

MGCC SE Newsletter

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Oct 2021 Newsletter

Editorial Note

We welcome you to the October Newsletter as we move towards the end of an eventful year and hopefully a Covid free 2022. This edition covers the third quarter 21 and expectations for following six months. See Pages 10-16 for events and 17-23 for local club meets.

Amusing or otherwise please continue to send in further MG news, pictures and stories for the next newsletter to scribe@mgccse.co.uk

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Your 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 – pictured below left.

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 - pictured below right.



We are sad to report the recent passing of Jenny Clark, wife of Richard Clark, the committee passes on their condolences.

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Chairman's
Report

Chairman's Autumn Message – Chris Leigh

It is with a certain sense of achievement tinged with sadness that my term of office as the South East Centre Chairman is now coming to an end. You may remember that I took over as temporary Chairman nearly three years ago at a time when Derek Edwards was desperately ill in hospital with a major stroke. I am pleased to tell you that Derek continues his recovery and is now our Centre President.

Having first consulted as widely as possible within our own community, I set out with the help of our hard-working Secretary Austin Banner and a willing Committee to attempt to 'future proof' what is the largest MGCC Centre of all with over 1,800 members. We needed to reduce the age of our Committee by involving younger members, achieve a better gender balance with more decision-making lady members and to radically improve our communications with new and improved websites and email distribution to bring us into the 21st century.

Despite actively recruiting younger members, the whole MGCC still has an increasingly ageing male membership profile. We are a club with an unparalleled wealth of knowledge and expertise in our chosen field with most of us are also driving cars that younger members simply cannot afford to buy or insure. Your Committee has recognised one of the obvious solutions and have already approached the various new MG Motor showrooms who are now handing out old copies of Safety Fast and membership details to everyone who buys a new or used modern MG from them! Sales of these new MGs are increasing quickly and on average most franchises are selling at least 20 new and second-hand cars every month, petrol, hybrid and electric. I am pleased to be able to tell you that the Canterbury MG Motor Showroom this winter will display a superbly restored MG PB owned by Will Opie (ardent SE Committee member and scribe) and that our recent Autumn Meeting at Lullingstone Castle with 90 MGs attending boasted three of these modern MGs amongst them. Our rationale is simple - these cars appeal on average to a younger age group and often young families who in turn will change the dynamics of our Centre and ensure our club's future. We now need other members to follow this lead and whenever you meet one of the new MGs please show a keen interest and invite them along to an event!

During the past two years of unpredictable turmoil brought about by Covid your SE Centre has been extremely active in making use of Zoom in many ways whilst at the same time running a variety of Covid-safe events with the aid of our recognised National Sporting Body - the MSUK. Everyone has been understandably frustrated by the restrictions but it is very gratifying to note that the South East Centre has led the way nationally to operating real car events once again!

The internal re-organisation of our club's Abingdon headquarters is still on-going and it will take time for the right new staff to be appointed. Whilst we have to learn many lessons from what took place, your Committee are quite rightly now giving the new regime their support for the sake of club unity.

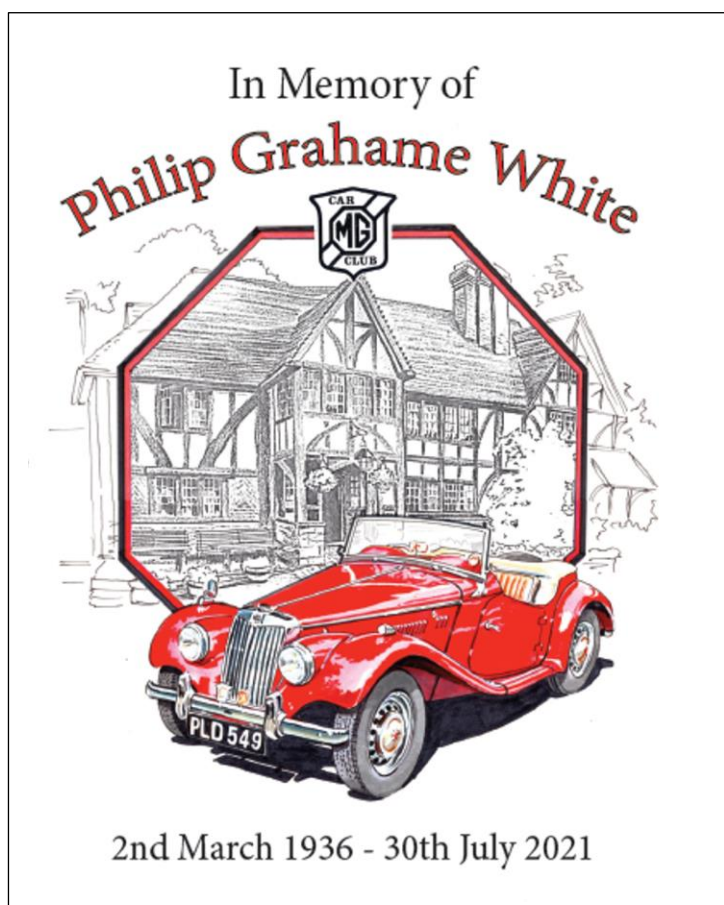
My term as South East Chairman will finish at our new-style AGM event on Sunday 28th November. Further details of the arrangements for this AGM will be published shortly on the MGCCSE website but meanwhile please make sure that you put this date in your diary because all members are invited. Please be assured that the South East Centre is in safe hands and is going from strength to strength!

