

# MGCC SE Newsletter

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## MGCC SE

### October 2020 Newsletter

#### Editorial Note

We welcome to you all to the October Newsletter. This edition covers third quarter and expectations for fourth quarter 2020.

Most of the 3rd quarter events were cancelled but with the help of Competitions Secretary John Morgan, Events Secretary Andrew Mitchell and Motorsport UK licensing rules the SE Centre was able to run a major events profiled on page 8. We also provide an update of SE activity under Covid restrictions from virtual meetings / virtual road runs to members MG activity in their garage/s, drives and gardens!

Amusing or otherwise please continue to send in further MG news and stories for the next newsletter that you wish to publish to [raywillmg@gmail.com](mailto:raywillmg@gmail.com)

We understand that some members have not received the Newsletter directly. For the July issue Mike Breare (SE Members database) sent out 1220 emails and had 76 returned as undelivered which normally means that the address is incorrect. MGCC Abingdon provides the list of SE members e-mail, used for distribution, so if the newsletter is not received you need to update your e-mail address. This can be achieved easily at <https://www.mgcc.co.uk/membership/add-email-address/>

Alternatively, you can update your details on the SE website Newsletter signup at <https://www.mgccse.co.uk/newsletter/>

Your new Newsletter Editors / Scribes and their cars

**Will Opie** has been a member of the MGCC SE for over 40 years owning a multitude of MG variants and currently leads the North Downs Natter.

**Ray Ruffels** was introduced to MG motoring whilst working for Wadham Stringers in the late 1970's and now runs several classic MGs plus a ZT-T daily driver.

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### Chairman's Message - 22/9/2020

What a wonderful, incredibly well organised, well-supported event our Autumn Meeting to Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens was and weren't we also amazingly lucky with the glorious weather!

It lifts the heart to be able to use all of these superlatives in one sentence about one single MG Car Club event but if you were lucky enough to take part, I feel sure that you could not disagree with me.

I am the first to appreciate that what made this event rather special to many members was that it was the first possible large event after a very difficult Summer. We have coped with many restrictions on our personal freedom as MG owners. Leonardslee will therefore be an event that will linger in our collective memories long into the future.

Since lockdown in March your South East Centre Committee, Natter Leaders and Wanderer Leaders have continued with their regular Zoom meetings. I commend them to you for their diligence in relentlessly looking for ways of improving what we offer to our members. Please understand that the Leonardslee event was not an easy event to organize - Coronavirus has not taken a holiday!

A great deal of very careful planning and discussion, ably led by our Comps. Secretary, John Morgan resulted in permission from Motor Sport UK to use their Covid-19 compliant regulations and paperwork to stage this event. We give thanks to Andrew Mitchell, his family and the many members who selflessly gave their time to plan the two feeder routes, three socially-distanced car parks, create, collate and distribute essential information, process payments and act as car parking and Covid -19 marshals... We are indebted to you and could never have managed without you help!

My personal choice of photo for the event was one that I took at the start of the Sevenoaks feeder run with Ian & Paula Russell totally in command of the situation at the Polhill Garden Centre wearing their extremely eye-catching MG uniforms. The true marque of friendship!



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We now look forward to our Autumn Naviscat on 4<sup>th</sup> October and to our two 90<sup>th</sup> MG Car Club Anniversary Runs on 18<sup>th</sup> October. Full details are available on our website and many people are already booked into these events.

