



Beaulieu's 2026 Spring Autojumble - with sunshine, showers and automotive goodies galore...!

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Grilles galore! Photograph © Kim Henson.

Kim Henson reports...

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(Kim adds... My personal thanks to Chris for his invaluable help, as always, in contributing his photographs and notes to enable me to complete this report promptly at the end of the event).

I always feel that May is a cheerful month, not least due to the arrival of warmer weather



(usually), plus the emergence of spring flowers and blossoms and a fresh crop of classic automotive events - for me notably including Beaulieu's Spring Autojumble.

This particular annual event is one to which I look forward with an air of optimism and, yes, quite a bit of excitement. I love the atmosphere of the event, which is not quite on the scale of the legendary 'Beaulieu Autojumbles' held each September, but the fact that it is not so huge makes it easier to see in its entirety.

My annual visits include work and spares finding agendas, but for me attendance is far more than that, and it's always good to meet up with fellow enthusiasts of all classic machinery while wallowing in an 'old vehicle' atmosphere.

Of course the main focus of these events centres on the hundreds of stalls selling classic vehicle components, also complete cars for sale (in the Automart and Dealermart areas).

Here are some of the cars on offer that my colleague Chris Adamson found of interest...



This 1964 early MGB Roadster was said to have undergone a complete underbody restoration. The information sheet also advised that it had a good engine and drove well.
The asking price? £4,995.



This 1955 For Popular 'pick-up' was restored in the late 1990s, with a full engine rebuild, plus new brakes, re-upholstered interior and sand-blasted/repainted chassis, plus a stainless steel exhaust system.



1964 Ford Thunderbird, with a 6.4 litre, 300 bhp V8 engine and three speed Cruise O Matic transmission. Asking figure? £17,499.



A rare pick-up, this 1981 Morris Marina example is fitted with BMC's 1.5 litre diesel engine, 'as used on airports', and the information sheet advised 'good on fuel'. It was priced at £3,995.



An attractive sports car, this 1986 Alfa Romeo Spider 2.0 litre 'Graduate' originally came from California and was said to be 95% original with no rust. The car has much history and was recently serviced. The asking figure was £12,750 ovno.



Dating from 1951, this Sunbeam Talbot Mark 2 Coupé was priced at £12,500.



A very rare car, this 1948 Alvis Duncan is one of only 24 produced, and features an aluminium body over a wooden frame. Much information and history is with the vehicle, including photographic evidence of work carried out. The price? £26,950.

This year there was a new Vintage Market selling purely vintage wares. Think vintage and retro items such as clothing, collectibles, posters, vinyl, jewellery, homeware, furniture and toys; there were some fascinating varieties on display.



The Poole-based 'Julia's House' childrens' charity stand in the 'Vintage Market' area.
Photograph © Kim Henson.

The Sunday of the show featured a Classic Car Boot Sale, with vintage traders selling items from the boots of their pre-2000 classics.

The market included live entertainment, a vintage catering unit and awards, including Best Dressed Individual and Best Dressed Stand.

On the Sunday too was held the Land Rover Rummage and, for amateur autojumlbers, Trunk Traders, selling motoring items from the boots of their cars.



There was a special Classic Car Park on site, open to pre-2000 classics of all makes and models; judges selected a daily Show Favourite. Classic car participants also had direct access from this car park to the Autojumble.

Here are some of the cars that caught my eye on the Saturday (photographs © Kim Henson)...

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...and here are some of the vehicles that attracted Chris Adamson's attention in the Classic Car Park on the Sunday... (Photographs © Chris Adamson).

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There were car club displays in quantity, this year including the Retro Camping Club, with a display of classic caravans, in collaboration with the Caravan and Motorhome Club Collection.



Delightful colour-matched combination, with a Citroën Traction as the tow car. Photograph © Chris Adamson.

My attention was caught by the stand of the Wolseley Register, featuring a variety of cars from this famous marque, including examples from the 1930s to 1960s.



A lovely line-up on the Wolseley Register stand. Photograph © Kim Henson.

I was also drawn to the Standard Motor Club's stall, advertising the Club of course, but also with many fascinating items on sale for different makes and models.

The Dorset branch of the Morris Minor Club again held their 'Moggyfest' event, with around 200 Minors and contemporary classics on show. This year's theme was '70 years of the iconic Morris Minor 1000', and the club also celebrated its own 50 years anniversary. As in previous years, the undercover area of the stand included some marvellous murals forming the backdrop to a display of Minors, plus a 'spares for sale' section and a 'vintage tea shop'. Brilliant.



The fabulous display of Minors in the Moggyfest marquee, celebrating 70 years of the Minor 1000 and half a century of the Minor Club.. Photograph © Kim Henson.



Two door saloon and pick-up side by side at Moggyfest. Photograph Kim Henson.



A Minor 1000 van parked next to a Traveller. Photograph © Kim Henson.



A rare four door Minor 'Million' was part of the Moggyfest display. Photograph © Kim Henson.



An ultra rare early 'split-screen' Minor pick-up lined up with a more recent Minor 1000 pick-up alongside. Photograph © Chris Adamson.

My visit

This year I was in search of some specific components for my own classic project vehicles, also some mechanical and bodywork trim parts for a rare 1960s car, for a friend who was unable to attend in person.

