



WESSEX MG CAR CLUB THE TOLLGATE INN-HOLT

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

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**NEXT CLUB NIGHT
PLANNED FOR 26th
JULY**

[http://
www.wessexmgclub.or](http://www.wessexmgclub.or)

I hope that now a large majority of the UK population have had at least one Covid injection the infection rate will continue to fall and we can then get out and about in the new normal world.

It was good to go to the Haynes Classic Breakfast meet last Sunday, which had an interesting assortment of cars attending including Sue and Terry with their V8 Sebring, this is the first event I have been to since last October and it was good to meet again with fellow enthusiasts.

I am looking forward to the Great Escape Run organised by Sandra and Gordon to Bolderwood in the New Forest, this promises to be a really good trip and hopefully the weather will be kind to us.

Its good to see the enthusiasm in our club to attend the planned events in

the coming months, we are booked in for the Atwell Wilson Show in July, the Chippenham Lions in August and the White Horse Car Show in September and hopefully these will go ahead as planned,

Our club nights are planned to resume in July on the 4th Monday and we start with a club barbecue at the Tollgate then for the August Club Night we will have a car tour.

On the August Bank Holiday Tom is planning to hold the Action Day which has always been very popular.

The next few months are beginning to look very busy as more events are announced, and there are details of another two new events in this newsletter.

Martyn





Club Member Car of the Month



The featured car this month is Frank Fletcher's TD which is 68 years old this month. The carbs have been refurb'd and now apparently the TD is going really well.





Classic Car Industry Booms!

Paul Warn

1,538,927
Historic
vehicles
Registered in
the UK

£7.2BN
Estimated
Total Spending
in the Historic
Sector

21 Million
Number of people
in UK that see
historic vehicles as
an important part
of our heritage

You may have picked up in some of the motoring publications that the results of two major surveys have recently been released emphasising the vast contribution that classic cars make to the UK economy. A classic car being over 30 years old. Both reports illustrate that the power of the historic vehicle movement should not be underestimated, with its value to the UK economy outweighing both the equestrian hobby and the Scotch whisky industry.

One of the reports came from the Federation of British Historic Vehicle clubs (FBHVC). Headline figures are that the number of historic vehicles has increased to 1.5 million and that the industry that supports them involves 4,000 businesses employing almost 35,000 people.

As with anything relating to the car industry today, the environmental issues are addressed. The report emphasised that 56% of historic vehicles are on SORN, and that with each historic vehicle covering an average of 1200 miles a year, they account for less than 0.2% of the total miles driven in the UK.

The most popular marques are Ford, Land Rover, MG, Austin, VW and Triumph. The FBHVC results are used in Parliament and elsewhere to protect the freedom of owners to use their vehicles as they like and without restrictions.

35%
proportion of
owners that would
contribute to a
carbon reduction
scheme

800 million
estimated total
miles covered by
historic vehicles
per annum - 0.2%
of total mileage in
the UK

4000
businesses in the
historic vehicle
sector, employing
more than 34,000
people

The second survey was commissioned by HERO-ERA - the Historic Rallying Endurance Organisation from the Centre for Economic and Business Research. It focussed more on the economic and environmental impact of classic cars. It estimated the turnover of the industry was £18.3 Billion and provides more than 113,000 jobs by 'chain spread' across the UK including 665 young people apprenticed directly into the industry.

The report estimated the UK's stock of historic vehicles to be worth £12.6 billion, it also said that consumer expenditure in classic cars is more environmentally friendly than other pursuits because in essence its recycling. The stats supporting that go something like this. The average £1000 spent on using classic cars and related industries creates 80kg of CO2 equivalent emissions taking everything into account. This compares with 537kg of CO2 that would result from the average £1000 of consumer expenditure. By way of comparison, the average spend on classics is 98% more environmentally friendly than flying to the Far East. In breaking classics down into sectors, it shows that Historic racing contributes £371 million a year, owners' clubs £111 million, historic rallying £253 million, museums £62 million and specialist magazines £59 million.

As far as the latter stat is concerned, judging by the number of magazines that drop through our letter box, I am a major contributor!





Haynes Pre - 80

Breakfast Club

Terry Warder

Hi all, just a few pictures of our first official post lockdown outing.

Martyn and I had both booked tickets for the meet and he was kind enough to follow us in case of any major incidents as I am still not sure where the strange noise is coming from - before you all say it, yes, it still happens when Sue is not with me. The morning started with a few spots of rain but soon brightened up when we arrived at the venue. The new parking area lends itself to a car meet with several food outlets.

We also met our friends (Des and Sue) in their newly restored Mini Marcos. Des worked for Marcos -1965-1973- and actually built the body shell himself by hiring the moulds one weekend, hence a thicker and stronger car.





A couple of interesting pictures. The blue XK120 has been owned for 52 years by the current owner who purchased it for £50!



It was nice to see these two pictures on Haynes Breakfast Club Facebook page.



Now for a personal rant and rave.....WHY????!!!!!!

The MG makes a mockery of the new MOT law with its unroadworthy state-rusty holes everywhere. There's original and there's just plain rough and possibly dangerous.

Having said that, it was a good morning out with over 200 cars and quite a few to drool over.





LED Headlights

Paul Warn

In Tom's scribbles this month, he is tempted by the trend to convert conventional headlights to the LED type. This topic was aired in the Miscellany - the Morgan Sports Car Club's monthly magazine. Personally I'm not a fan, in my view they look incongruous on classic cars, but hey....

