



# WESSEX MG CAR CLUB THE TOLLGATE INN- HOLT

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#### MG - BUT NOT AS YOU KNOW IT.

Tom Strickland

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

#### NEXT CLUB NIGHT

June 23rd

Boules

Start Time 7:00 pm

It is with a very heavy heart that I have to start this month with the news of the sudden passing of Lynne Binney, who as a long standing and enthusiastic member will be sadly missed, Roger and Lynne organised many enjoyable events for fellow Wessex MG Club Members. My thoughts are with Roger and the family at this very sad time and send condolences on behalf of the club.

Our last club night was the Mystery Run, everyone arrived at the Rowdy Cow without opening the envelope containing the venue location, many thanks to Sue and Terry for organising the evening

Since the last newsletter I have been to shows and events including MGB JULE 50 at Abingdon celebrating 50 years of the MGB GT Jubilee and 45 years of the MGB LE, the next weekend was on the Old Speckled Hen Run covering around 47 miles in the Oxfordshire countryside, this was followed by MG's in The Park at The Cotswold Wildlife Park, Burford and then the MG Car Club 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch

which was held in the BRDC Members Clubhouse at Silverstone, this is a very special venue and it was good to meet everyone including Roger Enever, whose father Syd Enever was one of the designers of the MGB and Paul Easter who was co-driver with Timo Makinen on the 1965 Monte Carlo Rally in the winning Mini Cooper S.

On the day before this arrives in your inbox myself and many other members will be at the inaugural Steeple Ashton Classic Car Show.

There are still lots more events and shows in the diary including Cars on the Green at Poulshot on Wednesday evening June 18<sup>th</sup> then on July 13<sup>th</sup> The Atwell Wilson Museum Show and on August 9<sup>th</sup> the Charity Car Show at The Dumbpost Inn near Calne.

For our next club night, we are back at The Tollgate from the earlier time of 7.00pm for weather permitting the annual club boules night.

## LYNNE BINNEY



**T**hank you all for your many many kind words following Lynne's unexpected and sudden death.

Some of our fondest memories were of times with our MG friends during the many trips, events and meets, over the last 25 years. Good times and good friends.

I am sure you cannot imagine my sense of loss but I hope these memories will help sustain me when the hurt fades.

Thank you friends.

**Roger**



## CLUB DIARY -

2025 EVENTS DIARY				
Date	Event	Start Time	Venue	Additional Information
18th June	Cars on the green	6:00pm	Paulshot village green	
<b>23rd June</b>	<b>Club night - Boules</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>The Toll Gate Inn</b>	
12th July	Wings and Wheels at Middle Wallop		Middle Wallop Flying Station	Historic Aircraft, Classic and Super Cars and Motor Bikes
13th July	Atwell Wilson Museum Show Open Day		Atwell Wilson Motor Museum	
<b>20th July</b>	<b>WESSEX MG 40th Anniversary Picnic</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Langford Lakes Nature Reserve</b>	<b>Given the importance of this occasion, the club will subsidise this event.</b>
<b>28th July</b>	<b>Club night - Bring your car night possible Pride of Ownership judged by the pub owners</b>	<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>The Toll Gate Inn</b>	
30th July	Noggin& Natter	From 4:00pm	The George Inn Longbridge Deverill	No booking required there can be up to 500 vehicles turning up
1st - 3rd August	Gloucestershire Vintage & Country Show		South Cerney	
9th August	The Dumb Post Revival	10:30am	The Dumb Post Inn Bremhill	



2025 EVENTS DIARY				
Date	Event	Start Time	Venue	Additional Information
18th August	Club Night - General Social Evening	8:00pm	The Toll Gate Inn	
23/24 August	The Monarch Classic		Bath Racecourse	Note new date and venue Previously the Charlton Park Classic 28/29 June
TBA	MGs in Tom's Field	TBA	Tom & Nancy's Home address	
7th September	John Haynes Classic		Haynes Motor Museum Sparkford	Need to pre book £18 car /driver & £18/passenger
22nd September	Club night - Possible talk by Tom	8:00pm	The Toll Gate Inn	Tom Strickland
27th October	Club night - Quiz night	8:00pm	The Toll Gate Inn	Mike Childs
TBA	COMMITTEE MEETING			Martyn Lucas
24th November	Club night - AGM	8:00pm	The Toll Gate Inn	Club AGM
6th December	Christmas Party	Yes	The Toll Gate Inn	

## NEW UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday July 30<sup>th</sup> from 4.00**

**Noggin and Natter at The George Inn, Longbridge Deverill**

**This is a just arrive event, no booking required, there can be around 500 vehicles including cars, commercials and motor bikes there by the end of the evening.**

**Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup>**

**John Haynes Classic at Haynes Motor Museum, Sparkford**

**This is the inaugural Classic Show at Haynes Museum.**

**The cost to attend is £18 for car and driver and £18 per passenger**

**Needs to be pre booked at-**

Details on this link [John Haynes Classic Car Show | Somerset Haynes Motor Museum](#)

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## RECENT EVENTS

### Chippenham Lions Cherished Vehicle & Family Fun Day



As billed last month, here are club rock and rollers Jo and Adrian Dodd as seen at the Chippenham Lions event playing in their band called "The Cover Up".



## RECENT EVENTS

### 2025 Club Spring Weekend - Iron Bridge Shropshire







## RECENT EVENTS





# THE WAY IT WAS

## THE SLIDE FILM



There was a line in one of Paul Simon's hits in the seventies...  
"Mama, Don't Take My Kodachrome away"

Well of course there were other makes available - I always used Agfa Color Slide film. The depth of colour far surpassed anything printed on photographic paper. The fact that your exposed film had to be placed in a pre-paid envelop and posted back to Agfa for processing and mounting in plastic holders added to the anticipation of receiving the enproduct on the hallway carpet. When I think back to the flimsy envelops I used to send the film cartridges back to Agfa yet I only remember one occasion when a cartridge - 2 actually - were returned broken and crumpled in the post. I was devastated.

The after dinner slide show soon became a much-loved or sometimes much-feared feature of visits to relatives or friends. The theatrical process of assembling the screen and loading the projector with slides in the hope that they were the correct way up when projected onto the screen. In those more simplistic days there was a sense of occasion lacking in our iPhone age. I'm off now to dust down my projector and sort through many hundreds of boxed slides and enjoy once more those vivid colours!



Paul

## Secretary's Scribbles

**W**e enjoyed Terry and Sue's Mystery Run last month which saw us heading towards Westbury from Devizes and even taking us up over the White Horse before circling back to the Rowdy Cow in Rowde. It was nice to catch up and chat to many of you over the buffet - I do admit to trying each variety of cake on offer.

The TF still has her hardtop on and at the mo I don't see it coming off as I am enjoying the coupe feel - although I keep forgetting to take some elastic bands into the car to stop the softwood catches rattling away as we drive along.

The WhatsApp group has become a great success and it has been fun to see what members have been up to and I can't help feel this form of communication has expanded the feeling of community within our club. If anyone else wants to be included please let me know - also if you don't want the ping alerts remember you can turn them off then just access the messages when you want to.

I was shocked and saddened to hear the news about Lynne and our thoughts are with Roger at this difficult time.

**Tom**

**PS**

**See pic below**



## Club Asset List





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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.