



# WESSEX MG CAR CLUB THE TOLLGATE INN- HOLT

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**NEXT CLUB NIGHT**

**"Would I Lie To You"**

23rd October at  
theTollgate

Start time 8:00pm

[http://  
www.wessexmgclub.org.uk](http://www.wessexmgclub.org.uk)

Time seems to fly by, I cannot believe that it is a month since writing the last chat!

Since the last newsletter our September club night featured a quiz with questions on a variety of subjects and it was a very close competition with the winners getting there by a small margin,

A large group of us attended the MG 100 Celebration event at Beaulieu, there were over 350 cars there, with MG cars from all eras and from most of the South and South West areas, at present there is an exhibition in the Museum of rare photos from the MG archives, it was certainly good to visit Beaulieu again especially on a

warm and dry day .

Coming up we have our Annual Skittles match on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October and on the next day there is a club visit to the REME Museum at Lyneham, there is still time to put your name on the list for these two events.

If you have not already put your name on the list for the Wessex Christmas Meal night there may be a few spaces still available.

Our next club night on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 8.00pm will be "A Would I lie to You" evening which will be Lynne and Roger Binney's version of a TV programme and promises to be an different and fun evening.

Hope to see you at the Tollgate on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Martyn**





# CALLING NOTICE - WESSEX MG CLUB AGM- 2023

## AGM

Please be advised that in accordance with the Club's rules, two month's notice is given for our Annual General Meeting.

### Wessex MG Club

## 2023 Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the above meeting will take place on the

**27th November**

at

**The Tollgate Inn - Holt**

commencing at

**8:00 pm**

Preceded from 7.30 onwards by the payment of subscriptions for the 2024 season.

Notice of any resolution to be proposed at the AGM should be given in writing to the Secretary (Tom Strickland) before the 1<sup>st</sup> November

The proceedings of the meeting shall be as follows:

### **Agenda for AGM**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Approval of minutes of 2022 AGM.
3. Chairman's Report.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Consideration of any motions received.

#### **Break**

- **Photo competition**

- **Voting for awards**

6. Election of Committee for 2024.
7. Presentation of Awards.
8. Arrangements for 2024 AGM.
9. Any other business.

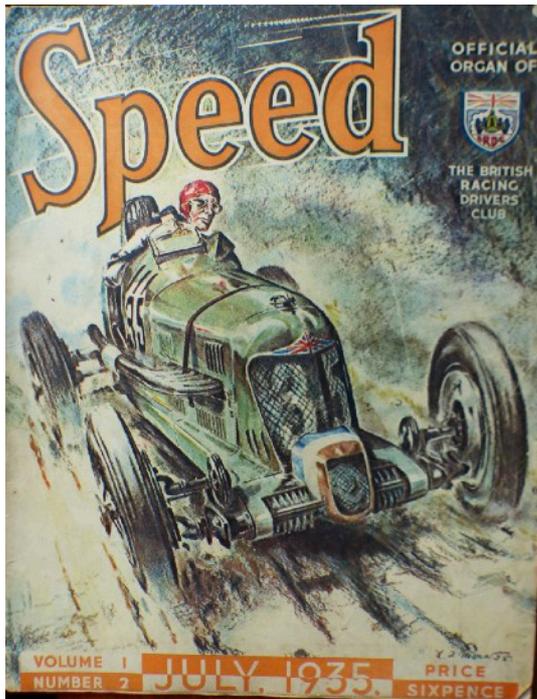


Now look here!  
I'm looking for  
talented members to  
join the wonderful  
Wessex MG Committee.  
If you are interested let  
Martyn the chairman  
know before the AGM -  
you know it makes  
sense...  
Now, have you seen  
my handbag?



# A Rare Period MG Advertisement For a MGC





I've got it Covered

Paul Warn

Looking through my library for inspiration for this month's period MG advertisement - see page 4, I became nostalgic when I found magazines with our old house addresses on the cover, ready for collection from our then local newsagents. Now of course they cascade through our letterbox at discounted prices without having to go to the newsagent. We all complain about the deterioration of our shopping centres as I do, but I suppose having stuff delivered to our houses whether from the local supermarket, Amazon or in my case magazines is not helping matters. Is this really progress?

Whilst searching around for the MG advert, I came across the magazine you see in the title. You won't see our house number on the cover of this magazine - 1935 was a little before my time! The cover is indicative of the artistry and thought that used to go into early publications. As an aside, this July 1935 edition of Speed reported on a successful month for British racing teams including MG at Brooklands and Lagonda at Le Mans.

