

# MGCC SE Newsletter

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## MGCC SE

### October 2022 Newsletter

#### Editorial Note

We welcome you to the October Newsletter. This edition covers the third quarter 22 events and members contributions including a special article on a special MGF from Tim Morris. The next edition will cover natter and wanderer activities of the year. Sussex Wanderer's are featured with calender events. We also have some great cars for sale so please read right to the end!

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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 co-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.



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## Chairman's Chatter - Tim Morris



HM The Queen with MGB and Corgis

This quarter has been dominated by the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II and the Centre marked the sad occasion across its social media sites. Her Majesty has been a constant in our lives for over 70 years and, I am sure, will be sorely missed. Her MG connections were slim but there is a photo of her with her Corgis in front of an MGB in existence which has been widely used in MG circles. Her husband, Prince Philip, was no stranger to MGs having owned a TD in their courting days in which, according to Her Majesty, he drove her far too fast in it. Her son, and now King Charles III, of course is well known for owning an MGC GT which is still in his possession and kept at Sandringham. Of course, many of us will have watched the funeral processions on TV or perhaps in person with the thousands of others in London and Edinburgh and there will have been tears in many eyes at both the grandeur and poignancy of the occasion.

As always life moves on and I am pleased, in a way, that petrol costs have now come down. They were very quick to go up but it seems they are much slower to come down. Undoubtedly that will effect our MG usage as they are generally not our main cars and we may prefer to fuel our day to day lives in favour of the weekend. For the Centre that may be a reason we have had lower attendances at some of our events this year, events that used to attract 100 cars are now seeing half that. We do like to see you out and about in your MGs and, if you can, do please join in with our events at centre and natter levels. It is what we are here for, to provide opportunities for you to enjoy your MGs with like-minded friends.

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We have a couple of mildly competitive events in October which some of you may have joined in, and we are revitalising the annual lunch on October 23<sup>rd</sup> with a meeting at Hartfield Manor, near Betchworth, in Surrey. I am looking forward to this event and welcoming our guest after-lunch speaker in particular. Dr Ian Pogson will be talking about making cars in China and if you want a preview then his book – Carry on Car-Making is available on Amazon and other booksellers – he might even have some copies with him! Details are to be found on our website as usual. It will be great to see you there - <https://www.mgccse.co.uk/2022/08/05/mgccse-annual-lunch/>

We now look ahead to Christmas and a new MGCCSE year. Our committee are beavering away coming up with ideas for 2023 – if you have an idea of what the club might like event wise then do let me know and we'll see if we can fit it in. If you are thinking of something for yourself or to give the MG fan in your life then do take a look at our new online shop where there is a whole new range of MGCCSE clothing available - <https://mgccse.ace-online.co.uk/catalogue>

This has been the first full events year since Covid and, whilst that spectre is still lurking, we are looking forward to another next year and it should be a great one as we mark 100 years of MG.

Tim Morris

Ian Pogson with Tim Morris at MGF25



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The MG Car Club South East will be supporting a chosen charity for a year beginning with the Brain Tumour Charity. The aim will be to raise funds for the charity through the club's activities and special events throughout the year. The charity is chosen from suggestions made by the committee, natter and wanderer leaders. These are then voted on by the committee until a final charity is chosen.