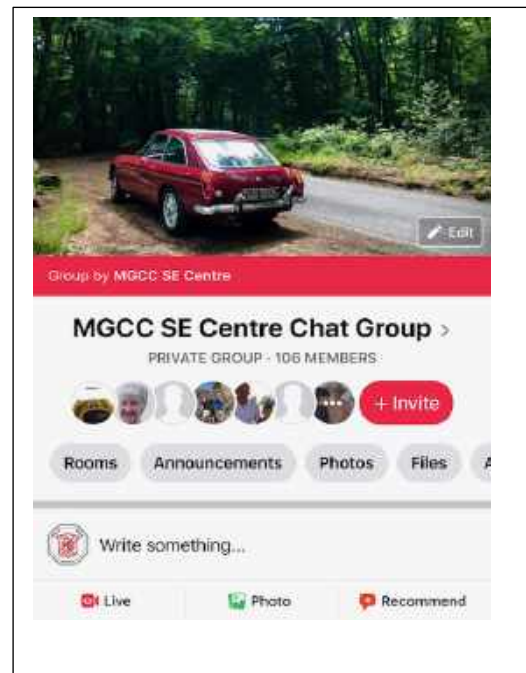
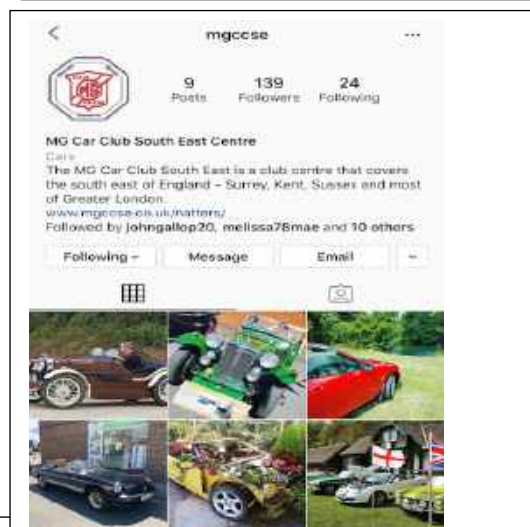
All of the preparation for these events has already been done in great detail and like many of you I am looking forward to taking an active part in them. If the worst happens and these events have to be postponed due to changes in Government policy we will keep you advised on our websites and run the events as soon as we are legally able.

Stay Safe!

Chris Leigh - Chairman MG Car Club South East Centre

### John Gallop Update

Social Media - Facebook and Instagram is growing every week in terms of content and followers but sadly it's intended purpose of promoting MGCCSE activity is being hindered by the on-going pandemic. The SE Centre Chat Group is also proving very popular and it's up to the members to use that community as much as they like so lets get on-line this Autumn!



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The  
Bayne-  
Powell  
Tribute

**Update by John Davies**

The special trophy was presented on the 4<sup>th</sup> August by Gwen and John Davies, on behalf of the SE Committee to Philip and Rosemary Bayne-Powell in recognition of their dedication to the South-East Committee and Centre over recent years.



The second picture shows what Philip has been up to now he is a retired secretary! The ship in question is the Danish sailing training ship 'Danmark'.



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Linda  
Hubbard  
Presentation

## **NEW SOUTH EAST PRESIDENT MAKES PRESENTATION TO LINDA HUBBARD**

One of the South East Centre's best loved and respected members, Piers Hubbard passed away unexpectedly after a short illness in mid-December. Piers was multi-talented and incredibly knowledgeable, fondly remembered for founding the Surrey Wanderers and for his role as MGA Register Historian. His photography, writing, race organising and accounting skills made him an irreplaceable asset to the club.

The South East Centre Committee made a donation in Piers' name to Abingdon's new Resource Centre and a suitably engraved plaque was installed there during the period of lockdown. At the recent Leonardslee Autumn Meeting, our new South East Centre President Derek Edwards was finally able to complete the commemoration with a socially-distanced presentation over the bonnet of Linda's old Iris Blue MGA.



Linda and Piers bought their Iris Blue Mark II MGA 45 years ago and were always instantly recognisable at all local, national and international MG Car Club events. I am pleased to tell you that Linda is keen to actively continue her remarkable 50-year membership of the club. It was also Linda's express wish that her much-loved car should remain in the South East and she has been pleased to inform us that her old friends John and Sheila Bennett have become the new proud owners, which also explains its presence in the car park at Leonardslee!

Chris Leigh

## Calendar

See Safety Fast South-East notes for monthly updates, the MGCCSE web site for the full 2020 Calendar plus updates on pending and past events and Facebook and Instagram for Members communications.

Note - Due to the Covid-19 threat only the events below will be run - all events will be set up to Motorsport UK Compliant Regulations and Government rules.

