

MGCC SE Newsletter

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Oct 2024 Newsletter

Editorial Note

We welcome you to the Oct Edition of the Newsletter. This edition covers third quarter 24 events, Natter and Wanderers and Members contributions including information on the Ghosts of West Horsley Place event on Page 20 and a special article on Modern Gentlemen on Page 34..

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Your Newsletter Editors / Scribes and their cars

Will Opie has been a member of the MGCC SE for 50 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.



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Chairman's Chatter Autumn 2024

They say that it has been one of the warmest Summers ever, although you might not think it! In-fact most of our Summer events have been fine with just the occasional shower, one of which hit our Summer barbecue just as we were settling down to enjoy our lunch.

Award Nomination

Most of the year has been overshadowed by MG100SE and it really was a motoring spectacle along with the MG100 Cavalcade. So much that it has been nominated for an award at the RAC Historic Awards and the Octane Awards later in the year. We'll keep our fingers crossed.

2025

Undoubtedly it has been a busy year and there will be more of the same next year (without MG100 of course!) so your committee is beavering away coming up with some new ideas. Do you have any suggestions as to what the club could do in 2025? If so, then please email me and let us know.

Four Eras of MG

The MG Car Club caters for all types of MG from 1923 to 2024. It seems to me that there are four distinct eras of MG (or maybe five if you take the very early non Abingdon ones). But broadly, the pre-war; the post war up to Abingdon closure; the Longbridge years; the SAIC era. The balancing act for the club is to try and please enthusiasts from all those eras – sometimes a difficult task! I hope that in the South East we are all MG enthusiasts and can appreciate all of the eras. Certainly, the current MG era is the most successful in terms of sales with a worldwide portfolio as you can read in the Modern Gentleman column. Do they engender the same passion as previous eras I wonder? Will the Cyberster encourage more MG enthusiasts?



Left - The Chairman and Cyberster designer Carl Gotham at Goodwood

Below - A ZS EV non club member who ended up with us at West Horsley Place. A picture that nearly shows the four eras of MG except the TD is 1950!



Goodwood

It was great to see MG so spectacularly on show, on our patch, at Goodwood Festival of Speed to a huge audience. The stand was packed and there was a lot of interest in modern MG. There were heritage MGs at the event as well which demonstrated the marques appeal and longevity. The current range is extensive and seemingly changing constantly so these are exciting times for MG and hopefully the MG Car Club and we, in the South East Centre, can fully embrace that change.

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West Horsley Place

My own MG4 is a great drive and you may have seen it at shows this Summer. I was particularly pleased at West Horsley Place where a couple of non-members with modern EVs were directed to park with us as they had an MG logo on the bonnet. Both were bemused at being there and knew nothing about the club, but both had a good look around at our MGs realising they had brought into a brand with a long heritage. One even purchased £60 worth of club regalia and both went away with membership forms. That shows there is interest amongst new MG owners but it is getting to them that is the problem. Local dealers do have our leaflets in their showrooms and I was pleased to see that Richmonds in Guildford still had some of our 2024 event leaflets on display in the showroom recently – let's hope new owners pick them up!

John Brinkhurst

Finally, I would like to thank the family of John Brinkhurst who sadly passed away last year. They have donated £1000 to the club upon the sale of John's MGTD in appreciation of all the happiness and enjoyment John got from the club between 1986 and 2020 when COVID struck. John had a dry sense of humour and two classics - a white MG TD and a Morris Minor Countryman. He regularly entered our Pride of Ownership competitions and one of his last events would have been the Summer Meeting at Michelham Priory in 2019. It's heartwarming that the club was able to do that and it epitomises what the club is all about. We'll try to find something of benefit to members to spend it on. Do you have any suggestions?



John's TD in the foreground at Chiddingstone 2017



John Brinkhurst receiving a PoO Rosette from Chris Leigh at Mickleham Priory 2019

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Charity for 2024/5 by Centre Chairman - Tim Morris

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Prostate
Cancer UK

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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Charity News – Tim Morris

MG100SE not only provided a brilliant spectacle to end the MG Centenary Celebrations but also had a fantastic side effect in raising funds for charity. The Cavalcade was raising money through sales of its rally plates and other donations as it travelled the country in aid of Lupus UK and Dementia UK. The South East added to its total at the event but there was also another bonus. We had some fantastic sponsors for the event and once all the figures were tallied up and the debts paid-off we found there was a surplus. That was split between the South East Centre and the MG Owners Club.

Our portion was donated to the Centre's charity, Prostate Cancer UK, which took our yearly total to over £2000. It's a brilliant achievement but sets a very high bar for next year! There are still some collections to come – the rattle tin hasn't been opened yet, there will be a raffle at the annual lunch and the natters, no doubt, also have some fundraising cash to donate. I just hear, as we go to press, that The Fairmile Natter raised £100 in donations at its first talk of the Winter season – well done!

