



# WESSEX MG CAR CLUB

## THE OLD BEAR INN STAVERTON



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<http://www.wessexmgclub.org.uk>

## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hi, everyone,

For our Club Spring trip to East Sussex and Kent, the weather was dry and a variety of places were visited. In a hectic few days, there was a lot to see and do and the time flew-by very quickly and I for one made good use of my National Trust Membership Card.

On our way to the Hotel we saw numerous Supercars returning from the Goodwood Breakfast meet, and also quite a few other classic cars enjoying driving through the Sussex Countryside,

During our tour our cars behaved and each of us covered around 500 miles during this trip, I expect that there will be stories of our adventures elsewhere in this newsletter and I would like to thank everyone who attended.

For the May Club night on the 22<sup>nd</sup> we will not be at the Old Bear. Instead we have the Mystery Run organised by Tony, starting at 6.45 from the B&Q Car Park in Bradley Road, Trowbridge BA14 0RQ and ending at a mystery venue for

a meal and a chat. Let's hope we get dry weather and do not get lost!!

We have several events coming up in June. On Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> Tony is organising a day at the Vintage Nostalgia Show at Stockton, just off the A36 Near Warminster

If you have not already put your name on the list for the Sunday lunch in the Chew Valley on June 11<sup>th</sup> please contact Malcolm very soon as space is limited at the venue,

On Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup> we have an evening visit to the Atwell Wilson Motor Museum in Calne, Steve has persuaded them to open especially for us after hours.

Vic needs names for the Sywell Props and Pistons event on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September, to enable him to reserve space at the show and overnight accommodation,

Hope to see you on the mystery run.

Martyn





## The 2017 Edition of our Annual Spring Weekend - East Sussex and Kent.

Paul Warn

What an inspired choice for our annual weekend away. Martyn arranged for us to stay at the Flackley Ash Hotel, where we were treated extremely well. We were allocated our own space in the garden room for our meals and a dedicated car parking area outside the front entrance to the hotel. The cars of course providing a great deal of interest with the other guests.



From a personal perspective, it has been some years since we last visited this part of the country. We were therefore very much looking forward to reacquainting ourselves with this historically interesting part of the country and glorious gardens - there wasn't enough time..

As with other trips of this nature, some folk decided to travel together with pick-up points along the way whilst

others travelled independently - we were one of the latter. As you can imagine its a longish drive. We started early on Sunday morning, making our way south and east to eventually pick-up the A272. There was a lot of interest along the way, as cars were making their way to Goodwood for the "supercar breakfast" and also to the Cowdray Estate where there was a large gathering of classic cars.



We decided to make for Michelham Priory located just north of Eastbourne. Here we had lunch and wandered around the very peaceful grounds and house, before making our way onward to the hotel. That evening we all gathered in the garden room of the hotel for a prearranged supper. As a group we have similar interests and over the few days of our stay, visited similar places. We have a friend who lives in this part of the country, so on Monday arranged to see her after visiting a number of villages and Sissinghurst Castle Gardens.



the home of Rudyard Kipling, before having lunch in the nearby village of Burwash. After lunch we visited Great Dixter, perhaps our favourite garden in the country. Great Dixter was the family home of gardener and gardening writer Christopher Lloyd - it was the focus of his energy and enthusiasm and fuelled over 40 years of books and articles. Now under the stewardship of Fergus Garrett and the Great Dixter Charitable Trust, Great

On Tuesday morning we set-off for Bateman's



Dixter is an historic house, a garden, a centre of education, and a place of pilgrimage for horticulturists from across the world.



All too soon it was Wednesday and time to make for home. We retraced our route this time stopping for a few hours for lunch at Parham House and Gardens - between Storrington and Pulborough. The house and gardens are set in the heart of an ancient deer park situated below the South Downs -

beautiful. It's billed as one of the country's finest Elizabethan Houses.

On behalf of everyone who ventured on this year's trip, I'd like to thank Martyn for arranging a great destination both in terms of our accommodation and interesting places to visit. A good job!



## Atwel Wilson Visit

I have arranged an exclusive visit to the Atwel Wilson Motor Museum for the evening of Tuesday July 4 at 19:30. They are looking forward to seeing us there. The museum is situated in Stockley Lane



Calne Wiltshire SN11 0NF. The majority of exhibits are cars from the 1920's onwards. There is also have a collection

of motorcycles, mopeds and bicycles. You can also see interesting motoring memorabilia, the Jack Spittle Model Lorry Collection and a reconstructed 1930's style garage complete with vehicles. There is plenty of off road parking on the site. Cost of entry will be £6 per person. We will need at least 10 members for this exclusive opportunity.

Please let me know if you are going, contact details:

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07469 928982

See you there.



**Steve Todd**



## Pistons and Props

Join us for this year's Footman James Sywell Classic:

**Pistons and Props Motoring Festival**, combining historic racers, hot rods and motorbikes with classic planes and vintage music to create a fantastic two-day event, celebrating classic motoring on the ground and in the air.

Watch amazing live action on the transformed 'Racing Runway' and 'Sprint Strip' with iconic Formula 1 cars, Group B Rally cars, Hot Rods, Dragsters and Motorcycles all in action throughout the weekend.

Up in the skies; expect to see a variety of breath taking aerial displays & acrobatics from a variety of display teams.

Live Music will be played throughout the weekend with a superb line of bands performing in the Footman James sponsored Scarf & Goggles bar

With a vintage fun fair and shopping village, make a weekend of it as camping packages are available. It's a great weekend for all the family.

