyone should own one at some time or other it ought to be compulsory.

At this point I thought I would go up market and started looking for a **Volkswagen Karmann Ghia** but the prices at that time was out of reach for a hobby car so I opted for my second choice that I thought to be a true classic.

Enter the **Volvo P1800E** purchased from a guy in Northampton I drove it home to Halifax without any problems, I used the car over the next few years as a daily runner. In 1990 I joined the Volvo Enthusiasts Club known as the VEC and attended a number of outings with a degree of success winning the Inaugural Nothern Day Out held in Keswick.

Sometime during 1992 the vehicle suffered a slight engine failure this was repaired by removing the engine and performing a complete rebuild the initial fault was a collapsed little end, with things back to normal and car in daily use we had number of great days out In the Yorkshire Dales no matter where we went, the P1800 turned heads and became a topic for discussion. Old cars have their problems and disaster struck again in the form of a shock absorber bursting through the top of the engine cross member off the road again

At one of the VEC shows we attended In the previous year I was impressed with a very tidy pale blue **145** Estate and subsequently became the new owner, at the time of purchase I never thought the **P1800** would let me down again, but it did so the **145** became the daily transportation. For the next eighteen years the **P1800** laid dormant on axle stands, while I got on with the rest of my life, in 1995 I sold the **145** and was left with the disgraced **P1800**.

Having retired in 2004 I kept looking at the **P1800** and thought I must do something with it, Turned out to be a long thought process as it wasn't until 2010 that I started what was to become a four year refurbishment project. At the same I renewed my lapsed membership with the VEC club which had become VEC2010 under the control of C. Hughes due to Kevin's ill health.

By 2014 the project was completed the **P1800E** was totally restored to it's original specification. Since its completion the vehicle as attended a number major shows representing VEC 2010 (NEC and Event City). In 2015 at the VEC 2010 Founders Day Event The **P1800E** was voted by the members to be the **1800** Class Winner, Best Engine Bay and Runner Up in all Classes.

I had driven the car to the Founders Days Event in Kidderminster and after the presentations I continued my journey to meet up with Colin Tatlow in Cornwall a well known club member to inspect and test drive his lovely **PV444** with a view to purchase.

After a week of negotiations we agreed on a price to suit both parties, sometime in July 2015 I flew down to Cornwall and completed the deal. I had a very enjoyable overnight stay at Colin's ManyThanks, Colin on the following day filled to the brim with petrol I set out on what turned out to be a trouble free 10 hour journey back to Halifax (West Yorkshire) not Canada.

At this staged of my life as a classic car owner I am now in possession of two very nice classic Volvo's.

During 2016 after having owned the **P1800E** for twenty six years I decided to sell and made contact with Silverstone Auction House the car was sold at the NEC Auction in March 2016.

I am now down to one Volvo being the **PV 444**, I am sure that this is my last classic vehicle I have enjoyed all the years I have been involved with classic cars and highly recommend to anyone get involved and join a club.

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I called an old school friend and asked what was he doing.

He replied that he is working on "Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminium & steel under a constrained environment".

I was impressed ...

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PROJECT NEC 123GT REBUILD



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ROGER PARISH'S BEAUTIFUL 1800E



AN EVOCATIVE SCENE



MISSION STATEMENT

To ensure that our governance is always in the best interests of our membership and that the board of directors and all Club officials work towards providing a clear and transparent service to our "not for profit" Club with member voting rights. To publish Club accounts and hold an AGM open to all current members, with an opportunity to question the board or any officials regarding Club business. To provide insurance valuations, a quality quarterly magazine, a website that includes a Forum open to all with a dedicated Members Area and which offers our members a varied and interesting content, also to maintain a facebook page. To ensure that members can contact directors and officials by email or telephone for advice or information. To encourage members to have fun with their Volvos and be there to help when it's not. Right of refusal of membership is reserved.

Objective

To encourage interest in classic Volvo Vehicles
To facilitate in the preservation and restoration of such cars
To organise events and functions as may be desirable to further these objectives.

Aims

To drive our classic Volvo's on a regular basis so that they can be seen and enjoyed by all.

Maintain, Preserve and recommission them in either original or modified condition.

Organise activities and take part in events that encourage the use of our Volvo cars.

Provide services and advice to VEC2010 members to assist in these aims. Work with other organisations that share some of these aims but not be tied to them.

To Have Fun!