If you wish to donate then please do so via the Just Giving link, and don't forget you can adjust the amount you give to the website for providing the service – [JUST GIVING](#)



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Carbon
Balancing
Scheme

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 CO₂ 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 Peshurst event created from the run distances and approximate mileage to the start of all participants about a 972kgs of CO₂. 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

Planning for the **2025 Calendar** is now underway. Events are likely to include another **Spring AutoSOLO, Spring and Autumn Naviscats, Scenic Runs/Touring Assemblies, Trials, Concours and Pride of Ownership**. Any suggestions or ideas for events welcome!



Dave Smith and his MGB at Filching Manor. Best MGCC member

We are still seeking a venue **for an Evening Autotest**, this type of event has become popular with some other more sporting car clubs. The event only runs for up to three hours in an evening and doesn't impact so much on busy weekends. Any ideas for suitable venues would be welcome and can be anything from a car park to a reasonably level field. These events could be kept relatively simple to avoid brain teasers, watch this space.

2024 was a busy year for the MGCC SE Centre, in addition to the range of competitive events such AutoSOLOs, Naviscats, Touring Assemblies and Pride of Ownership, the club was one of the **primary organisers in the MG100 SE celebrations in May**. The event was one of the largest the SE Centre has been involved in for some decades now. To have five road runs taking place simultaneously on the Saturday was a first along with the MG party in the evening at The Fairmile Cobham with over 200 cars attending. Brooklands Gathering on the Sunday also had some firsts from Talks in the Clubhouse to 'Pull the MG' competition and an attendance of over 500 cars and 2000 MG enthusiasts. Another first was the **Summer Gathering** at a new venue, **West Horsley Place** historic house and gardens.

Still to come in 2024, there is:

- The Autumn Meeting at Borde Hill Gardens on 29th September,
- A Naviscat on 6th October centred near Sevenoaks,
- The Autumn Leaves Run and Scavenger on 13th October around Turners Hill, West Sussex
- The SE Centres Annual Lunch with Awards on the new date of 17th November at Hartsfield Manor, Betchworth. Full information on the SE Centre website.



Cars waiting to compete at Filching Manor AutoSOLO

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John
Morgan

Don't forget the ASEMC website is <https://www.asemc.co.uk/> which lists on the calendar page of events open to MGCC members in the South East.

| Event | Date | Links | Event Type | Club |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| FDMC Sprint Royale | Sunday 06/10/2024 | Website | Speed | Farnborough DMC |
| FMC David Maitland Memorial Trial | Sunday 13/10/2024 | Website | Car Trial | Falcon MC |
| SDMC Winter Series Autosolo | Saturday 19/10/2024 | Website | AutoSolo | Maidstone & Mid-Kent MC |
| Bonfire Targa Rally | Sunday 20/10/2024 | Website | Targa Rally | Chelmsford Motor Club |
| FMC Guys Fawkes Trial | Thursday 03/11/2024 | Website | Car Trial | Falcon MC |
| FDMC Rushmoor Targa | Sunday 10/11/2024 | Website | Targa | Farnborough DMC |
| 12 Car Road Rally | Friday 15/11/2024 | Website | 12 Car | 7Oaks DMC |
| Ashford Tarmac Autotest | Saturday 16/11/2024 | Website | AutoTest | Maidstone & Mid-Kent MC |
| Autosolo Brands Hatch | Sunday 24/11/2024 | Website | AutoSolo | 7Oaks DMC |



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Last 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> |
|--|--|--|--|
| Sunday 6 th October | Autumn Naviscat | <i>The Coblands Garden Centre Cafe, A25, Sundridge, Kent TN14 6AA.</i> | Chris Leigh at candleigh@yahoo.com |
| Thursday 10 th February | The Fairmile & Sir Noel Macklin with Tim Morris | The Fairmile, Cobham | MGCCSE Fairmile Natter |
| Sunday 13 th October | Autumn Leaves Road Run & Scavenger Hunt | Haskins Garden Centre Snowhill, Cophorne, Felbridge, Crawley RH10 3HG | John Morgan 07802 770025 competitions@mgccse.co.uk |
| Monday 21 st October | MGs on Track | Goodwood Motor Circuit | MGCC |
| Monday 21 st October | Caterham 7 – Martin Phipps | Fox & Hounds, Walton on the Hill | MGCCSE North Surrey Natter |
| Sunday 17th November | MGCCSE Annual Lunch & Awards | Hartsfield Manor | MGCCSE |
| Wed 6 th November | Technical Visit to Hardy Engineering | Hardy Engineering, Leatherhead | MGCCSE North Surrey |
| Thursday 14 th November | “Goldie” with John Mayhead | The Fairmile, Cobham | jongloveractor@gmail.com Jon Glover 07802 318950 |
| Monday 18 th November | My DKW 1000S – Mick Breare | Fox & Hounds, Walton on the Hill | MGCCSE North Surrey |
| Sunday 24 th November | Sevenoaks Autumn Autosolo | Brands Hatch | Sevenoaks & District MC (MGCCSE invite) |

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AUTUMN 'TASTER' NAVISCAT – Sunday 6th October 2024

Come and join us at the Coblands Garden Centre Café at 10.0am on the A25 just West of Sevenoaks for our annual Autumn Naviscat rally!

You don't have to be a member of the MGCC or a Motorsport UK affiliated club to enter this!

What is it?

