

MGCCSE – Events Secretary Report for the Year 2024

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There were some great events in 2024 which also included some new venues and events, like the Drive it Day to Spa Valley Railway, last April; West Horsley House and Gardens for our Summer Gathering, last August, and the South East Summer BBQ and PoO at The Kentish Horse in Edenbridge, last July.

We also had a fantastic turnout for our long weekend celebration (17th-19th May) which finished up at Brooklands on Sunday 19th May, where we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the MG Marque and had over 2000 visitors and hundreds of MG's from up and down the country, as well as from overseas.

For 2025; We have a large selection of events including our more popular events such as John Morgans successful Auto-Solo, in April, at Filching... BBQ and PoO at The Kentish Horse, in July... and Classics at the Castle (Hever Castle) in June.

Some brand new Events for 2025 include the Bromley Pageant (Now at a new venue – South of England Showground – Ardingly) , where we will also have a large Club display.

And our Autumn Gathering, Concours and PoO will be held at the newly refurbished Newhaven Fort, in September – which we last visited in 2011.

And, finally, we also have our inaugural South East Run (from Denbies Wine Estate to Herstmonceux Castle) to celebrate the MG Car Clubs 95th Anniversary, on Sunday May 18th 2025..

Back to last year & 2024; Here's a reminder of the main MGCCSE events and highlights which some of you may have attended :-

- **Filching Manor AutoSOLO - 23rd March 2024**

Just outside Eastbourne and nestled in the South Downs; The ancient valley in which Filching Manor nestles reverberated, once again, with the sounds of revving engines and the occasional squealing tyres as the Centre hosted its **2nd Autosolo** on the old Go-Kart track!

The MGCCSE Competitions Secretary, John Morgan, was our lead on the event and with the help of the Sevenoaks & District Motor Club arranged for the event to take place...





If you fancy giving it a go, this year?....

Look out for details on our 3rd AutoSolo in April 2025 ! 😊

- **Drive it Day – Spa Railway – 21st April 2025**

33 cars registered to attend the Ash Natter Drive it Day outing to High Rocks near Royal Tunbridge Wells..



- 17th / 19th May MG 100 Centenary Celebration Weekend



A 3 day event; Starting with the MG100 Cavalcade on Friday 17th, arriving at Ancaster MG Dartford ...Followed by a Road Run with 66 Cars at 5 Locations, covering at The Fairmile Pub, on Saturday 18th....And then the finale, on Sunday 19th May, with over 2000 people and 500 MG's from all over the UK and Europe at the historic Brooklands racetrack !



Fairmile Pub Gathering – Saturday 18th May 2025 (with Guest Speaker John Day)

Brooklands – Sunday 18th May 2025





- **16th June – Classics at the Castle (Hever)**

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.



The very rare 1929 MG Mark 111 18/100 "Tigress" – 5 made; 2 Remaining & ONLY 1 on road!





Other Classics at Hever :-



- **06th July – Summer BBQ & PoO Event (Kentish Horse, Nr Hever)**

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.



- **11th-14th July Goodwood FoS – MG 100th Celebration**

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.

- **Fireworks outside Goodwood House to start launch of MG100 :-**



- **MG Paddock Line-up :-**



- **Concept Cyber GTS coupe based on the Cyberster roadster :-**



- **03rd August –South East on the Beach (Fish & Chip Run)**

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.



- **18th August – Summer Gathering – West Horsley Place (“Ghosts”)**

A run through country lanes from Knight’s Garden Centre at Godstone brought many of the cars to West Horsley just in time for lunch. Over 60 Cars attended and what a back-drop West Horsley Place, made (Of “BBC “Ghosts”;Button House fame) for our Concours & PoO





West Horsley Place..



