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NEXT CLUB

NIGHT

BBQ

27th July

START TIME 7:30

PM

Whitley Golf Club



Well, hello everyone!

Welcome to July's newsletter, now the season is in full swing - and we are busy most weekends at car shows and events.... It's my favourite time of year.

The last weekend was spent in glorious (if not a little hot) sunshine at Middle Wallop for wheels and wings, and then the Sunday at Atwell Wilson Motor Museum for their annual show.

Both days were excellent, I recommend them for next year if you've not been 👍

On a personal note, my bout of shingles has almost gone, I'm back at work (boo 😞) - all I have left now is I'm a bit blotchy, and by around 3pm I could do with a nap....I think maybe that's a symptom many an MG driver has though! 😂

Continued...

Also, you don't need to worry if you see me about - I'm not contagious or anything!

Coming up this weekend as I write this is our annual club picnic, this time at East Somerset Railway, the weather is set fair (maybe a little bit cooler?) and I'm sure it will be a great day amongst friends.

Thanks to Chris McCormack for the arrangement.

The July club night on Monday 27th July, will be our annual club BBQ.

This will be at Whitley Golf Club, near Melksham, and **not** at the tollgate!

I hope it's a success, mainly because I have tried to organise something different - and would hate to let people down!

So fingers crossed please.

Address: Whitley Golf Club, Corsham Road, Whitley, Melksham SN12 8EQ.

Timings: 1930 hrs (7:30pm)

To all members a call to action, the committee will come together on the 22nd July to discuss the 2nd half of the year, and future events/business - so if anybody has things they would like us to discuss, whether that's events for this year/next or other things for the club committee to muse over, then please reach out to me - by phone, email or WhatsApp... or even speak to me in person.

I am thinking about a trip out to the Morgan factory at somepoint - and was discussing this with Peter Hine recently... just an example of something we could do. I'd love to hear your ideas, it's your club so please feel free to think of, propose and even run events... it's not as bad as it seems I promise!

Hope to see you soon, maybe at the picnic or BBQ... and enjoy those cars in this fabulous weather!



David

CLUB DIARY -

Note: In the date column, where the **DATE** of an event has been highlighted in **RED** the sponsor has included additional promotional details in the newsletter also highlighted in **RED**

2026 EVENTS DIARY				
Date	Event	Start Time	Venue	Additional Information
27th July	Club Night - BBQ	7:30pm	Whitley Golf Club	David Collier
2nd August (Details February Edition)	Gloucestershire Vintage & Country Show		South Cerney	
16th August	MG Festival Brands Hatch			Martyn Lucas
24th August	Club Night - Social Evening	8:00pm	The Toll Gate Inn	David Collier
30th August (Details May edition)	Club Autotest		Tom & Nancy	
4th September	Planks Farm Classic Car Meet		Lydney	
12th September (Details February Edition)	Dumb Post Revival (Pre-Book)	11:30am	The Dumb Post Inn	Chris McCormack
28th September	Club Night - Talk by Tom	8:00pm	The Toll Gate Inn	Tom Strickland
26th October	Club Night - Quiz	8:00pm	The Toll Gate Inn	
13/14th November	NEC Classic Motor Show			
23rd November	Club Night - AGM	8:00pm	The Toll Gate Inn	David Collier
5th December	Christmas Party		The Toll Gate Inn	

DETAILS OF UP COMING EVENTS

Annual Club BBQ Monday 27th July



VENUE: Whitley Golf Club, Corsham Road, Whitley, Melksham SN12 8EQ.

COST: £15/head subsidised by the club to the tune of £5/head

ACTUAL COST: £10/head! Great Value!!!

START TIME: 7:30 pm

DETAILS OF UP COMING EVENTS

Gloucester Vintage & County Extravaganza Sunday August 2nd

This is a very popular show with plenty to see other than cars and entry is free for those displaying classic cars, but you must arrive before 9.30am and cannot leave until 4.30pm

For those who have registered I now have the passes for this event and will be distributing them at the club night on Monday 27th.

