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EDITOR'S NOTES.

Hi all,

I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas break and I wish you all a Happy New Year.

It had been a bit of a cold and snowy start to the year for many of you.

Actual motoring news has been a bit thin on the ground for this edition, most of it seems to be about Chinese electric vehicles, not something I can raise much enthusiasm about.

Thanks to those of you who have contacted the Club during 2025, remember that we are a 'register' so like to keep up with everything Holden related in the UK and beyond. So that we can provide maximum support for our members



As you can see from later on in this magazine the date of the Australia day event at the Ace Café in London has been confirmed as Sunday the 25th January For most of the past years the weather has been kind to those attending, hopefully this will continue. If any of you do go along, remember to send us some images , which we can put into our magazine and maybe make them a feature our website.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Ken".

Ken

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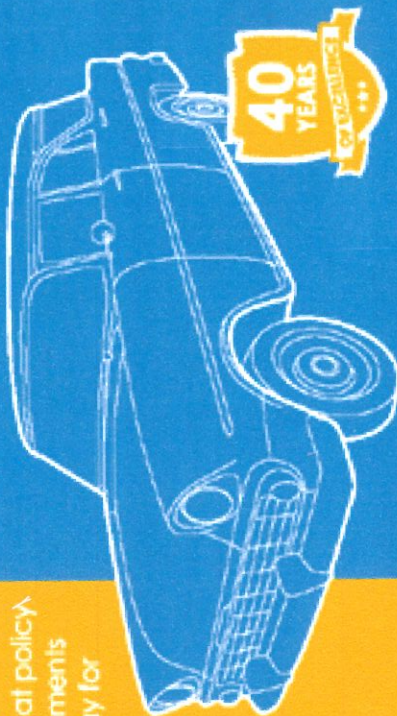
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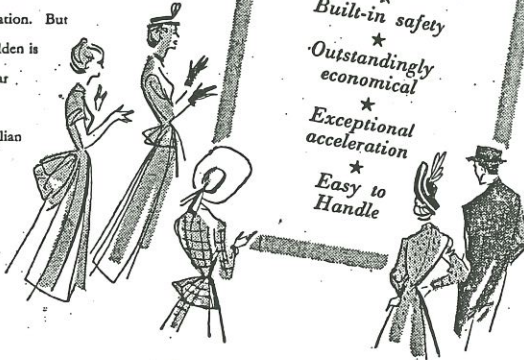


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Other events in January 2026

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- **Date:** 17 January 2026
- **Event Description:** A free gathering for all pre-1990 classic cars takes place every first and third Saturday of every month throughout the year at the Bletchingly Arms, 2 High St, Bletchingley Redhill, Surrey RH1 4P .
- **Car Type:** All classics
- **Times:** from 9am to noon
- **Location:** Bletchley Arms Redhill
- **Area:** Surrey **Region:** London+South East
- **Organisation:** Four Counties classic

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- **Date:** 18 January 2026
- **Event Description:** OLD MARKET BUILDING, BROOK STREET, HUDDERSFIELD NEXT TO TESCOS - SIGNED - HD1 1DR
- **Car Type:** All classics
- **Times:** Stalls 7am, customers 10am
- **Location:** Brook St Huddesfield
- **Area:** Yorkshire **Region:** North East
- **Organisation:** Phoenix Fairs

