

# MGCC SE Newsletter

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## MGCC SE

### July 2024 Newsletter

#### Editorial Note

We welcome you to the July Edition of the Newsletter. This edition covers the busy second quarter 24 events, Natter and Wanderers and Members contributions including information on the wonderful MGCCSE Centenary Celebration Weekend in May on Page 14 and a special article on Modern Gentlemen on Page 31..

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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 - pictured below right.



## **Chairman's Chatter Summer 2024**

The pinnacle of this quarter and year was undoubtedly the MG100SE weekend. Nearly 18 months of planning came to fruition. A large team of organisers drawn from the MGCCSE and local MG Owner's Club made sure that the event went smoothly and had plenty to entertain you. From a hazy Summer's afternoon party to a full-on no holds auto show and an MG cavalcade threaded it together - every aspect was fantastic. There were too many helpers to mention them all but our secretary Austin Banner glued it all together, Ron Kemp handled the pound notes with expert efficiency, John Morgan, Kelvin Pitman and Nigel Knowles headed up the road runs team, Malcolm Childs sorted out all the marshalling, Ian Russell kicked it off with the Cavalcade, Trevor Osbourne looked after Cecil and Jon Glover did a splendid job arranging the afternoon at The Fairmile. It was a Herculean effort from all concerned and it paid off in the most fantastic way.



Of course, once the event has finished there are still some working on it writing articles, sorting photos, creating videos, updating the website and social media and generally making sure the word gets around about the event – examples are here in this newsletter, WSMGOC's Main Gear, MGF Register's FastForward, MG enthusiast, Enjoying MG, Safety Fast and no doubt some I have missed.

With MG100SE overshadowing we mustn't forget that there have been other things going on and many still to come. The Natters have been active with trips to France, talks in the evening, mini golf and local drive outs. The Centre has been busy too with the Best of British, Spa Valley Railway, Alternative PoO and the Summer BBQ to name but a few. We are looking forward to our main Summer gathering - the Ghosts at West Horsley Place and Fish n Chips on the Beach in August.

Our charity fundraising has been going well particularly with the raffle at MG100SE which raised nearly £800. This was split between our annual charity, Prostate Cancer UK, and the Cavalcade charities Lupus UK and Dementia UK. Thanks to our generous sponsors it looks like we will have a surplus from MG100SE and once the sums have been finalised we should be making further donations.

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I was pleased that my MG4 made two appearances to represent the modern MG at MG100SE and Best of British, but I think my MGF is getting jealous so that had an outing down to Hever Castle in June where the Centre had a stand of over 30 cars.



It is important that the club engages with modern MG owners – there are a lot out there now and we are seeing just a small percentage joining the club. I do know many owners of older MGs that are buying modern MGs as well – it's a similar situation to when the MGF came out and then the Zed cars. Now, of course, they are becoming rarer – will that happen to these early modern MGs – the MG6 and GS spring to mind as early contenders. Of course, it could happen the other way around and a modern MG owner might see the club and enter into older MG ownership – although I have yet to find anyone that has done that!



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### Charity for 2024/5 by Centre Chairman – Tim Morris

At the recent AGM I announced the charity for the coming year and that is Prostate Cancer UK. The charity is chosen from suggestions put forward by committee members and natter leaders and then voted on by the same. This charity was the unanimous winner in both the first and second votes. Prostate Cancer UK has a simple ambition – to stop men dying from prostate cancer. Through shifting the science over the next 10 years to focus on radical improvements in diagnosis, treatment, prevention, and support, they hope to stop prostate cancer being a killer.

You can find more about the charity on their website at <https://prostatecanceruk.org/> and you can make donations via the MGCCSE Just Giving page at [MGCCSE JustGiving](#). Incidentally JustGiving have changed the way they accept donations by giving the whole amount donated to the charity – they then ask for a contribution towards their costs which can range from nothing to whatever you might want to give for their admin. The amount is suggested by them when it pops up but you can alter that. We will be collecting for the charity at our various events throughout the year so please donate generously and help save lives.



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## **New Carbon Capture Scheme for 2024 to help save the Planet!**



The Centre has decided for all key events, to arrange a Carbon Balancing Scheme for our cars which means we will be balancing our emissions! We will be working in partnership with the FBHVC and Tree-v our partners to deliver this for the Centre.

### So, what is Carbon Capture?

This is all about the future, By Carbon capturing your emissions you are investing in creating new woodland here in the UK. The new trees will gradually over the lifetime of the project, remove a certified amount of CO<sub>2</sub> from the Atmosphere.

### So how does it work for us?

We will be adding a 50p contribution to entry forms to create a fund to submit to tree-v to deliver the trees. As an example, last year's Autumn Penshurst event created from the run distances and approximate mileage to the start of all participants about a 972kgs of CO<sub>2</sub>. If we had charged 50p to the 100 participants we would have raised £50 towards balancing our emissions; carbon capturing would have cost this amount. Sustainability is also about our waste created at events, this includes excessive paperwork and a move to more environmentally friendly ways and the use of more online and administrative functions of the Centre. "

### Other Advantages

Driving classic cars is sometimes frowned upon, we have all seen it.

Some event locations that the Committee try to engage with are progressively 'going green' so we don't necessarily fit in with that ethos. Hopefully by doing this we answer some of those concerns both for us as drivers and as we negotiate venues in the future.

### Why Tree-V

Tree-v are an automotive focussed offsetting company set up by classic car enthusiasts. Their moto is "preserve the past, preserve the future" They partner with Forest Carbon who have already planted over 13 million trees and are certified by the Woodland Carbon Code. Key to this is planting the right trees in the right place.

Will Opie

Centre Sustainability.

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John Morgan  
Comp  
Secretary

## **SE Centre 2024 Events Update – Competition Secretary**

**Association of South East Motor Clubs (ASEMC)** events open to MGCC SE Centre members for the summer and Autumn are listed below. These are organised by member clubs of ASEMC and more information is available on the particular clubs' website. In the first instance, visit the **ASEMC website** on <https://www.asemc.co.uk/> and following links to the organising club.

