



# WESSEX MG CAR CLUB THE TOLLGATE INN- HOLT

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**Monday 20th May**

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I am writing this on one of the warmest days so far this year, let's hope that we can get many more days without rain and then we can enjoy open top motoring in our roadsters.

For those not going on the club weekend to Wales, there is still time to get a ticket for the big MG 100 event at Brooklands on Sunday May 19th

It is good to see that the Goodwood Festival of Speed will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of MG with a special display in front of Goodwood House, and prices for the new MG Cyberster have now been announced and I wonder how long it will be before we get a member with one in our club.

We are now approaching the busy event and show season

and there is something in the club diary for every weekend in June and July.

Do look at the club diary in this newsletter as there are new events and shows added and also dates confirmed.

Our next club night is on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May at the Tollgate from 8.00pm and then on Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> we have the Mystery Run

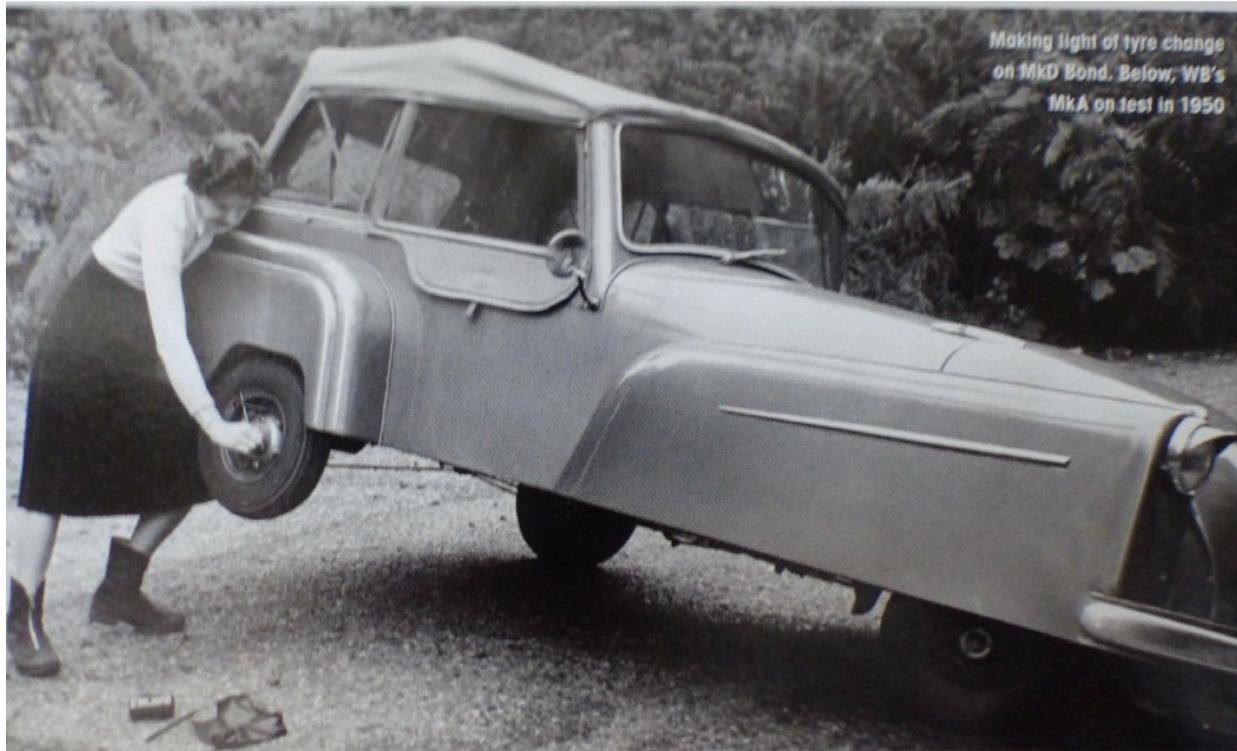
Look forward to seeing everyone either at the club night or one of the forthcoming events



**Martyn**



# The Way It Was



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The 81st Members'  
Meeting  
13th - 14th April

Paul Warn

If your interest is in all things historic in the world of motoring and motor sport then there is no other place than the Goodwood Members' Meeting now in its 10th revived year. It can be cold, it can be wet, luckily this year the weather was dry and warm!!

We always look forward to this no frills first date in the historic racing calendar. Its a very early start for us but the sight of thousands of daffodils as you enter the circuit is a sight for sore eyes - literally...

Whilst the Revival Meeting is recognised as the greatest historic race car meeting in the world I would argue that the Members' Meeting is at least equally as good if not better and without the maddening crowds and hospitality suites.

I'm sure I've bored you in previous years - the original series of members' meetings were held soon after the Goodwood Motor Circuit was first opened in 1948, before concluding in 1966 when the circuit closed. Back in the day, the events catered for members of the British Automobile Racing Club, all of whom were encouraged to race their cars having driven them to the circuit. 71 Members' Meetings were held during that timespan, which is how we are now at the 81st meeting.

