



WESSEX MG CAR CLUB

THE OLD BEAR INN STAVERTON



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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hi All,

This month I would like to welcome two new members, Ian and Nigel who have chosen to join our club, and I know that both of them are looking forward to the events we have planned for the coming months.

As we are now into spring and with the lighter evenings, like most of us I have been checking the car over for the coming season of events, when hopefully we should all be able to enjoy more driving in our classic cars and those of us with open top cars will be able to drive with the roof down!!

Our first event is on Saturday 25th March with the ever popular annual skittles match at Rowde, which will be a fun evening organised as usual by Vic,

This is followed on the following Monday 27th by a visit to the Wadworth Brewery in Devizes, this replaces our club night at

the Old Bear, so if you are not coming along to the Brewery Tour, which had to be pre-booked, please do not go to the Old Bear as we will not be meeting there.

On the following Sunday April 2nd we have a club run to Brooklands Museum, for those who have not booked for advance tickets it will be possible to buy a ticket on arrival at Brooklands, but the cost is slightly higher.

I look forward to seeing you at some of these coming events.

NB

Please remember that on Monday March 27th there will not be a club night at

the Old Bear as we are instead doing the Brewery Tour,





Time warp MGB
GT - It is
estimated to sell
for
£12,000-15,000.
Paul Wearn

I know you MG owners can be a little snooty about "rubber-bumper" MGBs, however, maybe this example will challenge your preconceptions. This GT will be included in the Practical Classics Classic Car & Restoration Show auction at the NEC in April. The dates for the show include April 1st so buyers beware...

Incredibly, the car has covered just 1500 miles since rolling off a British Leyland forecourt in September 1980 thanks to its first owner, who attempted to preserve the car in perfect condition. The MG spent more than 30 years in dry storage during which time it was hardly touched, save for a service and the application of rustproofing in 1982. The car was eventually made ready for the road in December 2014 and has been driven less than 200 miles since.



If you can ignore the orange and brown "deckchair" seats, which has become a rare sight due to changing tastes, then this may be the car for you.

Get yourself up there! I'll let you know next month if it sold.

Hot off the press - see next page



Over the weekend we attended the 75th Members meeting at Goodwood. I'll talk more on this next month. As usual we looked around the Bonhams auction. There were the usual crop of E Type Jaguars which sold for more reasonable amounts, although the very early restored flat-bottomed models still fetch loads of money.

My point is that there was an early 1966 MGB GT in the auction - a red example. This MGB GT was purchased by the current owner in 1989. He commenced a restoration before deciding to entrust the project to Rees Brothers in Aldershot, who duly completed the full 'last nut and bolt' rebuild in 2006 at a cost of £47,000-plus (copy invoices available). A Heritage 'shell was not considered good enough quality, so the original body was rebuilt by hand using as many of the original panels as possible (ie: those that were perfect). The body was completely under-sealed as it was being rebuilt, and



then finished in Damask Red two-pack. Although not an original colour for 1966, it was considered nicer than Tartan Red, which was correct for that year.

A completely reconditioned engine and gearbox were installed while the rear axle was considered good enough to be reused, as was the steering rack. New carburettors and filters were fitted, and all hydraulics replaced. The

interior was left untouched, as it was leather trimmed and in good condition. The dashboard and headlining were replaced, and the car completely rewired, etc. Reversing lights and a heated rear screen are the only notified deviations from factory specification.

The MG has covered fewer than 1,000 dry-weather-only miles since the rebuild's completion in 2006. It remains in exactly the same condition as when handed over by Rees Brothers, having been kept in an air-conditioned garage. A desirable manual/overdrive model, 'DFB 860D' was offered with dating certificate, current MoT, a V5 registration document, and the aforementioned restoration invoices.

It sold for £18,975.





My MG in the
motoring press

Terry Warder

Just happened to find this in last week's issue of Classic Car weekly, taken at the Footman James Bristol Classic Car Show at the Bath and West Showground, Shepton Mallet.

