



WESSEX MG CAR CLUB THE TOLLGATE INN- HOLT

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NEXT CLUB NIGHT

Monday 25th

November

CLUB AGM

Start Time 7:30 pm

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

The last month has been another busy one, our annual skittles match took place in Atworth and congratulations to Tamara who was the winner of the Wessex MG Skittles Trophy on her first club event, it was a very closely contested match.

Thanks to Tom for giving a presentation at our October club night on Remembrance and the story of the train carriage, this was very informative about the first and second war and for me an educational evening.

I was at the NEC Classic Motor Show over the Remembrance weekend and on the Sunday it was moving that everything stopped for the two minute silence, the show had over 3000 cars on

display this year and over 71000 visitors attended, if you have not been to the show it is certainly worth considering putting it in your diary for next year.

I would like to thank all who have attended club nights and events this year and look forward to seeing you at our next club night which is the Club AGM at The Tollgate on Monday 25th November at 7:00pm.

At the AGM all the current committee stand down from their posts and it would be good to have new members join the committee to drive the club forward with new ideas, being a committee member does not take up a lot of time so please consider volunteering.

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.



WESSEX MG CLUB COMMITTEE



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

In accordance with the club rules all of the current committee resign at the AGM.

Nominations for the new committee are invited from all members, and it would be good to have nominations from members who have not served on the committee previously.

The nominations are voted for at the AGM

All posts are available including-

Committee Members with portfolio -

Chairperson

Vice Chairperson

Secretary

Treasurer and Membership Secretary

Newsletter Editor

Committee Members without Portfolio

If you would like more information on the duties involved please contact the current holder of the role or any committee member.

It would be good to have some of the more recently joined membership on the committee, to take the club into the future...

Martyn Lucas

Chairperson



The Way It Was



Do not attempt this whilst you are driving!!





MG TD Trials and Tribulations -Continued News from America.

Peter Oldale

I meant to mention this in my last scribble about MGs and though it is not about an MG, it certainly is inspirational. Whilst touring Yellowstone National Park this summer we came across this 1920's Ford Model T. The remarkable thing is that it was on a road at 7,400 feet at Obsidian Cliff. She was in beautiful condition and had not even overheated on the climb. So, let's not get down when our MG has the odd problem here and there. They should be good for many years to come with a bit of TLC 😊.



"Under Cover"

Paul Warn

A popular topic of conversation at this time of the year amongst classic car owners or indeed any one who will be storing their car over the winter months is how?

I'm not an expert by any stretch nor am I trying to teach you how to suck eggs. However I thought a few words may provoke food for thought and you dear reader may have suggestions of your own to share... I have over the years stored many cars over the winter period and what I've learnt very early on is if you don't use it for 6 months potentially you are asking for trouble when you decide to back it out of the garage and drive it. I've never taken my classic off the road to save money during the winter months - you pay for it in the long run...Nor do I stop the insurance.

My first instinct is try to use the car during the winter months as long as the roads have not been salted. There is an oft quoted saying which applies to many many things in life...

"Use it or lose it"

The following is only based on my own experiences. So here goes...

ENVIRONMENT

I hope I'm preaching to the converted when I say that it is crucially important to keep your car dry. That usually requires use of enclosed indoor storage and also means if you do take it out whether in the winter or summer do not put it away wet!

If you have to use an open carport (it's better than nothing), avoid parking your car on a wet surface or grass at all costs. Both surfaces trap humidity and allow it to circulate under the car. In an enclosed space, dryness is more important than cleanliness, provided that there aren't rakes and paint cans poised to fall off the wall or shelves and smack your car.

Electricity is helpful, as it allows you to connect up a battery conditioner..

Make sure there is no food or food related containers etc in and around the car to attract mice or other rodents the damage they can do is enormous particularly on newer cars with biodegradable soy-based insulation.

CAR COVER

I've always kept a cover over my car whether in the winter whilst not in use or whilst garaged during the summer in normal use. All kinds of critters lurk around the nooks and crannies of your man cave and can use your classic as a play ground or worse still as a toilet! The cover also keeps particulate matter and UV light away from the paint.

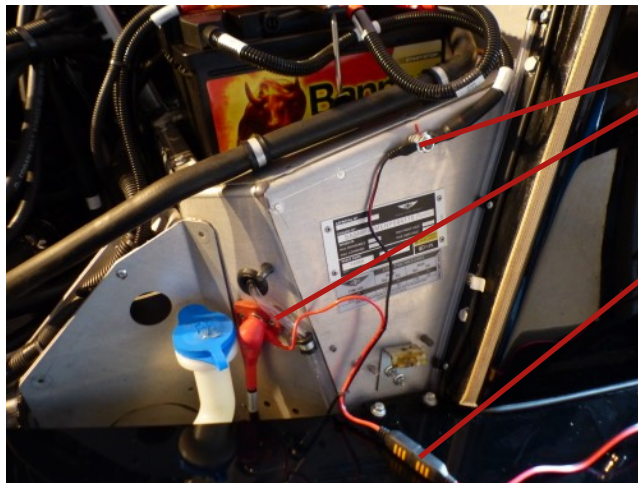
TYRES

The longer the car sits the greater the danger the tyres will get flat spots, not sure what that threshold is in terms of time, however my understanding is that the tyres will round out once the car is driven...If you think your car is going to sit idle for longer than the winter months, then maybe it would be better to put the car up on jack stands. A better solution is simply to drive it, or at least roll it a few feet, at regular intervals. Also make sure that the tyres are fully inflated before putting your car to bed for the winter.

