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Cyril Milward's 411 which is up for sale

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Membership Matters

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One new member this month - or rather a returning one. We welcome back Jason Wharton to BODA and wish him every success in his efforts to revitalise Bristol Cars.

Aside from that it has been a very quiet month for me on the membership side. This is largely due to the sterling efforts of all those who have followed the automated renewals emails and processed their membership renewal through Crossmember.

Thank you everyone!

Simon Kinder

Membership Secretary

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Pegasus News

Pegasus continues to try and support members in keeping their cars in the best of order with advice and sorting out the parts which can be a challenge to source. We have a number of things which support routine care like a supply of the air filters, a range of gaskets, new E10 compatible fuel pumps, contact breaker and condenser sets and various parts for the 6-cylinder cars. We have had less demand for parts for the V8's though we have parts for the rear suspension which will fit all models.

If people have a need, we will do our best to support them. At present, windscreens for the 603 and beyond are being researched as there seems to be a dearth of supply. We will update members as we progress with this as we may need their support. If there is a need for other things V8 related, do reach out.

Mike Hallissey



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Progress on the 411 Prototype - A Leap Forward

Work continues.

A leap forward this month. The sticking front brake was resolved, in fact it was not just the front near side brake, but seemingly random applications at all four corners, predominantly at the front.

The process of elimination started with.

- Are the servos remaining engaged when the brake is released after starting? This was suspected as the air filters on the servo valve were clogged with debris (this will need to be fixed as well)
- The servo vacuum supply was clamped off so that the servos were not activated, resulting in no difference.
- The master cylinder does not allow the brake fluid to return (recuperate) following an application as in starting.
- The brake was operated and the volume of fluid monitored used marked on clear header tank

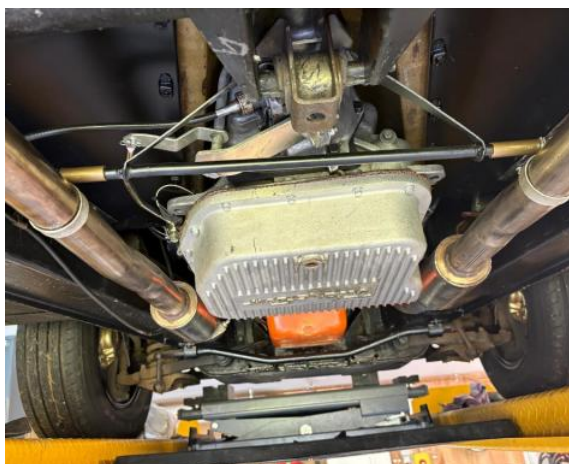
- The fluid level fell on a brake application as you would expect, on release the fluid level returned to the level mark, but very slowly.

Conclusion, the brake master cylinder needs new seals or has rust in the bores, the cylinder is available however being a dual circuit unit and fitted to a Bristol it is expensive,, twice the price of one for an XK but unfortunately the Jag one is different.

On the brighter side I have sourced a set of tyres courtesy of Mike Hallissey, these have a profile of 70 rather than the lower profile tyres fitted, which rub on the track rod end on full lock. I am planning a trial fit this week.



Exhaust



The car arrived with very good stainless exhaust with the engine out. It seemed opportune to rehang the exhaust system, which was fitted very poorly at the rear, the front offside down pipe was a bodge up of various bits of pipe and did not resemble the pair on the near side. Graham at CBCPC found me a replacement which although marked with the correct part number had a different mounting flange. The old one was pressed back into service and welded in situ to produce a pleasing result.



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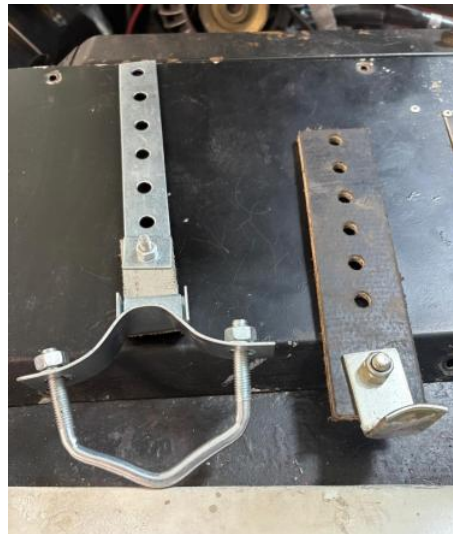
Progress on the 411 Prototype (contd.)

Surprise, the rest of the system fitted well except for the back boxes which have mountings, but these do not coincide with the attachment points on the chassis, alternative hangers are on hand to mitigate the problem.

Two steps forward and all that, but I am beginning to enjoy the battle and having conceded that the car will be ready when it is ready, I am slightly less exercised by the problems.

Next fix the master cylinder, service the servos then get on with the body. (Picture is near side wing with wing mirror removed and aluminum oxide exposed and treated with Frosts aluminum de-oxidizer

Great fun!