- A Naviscat is a type of simple car rally, effectively a step up from a Treasure Hunt.
- The aim is to navigate using an Ordnance Survey map to different locations across the beautiful Kent countryside and find and answer clues which are worth points. Highest number of points WINS!!
- Organised by the South East Centre of the MG Car Club, under Motorsport UK regulations, this event is a great introduction to club motorsport in your car.
- Naviscats are not a speed-based event and take place on public roads
- There are awards for novices and for different categories of vehicle which allow a mixture of modern, classic and vintage cars to take part.
- This event will also form part of the Inter Register Club's championship.

Am I eligible to take part?

- This rally is categorised as a 'taster event' where we invite you to come and give it a go.
- All drivers must have appropriate Road Traffic Act insurance cover for the vehicle taking part. You must at all times comply with the Road Traffic Act but you may need to check with your insurer.
- No modifications are required to your vehicle to take part but the vehicle must be road legal.
- Drivers should hold a full UK driving licence and be a minimum of 18 years old.
- Navigators should be able to read a 1:50000 scale Ordnance Survey Map. NO satnavs or other electronic direction-finding devices are permitted. Minimum age for Navigators is 12 and children older than 2 may be carried in approved seats.
- Drivers and Navigators are required to hold a Motorsport UK Clubman Licence available FREE online at: <https://www.motorsport.org/competitors/rs-clubman-licence/>
- No spectators are allowed as part of the event but you are welcome to bring along passengers. There will be a point deduction for vehicles with 3 or more occupants.

N.B. All entries do need to be booked in advance and spaces are limited!!

Where is it?

- The rally will start at *The Coblands Garden Centre Cafe*, A25, Sundridge, Kent TN14 6AA Hot drinks and bacon rolls etc may be purchased here.
- The finish pub is *The Little Brown Jug*, High Street, Chiddingstone Causeway, Kent TN11 8JJ This pub has an excellent reputation and we are booked in from 2.30pm.

**For further information and entry forms contact Janice or Chris Leigh
07890 017507 / 07580 807988 or candleigh@yahoo.com**

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Autumn Leaves Run and Scavenger

Sunday 13th October 2024



The Autumn Leaves Run and Scavenger this year is again being held in October for entrants to enjoy the Autumn weather and colours through the lovely countryside of the High Weald just south of Crawley and East Grinstead.

The Run will be over approximately 24 miles with the start at Haskins Garden Centre Snowhill, Copthorne, Felbridge, Crawley RH10 3HG and finish at The Crown Pub, Turners Hill. Along the route, the run will visit pretty villages where the walking Scavenger will take place, and all located in West Sussex. The Scavenger will take the form of photographs for identification within a defined area in each village.

Refreshments are served from 10.00am in the Garden Centre cafe and lunch at 2.00pm at The Crown (kitchen closes at 3.00pm). The Run is non-competitive, but there will be an overall guide time to arrive at the finish.

Entry Fee just £10.00 per car.

Please confirm your interest and request for entry form by registering on the SE Centre website or contacting one of the following:

John Morgan on 07802 770025 johnv.morgan@btinternet.com

Austin Banner on 07850 769506 austin.banner@gmail.com

Event participation is only confirmed once the completed entry form is returned and payment has been received by MGCCSE.

MGCCSE on the Web - Tim Morris

The internet is ever important with the club's activities and the move to online booking and payments. This has been a long time arriving and is still a work in progress. We first used online booking for MG100SE at the beginning of the year and that proved successful and virtually all pre-orders were made this way. With that first hurdle cleared we have put successive events online including the Ghosts at West Horsley Place, Borde Hill, the Autumn Naviscat and the Autumn Leaves Run. The latter two are booking now.

It's still not perfect as there are two places that you need to enter details. That is because the club often needs more information, particularly with competitive and certificated events, to comply with the rules. This is done via a form on our website. Once that has been submitted a message shows that it was successful and then you have to press the "To Pay" button to go to the Little Box Office. This is an outside ticket agency on a separate website and you put some details in again to make the payment. This is so that we can match your payment with your entry and complies with the financial necessities.

It seems likely to remain this way for the time being. On the whole it seems to work OK other than occasional individual difficulties. There is a back up manual system if anyone does get stuck though.

At the Pictures



Cool Flow MGs on our You Tube Channel

The YouTube channel is still doing well although the number of videos has dropped a little bit. There are a couple of new ones that I missed from MG100SE featuring John Mayhead and Goldie's TC and the Cyberster.

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There is one on Cool Flo MGs at Brooklands and a look at MGs at Goodwood FoS. I am always on the lookout for content and would like to feature some more videos from members so, if you have something suitable then please get in touch –

chair@mccse.co.uk

The channel has 405 subscribers and around 30,000 people are viewing it each year – that means that video is a great way to advertise and promote the club.

The Heart of the Matter

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The website is doing well and is the Centre of our internet operation – nearly 21,000 views this year so far which can be compared to just over 16,000 for the whole of last year. That's another aspect of the club on the up.

Also on the rise is our Facebook page as we approach the milestone 1000 followers. Can we get it over the line by the end of the year I wonder? It's a great place to quickly find out what is going on within the South East and usually links back to our website for more detailed reports, events and articles etc.

