



## WESSEX MG CAR CLUB



## THE SPENCER SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

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## NEXT CLUB NIGHT

Monday 20th August at  
8.00pm

CLUB DIARY & CLUB  
ASSETS REGISTER

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

## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hi, everyone,

Once again we have enjoyed another month of fantastic weather, ideal for those of us with open top cars; I have been using mine at least twice a week for going to and from work.

The past month has taken us to a few different places, firstly we had the summer picnic at Lepe Country Park, a great day was enjoyed by all and thanks must go to Sue and Terry for organising this for the club.

The weather held for the Boules evening, which provided an evening of competitive fun and congratulations to the winners and thanks to Vic our sports organiser.

On another hot day along with a few of our members I attended the Noggin, Natter and Nosh at The George Longbridge Deverill . this event seems to grow each year and it is surprising how many rare cars attend this event , I believe that it started as an evening event about 20 years ago but by 4.00 in the afternoon the front field was already full.

As I write we are off to Bowood for the second Classic car show there this year

On our events list the main event is the ever popular Action Day in Tom's Field, this is a day of driving tests and this year will be held on Bank holiday Monday August 27<sup>th</sup>, the day is a fun day with simple tests of car driving.

We have a new event in the calendar for September, which is a visit to the classic car show at the Gloucester & Warwickshire Steam Railway on Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup>, in return for displaying our cars we get the offer of a 2 for the price of 1 ticket enabling us to travel on the heritage railway . This event replaces the visit to Coventry Transport Museum which is now scheduled for 2019.

Our club night on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August will be at the Spencer Club and will be a general social evening where we can discuss amongst other things the options for next year's Club Short Breaks and also the return skittles match against Gloucester MG club.

Hope to see you at the Spencer Club on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> at the usual time of 8.00pm



## Puy de Notre Dame Grand Prix

Roger Binney

In late July, John and Priscilla came to stay with us for a few days in Cussay, en route to Limog  and points Val de Loire. And so we couldn't resist taking them to the annual Grand Prix at Puy de Notre Dame just south of Saumur.

Typically French, the two day event closes off the village and wraps straw bales around hard objects and turns itself into a Monaco style race venue for any vehicle pre war. MGs abound, lots of Morgan three wheelers and some lovely motorcycles.

Entry and parking are free, dogs are allowed in with a request that they are kept on a leash, and the free roaming pits are under trees and in a farmyard setting, mixed in with wine bars and yummy food.

Racing takes place both during the day and through until midnight, with competitors in traditional gear and giving it one at every opportunity, no lack of competition. A friend competes with his Squirrel motor cycle and scares the hell out of more cautious riders (he is a competitive motocrosser with his own track about 30 minutes from where we live).

The sound of un silenced engines and the smell of burning castor oil blend just right with 32 degree temperatures and cold rose wine and cold beer!

It is a unique event, amazingly good fun and in the spirit of enthusiasm rather than competition. The village even has a bar there called "The Morgan Bar". I wonder why? I commend it to everyone. Easy to get to and a much friendlier event altogether than the classier Angouleme races. Where were these restrictive health and safety rules





that are supposedly imposed on us from the EU? Certainly not evident at Puy de Notre Dame thank you!





## Riviera Motoring Malcolm Taylor

A few weeks ago we went down to Paignton to visit Pat's relatives and sun ourselves by their beach hut. It turned out to be the weekend of the 'English Riviera Classic Car Show.' So of course we had to have a look.

For enthusiasts of wooden cars, not a bit of wood hiding behind the metalwork, but the full blown tongued and grooved planking effect, there was a Chitty Chitty Bang Bang replica.



There were at least three MG car clubs represented. The 'Torbay MG Owners Club' had an official support vehicle in attendance. Mind you if we had one it would need to be a bit more sporting than an old LDV shed?

Then, as if pre-empting Paul's comments about electric cars, there was a Volkswagen XL1. It is not a 'concept car' or prototype, but a limited edition production car, with 200 examples sold worldwide in 2014-15. There are 23 cars in the UK. It is the world's most aerodynamic and fuel efficient production car.

It is a diesel-electric hybrid achieving 313 mpg. The entire body and the seats are carbon fibre. It has a magnesium gearbox, ceramic brakes and weighs 795 Kg. The fuel tank is a mere 10 litres which is enough to get you from





London to Newcastle and back again. It took 12 years to develop with a budget of over £1 billion. A similar R&D budget as the Bugatti Veyron.