Event	Date	Links	Event Type	Club
7Oaks Summer AutoSolo	Sat 06/07/2024	<a href="#">Website</a>	AutoSolo	7Oaks DMC
MMKMC Autotest	Wed 10/07/2024	<a href="#">Website</a>	AutoTest	Maidstone & Mid-Ke
Lydden Sprint	Sat 13/07/2024	<a href="#">Website</a>	Sprint	7Oaks DMC
FDMC Summer Solo	Sun 14/07/2024	<a href="#">Website</a>	AutoSolo	Farnborough DN
FMC Coffee & Cake Run	Sat 20/07/2024	<a href="#">Website</a>		Falcon MC
7Oaks Autotest	Thurs 25/07/2024	<a href="#">Website</a>	AutoTest	7Oaks DMC
MMKMC Summer Slalom	Sun 28/07/2024	<a href="#">Website</a>		Maidstone & Mid-Ke
BHMC Eagle Sprint Goodwood	Sat 03/08/2024	<a href="#">Website</a>		Brighton & H
MMKMC Autotest	Wed 07/08/2024	<a href="#">Website</a>	AutoTest	Maidstone & Mid-K
John Ashwell All Day Autotest	Sun 18/08/2024	<a href="#">Website</a>	AutoTest	Maidstone & Mid-K
7Oaks Autotest	Thurs 29/08/2024	<a href="#">Website</a>	AutoTest	7Oaks DMC
FDMC September Solo	Sunday 08/09/2024	<a href="#">Website</a>	AutoSolo	Farnborough DN
7Oaks Autotest	Saturday 21/09/2024	<a href="#">Website</a>	AutoTest	7Oaks DMC
Goodwood Sprint	Saturday 28/09/2024	<a href="#">Website</a>	Sprint	7Oaks DMC
Brian Lewis Trial	Sunday 29/09/2024	<a href="#">Website</a>	Car Trial	Maidstone & Mid-Ke
FDMC Sprint Royale	Sunday 06/10/2024	<a href="#">Website</a>	Speed	Farnborough DN
FMC David Maitland Memorial Trial	Sunday 13/10/2024	<a href="#">Website</a>	Car Trial	Falcon MC
SDMC Winter Series Autosolo	Saturday 19/10/2024	<a href="#">Website</a>	AutoSolo	Maidstone & Mid-Ke

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Forthcoming MGCC SE Centre events with competitive elements include:

- **Summer BBQ and Pride of Ownership** at The Kentish Horse, Markbeece just south of Edenbridge and Hever Castle – **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July**.
- **The Ghosts of West Horsley Place with Concours, Pride of Ownership and Road Run** – **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July**.
- **Autumn Trial** near Maidstone, invitation from MMKMC – **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September**.
- **Autumn Naviscat** in West Kent – **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October**.
- **Autumn Leaves Run and Scavenger** – **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October**.

**John Morgan** – Competition Secretary

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## SE Centre Calendar Summary Third 3 Months 2024

See Safety Fast March edition for The SE Events Calendar supplement or the monthly South-East notes for monthly updates and the MGCCSE web site for Social Media and 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>

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> July	SE Summer Barbacues and PoO	Kentish Horse Edenbridge	MGCCSE
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Alternative PoO Round 3 + Open Evening	The Fairmile Cobham Surrey	Ian Iles Jon Glover 07802 318950
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	MG Picnic at Classic Car Day (pre 1990)	MT Ephraim Gardens Nr Faversham Kent	Ian Russell 07590 498514 Ian.Russell@mgccse.co.uk
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	T & F Register Display	Brooklands Classic Car Show	Alan Wakefield MGCC T - Register
Sat August 3rd	MG Fish n Chios on the Beach	Hayling Island Beach Road	Tim Morris
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> August	Cranleigh Classic Car Show	Cranleigh Showground	Cranleigh Lion MGCCSE Stand
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> August	The Ghosts at West Horsley Place	West Horsley Place Surrey	MGCCSE
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	The DKW Story	The Fox & Hounds Walton on the Hill	John Morgan 07802 770025 <a href="mailto:competitions@mgccse.co.uk">competitions@mgccse.co.uk</a>
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	MMKMC Autumn Trial	Maidstone Area	John Morgan 07802 770025 <a href="mailto:competitions@mgccse.co.uk">competitions@mgccse.co.uk</a>
<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>SE Autumn Meeting</b>	<b>Borde Hill Gardens Hatwards Heath</b>	MGCCSE
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> November	John Mayhead Talk on Goldie Gardner	Fairmile Cobham	<a href="mailto:jongloveractor@gmail.com">jongloveractor@gmail.com</a> Jon Glover 07802 318950



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## **MG Car Club - SE Centre**

### **MGs meet**

### **‘The Ghosts of West Horsley Place’**

The venue is West Horsley Place (of “BBC Ghosts” – Button House, fame) Epsom Road, West Horsley KT24 6AN on:

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024**



We are extremely privileged to continue with our MG100 Centenary celebrations with this year’s Summer Event at West Horsley Place, in Surrey. The event includes a Concours d’Elegance and Pride of Ownership competition together with road runs into the event.

A Grade I listed medieval manor house and estate of great beauty and historic significance. The Manor House dates from 1425, though there has been a building on site since Saxon times. See [www.westhorsleyplace.org](http://www.westhorsleyplace.org) for more information.

Inherited and owned, in more recent years, by BBC TV University Challenge host, Bamber Gascoigne and then the house was also used extensively in all of the 34 episodes, for the BBC series “Ghosts” (See BBC IPlayer for all episodes) and known as “Button House”. Event entry includes Carbon Offsetting.

**All of this comes at a discounted entry price of just:**

**£27.00 Car, Driver and Passenger (non-member £30.00) + £12.00 each additional passenger**  
**£15.00 Car and Driver only (non-member £18.00)**

Entry Includes:

- **Free entry into Concours d’Elegance and Pride of Ownership,**
- **Guided Tour and Entry into the House,**
- **Road Run into event,**
- **Tea Rooms and Gardens.**

(NB: Well behaved Dogs are allowed in Gardens only)

**To Enter:**

Register your entry for this event on <https://www.mgccse.co.uk/2024-events-calendar/>

or email Andrew Mitchell on [mgccse.event@gmail.co.uk](mailto:mgccse.event@gmail.co.uk) (07703 138419) for registration and entry form. Please confirm

**Name, Car, Contact Number, Email Address & MGCC Membership number** (If a member)

**NB: ALL Entries CLOSED by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024**



## Summer BBQ and Pride of Ownership Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024



The Summer BBQ and Pride of Ownership has returned to the MGCC SE Centre Programme for 2024. This event was run for many years, initially as the Rookcross Concours and BBQ and latterly under the Woodcroft name.

The event this year is being held at a new venue, The delightful country Kentish Horse Pub at Markbeech, Kent.

The venue is located just south of Edenbridge and with easy access from Tunbridge Wells, East Grinstead and South London. The pub has a large car park and event field. There will be a marquee, just in case of inclement weather.

The pub will be providing the BBQ in the event field, offering a menu choice.

The event entry fee will include the BBQ salads, potato, bread roll and one portion of meat as well as Pride of Ownership participation. Additional meats can be ordered on the day from the menu, with choices including Chicken, Burger (may be venison or beef) in a bun or Hot Dog.