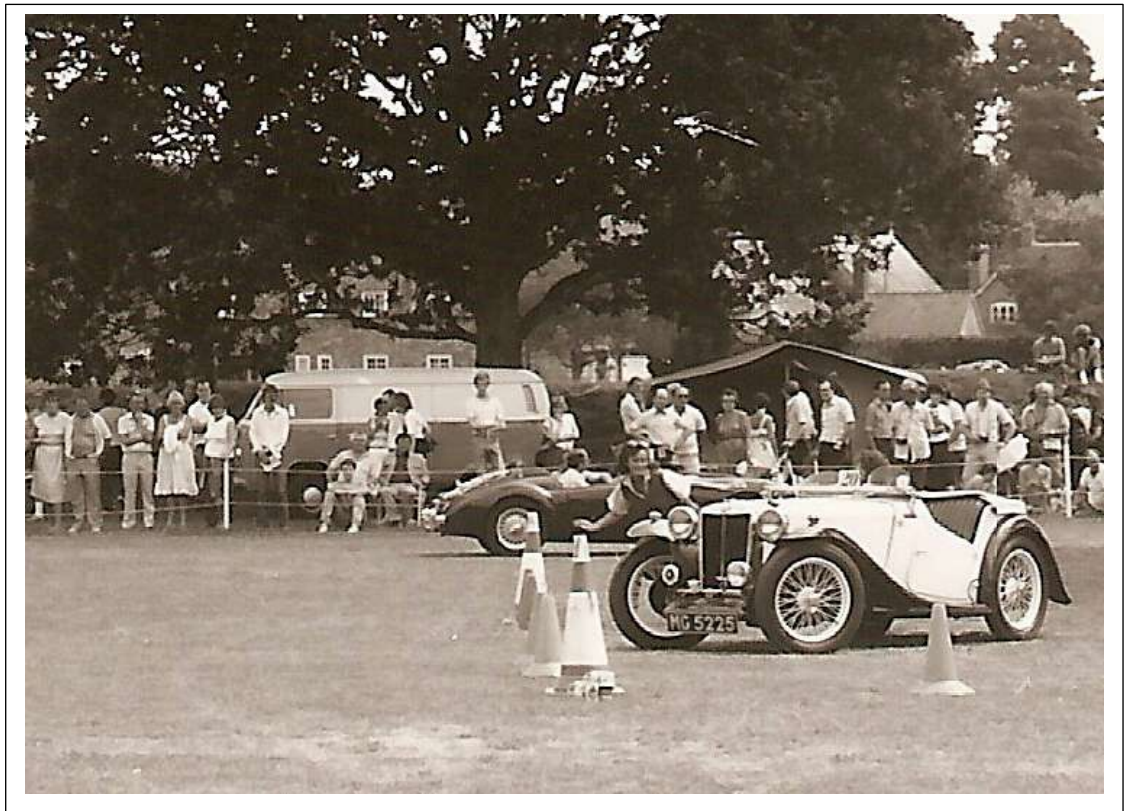
“The Brain Tumour Charity is the world’s leading brain tumour charity and the largest dedicated funder of research into brain tumours globally. Committed to saving and improving lives, we’re moving further, faster to help every single person affected by a brain tumour. We’re set on finding new treatments, offering the highest level of support and driving urgent change. And we’re doing it right now. Because we understand that when you, or someone you love, is diagnosed with a brain tumour a cure really can’t wait.”

**You can donate directly to the Centre’s Just Giving page via the MGCCSE web site or make donations at meetings.**

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Centre  
History  
Photo  
Collection

The Centre has a collection of old photos some will be featured in every Newsletter. Any help on identifying events /owners please let us know.



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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. Events could be subject to change so keep up-to-date via contact with your local Natter and Wanderers leader/s and see the Full Calendar of Events via the South Eastern Centre web site at - <http://www.mgccse.co.uk>

| <b><u>Date</u></b>                  | <b><u>Event</u></b>                   | <b><u>Location</u></b>                  | <b><u>Contact</u></b>                                    |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup><br>October  | Autumn<br>Leaves<br>Treasure<br>Hunt  | TBC                                     | David Griffiths  |
| Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>October  | MGCCSE<br>Annual<br>Lunch &<br>Awards | Hartfield<br>Manor Hotel,<br>Betchworth | Tim Morris<br>chair@mgccse.co.uk                         |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup><br>October  | MGoT Track<br>Day                     | Goodwood<br>Race Track                  | MGs on Track   |
| Monday 21 <sup>st</sup><br>November | Technical<br>Evening                  | The Sportsman<br>PH, Mogador            | John Morgan<br>07802 770025<br>competitions@mgccse.co.uk |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup><br>December  | MGoT Track<br>Day                     | Brands Hatch                            | MGs on Track   |
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## MGCCSE on the Web - Tim Morris

