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NEXT CLUB NIGHT
"Would I lie to you"
Monday 26th
February
Start Time 8:00pm

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

We are now two months into 2024 and gradually the days are getting lighter longer and we are moving towards spring when the classic car season really starts. Last Sunday I was at the MG Triumph Show and Spares Day at Stoneleigh this is the opening show of the year and although some of the roads near the show ground were closed due to flooding this was a very well attended show and it was good to chat to fellow owners and enthusiasts.

Our club diary is expanding rapidly with many more events being added including a visit on Drive it Day to The Classic Motor Hub at Bibury, also there is now a confirmed date for the club visit to

Abingdon and Nuffield Place, plus the date for the Atwell Wilson Museum Car Show .

Our February club night will be "Would I Lie to You" hosted by Roger and this promises to be an entertaining evening , if you were not at the trial event last year you certainly missed an evening of fun and laughter!

Look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 26th at The Tollgate from 8.00pm.



Martyn

MGA MK 2 FOR SALE

I am looking to sell my MGA this summer and thought to make members and their friends aware in case there is interest.

Restored in 1998 retaining original UK spec. and owned by myself since, dry garaged. Full restoration receipts and photographs. Lovely car in the right colour. Photos of perfect underbody and engine bay available. Priced to reflect being sold to Club connected person. **Roger Binney**





François Hardy and real racing cars.
Perfect!

Roger Binney

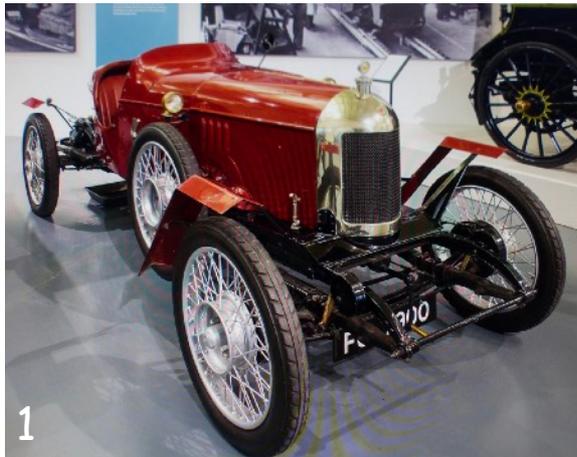
MG - The Old and the New

The Old

For the 100th anniversary of the MG brand, Rétromobile* has teamed up with the British Motor Museum and the MG Club of France to organise an exhibition tracing back the history of the brand with the octagonal logo. And to mark the occasion, no fewer than a dozen of the make's iconic vehicles (among them a 1925 Old MG Number One (1) and a 1938 MG EX135) (2), will be crossing the Channel for five days to grace the aisles of one the world's most exciting pop-up museum dedicated to collector vehicles. The legendary 1957 MG EX181 (3), a world record breaker driven by Stirling Moss and Phil Hill, will also be on show for the anniversary. Finally, the manufacturer MG, now owned by the SAIC group, will be present at the show to celebrate the centenary with a retrospective on its stand dedicated to the make's roadsters.



* The French equivalent to the NEC Classic Car Show held annually in Paris in February.



The New



A pre-production design model of MG's revolutionary all electric sports car, the Cyberster, is now well on its way for a unique seven-month journey from London to Shanghai; an adventure that will see the two-seat convertible drive over 10,000 miles across continents to mark MG's centenary in 2024.

MG's highly-anticipated Cyberster EV roadster has just finished an 8,500 mile European tour, successfully completing the opening leg of the "Charging into the Future" adventure which will see the MG EV make its way to Shanghai. The pre-production Cyberster is being piloted by British adventurers and brothers Ross and Hugo Turner, who have covered more miles than originally planned due to the car's popularity with MG and EV enthusiasts in Europe.

To date the MG has visited France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Austria, Spain and Italy, and pretty much the whole of MG's home market, the UK.



Paul Warn

The Way It Was

Having exhausted all the in period MG advertisements that I could find and include in last year's newsletters, I thought this year I would include a new theme entitled - "The Way It Was".