The event opens at Midday and the BBQ will be served from 1.00pm. The Pride of Ownership will be self judged commencing at 2.00pm. Classes will be Premier Pride of Ownership for recent past winners and Pride of Ownership split into a minimum of three classes, namely pre 1956, 1956 through to 1990 and post 1990 to date. There will also be a Car of Show. Rosette awards will be given out at 4.00pm.

**Please bring your own picnic chairs and tables.** Event includes carbon offsetting.

**Entry Fee, BBQ and Pride of Ownership just £18.50 for Car and Driver and £15.50 per passenger**

**This event will be a great Summer Social - Reserve your entry by confirming your name, email, phone number and car, either by registering your interest on the SE Centre website or by contacting:**

**John Morgan on 07802 770025 [johnv.morgan@btinternet.com](mailto:johnv.morgan@btinternet.com)**

**Event participation is only confirmed once the follow up entry form is completed and payment has been received by MGCCSE, as per details in the entry form.**

Provision of the marquee has been gratefully sponsored by an MGCC Member

### **MGCCSE on the Web - Tim Morris**

The Centre's online presence continues to be robust with YouTube and Facebook leading the way. You might have noticed a change of name for the Facebook page which now reads "MG Car Club South East Centre". This is part of a nationwide initiative to market the club and raise the main brand profile itself more broadly - all Centres, Registers and Branches should now have this in their headers. There should be no confusion that we and all our groups are part of the MG Car Club any more.

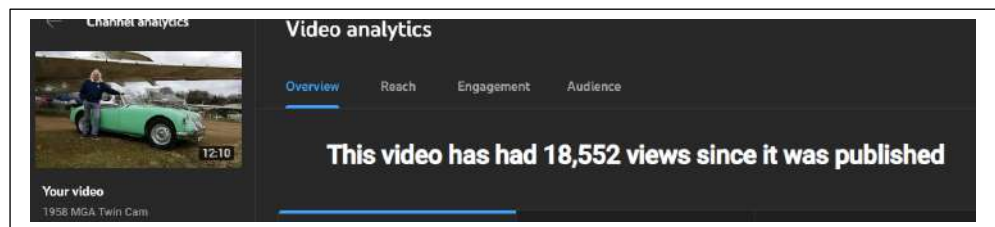
The Facebook page itself continues to be our main social media outlet and now has 846 followers and 688 members. Whilst that page is our main window and you'll find details and reviews of our events posted there the separate group chat page has a little less activity. This has 160 members and is your page to post what you will. The main page has to be instigated by the club but you can post direct to the group chat so do take advantage and post your MG pics, thoughts etc.

YouTube continues to grow and we now have 380 subscribers overall and nearly 3,000 views in the last month alone. This has been a great way to get the club message out there and has gained a lot of traction but and there's always a but, with nearly 1400 memberships in the South East we could do with more members subscribing to the channel. The more subscribers the better our reach and the algorithms will push us out to more people – and that may lead to more members joining the club! So, if your friends haven't subscribed then please point them in the right direction.

The channel has recently been uploaded with a series of videos from MG100SE thanks to Mark Jarman of BrooklandsMembers.tv so have a browse and relive the weekend. We are particularly pleased that he captured Chris Keevil and the oldest M.G. plus the Bellevue Special and MGB Rally car as driven by Sir Stirling Moss and Roger Clark.

The University Motors event at The Fairmle was recently captured and three videos appear of the UM MGCGT's at the event. With one car coming from as far afield as Birmingham!

Bob Zanetti recently gave a talk at the North Surrey Natter and it is the video of his MGA Twin Cam that is leading the viewing stats by a country mile amassing some 18.5k views so far with his nearest rival being Anthony Opie's MGB Race Car rebuild at 7.5k – and that wasn't one we made ourselves! It is always hard to predict which videos will be popular which is why we make as wide a variety as possible – you'll find them all by searching for #mgccse on YouTube and don't forget to subscribe!



The website is still the best place to check for event information and we are moving towards putting our application forms and information online as well, rather than filling in a form and sending it back. We will also be linking to online payments in the way that we did for MG100SE. Hopefully this should make it easier and more efficient to apply for our events. You'll find event reviews and competition results on there as well – it is in a "post" format so all the latest updates appear on the front page but you can also explore the menus for more club information and articles.



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April 21st

## Drive It Day to Spa Valley Railway – Ian Russell

We had a list of 33 cars registered to attend the Ash Natter Drive it Day outing to High Rocks near Royal Tunbridge Wells. The day started well with a dry drive to High Rocks in our Mk3 Midget and after a coffee in the High Rocks bar with some members of the Ash Natter we walked through the pub garden hoping to catch the steam train that was now pulling in. We were not expecting to meet around 400 scouts who were alighting onto the platform!



Having squeezed our way through we were advised by a train guard to wait until this train returned from RTW as they were going there to collect a few hundred more scouts who were all en-route to a Jamboree nearby. We took his advice and squeezed back through the scouts that were making their way up to the road and returned to the pub. I must say that all of the assembled young people were very well behaved and polite.





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When the train returned we happily boarded and traveled all the way to Eridge then back to RTW with a short return to High Rocks for an excellent lunch in the restaurant. Everyone that I spoke to seemed to be enjoying the day in whatever way they had planned, some visited the rocks, some visited Royal Tunbridge Wells and some spent more time on the trains than we did. I can recommend the restaurant for the quality of the food, service and surroundings. I'd like to thank the members of other Natters who joined the Ash Natter's drive it day event, having more people and MGs definitely added to the atmosphere of the day.



Images by Ian Russell and Paul Thomson



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## MG 100 Centenary Celebration – William Opie

The MG 100 SE event took place on the 17<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> May and was organised by the South East Centre of the MG Car Club and the MG Owners Club.

The event drew to a close the MG Centenary year and was a great celebration of all things MG and its wonderful history.



The weekend started with the MG100 Cavalcade arriving at Ancaster MG Dartford on the Friday from the Anglia Centre with Cecil onboard. Thanks to Ancaster MG for hosting this event.

As Saturday dawned (well almost) it was road run time. 66 MGs sponsored by Cherished Insurance set off after coffees and bacon butties with route maps in hand from five locations in the South East. Cecil started at Offham near Maidstone on board the lovely ZA back seat owned by Susan and Trevor Osbourne on his way to the Fairmile. The tour wound its way through some beautiful lanes and converged together with the other four runs on the final joint section which included a few sharp hills, before arriving at the Fairmile Pub in the afternoon. Various scenic stops were highlighted on the route to make the day enjoyable. On being welcomed at the Fairmile, the cars joined other MGs with eventually 200 cars in total gathered on the lawns. The **Fairmile** hosts one of the oldest natters in the South East and has a war time history with Napier and Railton cars built nearby.



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With gentle live Jazz in the large Marquee by the Jake Fryer Duo in the afternoon a great relaxed garden party atmosphere was enjoyed supplemented by entertainment from Marco the Magician performing amazing feats.