Andy Gibbs



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Two Trips for the 603's

June was a busy month as we managed to get two trips in for the 603's, WLO first on the 18th June when we joined the BOC Welsh Wander organised by Andrew Ward that commenced at Abergavenny and took an interesting route on the B4347 & B4348 over the mountain to Hay



on Wye, from there a short journey to Llangoed Hall for a very welcome coffee stop.

After the break it was over to Builth Wells and then a bit of fun as a road closure threw things into confusion, we got separated from the cars we were trying to follow but with Joe Farler's good navigation we turned left at Garth and back up the mountain onto the B4519 and B4520 which took us up onto and over Epynt, superb views but no stopping as this was MOD land.



Once in Brecon we took the road back towards Abergavenny for the planned lunch stop at Peterstone Court where an excellent lunch was enjoyed by all. Six cars in total 400, 405 D/H, 406, 410, 412 and my 603, 11 people and one very contented Deerhound that made best use of the lowered hood over the rear seat of the 412.

Ten days later it was the turn of my other 603 4981H to get its first long run for a while to the Towy Valley Vintage Club show at Cothi Bridge, this had been touch and go as we had several frustrating weeks trying to cure persistent water leaks on new hoses and joiners between the water pump and the bottom of the rad, a saga I will document when I have more time.

The weather was just right, there was an excellent turn out of cars and other vehicles including one other Bristol, Ben Hammond brought his 406 which gave us

the opportunity to study the very neat Triumph 2.5 conversion which had been done before Ben bought the car.



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Two Trips for the 603's (contd.)

Running on recently refurbished twin carbs this car sounds really nice. A nice relaxed day with plenty of time to catch up with old friends and answer a few questions about the 603 that several people thought was a later model due to the unique rear end. A nice cross country drive back via Newcastle Emlyn and Cardigan was the perfect end to an enjoyable day.



Geoff Kingston



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A Very Special Car for Sale

It is with sadness that I am flagging that Cyril Millward's 411 is up for sale. Cyril has been a stalwart of BODA and before that BOC, having been a Bristol man for more years than I can count. Sadly, deteriorating health means he can no longer enjoy his car.



Cyril has worked on Bristols for over 40 years and for many years was the go to man in the Midlands to get your car sorted. He has had a number of Bristols over the years, though he did have a short joust with a Lotus Elan +2 which he managed to spin at about 60 mph. However, the call of the Bristol was ever strong.

The 411 replaced an impeccable 405 which his wife felt was no longer appropriately quiet for them as they progressed in life. The 411 came through Bristol Cars and I am sure Richard Hackett will remember the sale. My memory of the car prior to Cyril's acquisition was being in white and owned by an employee of Jaguar development team.

Since Cyril acquired the car, it has been subject to etc to significant improvements. The paintwork which he was not really impressed with has been subject to an upgrade, so it now has a mirror finish. The interior has been upgraded with new carpets in Red Wilton and

the bugs in the wiring completely sorted. The car has been upgraded with new aluminium cylinder heads with a new Edelbrock carburettor and inlet manifold which have been tuned to suit the car perfectly. A refurbished gearbox has been fitted with an enlarged aluminium sump for better cooling.

The car is a testament to his vision of making things as close to perfect as possible. A member does recount being driven to Bristol by Cyril in it, with the speedometer never below 100mph, though I would not wish the police to be aware of such excesses. Currently, the car can be seen at **Concours Motors**, just outside Knowle in the West Midlands, just by the venue for the regular monthly Bristol gathering that Cyril attended for many years.

Here is the **web link** to view the car. I am certain anyone who buys this car will have much joy with it and Cyril would really wish it went to a home which appreciates the unique attributes of these cars. **Mike Hallissey**



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Cyril's Workshop

Ref: Mike Hallissey's piece on Cyril

It is anticipated that Cyril Millard's workshop will be disposed of in the coming weeks/ months. The equipment is all in first class order.

- Myford super seven with screw cutting gearbox
- Boxford lathe with speed control
- Tom senior milling machine Model makers drill
- Pillar drill large and magnificent Cutter grinder

As a footnote to Mikes comment -

I was the unfortunate who Cyril drove to a Bristol meet at Patchway. Whilst not frightened ? 100 + mph for 60 miles was a bit of a shock to the system. We arrived before the coffee.





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Events Update - 27 June

Salon Privé

A reminder that Salon Privé will be celebrating 80 years of the Bristol cars and have invited the owners to enter their Bristol cars in the event. The Concours takes place at Blenheim Palace with the concours taking place on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd September.