Web &
Social
Media

Both Facebook and the Website link together to become the beating heart of our online communications.

It is looking like 2024 will be another record year for our engagement with members and potential new members online - where it will take us in 2025 I wonder?

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Alternative PoO and Summer Results



The Alternative PoO for 2024 has been completed on a sunny evening at The Fairmile in Cobham. A strong turnout of MGs competed in the third and final round and once all the scoring had been tallied up there were some overall winners from the whole event.

You can see the individual winners for each round below and click on the link for the results sheets giving all the entrants and their scores. A total of thirty five different MG took part over all the rounds.

THE OVERALL WINNERS

CAR OF THE EVENT – Jon Glover – MGCGT with 44 points

RUNNER UP – Roger Gasson – MGTD a close second with 43 points

Well done to all those taking part and thankyou to John Morgan for putting it all together and Jenny for doing the maths! Below is John Glover receiving the winning Rosette



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Alternative
PoO Results

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.

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.

Round Three was at The Fairmile in Cobham on July 11th.

Completing a hat trick the overall winner at The Fairmile was Jon Glover with his MGC GT

The Best All Rounder was won by Roger Gasson and his MGTD

The Most Used was won by Marc Hanson with his MGA.

The Best Restored went to Ian Ailes with his MGTD

A bonus award for best MGF/TF went to David Koskela with his pre-production MGF.

Full Results and Images of Winners can be seen at -

<https://www.mgccse.co.uk/2024/06/22/alternative-poo-round-1-results/>

Summer BBQ & Winners



Chairman Tim Morris presents John Langford with the car of the show rosette

The first weekend of July saw mixed weather with some heavy showers and bright sunshine alternating. That didn't put off over 30 MGCCSE MGs descending on a field in the middle of the Kent countryside for the re-activated summer BBQ and PoO event. This event had been put on hold for several years but with the brighter post Covid climate it was decided to try the event once again.

The location was The Kentish Horse pub in Mark Beech, a tiny village near Edenbridge with easy access from Kent, Surrey and Sussex. A handy field at the back of the car park saw the MGs line up in date classes – Pre 56, 56-80, post 80 and Premier PoO. There was a good selection of MGs representing each class but surprisingly perhaps no pre-war entries. There were four 1950s MGTs and an increasingly rare MG Maestro, a nice selection of MGFs and TFs right up to the latest MG4 EV. Six MGCs held the flag for the model winning the top three slots in their class, and several MGBs, but no MGAs, again surprisingly.



John Langford with the car of the show

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The PoO was self-judging and you had to mark your class fellows to enter the competition yourself. If you did not hand your marking sheet in then you ended up with nil points yourself!

Before the judging and dodging the showers the pub put on a barbecue which was enjoyed by all those there and the provision of a large marquee provided more than adequate shelter from those showers. As the sheets came in, the points were tallied by John & Jenny and the winners announced just after 4pm. The Chairman, Tim Morris, handed out the rosettes and everyone managed to get back home for the second half of the Euros quarter finals which England won on penalties! A winning day all round and congratulations to our winners below.:

Car of the Show – John Langford – MG Magnette Mk4

Premier class Winner – Karl Foot -MG RV8

Pre 1956 Winner – Roger Gasson – MG ZA

Pre 1956 Runner-Up – Ian McCulloch – MG TF

56-80 Winner – Jon Glover – MGC GT

56-80 Runner-Up – Chris Noulton – MGC GT

56-80 Third – Mick Breare – MGC GT

Post 1980 Winner – David Koskela – MGTF LE500 (Prototype)

Post 1980 Runner-Up – Andrew Mitchell – MGF

Full results and Images can be seen at -

<https://www.mgccse.co.uk/2024/07/09/summer-bbq-showers-winners/>

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South East
on the
Beach

South East on the Beach – Tim Morris



The annual South East trek to a South Coast beach took place at the beginning of August and was blessed with some beautiful weather on the lovely island of Haying. This meeting was originally intended as an MGF Register gathering and, as such, they are still the predominant model on the beach however others are now joining and this year we had an RV8, MGBGT, MGB roadster, MG GS anda BMW Z3.

It's great to see some new faces at this event and we were delighted to be able to share it this year with members of the West Sussex MG Owners Club. It's a minimal organisation event by making your own way there and parking in the beach car park behind the engine sheds. The Fish n Chip shop is just across the road and easily accessible from the pebble beach itself.



Left -
Champion
Hooper Les
Hudson
Right -
Champion
Bouler –Neil
Woolhouse



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Mostly F/TFs
at the sea wall



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The Ghosts
of West
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August 18th

The Ghosts of West Horsley Place



Sponsored by Wimbledon Carriage Company

The run through country lanes from Knight's Garden Centre at Godstone brought many of the cars to West Horsley just in time for lunch – despite the sudden roadworks and diversion! We do seem to be plagued with roads being dug up seemingly at random this Summer.

They were greeted by those more local to West Horsley Place who were already parked up in the meadow immediately in front of the historic house. It certainly provided a great back drop and despite this being an open day at the house the field was entirely occupied by MGs. The marquee was immediately next to Pat's Scout camp and the Ghosts volleyball net – a washing line complete with washing drying in the breeze. Periodically we would see people in scout uniform plus arrow, smoke smudged maids dresses or suits without trousers hitting a ball over the net.



