



WESSEX MG CAR CLUB THE TOLLGATE INN- HOLT

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NEXT CLUB NIGHT
Monday 28th October
Remembrance Day
Historic Talk
Start Time 8:00 pm

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

My main event of the month was The Isle of Man Motoring Festival, this surprisingly was a rain free weekend, and the ferry crossings were very smooth. It was a unique experience to be able to drive the closed mountain runs, this is the only time the mountain road from Ramsey to the Creg -Ny -Baa is closed for a four wheeled vehicle event and on the Sunday to be part of a police escorted convoy of 340 cars on the TT circuit from the grandstand in Douglas to the Promenade in Ramsay, giving us the opportunity to drive through red traffic lights and with the major side road junctions closed. A really fantastic weekend shared with fellow club members.

Thanks to Lynne and Roger for organising a closely contested Carpet Bowls evening in the Edington Village Hall, and also to all who

brought food to share, we will be back in the hall again at the end of November for the Scalextric evening.

This Saturday the 26th October we have the club skittles evening at The White Hart in Atworth, this will be a fun evening and if you have not already put your name on the list please let me know as soon as possible if you want to join us.

Our next club night on Monday 28th October at The Tollgate from 8.00pm will be rather special as we are approaching National Remembrance Day, Tom Strickland will be giving us a presentation on Remembrance,

Look forward to seeing you

Martyn





CALLING NOTICE - WESSEX MG CLUB AGM- 2024

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

2024 Annual General Meeting

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

25th November

at

The Tollgate Inn - Holt

commencing at

8:00 pm

Preceded from 7.30 onwards by the payment of subscriptions for the 2025 season.

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

The proceedings of the meeting shall be as follows:

Agenda for AGM

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Approval of minutes of 2023 AGM.
3. Chairman's Report.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Consideration of any motions received.

Break

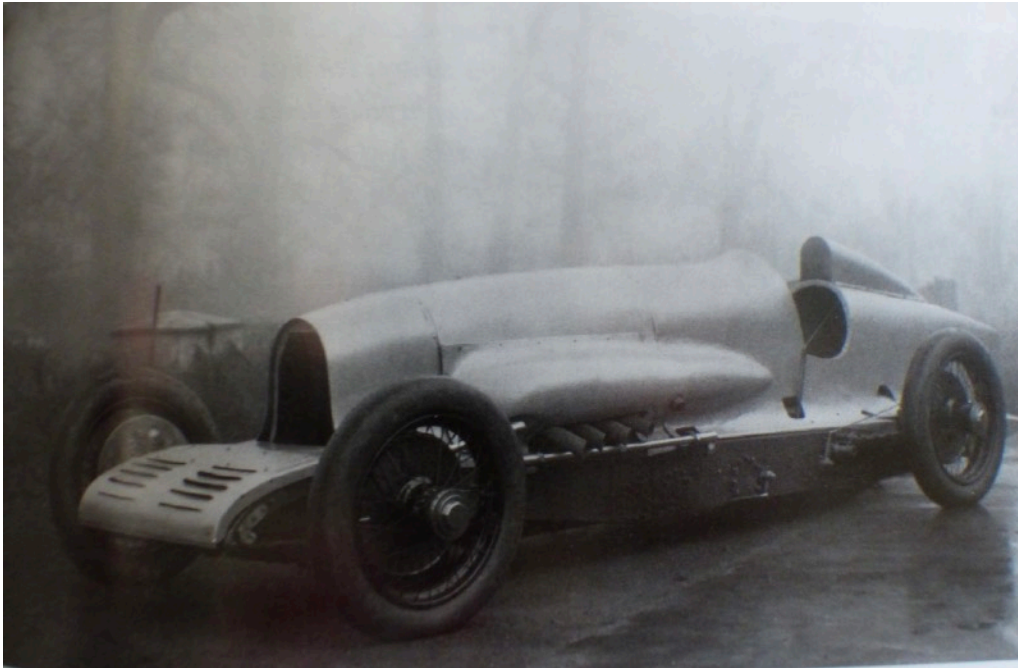
- Photo competition

- Voting for awards

6. Election of Committee for 2025.
7. Presentation of Awards.
8. Arrangements for 2025 AGM.
9. Any other business.

The Way It Was

The Land Speed Record



One hundred years ago last month Malcolm Campbell secured his first Land Speed Record at 146.16 mph on Pendine Sands in South Wales. He was driving this 350 bhp Sunbeam, painted in his favourite shade of blue in what would become synonymous with Malcolm and his son Colin Campbell's record breaking cars and boats known as Blue Bird.