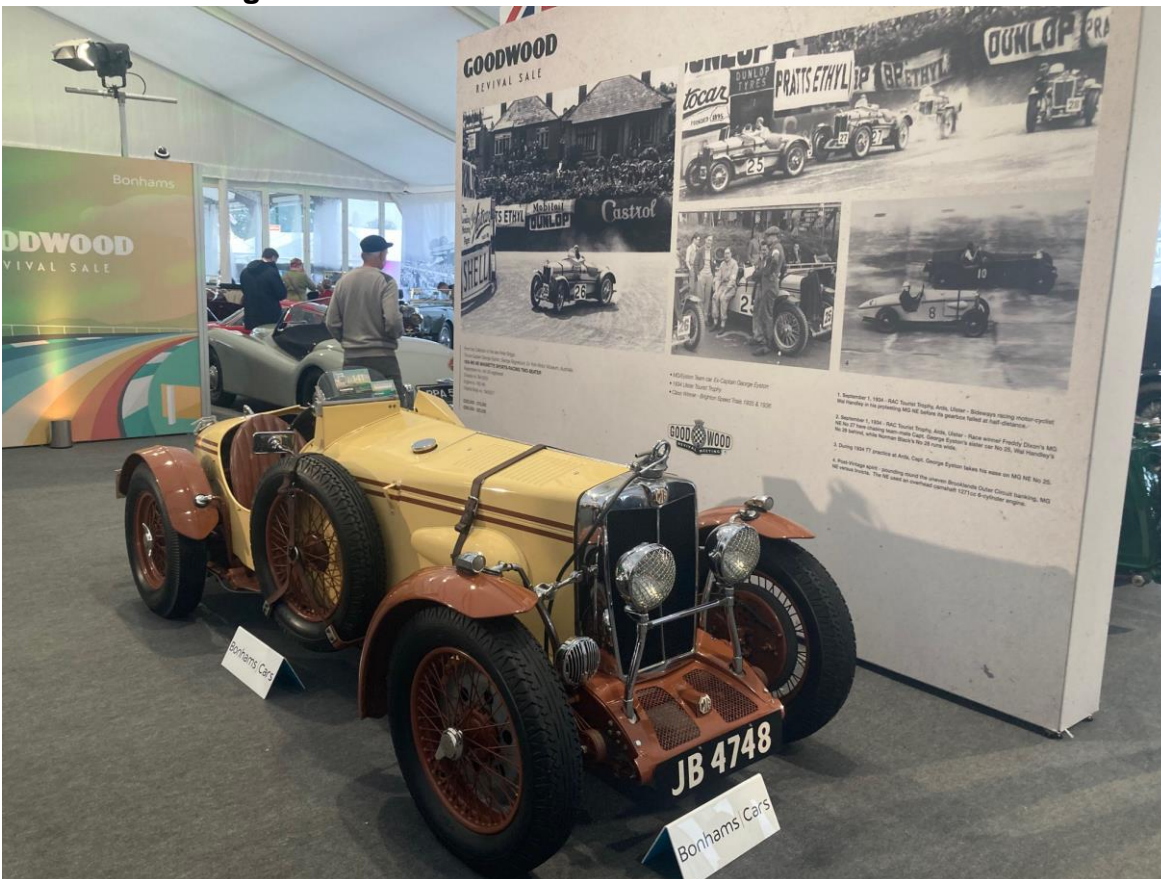
- **06th- 08th September – Goodwood Revival**

A very wet Goodwood Revival, this year, with two of Bonhams auction highlights – MGCCSE member Phillip Bayne Powell, previously owned, 1933 Ex-Works MG Magnette K3 ...Up for an estimated £700-800,000...and another Ex-works 1934 MG NE Magnette - £225-£275,000