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Grahame
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Obituary

Grahame White Obituary



Grahame's first love was motorbikes. However, when he moved on to 4 wheels it was the MGs that got his attention. His first ever car was an MGTF bought in 1961 and he never sold it. Loyalty was a strong value throughout his life.

An active member of the MGCC since the 60's, he could be found marshalling at Silverstone and Brands Hatch for MG events and of course running the Speldhurst Natter from the mid 1970's at the George & Dragon until COVID brought gatherings to an end. During this time, Grahame combined a concours event with a run ending at a cream tea venue. The Cream Tea runs, as they became known, continued for over 20 years, until the paddock next door to the pub was sold. By this time the popularity had increased so much that it was no longer possible to find a cream tea place that could cater for the number of attendees; on one occasion there were over 70 people.

Grahame's family was brought up with the MGCC. Many weekends were spent at various events. Silverstone was an annual pilgrimage. His wife, Merran, wished it wasn't, particularly when it rained! The family helped with natter events, checking runs, putting out and collecting signage, distributing score sheets, booking venues. But Grahame took his love for the MG marque further. He ensured his children's names reflected the brand. His daughter's initials are MG and his son's SVW. What he didn't twig until fairly recently was his wife Merran alongside Grahame, made them an MG too!

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Grahame White Obituary

Whilst the TF was first in the family, it was not Grahame's only MG. He restored a BGT and a Midget. A four seater P-type was an ongoing project that started out with the intention to be a family car. Unfortunately, he never even completed it for his grandchildren to ride in. He didn't only go for the 'classics' though. Even the modern cars had to be MGs and he owned an MG Metro, a ZS and then an MG6.

Grahame remained actively involved in the MGCC right until the end, participating in online meetings during COVID and even attending a small local event this year. His family knew his funeral had to reflect this passion. His coffin had a 2 seater P-Type printed on it, an incomplete project in real life, but completed for his final journey. He was wearing one of his many MG ties. For those of you that knew Grahame, you will have noticed that his outfit rarely lacked an MG logo!



Speldhurst natter member Gordon Bubb writes -

"With my wife I joined Grahame's Natter in 2002 and we were made very welcome. We quickly established a rapport with Grahame and Merran and subsequently enjoyed many extended T Register Autumn Tours with them. I was always amazed as to the condition of his TF considering how long he had owned it. Even today it still looks like it should be in a showroom. Over the years I realised that this was because he took so much care over his projects, seeking perfection and originality, be it rebuilding garden walls or MGs. He would agonise over what the rest of us considered minor issues but the result was always excellent. He will be sorely missed."

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SE Centre Competitions and Events – John Morgan

Autumn Trial 26th September



The SE Centre returned to Trial participation this month after a gap of 14 years. Five members entered the Trial organised by Maidstone and Mid Kent Motor Club (MMKMC), who in addition to the normal recognised classes, included an MG class for the best performing car.

The day was more like summer with warm temperatures and long periods of sunshine. The morning dew meant the sections were quite slippery in the morning. The event took place in a disused quarry that has now almost completely grassed over, and included six sections that were adjusted after lunch to make a little more difficult in the afternoon dry conditions.

Some entries travelling from afar were lost because of the petrol supply problem and at times it was almost a 'trial' trying to thread your way through the queuing traffic at the petrol stations along the way. Fortunately, the event still had sufficient entries to run all four classes with approx. 17 entrants/drivers. Most were either trialling specials or small hatchbacks and the five MGs provided a nice contrast.

The earliest MG was Will Opie's NB, followed by the three T Types comprising John Morgan's TC, Martin Franklin's supercharged TC and Peter Parker's TD. Simon Gray's immaculate MG Metro completed the MG class. Peter Parker was accompanied by his Grandson who thoroughly enjoyed the competition in the historic cars.

Peter Parker came second in Class 1 for standard cars and Will Opie won the Best Performing MG award.

The MMKMC organise up to three Trials a year and all the MG entrants were enthusiastic to return in Autumn 2022. This club also organise grass autotests including a Taster event primarily aimed at car owners who have competed in this type of event before. It is likely to be in the Spring 2022 and information will be circulated as soon as it is publicised.

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The cars in action!