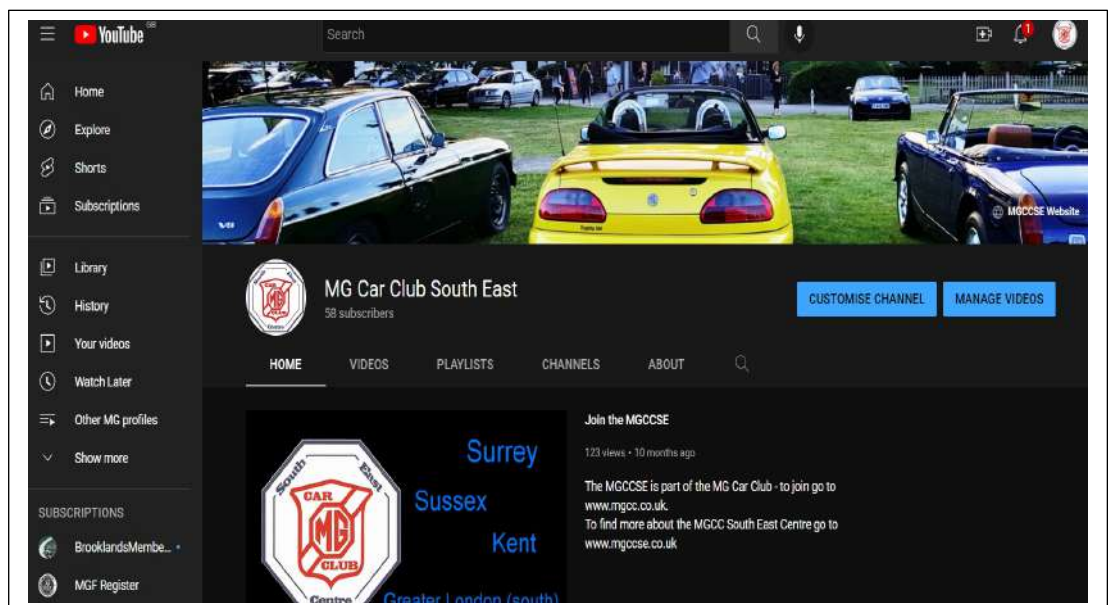
### On the MGCCSE web

The main news on the internet is that the MGCCSE YouTube channel has been gaining good traction and we are delighted that it has now notched up nearly 6000 views and has nearly 60 subscribers. If we get to 100 subscribers then there are some benefits such as a unique url for the channel so do take a look at the videos and subscribe when you are there. We've been putting up some interviews recorded at MGLive! and Brooklands events made by the Brooklands members.tv team which includes our chairman Tim as lead interviewer! One of those videos the MaGnificent MaGnettes featuring SE Member John Langford is now heading towards 1,300 views and he is being featured in MG Enthusiast magazine as a result. Good things can come out of it so do take a look.

Of the other social media channels Facebook is still our strongest performer with 375 followers and Instagram chasing it with 320. An interesting observation is the age differentials on each channel which are totally opposite each other – Facebook rises from age 45-54 peaking at 65+ whilst Instagram rises from 18-24 peaking at 25-34 before declining. Clearly we have a younger audience on Insta which is mainly photo based and is somewhere we can reach a younger audience to help promote the MGCCSE.

A quick word about the website – Overall we have had nearly 55,000 views of the website with figures for this year steadily well over 1000 a month. That does mean that members are using it regularly to find information about the MGCCSE and we are on course to have record viewing figures for 2022. Predictably the home page gets most views followed by events and natters where people are trying to find out what we are up to. Hopefully they have been finding the answers there too!

Tim Morris



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Events  
SE Centre

Filching  
Manor  
29<sup>th</sup> May

## MGCC SE Centre – Spring Meeting at Filching Manor and Museum 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022

A Spring Meeting was held this year at Filching Manor and Museum. The event included a Scenic Run, starting just north of Hartfield, along with a Concours d'Elegance and Pride of Ownership competition.

