



WESSEX MG CAR CLUB

THE OLD BEAR INN STAVERTON



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NEXT CLUB NIGHT:

22nd AUGUST

Club Night Start

time 7:00pm

Club Website

<http://www.wessexmgclub.org.uk>

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hello All,

Jane and I have been on our travels this month. The beginning we travelled to Scotland to see the Edinburgh Tattoo. We stayed in Glasgow as we did the Great Railway Journeys tour which turned out to be cheaper than if we had gone up to Edinburgh on our own. We enjoyed it very much except for getting thoroughly wet whilst the show was on.

When we got back we had a few hours at home before travelling to Cornwall to meet our son and his family. The BMW went to Scotland and the TF to the South. Traffic travelling South was not very good with lots of road works on the way.

We decided to travel back on Friday evening rather than Saturday morning to avoid the same.

It was disappointing not to be able to come to Athelhampton House as we were away as I'm sure those that went had a good time.

We have a Boules night for our club night on the 22nd. (more info in the News Letter) which Vic has arranged, and our annual "Action Day" in Tom's field on the 29th. I hope as many of you who can will support them. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Graham





The CTP Noggin, Nosh & Natter at the George Longbridge Deverill

Sue and Terry
Warder

<http://www.thectp.org.uk>

This event is organised by the CTP and started its life, about 28 years ago, as a stop off point for a commercial vehicle rally.

It now attracts all types of vehicles from an Austin 7 to a 7 ton Scammel, and is the largest midweek vehicle rally in the country.

What a fantastic turnout this year!

We took the GT over at lunchtime, parked up in the "overflow" car park, which is used for the classic cars, and enjoyed a lovely relaxing lunch in the pub. On returning to the car, we were amazed to see the number of vehicles arriving. The Car park was closed at

3.00 pm and the event wasn't due to start until 6.00 pm. By that time they were starting to put vehicles into the third field.

We bumped into Andy and his son in his immaculate Ford Escort and Martyn in his roadster. They, like us, enjoyed looking at the vast variety of vehicles.

I only took this one picture; it's a Scammel Show Track, one of 18 ever produced; only 17 still exist. This one is looked after by my mate Bill and his dad (who own two vintage Scammells themselves) after a £50,000 restoration. It usually pulls and powers a Noah's Ark fairground

ride as a three piece convoy (that holds up modern traffic).



If you missed the event this year, then keep a look out for it next year BUT, GET THERE EARLY!



Visit to the West Somerset Railway - Sunday September 18th

I am proposing a visit to the West Somerset Railway at Bishops Lydeard near Taunton, we can board either a steam or diesel train here and go along the scenic rail route to the coast at Minehead where we can spend a few hours enjoying this seaside resort, and then return to Bishops Lydeard in the late afternoon.

The standard cost return is £19 or for seniors £17, but if we have enough interest and over 16 of us go I can negotiate a group rate, and reserved seating on the train. We do need to book in advance to guarantee this.



There is ample car parking at the departure station for our cars.

If you would like to join this trip please let me know by September 2nd. contact me for more information or www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk

Martyn Tel: 01373 859583 or email martyn.lucas2@btinternet.com

Martyn

Boules Evening

Clubnight for August is on the 22nd August

It is a Boules Night starting at 7pm. It is at the **TOLGATE INN at Ham Green Nr Holt.**



You can pre-order meals on 01225 782326.
(Bowls of chips available to buy at the bar)

Please contact Vic to let him know if you are going.



Silverstone Classic

Paul Warn

The Le Mans Classic seems to be the event to add to your classic car CV these days. In fact a bunch of us went down there in 2010, courtesy of a few days spent at Lynne and Roger's place - see the August 2010 edition of the newsletter.

However be in no doubt that there is no other country in the world that hosts the breadth and quality of historically important race meetings, that can be seen on these shores. One of the biggest historic events in the world takes place in July at Silverstone. It can trace its origins back to the early 1990s when Coys sponsored the event. The



occasion also features the largest collection of privately owned classic cars you will see anywhere including Le Mans. Every marque you care to mention including Morgans... is represented spread across the Silverstone estate, with many arriving from Europe - so three days is only just enough time to take it all in.

As you can see from the headline banner, The 40th anniversary of James Hunt and Niki Lauda's epic 1976 battle was celebrated culminating of course with Hunt's World Championship. Also featured was a couple of races celebrating the 50th anniversary of the wonderful CANAM series. I could go on about the racing but there isn't the time or space.

As editor of your MG newsletter, my mission as always is to report on the MG marque...

Paddy Hopkirk came to talk to us at our last Lotus Club meeting. And as it happened a number of the MGBs he raced and rallied in period made an appearance.



since it was built for competition in 1959 - which is probably why it remained unsold! The blurb included this sentence - "A fantastic and competitive racer,

The Silverstone auction featured three auctions. Race cars on Thursday night and Classic cars on Saturday and Sunday. One of the featured racing cars was a well

raced MGA - I think it was well raced, by that I mean a lot

eligible for the majority of the best

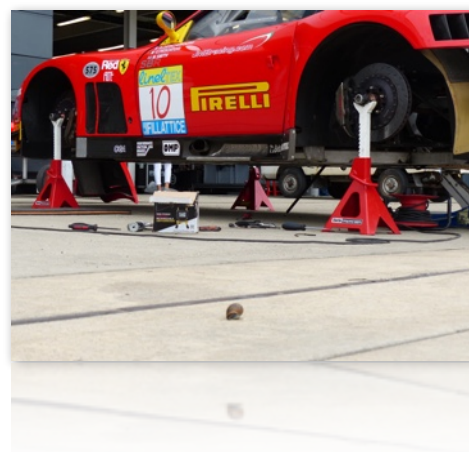
50's and 60's sports car events. A superb opportunity to dip your toe in competitive historic racing and at a competitive price. I think the estimate was £25,000.