John Morgan – Competition Secretary
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Provisional
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Calendar
Summary
Next 6
Months
2021/2022

See Safety Fast South-East notes for monthly updates, Social Media and the MGCCSE web site for information on planned events plus updates on past events. Due to the on-going Covid 19 Government Policy all events could be subject to change so keep up-to-date via contact with your local Natter and Wanderers leader/s and via the South Eastern Centre web site at - <http://www.mgccse.co.uk>.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Contact</u> |
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| Sunday October 3 rd CANCELLED | Autumn Naviscat CANCELLED | The Wagon & Horses PH, Faversham Road, Charing TN27 0NR | George Homewood – 07745 121357 or Rose Carr on 07917 155040 email: RAC3000@btconnect.com |
| Sunday November 28th | Chairman's Day & SE AGM | Bent Arms PH, Lindfield Sussex PH16 2HP | Chris Leigh – 07580 807988 Email – candjleigh@yahoo.com |
| Sunday December 5 th | Black Horse Treasure Hunt | Black Horse Pub | TBC |
| 2022 | TBC | TBC | SE Committee |
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**Note the revised date for the AGM from 24th October to
Sunday 28th November!**

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Web &
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Media

On the Net Communications- Tim Morris

We are continuing to use the internet more in a greater effort to communicate to you, the members. There are now several ways we try and keep in touch to keep you informed of what is going on in the SE Centre. This quarterly newsletter is an important one in that it mixes members reports with news from the club and event reports plus matters of interest to MG owners. It is a great read and in reality, it is a mini electronic magazine and a brilliant way for the club to keep in touch with you and you to us. We are always looking for more articles to publish - don't hesitate to send anything to Ray and William at scribe@mgccse.co.uk. This newsletter runs alongside the monthly printed columns in Safety Fast which offer more up to date snippets of information for you.

We have recently supplemented these with occasional emails about forthcoming events that the Centre is putting on so that you don't miss out on booking for them. These will only be sent when there is something important you need to know about events coming up. You may also receive emails from your natter leaders who send out to members in their area to keep you updated with more local matters.

Email is a good way to keep in touch and we have actually got some usage figures now we are using "Mailchimp" for email delivery that shows that around 60% of members are opening the mail we send – that's you as you are reading this! The sector average is 50% so that's actually not a bad figure. Of course, we would like 100% to read it but the old saying is "you can lead a horse to water...." you know the rest! If you know of anyone who is not receiving this email then please let us know as we don't have everyone's email address.

The website has an events page and news pages where new events are posted as they are announced – this is supplemented by the MGCCSE Facebook Page and Chat Group plus Twitter and Instagram feeds.

We would encourage you to use the MGCCSE chat group to keep in touch, maybe ask questions and generally keep in touch with fellow members. It's had a lowish take-up which has stalled a bit now and it would be great to see more members on there for a bit of interactivity. The South East MGF Register also has its own Facebook page so if you are an F/TF owner please seek that out as well.

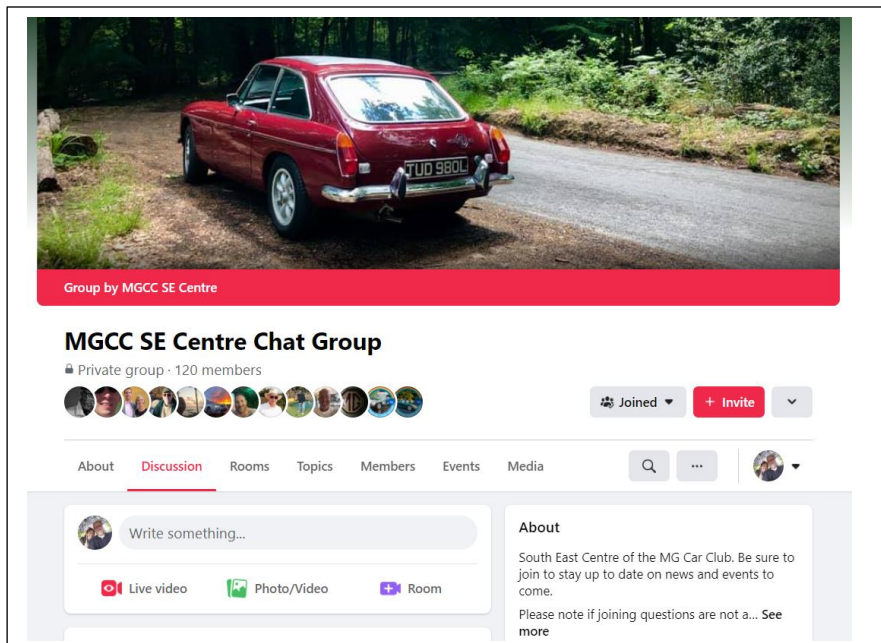
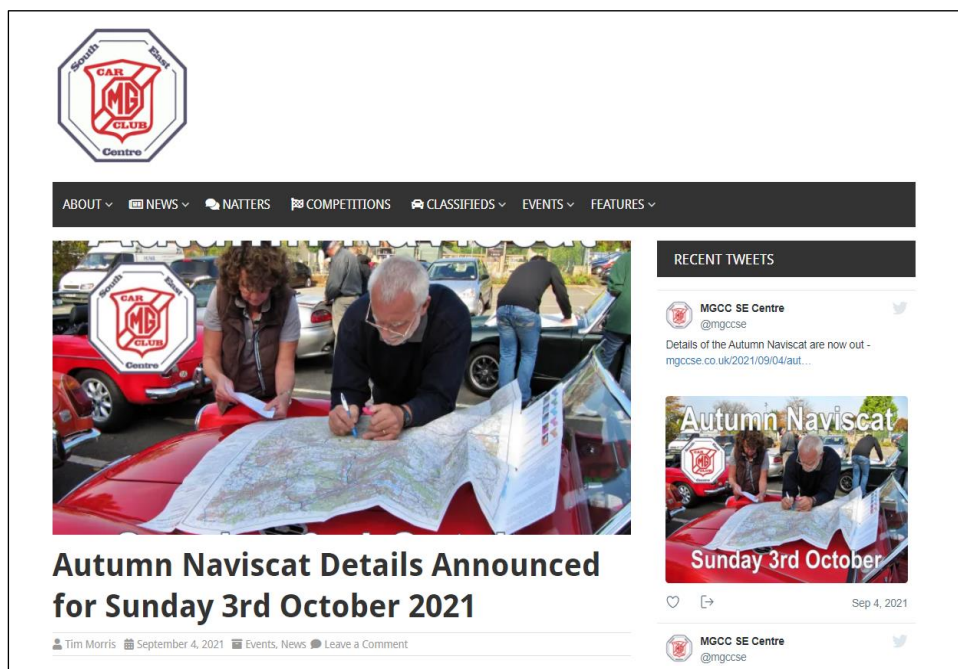
So, I make that at least nine different ways in which we communicate with each other so hopefully no-one is missing out on what is going on!