The balloon caption reads:

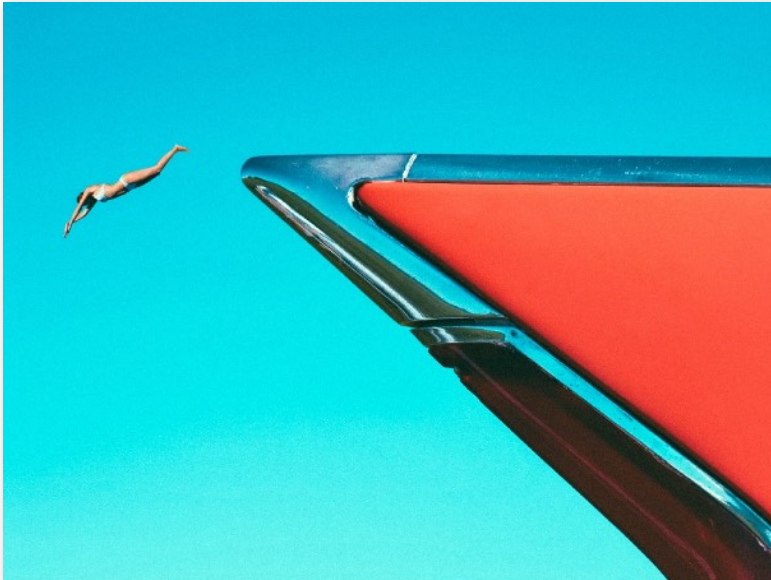
"Sebring Special. Terry Warder's 1972 MGBGT has the mechanicals - including a 3.5 litre Rover V8 and Four-pot brakes - to back up its aggressive Sebring body styling."

It was freezing cold as usual. There was a good turnout of visitors' cars on the Sunday but not very many Club stands. Maybe one to think of for the future.

MGB Batteries

I have two 6v batteries from my B, one of which Vic reckons could be good enough to be of interest to somebody. If no interest they will be recycled - so free to a club member. Contact number: 01225 743477.

Jeff Rattle



Do You Have a Favourite Album Cover?

Paul Warn

Our grandson had a record player as a birthday present. We suggested that he look through our vinyl collection as a means of starting his collection. He is also a petrol-head and was attracted to the albums which featured cars on the cover.

I thought this - with a little additional research - would make an interesting piece to share with you all in the newsletter - this is a sample of what we found.





My favourite is the cover in the header for this piece. Saint Motel is an indie pop band from Los Angeles. Do you have old LPs featuring cars on the cover? take a pic and send them to me for next month.



MG Odds and Ends

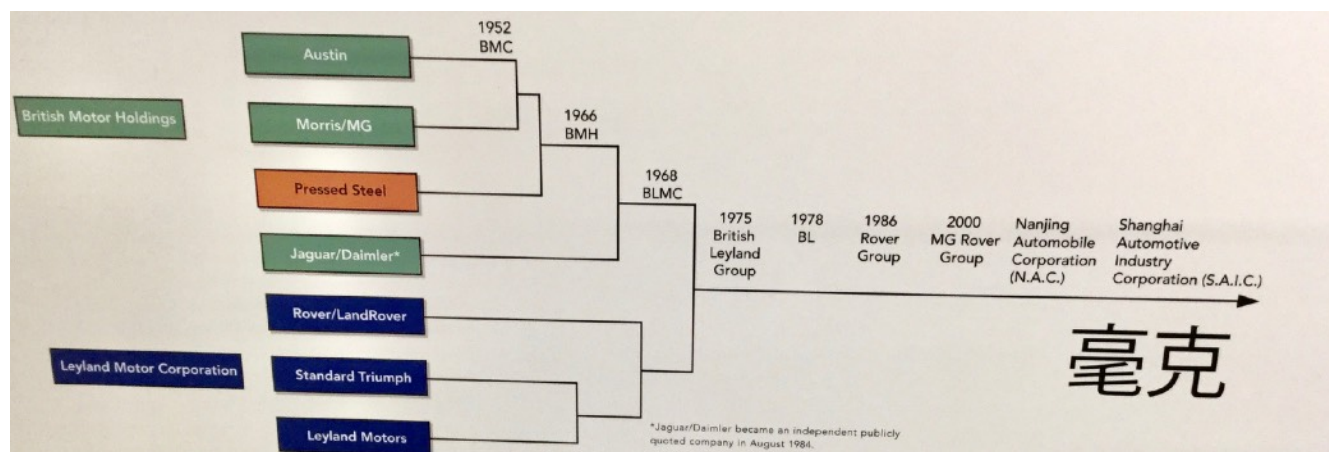


What model MG is this? - I think it was the first to have hydraulic brakes..

