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NEXT CLUB NIGHT BBQ

Monday 22nd July
Start Time 7:30pm

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

Congratulations to the winners of the 2024 Club Boules evening, in a very close match the final winners were Kevin and Roger, I would like to thank Nancy for her work as Score keeper and adjudicator.

The last month has been another busy one with several of us going to the mid summer meet on Poulshot Green, this was followed the next weekend by the visit to the Abingdon Museum to see the special MG 100 exhibition, after leaving the museum we then went on to visit Nuffield Place, the former home of William Morris, where we were able to park our cars in front of the house.

The next weekend was the Inter Club International Weekend at The Three Counties Showground at Malvern, this was a well attended weekend with a large contingent of MG and Triumph cars joined by cars from over 30 other car clubs,

including as we were in Malvern the Morgan clubs.

At the time of writing this I have just arrived home from the Army Flying Museum at Middle Wallop for the Wings and Wheels Day this was a good event with a large variety of cars and some really good flypasts and a parachute drop by the falcons, so something other than just cars.

I am now off to Calne for the Attwell Wilson Museum Car Show.

Our next club night on Monday July 22nd will be the Burger night at the Tollgate starting from 7.30pm, pre orders are required by Wednesday 17th July for the Burgers which will be subsidised by your club to £12 per person.

Martyn



The Way It Was

Do you remember these? Of course you do...you may also remember they became part of motoring history in October 2014 - almost 10 years ago, can you believe that! For those of us of an age they've become as anachronistic as saluting AA patrolmen or petrol sold in gallons or as far as our (grown-up) grandchildren are concerned - maps...

Why not make your classic a little more period looking by including a period tax disc or a replica apparently it's legally fine to do so. Go to Earlswood Vintage and Classic - I've included a link

<https://www.britishtaxdiscs.co.uk/order-tax-disc.php>





Poulshot Evening Car and Bike meet

Roger Binney

I had never been before but, it was a lovely evening and I get so few opportunities to be out in the "A", so off I went not knowing what to expect.... I was amazed.

The two greens were rock solid full of cars and bikes of every description and make.

The scheduled time of 6 pm was in fact far too late and the venue was full, but still with space for my little A. I think Martyn was the only other Club member there but our paths did not cross despite WhatsApp prompts.

A totally uncommercial event, it was great to see.

Definitely put it in your diary for next year.







1964 MGB BMC Works Sebring 12 hours

Paul Warn

If you had motored up to The Classic Motor Hub recently you would have come across this fabulous BMC works MGB.

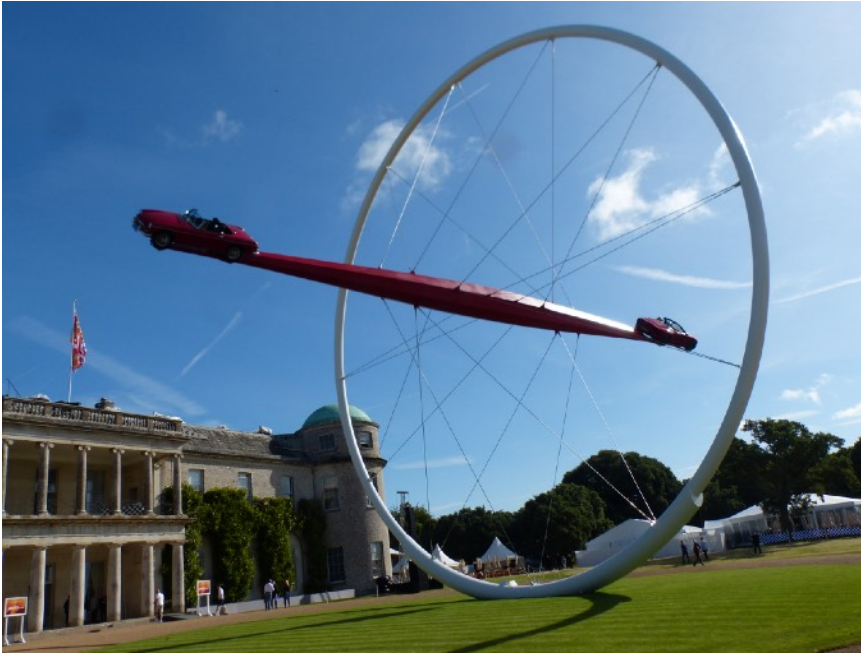
This was one of three MGBs - one red, one white and one blue - that had been entered for the 1964 Sebring 12 Hours endurance classic by Kjell Qvale, a West Coast BMC distributor based in San Francisco. His competition department was run by Joe Huffaker, who prepared the three cars with upgraded parts that had been sent over by the MG Competition Department in Abingdon.