The idea being to capture motoring related images of times gone by. Hopefully some will bring a smile to your collective faces.

By way of "kicking off" this new venture the first image I have included continues this month's MG centenary mood.

You may remember I included a piece on Goldie Gardner in the September 2023 edition.

Well the photo below was taken in 1946 in Monte Carlo and shows Gardner's EX135 on the left discussed above, his MG TC in the centre and his MG WA - in fact his second WA which he specified with twin spare wheels on the front wings and a light blue paint job.



Paul Warn



MGs AT GAYDON



Just to hit this month's MG themed nail completely out of sight, you may be interested to know that the British Motor Museum has secured the long-term loan of eight historic MG cars which had been squirrelled away at Longbridge.

They include the 2003 RDX60 hatchback concept - top - and the first of line MGF from 1995 - bottom.

Others to join them are the three development concepts for the MGF, plus MGF GT, Rover TCV tourer and the 1997 Frankfurt Moto show Mini "Hot Rod"



Paul Warn

2024 DIARY UPDATES

SUNDAY JUNE 23rd - Visit to Abingdon Museum and Nuffield Place



In the morning we will visit the Abingdon Museum where there is the opportunity to see MG memorabilia and one of the last MGB roadsters, after our visit to the museum we can have a snack before the short drive to Nuffield Place, the former home of William Morris, where we are due to arrive at around 2.00pm, there will be parking in front of the house for cars over 30 years old, this is a National Trust property so NT members have free admission, advance booking will be needed on the NT website and will be available from mid April, I will update with more details in the coming weeks. **Martyn**





SATURDAY July 13th - Wheels and Wings at The Army Flying Museum



I have been able to get a club parking area at this show, which is at The Army Flying Museum, Middle Wallop, on the Hampshire Wiltshire border.

There is a charge for entry to this show and your car must be in position by 9.00am and as this is a military base security details need to be completed on the entry form.

If you decide to book for the show **please enter in the club affiliation box Wessex MG Club** and then you will be allocated to the club area, please email me to say when you have booked.

Here are links for details of the show and to book-
[Wallop Wheels & Wings 2024 | The Army Flying Museum](#)

[Wallop Wheels & Wings 2024 Car Registration Form \(jotform.com\)](#)



Martyn



SUNDAY JULY 14th - Atwell Wilson Museum Car Show

This is the annual car show held at our local car museum, if booked in advance entry for classic car owners is free to book please follow this link:

[Atwell-Wilson Motor Museum Road Run & 21st Annual Classic Vehicle Show 2024 Tickets, Sat 13 Jul 2024 at 15:00 | Eventbrite](#)

For those who wish there is also a road run on the Saturday which is chargeable.

Martyn

Reduce Vehicle Tax for cars aged between 20 and 40 years old - Petitions ([parliament.uk](#)) Click on this link to sign petition

This may interest our members with MGF and TF and other Post Abingdon cars
This is one petition that may well be worth signing for the future of MGF & TF cars all 👍

Vehicle Tax for cars aged between 20 and 40 years old

Under the current rules a car does not become exempt from Vehicle Tax until it is at least 40 years old. There are vehicles within the 20 to 40 year age bracket that are well loved, modern classics and without a reduction in tax, we may see these vehicles disappear from our roads.

Martyn



MASTERS OF MOTORING LIVE

SATURDAY 1ST JUNE & SUNDAY 2ND JUNE 2024



The Masters of Motoring is the pinnacle of luxury car and vehicle shows, which bring together collectors, private owners, prestige and lifestyle brands for a fun and engaging day. The show honours the true Masters where the people, the cars and the motorbikes have a story, not just to live in a museum but to showcase the rare and unusual pieces not seen on the concours circuits. For 2024, this iconic show at Bowood House and Gardens is partnering with Castle Combe Circuit to bring a 'live' element to the offering.

On Saturday 1st June the show will come to **Castle Combe Circuit** where you will see a range of the finest cars on display around the paddock and in action out on track. There will be historic F1 cars and motorsports cars and you can have your supercar, modified and classic on display and on the track too. Sunday 2nd June will see these rare and beautiful cars and bikes on the front lawns of **Bowood House**, just a few miles down the road from the circuit, with a VIP area and classic, modified cars and motorsport displays.