We were delighted to have mid-afternoon our MGCC President John Day give a talk covering the background to MG Centenary, before amusingly giving his own personal experiences of MG's he has owned over the years. John together with his wife Janet had great adventures at home and abroad especially in the 1880 he owned at the time. He finished his talk emphasising the common bond we have and the comradeship that is at the center of our club.

This was followed with a sell-out Buffet for 150 guests which then closed the formal activities of the day. A delightful evening continued in warm sunshine with owners socialising and staying locally for Brooklands the next day.



Brooklands famous for its MG history, hosted the MG100 event on the Sunday, with cars arriving from 7.30 am whilst the committee were still erecting marquee's, props and entertainment for the day! With the official gates opening the special designated areas for Registers, Pride of Ownership, competition car displays from all the ages started to fill up. Many MGs arrived during the morning and we had 500 cars on the day and over 2000 people attend on what fortunately was a dry sunny day. Various Club stands and traders were located around the site amongst this superb historic setting. All the museum areas were open containing some wonderful historic cars and aircraft.

We had a unique MG Anniversary display around a large Octagon in front of the Pride of Ownership. This celebrated special landmark cars highlighting their respective anniversary years. A time line of MGs was on display from each of the eleven decades in front of the club house and the superb range of competition cars in front of the club house railings. With MGs strong association with Brooklands and historically a large "Safety Fast" sign in front of the garages pre WW2, Brooklands was the second home of MG after Abingdon and several of these cars actually raced on the circuit at the time. The historical MG drivers include B Bira, George Eyston, the Evans family, Reg Parnell, Whitney Straight and more.



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The main activity late morning was the opening of the test hill for pre-booked drives which proved highly entertaining for the spectator's watching the competition cars roaring up the test hill. 70 MG's enjoyed the opportunity both in the morning and afternoon which had the added benefit of driving back along a section of the famous banking. Many thanks to Church Square Autos for their sponsorship of this event. Steeped in history the Test Hill is an essential part of the Brooklands experience. Once established as a motor circuit in 1907 it was soon apparent that it was a great place for early motor manufacturers to test the limits of their new cars. In 1909 part of the Members Hill was converted and a concrete track laid up the side of it – rising from 1:8 at the bottom to 1:4 at the top. The aim was to test the power of the car's engine as it went up the hill and then to test the efficiency of its brakes as it descended.



The Taylor's K3 roared up sounding great but a red flag at the top indicated they had flown over the top into the Brambles! Luckily no harm done! Another spectacular site was the Bellevue special with its twin rear wheels amongst many other rare competition cars of all ages on the hill.

A fun competition on the day was towing an MG Midget for 100 feet along the Brooklands finishing straight by four teams. The teams pulled really hard along the finishing straight, probably not the first time an MG has been towed over the line!

The winning time of 11.25 seconds was by the Fairmile natter, with the North Surrey natter second. At 11.56 seconds. Third was the MGF Register at 11.66 with Hastings MGOC last at 14.72. A great effort by all with zero carbon impact!



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The MG100SE Cherished Vehicle Insurance pride of ownership was one of the highlights of the day with special thanks to Cherished Insurance for their sponsorship. With 3 classes, A Pre 55, B Post 55 to 1980 and C Post Abingdon. This competition was hotly contested . The winners were as follows:

Class A

Winner Chris Wood - 1933 MG L1 Magna

Runner-up Mike Long - 1934 MG Airline

Third Ian Ailes - 1953 MG TD

Class B

Winner John Langford - 1964 MG Farina Magnette

Runner-up Peter Ward - 1967 MGB Roadster

Third Ian Simpson - MG ZA Magnette

Class C

Winner Gina Butti - 2002 MG TF 160

Runner-up Trevor Orpin - 2004 MG TF 160 Spark

Third Colin Beckwith - 2003 MG TF 160

Car of the show was Mike Long with his MG PA Airline, chosen by John Mayhead.

We were fortunate to have two of the 5 UK Airlines with consecutive chassis numbers together for the first time probably since 1934! Images of winners can be seen at

<https://www.mgccse.co.uk/mg100-south-east/mg100se-cherished-vehicle-insurance-pride-of-ownership/>



Class A entries including the blue Airline car of the show

Two interesting talks by guest speakers in the Napier room were given during the day. Firstly, Jonathan Suckling and Anthony Reid delivered an interesting talk on their record breaking.

Jonathan is the owner of the MG ZTT X15 record-breaking car and previous owner of the MG EXF speed car. He put MG record breaking in perspective and talked about his own experience on the Bonneville salt. He was joined by former West Surrey Racing and MG BTCC driver Anthony Reid who spoke about driving the MG ZS in the BTCC and the MG Lola at Le Mans as well as other racing experiences.

Following this talk in the afternoon was John Mayhead

John has just published the definitive biography of Goldie Gardner. (An excellent book!) Goldie was no stranger to the Brooklands track and John also brought Goldie's MG TC along too which was parked at the bottom of the Napier Room steps and recently featured in Safety Fast. He also brought a C-Type Montlhery Midget with him which had a Brooklands pedigree and had just returned from the Montlhery Centenary celebration

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It goes without saying the weekend event was a great success and a big thankyou to all those who gave up their time over the last year in planning especially the SE committee and of course the marshals and helpers over the weekend from the Natters, Registers and the Clubs.

With great Feedback it seemed a wonderful way to end the Centenary Celebrations and wish farewell to Cecil for the next stage of his travels. The raffle raised nearly £800 for our centres chosen charities. Thanks for the prizes to the sponsors Mike Satur, Hamiltion Classic Ltd, Ace Embriodery and Surman Classic Collection.

We are very grateful that MG Motor UK Ltd and Moss Motors (Europe) who were the main joint sponsors of the weekends' events. Many thanks also to all the other sponsors not mentioned so far, Rimmer Bros for the Programs, Pull an MG rosettes by Robin Lackford Engineering.





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Cars at the  
Castle

## Cars at the Castle – Andrew Mitchell



Just a quick note to say thank Nicola Smith (Events Manager) for hosting the Cars at the Castle, which 32 of our MG's attended on Sunday June 16th  
A great success and the weather wasn't bad either.  
Also, thanks to your team from us who assisted us in getting into the grounds and we would love to come back again in 2025, if we get an invite again...





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## Alternative PoO Round 1 & 2



**Round One** of this year's Alternative PoO took place at the **Fox & Hounds in Walton on the Hill** on a pleasant Summer's evening – a drastic change from all the bad weather we have been experiencing recently.

The field to the back of the pub was used to park the MGS and there was a good selection from the 1930s to the 2020s entering.

The Overall winner was Jon Glover with his restored MGC GT.