As well as the class in the Concours, they will also be inviting BODA members to come along on Saturday, the 5th September and participate in the Salon Privé Club Trophy presented by Lockton Insurance. Saturday is the 'club' day, when selected single-marque clubs are invited to come along, park in their own designated club paddock, spend the day visiting Salon Privé and have the opportunity to take home some silverware. Details are on the Salon Privé website: -

<https://www.salonpriveconcours.com/>

Tickets for the Club Day are as follows:

- £55 each for adults (a discounted price to club members)
- £27.50 for children aged 5-16.
- £137.50 for a family of 2 adults & 2 children.
- Parking is free.
- Entrance includes access to the Salon Privé event and unlimited access to the grounds of Blenheim Palace.
- Food and drink will be available for purchase from concessions or from Blenheim Palace sources.

Every club with over 20 cars in attendance is entered in the Salon Privé Club Trophy presented by Lockton who provide a trophy for the club to award to their best car on the day. It would therefore be fantastic if BODA can get over twenty cars to qualify the club for this award.

Cars need to arrive between the time the gates open at 7:30 and 10:00 when they close for club cars. Any arrivals after this time will be directed to the general car park.

As an added attraction member Bob Hutton has offered mugs of tea and early bacon rolls at their pub in Great Milton (10 miles from Blenheim) for those travelling and attending (generously Bob has offered this without cost) enabling Bristol cars to then travel on to Blenheim and arrive in convoy.

Great Milton is just off the M40 at junction 7 or 8a, ideal if one is travelling from London or the South.



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Events Update (contd.)

Silverstone BRDC Classic – 24th July to the 26th July

There is still a little time to book a 'Car Package' to join fellow Bristol owners at the BRDC classic that runs Friday 24th to Sunday 26th July. Cost for entry for driver, one passenger and car access to the inside of the circuit to display on the Bristol clubs' stand starts from £20 for Friday only up to £65 for the whole weekend.

Book via this link using the unique club promotional code **012CCD2026**.

<https://events.silverstone.co.uk/list/partnerAdvantage...>

All owners of a 400 and 603 would be able to take part in a 'Parade lap' around the Silverstone circuit for 400 and 603 models as part of their 80th and 50th anniversaries.

The parade lap is scheduled for 13:45 on Friday 24th July. So far three 400s booked for Friday but no 603's. We do have a good overall spread of models attending, 14 on the Friday, 7 on the Saturday and 8 on Sunday but it would be good to have a few more 400 and 603 models hence this newsletter.

'Club package' tickets are still available and the cost for Friday is £20 which covers entry for your car, driver and one passenger. Accompanied children under 16 are free.

Aside from the practice and racing on the full GP circuit to watch there will be historic Go Kart demonstrations on the recently opened kart track that is adjacent to Brooklands corner. The Silverstone Museum is also well worth a visit, plus there is a car auction which often has a Bristol or two.

New for 2026 the Silverstone BRDC Classic is a landmark celebration of historic motorsport, shaped by the involvement of the British Racing Drivers' Club, the long-standing guardians of British racing excellence whose members include some of the world's most accomplished drivers.

Their dedication to preserving the sport's heritage ensures the event is an authentic tribute to the machines, the heroes, and the eras that defined global motorsport. Together with Silverstone, the BRDC honours the past while inspiring the next generation, delivering a weekend of unforgettable on-track action.

BODA has teamed up with the Bristol Owners Club for a joint club pitch and members can buy a club display ticket giving access to the car, driver and one passenger for one day or for the whole weekend. The display tickets are available to purchase only to club members using the unique club code of **012CCD2026**.



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Past Event

The Moat - Meeting with the Kent Classic Car Club – Saturday 27th May 2026

Saturday saw a good turnout of Bristol cars at the Moat Inn in Wrotham, Kent. There were nine Bristol cars plus a Bristol engined AC Aceca in attendance plus a large and varied selection of other classic cars. The weather held fine and there were bacon rolls available plus an endless supply of coffee.

Some photos below.





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Upcoming Events from the East

'2nd - 5th July Olde Time' Wacton, Norfolk - just drop in to visit this establishment dealing in clocks, scientific instruments and other antiques - refreshments available

July 17th Food Truck Friday, Dedham Vale Vineyard 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM - no charge but please let Chris know if you are attending -east@bristoloda.org - "Kick-off the weekend with Food Truck Friday - a fun, family-friendly evening set in the beautiful surroundings of our vineyard. Live music from "Electric Ladyland", food trucks, serving up a delicious street food and of course our delicious wines and local beers."

Friday 24th July - Best of British Cars meet with BBQ - Ashby St Mary (<https://thebestofbritishcars.com/>) - this is a great get together in Norfolk, 3- dusk

Five Miles from Anywhere meeting our East equivalent of Caffeine and Machine! Very informal - coffee from 11ish, albeit first arrivals are generally around 11.30. Lunch available too (we always do stay for this). No need to book and non Bristols welcome. The pub can be found at Old School Lane, Upware, CB7 5ZR. Dates are the following Wednesdays (last in the month) - July 29th, September 30th, November 25t

2nd August - Helmingham Hall- we will need more takers to get an area together,

5 September Redbourn Classics Motor Show 2026 -ditto

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