



WESSEX MG CAR CLUB THE TOLLGATE INN- HOLT

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

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NEXT CLUB NIGHT AGM

Monday 27th
November

Start Time 7:30 pm

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

The last month has been busy, the annual club skittles match was a close scoring one, finally won by Peter Hine. On the following day we visited the REME Museum at Lyneham followed by the October club night for which thanks go to Roger and Lynne for hosting "Would I Lie to You", this was a very enjoyable fun evening and I am certain this game will appear again in the future club calendar.

The NEC Classic Car Show is the big end of season show and it was good to see fellow Wessex members at the show, if you have not been to this show there were over 300 club stands displaying cars from all eras, along with many trade stands and also classic cars for sale, despite the current economic conditions the show was really busy every day.

Coming up on Saturday 25th November Roger and Lynne are hosting a Carpet Boules evening at Edington Village Hall, if you have not already

put your name down for this there may still be spaces left.

Our last club night on Monday November 27th is the AGM night, and in accordance with the club rules all of the current committee stand down and nominations for the new committee are invited for all roles. This is the opportunity for those newer members to help shape the club future, also on the evening members are able to vote for "Member of the Year" and for their favourite photograph from those on display, if you are attending and you bring a photo along you may be the winner.

See you at the Tollgate on Monday 27th.

Martyn





CALLING NOTICE - WESSEX MG CLUB AGM- 2023

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

2023 Annual General Meeting

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

27th November

at

The Tollgate Inn - Holt

commencing at

8:00 pm

Preceded from 7.30 onwards by the payment of subscriptions for the 2024 season.

Notice of any resolution to be proposed at the AGM should be given in writing 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 2022 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 2024.
7. Presentation of Awards.
8. Arrangements for 2024 AGM.
9. Any other business.



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

ELECTION OF THE WESSEX MG COMMITTEE

Wessex MG Committee

Chairman

Martyn Lucas

Vice Chairman

Terry Warder

Secretary

Tom Strickland

Treasurer/Members Secretary

Peter Hine

Newsletter Editor

Paul Warn

Committee Members

Roger & Lynne Binney -

Gordon & Sandra Newman

Kevin Meakin

Malcolm Taylor

Steve Todd

Election of the committee is at agenda item 6 of the AGM. The present incumbents are listed opposite.

If you would like to put your name forward for any of the positions then please let either Martyn Lucas or Tom Strickland know. Their contact details are on page 11.

Or better still come along and put your name forward

The Last in my Series of Contemporary MG Advertisements



85% of MG Midget owners are men. 70

Which means lots of girls will be relaxing in our new, thick contoured rake adjusting seats.

A scene we're sure will appeal to both driver and passenger.

As will the trendy new look. There's a new matt black recessed grille with chrome surround. New light clusters. Split rear bumpers. Black and silver Rostyle rally wheels. And round the sides you'll find black side-winders. For a long, lean look.

The MG Midget comes in

four wild new colours. Glacier White, Blue Royale, Flame Red, and Bronze Yellow. And of course, you can still get Pale Primrose and British Racing Green.

Get switched on – and immediately you'll know why this is the enthusiasts' car. The famous race and rally proven twin-carb. engine performs brilliantly.

The MG Midget will give you dynamic acceleration.

Magnificent high speed cruising. And economical fuel consumption.

We've given you all this (rake adjusting seats included) for £838*. The girl you'll have to get for yourself.

*Recommended price including P.T. Extra is charged for delivery, seat belts, number plates, radio and aerial.



Sport the real thing. MG Midget.





SACRILEGE OR PROGRESS

MALCOLM TAYLOR

I came across this old photo from my youth. It belonged to an old school chum when we were first getting into cars, probably late 60's.

It's an Ashley fibreglass body kit built onto a Supercharged MG PB chassis. From memory it went well.

Apparently there were only 526 PB's built. So this is one that isn't in original form (if in any form at all by now).

Whatever your opinion, it's amazing that something so modern looking could be grafted onto something built in the 1930's and look and perform the part.





WESSEX MG ANNUAL SKITTLES MATCH

Paul Warn

In this modern age of communications, television companies have a major influence on the scheduling of important sporting events such as World Cup Football, the Olympic Games and World Cup Rugby. As a result every effort is made to ensure there is no clashing of dates between these global events.

However in darkest January when the Wessex MG Committee - probably still hung over from the New Year celebrations - sat to organise the 2023 season, including dates for the annual skittles match, it seems there was a breakdown in communicating the date of our event with one of the Rugby World Cup semi finals...

However despite this oversight - which by the way is the subject of ongoing investigation - there was a good turn out for the Skittles match at the White Hart in Atworth.