All out of production Volvos are welcome regardless of condition

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

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of

The Volvo Enthusiasts Club 2010-2020 Limited

1.Interpretation

In these articles:

- 1.1 'The Act' means the Companies Act 2006 including any statutory modifications or re-enactment of it for the time being in force;
- 1.2 'The Club' means The Volvo Enthusiasts Club 2010-2020 Limited;
- 1.3 'The Committee' means the Committee for the time being of the Club;
- 1.4 'Member' means a member of the Club;
- 1.5 'Member of the Committee' means a Member who has been elected or co-opted to serve on the Committee;
- 1.6 'Secretary' means the Secretary of the Club or any other person appointed to perform the duties of the secretary of the Club including a joint assistant or deputy secretary;
- 1.7 'Subscribing Member' means a Member defined as a Subscribing Member in the by-laws of the Club;
- 1.8 'Voting Member' means a Member defined as a Voting Member in the by-laws of the Club;
- 1.9 Unless the context otherwise requires, words or expressions contained in these articles bear the same meaning as in the Act but excluding any statutory modifications not in force when these articles become binding on the club;
- 1.10 The masculine includes the feminine and, where appropriate, the singular the plural.

The text quoted above represents just a small portion of these Articles of Association which run to 12 pages and the full Articles can be read on the website:



Subject: Peppermint

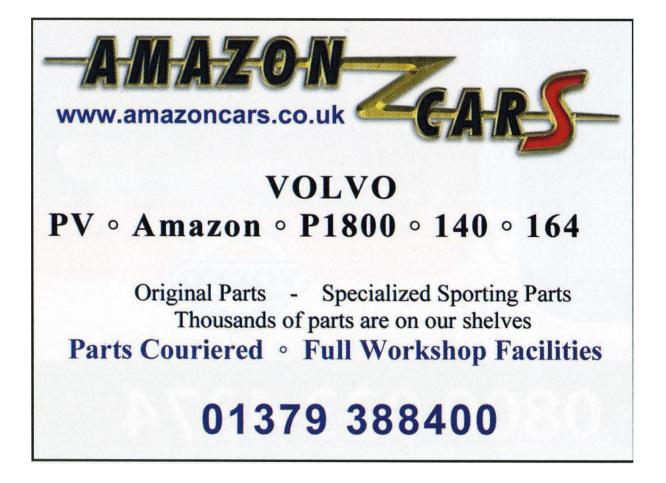
This farmer recently spent \$6,500 on a young registered Black Angus bull. He put him out with the herd but he just ate grass and wouldn't even look at a cow. Farmer John was beginning to think he had paid more for that bull than he was worth.

Anyhow, he had the Vet come and have a look at him. He said the bull was very healthy, but possibly just a little young, so he gave John some pills to feed him once per day.

The bull started to service the cows within two days, all the cows! He even broke through the fence and bred with all of the neighbor's cows! He's like a machine! John says he don't know what was in the pills the Vet gave the bull but they kind of taste like peppermint.

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Another little gem from Kevin Greenaway in Australia!



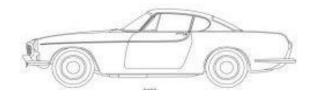
120 SERIES

Robert Whitton, our phenomenal Webmaster, is taking care of the 120 Series and has gained a vast pool of knowledge in the years he has been involved with Volvos, both as a small child growing up on the Concours scene with his parents and since opening his own restoration business in Suffolk. Robert will be pleased to answer your questions via email at 120series@volvoenthusiastsclub.org - so get your fingers flexed and ping him a message.

Photographed below is Roberts own ongoing restoration of Chris Harts (Hart Motors, Putney) 1966 221 Estate when it first arrived, as always it has to take a backseat when he is fettling customers cars but it will be at the NEC on the Volvo Owners Club stand (8-215) for the Restoration Show, stuffed full of parts for the 123GT rebuild, so come along and have a look.



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Matt Brace will be your Series Advisor for both of these models, he can be contacted via email at: 140/160series@volvoenthusiastsclub.org and has a wealth of knowledge to dip into.

Sent for your amusement via email by Kevin Greenaway all the way from Australia, enjoy!

This is what all of you 70+ year olds have to look forward to:

This is something that happened in an Aged Care Centre.

The people who lived there have small apartments but they all eat at a central Cafeteria.

One morning, one of the residents didn't show up for breakfast so my friend went upstairs and knocked on his door to see if everything was OK. She could hear him through the door. He said that he was running late, and would be down shortly, so she went back to the Dining area.

An hour later, he still hadn't arrived; so she went back up towards his room and she found him on the stairs. He was coming down the stairs but was having a hell of time. He had a death grip on the hand rail and seemed to have trouble getting his legs to work right.