The event takes place over the weekend of the 23rd and 24th September. I am planning a club trip to travel up on Saturday 23rd, stay over night on Saturday at a local Travel Lodge and attend the event on Sunday.

Classic car owners are being offered the chance to get in pole position for this year's event with the introduction of 'Pole Position Parking' for cars over 30 years old. Those arriving in a car manufactured before 1986 can pre-book a place in the classic car parking area that is right in the heart of the show.

You will receive a commemorative plaque on the day to be redeemed from the Footman James stand. Individual tickets will need to be purchased for each attendant in advance.

Can I please have names of those interested by the April club night. This will enable me to book rooms in plenty of time for the event which will be very popular. Or contact me [Vic Wright - 01225 704685](tel:01225704685) [vic@devizes-domestic.co.uk](mailto:vic@devizes-domestic.co.uk)

**Vic Wright**



## Sunday Lunch

I am thinking of organising a club Sunday Lunch at The Blue Bowl Inn at West Harptree, near the Chew Valley Lakes. Make your own way there, it's a lovely area to potter about in. Lunch for 1 o'clock.

Afterwards we can either lounge about in the garden, park at the Bristol Water picnic sites near Bishop Sutton and walk along the lake shore or there's the stone circle at Stanton Drew. Whatever takes your fancy.

Suggested date is 11th June. Anyone interested, please let me know on [mtvantaylor2@gmail.com](mailto:mtvantaylor2@gmail.com) reasonably soon so that I can reserve space with the pub. Or let me know at the April club night.

If we are a party of 14 or more they have asked for orders to be pre-booked. I will send out menu choices once I know those interested.

**Malcolm Taylor**



# Photo Gallery

Images from the club's 2017 spring weekend - **Paul Warn**





## Secretary's Scribbles

Hi all,  
Being May it is my birthday month and yesterday in advance of the big day Nancy and the girls took me out for a surprise treat. I ended up being taken to the Spring Autojumble at Beaulieu. I haven't been to the autojumble before and this was impressive.

Years ago I remember doing a club run down to the museum before Vic even had an MG on the road and he had to hide his Volvo.....The museum is still small and I think offers less than Gaydon or Sparkford, although of course it does have some very interesting cars such as the land-speed cars.

The Autojumble is a complete jumble and reminds me of the giant MG spares days at Sandown and Stoneleigh when almost all the stalls were piles of slightly or very tarnished bits of MG. I wonder how long this Autojumble will remain in this wonderful sort of scavenger style Mecca of

car related junk. Most of the big MG events have turned into shows with spares on the side and even those are now more often new Chinese made parts.

There were lots of foreign voices and lots of people towing around little four wheel trailers loaded up with no longer shiny parts. I think what I came away with was a feeling that we are lucky with the MG brand - we can get nearly everything we want online, delivered the next day. We are still able get used or new parts easily.

Imagine if you were trying to rebuild a 1940s saloon with no owners club and no specialist supplier - that is where this event comes into it's own. Interesting day - I bought some cable ties and enjoyed seeing what there was. Millie aged 4 bought a Jordan F1 car for 20p - it won two GPs in 1999!

Tom





## Club Diary

2017 EVENTS DIARY				
Date	Event	Club Event	Venue	Contact Details & Start Point/Time
22-May	<b>Club night - Mystery Run</b>	<b>Yes</b>		Tony Neale (Vic)
4th June	Vintage Nostalgia Weekend - Stockton Warminster	Yes		Tony Neale
11th June	Sunday Lunch	Yes	The Blue Bowl Inn - West Harptree	Malcolm Taylor
18th June	MG Live - Silverstone			Martyn Lucas
21st June	Vintage Gathering	<b>No</b>	Paulshot	For Info
<b>26 Jun</b>	<b>Club night - BBQ</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>The Old Bear Inn</b>	Paul Warn
July 8th	NEW Chateau Impney Hill Climb	No	Chateau Impney	Peter Hine
16th July	Summer Picnic	Yes		Paul Warn
<b>24th July</b>	<b>Club Night - Social evening</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>The Old Bear Inn</b>	
6th Aug	Gloucester Vintage and County Show	<b>Yes</b>		Martyn Lucas
12th Aug	NEW Retro Festival		<b>Newbury Showground</b>	For information only
20th Aug	Trowbridge Lions Show	<b>No</b>		Sue & Terry Warder



Date	Event	Club Event	Venue	Contact Details & Start Point/Time
<b>21st Aug</b>	<b>Club night - Boules</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>The Tollgate Inn</b>	Vic Wright
27th Aug	Tom's Action Day	Yes	Tom's Field	Tom Strickland
23rd Sep	Piston & Props Event	No		Vic Wright
<b>25-Sep</b>	<b>Club night - Talk TBA</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>The Old Bear Inn</b>	
Oct <b>TBA</b>	Haynes Motor Museum	No		Martyn Lucas
23-Oct	Club night - Talk Grand Prix Racing	Yes	The Old Bear Inn	Paul Warn - The Racing Life and Times of Jim Clark
<b>TBA</b>	<b>Pre AGM Committee Meeting</b>	No	<b>The Old Bear Inn</b>	
<b>27-Nov</b>	<b>Club night - AGM</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>The Old Bear Inn</b>	
<b>9th Dec</b>	Christmas Party	Yes	<b>TBA</b>	

NB The last column includes the committee member responsible for the event. If you need to contact them, you will find their details on page 8. Just click-on their email address or give them a call.

**ED**

## 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.