BATTERY STORAGE AND CHARGING

What to do? It all depends on where the car is stored, if electricity is available, and how long you plan to store the car. Some folk disconnect the negative battery terminal so the battery won't run down. A rule of thumb for storage is that if the battery is in good shape and fully charged, there's rarely a problem with disconnecting it for a month or even two, even in cold weather, and simply hooking it back up and starting the car.

Personally I use a good quality battery charger/conditioner. I recently updated my Morgan. The old one had its battery under the rear of the car - not easy to get at but I could charge it via the "cigarette lighter" - I had the car 12 years and changed the battery only once - after 10 years. The new Morgan has the battery in the engine compartment so I have connected a lead to the positive and negative - A and B in the pic below using a CTEK connector which when driving remains connected in the engine compartment and when in the garage is connected to the conditioner - C in the pic.



A and B

C



PARK IT CLEAN

I always wash the car before storing it. Water stains or bird droppings left on the car can permanently damage the paint. I also clean the wheels and up under the wheel arches to get rid of mud, grease and tar. For added protection, give the car a coat of wax and treat any interior leather with a good conditioner.

OIL CHANGE?

I've never changed the oil before storing the car although in theory there may be contaminants in the oil which could lead to damage or lead to sludge build-up. I change the oil annually and with the low mileage is unlikely to be an issue - what do you think?

FUEL TANK

I've always topped the fuel tank up to prevent moisture from building up in the tank and to keep any seals from drying out. The increasing proportion of ethanol in modern fuels may have a detrimental affect on seals if stored too long without use.

BRAKES

I always leave the parking brake off, my garage has a slight slope in it so I place a brick behind one of the rear wheels. My previous Morgan and MG before that had drum brakes on the rear so it seemed a good idea not to apply the handbrake to avoid them sticking on. Despite that when it went for its MoT - which coincidentally was in April - the drums were often sticking. Now there are discs all round its still a good idea to leave the brake off to avoid the pads sticking to the disc rotors.

I also keep the windows slightly open to avoid any damp building up inside the car and of course give the interior a clean before settling down for the winter months.

Finally to reiterate, In my experience, I've always found using the car during the winter is the preferred option.



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Wessex MG Skittles

Martyn Lucas



Tamara with Trophy

Our annual skittles evening was held at The White Hart, Atworth and it was good to see new club members attending for the first time.

In a very tightly contested match the winner was new member Tamara on her first club event,

Congratulations to Tamara and welcome to Wessex MG Club,





MG MIDGET

NEC Classic Motor Show

Martyn Lucas



MG METRO



MG MONTEGO



MGB GT

Secretary's Scribbles

I did give the TF a good drive up to Gloucester this month - always a good blast across country to the A417 then up past Cirencester and the huge earthworks around where the Hot Air balloon pub used to be. The rest of my time has been taken up electrifying our gateway here at home. We have always had gates but we rarely bother to close them as by the time you have parked up by the house we are too lazy to go back down to shut them. We get a lot of vehicles, particularly at weekends thinking our drive is a short cut through to the Stanley Park playing fields, and on realising their mistake they get embarrassed and tend to cut up our verges and zoom off at speed down our drive where the kids can be out playing. I asked a local company for a quote and then realised I would have to do it myself or cut an arm off to sell. I therefore sent off for a kit, read the instructions, went through the fear and the 'I can't do it' stage then cracked on. We

decided to use a scrounged big 5 bar gate so that we only needed one motor and cabling to one side of the drive, this made the job much more straightforward. I painted the free gate and posts in black paint and they came up like new and look really smart. The kit was missing a bracket that I needed (found much cheaper if ordered from Italy on eBay) but otherwise it was a straightforward job. There is a coded keypad if we need to allow access to big deliveries etc. We didn't go for an auto shut set up so if we want to leave it open for guests etc then we can. It opens and shuts from a remote key fob - we can even do this from our kitchen window. I bought quite a few extra remote fobs for the grandparents and our various cars (again from Italy via Ebay) and so far, it is working perfectly, and we can feel nicely 'holed up' in our castle. See you all at the AGM!

Tom





CLUB DIARY

2024 EVENTS DIARY				
Date	Event	Club Event	Venue	Contact Details & Start Point/Time
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.