Ian McCullough in this MG TD was the Best All Rounder.

Gareth Evans won the Most Used class with his MGBGT.

Chris Redhead was the winner in the Best restored Class.

Images of Winners can be seen at <https://www.mgccse.co.uk/2024/06/22/alternative-poo-round-1-results/>

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**Round Two** was at the Surrey Oaks in Newdigate on the 22nd June and there were 14 cars entered on another warm Summer's afternoon.

The Overall winner was Jon Glover, once again, with his MGCGT.

Adrian Malthouse with his MGA was Best All Rounder.

Mick Breare with his MG YB won the most used class.

The Best Restored went to Chris Redhead once again with his MGB.



There are several contenders after this round vying for the overall competition winner. Join us at The Fairmile for Round 3 on the 11th July to find out who the eventual winners will be... and have a go yourself



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## The Fairmile Update – Ian Ailes & Jon Glover

The annual University Motors Reunion that took place on Saturday April 20th was again successful as portrayed in the following images of UM Specials:



Story teller extraordinaire - Norman Verona .

On the 27<sup>th</sup> April Fairmile Natter held a repeat Tune Up morning at Gordon Stanley's 'ranch' just outside Pirbright with sheep and Rodney the Hereford Bull looking on from the field behind. The Health and Safety briefing included a note on Rodney's size and ability to charge! Twelve members braved the cold with their cars which ranged from a VA Tickford to 1977 MGB.



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The weather was dry but very cold, so much of the time was spent on coffee and cakes inside the barn. Vic Young (on left) MGC Tech adviser and all-round tuning genius was on hand with his stethoscope to check over the cars and pronounce their good health or otherwise. Richard Jefferson had a front brake pulling to the left on his VA so surgery was performed by Gordon and Eric Worpe, being **specialists in geriatric cars**, to investigate which turned out to require slight adjustment rather than a seized wheel cylinder.



How many SEC Members does it take to tune an MG?!

Special thanks to Gordon for hosting it and for Vic and Eric providing the technical input and equipment. Also, Ian McCulloch (or rather Hilary) for the splendid home-made cornflake cakes. Another very enjoyable meeting with a practical angle and one we hope to run again on a warmer day.

On May 17th Fairmile Natter was host to the **Saturday MG 100 Celebration** (Page 19) and would like to thank all our members, sponsors and MGCC for making such a successful event.

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## **North Surrey Natter Update - John Morgan / Austin Banner**

The meeting moved to the new Fox and Hounds venue in February and this must be one of our best yet with a lovely meeting room with great facilities together with a great pub and supportive landlord.

The June meeting hosted the first round of the SE Centre Alternative Pride of Ownership and this was held in a lovely field including picnic tables accessed from the pub car park and a great location for the nineteen cars.

In addition to the regular monthly natter night, we recently organised a mid-week lunchtime natter on 13<sup>th</sup> June with a visit to the Wings Aviation Museum near Handcross. The lunch was held at a venue not used for many years, The Frog and Nightgown Pub at Faygate, a charming country pub and we even had our own dining area. They posted a video on Facebook of the cars departing for the museum <https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=988332675843183>

The museum was a short 15 minute drive away. The museum has a large collection of items with a selection on display at any one time. It includes an eclectic mix of displays including:

- Recovered aircraft remains, some of which are quite rare such as a Bell P63c King Cobra fighter and sole remaining example of a Japanese Nakajima B5N2 'Kate' a carrier-based torpedo bomber as well as a Dakota fuselage, Douglas A26 Invader cockpit-nose, Douglas A20c bomber, Handley Page Hampden, B25 Michell, and the complete restoration of a North American B25 Mitchell for static display amongst others. Many of the aircraft were recovered from Russia or the Far East Jungles.
- Specific displays on campaigns or local features such as Bomber campaign, fighter offensive, Ghosts of the Tundra, D Day and beyond, Home Front/Blitz/Battle of Britain, Dora underground rock factory using prisoners of war.
- Personal stories of numerous aircrew lost in WWII
- Artifacts and stories about local areas such as Redhill airfield, Reigate caves, etc.
- Extensive collection of aircraft engines including probably the sole example of the Heinkel He 177 Greif engine which was in effect two engines in one.

Our visit included a tour of their museum workshop where the B25 is being restored along with a Willys Jeep and recently acquired DUKW amphibious vehicle. More information can be found on <https://www.wingsmuseum.co.uk/>. The lunchtime natter and museum visit was supported by 28 members.

**Looking forward, the Natter has its annual BBQ and Social on 29<sup>th</sup> July at the Walcountians R near Banstead, Surrey.**





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### North Downs – Ray Ruffels / Will Opie

Our Natter venue is **The Red Lion, Charing Heath Road, Charing Heath TN27 00A for 2024**. Note the Natters takes place on the **3rd Wednesday** of the month - the July meeting will be **Wednesday July 17th at 7.30pm**. So far the Red Lion has been very successful with 20 plus members attending.



In 2024 the monthly day meet / runs, to excellent lunch venues and places of interest across East Kent will continue to take place in the **1<sup>st</sup> week** of the month. Full details of these events will be sent out regularly via the North Downs Natter News emails. Contact [raywillmg@gmail.com](mailto:raywillmg@gmail.com) for further info. Below are some pics of events:



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### **Pinner Natter – Gerry Edwards**

The Pinner Natter continues to meet in considerable numbers over the last few months and we are getting to the stage that we are often taking over half of the Queen's Head which does not go down well with the locals on cold or wet nights! As there is no local pub suitable for a Natter meet and he doesn't want to lose us the Landlord is endeavouring to find a way that works for everyone. Indeed the Landlord is so keen to keep us that it wants us to display our cars on at least two Sunday mornings during the summer months. Also during the summer months we display our cars on Natter evenings which is both good for the pub but also our Natter. Over the last three months three local MG owners from the Pinner area have joined the MGCC as they have seen us with our cars on a Natter night. Hopefully this works for other Natters around the South East Centre.



The Natter had a very good turnout at the big Easter Gathering at Brooklands followed by a return there for Drive it Day on the 21<sup>st</sup> April. Both days had very good weather so a number of members' less seen MG's were on display at both events!

With the sad demise of MG Live at Silverstone and the Three Counties Showground being too far away to consider attending a good number of Pinner Natter members made a weekend of the South East Centre's Centenary Weekend over the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May based at the Fairmile on the Saturday and Brooklands on the Sunday. One of our members even took part in the Midget pull at Brooklands! What a wonderful weekend that was and the weather superb; a very fitting end to the MG Centenary. Many thanks to the organisers of the weekend – they all deserve MG Honours!



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With weather improving many members are taking part in organised events and Runs – The Chesham Natter's Spring Chicken Run in May was very well attended as was the Chesham Natter's Pride of Ownership in late June where 9 cars from Pinner took part. Once again the weather Gods made sure that both events were very well attended.