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The Ghosts
of West
Horsley
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The house itself is interesting in its construction – the front is a facade built on to the much older house behind it, and its history which touches Henry VIII, Guy Fawkes and the head of Sir Waleter Raleigh – plus the more modern story of Bamber Gascoigne who inherited this house from his Aunt Mary. His story echoes that of the fictional Ghosts, and then there is a huge round building in the back garden – the Grange Park Opera. It all makes West Horsely Place a very interesting place but once we were finished exploring it also provided a delightful location for a picnic with the MGs.

With over 60 MGs at the event you could expect a wide range of models and eras. There were cars from the pre-war right through to the modern electric – in fact there were 4 electrified MGs including two who didn't know they were joining us! Both were directed to the MG parking and both were very interested in the MG Car Club and walked away with Membership application offices and one with an armful of club regalia!



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of West
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August 18th

The club organised a Pride of Ownership competition with two classes in the PoO (pre and post 1956) and a Premier PoO. There was a good entry in both main classes which were self-judged. This meant lots of adding up and that didn't entirely go to plan! The rosettes handed out on the day went to the wrong people and after a recount and ratification of the results after the event the correct winners were notified. Apologies went to those who were incorrectly awarded places and congratulations to those who did actually win!

The results were:-

Premier Pride of Ownership

Winner – Jon Glover – MGC GT / Runner-Up – Ashley Hinton – MG Midget

Pre 1956 MGs

Winner Nigel Scutt – MGA / Runner-up – Howard Scott – MGA / Third – Steve Arthur – MGTF

Post 1956 MGs

Winner – Chris Redhead – MGB Roadster / Joint Runners-Up – Philip Roussel-Smith (MGB Roadster) & Mark Britten (MGC) / Third – Chris Noulton – MGC GT

Car of the Show

Paul Thompson – MGTF - below



Full results and images can be seen at -
<https://www.mgccse.co.uk/2024/08/25/west-horsley-summer-gathering-ghosts/>

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MG at
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MG at Goodwood – Tim Morris



The MG Moment
Spectacular

Goodwood was the place to be back in July when MG had the central focus at the Festival of Speed. A huge stand, MG Moment, runs up the hill, a new concept, a design exercise and an updated SUV all featured at the event.

So, let's break it down. The new SUV first, which was an update on the best-selling HS model. This one has some major differences though not least in a larger battery and range for the PHEV model, giving it up to 75 miles on electric alone. The design has been tweaked and there is a new front end echoing the current design look as seen on the MG3 Hybrid +. It is wider and longer than the outgoing model but also 30mm lower giving a slimmer profile with a longer wheelbase making the cabin more spacious. It comes in four versions - a 1.5T petrol engine starts the range at £24,995 in SE spec up to the PHEV also with a 1.5T engine plus a 154Kw electric motor and 24.7kwh battery in Trophy spec at £33,995.

It looked good on the stand at Goodwood and has all the current tech you might expect from a modern car. The HS is MG's best seller at present and will no doubt continue to be so.

Cyberster
sitting by the
side of the
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Joining the HS on the stand was the latest MG3 Hybrid plus, a Cyberster which should be reaching customers any moment, and an X-Power MG4. The other “reveal” was a surprise concept Cyber GTS coupe based on the Cyberster roadster. The design proved very popular with visitors to the stand and there is a real hope that this might be brought into production following such great customer feedback. The car on the stand was a full-scale model but there was an actual GTS running up the Hill and it certainly looked the part. Inspired by the MGC GTS seen in the opening parade the Cyber GTS spec will be similar to the current Cyberster and whilst the coupe gives more internal space it is likely to still be a two seater and it retains the internal features and two version drivetrains – plus those scissor doors.



Also on the stand was the EXE181 Hypercar. An electric speed car designed as a homage to the fastest MG ever – EX181 which set that record in 1959. Speaking to the designer, Carl Gotham, he explained that it was simply a design exercise at present but he would like to see it in action on the salt at Bonneville – if only the SAIC bigwigs sanction it!



The MG Moment was spectacular with fireworks shooting off from the top of Goodwood House as giant MG banners rose from the ground in front of the house plus a marching drum band and flag bearers – not to mention the main MG sculpture in front of the house with a Cyberster and MGB roadster high in the air piercing through a giant wire wheel.

The Cyberster, MG GTS and MG HS also made further appearances at the Salon Prive at Blenheim Palace in August and there is a video of the MG highlights on the South East YouTube channel.

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So that's where the EX4 got to



The MG Moment Central Feature

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The Fairmile Update – Ian Ailes & Jon Glover

The weather was great for our Alternative PoO Round 3 on Thursday July 11th with 32 cars attending - see page 11 for results and winners



In case any of you are wondering, the slab of concrete in the Fairmile field used to support an old coach. It was a local landmark for many years until it became too expensive to maintain and was sold off by the brewery in 2004.

