



# WESSEX MG CAR CLUB THE TOLLGATE INN-HOLT

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**NEXT CLUB NIGHT**

28th October

Start Time 8:00pm

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

Since the last newsletter we have certainly had a variety of weather and also club events.

Late in September we had our club drive into the Dorset countryside, which started in a very wet Trowbridge car park but by the time we arrived at our lunch venue it was dry then sometime after we had another downpour, all part of the fun of our events.

The following evening was our club night and I would like to thank Tom for giving us an excellent presentation on the D Day landings, certainly very informative and interesting.

Thanks must go to Vic for organising the club a reserved parking area at the Castle Combe Classic Race Meeting. This was a very enjoyable day and surprisingly it was dry until just after the last race, all in all a great day, with a fantastic selection of cars both on track and in the club parking areas.

Shortly after you receive this newsletter a team of Wessex MG members will be making the journey to Stroud to play the away skittles match against the Gloucester MG Club,

Coming up in early November there are a couple of non Wessex MG events which I may attend, The Restoration Show at the Bath & West Show Ground on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> November and then possibly the biggest classic car show in the country the NEC Classic Car Show over the weekend of November 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>

At our next club night we will have a talk by Paul Warn on Early MG Cars, Paul always treats us to a very interesting talk and it is always well attended,

See you at The Tollgate on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October at the usual time of 8.00pm





## WESSEX MG AGM

## 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**2019 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 2020 season.

Notice of any resolution to be proposed at the meeting should be given in writing to the Secretary before the 1<sup>st</sup> October

The proceedings of the meeting shall be as follows:

**Agenda for AGM**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Approval of minutes of 2018 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 2020.
7. Presentation of Awards.
8. Arrangements for 2020 AGM.
9. Any other business.



## Le Grand Bouchon

Roger Binney

August is holiday month in France and everywhere closes for their annual holidays and a race to the sun by the Mediterranean.

The excellent motorway system in France copes well now but it was not always so. The old N10 running from Paris to the south passed through many towns causing huge traffic jams .....bouchons, and a town local to us, St Maure de Touraine, famous for its goats cheese covered in ash and with straw running through its middle, celebrates Le Grand Bouchon every year.



The two ends of the town are closed off and huge numbers of old classic cars adorned with holiday paraphernalia circulate the road accompanied by interfering gendarmes handing out speeding and parking tickets. Bikes, mopeds, cars, police cars, fire engines and people dressed in period holiday gear, hoot, shout and cause general mayhem.. until lunchtime at least. Then everyone slides away for wine, beer and bar b q....a good end to a fun day.



I know.....why the straw and the ash on the cheese? Well apparently the king rolled up one day whilst out hunting and demanded cheese. There was none to be had at the chateau so they scoured the local houses for

any bits of cheese they could find and rolled them together in a sausage shape around a straw. By the end of the process the cheese looked scruffy so they rolled it in ash and it became the trademark for St Maure cheese. Look out for it, its yummy grilled on toast.

And why does the chateau near St Maure that we can see from our bedroom window have only two turrets standing out of the original four! Well apparently the lord there had a forbidden dalliance with one of the king's ladies in waiting. When he was discovered the king ordered that he should have two of his turrets cut off as punishment. "Off with his turrets" was the order... seems fair to me!



Funny folk these Frenchies





## "Lost and Found"

Frank Fletcher

I'm very grateful to Frank who sent me an email referring me to the Totally T-Type 2 web site - specifically the "Lost and Found" page. The web site caters for MG T series enthusiasts world wide. Frank has a 1953 MG TD2 - see main photo of "Gordon".

A really interesting snippet which I have copied into the newsletter verbatim:-

### **TD3612 (LXB 863)**

"Lost and Found items don't always appear in this column as a result of a specific request. In this particular case, a past owner, Frank Fletcher, had contacted the editor to enquire where he might source a wheel brace for his TD. Frank was advised to contact NTG Motor Services, who came up trumps.



Following this, Frank sent me a picture of his TD ("Gordon") which he acquired from "Bangers and Cash". "Gordon" (TD27532) had only one long term lady owner and was sent by Frank to Ricketts Restorations for four years - it looks wonderful!

However, I digress. Included with Frank's e-mail which attached the picture of "Gordon" was a postscript "My first TD, LXB 863 I think is still around - if you have any info on that one ????" LXB 863 was purchased

from Wivelsfield Garage East Sussex it was mint and colour MG light blue tan interior and hood.

The DVLA enquiry facility shows LXB 863 as currently taxed and it still has blue bodywork (probably Clipper Blue)."



## DINITROL TREATMENT

I'm also grateful to Steve Todd for sending this useful piece of information.