The Natter is now looking forward to the big Chorleywood Classic Car Show being held on the 6<sup>th</sup> July and which has replaced the Uxbridge which has now sadly disappeared. It is hoped that there will be a big MG display at this Show.

If summer really is here now (famous last words I know) the Natter will arrange monthly lunchtime get togethers which are suitable for Natter members who do not work for a living! Lucky them!





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### Mark of Friendship – Gwendolene Davies



The driver of this car spotted our gathering, as he drove past to collect his son from tennis and came to investigate our afternoon MG 100 gathering at the Fairmile.

I invited him to join us with his German registered car, as John Day said this was a 'True Mark of MG Friendship' and he was made most welcome.

It transpires he has had the LHD 1966 MGB GT for over thirty five years and it originated from America where he originally bought and restored it under the guidance of John Twist. By chance John appeared at the Fairmile last year when he was asked to join the 2023 University Motors talk.

The gentleman owning the car said it had followed him to Saudi Arabia on business. He then transferred to India but could not import it there as it is LHD. So, he exported it to Germany where he would next be working and placed it in storage until he arrived, hence the German registration plate. He has now transferred to the UK where he is likely to remain for some time.

Naturally he was handed MGCC joining details and it is hoped he will meet us at future events. By chance his car was built the same month and year as our own MGB GT!



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### **E10 Resistant Hoses -John Davies**

Talking to Moss the other day I found them very helpful regarding the above subject. Like many of us one of our MGs were restored probably nearly thirty years ago and petrol resistant braided hoses were used wherever possible for the fuel lines. These are still only rubber hoses with additional outer protection and will therefore deteriorate over the years from the inside as any rubber hose can. With the introduction of ethanol fuels, particularly E10, it is important that hoses are maintained in good condition.

Moss have informed me they stock E10 resistant hose in the following internal diameter sizes 3/16, 1/4 and 5/16 inch and in lengths up to 7 metres. They are happy to supply smaller lengths of hose. They have suggested they be contacted on 0208 867 2026 for further assistance.

Hope this may be of assistance, I found their staff member 'Will' very knowledgeable - he will help where he can, particularly if it may result in sales!

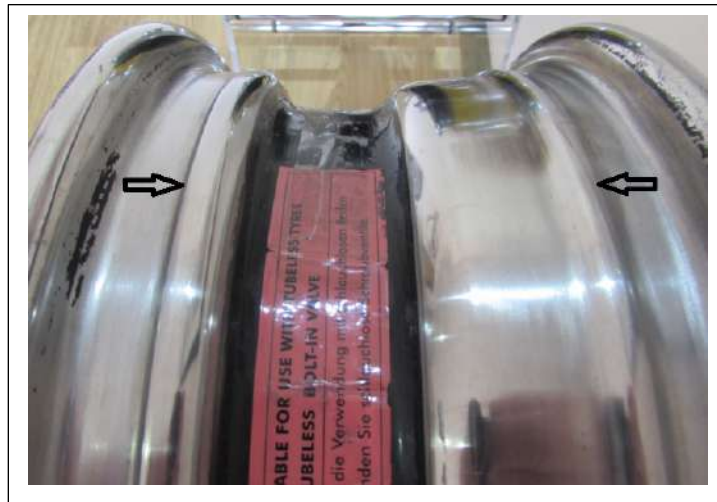
### **Fitting Tubeless Tyres to Wire Wheels**

Many members will have heard and possibly used Motor Wheel Services International Ltd tel. 01753 598386. I contacted them for advice regarding the fitting of tubeless tyres/tubes/sealing rings to our MGC which is fitted with their older style wire wheels and still in good condition.

I was given sound advice, providing the new tyres were smooth on the inside face and the new tubes and sealing rings were fitted by an experienced tyre fitter I should have no problems. At the same time, I asked them about tubeless wire wheel rims which I had seen advertised and how they functioned as the spokes still have to protrude on the inside of the rim.

They sent me the attached picture with the following explanation. The arrows show the special ridges around the inner circumference which in the case of wider rims requires two ridges and these will hold the tyre in place. A sealing mastic is applied all round the inner circumference in order to create a permanent air tight seal.

MWS proved to be very helpful and are happy to treat any car as an individual case and have a wealth of experience to back them up.



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**Modern Gentleman – a regular look at MG in the modern age.**  
**New and Used MGs – Tim Morris**

As the MG4 begins to enter the second-hand market it has picked up another award as the best Used EV at the 2024 Automotive Management Awards recognising “the MG4’s excellent performance, reliability and strong residual value since the car was launched in MG’s home market in 2022”. Used prices vary according to condition and mileage as you might expect but it is possible to pick up a good used MG4 for £18-£23k. A bargain if you are still thinking about an EV but don’t want to pay full price for a new one. More EVs are appearing on used car lots and there has been a 71% increase in used BEV sales in Q1 this year although the market share is still very small. We can expect to see that rise as more hit the market. There is rumoured to be an interior facelift with colour options (it is currently black!) for the MG4 due at the end of the year and a software upgrade to improve the infotainment system.

From the days when you could wait months for a new MG to today where the market is full of them, thanks to increased imports, particularly from China. This has meant cars sitting on docksides in Europe as they find their way to dealers. The largest ever vehicle shipment arrived at Bristol Docks in May with nearly 5000 cars on board, mostly MG4s. However, the MG dealership chain is robust and they are moving on. There has been some restructuring which has seen smaller dealers inched out as they don’t have the capacity or facilities for large scale sales. Well known smaller dealers such as Brown & Gammons and Summit (Dudley) have been recent casualties.

New car sales continue to rise in 2024 with BEV sales outperforming the market in May to claim 17.6% of all sales. A lot is due to fleet sales and private sales are not as buoyant. Manufacturers are attempting to address this with some amazing offers available as Governmental support has faltered. Local MG dealers have been offering £8000 off the RRP for an MGZS EV for instance making them even more affordable.

Government rules state that manufacturers must sell 22.5% zero emission vehicles this year, the current market share of 16.1% is below that target which has led to some of the heavy discounting we have seen from MG and other manufacturers. With a new government we are likely to see the original 2030 target for ICE sales to end return. This is something that the manufacturers and retailers have already been working towards (despite the Conservatives moving the goal post and as an example we have recently seen the last ICE Nissan Qashqai upgrade released.

Surprisingly, perhaps, it is the MGHS and not the MG4 that is in the charts as the 8<sup>th</sup> best-selling car this year overall. We shall see how the MGF Hybrid + fares as they begin customer deliveries now.