Fairmilers then attended the Ghost of West Horsley Place on August 18th which was an excellent day as featured on Page 20

Our September 13th meeting was: Tanks to TCs: Life at the “Gees” in the 1940s

This was a talk by Tom Wilson from USA on the MG factory through the war years. This is the story of MG from 1939-49 in factory pictures, stories of the workers at MG, and company documents during this critical part of the company’s history. Tom has long been an MG enthusiast - especially the TC Midget. An interest in 'factory original' detail during restorations of two of his 1945 TCs propelled Tom into a journey studying archived MG Car Company records, photos, and interviewing former MG employees and will include the development of the TC. As a lifelong Indianapolis resident, his garage is home to three TCs and the MGs he has under restoration - a VA saloon and 11 MMMs.

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North Surrey Natter Update - John Morgan / Austin Banner

The Fox and Hounds venue continues to be popular with members. Activities through the summer were mainly social including a Boule competition in the garden behind the meeting room in August. At the end of July, we had our BBQ and Social Evening, again held at the Walcountians RFC with a magnificent BBQ produced by Diana Calvert and her sister Pat Hampson. 37 members and partners attended and we were blessed with a summers evening allowing use of the club's patio.

In September, we started our programme of audio-visual talks starting with a talk by Mick Breare covering 'The DKW Story, 60 years 1904 - 1964'. The main behind DKW was a Danish engineer Jørgen Skafte Rasmussen and his first foray into producing a car was in 1921, when Rasmussen put an 118cc two stroke engine into what was converted bicycle, called Das Kleine Wunder (the little wonder) so that the initials were 'DKW'.

DKW First Car



The talk continued illustrating how the DKW group grew into Auto Union and ultimately becoming part of Volkswagen AG.

Our talks continue with Martin Phipps who is Archivist for Caterham Cars. His talk will cover the whole history of Caterham Cars production with initial production in Caterham and looking at what the hopes are the future. This should be a fascinating talk, put Monday 21st October in your diaries now!



This will be followed by the 2nd part of Mick Breares DKW talk covering his own unusual DKW1000S and the long connection of DKW with Motorcycles on Monday 18th November.

We will shortly be drafting the Natter Programme for 2025, any suggestions welcome. This includes our weekday lunchtime natter and museum visit and amongst the museum being considered are:

- Gatwick Aviation Museum
- Tangmere Aircraft Museum
- Dunsfold Collection - Land Rover Museum
- D-Day Story - Portsmouth
- Hovercraft Museum
- History on Wheels - Eton Wick.

Any thoughts or preferences welcome. - **John Morgan and Austin Banner**

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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 October 16th at 7.30pm**.



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 **1st 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 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 and we have been fortunate during the summer months of being able to meet outside with our cars. Our numbers do cause some grief with locals when we get a good attendance but that is a much better problem than having too few attending! As there is no other local suitable pub we are working with the Landlord who is very supportive of us and has encouraged us to display our cars on some Saturday mornings. This does work as I am aware of at least two MG owners who have seen our cars displayed and joined the MGCC as a result.

With the sad demise of MG Live at Silverstone and the Three Counties Showground being ridiculously too far away to consider attending a good number of Pinner Natter members have visited Brooklands on Sunday mornings and attended events run by the AWC's Chesham Natter and the Wycombe Area MGOC both of which are local to us.



Fortunately, there were a number of good local car shows during the summer with the two best perhaps being the big Chorleywood Classic Car Show which has replaced the sadly demised Uxbridge Classic Car Show and the Eastcote Classic Car Show held just last weekend in glorious weather and which had a rammed showground. As might be expected from the Chorleywood Show there were huge number of super cars on display and the first raffle prize was an outing in a helicopter! And it was the first car show I have ever seen a helicopter exhibited!

And so we come to the two big summer Goodwood events. The Festival of Speed was very well attended by the Pinner Natter on a glorious day and it was good to see the huge MG display, sculpture and fireworks. The new cars look so good and I think that a number of Natter members are very tempted!

The Revival is always a highlight for our Natter members as we all dress up for the occasion and once again the festivities day and night did not disappoint. I believe that we around 7 cars there although three of us nowadays go there and back by taxi so that we can spend the whole day and night there having a drink or two and not risk falling asleep at the wheel at midnight! Some of us even do all three day

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Sadly, we are now moving into the autumn months which means that days out at shows become more limited and I suspect that a day at the Brooklands Autumn Motorsport Day on the 13th October will be the last outside show this year. As usual a good number of Natter members are going to the NEC Classic Car Show and this does always feel like a really good close to the season. We will then revert to monthly Breakfast meetings which Natter members really seem to enjoy whilst we forget the horrible weather outside!

Gerry

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Restoring a
1934 PA
Airline!

Airline part 1- First published in the MG MMM Bulletin

William Opie

Restoring a 1934 PA Airline Mad or what!

I have restored 3 MMM cars from barn finds over the years mainly because I couldn't afford a runner and relished the challenge of getting something back on the road. It was also a release from executive stress but I quickly learnt to always walk back into the house smiling whatever went wrong so the wife was happy! So, when retirement came along another project beckoned which needed completing and this was it!

Starting in Lockdown had its advantages apart from suppliers shut and the inability to get help when lifting bodies etc. But it allowed one to busy oneself without feeling too guilty.