- **1933 K3 Magnette :-**



- **1934 MG NE Magnette :-**

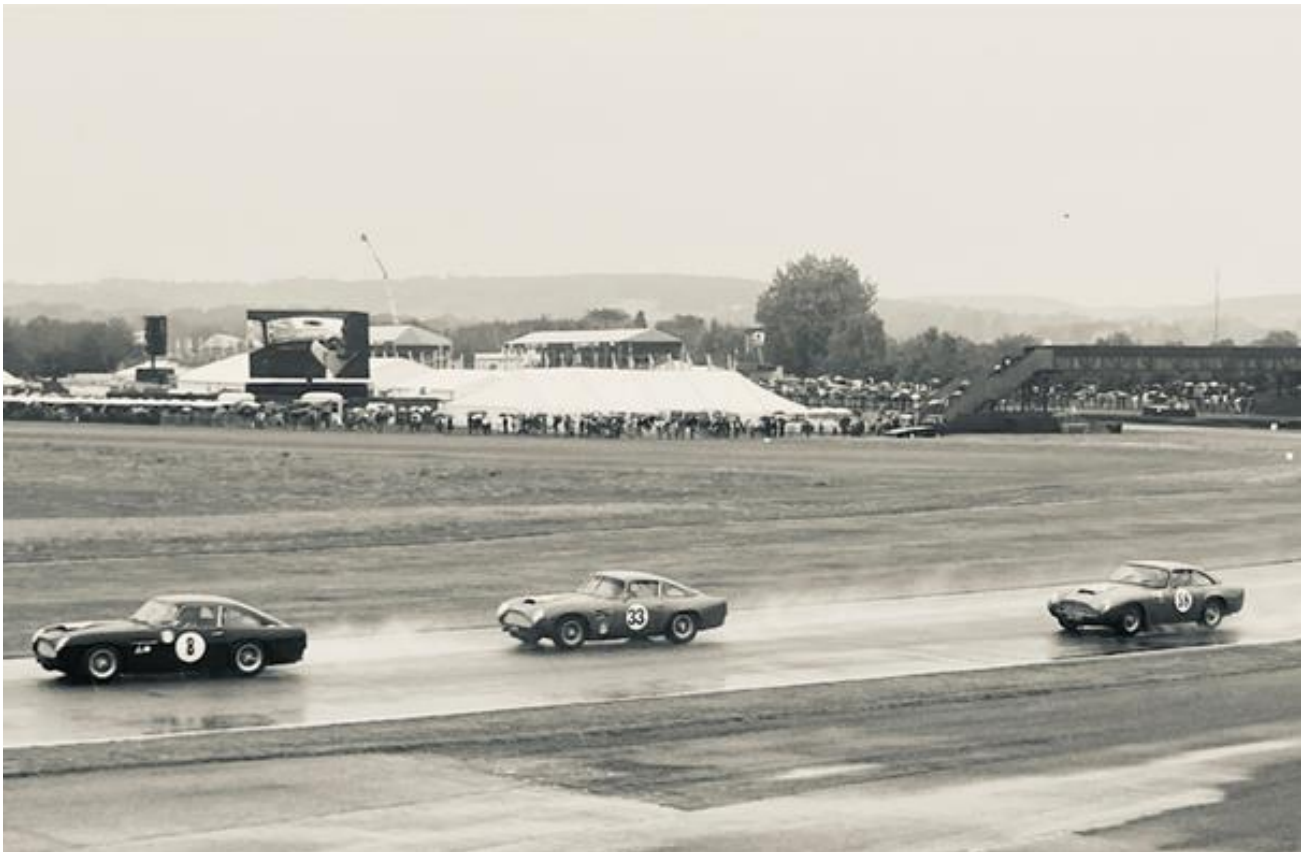


I said it was VERY wet !!





If you've never been?....You MUST GO one year !!



- **29th September – Autumn Gathering - Borde Hill**

Our Autumn Gathering took place at Borde Hill – Last visited in Summer 2009! Luckily; The weather held off for us and around 60 MG Cars attended. Car book Author, Tim Morris – Also signed and sold his new book!







Borde Hill :- Above; Chris Leighs immaculate Twin Cam..

Borde Hill :- And,below, Roy Gooderhams 1960 totally original MGA (complete with rare factory hand-top)...which he's owned for 60 years!



And finally.....

- **Sunday 17th November 2024 - Our Annual Lunch at Hartsfield Manor :-**



Award winners and guests were invited to attend the prizegiving in the morning at Hartsfield Manor Hotel in Betchworth. The day started with coffee and cake in one of the hotel's function rooms in the main house looking out over the Surrey Hills. Then the secretary and Chairman welcomed all the guests before settling into the awards themselves. In another change to tradition, the raffle draw was held immediately afterwards to enable those leaving before lunch to claim their prizes.

Awards all out on display, for our 2024 winners :-



The Awards

Throughout the year the Centre holds various competitions and keepsake trophies are awarded for those who have won them. The results of those have already been listed in the various event reports throughout the year. Below is small selection but the full list is at <https://www.mgccse.co.uk/2024/11/22/awards-presented-at-hartsfield-lunch/>



*Ron and Joan Kemp –
Club Members of the
Year*



MGSE Significant
Contribution Trophy
awarded to:

The MG100SE Organising
Team



The Carrisma Cup for the
person best representing the
“spirit” of the MG Car Club SE

Awarded to Gareth Evans



And we look forward to seeing you all at our

2025 Events... 😊

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