Find us at www.mgccse.co.uk and on social media – Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by searching mgccse - example pages below.

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Click here for website: www.mgccse.co.uk

Facebook Public Page: www.facebook.com/mgccse

Facebook Chat: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/259127225161827>

Pictures above show:

1. Front page of the MGCCSE website – this shows the Navisat which has sadly been cancelled now
2. The MGCCSE Chat group on Facebook – you can join from the main MGCCSE Facebook page by answering a couple of simple questions and then you can chat away!

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Alternative PoO Rounds 1 and 2

Alternative PoO Rounds 1 and 2 – John Morgan

The 2021 Alternative Pride of Ownership Rounds 1 & 2 took place in July with an excellent turn-out of pedigree MGs.

Round 1 was at The Surrey Oaks, Newdigate on July 4th with 9 cars taking part with the Car of Show going to Dave Naylor with his L2 accompanied by Firsts for Simon Gray with his lovely MG Metro in Best All Rounder(BAR), Adrian Malthouse's MGA in Best Restored(BR) and Robin Albert's MGA in Most Used(MU).



Round 2, on July 19th, was at The Pheasant Natter, Betchworth with 12 cars taking part. Again. Car of Show was won by Dave Naylor with Firsts for Steve Arthur's MGB in Best Restored, Steve Fletcher with his very original MGC GT in BAR and Robin Albert's MGA in MU.



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Alternative PoO Round 3

Fairmile Natter Alternative PoO Round 3

The 2021 Alternative Pride of Ownership concluded at The Fairmile Natter on Thursday 12th August. The final round was supported by a bumper entry of 30 cars and the natter was attended by nearly 40 cars, which is the largest support we have seen. The MGF Register were in attendance along with a MG Dealer, Richmond Motor Group from Guildford who brought along a hybrid MG HUS SUV.

Overall, 38 members took part in the three rounds with a good number of entries in each class. After two rounds, David Naylor's overall score, that counts for the annual trophy, was being challenged by Robin Albert with his 'very well used' MGA. Unfortunately, the battle didn't commence at the final round as Robin's MGA expired on Reigate on the way to the Fairmile.



Winners of the third round are:

Most used: Dave Naylor – L2 First Best All Rounder: Jon Glover – MGF first, Simon Gray – MG Metro second, Chris Goscomb – MGTF and Joy Anderson – TC joint third.

Best restored: Mark Britton – MGC first, Adrian Malthouse – MGA second, Phil Furlong – MGCGT third The Car of Show went John Bowen with a well-used MGF in the Most Used Class who beat Dave Naylor by one point.

The event overall went again to David Naylor by three points over Simon Gray's MG Metro which although entered in the Best All Rounder Class that has the most competition, managed to accumulate a respectable number of points. On top of that, the Metro is Simon's daily transport, but it really is too nice car to qualify for the Most Used class. To see the full results over the three rounds go to Results are In at - <https://www.mgccse.co.uk/2021/08/15/the-results-are-in/>



David Naylor
presented with the
Overall Winner
Award by John
Morgan

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A Splendid Summer's Day

A Splendid Summer's Day – Ray Ruffels

A Splendid Summer Day on Sunday 8th was organised by Chris and Janice Leigh. As MGs gathered at Tenterden Railway Station they experienced classic English cool summer weather of sun and showers. There were 20 cars parked in a designated area and 5 were invited to park on the station platform! Many of the entrants took a wonderful ride on the Kent & East Sussex Steam Railway while enjoying lunch and a cream tea whereas other visited the town which has a number of other attractions to tempt members including local culture, good restaurants and the historic brewery.