The setting was lovely with the backdrop of the timbered Manor House dated 1450 but in fact built on top of a lot earlier building. The following provides more background to the venue as published on The British Motor Museum's website:

*'Filching Manor Motor Museum is part of the Campbell Circuit site. Filching Manor has belonged to the Foulkes Halbard Family for over 35 years and is situated between Wannock and Jevington, near Eastbourne.*

*The Foulkes Halbard Collection is at Filching Manor Motor Museum. The Foulkes Halbard collection is based around the speed record breaking Campbell family's many achievements. Included in the collection is Sir Malcolm Campbell's Bluebird K3 world record breaking boat, along with other famous Campbell cars, boats and memorabilia.*

*There are many other rare and wonderful things in the collection, which was originally put together by the late Paul Foulkes Halbard and is now being continued by his son Karl Foulkes Halbard.*

*The collection contains the very rare 1898 Orient Express (one of only two left working in the world), a 1907 Corbin Racer, several Bugatti cars, Fangio's very own racing car, the Alesso, a fantastic 1904 chain driven Mercedes racing car and many more. Most of the collection is in working order.'*





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The event entry attracted close to 50 cars with 24 cars on the scenic run, 3 cars in the concours and 13 cars in the Pride of Ownership. The Concours and Pride of Ownership cars provided an excellent display in front of the Manor House. The scenic run was thoroughly enjoyed by the entrants with the route passing through the Ashdown Forest, through several pretty East Sussex villages and countryside before looping through the South Downs into Filching Manor.

The earliest car was a 1936 MGPB Midget closely followed by a 1939 MGVA Tourer. Other models ranged the full spectrum from the TC through to MGFs and MGZR including a lovely Old English White MG Magnette mkIV. It was also nice to see several Modern Midgets that tend to be in minority of participating cars in recent times.



The event was made more interesting by Karl Foulkes Halbard giving two short talks, one on the Manor House and its history and the other in the main collection museum buildings. The tours started by showing members round Filching Manor – strictly a twin solar Wealden hall – originally built in 1450 for William Parker. Karl thinks that the front door is original, which makes it one of the oldest front doors in private ownership. The main hall is filled with antique furniture and a collection of arms and armour, including several halberds – Karl assumes that his family name means that they must have been halberdiers at some point in the past.



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The Museum talk mainly centred on the K3 Bluebird, covering in principle the history, how it was acquired, what had to be done to restore it until it finally returned to the water in 2012 with appearances at Bewl Water, the Henley Regatta and Lake Maggiore in Switzerland where several of the records were originally set. The boat was originally powered by the RR R series, as used in the Schneider Trophy record breaking aircraft, along with a one off bespoke gearbox and propeller. The drive train was removed and used in the next generation K4 Bluebird. K3 was sold before the war by the Campbell family when the later boats were developed and was used as an attraction for a used car sales showroom before being bought by Thorpe Park. Following acquisition by Filching Manor, the wooden hull was restored (70% of the original hull remains) and mechanical components reinstated. The boat is currently powered by an RR Merlin mated to a suitable gearbox and special fabricated propeller. In recent times, it has achieved speeds up to 59MPH. Karl does have an R series engine but this needs rebuilding after each six hours of use.

Karl is trying to get the boat running again in the Autumn. Possibly at Bewl Water if agreement can be reached with the new owners, and there would be a possibility of the MGCC being invited to attend.

There is also a go-kart circuit in the Manor's grounds which is currently unused. The SE Centre is evaluating whether an Autosolo type of event could be staged there.

Concours d'elegance and Pride of Ownership results:

| Entrant No                        | Entrant              | Car                             | Total Votes | Position |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| <b>Concours</b>                   |                      |                                 |             |          |
| 31                                | Richard Thorpe       | MGZR 160 Yellow R4 MGR          | 97          | 1st      |
| 33                                | John Langford        | MG Magnette mkiv White AVE 442B | 95          |          |
| 42                                | Oliver Stiekel       | MGBGT Red YAF 550J              | 87          |          |
| <b>Premier Pride of Ownership</b> |                      |                                 |             |          |
| 5                                 | Karl Foot            | MGRV8 Red R88 MGR               | 93          |          |
| 36                                | Peter Thomas         | MGBGT BRG CDH 101H              | 96          | 1st      |
| <b>Pride of Ownership</b>         |                      |                                 |             |          |
| <b>Pre - 1956 Class</b>           |                      |                                 |             |          |
| 2                                 | Peter Downing        | MGYA Cream KLT 549              | 770         |          |
| 11                                | David Oakenfold      | MGVA Tourer BRG FKC 616         | 837         |          |
| 25                                | Richard Clark        | MGTF Red 231 APU                | 880         | 1st      |
| 39                                | Simon Broom          | MGA White 796 YUL               | 861         | 2nd      |
| 41                                | Robert Macmillan     | MGPB Red AYG 170                | 733         |          |
| <b>Post - 1956</b>                |                      |                                 |             |          |
| 7                                 | John Harper          | MGF Red M6 FRX                  | 659         |          |
| 16                                | Paul Keeler          | MGRV8 Red M28 MGR               | 759         | 2nd      |
| 21                                | Philip Bayne-Powell  | MGRV8 Gold M250 FFW             | 715         |          |
| 34                                | Philip Roussel-Smith | MGRV8 BRG L500 MGR              | 839         | 1st      |
| 38                                | John Powis           | Midget White HYD 154D           | 692         |          |
| 43                                | Anne Bush            | MGBGT Yellow TDL 584J           | 704         |          |