Newark Autojumble

- **Date:** 25 January 2026
- **Event Description:** A great day out for any car or motorcycle enthusiast, the 'Normous Newark Autojumble offers a vast array of parts, restoration services and related products for a variety of vehicles on ten separate Sundays throughout the year.
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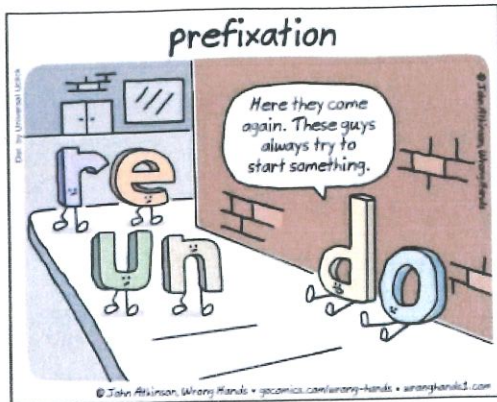
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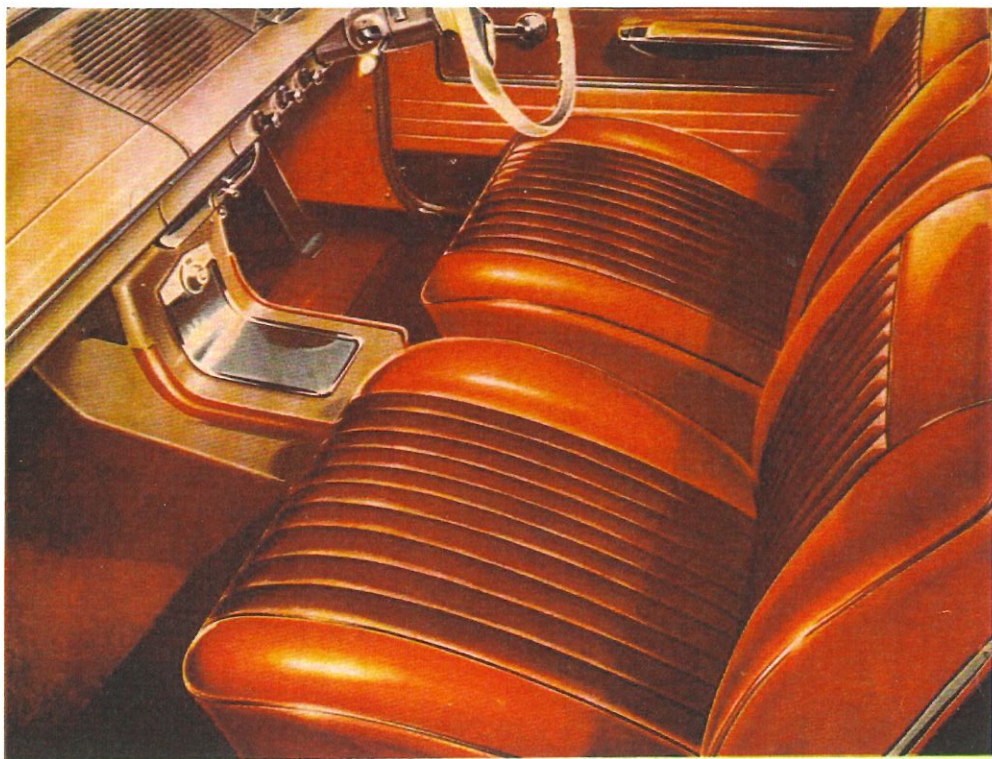
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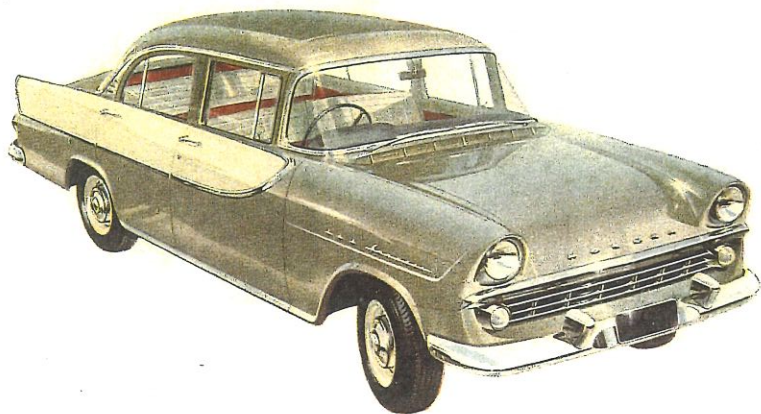
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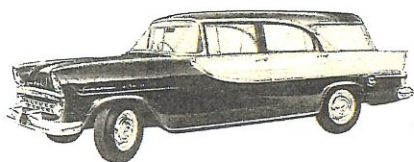
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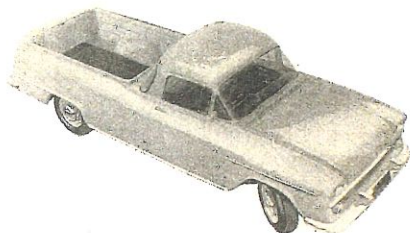
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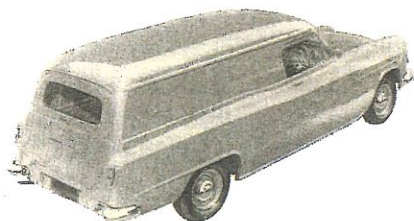
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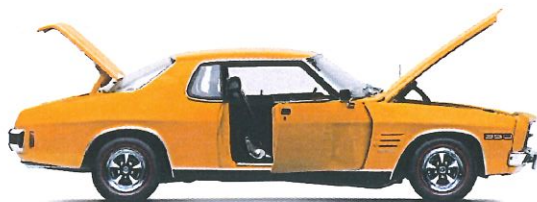
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