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'Fish n Chip' on the Beach

The Fish n Chip Run - Tim Morris

The Fish n Chip Run is a stalwart in the South East MGF Register calendar and has taken place for the last seven years usually at Hayling Island, although one year they did venture as far afield as Newhaven for a change and one year was called off entirely because of.....you guessed it.....storms!

This year the event was open to all members of the MGCCSE but it was mainly members of the MGF Register that attended probably due to the appalling weather forecast – which wasn't too wrong. An MGBGT and a TF from Winchester MGOC did join them though which was unexpected!



We arrived at 5pm soon after the heavens opened, the rain was torrential and the wind buffeted the cars parked alongside the beach. Would we be able to get across the road to actually get our Fish n Chips? As the time passed the rain did move away enough to head out and dash to the Fish n Chip shop with umbrellas battened against the strong wind. Duly ordered a dash back to eat them sitting in the cars. There was little chance of actually sitting on the beach in this weather but after the chips were gone so did the rain. Normally we would sit on the beach and watch the sun go down over the Isle of Wight as the cruise ships depart Southampton and maybe play a game or two of beach boules. Not on this occasion, although we had our chips and we had a natter on the sea front. Then we went home as the clouds gathered again and Portsmouth took a drubbing in the distance. Let us hope for better weather next year!



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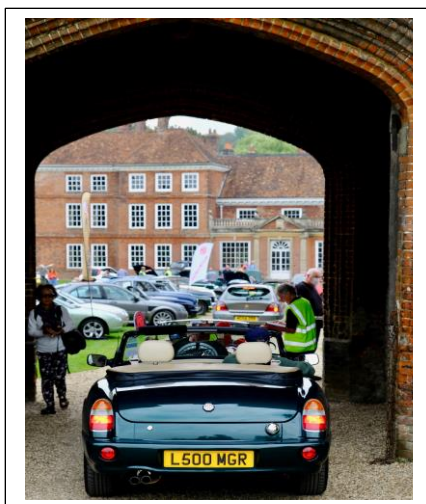
Autumn Meeting - Lullingstone Castle & Gardens

The Autumn Meeting returned, on 19th September, to a venue not used by the SE Centre since 2007. The event included two Scenic Runs, one starting from Godstone in the west and the other from Bluebell Hill in the east, along with a Concours de Elegance and Pride of Ownership competition.



The event entry attracted 95 cars with 17 cars on the east run, 26 cars on the west run, 4 cars in the concours and 20 cars in the Pride of Ownership. The Concours and Pride of Ownership cars provided an excellent display in front of the castle. The east run was 26 miles long and followed part of the Pilgrims way. The west run was 30 miles taking a loop to the south through Tandridge, Edenbridge, Four Elms, Ide Hill past Emmetts Garden to Sunridge, Shoreham and into Lullingstone Castle.

The earliest car was a 1932 M Type. Other models ranged the full spectrum from the TC through to the latest MG5 electric car. Other unusual cars included an MG Magnette mkIV, a MGZTT260 and a MG SV. The weather held through to late afternoon allowing the picnics to be enjoyed as well as the fascinating gardens. The Castle provided an 'intimate' location for the gathering of MGs with the setting of the house, gatehouse, church and a huge lake for the backdrop.



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Lullingstone Castle is a historic manor house and has been inhabited by members of the Hart Dyke family for twenty generations. Mentioned in the Domesday Book, the present manor house was started in 1497. Henry VIII and Queen Anne were regular visitors to the house. The house was re-modelled to the current arrangement in 1706 and renamed Lullingstone Castle. In 1934 the estate was sold to Kemp Town Brewery, who resold it to Kent County Council in 1938.



Peter from SG Barnes Canterbury with the latest MG 5 EV

The main feature of the gardens was Tom Hart-Dykes World Garden. This was developed by Tom using rare plants collected during his world tour. Tom follows a tradition of Victorian and Edwardian British plant hunters who undertook risks to acquire rare species of plant. In 2000, Hart Dyke was kidnapped by suspected FARC guerrillas in the Darién Gap between Panama and Colombia while hunting for rare orchids, a plant for which he has a particular passion. He and his travel companion, Paul Winder, were held captive for nine months and threatened with death. He occupied himself by creating a design for a garden containing plants collected on his trips, laid out in the shape of a world map according to their continent of origin. In addition to the World Garden, there are lovely woodland walks past streams and meadows.

At the time of the last MGCC visit in 2007, the World Garden had just been completed and since then, Tom has added a fascinating collection of exotic plants, orchids and cacti in the polytunnels. The World Garden plants have all matured and the narrow paths through the 'Countries' now give quite a 'jungle' experience.