Concours and Premier Pride of Ownership was judged by MGCC, Pride of Ownership was self judged by all the entrants and scores are overall totals of all votes.

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The  
Windmill  
Run  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>  
July

## The Windmill Run



Steve and Carole Clear's MGC at Jill Windmill

The South Downs Windmill run had 35 cars taking part on a gorgeous day visiting 8 windmills through the lovely Sussex country side and finishing at Parham house. The only issue was the traffic out of London!



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The event finished at Parham House which is an Elizabethan house set at the foot of the South Downs and is still a family home . A stunning setting for all the MG's.



Below the white MGF belonging to Simone and Andrew bought new from MG Rover Snowhill Garage in 1996



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The 2022  
Alternative  
PoO Series

## 2022 Alternative PoO Series – John Morgan

The Alternative Pride of Ownership took place over three rounds which finally revealed an overall winner.

The rounds took place at The Sportstman <Mogador, The Surrey Oaks, Newdigate and lastly The Fairmile in Cobham. The latter was combined with an open evening and saw a large turnout including several members who had not been to a MGCCSE meeting before. We look forward to seeing them again soon



Points from all three rounds of the competition were tallied up by our competition master John Morgan. The crowd waited on the burnt grass of The Fairmile as the results were read out and you can see all the results below. However, we can announce the overall winner who is ....Chris Redhead with his MGB roadster.



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More  
Filching  
photos



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Fish n Chips  
on the  
Beach

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>  
August

## Fish n Chips on the Beach - Tim Morris

The long hot summer meant that our annual trek to the beach at Hayling Island was blessed with gorgeous sunshine – a total contrast to last year’s when we huddled in steamed up MGs watching the rain blow horizontally across the pebbles on the beach. Sunshine, what a delight – tops down and shorts on for the drive down to the coast and a delight to find so many MGs in the beach car park, a stone’s throw from the fish n chip shop.

Sunset over Hayling



This year the event was thrown open to any MG but it was still mainly Fs and TFs that ventured to the seaside however there was one rather nice MGA parking on the sand. Fish was good, chips were good, and the beach games were fun but we were not so good at them! However we did have some winners with Paul winning the beach boules and Janette winning the hoop-la so well done to them.

Boules in Action





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on the Beach

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>  
August

The wind stayed at bay and it was a pleasure sitting with the large group on the pebbles and admiring the cruise ships heading out of Southampton with one couple from our number ruminating that they would be on board one of those in a couple of weeks' time looking back at this very beach.

This is always a pleasant informal gathering and we will be pencilling in another trip to the beach for the first Saturday in August 2023 – hope you can join us.

Tim Morris

Beach coloured MGA!



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SE Centre

Autumn  
Gathering

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>  
September

## Autumn Gathering at Belmont House & Gardens- Andrew Mitchell

Despite us recently purchasing the clubs new Coleman event shelter (A lighter, more portable event shelter), which had its first outing at Belmont House on Sunday 18th September - This years warm, dry summer meant the MGCCSE Autumn meeting was going to look optimistically good, for a change, and it maybe not needed after all? However; With the new event shelter up, which also acted as for a focal point for signing on and all displaying pictures of our recent events - it may give us some welcome shade, instead?



