



WESSEX MG CAR CLUB THE TOLLGATE INN-HOLT

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THE CLUB'S DIARY

**NEXT CLUB NIGHT 27th
September 8:00pm**

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The last month has been a fairly busy one for club events, and I have been to the Chippenham Lions Event and the White Horse Vehicle Show at Westbury, both of which had some very interesting cars on display and were well attended by Wessex Club Members,

A Large number of our members also joined the short evening run on Monday 23rd August which finished at The George, Longbridge Deverell where we had an evening meal. Our next local evening run is on Wednesday September 22nd which will finish at The Duke in Bratton which is run by fellow MG people Roger and Kay,

The headline event of the month was Tom's Action day on Bank Holiday Monday, and on behalf of all our membership I would like to thank Nancy and Tom for their efforts in hosting this event at their home, it was certainly an enjoyable day and they even arranged the weather!. This was the first

time that the new Vic Wright Memorial Trophy was presented and the first winner was Steve Todd who gets custody of the trophy for the next year. I know that some of our group went to the Athelhampton House MG Day and enjoyed a very good day, A few of us our attending the Castle Combe Classic on Saturday October 2nd and the following day Sunday October 3rd I am organising a Sunday Run into Dorset stopping for a Sunday Pub lunch in Marnhull and then after lunch we can either further explore the Dorset countryside or head to the coast or if you wish take a scenic drive home. We have booked our Club Christmas Party at The Tollgate for Saturday December 11th , Covid permitting, and details and the menu are elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our next club social evening is at The Tollgate from 8.00pm on Monday 27th September, hope to see you there.

Martyn





CALLING NOTICE - WESSEX MG 2021 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

2021 Annual General Meeting

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

22nd November
at
The Tollgate Inn - Holt

commencing at

8:00 pm

Preceded from 7.30 onwards by the payment of subscriptions for the 2022 season.

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

The proceedings of the meeting shall be as follows:

Agenda for AGM

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Approval of minutes of 2020 Virtual 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 2022.
7. Presentation of Awards.
8. Arrangements for 2022 AGM.
9. Any other business.

Club Member Car of the Month



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My "new"MGF and Terry's V8 when we bumped into each other at Castle Combe to watch MGs on track. I've decided that I need to do this next year



Let The Competition Recommence

Malcolm Taylor

It was good to be back together in Tom's Field and fighting for the Vic Wright memorial trophy.

Fittingly the final task was a new game devised by Vic. Unfortunately Tom doesn't seem to have got the hang of adjudicating it yet.

Either that or he had upset his daughter? A dangerous thing to do when she is equipped with a tractor and a length of rope!





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Social Run- Sunday October 3rd

I am organising an Autumn Social run on Sunday October 3rd starting at 10.30 which will head into Dorset and arrive for lunch at 12.00noon at **The Crown Marnhull**, after which there will be options to either continue further south into Dorset or if you prefer take a scenic drive home.

If you wish, rather than using your classic car you are welcome to either do the run in your everyday car or not do the run and join us for lunch at Marnhull.

Please let me know if you are interested and I will email details of starting point and menu and will need menu choices by **September 29th** please.

Wessex MG Christmas Party - Saturday December 11th

Its approaching that time of year again and The Tollgate is booked for our Christmas Party on **Saturday December 11th** and the menu is included below. A deposit of £5 per person is required by our club night on **October 25th**. If there is any change to Government policy causing cancellation the Tollgate will refund the deposit in full.



Martyn



FESTIVE MENU

THE TOLLGATE INN

2 Courses £24.95 3 Courses £29.95

Starters

Pulled Pork & Stilton Croquette *Apple & Black Pudding Salad, Dijon Mayo*

Goats Cheese Mousse *Roasted Butternut Squash, Sage Crisp, Ciabatta Crostini***

Gin & Beetroot Cured Trout *Pickled Cucumber, Beetroot Puree, Dill Croutons***

Roasted Plum Tomato Soup *Basil Pesto, Parmesan Crisp, Tomato & Onion Bread** VGO*

Mains

Traditional Christmas Turkey *Chestnut & Apricot Stuffing, Pig in Blanket, Roast Potatoes***

Red Wine & Rosemary Braised Shoulder of Lamb *Garlic & Rosemary Mash, Redcurrant Jus**

Honey Glazed Confit Duck *Pancetta, Pearl Onion, Fondant Potato, Carrot Puree, Port Jus**

Wild Mushroom, Spinach & Truffle Wellington *Thyme Roasted Potatoes, Stilton Sauce VGO*