She told him she was going to call an ambulance but he told her no, he wasn't in any pain, and just wanted to have his breakfast. So she helped him the rest of the way down the stairs and he had his breakfast. When he tried to return to his room he was completely unable to get up even the first step so they called an ambulance for him. A couple hours later she called the hospital to see how he was doing. The receptionist there said he was fine, he just had both of his legs in one leg of his boxer shorts



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Series Advisor is Mike Brace and he can be contacted on 200series@volvoenthusiastsclub.org for all your queries, further contact details to be published in the next magazine when there will also be an introduction to Mikes own Volvo history.

300 SERIES

We are currently looking for the right candidate to fill this role, do you have the enthusiasm and experience to help fellow Enthusiasts? Email admin@volvoenthusiastsclub.org to register your interest.

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700/900 SERIES

Your fount of all knowledge for this Series is Colin Hughes, also known as our Finance Officer and he can be contacted at 700/900series@volvoenthusiastsclub.org to pick his brains. Colin owns the **760 Low Rider** often seen inhabiting the Club stand at major shows, along with a host of other unusual Volvo derivatives.

850/V70

Stu Mills, also of Volvo Tuning, is well placed to assist with technical queries for these later models, Stu is currently in foreign parts but will introduce himself fully in the next magazine. Meantime, if you have any questions for him please email him at 850/V70series@volvoenthusiastsclub.org and he will be back to you asap.

Volvo P1800E Refurbished to Original Specification

I purchased the car from the original owner in 1990 and ran the car for three years during which time I attended a number of shows one being the Volvo Enthusiasts Clubs Northern Day Out where I was awarded Best Car, Best Car R/UP Keswick 20/10/91 and Volvo Caravan & Camping Section 1st Northern Comp. 1991.

After attending a Show at Beamish the car suffered a serious engine failure during the journey home, once the engine was refurbished I used the car on a daily basis too and from work over the next year covering some 4,00 miles when disaster struck again in the form of a front shocker finding its way through the top of the cross member after hitting a pot hole. Off the road again with engine supported and the cross member removed shot blasted fully welded, nickel plated and powder coated, an eighteen year cool off period ensued.

It is only in the last three to four years I started and completed a comprehensive refurbishment to its present condition, last year was its first MOT since 1993 and an occasion to treat it to a local show The Vintage Weekend Hebden Bridge 2013 and managed 2nd place in Classic Car 1970 -1979 class.

The car was exhibited in 2014 at the inaugural NEC Practical Classics Restoration Show and at the Footman James Classic Car Show at the Event City Manchester in September.

List of some New and Refurbished Parts

New

Front Screen, Tail lights, Head lights, External Trim, Rear Wheel Arches, Mud Flaps Front and Rear, Shock Absorbers X 4, Suspension Rubbers front and rear, Track Rod Ends and Ball Joints, Copper Brake Pipes, Brake Calipers, Brake Discs, Master Cylinder, Servo Cylinder, Washer Jets, Windscreen Wipers, Fuel Pump, Fuel Gauge Sender Unit, Fuel Tank, Water Pump, Alternator, Battery, Alarm System, Stainless Steel Exhaust System and All New Rubber Seals from Windscreen to 'O' Rings, complete new set of carpets and interior.

Refurbished

Radiator(new matrix), Rear Window (heater), Engine(blue printed) Gearbox and prop shaft, Re-chromed Quarter light units internal and external door handles tail pipes and front grill surround, wheel rims and new tire's X 5 all removable parts have been shot blasted before being repainted.

New parts have been purchased from CVI Automotive (Sweden) and Brookhouse Volvo (UK), refurbished parts are by local suppliers and the Professional Re-Spray by TopCoat of Halifax.

Where did it all start?

Ploughing up and down the A12 on a mission to rescue a batch of classic **Volvos**, 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 "It's the Swedish Jaguar". I was hooked.

Fast forward to 1971 and my fiance and I had bought a house in dire need of renovation - and you couldn't fit many bags of cement in a **Mini**, an **Austin Mini Super Deluxe**, 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 over **36 Volvos** and many more have passed through our hands.

We have tried to inject new blood into the collection; started with an immaculate **MGBG**, which didn't live up to expectations. Then a **TR6**, loved it for several years, but the novelty wore off. Back to an **MGBGT**, which was fast and lovely, but then tin worm got it.

We do still have an **MG Midget**, never driven it in the 16 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! We've also added a **Rover P6 Convertible** to the collection, it's known as "The Barge".

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

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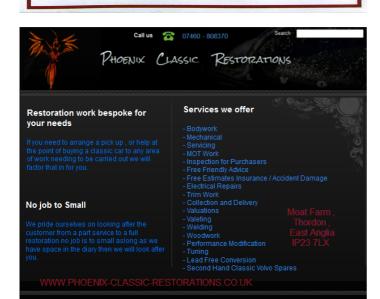
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