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Concours de elegance and Pride of Ownership results:

Concours

First Anthony Clutterbuck – White MGB - EUC8J

Second Richard Thorpe – Yellow MG3 - GJ66OYC

Pride of Ownership

Pre-1956

First Bill Outram – White MGA - RSY977

Second Peter Field – White MGA Coupe - 9348N

Post-1956

First Michael Murkin - White MGTF 85th Anniversary - MG10MRM

Second Lee Rose – Red MGRV8 - M22MGR

Third Jeremy Marsh – MGZTT260 - M260MG

A big thank you goes to all those who helped organise the event and also those who helped out with marshaling on the day.

John Morgan



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The
Pheasant
Natter

The Pheasant Natter Summer BBQ

On 26th July, the Pheasant Natter organised another of their special BBQs at the Walcountians RFC in Woodmansterne, Surrey. The weather had a break in the showers and the event was blessed with a pleasant summers evening allowing the BBQ to take place on the lovely playing fields in front of the club with extended views towards Crystal Palace masts in the distance. The evening opened with a 'butchery' display preparing meat for the BBQ by our own Master Butcher Peter Parker whose family business is flourishing in Wallington.



This year's demonstration used a half pig. This was followed by an excellent BBQ, salads, roasted vegetables and fresh fruit dessert ably managed by Diana Calvert and her sister Pat at the Club. 42 members and guests attended some with MGs and in particular three supercharged MGs, namely two K MMMs and one TC. A short video is posted of the three cars driving to the event courtesy of David Foster.



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North Downs Natter Summer Meets – Will Opie / Ray Ruffels

As part of a Kent summer event plan, which started at the Plough, Stalisfield in the last newsletter, the North Downs team drove their wonderful classics and met for lunch at the Five Bells, Brabourne PH on June 23rd and the Woolpack PH, Warehorne on July 21st. Both pubs are owned by the same group so its many thanks to Lydia Events Manager for providing excellent organization, alfresco dining and car facilities at both locations. We seemed to pick the best days of summer too!

Below are some of the images taken by Poppy Hollis and we would recommend these pubs to any classic car owner.



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Canterbury
Old Timers
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"Lashing on the Leas" - A tale of hardy MG folk

The Canterbury natter attended the annual "Grand Hotel Old Timers" vehicle event held on the Leas Cliff at Folkestone on August Bank Holiday Monday.

On previous years this has been funded and supported by the Grand Hotel and has been a vibrant and well supported event. Unfortunately, the Grand Hotel has closed down and has been sold (for about £400.000!) and is presently the subject of extensive wrangling between the previous owners, the Bank, the administrators and other interested parties which is all very sad given the classic character of the place.

The event was therefore organised by the lady who arranged it previously but of course there was no funding, thus limited catering facilities and no loos! But we at the Canterbury MG Owners Workshop decided to support the event and in the end there was probably about 200 odd cars that decided the same.

We had 8 cars there and another 4 had planned to come but had to pull out for various reasons, so what a shame. And "Lashings on the Leas"????.....well if you will recall the weather on the Monday it was less than summery with the occasional fine rain, wind and very murky skies!

However, in true Canterbury Club style, our Gazebo, (suitably delivered to the Leas by Gwyneth thank you), was erected and we all "made camp" and what a hoot we had inside...especially comparing the catering offerings of various members. No prizes for guessing who arrived with a vast array of vittles and of course the obligatory bottle of wine and a suitable glass! (Apologies Michael Wachter....)

Sorry to say that other attendees were not so lucky, especially the other MGs next to us whose crews had to have their lunch sitting in their cars! We hosted regular visitors who were pleased to shelter from the weather and join our merry band and enjoy our company. At the end of the day, we all went home a tad damp but happy!

Just a few pictures from the day....



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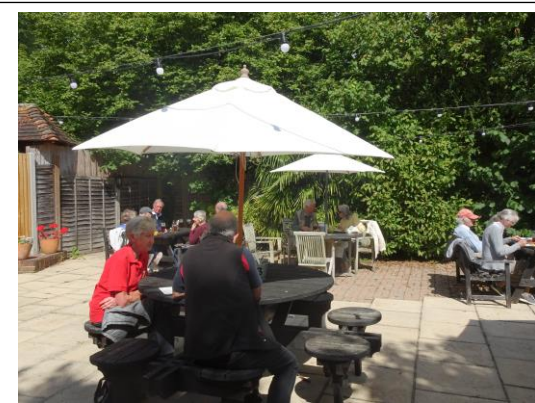
Ashdown
Adventurers

Ashdown Adventurers – Richard Clark



The Ashdown Adventures held their second drive post- covid regulations on Wednesday 1st September. Some 12 cars took part, starting with coffee outside at Penny Hill Orchards Café. This was somewhat marred by one of our members being run over by a member of the public reversing in the car park. Some three weeks on, the damage is not yet quite healed!

We had a great drive of circa 26 miles to a lovely pub, The Peacock at Piltdown, for lunch. "The Man" of course is long gone. Richard has the reputation of always ordering sunshine for the drives and despite a long run of poor weather, sure enough sun came out for us!