All served with

Sprout & Chestnut Fricassee, Mulled Spiced Red Cabbage, Honey Roasted Carrots & Parsnips

Smoked Haddock & Crayfish Cake *Buttered Spinach, Tenderstem, Crispy kale, Curried Hollandaise***

Desserts

Traditional Christmas Pudding *Brandy Custard, Festive Poached Berries VGO*

Dark Chocolate Mousse *Black Cherry Compote, Chocolate Soil, Honeycomb Ice Cream**

Lemon, Lime & Ginger Tart *Crushed Meringue, Raspberry Coulis, Raspberry Sorbet*

Ice Cream* *Salted Caramel, Vanilla, Honeycomb*

Cheese & Biscuits *Homemade Chutney*



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*Gluten Free **Gluten Free Option Available VGO Vegan Option Available

Please inform us of any dietary requirement

A £5 per person deposit will be required at time of booking and a pre order to be received no later than two weeks before your booking. In the event of any changes in government guidelines your deposit will remain safe and be refunded in full, however if the table is cancelled by the party within 24 hours of your booking time, deposits are non-refundable Unfortunately due to supplier availability some options maybe subject to change



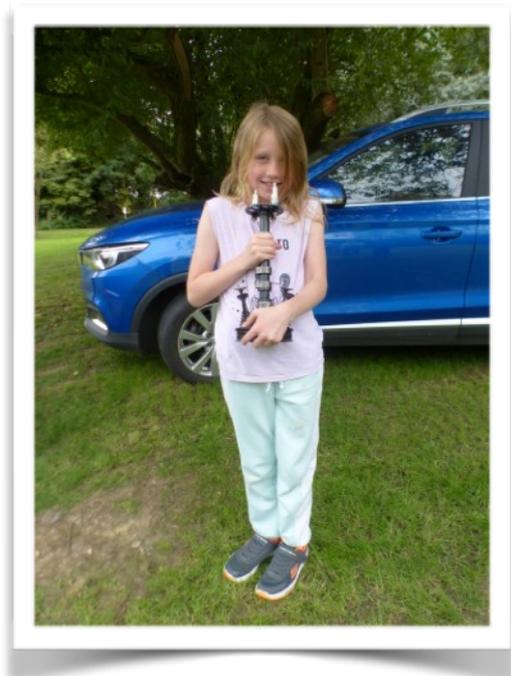
PHOTO GALLERY - AUTO TESTS IN TOM'S FIELD



On Bank Holiday Monday we duly assembled for the 2021 edition of the Wessex MG Auto Tests in "Tom's Field". You will have already acquainted yourself with the event with Malcolm's recollections of the day on page 5 and the results courtesy of Tom's scribbles.

The following is a photographic record of the day - beginning with the Trophy winners

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If You Run Dry! Brexit/Covid Double Whammy

Roger Binney

In July we finally managed to get to our home in France after a 9 month gap but not without "Brexit and Covid Fun".

Before Brexit we could freely take our dog to France with her European Passport, but Brexit rules now require us to get a 15 page health certificate from our vet three days before we go at a cost of £125 every trip.

Two days before leaving, Brittany Ferries cancelled our boat so we had to scabble about to get two new appointments for new Covid tests at Boots in Shepton Mallet at a cost of £180 for the two of us.

With only 4 hours before our interval ran out we arrived at Portsmouth to be told we could not take the dog because the vet had made a one digit error on her 15 digit identity code, despite us having a passport that verified her identity. Much discussion resulted, finally them relenting, "at our risk that the French may not let us in and turn us around". Frantic emailing on board gained me an email from my vet explaining her error.

Arrived in France to rain! The French did not even bother looking at the dog's papers, so on we drove, thinking how to get back.

So next day we started the process of gaining a French passport for Millie which would result in free, no cost travel once again in future and avoiding our vet's extortionate bills.

Sadly our French vet messed up on the application to join the French database and it took two weeks to get her certificate against which a passport could be raised, cost £20, good progress.

So three days before our return we needed to visit the vet to have the dog's required tapeworm tablet recorded on the passport. "Ah now you need to go to Tours (1 hour away) with this animal export certificate and have the vet there stamp her passport" £45 thank you.

"But the UK government website says I do not need a certificate, only a valid passport."



So the day of our return I made an appointment in Tours and arrived with form and passport for the rubber stamping just in case.