He went on to break his own benchmark in 1925, and then for the next 10 years engaged in a back-and-forth battle for the record with Henry Segrave, JG Parry-Thomas and George Eyston.

He held the crown a further eight times up to 1935 - 301.129mph - and in 1931 King George V presented him with a knighthood for his achievements.

As a reminder of how dangerous pushing the edge of speed on land and sea was Parry-Thomas was killed in 1927 on Pendine Sands attempting to raise the Land Speed record and Sir Henry Seagrave in 1930 attempting the Water Speed Record on lake Windermere.

Sir Malcolm Campbell died after a series of strokes in 1948 in Reigate Surrey aged 63. He was one of the few record holders of his era to die of natural causes.





MG TD Trials and Tribulations -News from America.

Peter Oldale

I am lucky enough to have recently returned from visiting my brother and family in America. As my TD spent some years in America and knowing that MGs were at least very popular there, (some 23,000 of the almost 30,000 TDs manufactured were sold to the States) I did a quick Google search for an MG club in Nevada where my brother lives. To my delight, Atomic Motors, a very large sales, restoration outfit in Henderson near Las Vegas came up trumps (excuse the pun - 😊). <https://www.atomicmotors.net/>

We decided to visit and were warmly welcomed and shown around the premises which consisted of four massive new hangar size buildings. Some 150 cars and motor bikes were on display, many for sale but others were undergoing restoration for customers. It certainly was a one stop shop, with everything from engine rebuilds, an upholstery workshop, bodywork and paint workshops. You could certainly bring a wreck of a car in, specify the work to be done, wait patiently and then drive away a very happy but with lighter pockets.

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A second metallic red MG TD was also for sale. Perhaps not an original MG colour but certainly in excellent condition for \$36,000 (circa £27,800). You can probably make out a Citroen 2CV next to it in the picture. There certainly was every genre of car and bike there including of course the classic big American cars.



Now, what is probably of more interest to most of you, there were also two MGBs. A red 1973 MGB for \$20,000 (circa £15,000) and a 1979 white rubber bumper MGB for the same price.



Finally, to my surprise and delight in the motor bike section was a 1953 New Hudson moped. I bought one of these second hand at the age of 14 for the princely sum of £13 to ride around the fields in Norfolk where I grew up. This one was for sale for \$6,980 (circa £5,240), oh how I wish I had kept it. But then I guess that's typical of a story we all have - 😊.





Carpet Bowls

John Bishop

A couple of reports from the successful carpet bowls evening hosted by Lynne and Roger Binney - the first by John Bishop...

On a crisp Saturday evening a group of MG Club hopefuls gathered for what has recently become an annual carpet bowls tournament, but this year's match was anything but straightforward. As the members lined up their bowls, laughter erupted when it became clear that the carpet had other ideas. Every bowl seemed to take on a mind of its own, veering off course and rolling embarrassingly into unexpected corners.

Teams strategised, trying to compensate for the carpet's quirks, and there was some excellent play with one genius shot by Jasmine Drew that achieved perfection. With murmurs of encouragement and a few exaggerated gestures, some teams expertly navigated the tricky terrain whilst others, sadly, fell by the wayside.

In a nail-biting finale that came down to the last ball Team Viking clinched victory with a perfectly executed curve by Peter Hine, sending their final bowl curving magnificently toward the jack. Cheers erupted as they celebrated, proving that sometimes, the best moments come even when things don't go exactly as planned.