It is primarily an electric car with the engine assisting when required. Personally I think Hybrids are the answer, certainly in the shorter term. The feature that appeals to me is the fact that when decelerating and going down hill, the motor acts as a generator and



## REFERENDUM RESULT

**Thank you to all members who voted in the “Venue Survey”, the result was a majority to change to a pub venue. Your committee will make arrangements to fulfil the outcome of the referendum - an announcement will be made at the 20th August Club Night.**

**Martyn Lucas (Chairman)**

## BINNEY'S BASH

Our annual Bash for MG friends and alcoholic village neighbours will be Saturday 27th October this year, to which you are all invited.

This year's theme will be Halloween. So dig out all your ghoulish attire. Venue as usual Edington Village Hall (complete with our new chairs!) and starting at 7:15ish.

Usual format, loads of French wine and beers coming over with us from our next trip in September despite Brexit trashing the £, and we ask you to bring either puds or mains sufficient for four people, all to suitably Halloweeny recipes. Hot plates, microwave, cooker tops and ovens all available.

Just to help us get the numbers right, could you please let us know by email if you are able to join us this year and whether you are puds or mains. Might even be a spooky competition this year!



Looking forward to seeing you then.

Roger and Lynne

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## Electric Cars in the Club

John Bishop

### Electric cars in the club?

Yes, I'd welcome electric cars - although we are a single marque MG club, that does not mean that we cannot accept change and celebrate diversity.

A crystal ball would always be handy, but we cannot guess what the future holds. However, road transportation is entering a period of massive change as electric vehicles replace those powered by fossil fuels. We can try to hang on to the past (I guess we all do by having classic cars!), but we cannot predict future legislation. Perhaps we will be allowed to run our vehicles in their current condition as they represent our industrial history, but will petrol still be available? Personally I would welcome a huge shift in public opinion towards making our planet cleaner in all ways, and that could mean having to install electric motors in our classics if we want to drive them on the roads.

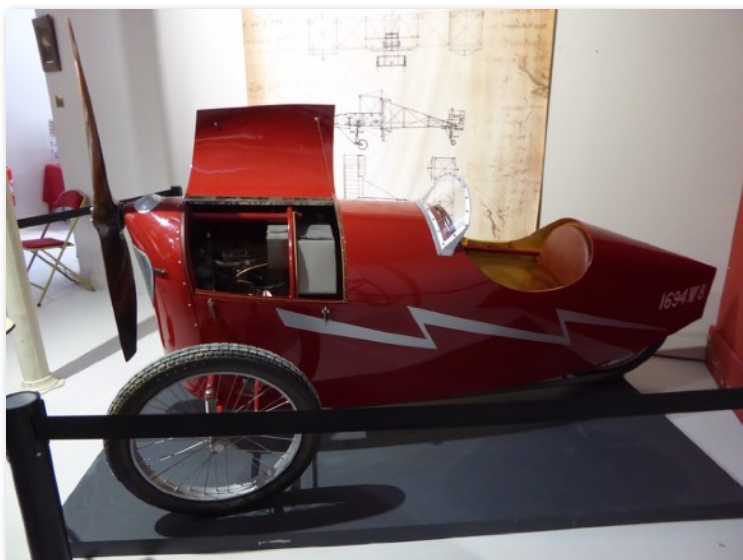
Would I miss the roar of the engine and that endearing oil and petrol smell? Of course I would - a large part of the attraction of owning a classic would fade. But it won't be our decision.

This may be way down the line, but it will be our children's and grandchildren's generations who decide.



## August Mystery Car

This month's mystery car is courtesy of John Bishop - "It is an obvious death trap but rumoured to have done 100kph!"



Not so much of a mystery - Vic's Italian job - rearing to go to Bowood "If we don't go to Bowood due to the weather, here is LIZZIE in bubble from the front ..." (the rain drops are almost as big as me!!!! ) **Vic**





## Classic Car Show at the Gloucester & Warwickshire Steam Railway

### Sunday September 9th

We have a club space booked at this classic show held at the GWSR Station, Toddington, Gloucestershire, GL54 5DT., the show starts at 10.00am

Entry for us to the show is free and if we wish to travel on the Steam or Diesel train we have a special deal as exhibitors of a 2 for 1 ticket for £18, this is the normal ticket price for one person.



The railway is run by volunteers and after many years of work the line has now been extended to go north to Broadway, which is an interesting place to visit, going south the train goes to Cheltenham Racecourse.

If you are interested in going on this trip please email me and we can arrange meeting places if you wish to travel in convoy.

This event replaces the proposed visit to The Coventry Transport Museum which is postponed due to problems obtaining parking on the Millenium Square, the visit to Coventry will take place in 2019.