**Another Award**

The Cyberster has also picked up an award from Top Gear as the best EV roadster. Admittedly that is a pretty slim market but Top Gear’s Tom Ford said that “the big news is that the Cyberster is a hoot to drive” and is “absolutely enough for a twisty loop of road.” Prices start at £54,995 for the single motor version with a 7 year or 80,000 mile warranty and deliveries are expected in August.



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### New Designer

In an indication of where MG is heading they have recently appointed top designer Jozef Kaban as vice-president at the Global Design Centre leading on MG's global design and identity. This may be an indication of the direction MG is heading as Kaban is famous for designing the Bugatti Veyron!

### Football

MG Motor UK have teamed up with Arsenal Football Club so we can expect to see some MG Logos on those red and white football shirts. This is not the first time MG have linked up with a Football Club. There was an MG-Rover link with Chelsea and a special one-off Chelsea edition MGF was produced. Exposure, such as this, does work in bringing brands to market attention. The Euros, for instance, have seen extensive advertising for BYD on the touchlines resulting in nearly a 70% increase in searches for them on Auto Trader!



### Goodwood

With MG being a focus of the Festival of Speed at Goodwood we can expect more interest in the marque as new or updated models arrive on the market

The MG EXE181 was revealed at the Beijing Auto Show in April. This hypercar concept, designed in London, is due to appear at the Festival of Speed this month. Just as the MGEX4 took a cue from an existing MG, the 6R4, this one pays homage to the record breaking EX181, which remains the fastest MG ever at just under 255mph, a class record that stood until 2014! The aim is for this car to exceed that speed with even more phenomenal acceleration of 0-100km in sub 1 second!. It is a futuristic long-tailed high performance EV and we are excited to see it in the flesh at Goodwood soon.

## **BROOKLANDS MUSEUM AND THE STRATOSPHERE CHAMBER – JOHN MORGAN**

**Most people who visit Brooklands Museum are wowed by the motoring history from the cars, race buildings and banked circuit. One fascinating item of industrial heritage that is often overlooked is the Barnes Wallis-designed “Stratosphere Chamber”.**

### **Design**

As Vickers turned its attention to civil aviation after the Second World War, Barnes Wallis, famous for his wartime work on ‘bouncing bombs’, was made head of a new Research and Development department.

Wallis knew that demanding tests would be required to realise his ‘grand vision’ for efficient long-range air transport, capable of flying non-stop from the UK to Australia. To achieve this, in 1946 Wallis persuaded Vickers to design and build a high altitude and climatic test chamber, which became known as the Stratosphere Chamber, at Brooklands.

As the Cold War became the new challenge, the Chamber was used to simulate impacts on aircraft travelling at 70,000 feet which was the target altitude for Sir Barnes’ planned new supersonic plane.

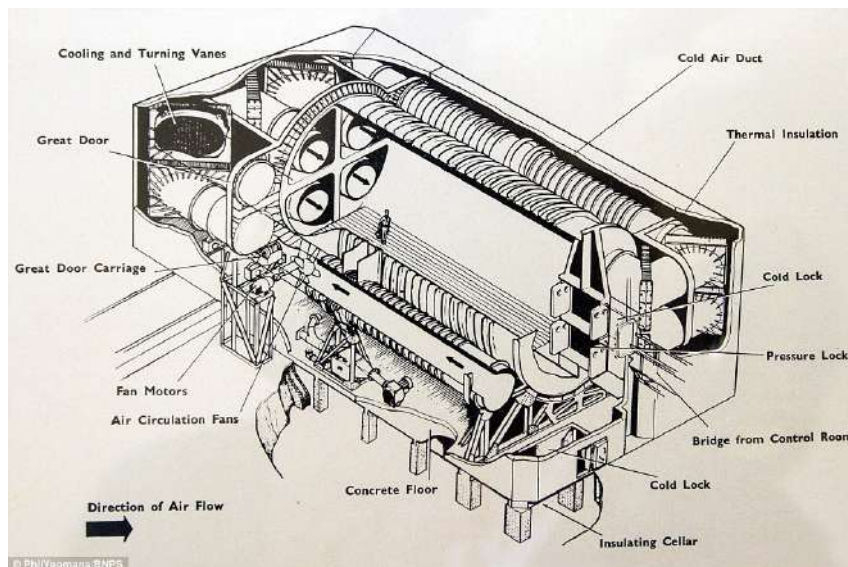
### **The major design features of the Chamber were:**

- Length of interior: 50 feet (15 metres)
- Diameter of interior: 25 feet (7.5 metres)
- Total enclosed volume: 40,000 cubic feet (11,135 cubic metres) (including circulation ducts)
- Atmospheric pressure: sea level to 70,000 feet (21,336 metres) or 1/20th Atmosphere (0.05 bar)
- Temperature range: -65°C to +55°C

### **How it works**

To simulate atmospheric conditions at 70,000 feet (21,000 metres), air was extracted from the Chamber by a number of vacuum pumps to reduce the pressure to 1/20th of that at sea level. The adjoining refrigeration plant cooled ammonia and methanol gases, which were then circulated through 16 heat exchangers, located at each corner of the four air ducts to cool the Chamber.

Climatic conditions such as snow and ice were created by spraying water into the Chamber over the test objects, and gale force winds of up to 40 knots (74km/h) were produced by the giant fans in the air circulation ducts. The other end of the environmental scale could be simulated just as easily. Heating was supplied by banks of 200kW heaters so that dry or humid heat could be produced at will. In addition, infra-red and ultra-violet light could be used to simulate solar radiation, which meant that temperatures for any part of the world could be faithfully recreated.



### Construction

The 36 separate major components were made in the Vickers-Armstrongs shipyard at Barrow-in-Furness in Cumbria before being transported to Brooklands for assembly. In a major engineering exercise which lasted approximately a year from the autumn of 1946 until September 1947, a large workforce from the Barrow shipyard, comprising shipwrights, welders, fitters, platers and carpenters, assembled the Chamber in a position north of where it now stands. The 200 ton (181 tonne) Chamber was then 'launched' like a ship down an 80 yard (73 metre) long timber 'slipway', taking 21 minutes for the completed Chamber to reach its foundations.

### How it was used

Amongst the many tests carried out were altitude and climate tests on aircraft structural specimens such as the Vickers Viscount, VC10, Vanguard, de Havilland Sea Vixen and helicopters such as the Westland Wessex.

Other research and experimental establishments also made use of the Chamber's capabilities, notably proof testing items such as naval guns, clear-vision windows, torpedo launchers, armoured vehicles, and airfield and marine radar.