Thanks as ever to Lynne and Roger for organising this excellent event, to all who helped with the organisation and, of course, to those who brought the wonderful array of tasty dishes. On several levels this was an evening to be savoured.

The second by Roger Binney...

Well it was intended to be a Championship but, because of the level of skill amongst players... it turned out to be an Exhibition... of bowling incompetence.

Sue Hine was however "Star Bowler" rescuing her team to victory in the final. Nevertheless, we all had a great evening with lashings of excellent grub, as always. Far too many yummy things to dare to nominate a Wessex Finest, though Meena's north Indian curry was the first thing to disappear.

Thanks everyone for coming along and making the evening, as always, a lot of fun. Scalextric Championship next in November.





Elvis' MGA

John Bishop

We are not alone in our love of English sports cars. Elvis Presley had a well-documented love for cars, and one of his cherished vehicles was a 1960 MG MGA which our son came across recently during a road trip in the American south. With its sleek lines and vibrant red colour, this MGA was a reflection of the era's style and sophistication, making it a fitting choice for a world-class musician. He used it in his film "Blue Hawaii".

Elvis allegedly often drove his MGA around Memphis. His cars became symbols of his success and flair, embodying the spirit of the 1950s rock and roll scene. But then in the mid-1960s he just gave the car to his secretary. After Elvis's passing in 1977, the MGA changed hands several times and now resides at the automobile museum at Graceland along with his pink Cadillac, Dino Ferrari, Lincoln Continental and many others.





"The Best of
British" Isle of
Man Festival of
Motoring

Sue Warder

A fantastic trip to the Best of British Isle of Man Festival of Motoring with Scenic Car Tours.

A very well organised tour of the island, which included two goes of a closed road section on the SLOC mountain course (max. Speed limited to 60mph) with perfect scenery and weather, a static display of over 300 cars on Douglas promenade and an escorted lap of the TT course which included an 11-mile closed roads Mountain section (max. speed 100 mph with no overtaking).

After the SLOC course we visited IOM Motor Museum and Jerby Transport Museum, entry was free for all tour participants.

We also had a "Pie in the Sky" meal with entertainment at the Victory Cafe on Snaefell Mountain via a Victorian Electric Tram and a lovely cream tea at Creg-Ny-Baa after the TT parade.

Apart from overheating in Liverpool the GT performed brilliantly, passing "Kates Cottage" at 84 mph and hitting 90+ down to the Creg.

You will also notice in one of the photos that we encountered a Viking who looked rather like Kevin.

All in all an amazing trip with perfect weather. If you get the chance, give it a go!!





Cooling off in front of the Liver Building



The Washing Field Laxey



Some of the 328 cars lining up for the TT Course Parade



Kevin the Manx Viking



In Front of the TT Grandstand after Completing the TT Course



Waiting to be Flagged off for the SLOC Mountain
on Closed Roads



Martyn Completing the SLOC

Secretary's Scribbles

Well, following the un-opening boot situation that I was in last month.. I did in fact opt for the 'go in through the light cluster' option. I bought a second-hand unit on eBay and then within a few minutes I had cut my way in and had the boot open. After that it was just a reach in and release the latch job. All in all a rather easy job for an MGTF. I have left the fiddling with the electronic boot release for now as a punishment. I am excited to be giving the club a talk this month at the club night: It will be in two halves. As it will be the season of

Remembrance I will be talking about the fascinating story of the railway carriage that was used for the Armistice signing at the end of the First World War and then the second half I will be talking about the impact of the World Wars on Olympians with a small case study on Eric Liddell of Chariots of Fire fame - yep, I will throw the music in for free! I shall actually be racing back from a trip to see the forts of Liege and Namur in East Belgium especially for the talk. Hopefully see you all there!

Tom





CLUB DIARY

2024 EVENTS DIARY				
Date	Event	Club Event	Venue	Contact Details & Start Point/Time
26th October	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	
7th December	Christmas Party	YES	The Toll Gate Inn	



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.