"Sorry, I cannot stamp the passport, it is now 56 hours since you visited your vet and it must be less than 48 hours, and your vet made a date error on the form anyway...sorry, so you cannot use the passport"

Arrived at Caen, Brittany Ferries 10:30 pm. "I have a French passport for the dog but no export certificate or rubber stamp"... Brittany Ferries.. " thats fine you do not need a certificate just the passport, its perfect as it is"

In the queue to board "Boris announces people coming from France have to isolate for 10 day now, despite infection levels in France being very very low"....expletives galore.

Arrived UK, straight through customs etc and arrived home.

Next day received a response from Brittany Ferries to my email of a week earlier asking for confirmation and quoting the UK government website saying all is needed is a French passport. " answer: you must have an French export certificate as well as a passport!!!" Answer.. "I think you need to tell the uk government, the French government and your check-in team at the port"

Utter confusion and now in forced isolation having already received 4 duplicate calls from Track and Trace to verify we are at home.. Amazing, you could not make the story up, but at least Millie now has dual citizenship



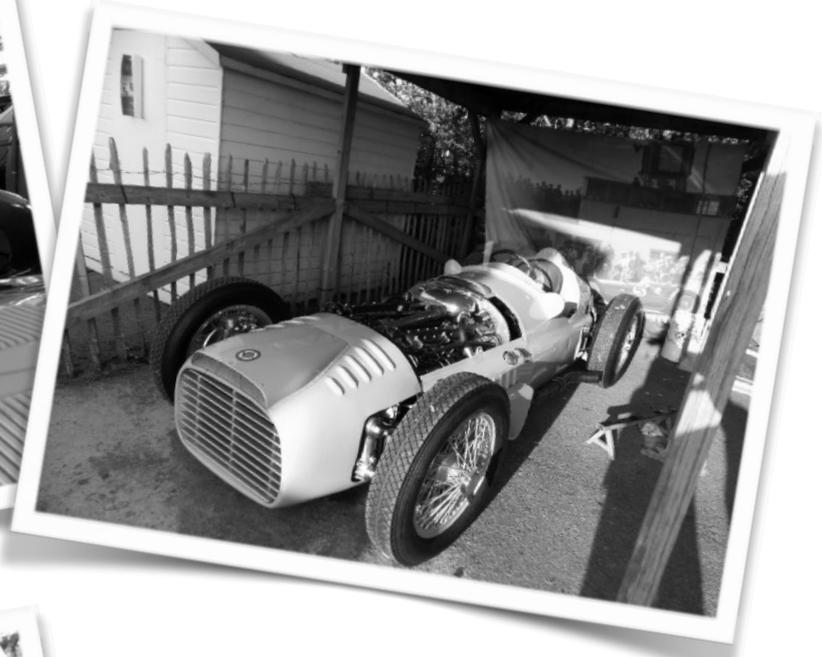


GOODWOOD REVIVAL 2021

Paul Warn

Our grand-daughter has a 12 month placement with Rolls Royce for the third year of her accountancy degree. The company is located a few hundred metres from the Goodwood circuit, meaning that Izzy is renting in the Chichester area and conveniently placed for petrol heads grandad and elder brother Fraser to stay for the weekend of the Revival. A little self indulgently, here are some memories....and a convert.





Secretary's Scribbles

Thank you to all those who helped to run the Auto Tests on the Bank Holiday. The Winner was Steve Todd, followed up closely with Terry and then Paul Warn. So, the first winner of the Vic Wright Memorial Trophy was Steve. We had the added bonus of having the old trophy (I think made by Paul Wheal) and we awarded this to the winner from the group of four youngsters - who competed on the Mower Tractor. The winner of the Young Wannabe MG Drivers was Millie Strickland.

I still have a big pile of MG Manuals leftover from Vic's garage - including numerous

copies of MGB Haynes manuals, Workshop Manuals and Maintain & Restoration Manuals etc. If anyone wants one then please do let me know.

As I write I am just prepping to go off to the Goodwood Revival, the car is just about ready but I am not sure about Nancy's 1950s hairstyle!

Take Care everyone.

Tom





CLUB DIARY

2021 EVENTS DIARY				
Date	Event	Club Event	Venue	Contact Details & Start Point/ Time
27th Sept	Club Night		Tollgate	
2nd Oct	Castle Combe Autumn Classic		Castle Combe Race Circuit	Club Stand booked
25th Oct	Club Night		Tollgate	
30th Oct	Scalextric Evening		Eddington Village Hall	POSTPONED
22nd Nov	Club Night AGM		Tollgate	
11th Dec	Christmas Party		Tollgate	



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.