Winner of the trophy was Peter Hine seen above on the left looking very pleased with himself, accepting the trophy from last year's winner Kevin Meakin.



Silverstone Museum

Paul Warn

The last in our planned motoring trips away in 2023 was to Whittlebury Park, a hotel on the edge of the Northamptonshire village of Whittlebury. Our stay was coincident with the October club night and therefore we missed the "Would I lie To You" evening.

Because of the hotel's close proximity to the Silverstone Circuit it is themed on the history of Grand Prix Racing, the various restaurants and corporate spaces are named after race circuits such as Brooklands and Monza whilst the walls of the large main bar are adorned with memorabilia and photographs of past world champions.

Predictably some may say, one of the visits we made which may be of interest was to the recently opened - early 2020 - Silverstone Museum. Its had mixed reports, as with most destinations it can be expensive if you have a family in tow and the restaurant could be improved.

As to the museum itself? well it tells the story of the Silverstone site from its origins as an RAF operational Training Unit for Wellington bombers during WW2 through to the establishment of the airfield as a racing circuit and how Silverstone evolved into the "Home of British Motorsport"

There are many interactive displays to keep the troops interested and also examples of the cars and motorcycles that would have raced at Silverstone down the years.

Poignantly there was also an area where well known pre war racing drivers are remembered. Having signed up to fight and were killed in action or executed by the Nazis for spying.

An overhead view of some of the exhibits in the museum



As always keeping to the MG theme, this MG YB took part in the first Silverstone Daily Express International Trophy Production Touring Car race in 1952 - the event is recognised as the birth of Touring Car Racing. This car was first in class driven by Dick Kakobs - The overall winner was Stirling Moss of course...

And for the bikers amongst you. Barry Sheene rode this motorcycle as part of Texaco Heron Team Suzuki in the 1979 British Grand Prix. He and Kenny Roberts went toe to toe throughout the race with Barry losing out by 0.03 secs at the finish. Although he did win the Venezuelan, Swedish and French Grand Prix



On our way back after a very pleasant few days in the Northamptonshire countryside we made our usual visit to the "The Classic Motor Hub" for some food and a mooch around. Always cars of interest for sale.



A 1965 MG Midget '6 GRX'

Ex-works racing car built by the competitions Department and raced at Bridgehampton by Rauno Aaltonen

£95,000

MGB '6 DBL'

Works entry for the 1963 Sebring 12 Hours

Raced by Christabel Carlisle and Denise McCluggage

Raced in historic by Stirling Moss
£185,000



Alfa Romeo awaiting preparation





Photos from this Year's Classic Motor Show at the NEC Courtesy of Martyn Lucas







The morning after the club's skittles match - the club visited
the REME Museum

Secretary's Scribbles

I started last months column with great sadness with the Magnette having been sold - this month I have sold another MG, the MGZS. The ZS had hit 5 years old mark, and it was time to move it on... I had a dilemma though, should I buy another one?

The ZS was a good car - it was the 1.5 Petrol version and it had been the everyday car for us, it had done its job, and it was well equipped with Apple Carplay, cruise control and other gadgets that cost the earth as extras with some other brands. The other problem was, if I wasn't going to get another one then what would I get? Back in the summer my father had retired his MG3 to 'We Buy Any Car' and had bought a Toyota Yaris Hybrid which he was very happy with and my brother at about the same time had bought a new Honda HRV Hybrid - both of these are self-charging and do not require 'plugging in'. They were both really happy with their purchases so I thought maybe I would get a self-charging hybrid too and went to look at the MG range - well, that was

disappointing, all the MGs need to be plugged in.. So, I looked around and for about the same price of a new MGZS there wasn't much out there that I would be happy with. We have a big Honda CRV and so I looked at the Hondas and even the small Jazz was going to require more cash than I had. In the end we decided we could actually go 'small car' and with a chunk of the Magnette money a nearly new Yaris hybrid was in our price range so, that was what we went for. We now have a 2022 Yaris Hybrid in White as our everyday car and it is a great little car - especially when you put it in 'power mode' when Nancy isn't watching... I also love the adaptive cruise control that uses a camera to match the speed of the car in front so you don't have to keep coming out and into cruise control. I still have the TF but, it is rare for me to only have one MG!

Tom





CLUB DIARY

2023 EVENTS DIARY				
Date	Event	Club Event	Venue	Contact Details & Start Point/Time
25th November	Carpet Bowls		Eddington Village Hall	Lynne and Roger Binney
27th November	Club night - AGM	Yes	The Toll Gate Inn	
9th 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.