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Sussex Wanderers Barbecue – David Griffiths

Wednesday 11th August 2021 was more than a **Red Letter Day** for the Sussex Wanderers! It was the first time in 17 months that the group had been able to meet, following the advent of the Covid-19 restrictions. Our coffee meet venue was the Red Lion in Ashington, where the sun shone and sparkled on a very large array of different MGs. Some 70 folk gathered from near and far, to enjoy meeting and “catching up on chat”, over coffees and chocolate brownies. The MG marque was well represented by some 40 cars, with examples of many of the models, ranging from an M type, to a current MG saloon.



No one seemed to be in any hurry to start the run to the White Horse, which was the barbecue venue, as it was so lovely to be social again. However, folk started to leave at about 11.15 am, for an hour drive along the Sussex lanes, with “Beware Equestrians” very much in mind. Upon leaving the Red Lion, the route took everyone towards Thakeham and then North via some very narrow lanes to Coolham, passing a World War II airfield en-route. After driving through Barnes Green, Southwater and Copsale our lunch destination was reached - The White Horse at Maplehurst. As the day progressed, the sun shone even more brightly, providing a wonderful spectacle of the cars, as they parked in the paddock – our own little concours! Folk sat at an assortment of tables outside and chatted over drinks, whilst enjoying the gloriously warm sunshine, before a sumptuous barbecue, which was followed by some fabulous puddings! A great day was had by all and it was a real treat to once again meet up with friends and enjoy a day in the Sussex countryside.

As always the Wanderers were extremely generous, raising some £212.00 for their charity collection, which is in aid of Riding for the Disabled. A part of the Sussex Wanderers outings is the raffle. Prizes were won by Mike and Liz Holding, Andrew Ratcliffe and John and Tricia Murray.

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Riding for the Disabled

Despite being unable to meet for 17 months, the members of Sussex Wanderers have been extremely generous and donations have been received on a regular basis, enabling a total of £1900.00 too be donated to the East Park branch of Riding for the Disabled, over this period. Our thanks to the continuing generosity of our members. James Baxter is the local chairman and it is hoped that he will join us at Parham in September, to say a few words. He is a car enthusiast, and as well as owning a World War II Jeep, he currently has a Daimler SP250 as well.

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The EKW monthly run on Sept 1st was well received. The Canterbury Garden Centre at Chartham had very adequate facilities for our coffee and The Broome Park Hotel and Golf Resort at Barham provided good food served in splendid surroundings as the enclosed photos illustrate – John Bennett



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Corner

Malvern
Morgan
Factory

Malvern Morgan Factory – Austin Banner

The MG / Triumph meeting this year included an option tour this factory on the first day of the meeting. The factory has been on its Malvern site since December 1913, but it has recently undergone considerable refurbishment and upgrading with a new reception and sales area which opened in the Summer of 2020.

We started in the shop where there are some rather superior leather goods, a Morgan Bear (very like the MG Bear), official Morgan Gin suffused with Ash wood and Morgan Beer.

I contented myself with a model Plus Four and fridge magnet.

The newly opened restaurant served among other things a one foot hot dog.

On arrival at the start of the tour we are guided to some of the cars on show to tempt the affluent.



This cross-country car (Plus 4 CT X) looks a mean machine but is two-wheel drive!



This green dream - a Plus 6 - yours for just £110k and this three-wheeler is just ridiculous fun. A new three-wheeler is planned powered by an in-line 3-cylinder Ford engine.

The main road through the factory is flanked by the original factory buildings, but the function of each building changes frequently to meet the current manufacturing needs.

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Members Corner

Malvern Morgan Factory



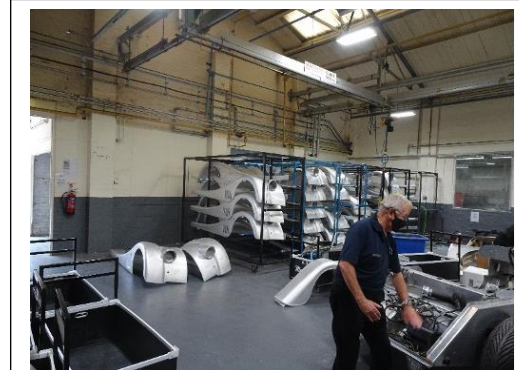
Just think what the Centre could do if it had one of these transporters. For those like me who thought that Morgans were basically wooden framed cars onto which components were attached, this was something of a wake-up call. As one approaches the factory buildings one passes these racks of pre-formed aluminium shells which are made off site by a body manufacturing company.



There are two completed cars parked conveniently close so the transformation is easy to grasp.

The amount and position of the wood on these plus sixes (BMW engine) was an education for me!

Plus Six has an in-line six with twin turbo. 166 mph and 0-62 in 4.2 secs.



The left and right body panels above of this model are welded in the factory.