Frank Fletcher





Secretary's Scribbles

Hello everyone - it may be February but there have been some nice days to get out and tinker with the cars. The Apple CarPlay stereo in the TF is working well, I had one journey to Gloucester where it decided to stop working but otherwise it has been a success, and the issue has only happened once. This month is all about the TF's exhaust.

At the MOT the rear silencer was slightly hanging off and needed a weld and I was informed that the flexi part was blowing slightly so I have been mulling over how to get a decent exhaust without the large bill that the specialists seem to charge for a new 'super duper' system. I definitely wanted a Stainless 'sports' rear silencer. In the end I read many of the Facebook forums and decided to go for a Toyosports box and found a deal on eBay for one. The other section of the exhaust is the one with the flexi hose and in the end I decided on a

new mild steel one so shopped around and found one at a decent price from mgfntfbitz. Then I bought the various fitting kits and gaskets that I would need. I did have a quick look under the back of the car only to find that the heat-shield was in a poor state, so I ordered an original equipment one of those too. The car is booked into CAMS in Chippenham for the job this Friday, so fingers crossed it goes well.

Another job that I have been playing with is ordering various USEB sockets from eBay and Amazon to see if any of them will fit into the Switch blanks on the TFs front console - and eventually I have managed to find the perfect one - You just pop out the switch blank and fit the USB socket. I have ended up buying two and now need another nice day to get them wired in. If anyone is interested in knowing the exact one to buy then let me know. **Tom**





CLUB DIARY

2024 EVENTS DIARY				
Date	Event	Club Event	Venue	Contact Details & Start Point/Time
26th February	Club Night - "Would I Lie to You"	YES	The Toll Gate Inn	Roger Binney
22nd-25th March	Practical Classics Show		NEC	For Information
25th March	Club Night - Talk on Photography	YES	The Toll Gate Inn	John Bishop
2nd - 4th April	Club Battlefields Trip	YES		Tom Strickland
21st April	"Drive It Day"	YES	The Classic Motor Hub	David Collier
22nd April	Club Night - Prod and Poke	YES	The Toll Gate Inn	
5th May	Haynes Breakfast Meet - British Cars			For Information
17th May	Club Trip to Wales	YES		Graham Bennett
20th May	Club Night - Mystery Run	YES		
1st - 2nd June	Masters of Motoring	For Info	Castle Combe & Bowood	
2nd June	Chippenham Lions Cherished Vehicle Show			For Information
3rd June	Club Mystery Run	YES	ITS A MYSTERY!	Terry Warder
9th June	MGS in the Park		Cotswold Wildlife Park Burford	
June (TBC)	Poulshot Cars on the Green			
23rd June	Visit to Abingdon Museum & Nuffield Place	YES		Martyn Lucas



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24th June	Club Night - Boules	YES	The Toll Gate Inn	
29th -30th June	Inter Club MG/Triumph Weekend		The Malvern Showground	
13th July	Wings and Wheels day - The Army Museum of Flying	YES	Middle Wallop Andover	Martyn Lucas
14th July	Atwell-Wilson Museum Car Show	YES	Calne	Martyn Lucas
22nd July	Club Night - BBQ	YES	The Toll Gate Inn	
TBA July	Wessex Summer Picnic			Gordon and Sandra Newman
17th-18th August	Post-Abingdon MG Weekend Show		Location (TBC)	
19th August	Club Night - TBA	YES	The Toll Gate Inn	
1st September	The White Horse Car Show		Westbury	
23-Sep	Club Night - TBA	YES	The Toll Gate Inn	
28-Sep	Carpet Bowls		Eddington Village Hall	Roger Binney
28th October	Club Night - TBA	YES	The Toll Gate Inn	
23rd November	Scalextric Challenge		Eddington Village Hall	Roger Binney
25th November	Club Night - AGM	YES	The Toll Gate Inn	
TBA	Christmas Party	YES	The Toll Gate Inn	



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.