<b>Sunday October 4th</b>	<b>Autumn Naviscat</b>	<b>The Surrey Oats PH Parkgate RH5 5DZ</b>	<b>Alex Lemon 07718 339836</b>
<b>Sunday October 18th</b>	<b>90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Run - West</b>	<b>The Owl PH Kingsfold Nr Horsham RH12 3SA</b>	<b>John Morgan <a href="mailto:Johnv.morgan@btinternet.com">Johnv.morgan@btinternet.com</a> 07802 77002</b>
<b>Sunday October 18th</b>	<b>90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Run - East</b>	<b>Hampton Inn 72 Western Esplanade Herne Bay CT6 8DL</b>	<b>John Bennett <a href="mailto:Johnbennett698@yahoo.com">Johnbennett698@yahoo.com</a> 01227 637813</b>
<b>October 17th</b>	<b>MGCCSE AGM</b>	<b>Virtual Meeting On-Line</b>	<b>Austin Banner <a href="mailto:austin.banner@gmail.com">austin.banner@gmail.com</a> 07850 769506</b>

Event participation for the Autumn Naviscat and 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Runs is only confirmed once the Registration Form and Declaration / Sign-on forms are completed/returned plus entry payment is received. Go to [www.mgccse.co.uk](http://www.mgccse.co.uk) for the entry forms as there will be no entering events on the day. The runs will be limited to 50 cars so early registration is advised.

Obviously, the Government Covid-19 guidelines will change over time so events may have to be postponed in the event of increased restrictions being imposed. To keep up-to-date go to the MG Car Club South East Centre web site – <http://www.mgccse.co.uk>, or view our Facebook pages.

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John  
Morgan

## **Event Organisation Guidance with Covid 19 and Motorsport UK**

A summary of Event Organisation Guidance was produced for the July 2020 Newsletter and this is much the same now. The Motorsport UK Guidance is agreed with the UK Government and this allows clubs such as the MGCC to organise events that cannot be organised by individuals who are constrained by the Government Restrictions. This is the reason the social meetings and natters cannot currently be run.

The SE Centre has used this Guidance and very successfully running the Autumn Meeting in September at Leonardslee Lakes & gardens as reported elsewhere in the Newsletter with close to 120 cars. It will also be adhered to for the Autumn Naviscat on 4<sup>th</sup> October and the East and West MGCC 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Runs planned for the 18<sup>th</sup> October. It's a lot of extra work for the organisers as it means extensive pre-event planning, organisation, administration, etc.

The Government did impose new enforceable restrictions on 14<sup>th</sup> September known as the 'Rule of Six'. This wasn't quite as restrictive as the earlier Government Guidance which originally limited indoor groups of six to two households or social bubbles, but the group of six can now be from six households. But it is now enforceable rather than just being guidance as before.

Following the 14<sup>th</sup> September Government announcement, Motorsport UK did specify that in some situations face masks should be worn at all times. This has since been clarified and for our SE Centre type of events, face masks are recommended in locations where social distancing is difficult or congested areas.

What is critical to the MGCC SE Centre continuing with events, is that members attending events must adhere to:

- Use of hand sanitisers.
- Always socially distance (sometimes difficult when in conversation).
- Make sure you do not exceed the Rule of Six.
- Wear Face Masks where appropriate.

The risk is that should members of the public see groups of cars with the above not being adhered to, the Club will be reported to the Police and this would prevent further events being organised. Please do your part to support the club.

It is very probable that this arrangement for event organisation will extend well into 2021, so everyone needs to become familiar with entering events electronically/online.

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## Autumn Gathering Leonardslee Lake and Gardens



In these challenging times the MGCC SE Centre delivered a superb event blessed by great weather and enjoyable scenic runs to this excellent venue. It goes without saying that without the immense hard work of John Morgan who worked tirelessly with Motorsport UK to plan a Covid compliant event, and the communication of Andrew Mitchell with Leonardslee it might never have happened. All entrants had to print off their own documents to avoid any chance of transmission and sign up online with John helping out as necessary! The committee too put in lots of effort as it was determined to deliver an event in 2020 and our Chairman Chris Leigh was delighted with the result.

On the day all the official guidelines were covered and a Covid compliant event was successfully delivered with 120 MG's and classic cars enjoying the day. The classic cars included a Jaguar XK 140, Triumph TR6, Jaguar mk2 saloon, AH Frog Eye Sprite and AH3000. Originally 121 cars entered, but a few owners had Covid like symptoms and a two had other illnesses on the day. One entrant who did not make it went a week later and enjoyed a visit with the tickets still being honoured!

Owing to the lack of any activities this year many felt it was actually great to be able to finally do something at last and catch up with old and new friends, even if socially distanced. No cars seemed to have dropped out on the day so all those months of lockdown had at least resulted in reliable MG's!