PA 0838 Reg FA5580 started life in 1934 as a batch of 5 Airlines all of which have survived. It was the first serious batch using the 50 bodies made by Carbodies to Mr Allingham's design. FA was an all-black car, and right from the start had various issues! On file is a bonnet fire and repair (there are 72 pages of paperwork in the chassis file) and correspondence with Mr Allingham about the creaks and issues with eventually a return to Carbodies for tightening up and repairs. Although not much is known between 1936 and the 50's when owned by a Mr White it then had further incidents in the early 60's in the ownership of Phil Peckham.

Poor FA now in the MMM register as no 139 was hit up the backend by a Jag, and then later on a hit side on by a bread van which bent the passenger door in and broke a side window. (losing a catch in the process) Maybe being registered on the 13th Nov wasn't the best idea!

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Still until that point it did enjoy some competition history in the hands of Phil. A full engine re-build in 1960 for £42-10-04p is on file and Phil noted 70MPH on a spirited drive. In 1963 he was even caught in a radar trap! A good performance at the South West Centre Sanctuary Trophy Rally earned first place in the pre-T type category, at the Beaulieu CC trials. It did manage to pass MOT's of the time (shame they didn't show Mileage back then) and Phil did many miles converting to Hydraulic brakes and battling dynamo leaks and charging issues as well as broken half-shafts. Eventually Phil sold it to Doug Harris in late 1967 without a current MOT for £80.00. Doug was already into MMM cars with an M type special. This had a PB blown engine and won the Mary Harris Trophy back in 1975. With his wife Margaret they did trials and auto-tests and the car is still in the family shortly to be roadworthy again. Doug who sadly passed away in 2020 stored FA in his shed as a long-term project and as an engineer he busied himself in his spare time restoring modern MGs and in later years a beautiful 1880 saloon where they would travel on some enjoyable UK and continental rallies with the Vintage register.



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The poor old Airline, with some gypsies offering to take it as scrap moved house and remained untouched until Doug got round to starting the restoration in 2010. Various visitors came to see this totally slightly bent original Airline and its original interior before stripping it down to have something that would be usable on the roads. Corrosion and areas of wood needed attention and the decision was made to do a proper chassis rebuild and body restoration.



To be continued.

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By Tim
Morris

Modern Gentlemen - keeping up to date with current MG trends

More Gongs

The Cyberster has picked up another award as the Best Sportscar at the Best Car of the Year Awards “not least because it looks like a product in the £100,000/\$100,000 league - yet its starting price is nearer half that”. These awards have now been renamed as the New Car World Championships

The MG4 has captured the Best Electric Family Car of the Year at the What Car Awards to add to its tally of over 30 different accolades and the MG5 retains Best Electric estate car. The MG3 Hybrid+ picked up the Auto-express “Best Affordable Hybrid” award, which I think might be its first gong!



MG3 Hybrid+ and MG4 at Brooklands

When is an MG not an MG?

Visiting the Working Vehicles show at Brooklands I wasn't on the look out for any MGs and didn't expect any but then I saw the SAIC logo on the back of a truck and van. Could this be the MG T90 EV as sold in Thailand? This might be about as far from traditional MG vehicles as you can imagine and certainly attracts interesting reactions from some MG enthusiasts, but we are in a very different era of MG today.

So, the truck was badged at Brooklands as a Maxus and yes, it is an electric pick-up truck retailing at around £50k. Look closely though at the rivets surrounding all four of the wheel arches and the shiny heads are actually miniature MG logos! A strange hangover from the far east MG version but proof that it is indeed an MG!

A new “MG Windsor EV” has been launched in India. This is a crossover vehicle slightly larger than the ZS. It is already in the SAIC stable in China as the Wuling Cloud but will now also be made in India with a tie up to a company called JSW. This will fill the gap between the small hatch MG Comet and the MG ZS EV. It is priced at the equivalent of just over £9k, something unheard of for an EV in this country! It does that by eliminating the battery cost and offering it as a “battery as a service” or rental, much like Renault originally did with the Zoe.

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The MG
(Maxus)
T90 at
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The MG
Windsor
EV at
launch in
India

The cost would be 3.5 rupees per km (3.2p) driven. Renault ditched the rental for their battery so I am not sure it would work in Europe to keep initial costs down. The battery is a small 38kwh pack delivering 136hp and a range of 206miles. This is the opposite of the western trend of large batteries, power and range. However, it seems unlikely that it will reach European markets although an MG2 smaller vehicle is rumoured.

State of the Nation

New car sales in general were down by 7.6% in the first half of the year and this was reflected in EV sales too. However, MG sales in Europe are looking strong and MG now have a 11% share of all EVs sold in Europe largely down to the MG4. This increase may be explained by SAIC exporting an increased number of MGs to get ahead of potential Tariff increases imposed by the EU which would mean MGs in the EU would cost 37.6% extra. At the moment the UK has not followed suit, neither has Norway, perhaps due to a fear of retaliatory tariffs which could affect what exports we have - Rolls Royce, Bentley, JLR etc. It is highly likely China will do this to EU manufacturing on BMW, Mercedes-Benz etc. However, on the bright side, SAIC are looking to invest in factories within the EU- (Hungary & Turkey (they have a trade agreement with the EU in case you were wondering) to produce MGs within the trading bloc and avoid future tariffs. The factories are likely to employ some 5k to 10k people. A similar thing is happening in Mexico where SAIC and BYD are hoping to develop large factories with an eye on the US market where the administration has put a 100% tariff on Chinese vehicles.