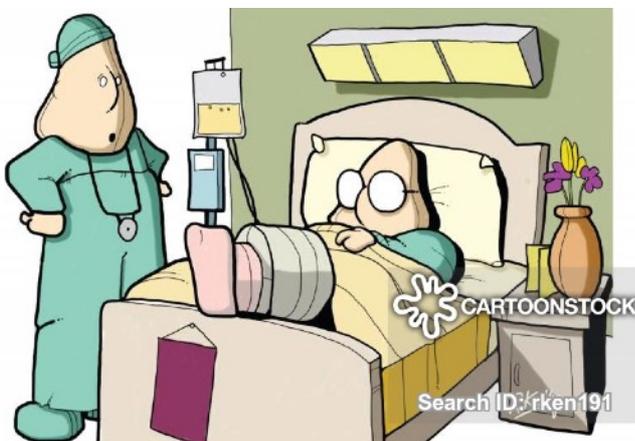
Something may be of interest to the members, and just in time for hunkering down season - I am friends with the owners of Broad Lane Land Rovers, based in Westbury (following their move from Melksham last year). They are Wiltshire's only approved DINITROL Treatment Provider, and will be showing at the Classic Restoration Show in November at the Bath & West.

We've been offered a 10% club discount if we quote WessexMG. I'm planning to get the Toddster looked at shortly as part of my winter to-do list. Fiona can be contacted on 01373 229139 or [fiona@southwestrustproofing.co.uk](mailto:fiona@southwestrustproofing.co.uk), or Mark and Fiona always welcome visitors to the workshop with a coffee!

Here is a link to explain what work is carried out:

<http://www.southwestrustproofing.co.uk/treatment-package/>

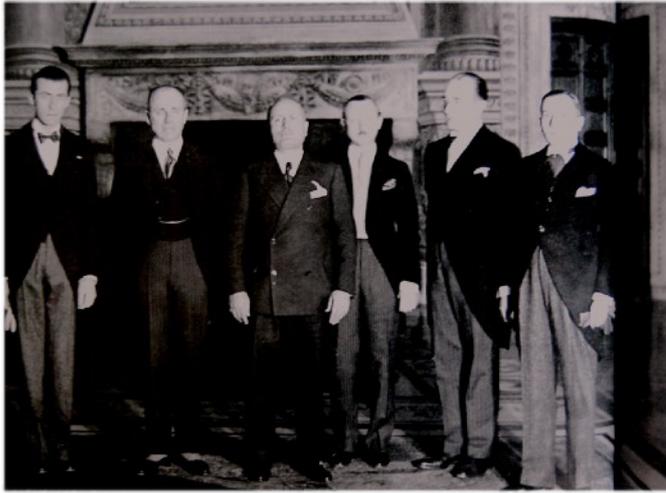
### Steve Todd



Well, the knee replacement surgery went fantastic...  
but, we had no idea what you wanted to replace it with.

Ron Alderson has recently had knee surgery carried out and is now at home recovering.

Our best wishes go out to Anne, oh and of course Ron for a speedy recovery. Get well soon Ron.



## The Mighty MG Magnettes of 1933

Paul Warn

What has Mussolini - seen here in the centre of the main photo - the English aristocracy, an Italian nobleman and a WW1 tank have to do with MG?

These are some of the pieces of a jigsaw that when assembled create one of the greatest achievements of a British marque in international motorsport. That marque being MG in 1933. Andy and Tom will be able to sit back slightly aloof as the story of the original Magnette is told. Hope to see you all there.



## Secretary's Scribbles

As I sat down to write this, I realised that I had not driven my Magnette since the Action day in our field..... this is surely a crime. I drive an MG everyday, but leaving a Magnette in the garage for two months is just not on. Now I just need the rain to stop to put this right!

Our new ZS is coming up to a year old now and is having its first service this week - we love this car and although it isn't as much fun to zoom about in as the MG3, it is a more refined car. The apple car play has had an update with the latest iOS update and now features an improved experience with split screen mapping and music control.

The seats are comfortable and the boot allows 'Nancy

level' packing and shopping. The best news is the car has been much more reliable than our old MG3 too. I see on social media that MG is doing really well with sales of the MGZS EV (The 'double the price' electric version) and has just announced that the posher MG HS will be on sale in the UK soon.

The HS is a larger SUV with a posher interior - we will wait and see how this goes down, but it looks ok. It is days now until I am off to Gallipoli and I am getting pretty excited!

See you all soon



**Tom**



# Club Diary

2019 EVENTS DIARY				
Date	Event	Club Event	Venue	Contact Details & Start Point/Time
<b>22nd October</b>	<b>Pre AGM Committee Meeting</b>		<b>The Toll Gate Inn</b>	<b>Start Time 8:00pm</b>
<b>24th October</b>	Club Skittles Event against Gloucester MG	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Stroud</b>	Martyn Lucas
<b>28th October</b>	<b>Club night - Talk - The Mighty MG Magnettes of 1933</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>The Toll Gate Inn</b>	<b>Talk by Paul Warn</b>
8th,9th,10th November	NEC Classic Car Show	For Ino		
<b>25th November</b>	<b>Club night - AGM</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>The Toll Gate Inn</b>	<b>Club AGM</b>
<b>14th December</b>	Christmas Party	Yes	<b>The Toll Gate Inn</b>	<b>See details in the July issue of the newsletter</b>



## 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.