And now during October we have had the bleating sounds of politicians stating their case at their annual conferences on how they are going to put the country to rights. And of course Rishi Sunak adding to the chaos and moving the goal posts by postponing the ban on new petrol and diesel cars and vans until 2035. We can only imagine what it was like toward the end of the 19th century when hundreds of years of the horse was going to be replaced by the horseless carriage.

Stay with me, there is a link.

Staying on the topic of magazine covers and change. Now I count myself as a crotchety old man struggling at times to adapt to a rapidly changing world - don't get me started on needing an app to park the car!! Which is why I like the work of American artist Robert Robinson who began producing humorous slice-of-life cover illustrations for the

Sunday Evening Post in and around 1910. He then contributed to another American publication - *MOTOR* in 1926 until 1952 - I've chosen this cover to compare and contrast today's situation with the introduction of the electric car and the demise of the horse at the turn of the last century. It shows a farrier and his elderly crotchety pal having a laugh at one of the new fangled machines - a Duryea one of the very first automobiles sold in America.

"THAT WILL NEVER CATCH ON"  
they appear to be saying...



## IN REMEMBRANCE

Gordon Coles died on 29 September 2023 He was in a care home as he was suffering from Dementia.

Gordon was a member of our club for many years and a past Chairman for some time. He and Hilary moved to Dorchester some years ago to be near their daughter and became an active member in the Dorchester MGO and Chairman for some time.

He owned an MGC and an RV8. RIP



# Wessex MG Skittles Match

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October from 7.15pm

At The White Hart, Atworth SN12 8JR

This is the opportunity to become the custodian of the Wessex MG Skittles Trophy for a year

You do not need to have played skittles before so everyone has an equal chance of winning

There will be food available which will be served at approx 9.00pm

Menu choices are Basket Meals-

Sausage & Chips      Scampi & Chips      Battered Chicken & Chips

Veggie Sausage & Chips      Veggie Curry & Rice

Chicken Curry & Rice      Cheddar Ploughman's

All at £ 8 per person

Please email me your choices by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

**Martyn**

## Visit to REME Museum Lyneham Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Meet at The REME Museum at 10.30 am

If using a SatNav system, use the postcode **SN15 4PZ** rather than our postal postcode (SN15 4XX).

We are located beside MOD Lyneham's main entrance off of the A3102, the Calne-to-Swindon Road. The Museum can be accessed by turning off the A3102 at the main gate to MOD Lyneham with which we share an entrance route.





# Photos from the MG 100 at Beaulieu

Courtesy of Martyn Lucas





## Secretary's Scribbles

It was with great sadness that the Magnette drove off to her new home in Chichester. She will now reside just by Goodwood, which certainly is a fitting residence for her. Nancy and I gave her a last run in the morning and parked in Sainsbury's to pick up something from Argos and we got the usual few chaps come up and talk to us about how lovely the car is - something that you get acclimatised to and something which is sadly not present when one parks up a TF.

I will miss the kudos that comes with her, I will miss the practical- but traditional driving experience, I will miss the little bits on the car that remind me of times gone past - the headlight relays that Chris English helped me with, the fusebox that Paul Wheal masterminded and of course the many jobs Vic helped me overcome.

The car is part of the family story for us - a car that enabled my girls to grow up surrounded by our special club. She also carried two of my long-term colleagues at school to their weddings. It was therefore a car of friendship! I will miss her, but then I miss my original damask red MGB, my three Midgets (one was Nancy's) and my BGT - it is strange how they all hold different memories, most of which are positive. Anyway I am just off to blow the tears out of my eyes in the TF..



**Tom**



# CLUB DIARY

2023 EVENTS DIARY				
Date	Event	Club Event	Venue	Contact Details & Start Point/Time
<b>16th October</b>	<b>COMMITTEE MEETING</b>		<b>ZOOM MEETING 8:00</b>	<b>Martyn Lucas</b>
21st October	Skittles Evening			<b>Martyn Lucas</b>
22nd October	Visit to REME Museum		Lyneham	<b>Martyn Lucas</b>
<b>23rd October</b>	<b>Club night - Theme Would I lie to You</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>The Toll Gate Inn</b>	
25th November	Carpet Bowls		Eddington Village Hall	Lynne and Roger Binney
<b>27th November</b>	<b>Club night - AGM</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>The Toll Gate Inn</b>	
<b>9th December</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>The Toll Gate Inn</b>	



## 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.