Out of 10 items on my own 'wanted' list, I sourced nine of them. In addition to these components, I was delighted to be successful in finding a fan belt for my 1938 Flying Standard, on the comprehensively-packed 'ABC Spares' stand (photograph below © Kim Henson).



While, alas, I didn't find the specific front grille required by a friend, I was amazed at the variety of nice condition grilles on offer for vehicles as diverse as Daimlers, Fords (including Mark I Escort, Cortina Mark I and Zodiac Mark III), and BMC vehicles, among others.



Grilles galore! Photograph © Kim Henson.

Body panels were on sale in abundance too. Among them I also spotted a new old stock front wing for a Morris Marina (priced at £350), a pair of front wings for an early Metro (at £275 for the pair) and used but sound front wings for an Austin A110 Westminster and a Fiat 132. I was pleasantly surprised to find for sale a 'new old stock' front grille panel for a 'perpendicular' Ford Popular of the 1950s, and an unused front panel for a Standard Eight or Ten from the 1950s. What marvellous finds if you needed one of these for your vehicle! (The three photographs below all © Kim Henson).

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Complete engines and transmission units for a variety of models were also to be found among the stalls, as well as ignition system and other electrical components for cars from the 1920s to the 1980s.

Here are some of my photographs (all © Kim Henson) taken on the Saturday, the day of my visit...

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Here are some of the items photographed by my colleague Chris Adamson, on the Sunday of the event (all these photographs © Chris Adamson)...

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VERDICT

As always, I enjoyed the event. Despite some cool and showery weather over the weekend, it seemed to me that enthusiasts were in attendance in considerable numbers, at least on the Saturday when I visited. Many people – including me – were taking home much-needed parts for their classics, and in some cases complete vehicles.

Diary date... I am now looking forward to the September Beaulieu Autojumble, taking place this year over the weekend of 12th and 13th September.

Last, but not least, my favourite vehicle seen at the show... This is a truly wonderful ice cream van, I feel! I have never seen another like it.



Ice cream, anyone?

STOP PRESS!

Beaulieu's official post-event press release has now been issued, and tells us...

Some 14,000 people attended this year's Spring Autojumble, representing a significant increase over the 2025 event and highlighting the resurgence of autojumbles and intage markets.

The Best Stand Award (No. 323A) was won by Tony and Colin for their eye-catching display of vintage autojumble. The long-standing autojumlbers drove up in their 41-year-old



Mitsubishi L300 van, which carried all their stock and doubled as their overnight accommodation. This annual award celebrates the stand that best reflects the spirit of the Autojumble.

The trophy was presented by Lord Montagu, Danny Hopkins, editor of Practical Classics magazine, plus special guest Jools Holland. As per tradition, the trophy was generously donated by Lolly Lee in memory of her late father and avid autojumbler, Terry Lee.

Tony said: "It's not a business for me, it's a hobby. I enjoy coming and meeting everyone, and every year it's familiar faces, lovely people and a good atmosphere."

Live music provided the perfect soundtrack to the Vintage Market, with [Harriet Jane](#)'s soft jazz and light swing on both days, [Beau Norton](#) performing hits from the '30s to '60s on Saturday, and [Retro Grooves](#) spinning classic vinyl favourites on Sunday.

Visitors joined in the fun by dressing in their finest vintage outfits for the Best Dressed Competition, with prizes awarded on both days of the event for best dressed individual and best dressed couple or group. The awards were presented by YouTuber Steph Hoy, known as 'I Drive a Classic', who is well known for her passion for classic motoring and vintage fashion. The Best Vintage Stand Award was also presented on Saturday, with Teri England's stand, [Teri England Attire](#), taking the honour for its eye-catching display of 1960s-inspired clothing and accessories.

From the Classic Car Park participants, Show Favourite was chosen on both days of the event, with Chief Executive of the National Motor Museum, Dr Jon Murden, presenting trophies to the winners. On Saturday, Christopher Joyce won with their 1956 Daimler Conquest Century, while Sunday's winner was Stephen Vardy with their 1975 NSU.

Moggyfest was again a great success (as described in my report, above), and throughout the weekend, visitors enjoyed Open Mic Sessions hosted by the club, featuring well-known faces from the motoring world, including YouTuber Steph Hoy.



The Spring Autojumble also featured a cheerful celebration of classic caravanning, with a colourful Retro Caravan Display featuring 1950s to 1980s caravans from the [Retro Camping Club](#), marking its tenth anniversary, alongside a display from the [National Motor Museum](#), which celebrated 20 years of being home to the *Caravan and Motorhome Club Collection*. The display also featured some remarkable custom caravans from [Curious Caravans](#), who transform derelict caravans into imaginative mobile entertainment. Visitors were able to explore their retro arcade on wheels and unique Pop-Up Karaoke caravan.

Beaulieu's [International Autojumble](#) takes place on 12th and 13th September 2026, but until then, there are plenty of other exciting motoring and family events coming up. Starting with [Simply VW](#) on 24th May, followed by [Simply Porsche](#) on 31st May, the incredible [Custom and American Show](#) on Father's Day, 21st June, and many more exciting events to come. Visit www.beaulieu.co.uk/events for more information.