## Return Skittles with Gloucester MG Club

### Thursday October 4th

The Gloucester MG Club have fixed the date for the return skittles match, we need volunteers for our team, to retain the trophy,

I am awaiting confirmation of the venue, but believe that it is at a pub approx 4 miles from Stroud, with a start time of 7.00pm.

If you would like to play and make your club the winners please let me know.

## 2018 AUTUMN CLASSIC



Currently I have 19 cars attending this event. I am trying to ascertain the cost to the membership. Please contact me for individual entrance fee. No doubt this will be discussed at our August club meeting.

**Vic**

## Wessex MG Christmas Party

This year, your club are holding the Christmas Party at The Leigh Park Country House Hotel at Bradford on Avon, this is a 3-star Best Western Hotel.

There is a different format to the evening this year as we will have a 3 course meal plus Coffee or Tea and mince pies, followed by dancing to a Disco hosted by the resident DJ

The cost is £34.50 per person and we need a deposit of £10 per person to be paid at the September Club Night or by bank transfer.

If you wish to stay overnight there is a special rate of £89.50 for Bed & Breakfast Double Room ., to book quote Wessex MG party

The menu is attached .

**Martyn**

**Leigh Park Hotel**  
**Christmas Party Nights 2018**  
**Friday & Saturday £34.50 pp**

**Starters**

**Cream of Vegetable Soup**

**Leigh Park House Pate**

Served with toast and onion marmalade

**Brie, Mushroom and Cranberry Tart**

**Main Course** – Served with fresh vegetables

**Roast Turkey**

With stuffing and bacon wrapped chipolata

**Game Pie**

In a rich red wine, port and redcurrant sauce

**Hake Supreme**

Grilled; with a prawn and mushroom sauce

**Portobello Mushroom**

Stuffed with spinach, cherry tomatoes and cheese; topped with parmesan breadcrumbs

**Dessert Selection**

**Traditional Christmas Pudding**

Served with cream

**Fruits of the Forest Cheesecake**

**Tulle Basket**

Filled with fresh fruit and whipped cream

**Selection of Local Cheese and Biscuits**

**To Finish**

**Freshly brewed tea and coffee with mince pies**





## PHOTO GALLERY

MGs seen at the Prescott Vintage Speed Hill Climb 4/5 August



1934 MG N TYPE



1933 MG L MAGNA



1932 MG F TYPE MAGNA



1932 MG F TYPE MAGNA



And of course Morgans -  
this model is a 1930  
Morgan RIP Special



## Secretary's Scribbles

Obviously Nancy won and we went in the MG3 down to Lepe. This was a great day organised by Terry and Sue who have Lepe on their list of places to go. The weather was hot and the turnout of MGs was also really good. The good thing about taking the MG3 was that I spent longer than usual giving her an intensive clean and shine beforehand - she still looks good now.

The day Terry and Sue chose was also the Wimbledon and Football World Cup Finals day so the traffic was deliciously light - even in Salisbury! I got back yesterday from our holiday in France and for the first time I didn't see a single MG whilst out there.

There is news in the Press that MG is finally going to produce an MX5 rival (read 'beater') and there is also news about various other MGs - the problem for the UK is that we don't get all the new MGs offered here, for example the rather nice looking MG5 never came here. There is a new MG3 coming out any moment with a remodelled front and possibly an automatic gearbox. We will wait and see how these new models actually unfold for us though..... See you all soon!

Tom





## Club Diary

2018 EVENTS DIARY				
Date	Event	Club Event	Venue	Contact Details & Start Point/Time
20-Aug	Club Night - Social Evening	Yes	Spencer Club	
27-Aug	Action Day	Yes	Tom's Field	Tom Strickland
9th Sep	Classic Car Show Gloucester & Warwickshire Steam Railway	Yes	Toddington	Martyn Lucas
24-Sep	Club Night - Talk - Topic To Be Confirmed	Yes	Spencer Club	Tom Strickland
4th Oct	Skittles Match - Gloucester MG Club		TBA	
6-Oct	Autumn Classic Meeting	-	Castle Combe	Vic Wright
22-Oct	Club Night - Talk - The Racing History of the Ford GT 40	Yes	Spencer Club	Paul Warn
27-Oct	Binney's Bash Halloween Party		Eddington Village Hall	Roger Binney
TBA	Pre AGM Committee Meeting	No	Spencer Club	
9-11 Nov	Classic Car Show NEC	-		For Information
26-Nov	Club AGM	Yes	Spencer Club	Formal notification will be included in the Sept & Oct newsletter.
15-Dec	Christmas Party	Yes	The Leigh Park Hotel	Martyn Lucas



## 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.