Now the thing is if you fitted this type of headlight anytime up to this year you were fine, but for 2021 the MOT rules it seems have changed. It now appears since the 11th January the conversion to LED bulbs and HID ones is banned if they have been fitted in lenses designed for halogen bulbs. In future to pass the MOT test with LED lights, you would need to change the whole unit.

The change to the MOT rule on headlights is as follows:

4.1.4 Headlamps - Compliance with requirements - Existing halogen headlamp units should not be converted to be used with high intensity discharge (HID) or light emitting diode (LED) bulbs. if such a conversion has been done, you must fail the headlamp.

This and the MOT rules in full can be found at [www.gov.uk/guidance/mot-inspection-manual-for-private-passenger-and](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/mot-inspection-manual-for-private-passenger-and-light-commercial-vehicles/updates) light-commercial-vehicles/updates.



Up Coming Events

Athelhampton House Garden Party and Picnic - Sunday August 15th

This is an annual event organised by the Bournemouth & Poole MG Owners Club

If you are interested in attending please let me know and I will try to organise a club space for us

For more information please see flyer below.



Bournemouth & Poole MGOC 1020
Annual Garden Party & Picnic
Athelhampton House nr Dorchester
10.30am Sunday 15 August 2021

Trade Stands and Stalls
Grand Tombola
Duck Race

£15 per car and all occupants
£10 car and driver
Includes admission to house and gardens
and new Thomas Hardy Exhibition

www.1020mg.org.uk

Vintage Nostalgia Festival - September Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th September,

This event is held on the Saturday and Sunday and to enter a Classic car the cost is £5 per day.

Clive Dorling is considering going on the Sunday and would be pleased to have fellow members at the show.

If we get enough interest I will try to get an area where we can park together, so please let me know if you would like to attend

For more information please see www.vintagenostalgiafestival.co.uk

[Vintage Nostalgia Festival](#)

Martyn



Post Script

Paul Warn

As a post script to my thoughts last month on electric cars...

I read somewhere during the month that the UK government plans to build resilience in crucial battery parts amid fears around China's hold on supplies. It seems that there are discussions taking place on options to protect the UK's access to vital materials including lithium and cobalt as global commodity prices boom as expectations rise for massive demand. Not helped presumably by the government's insistence that the sale of petrol and diesel engined cars will be banned in 2030.

Quoting from last month...

"China is among the five top countries with the most lithium resources and it has been buying stakes in mining operations in Australia and South America where most of the world's lithium reserves are found."

Now a company called [Cornish Lithium](#) announced it had found what it called "a globally significant grade" of the lithium in underground water pumped up to the surface just north of the old mining town of Redruth. This is the 21st-century equivalent of striking oil.



`If you liked last month's "What did you do during lockdown?" you may also like these... **ED**



Secretary's Scribbles

This month has seen me out and about in the Magnette a bit more. My daughter Millie enjoyed going off to her Marlborough Athletics club on 'Drive it day' - I enjoyed going down the A4 from Chippenham to Marlborough on a quiet Sunday morning where I could open the MG up and enjoy the experience of a performance car - I imagine myself as a 1950's gent with a Subaru Impreza style machine under his right foot. This stretch of the A4 is simply glorious and the wide expanse of tarmac to skip around the grannies and the prehistoric monuments zipping past the window make one of the best drives in the World.

I write on the day that Boris announced 'the release' and I am confident that we will have a summer of some sort as club - please don't feel under any pressure to jump straight back into activities, we are all

different. We are here though to support each other and many of us are probably just glad to get a hint of normality.

Has anyone been tempted by the LED headlights that are starting to appear - I am wondering about the ones that can be customised with rings of light or even have indicators etc inside them. They seem to be appearing on the 'semi-pimped' Minis and electrified MGBs etc. I am not sure I would want such a modern look on my MG, but as you can have what you like on your MG is anyone tempted?

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Tom



CLUB DIARY

2021 EVENTS DIARY				
Date	Event	Club Event	Venue	Contact Details & Start Point/ Time
12/13th June	MG Live		Silverstone	Moved to June 2022
13th June	Lions on the Green		Devizes	
19/20th June	Bath Festival of Motoring		Landsdowne	Moved to June 2022
25th July	MGF25		Gaydon British Motor Museum	Still going ahead at the moment as it is an outside event and the Museum has Covid-19 Secure Status!
26th July	Club BBQ		Tollgate	
31st July/ 1st Aug	Gloucester Steam Fayre		South Cerney	Rescheduled for August 2022
22nd Aug	Chippenham Lions Cherished Vehicle Show		Meadow Farm Nurseries Chippenham	Club Stand booked
23rd August	Club Car Run		TBA	
30th August	MGs in Tom's Field		Tom's house	
5th Sept	White Horse Vehicle Show		Westbury	
27th Sept	Club Night		Tollgate	



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Date	Event	Club Event	Venue	Contact Details & Start Point/ Time
2nd Oct	Castle Combe Autumn Classic		Castle Combe Race Circuit	Club Stand booked
25th Oct	Club Night		Tollgate	
30th Oct	Scalextric Evening		Eddington Village Hall	Roger Binney
22nd Nov	Club Night AGM		Tollgate	
11th Dec	Christmas Party		Tollgate	

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.