This beautiful elegant 18th century house situated in grounds of more than 3000 acres, with its fantastic views may be not familiar with everyone? However, You might be more familiar with it once its been aired on this Autumn seasons BBC Antiques Roadshow, which was only filmed there a few weeks previously with Fiona Bruce. A claim to fame, indeed ?!



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A nice compact group of just over 30 MG's ranging from 1935 to 2005 attended this years regular MGCCSE Autumn meeting, which was down on previous years and probably slightly down on previous years due to the Queens funeral taking place the following day.

One run in was offered, which were also taken up by a number of our members.



In the concours / PoO line up, there included no fewer than two MG NA's brought along by Philip Bayne Powell and his wife, Rosemary. In addition; John Langford brought along his immaculate and rare "Old English white" 1964 MG Magnette MkIV (complete with its unusual "terracotta" interior) , which entered the concours alongside a more modern 2005 MG ZR , being shown by the "ZR Concours Guru" - Richard Thorpe. These cars joined Ian Russell and his immaculate 1969 MG Midget, which he had only purchased earlier this year; Robin Taylor's MG ZR; David Brenchleys MGA and Trevor Grouts black MGBV8.....all in lovely condition and a credit to their owners.



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Amongst other non concours / PoO cars, attending on the day, there were two interesting early MGF's. Andrew & Simon Buck-Honour's 1995, totally original MGF in a rare "Old English white" colour with red interior and which had been owned by them both, since new. The second interesting MGF was Malcolm and Janice LeGrys pre production MGF, in "Anthracite" with its desirable "SVC" number plate, which adorned the very early press cars and MG Rover owned demonstrators.



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Trevor Osbourne also added further interest to the day by bringing along his “back-up MG”. Trevor’s Magnette, in the words of Rolls Royce - (had) “failed to proceed” and brought along his 1940 Ford Tudor saloon with a 5.7 litre engine, no less.





**MGCC SE Centre - Autumn Meeting at Belmont House and Gardens 18 Sept 2022  
Concours d'Elegance and Pride of Ownership Results**

| Entrant No                | Entrant                        | Car   | Total Votes | Position        |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-------------|-----------------|
| <b>Concours</b>           |                                |   |             |                 |
| 33                        | Richard Thorpe                 | MGZR GJ05 DWN Grey                            | 98          | 1st             |
| 28                        | John Langford                  | MG Magnette mkiv White AVE 442B               | 95          |                 |
| <b>Pride of Ownership</b> |                                |   |             |                 |
| <b>Pre - 1956 Class</b>   |                                |   |             |                 |
| 7                         | David Brenchley                | MGA XDG 969                                   | 434         | 1st             |
| 19                        | Rosemary Bayne-Powell          | MGNA Allingham BYU 271                        | 361         |                 |
| 23                        | Philip Bayne-Powell            | MG NA Magnette Coupe XXG 102                  | 418         |                 |
| <b>Post - 1956</b>        |                                |   |             |                 |
| 4                         | Ian Russell                    | MG Midget SPN 231 G                           | 420         | 1st             |
| 5                         | Robin Taylor                   | MGZR HV54 ADO                                 | 410         |                 |
| 32                        | Trevor Grout                   | MGBGT V8 KHS 543 N                            | 370         |                 |
| <b>Event Awards</b>       |                                |   |             |                 |
| 28                        | John Langford                  | MG Magnette mkiv White AVE 442B               |             | Car of Show     |
| 14                        | Allan Reid                     | Ford Tudor (MG Midget)                        |             | Spirit of Event |
| 19 & 23                   | Philip & Rosemary Bayne-Powell | MGNA Allingham BYU 271 and MGNA Coupe XXG 102 |             | Enthusiast      |

Notes

- 1 Concours was judged by MGCC, Pride of Ownership was self judged by all the entrants and scores are overall totals of all votes.
- 2 Enthusiast Special Award presented to Philip and Rosemary for exceptional event support, considering distance travelled in MMM cars, bringing two cars to the event, fixing issues on both cars as well as displaying a rare MMM car.

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Local Club  
Meets

Sussex  
Wanderers

## **Sussex Wanderers – David Griffiths**

### **Provisional Events remaining 2022**

12<sup>th</sup> October – Start at Roundabout, West Chiltington and lunch at Cowdray Golf Club, Midhurst.