Primarily for Tom, however you may also be interested in this publication which I found whilst wandering around a well known super market.



In which era of the troubled British car industry was your MG manufactured?



THERE IS NO SENIOR DISCOUNT FOR READING THIS!!!

In the January edition I included a piece entitle *God's Plan for Ageing*. With apologies to our younger readers, here is another angle on the same theme...

LYING AROUND, PONDERING THE PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD, I REALISED THAT AT MY AGE I DON'T REALLY GIVE A RAT'S ASS ANYMORE.

IF WALKING IS GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH, THE POSTMAN WOULD BE IMMORTAL.

A WHALE SWIMS ALL DAY, ONLY EATS FISH, AND DRINKS WATER, BUT IS STILL FAT.

A RABBIT RUNS AND HOPS AND ONLY LIVES 15 YEARS, WHILE A TORTOISE DOESN'T RUN AND DOES MOSTLY NOTHING, YET IT LIVES FOR 150 YEARS. AND THEY TELL US TO EXERCISE? I DON'T THINK SO.

NOW THAT I'M OLDER, HERE'S WHAT I'VE DISCOVERED:

- STARTED OUT WITH NOTHING, AND I STILL HAVE MOST OF IT.
- MY WILD OATS ARE MOSTLY ENJOYED WITH PRUNES AND ALL-BRAN.
- FUNNY, I DON'T REMEMBER BEING ABSENT-MINDED.
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- IF ALL IS NOT LOST, THEN WHERE THE HELL IS IT?
- IT WAS A WHOLE LOT EASIER TO GET OLDER THAN IT WAS TO GET WISER.
- SOME DAYS, YOU'RE THE TOP DOG, SOME DAYS YOU'RE THE LAMP-POST.
- I WISH THE BUCK REALLY DID STOP HERE, I COULD USE A FEW OF THEM.
- KIDS IN THE BACKSEAT CAUSE ACCIDENTS.
- ACCIDENTS IN THE BACK SEAT CAUSE KIDS.

- IT IS HARD TO MAKE A COMEBACK WHEN YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ANYWHERE.
 - THE WORLD ONLY BEATS A PATH TO YOUR DOOR WHEN YOU'RE IN THE BATHROOM.
 - IF GOD WANTED ME TO TOUCH MY TOES, HE'D HAVE PUT THEM ON MY KNEES.
 - WHEN I'M FINALLY HOLDING ALL THE RIGHT CARDS, EVERYONE WANTS TO PLAY CHESS.
 - IT IS NOT HARD TO MEET EXPENSES...THEY'RE EVERYWHERE.
 - THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A RUT AND A GRAVE IS THE DEPTH.
 - THESE DAYS, I SPEND A LOT OF TIME THINKING ABOUT THE HEREAFTER. . .
- ...I GO SOMEWHERE TO GET SOMETHING, AND THEN WONDER WHAT I'M "HERE AFTER".
- FUNNY, I DON'T REMEMBER BEING ABSENT-MINDED.
 - IT IS A LOT BETTER TO BE SEEN THAN VIEWED.
 - HAVE I SENT THIS MESSAGE TO YOU BEFORE???...OR DID I GET IT FROM YOU?



WADWORTH BREWERY TOUR

In our club diary for the March Club Night on Monday March 27th we were planning to visit the Wiltshire Emergency Service control room in Devizes, due to circumstance beyond the club control this is not now possible.

As an alternative we are suggesting a visit to Wadworth Brewery in Devizes, this will comprise of a tour of the brewery including going up the Victorian tower and visiting the sign studio where you will see a collection of hand painted signs followed up by a visit to The Harness Room bar for a tutored sampling session where you can try a selection of handcrafted ales.