The day started with two organised runs entered by 75 cars, one from Denbies Wine Estate near Dorking and the other from Polhill Garden centre near Sevenoaks. At timed intervals participants left via tulip routes through beautiful countryside to Leonardslee with the marshals doing an excellent job to keep everything under control and checking cars and start times. We were able to enjoy two Spitfires flying closely overhead at the start in Polhill which was a good omen for the day. The only challenge en route were the many cycling groups enjoying themselves too which must help off set our carbon footprint!



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MGs meet at Denbies Wine Estate and Polhill Garden Centre.



On arrival we were allocated a large private car park allowing a full space between cars. A special display of 17 T types to celebrate the 75th anniversary was allocated at the front. Hi-vis marshal pointed out the hand sanitiser stations and kept attendees Covid compliant. We were very fortunate to have Peter Best insurance services sponsor us on the day which allowed for all sanitising stations and notices.



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A great turnout of many models of MG's were present, the oldest being an M type owned by Phil and Wendy Coombs, 2TA's , 6 TC's , 5 TD's , 2 TF's , 26 B's and 25 MGF types. Also present were 20 MGA's of which three were twin cam's and one MK11 deluxe. A gorgeous leaf green Sprite looked splendid, as did a pair of stunning Tickford and Saloon VAs , plus we had a good assortment of V8's and RV8's and C's and two MG3 present as well as a metro.



Leonardslee is famous for a string of ponds and although at this time of year the Rhododendrons and Azaleas are not in flower the structure of the gardens and trees around the ponds is quite stunning. Ducks, Koi Carp and Wallabies provided the wild life. Excellent catering facilities were also available from the site restaurants and tea rooms. The large country house which is open for afternoon tea made a great back drop for the T type display, using the new 75th banner for the first time this year!



Feedback during and after the event was unprecedented and very positive and appreciated by the organisers, but it is also important to register a big thank you to all the participants for following the guide lines and making it such a success and a safe event.

Photos - Tim Morris, John Morgan, Will Opie.  
Created by Will Opie

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Table Top  
Rally  
July 12th

### Report by Philip Bayne-Powell / Tim Morris



Philip and Rosemary Bayne-Powell organised a Table Top rally in July 12th in conjunction with the Inter Register Club (IRC) to which the MG Car Club is affiliated. As we are not able currently to take part in any form of competition, a Table Top rally helps keep us in the competition mode. The last time a Table Top rally was run in the SE Centre was back in February 2016, at a Fairmile Natter evening.

This event attracted 32 entries with a wide range of virtual cars from our own MGs to Rileys, Humbers, Austins and Alvises etc from the IRC.

The entries were broken down into Novices and Experts (who were anyone who had come in the top three in any previous rallies). There were 14 Experts, but the novices totalled 18, which was very satisfying to know that many newcomers wanted to try out a Table Top rally! The clues were given out at 10am for the novices and 30 minutes later for the experts, with a finish time of 12.30, thus giving the novices half an hour more than the experts to produce the answers. These were e-mailed back to the organisers, with a one-point penalty for being every minute late, just like a scatter rally. The novices also had slightly different instructions to help them get into the swing of things.

The 15 section instructions took competitors down roads, using spot heights, grid crossings (both numbered and compass directions). Coloured roads and road numbers were also used, as well as compass turnings at junctions. The later sections left the roads and followed the course of a river, cycle route and electrical power lines to add interest and to give the experts a challenge. The scores covered a wide spectrum ranging from the winning 115 points down to single figures. The MG Car Club team did well to come second (out of 8 teams) to the Austins, largely helped by David de Saxe (MGA) and Jeremy Bayne-Powell (Midget). For full results go to:

<https://www.mgccse.co.uk/2020/08/04/table-top-rally-report/>

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## Table Top Rally Report

Philip and Rosemary Bayne-Powell organised this second Table Top rally for us in conjunction with the Inter Register Club (IRC) to which the MG Car Club is affiliated. Things had been pretty inactive for the past months, so another Table Top rally was felt ready to keep people interested.

We had nearly as good a turnout this time round as last time, with 29 entries (32 last time), with many teams returning for a second stab.

We had six MG virtual entries, as did the Austins, while the Rileys fielded seven entries, and won the team prize

As before, the entries were broken down into Novices and Experts, who were anyone who had come in the top three in any previous rallies. We had more Experts this time (18 No.), some of whom had been promoted from the ranks of the novices, after having done well last time.