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It appears that Europeans are still having some trouble accepting pure EVs with new sales at around 13% of the market but Hybrid EVs are doing better with 36%. There is a completely different pattern in China where some 23% of all cars are now pure electric and 19% hybrid but it is Norway that is ahead of the game with 94.7% new BEVs and just 1.3% hybrid! However, that does mean that just under 50% of all new cars in Europe are now electrified in some way. In the UK new EV sales exceeded the 22% ZEV mandate for the first time in August and grew 10% year on year.



The MG logo on the tiny bolts.

MG ZS Upgrade and Replacement

The MG ZS is undergoing a transformation but only in its petrol versions. The ZS EV is being retired and will be replaced by a completely new SUV EV, as yet unnamed. Perhaps it's time to bring back the MG Maestro?

A new ZS Hybrid plus will be available to customers soon and is based on the same technology used in the MG3 Hybrid Plus. This will be the first time a Hybrid has been available for the MG ZS. A 1.5litre petrol engine feeds a 45kw generator charging a 1.84Kwh battery ultimately producing 196hp and around 55mpg. Prices start at under £22,000.

The choice of new MGs is expanding rapidly - there are now 11 different models of new MG available for purchase. Eight are electrified in some form and most come in two different specs – SE or Trophy. It is certainly a long way from those early days when the re-vamped NAC/SAIC MGTF first appeared.

MG3; MG 3 Hybrid Plus; MG ZS; MG ZS EV; MG ZS Hybrid Plus; MG 4 EV; MG 4 X-Power; MG5 EV; MG HS; MG HS PHEV; MG Cyberster EV

The opportunity to buy a new MG at the moment, as MG clear the decks for new or updated models, is fantastic with up to £10k being knocked off the RRP of some models. An ideal time to buy.

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New Book

MGF and TF

“Excellent read, lots of info I didn't know “

“I enjoyed it immensely. Thanks for writing such a good book “

This new book is written by the South East Chairman Tim Morris and chronicles the development of the MGF and TF but it puts that story in perspective of MG history and racing/speed records. The story begins with Cecil Kimber and finishes with the TF being produced by SAIC. It is a long road and the first two chapters cover that early development succinctly before we get on to the heart of the book – the MGF. From those early inspirations and prototype days the book charts the development and production of both the F and TF against the background of industrial difficulties as ownership of the company moved from British Aerospace to BMW and on to MG Rover and NAC/SAIC. Given all that it was incredible that the UK's best-selling roadster emerged at all and survived as long as it did.

This handy book is ideal for those coming to the MGF/TF for the first time, wanting to know a bit more about them, wanting a concise history of MG or even looking to buy an F/TF as there is a handy “Best of” Buyers Guide at the back.

It is illustrated with over 100 photos, mostly from the author's own collection, including some from local South East events including Brooklands – and they are not just MGFs and TFs either!

It is published by Amberley Publishing and is available now...

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MGF AND TF

TIM MORRIS



Launched in 1995, the MGF marked the rebirth of the classic British MG two-seater sports car. In this book, MFG expert Tim Morris tells the full inside story of the development of the MGF and TF against the background of the seismic changes that were taking place in the British car industry. After the demise of the bestselling MGB and the closure of the Abingdon factory in 1980, it seemed as if the classic MG sports car had come to an end. An upgraded version of the MGB, the RV8, was introduced in the 1990s, but meanwhile designers and engineers were busy with an all-new car, which was unveiled in 1995. Developed under British Aerospace and launched under BMW ownership of the Rover Group, the MGF came under MG-Rover ownership after BMW divided the company in 2000. At this time the TF was developed and produced until the company went into administration in 2005. Here design features such as the mid-engine format and Hydrolags suspension system are described, as well as the various model changes and re-designs and how the car fared against strong competition from cars such as the Mazda MX5. Including information for owners and potential buyers and with a wide selection of illustrations, this is an essential guide to the MGF and TF sports cars.



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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 Location Faversham kent



MG TD For Sale

We have been asked to circulate this car for sale. It's an early original RHD model so very desirable. Still time to enjoy it in the late summer sunshine.



Also, for sale

- 2 flying jackets
- 2 MG embossed leather suitcases (never used.)
- 2 MGBGT 1972 original seats in black, fair condition.

Please contact Laura by email if you are interested.

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And finally, not quite what it seems - a very attractive AC Ace replica is in fact mechanically MG/Rover.

Powered by a Rover V8 and mechanically the rest of the car is in fact MGB!

Spotted at the Surrey Vintage Vehicle Society Autumn Display in Reigate tunnel. Apparently Mike Gouch, the replica builder who also lives in Reigate and an MG Enthusiast has also recently commissioned a replica Airline Coupe on an authentic period chassis.



The car was spotted by and this article created by SE Committee Member John Davies