For you bikers, there were a couple of bikes - one I particularly liked - a 1997 BMW R1200C

with 1533 miles on the clock, primarily used for exhibitions, which fetched £6,410. A 2015 Norton Dominator SS Number 50 of 50 with less than 10 miles on the clock fetched £31,500.

What do you suppose the little speck is in front of the red car on the right? see the photo gallery.



Perhaps one of the best events of the year is the VSCC Prescott Vintage Speed Hill Climb. This year held over 3 glorious days. But more on this next month.





The RetroFestival

Anne Warn



The Retro-Festival at the Newbury Show ground was a great week-end. We were invited by Sue and Peter Hine via their Morgan Club - Swan Mog. An extremely friendly bunch.

The weather was good and the entire festival well worth the trip to Newbury.

A large collection of classic cars, bikes, caravans, traction engines and American trucks to view along with several retail opportunities, selling almost everything you can imagine - from



retro clothes, see Sue's dress in the header, handbags, shoes and accessories, records, model cars, automobilia



and much much more. A fly past by the Red Arrows- don't blink or you would have missed it!!!

An air and a bike display together with music, rock and roll sessions and friendly folk.

Perhaps worth an MG event for next year?



Caption Competition

I thought the photo of Tony struggling with his picnic table was crying out for the quick thinking amongst you to come up with a suitable caption.

Alas this was not to be the case.

In the absence of anything better or anything at all:

Terry - "Do you know you have a table leg up my bum?"

Tony - "You hum it son and I'll play it."

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Corsley Show

Bank Holiday Monday August 29th

The Corsley Show. Corsley Showground, BA12 7QH

This is a village show which has a classic car section plus a Horseback Falconry Display, horticultural and crafts marquees, dog and horse show and lots more including trade stands.

If we enter a classic car in advance they will give us 2 free adult entry tickets, worth £8 each, cars need to be in position by 10.00 am for more details <http://www.corsleyshow.org.uk/>

Martyn

Secretary's Scribbles

I am writing this from sunny France. Unusually I have not spotted a single MG on this holiday - 2 days to put this right though! We have seen a scattering of 2CVs and Renault 4s of course.

Before we left Paul Adams tipped me off about getting a motorway 'tag' so that we could breeze through all the peage gates without me having to hang Nancy out of the window only to find that a card is declined - yep you won't find me scraping my wheels just so that she can reach! If any of you are going to France I really recommend getting a Tag - you basically order a small device which you mount on your windscreen then you pay direct debit style at the end of the month - you beta the queues by going through the special peage gates and you don't have to faff paying there and then.



I did a google history search of the area that we are staying to find that we are very close to some of the WW2 SAS activity. After D Day a squadron of SAS were raiding out of a base in Verriers Forrest, near here - the operation was called Op. Bulbasket - they'd been a pain and had called in air strikes on trains etc. The Germans of course tried to put a stop to it and did a sweep of the Forrest

and managed to capture 33 men. All 33 were later executed together with one American pilot who had been shot down. Seven captured Resistance



members were also executed in the Forrest. Three other SAS men, who had been wounded in the fight and taken to hospital, were executed by lethal injections while in their hospital beds.

At the capture site an SAS lieutenant was murdered by being continuously hit by a rifle butt! Hitler had of course issued the anti-commando order that meant soldiers such as the SAS were on dodgy ground if captured. The area is also not far from the massacre site Oradour-sur-Glane where the Germans murdered a whole village.

I have a few jobs to do on the Magnette when I get home so will hopefully have some proper MG stories for you next month.

Please remember that it is MGs on Tom's Field at the end of the month. It is a bring your own food BBQ job. All auto events will be slow and not involve any danger to vehicles. Please do join in.

Tom

2016 EVENTS DIARY				
Date	Event	Club Event	Venue	Contact Details & Start Point/Time
22-Aug	Club Night - Boules/ Games	Yes	The Toll Gate Inn - Ham Green Holt	Vic Wright
28-Aug	Action Day	Yes	Tom's Field	Tom Strickland
18-Sep	Club Run - West Somerset Railway	Yes	Bishop's Lydeard - Taunton	Martyn Lucas
16/19 Sep	MGB CC Register weekend	No	TBA	Ken Scott
26-Sep	Club Night - Talk Invited speaker	Yes	The Old Bear Inn	Graham Bennett
24-Oct	Club Night - The Racing Life and Times of Sir Stirling Moss.	Yes	The Old Bear Inn	Paul Warn
TBA	Pre AGM Committee Meeting	No	The Old Bear Inn	Paul Warn
28-Nov	Club AGM	Yes	The Old Bear Inn	Formal notification will be included in the Sept & Oct newsletter.
1-Oct	Autumn Classic	No	Castle Combe Race Circuit	For Info only
10-Dec	Christmas Party	Yes	TBA	TBA

NB The last column includes the committee member responsible for the event. If you need to contact them, you will find their details on page 10. Just click-on their email address or give them a call.

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PICTURE GALLERY



The Athelhampton MG Garden Party



The Speck in front of the car featured on page 5!



Club Asset List

CLUB ASSET LIST			
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NOTE:

If you need to borrow or take custody of any of the club's assets, the current holder should be contacted directly to arrange transfer. The new 'holder' of the asset should notify Paul Warn by email to ensure the asset list is kept up-to-date.