The set up was the same as last time, with the clues being given out at 10am for the novices, and 30 minutes later for the experts, with a finish time of 12.30, thus giving the novices half an hour more than the experts to produce the answers. These were e-mailed back to the organisers, with a one point penalty for being every minute late, just like the real thing. The Novices were given help to locate the starting points, while the Experts had to do some map hunting, to find such things as a terminus near a viewpoint, or where two railways cross.

The 15 section instructions started off easily using spot heights, grid crossings (both numbered and compass directions). Coloured roads and road numbers were also used, as well as compass turnings at junctions.

The later sections left the roads and followed the course of a river, boundary line and an electrical power line to add interest and to give the experts a challenge, which didn't seem to faze them, as the scores came in much higher than last time, with over half getting more than 100 points (only eight managed it last time); either the instructions were easier, or the entrants had got the measure of the organisers!! As the Autumn Gathering had been brought forward and thus clashed with the Table Top rally, we gave people the opportunity to tackle the TT rally in the preceding days, and thus could join the others in the final scores. This might be something we offer another time.

The scores were much better this time with three people over 130 points; the winners with 138 points were two girls living in Italy! They were related to family members also taking part. The MG Car Club team did well to come second (out of 6 teams) to the Rileys, largely helped by Bob Blackstock (M-type), David de Saxe (MGA) and Jeremy Bayne-Powell (Midget).

If the lockdown continues to restrict real events, we may instigate another TT rally, which many entrants have asked for. Meanwhile we have a real scatter rally (Autumn Naviscat) coming up on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October which we hope will entice people out with their MGs.

For full results and report go to: [www.mgccse.co.uk](http://www.mgccse.co.uk)

### East Kent Wanderers

As there was no car runs possible in July John Bennett leader of EKW put out a cryptic London underground quiz to members. 50 clues were set e.g,

1. Small forest for coal miners. Colliers Wood.
2. Elevated farming implement. Harrow on the Hill.
3. Tented entertainment among dreaming spires - Oxford Circus
4. 007 road. Bond Street.
5. Applaud cooked pig. Not unusual! Clapham Common.

It was a very competitive event with 11 teams entered and to avoid a tie breaker question and to separate the three who each scored 49/50, teams Paul, Richards and Hamlyn were declared as Joint Winners, so WELL DONE ALL!

This was followed-up in August with a Flower Quiz provided by Jane Thwaites and 50s Music Quiz provider by Gill and Roger Quilter in September.

### North Downs Natter

Several 3 car runs, within Covid guidelines were organized in July/August but due to Government new guidelines the natter returned to Zoom meetings in September



### Canterbury MG Workshop

John Clark has provided members with a regular Newsletter containing articles created by members motoring activity through the Covid period.

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### **The Pheasant Natter Buckland**

With the current Government COVID-19 restrictions there's no possibility of restarting any Natter activities for the foreseeable future. It is the MGCC 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 11<sup>th</sup> October. The main club is going to hold an event at Gaydon Museum on 10<sup>th</sup> as reported in the Club newsletter. The SE Centre is planning East and West Anniversary Runs on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>. The nearest run to us will be the West route and this will start and finish at the Owl Pub, Kingsfold RH12 3SA with a run length of 40 to 45 miles. The easiest way to keep up to date with these events is via the SE Centre website or Facebook Pages and the new Facebook SE Centre Chat page where members can upload news or items of interest, this now has well over 100 supporters.

### **The Fairmile Cobham**

Fairmile has continued to provide monthly Zoom meetings containing interesting members motoring activity and including full information on Covid compliant events. Joint Leader Ian Ailes is pictured below on a recent shakedown trip for his restored TD to Brooklands.



### **Sussex Wanderers - David Griffiths**

Sussex Wanderers have again been very generous and raised £1,300 for Riding for the Disabled, which has now been sent to the Chairman for the East Park RDA Group.

## Article by John Bennett

### Classic Car Buying at its Best.

Strictly speaking, this is not about an MG at all but a 1963 Gilbern 1800GT. However, serious auto anoraks will know that this car had the 3 bearing MGB engine and gearbox so it's effectively an Abingdon first cousin.

I had decided that life would not be complete without an MGB GT that was not going to rust. This conclusion was prompted by having had to sell my GT earlier before bubbling sills became too noticeable. A scan of the options led to a short list of one, the Gilbern! An added advantage was that it had 2 back seats worthy of the name so it could be presented as a family saloon to a gullible wife.