The Duke of Richmond and his team are famous for attracting some of the world's greatest cars and this year's Members' Meeting was no exception with a distinct "Vee Eight" theme. Including the largest collection of Can-Am cars - see title pic - gathered together since their hey day in the late 60s and 70s, the 60th anniversary of the Ford Mustang, historic Formula 1 cars, the 100th anniversary of the Bugatti Type 35 and new to me was the sight of contemporary sidecars as seen on the Isle of Man TT and the world championship - fabulous.

Gerhard Berger demonstrated his Ferrari 640 V12, the car that Nigel Mansell won on his debut with Ferrari in 1989. In period the results were not great, formula one was less reliable than the computer built contemporary cars of today. The car earns a prominent place in the annals of the sport for the technology it pioneered. Amongst which John Barnard introduced the now ubiquitous paddle-shift sequential gearbox allowing the driver to keep both hands on the steering wheel and a much narrower car as seen today.

I've never been to a motorcycle grand prix and was therefore looking forward to the sights and sounds of modern sidecar racing - well head to head two at a time against the clock. The visceral howl of motorcycle racing engines in a carbon fibre monocoque was up there with the Ferrari 640 mentioned above and looks just as insane as it sounds - no safety harnesses no formula one type Halo just a rider and a passenger working together - marvellous!

Most of what we see at the meetings, we experienced for the most part in period so it is always great to reacquaint ourselves with the sights and sounds of historic racing - I think they call it nostalgia.





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## Donington Historic Festival

Peter Hine

The weekend of 4th & 5th May was the Donington Historic Festival, one of the first significant historic meetings of the season, and whilst a 266 mile round trip from Marlborough, was well worth it & did not disappoint.

I think because it's one of the first meetings of the season, the entry list was excellent. In various races, over 80 sports cars from the late 50's through to the early 60's and over 100 touring cars from the 60's through to the 90's (even an MG Maestro, a rare site now in these gatherings). The 'Mad Jack' trophy for pre-war sports cars had 30 incredible cars of the era - 2 of the Bentleys 100 years old this year and still being driven on the limit 😊.

The infield had a great selection of clubs and some interesting cars but not so many as to be overwhelming. The other nice thing about this meeting is that it's not been 'commercialised', so a great club atmosphere. Oh, and the entry cost for the weekend (with a car club discount) for a car, 2 passengers and infield parking was less than the petrol there and back 😊.



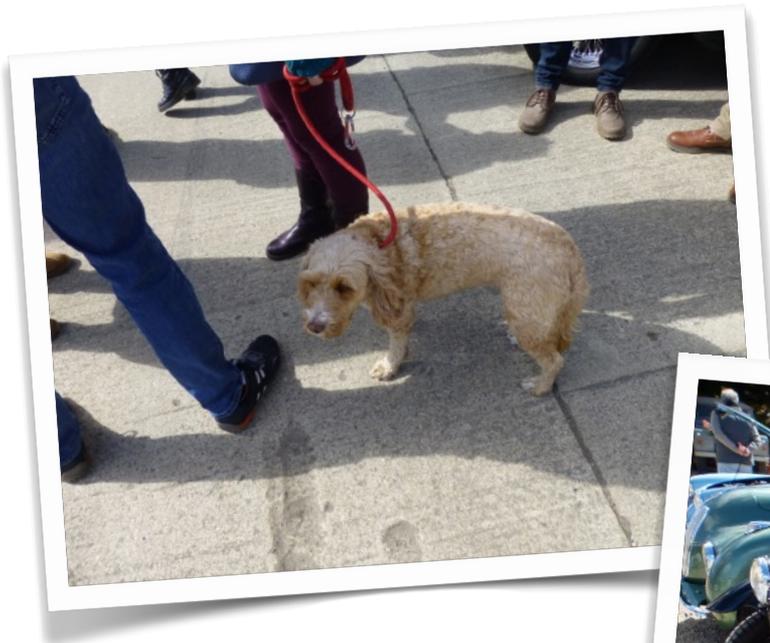




## The Club's Drive It Day

David Collier arranged this year's club "Drive It Day" to The Classic Motor Hub. Here are a few pics...







The Northern Lights as Experienced in Stroud Top 2 Pics (Me) and Trowbridge bottom 2. John Bishop





## 2024 DIARY UPDATES

### New events-

**Wednesday July 31<sup>st</sup>** - The Noggin and Natter at The George, Longbridge Deverill, Warminster, official start from 4.00pm

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September-** The Somerset Festival of Transport, West Woodlands Showground, Frome, BA11 5ES details at [Somersets Festival of Transport](#)

### Updated Information-

**Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup>** - Confirmed date for Poulshot Village Gathering from 6.00pm

**Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Visit to Abingdon Museum and Nuffield Place, for the visit to Nuffield Place tickets will be available to book on the National Trust website from 26<sup>th</sup> May, we will need book an afternoon ticket as we will arrive around 2.00pm, after our visit to the Abingdon Museum. More details to follow.

**Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup>**- Confirmed date for The Post Abingdon MG Day at the Gloucester and Warwickshire Steam Railway, Toddington. Gloucestershire, show tickets must be purchased in advance.

**Sunday September 1<sup>st</sup>** - Haynes Breakfast Meet 60s 70s and 80s car theme

**Martyn**



## 2024 DIARY UPDATES

### Club Mystery Run on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of June



The run will start from B&Q car park in Trowbridge. Participants need to be there no later than 6.00 pm.

The run is about 29 miles long and should take about an hour and a half - it is not a race, just a gentle drive around the countryside.

We will end - as usual - in a pub for a meal.

The pub would like to know the approximate numbers, so we would like to hear from those who will be taking part.

Please email us on [suewarder60@gmail.com](mailto:suewarder60@gmail.com).



**Terry and Sue**



## Secretary's Scribbles

Another rather wet month that hasn't seen much MG action here. Thinking back to the Battlefield trip in April it was really good to use the TF as an 'Every day' car for the trip. She was very capable and kept us dry and warm for the four days. She may not have had the 4x4 trial that Paul's E type and Malcolm's mighty Navarro had but she did everything asked of her. I ponder how she compared to the trips of old when we went in our 1275 Midget on similar club trips abroad and annual holidays camping around France - the biggest difference was cabin space. In a Midget or MGB there is huge amounts of space behind the seats for coats, jumpers, hats, food etc - indeed we used to run a small 12v fridge there in the Midget. In the TF however the space that is there disappears when the hood is put down and becomes non-existent. Pete in the Morgan did several sections of the

journeys on the trip with his hood down and I just couldn't be bothered to stow all the belongings in the already full boot to accomplish it in the TF. Am I becoming a grumpy old man? I wonder? As the trip was such a success, I have started pencilling together an idea to do Normandy for the Easter Holidays 2025. Probably across 4 days - spending half the time on the British stuff and half on the American. I reckon it will be a little more expensive due to the need to use Brittany Ferry crossings into Normandy rather than the long trek both sides of the cheaper Dover-Calais options. There is a lot of great stuff to do in Normandy and although I am not an expert to the same level as I am in the First World War stuff I would look to build a tour around personal stories etc. If you are interested, then please do start to let me know.

**Tom**





# CLUB DIARY

2024 EVENTS DIARY				
Date	Event	Club Event	Venue	Contact Details & Start Point/Time
17th May	Club Trip to Wales	YES		Graham Bennett
<b>20th May</b>	<b>Club Night - Prod &amp; Poke</b>	<b>YES</b>		
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 - Start 6:00pm B&Q Trowbridge	YES	ITS A MYSTERY!	Terry Warder
9th June	MGS in the Park		Cotswold Wildlife Park Burford	
June <b>(TBC)</b>	Poulshot Cars on the Green			
15&16th June	Bath Rotary Festival of Motoring	<b>YES</b>	Bath	Martyn Lucas
19th June	Poulshott Gathering on the Green	For Info		Martyn Lucas - <b>From 6:00pm</b>
23rd June	Visit to Abingdon Museum & Nuffield Place	<b>YES</b>		Martyn Lucas
<b>24th June</b>	<b>Club Night - Boules</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>The Toll Gate Inn</b>	
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
<b>22nd July</b>	<b>Club Night - BBQ</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>The Toll Gate Inn</b>	
21st July	Wessex Summer Picnic	YES	Bucklers Hard	Gordon and Sandra Newman



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31st July	"Noggin and Natter"		The George Longbridge Deverell	Martyn Lucas Official <b>Start 4:00pm</b>
4th Aug	Post Abingdon MG Day		Gloucester and Warwickshire Steam Railway	Martyn Lucas
17th-18th August	Post-Abingdon MG Weekend Show		<b>Location (TBC)</b>	
<b>19th August</b>	<b>Club Night - Social Evening</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>The Toll Gate Inn</b>	
26th August	MGs in Tom's Field	YES	Tom & Nancy's House	Tom Strickland
1st September	Haynes Breakfast Club	For Info		
<b>23-Sep</b>	<b>Club Night - TBA</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>The Toll Gate Inn</b>	
28&29 Sept	Somerset Festival of Transport	For Info	West Woodlands Showground	Martyn Lucas
28-Sep	Carpet Bowls		Eddington Village Hall	Roger Binney
<b>Oct ?</b>	Club Skittles Evening		White Hart Atworth	Peter Hine
<b>28th October</b>	<b>Club Night - Tom Strickland Remembrance Talk</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>The Toll Gate Inn</b>	
23rd November	Scalextric Challenge		Eddington Village Hall	Roger Binney
<b>25th November</b>	<b>Club Night - AGM</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>The Toll Gate Inn</b>	
<b>TBA</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>The Toll Gate Inn</b>	



## 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.