The red car was based on a very early MGB - body number 000114. Originally shipped to the US in July 1962, it had incurred salt-water damage in transit and couldn't be sold, so Qvale decided that it would make the ideal basis for a race car.

While overall victory went to a Ferrari, this MGB crossed the line 3rd in class.







2024 Festival of Speed

Paul Warn

In my email asking for content for the July edition I mentioned that we were travelling down to Goodwood for the Festival of Speed this weekend, in the hope that we didn't have a repeat of last year's weather. As you can see from the title photo, all was good!

On arrival however the first thing we noticed when we were approaching the members' enclosure was the absence of multi-storey temporary buildings erected by the car manufacturers to showcase their new models. It was the threat of these massive structures being blown down in last year's high winds that caused the event on the Saturday to be cancelled.

The central feature outside Goodwood House this year celebrated the centenary of MG founded as you will all know by Cecil Kimber in 1924. There is a strong and enduring bond between Goodwood and MG. The current Duke of Richmond's grandfather, Freddy March managed a team of MGs, securing victory - amongst others - in the 1931 Brooklands Double Twelve alongside Chris Staniland in an MG C-Type. It was Freddy March who established the Goodwood racing circuit from 1948 to 1966 and revived in 1998 by the current Duke.

This year's feature captures part of MGs history. On the left is the MGB symbolising MGs storied past and on the right symbolising the future, the new MG Cyberster - both full size proper cars.



The Festival of Speed is a mighty event and if space allows I will include some other thoughts next month. In the meantime here are a few more pics.





MG IN NUMBERS



Not a lot of people know this or want to!

However Hagerty insures more 1972 MGB Roadsters in the UK than any other year, make and model of car...



WESSEX MG CLUB

BURGER NIGHT MONDAY 22nd JULY from 7.30pm

CHOICE OF -

BEEF

CHICKEN

CAULIFLOWER & CHICKPEA

ALL SERVED WITH CHIPS

SUBSIDISED BY WESSEX MG TO £12 per person

PLEASE BRING EXACT AMOUNT IN CASH ON THE NIGHT

**IMPORTANT PLEASE LET ME HAVE YOUR CHOICES BY EMAIL
TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT**

WEDNESDAY JULY 17th



PHOTOS OF CLUB VISIT TO ABINGDON MUSEUM & NUFFIELD PLACE

COURTESY OF MARTYN LUCAS





PHOTOS OF CLUB VISIT TO WINGS AND WHEELS COURTESY OF MARTYN LUCAS





PHOTOS OF CLUB VISIT TO ABINGDON MUSEUM & NUFFIELD PLACE COURTESY OF MARTYN LUCAS



Secretary's Scribbles

The TF has settled down now and I had a good trip down to a friend's house in Yeovil last weekend - the drive back in shirtsleeves over the Deverills on a relaxed Sunday evening was pure pleasure. My cheap Chinese stereo has been working well and provides good access to Apple Carplay, which I love - however the touch screen controls for volume etc are annoying and of course in the TF there are no steering wheel controls that we are so used to these days. I came up with a cheap solution via Amazon which is remote control buttons

that you sync to your stereo and provide remote buttons (see photo). I have just linked the volume and music playback one as I am unlikely to need the phone buttons in the TF. The system works well. I have located the button beside the cigarette lighter on the central console but, in some cars you could actually locate the unit on the steering wheel. Hope you all have the Action Day on August 26th - which is the Bank holiday Monday. We will be having all the usual fun activities here. Hope to see you all soon.



Tom



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CLUB DIARY

2024 EVENTS DIARY				
Date	Event	Club Event	Venue	Contact Details & Start Point/Time
21st July	Wessex Summer Picnic	YES	Bucklers Hard	Gordon and Sandra Newman
22nd July	Club Night - BBQ	YES	The Toll Gate Inn	
31st July	"Noggin and Natter"		The George Longbridge Deverell	Martyn Lucas Official Start 4:00pm
4th Aug	Post Abingdon MG Day		Gloucester and Warwickshire Steam Railway	Martyn Lucas
17th-18th August	Post-Abingdon MG Weekend Show		Location (TBC)	
19th August	Club Night - Social Evening	YES	The Toll Gate Inn	
26th August	MGs in Tom's Field	YES	Tom & Nancy's House	Tom Strickland
1st September	Haynes Breakfast Club	For Info		
23-Sep	Club Night - TBA	YES	The Toll Gate Inn	
28&29 Sept	Somerset Festival of Transport	For Info	West Woodlands Showground	Martyn Lucas
28-Sep	Carpet Bowls		Eddington Village Hall	Roger Binney
Oct ?	Club Skittles Evening		White Hart Atworth	Peter Hine
28th October	Club Night - Tom Strickland Remembrance Talk	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	



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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.