Living near Leicester meant that the very buoyant 'cars for sale' column in the local paper on Saturdays was a prime source so 2pm the next Saturday afternoon saw us parked outside the paper's offices waiting to pick up a copy 'hot off the press'.

Given that only 175 1800GTs were produced meant that the chances of finding one for sale that week in Leicester were vanishingly small but, lo and behold, there was the very car, advertised for £450 not 10 miles away. Within an hour, we had checked the car out (very nice it was too) and sealed the deal, probably the only time when I didn't dare haggle since £450 seemed like a steal!

Ownership was a happy experience all round. I used the car for my daily 26-mile round commute to Rugby station and we even managed to cram wife, four children plus holiday luggage in for our annual trip to West Cornwall.

However, when a young son of the Village Squire insisted on buying it from me for £350 plus a Weber carb MG Midget, I could hardly refuse! The sorrow of letting such a pretty car go was mollified by the fact that the Midget, flat out, would see its speedo needle off the scale and over the high beam warning light! One of my better Midget experiences!



**The Tale of the MG WA**  
**Philip Bayne-Powell**

I know my WAs, as I bought one back in 1961.

I had heard about the WA saloon from Motor Sport and made contact with the owner in South London. He said he was sorting out the gearbox, as it wasn't getting anything but top gear, but promised he would have it sorted by the time I came to view and collect.

I arrived to find that he hadn't managed to sort out the gearbox, which I was annoying but we agreed a reduced price once he assured me that it would do everything in top gear. He took me around the block to prove that it was possible to drive it in top, carefully slipping the clutch to get it started!

It was now dark, so I set off home with it, home being Borough Green near Sevenoaks, which was a fair distance, but mostly on the A25. All went well until Redhill, where there is quite a hill—hence the name!

I knew that I had to really build up the speed to get up the hill (in those days the A25 went straight though both Reigate and Redhill).

So, I stormed through Redhill which was quiet at that time of night, under the railway bridge and up the hill gradually getting slower and slower until almost at the top we came to a halt. In desperation I revved up the engine and dropped the clutch and lurched up the hill for a few yards further then repeated the process and managed eventually to make the top of the hill!

I finally arrived home just before midnight to the relief of my parents who were wondering what had happened to me! No mobile phones back then to let them know what was happening.

Subsequently I got a replacement gearbox and once fitted I used the car a lot and being, a full 4-seater, the car proved quite popular with my friends for trips to the pubs. I did up the upholstery with Nuagane as the seats were pretty shabby. I also rubbed down the lovely wooden dash and door cappings which had beautiful inlaid marquetry.

Unfortunately, when my garage caught fire in 1964 the WA was alongside and all the interior was burnt out as well as the exterior paintwork. I eventually sold the remains to Mike Ellman- Browne who had bought a WA drophead version from under my nose.



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The WA  
Tale

I had found this drophead WA in a lockup in Chelsea, where it had been stored since being put away in the war. It was very original with only 17,000 miles on the clock. At the Sports Car Club natter in London I mentioned it to Mike and we went to see it later. When I went back to buy the car I found it had already been sold to Mike!

The WA alongside a 2-seater PA which I rebuilt from a non-runner, but was also burnt in the fire



## Article by Nick Holyer

As a young lad the shape of the Bugatti 35B really fired my imagination. On later visits to the MG show at Siverstone I saw the original Q and K3 racers of the 1930s and later still the QTs, which were recently built Q and K3 bodies using T-type mechanical parts. These awakened my enthusiasm to build one for myself. I started by taking lots of photographs only to keep literally falling over a couple of other like-minded chaps also from the South East. We stayed in contact while we built our cars and exchanged, criticized and pinched each other's ideas. I am pleased to say that we were all successful in building our cars with one member of the group producing five to date and still going!

To start the process, I managed to procure all the parts to make a TA rolling chassis which was then built up on two trestles in the garage. I used new trunnions, kingpins, springs and brake parts and sourced a streamlined Q-type 'floppy' body from Compound Curvatures of Nottingham. One of the first big jobs was to collect together nuts and bolts of all the different threads and sizes that would be encountered (Whitworth, BSF, BA, AF, AC and Metric) to prevent threading mishaps.

The body was supplied with two out-stringers which attached to the outriggers of the TA chassis. Then the forward and rear bulkheads were made with marine ply sandwiched both sides with aluminium sheet. The fuel saddle tank was fitted above the differential and another bulkhead made out of ¼" aluminium was used to support the tapered rear cone. The bonnet was then cut out and hinged and the floorboards were made.