They are willing to put on an exclusive tour for us on **Monday March 27th starting at 7.00 pm prompt** at a cost of £12.50 per person, if we wish to do this tour on that evening we need a minimum of 10 to attend and I have book and pay a deposit by Friday 24th February.

If you are interested in going to this event please email me before Wednesday 22nd February

We will hopefully be able to arrange a tour of the Police/emergency service control room later in the year.

SKITTLES EVENING

I would like to welcome all members to an evening of entertainment - Skittles! The alley is reserved at the Cross Keys Rowde for Saturday 25th March with the first ball thrown between 7:30 and 7:45 pm.

Supper will be included. The cost will be around £6-£7 per head in any event a bargain!

I need to know **ASAP** if you would like to join in so I can finalise arrangements with the pub.

Please phone/email 01225 704685/vic@devizes-domestic.co.uk

Vic



Secretary's Scribbles

Hi all,

Well I think the weather is turning.....I succumbed to mowing this week (I follow the resistance approach 'once you start you can't stop').

I had just the right dry day to get the Magnette properly out and give her a proper long run. She has been out over the winter to keep things moving and freshen up the super unleaded in the fuel system but she badly needs a decent long run.

My girls now need about seven 12volt electrical sockets every time we go out in the car - I exaggerate, but you know what I mean. I am not totally innocent as I have invested in an eBay secondhand Samsung tab - these are good because they have GPS but do need a data connection. The idea is that you load maps onto it and it tells you where you are. You can even put waypoints on etc. This is better than satnav and

more accurate than just map reading. Ok so I need a navigator, but she/he can't now get lost. It is an electronic map book really. I use an app called Memory-Map. We shall see how it is long term - it may be a fad.... But it may be great.

Do all these electronic gadgetry improve our old MGs or take away from the experience? Where is the line? I have one of those fancy 50s style stereos that has secret usb etc sockets - is this ok? Does anyone have an exact period stereo they use? My Magnette valve radio sits on a shelf in the garage. Should it be back in the Magnette despite having no FM etc What are your thoughts?

Tom



Club Diary

2017 EVENTS DIARY				
Date	Event	Club Event	Venue	Contact Details & Start Point/Time
25th March	Skittles Evening	Yes	Cross Keys Rowde	Vic Wright
27th Mar	Tour of Wadworth Brewery Devizes	Yes		Martyn Lucas
14 - 17 April	Easter Bank Holiday			
2nd April	MG ERA at Brooklands			Martyn Lucas - Must have numbers by February
6th April	Committee Meeting	No	The Old Bear Inn	
24th April	Club night - Prod & Poke	Yes	The Old Bear Inn	
6th May	Club Spring Tour Kent & East Sussex	Yes		Martyn Lucas
22-May	Club night - Mystery Run	Yes		Tony Neale (Vic)
4th June	Vintage Nostalgia Weekend - Stockton Warminster	No		Tony Neale
18th June	MG Live - Silverstone			Martyn Lucas
26 Jun	Club night - BBQ	Yes	The Old Bear Inn	

2017 EVENTS DIARY				
Date	Event	Club Event	Venue	Contact Details & Start Point/Time
TBA	Summer Picnic	Yes		Paul Warn
July 8th	NEW Chateau Impney Hill Climb	No	Chateau Impney	Peter Hine
24th July	Club Night - Social evening	Yes	The Old Bear Inn	
12th Aug	NEW Retro Festival		Newbury Showground	Peter Hine
20th Aug	Trowbridge Lions Show	No		
21-Aug	Club night - Boules	Yes	The Tollgate Inn	Paul Warn
TBA	Tom's Action Day	Yes	Tom's Field	Tom Strickland
25-Sep	Club night - Talk	Yes	The Old Bear Inn	
23-Oct	Club night - Talk Grand Prix Racing	Yes	The Old Bear Inn	Paul Warn - Topic TBC
TBA	Pre AGM Committee Meeting	No	The Old Bear Inn	
27-Nov	Club night - AGM	Yes	The Old Bear Inn	
TBA	Christmas Party	Yes	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 11. Just click-on their email address or give them a call.

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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.