9<sup>th</sup> November – Start at Worlds End, Clapham and lunch at Tottington Manor.

14<sup>th</sup> December – Festive run and lunch at the Red Lion, Ashington. - circular tour.

We are proposing that the outings take the same format as in previous years. Therefore, meeting for the start of an event will be at about 10.30 am, giving time to enjoy a coffee, nibble and chat before setting off, usually at about 11.30 am on the preplanned route to our lunch stop. Routes will be about 25-30 miles in length. Lunch venues, due to our numbers, will normally require us to pre-book, from a special menu that has been agreed for the Sussex Wanderers. Venues may change due to reduced parking or for the inability of the venue to accommodate the numbers required.

Contact David Griffiths at 01403 264548 or [SussexWanderers@mgccse.co.uk](mailto:SussexWanderers@mgccse.co.uk) for details on Sussex Wanderer activity



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Members  
Corner

## Special Presentation to Ian Ailes- Fairmile Natter

From the T register

We are pleased to announce that Ian Ailes has been awarded

The Malcolm Hogg Memorial Trophy for Restorer of the Year and of course justifiably proud to receive. We are delighted to include this here!

Well Done Ian , congratulations!



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Ron Kemp  
Story

## Ron Kemp story by our Treasurer



This article was originally intended for an earlier Newsletter!

Hello there! I'm Ron Kemp, your Treasurer. I accepted the challenge to become Treasurer of the Centre during mid-2021, having previously been the Treasurer of the MGF Register from 2012 to 2018. So after a short break, I'm back and keen to help look after the finances for the SE Centre.

I had my mid-life crisis in 2009 and purchased an 1800cc Honda Goldwing motorcycle. Having done Europe a couple of times and taken part in many pleasant tours with Kent Honda and the 'Appy Wanderers from Yorkshire, it was then time to move back to four wheels. I sold the Goldwing on a Monday in February 2011, and purchased the 2010 MGTF135 the next day! It was a demonstrator from Apple in Gravesend and was just 6 months old with 400 miles on the clock. It has now travelled more than 106,000 miles, including many trips in the UK and Europe, culminating on a long trip to the Greek Islands in 2015! A well-used, well preserved example of this iconic soft top sports car!

Your committee have decided to ensure that all Natters and Wanderers groups have the equipment to better advertise the SE Centre at the events that we attend. To that end we purchased table flags for each group to use at our lunches or evening meals (most of which have been handed out to the leaders), and we are about to commence a roll-out of 5M high sail flags which can be used at outdoor gatherings. As they are quite expensive, the roll-out of the sail flags may take a few years to complete, but will be worth it in the end!

I'm always available to talk with organisers of events that we run, and will give any assistance regarding the financial side of the event. Especially the dreaded VAT! So please contact me and we can talk through your budget for the event, and jointly decide on a reasonable entry fee and discuss other expenses.

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I've been working with Austin on getting the name of our bank account (currently with Barclays) to match our Centre name, and I am pleased to say that the official account name is now: "The MG Car Club Ltd T/As South East Centre". If you still use cheques (WHY??) you can either write that out in full, or just use "South East Centre". Both are recognised. More and more people are now using bank transfers to pay for entries to events or purchase regalia, so if you are able to do that, the information you need is given on the website or on the entry forms.

I've also updated the expenses form. All committee and organisers of events and natters will be refunded "reasonable expenses" incurred during the year, and the new claim form can now be found on our website as a download from the front page (bottom of the page – committee info). Please complete the form (electronically if you can) and get to me with all receipts. This will ensure that I can repay your expenses as quickly as possible. All of my details are on the form.

So in summary, let's hope we have a successful non-Covid year, and use our cars as they were designed to be used on some of the exciting events the SE Centre has arranged for you!

