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Editor's Notes – Looking Forward to Summer 2025!

Welcome to the March 2025 edition of the MGA Register eNewsletter, – and my thanks to everyone who has sent in contributions over the past 9 weeks or so. Your input is essential to keep this eNewsletter going.

As I compile this eNewsletter in late February the weather here in the UK is improving (?) and we can start to look forward to drier, warmer days in which we can enjoy our cars – whether that is at shows and events or just enjoying a drive out.

Early March is the time to check the MGA over, ready for the summer ahead!

The only national events I am aware of since the turn of the year have been the MG and Triumph Spares Day, and Race Retro, - both of which were held at Stoneleigh Park during February. There are brief reports on both of these events later in this Newsletter.

Looking forward, the Classic Car Restoration Show is all planned for 21st to 23rd March at NEC. – see www.necrestorationshow.com

From April onwards early 2025, there are generally lots of local shows most weekends. – see www.classicshowsuk for shows near you. – You can search the site by REGION or by COUNTY.

Of course, Drive It Day 2025, organised by the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (FHBVC) when we are encouraged to take our classic cars out and show them to the wider world, is Sunday 27th April. – This is a week later than normal, to avoid a clash with the Easter weekend. See www.driveitday.co.uk/events for major organised events – but there will be lots more local events as well.

Looking further ahead, we have a number of MGA Register events planned during the year for the MGA's 70th Anniversary.

If you know of any other MGA or wider MG-themed events over coming months, please let me know and I will include them in future editions. (Better still, if you attend any events, please send me a brief report on the event and some pictures for the eNewsletter.)

My thanks to all contributors, new and old. Please keep your contributions coming – Everything is welcome.

BUT – Please ensure any photos you send are in .jpg format, NOT Apple .HEIC or .HEIF format. - We commoners who do not use Apple phones are unable to view or use photos in these Apple formats, and I am not willing to load yet more "conversion" software to my (personal) PC, since every time I do such a software download another different function on the PC which has worked perfectly for years ceases to work, causing me great annoyance.

(If all goes to plan) Next edition will be issued between 26th and 30th April 2025.

Brendan Leach

Editor – MGA Newsletter

MG Car Club News

MGA Register AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the MGA Register of the MG Car Club will take place during the MGA Day weekend on 5th July 2025. All Register members are invited to attend.

Here is the formal Notice Of the AGM:

MGA Register AGM

Date: Saturday 5th July 2025

Venue: Sudbury House Hotel

56 London Street, Faringdon, SN7 7AA

Time: 5.00pm

Agenda

1. Welcome and apologies for absence
2. Approval of 2024 AGM Minutes
3. Chairman's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Election of Officers and Committee
6. Any Other Business

Nominations for Elections of Officers, Committee and AOB agenda items should be submitted by Monday 16 June 2025 to: Jill Eke, Secretary, MGA Register.

jillgraham@btinternet.com

Centre AGMs

It's that time of year again, folks. As you may have noticed in the small-ads in Safety Fast!, most MG Car Club Centres are holding their Annual General Meetings during the first quarter of the year. – It's your club, so please go along and support your local Centre.

(P.S. The MGA Register AGM will be held on Saturday 5th July, over the MGA Day weekend, at Sudbury House Hotel, SN7 7AA – as shown above.)

Membership and Records

Have you moved house in the recent past? Or changed your e-mail address?

Maybe you want to choose "Digital Membership" rather than receive hard copy version of Safety Fast! magazine (and to save money on your annual subscription)?

Or maybe you have changed your MG and wish to update which Registers you are associated with?

Did you know you can update your Membership details online via the MG Car Club website?

– Just log in to the Members section – top right of the Home page (you will need your membership number and password!) and you can update the records held by Kimber House.

<https://www.mgcc.co.uk/members/login/>

(Sorry, but this MGA Register eNewsletter mailing list is a separate file – "GDPR, y'know!"-, so if you wish to update your mailing address for this eNewsletter you will also have to write to me separately at mgarclub-mganewsletter@outlook.com for that!)

Reports on Recent Events

As usual, very little in the way of MG Events during January and February, as you will see from the brief following paragraphs.

Looking forward, if you go to any events, feel free to send me a brief report and a couple of pictures (.jpg format, please, not .heic or .heif!), and I will publish them in future editions of this eNewsletter.

MG and Triumph Spares Day – Stoneleigh Park, 9 February 2025

This popular show returned to Stoneleigh Park, near Kenilworth CV8 2LG on Sunday 9th Feb. Football fans speak of Stoke City's BET365 Ground on a cold Tuesday night in February, or Oldham Athletic's Boundary Park ground anytime between October and May – but believe me, - Stoneleigh on a February Sunday morning is up there for the title of coldest venue in Britain! Here's a report from my new Cub Reporter, **Andy Lempicki**:

Last minute decision to go down to Warwickshire, nothing to buy this time but a chance to get a classic car and parts fix!

The usual long queue to get in, once inside, parking was well organised. Due to weather conditions we travelled down in our daily driver as did most others. Parked next to a nicely restored Jaguar XJ 3.2, the owner came looking for frog eye parts, he has 2 to rebuild, he told me that he had looked after the jag for a customer since nearly new, when the gent died he left it to him in his will!!