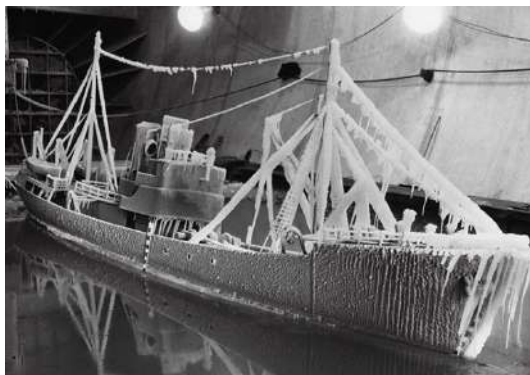
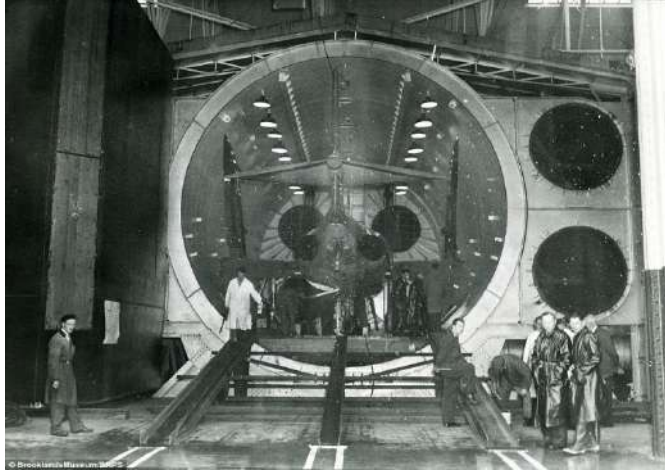
Some surprising uses were made of the Chamber including the development of clothing for Antarctic exploration and testing buses for use at 15,000 feet in the Andes. Some explorers even tested themselves in the freezing and rarefied conditions they were likely to encounter.

An important test was carried out on fishing trawlers following the mysterious loss of two vessels in Arctic waters in the 1950s. A 1/12 scale model trawler was floated in the Chamber in simulated gale and freezing conditions. The build-up of ice on the rigging and its effect on the boat's stability was then observed and measured until the trawler capsized.



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Chamber with door open and being prepared for tests

## Chamber Features

**Chamber insulation** – The chamber was insulated with a super lightweight foamed rubber called Onazote made by a company based in Croydon. It was similar to modern insulants such as phenolic foam

**Chamber Door**- One of the most impressive features is the chamber access door. This door weighs 70 Tons and is manoeuvred on rails horizontally to provide complete open access to the chamber. When closing, the door has to be slid across and pulled up onto the chamber, clamped in position to seal and the methanol cooling pipes reconnected. The door contains the main circulation ducts, cooling heat exchangers, etc.



Open door



Door rails

**Control Room** - Chamber tests were controlled from the control room at the equivalent of first floor level and provided with bridge access directly to the chamber air lock. Tests were directed, monitored and assessed from here. Chamber settings were fine tuned from here by three or four staff by adjusting fan speeds and vacuum valves. Temperature and pressure were adjusted from the plantroom control room. Communications between the control room and chamber were by plug in headsets. No LED screens here, just big wheels, gauges and rotary switches.



**Chamber Layout and Plantroom** - The plantroom contained a series of vacuum pumps to remove air from the chamber and thereby replicate low pressure at high altitude. Cooling was provided by a number of pumps, evaporators, condensers and compressors making up the refrigeration plant.



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## Regalia New Range

### **Regalia. New Designs and Shop Plus Centenary Regalia out now!**

You now no longer have to wait for a show to buy your MGCCSE branded regalia items. We have teamed up with Ace Embroidery Ltd to bring you a wide range of clothing all with an embroidered MGCCSE logo.

So, if you are looking for a beanie or a polo, a baseball cap or a fleece then head on over to the online shop where you can browse the range and make your purchases. Each item you buy supports the Centre as well as looking good when you are at shows and events.

Delivery time is around two weeks so if you are aiming to wear it for an upcoming event then please bear that in mind – each item is embroidered individually on the order being received.

Just click the link below to head over to the shop which is managed by Ace Embroidery. Any queries regarding the range, sizes etc should be made to them or contact John Morgan (details below)

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New Centenary logo



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## Parts For Sale

**NOTE FROM EDITOR – THESE PARTS FROM BRIAN ARE STILL AVAIAABLE  
AND REPRESENT GREAT VALUE-ESPECIALLY THE FREE BITS!!!**

**1976 Model MG Midget parts unused in a  
rebuild**

Description	Part No / Ref	Value £	Note
NSF Outer Sill *	AHA5552	73.00	Free
Clutch Cover * (1500 engine)	TT 4011	264.00	)
Clutch Plate *	GCP 212	44.50	) Offer
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  
- The engine oil pump was madse by Hobourn Eaton the OE supplier

Contact Brain Byers on 01634 669892 or 07930320440

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MGB Wire wheel silver good condition has not been used since refurbished. £35  
Also Chrome Front B bumper fair condition £30  
Contact Will Opie 07768 022044 or email [willopie@aol.com](mailto:willopie@aol.com) Location Faversham kent





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## Parts For Sale

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**Philip Bayne-Powell** has a pair of car ramps that need a new home for just a small donation to the Riding for the Disabled Charity.

Contact - [1942mgman@gmail.com](mailto:1942mgman@gmail.com)

**LOCATION NORMANDY NEAR GUILDFORD**

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The family of the late Derek Edwards, former President of the SE Centre. is selling his beautiful MGA Coupe as follows:

### **MGA 1600 MK 11 Coupe 1961**

The car was originally a LHD export to the USA. UK registered in 1989. RHD conversion. Full bodywork and mechanical restoration. Engine fully reconditioned 2015. Wire wheels. Brand new interior – seats (black leather with red piping), trim, carpet and dash top. Very low mileage picture below. BMIHT certificate.

£16,500



Contact Anne Edwards on 07850 410830

email: [edwards.mgmadness@ntlworld.com](mailto:edwards.mgmadness@ntlworld.com)

Many thanks and please do let me know if you have any questions.

Best wishes

Ann

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[Help!!](#)

Could anyone in the South East section help please by looking in the many “boxes of bits” in your garages?

I am looking for the **Latch Mechanism Right Hand** ( Drivers side and the part that fits on the closing edge of the door) for an MG Midget.

Hopefully a working one!!

The MG part numbers I believe are: AHA 7033 or AHA 9173 depending upon year but I think they are both the same. Our car is an MK 3 1971 (well it's an Arkley actually!) Moss Europe are showing as not available so if you can help I will be very grateful.

Call John Clark..... 07940769225....Natter leader, Canterbury MG Club.

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And finally, it has been a busy year for my fellow Scribe and Newsletter Editor William Opie, pictured below with wife Dianne. Not only has he just received his 50 year MGCC Membership Award from John Day but has also completed a 4 year restoration of a rare 1934 MG PA Airline(below) which you may have seen at the MG 100 Celebration!  
By Ray Ruffels