Martyn Lucas



ADVANCE NOTICE - Stilton Cheese Classic Car Run



WESSEX MG SPRING BREAK 2027

A few people have asked about and shown interest in the STILTON CHEESE RUN 2027. I have managed to get a date which is 25 April. I don't believe we can enter before January.

As always I need early indication of interest to be able to book accommodation.

Further to last month's announcement - above - next years spring break possibly to Rutland for the STILTON CHEESE RUN. Its an annual event with about 250 cars taking part. This is only a suggestion. Please google it and you will see what it is about from this years event.

If anyone can come up with any other suggestions that will be great but we need to start looking now as if there are a lot of us intending to go we really need to start planning now for accommodation and parking spaces. I have no problems whatsoever if somebody else wants to plan an alternative trip.



Graham

REPORT ON RECENT EVENTS



Club Boules Evening

Paul Warn

A very well supported Club Boules Evening last month demonstrated the competitive side of the club. **Pic 1**

Nancy Strickland ensured the event was well organised and any disputes resolved with her trusty tape. **Pic 2 and Pic 3**

The final came down to a needle match between a team of ladies and a team gentlemen. **Pic 4** I am very pleased to report that the ladies - Sarah Price and Isla Todd **see title photo** - won the day or rather evening! Very well played.



Pic 1



Pic 2



Pic 3



Pic 4



Prescott Historique

Paul Warn

It seems such a long while ago, however during the end-of-May Bank Holiday weekend Anne and I decided to visit the Prescott Historique an event that never disappoints - also the orchard is such a great place to park amongst many interesting cars. The title pic is not perhaps what you's expect for such an historic weekend - but more on that a little later.

According to my programme, the event showcased over 150 vintage and classic cars each day, spanning from the 1900s to the 1990s. The event always brings back many memories of race meetings past. The weekend included amongst others:

Paul Matty Lotus Cars & Triumph Championships: Dedicated grids featuring road and race-prepped historic Lotus and Triumph vehicles.

Club Appearances: Amongst others - the 500 Owners Association and the Allard Owners Club took part, alongside the spectacular Formula 5000 McLaren M10 running the hill.

Now about the main title pic. A unique collection of glass automotive mascots crafted by René Lalique - including every model and variant the French glassmaker produced for the motorcar - all on show in the Bugatti museum - a once in a life time exhibition.

Entitled "Verre et Vitesse" (glass and speed), the title pic shows 46 Lalique mascots from a single private collection curated by specialist John Nemeth. Highlights of the exhibition include the 'Renard' fox mascot and the rare 'Hibou' owl, both made in 1931, alongside the 'Petite Libellule' dragonfly, the 'Tête de Paon' peacock head, the Victoire 'Spirit of the Wind' and the famous 'Vitesse' speed mascot from around 1929.

This was a unique opportunity to view an example of not only every model of car mascot ornament produced by René Lalique in the 1920s and '30s, but every variant of every model,' said Nemeth. 'Assembling and exhibiting a collection of R. Lalique car mascots on this scale has not been done before in the UK and likely not in the world.'







Secretary's Scribbles

Ghosh it is hot - isn't it so frustrating.. almost too hot for an unairconditioned MG that you are terrified you may get caught in slow moving or even halted traffic in. I hope those of you out attending events didn't get slow roasted too much! It is Wessex picnic next week and Sunday looks, according to my weather app, to be as hot but with a dark cloud - I am guessing this may change.. who knows.

I am a little jaded having stayed up to watch the England Vs Norway game last night - I still struggle with football, how can the game last so long and only have a few goals? People say youngsters can only cope with short sharp engagements like they get on social media -

well, I say if anyone can sit through a game of football then they have a lot of patience!

In other news the Festival of Speed has seen the unveiling of some new MG concepts - The MG Go (Possibly to be known as MG2) is probably the most interesting as it seems a very marketable car being small, electric and funky looking. It was good having a look at Graham's new MG at the Prod and Poke night - they are definitely getting better and better with every new model. See you all soon.

Tom



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