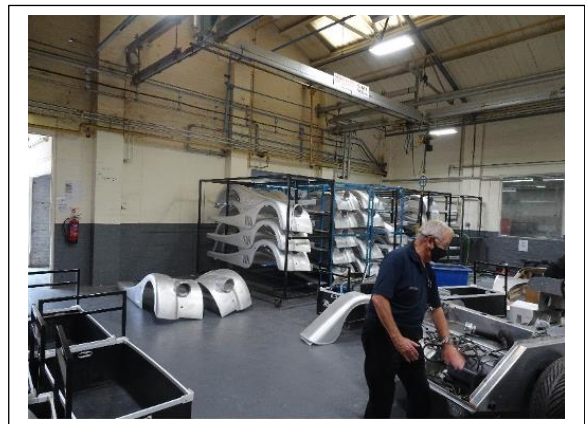
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We saw the traditional forming of Ash with a glue lamination process plus the wood meeting aluminium by hand and full Ash frames being constructed for three wheelers. The Plus Fours are very much being constructed Morgan style. No Robots here! Plus Four In-line 4 with twin turbo. 142 mph and 0-62 in sub 5 secs!

Below the Iconic Three- Wheeler - One of the first built



Here an attempt at an E version.
Unfortunately, this is in the museum because it proved not commercially viable.

Altogether a fascinating tour of some two hours where tradition meets new technology.

Well worth the trip if you are in the area.

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Hampton Court Palace Concours of Elegance – Tim Luffingham



The Hampton Court Palace, Concours of Elegance took place on 3-5th September 2021, and once again brought together a selection of 60 of the rarest cars from around the world – many of which will never had been seen before in the UK. Uniquely, the Concours of Elegance winner isn't selected by a panel of judges but by the owners of the cars themselves. Each participant is asked to vote on the other models on display to decide which car is considered to be the 'Best of Show'.

Car Clubs are also encouraged to attend and this year for the first time the Triple-M Register was invited. Perhaps being the year it was, only 8 places were filled from the 20 that were offered to us though we managed a wide range of models on the day.

Very much part of the main event is The Club Trophy which sees each Car Club offer a car to be judged by an independent panel of judges. The prizes are significant and awarded by HRH Prince Michael of Kent. Peter Prosser entered his KN pillar-less Saloon though against worthy competition Triple-M didn't come home with any of the silverware.



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My MG
Recollection

My MG Recollection – James Lee

I enjoy my MG and entering Pride of Ownership. My father was a GP in London and used MGBs as a daily car and when I passed my driving test he “allowed” me to chauffeur him to his calls and as a payback I had the MG for the weekends so quite a result!



I bought the current B above after some research five years ago. The delight on my father's face at the age of 84 driving it himself was something to behold!

My first MGB Roadster was ELE 675J in Teal Blue and the claim to fame was that my father, sister and I went on a family holiday from London to Isle of Mull (I travelled all 500 miles in the back on cushions!). YYU 708T was the replacement and I was allowed to borrow it – here we are camping in France in the Perpignan area. Both cars were used all year round.



Other Photos are of YYU 675J in action!

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The following merchandise is available:

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| 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 |



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 Alex Lemon at alex.lemon@mgccse.co.uk

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For Sale

Parts For Sale

4 Midget Rostyle wheels for sale with tyres in fair condition

Contact Ray Ruffels on 07970 640219

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Pair of Late 1275 or 1500 Midget rear lamp assemblies with good plastic lenses and chrome. Complete with bulb holders and bolts etc.

£20.00

Classic Radiomobile 12volt car radio in an under dash housing with all wiring plus two speakers and grilles etc. Full working order and as new condition. But this one has the benefit of a connection for your MP3 player (lead included) so that you can play your favourite tunes!

£35.00

Smiths classic gauges.....all in superb condition and good chrome rings etc:
Ammeter with a -30 to +30 range and a red needle.

£20.00

Oil pressure (half gauge type) mechanical with 0 to 100psi and a red needle to match the one above.

Complete with all pipes etc

£25.00

Oil pressure (full gauge type) mechanical with 0 to 100psi and a white full travel needle.

Complete with all pipes etc

£30.00

No silly offers please - **Call John Clark on 07940769225 (Canterbury area)**

JOB LOT OF 1970 MGB ROADSTER PARTS FOR SALE

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Small bottle jack | 5 spare Wheel Nuts | Roll of Black Vinyl | Air |
| filter A17283 | Rear Lights clusters without lenses | | Blaupunkt |
| Radio/Cassette – Cambridge M23 | Centre Console | Small steering Wheel | |
| with MG Badge | MG Rostyle Wheel Spray Kit | New Draper pistol type Grease | |
| Gun part no: A2 | 4,350 PSI delivery pressure | New complete | |
| passenger seat with black cover | | Near-side Black Vinyl Door Panel | |
| Passenger front Black Carpet (used) | | | Assorted |
| Small parts | | | |

£50-00 the lot - please phone Keith on 07831 655276

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Martin from the North Downs Natter explains his new “critical detector” system on his supercharged MG TC!