Ron Kemp

Treasurer MGCC SE Centre

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Presidential  
MGF

## The Presidential MGF. Tim Morris

I had heard about an amaranth MGF that was being restored by Darre Hardy an MGTF in bits in the midlands and that it had once belonged to the South East Centre's President Derek Edwards and a former chairman Rob Gamage but I didn't know who the current owner was. Imagine my surprise, when attending the South East Centre's Windmill Run in June, a familiar looking amaranth MGF drove along the driveway to Parham House in Sussex—yes, it was none other than N807SVC! At the wheel was South-East member Malcolm Le Gry. This was the car's first outing since being completely renovated over a period of nine months and it hadn't missed a beat. Parking in pride of place amongst the other MGs the amaranth gleamed in the summer sunshine with the house behind. Malcolm later told us the story behind the car.

N807SVC is one of the thirty Rover Group 1995 pre-production press cars, given the Coventry registrations N801SVC to N830SVC. If you find the press cuttings of cars during 1995 invariably it will be one of these cars that you will see pictured.

The car has VIN SARRDWBGBAD000089 with a build date of 25 July 1995, one month before the first production cars rolled off the CAB2 production line. Indeed this car was used as a press demonstrator car and was featured in many publications of that period, both in the lead up to and following the launch of the MGF. These included a full road test in MG World magazine and a feature in Classic & Sports Car Weekly, both of which are held in the car's history file.



After the initial flurry of press reports and test drives Rover Group kept the press cars for three years. They were not intended as production models but after that time they finally agreed, in 1998, to sell them on to Company and Car Club executives, intending them mainly for track use.

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Rover were not keen on these cars appearing in the market-place as they were "not necessarily to Production Standard", and all purchasers were required to sign a document stating that no warranty was given or implied, and that they would not attempt to pursue any claims with Rover Group whatever the cause!

They were sold and many were used on the track as specified but others were registered for the road, this was one of those. Rob Gammage, then the Chief Executive of the MG Car Club, purchased N807SVC from Rover for just £5000 in May 1998 and used the car personally. Rob was also a previous chairman of the South East Centre and has known Derek Edwards for many years so, eleven years later, ownership of the F was passed to Derek, who is the current President of the MG Car Club South East. However, the car was not used much and was put to the back of the garage and only appeared occasionally.

So, he put the car up for sale at the start of the pandemic in 2020 and Malcolm and Janice attempted to buy the car at that point, but they were pipped at the post by another MG enthusiast purchaser. Luckily though, Derek agreed to give their contact details to the new purchaser should he decide to sell at any time.



The car was subject to some recommissioning and light restoration at that time but then he decided to move the car on. Remembering that Derek had given him another interested enthusiasts number Malcom received a call out of the blue in 2021 asking if he was still interested in it. Naturally he was and N807SVC became theirs.

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The car's interior had worn the years quite well, with just a few repairs needed to the door cards and the driver's seat. This work was carried out by Phill Marjason who runs an excellent trim shop local to Malcolm & Janice in West Sussex. As with the main restoration, everything was kept original wherever possible, and Phil worked his magic using some of the hard-to-find black fusion fabric, and matching green seat piping, kindly supplied by Darren Hardy. The magnificent screen out respray was carried out by Denby Sinclair at DBS Accident repairs in Glossop.

As to the future? Malcolm & Janice intend to use the car during the summer months, running her alongside their much-loved Alumina Green F, and taking her on MGCC and MGOC road runs and events.

As Malcom says "We will enjoy the car, and will hopefully take her to Gaydon in three years time for a reunion with some of her surviving press car siblings at MGF30"

Tim Morris, Malcolm Le Grys

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## Parts For Sale

1976 Model MG Midget parts unused in a  
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| Description                         | Part No / Ref | Value £ | Note    |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| NSF Outer Sill *                    | AHA5552       | 73.00   | Free    |
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| Release Bearing *                   | GRB 207       | 20.00   | )       |
| Engine Oil Pump * (1500 engine)     | GLP118        | 73.00   | Free    |
| Hood Stowage Covers (black Vinyl)** | CHA95         |         | Free    |

\* Denotes all new parts. - The clutch was built by Borg & Beck the EO supplier  
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Derek Edwards ,Centre president is currently selling his collection of MGA's which he has owned for the past 30 years. The cars are 1959 Twin Cam Coupe, (811UYG) 1960 1600 MK 1 Roadster (444 BAO) and 1961 MK 11 Coupe. (YSU 204)

For information on the cars Derek can be contacted on 07850 410830 or by email at

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**Parts For Sale**

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