I then fitted a period XPAG engine and TC gearbox. When the engine was first fired up it sounded fine but when I later checked the engine oil I found it contaminated with water! The cylinder head came off to reveal water in #3 cylinder with a crack adjacent to the #3 cam-follower tube. I had to source a replacement block and rebuild the engine again! I pressure tested this one before fitting it – obviously no such check had ever been made of the previous block!

There were problems sourcing the 16mm stainless steel tubing which runs between the two uprights holding the headlamps and cycle wings in position. I went to my local plumber and told him that I had visited a urinal recently, as I looked down I had seen some stainless steel tubing running across the wall. I simply wanted 2metres of the same material. He initially said that he had no stock of 16mm stainless steel tubing but then he went to the back of the shop and returned with a ceramic urinal complete with fittings which included the desired tubing in exactly the right length! He told me that he had kept it in stock for 5 years and was pleased to get rid of it, giving it to me for free but asking to see the car once it was finished with the actual urinal installed!!

Newly made cycle wings were then fitted, the wiring completed and tested and finally the battery was installed in the streamlined rear cone together with an on-board battery charger. Soon a chap from Swansea DVLA spent a morning examining the completed car to make sure that it really was a 1936 vehicle and he then gave it a suitable age- related number plate.

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build a  
QT Type  
Replica  
Racer

Subsequently a stainless steel, external exhaust system was designed and fitted with a fish tail. The existing outside step had also to be extended to prevent shins and socks being burnt climbing in and out of the driver's seat!

I would like to complete my story by paying tribute to the late Bernard Coplestone who greatly aided me with the construction. Bernard was a good friend and an exceptional engineer who had started as an apprentice at AMC (Matchless & AJS) at Woolwich. He made many parts for the car and always gave good advice. He sadly passed away in 2012 just after the car was completed.



## Regalia

The following merchandise is available:

Sweatshirt	£21
Polo Shirt	£16
Umbrellas	£21
T-shirts	£10
Baseball Caps	£8
Beer Glasses	£2.50
Beer Glasses (pair)	£4
Windscreen Stickers	£1.60
MGCC Pens (blue or red)	£3.50 (special offer)
MGCCSE Mugs	£5



Tony Atcheson, our Treasurer, now manages Regalia with the help of our Secretary Austin Banner.

A recent audit has determined that there are stocks to clear. Please take a look at the above and see if there is anything of interest, in particular the polo shirts, t-shirts and sweatshirts. The clothing is unlikely to be restocked for a while as the committee decides on whether to continue with these items or not.

We are now able to take payments by Paypal, so if you wish to make a purchase please contact Austin Banner at [Austin.banner@gmail.com](mailto:Austin.banner@gmail.com).

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For Sale

The late Bob  
Clare Items

**Philip Bayne-Powell has a number of MG and related books that belonged to the late Bob Clare which he is selling on behalf of the family. If you are interested in any of them then please contact Philip directly at [1942mgman@gmail.com](mailto:1942mgman@gmail.com)**

MG – The Art of Abingdon	John McLellan	£25
MG – A Pictorial History	John Tipler	£12
MG Sports Cars 1929-1936	Malcolm Green	£20
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MG Road Cars Vol 2 ohc 6-cylindwer cars 1929-1936	“ “	£120
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MG Workshop Manual 1957 (6 <sup>th</sup> edition) Hardback	W.E.Blower	£20
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Triple-M Register register of cars:- 1965,1982,1986,1996-2012,2014,2016,2017,2018/9	£4 each

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5 Bearing early MGB engine for sale running fine when removed from car.  
Contact Will Opie on 07768 022044

4 Midget Rostyle wheels for sale with tyres in fair condition  
Contact Ray Ruffels on 07970 640219

Contact Graham White on 01892 654591 for the following items:

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- MGBGT front offside window glass £2.00
- MGB/GT oil cooler plus pipes £5.00
- MK1 Midget radiator grilles old two number £5.00 pair
- MK1 Midget boot lid £15.00 condition OK
- MK1 Midget plastic side windows £2.00
- Old Mini bonnet condition OK £25.00
- MG YB rear nearside wing definitely repairable £40.00
- 1100 cc engine and gearbox complete except for starter motor, engine number missing, possibly from
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