Only saw one MG in the car park as it drove past us and it was a red MGA coupe, but did not get chance to talk to the owner.

Turning up last minute meant that a full entrance fee of £15 each had to be paid, never mind, we saved on buying food and drinks as we had made our own and we took up the offer of using the MGB register stand tables and chairs where we also met up with friends Dave Bolton and Barry Brownleader for lunch. Both Dave and I have B's, I have a BRG 1967 B roadster as well as my Orient Red 1956 A roadster (USA import) and Dave has a Grampian Grey 1969 MGBGT, he also has a Nightfire Red 1995 MGF. Barry has a Iris Blue 1962 Mk 2 MGA roadster which he has owned for 40+ years.

The day was well attended although not as busy as previous years, plenty of trade stands and a good variety of register and centre stands. Lots of Triumph's and MG's on display including the all electric Cyberster, which the owners had wrapped from factory red to MG Trophy Blue to add to their other MG's of the same colour, an MGTF (modern) and a supercharged ZT260 V8.

I ended up buying a wire wheel cleaning brush and some coolant for topping up the A and B. Pam picked up an MGB polo shirt which was her valentines day present from me!!



Race Retro, Stoneleigh Park, 21 – 23 February 2025

Was held at NAEC, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, CV8 2LG. – But I have not received any report on that event. See www.raceretro.com

Overseas News

Sorry, Folks. – I have no Overseas news to report this time. – But I do know that an intrepid group of MGA Owners from Australia are preparing for a 3 month tour of Europe in the middle of 2025, and that tour includes joining us at the 2025 MGA Spring Tour in Ireland in June, (including an additional 10 days touring the South and West coasts of Ireland) and at MGA Day at Fawley Hill on 5th and 6th July.

We look forward to meeting them then!

Future Events – 2025

(“By special request...”) In this and future editions of this MGA eNewsletter, I also give details of events “led by” or “sponsored by” our colleagues in the Mquette Register. – As someone remarked – “The Mquette is really just a 4 door MGA...”

Mquette Register Events Organiser **John Harris** is still looking for feedback on any previous Mquette events, which for a variety of reasons have had a “mixed response” in terms of attendance in recent times. - Mquette owners and anyone who attended the events are invited to pass their comments to John at johnharris37@btinternet.com

Here’s a summary of the 2025 Events planned by the Mquette Register (MGAs Welcome!):

- Mquettes & Steam Easter Saturday (April 19th) to be held at Ecclesbourne Valley Railway, near Matlock
- EEOY in Italy, Padua / Venice – See later – (29th May — 1st June)
- Fawley Hill. - MGA Day. – See later - (6th July)
- Kop Hill. (20th – 21st September)
- Lou Shorten Weekend, Norwich. (4th – 5th October)

News of future events in 2025 and beyond for all types of MG, MGA, and Mquette in the following paragraphs and on the respective websites.

NEC Classic Car and Restoration Show, 21st - 23rd March 2025

Similar to the November NEC Classic Car Show, but whilst the November show includes a lot of “after” cars, the Restoration Show features rather more “before” cars, including a large “barn find” display.

As well as vehicles, the show has a good range of trade stands and specialist suppliers.

I **think** MG Car Club will be at stand 5-570 (?). F Register and Z Register also have stands.

See www.necrestorationshow.com. Use Promo Code **CCC5M121** to save £3.50 per ticket when booking online.

Mquettes and Steam – Saturday 19th April

This popular event will take place at Ecclesbourne Valley Railway, Wirksworth, DE56 4EQ, near Matlock in Derbyshire.

Drive It Day – Sunday 27th April

Drive It Day 2025, organised by the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (FHBVC) is when we are encouraged to take our classic cars out and show them to the wider world, is Sunday 27th April. – This is a week later than normal, to avoid a clash with the Easter weekend. See www.driveitday.co.uk/events for major organised events – but there will be lots more local events as well.

Donnington Historic Festival – 2nd to 4th May

This event takes place over the Bank Holiday weekend of 2nd to 4th May 2025. Further details on the MG Car Club website.

Scottish MGA Day 2025 – 18th May 2025

Paul Dean writes The Scottish MGA Day will be held on the earlier than usual on Sunday 18th May in 2025. This is because the Register's 2025 MGA Spring Weekend traditionally held in May has moved into July for this 75th Anniversary Year. That Spring Weekend is also across the water in Derry, Northern Ireland. This has given us the opportunity to move the Scottish MGA Day into May which is something we have always fancied doing as the Scottish weather tends to be better a bit earlier in the year.

Planning is progressing and it is expected we will start at the Blair Drummond Smiddy Farm Shop. Our route will take us north over the high road to Comrie and via Loch Earn to Loch Tay. Then we take the spectacular Ben Lawers Road to Bridge of Balgie in Glen Lyon. Lunch isn't sorted yet but after lunch we have a choice of route to head south towards Crieff. The main route takes us directly south from Kenmore up the many steep hairpins and over to Glen Quaich. I really like this road but it is possibly the most vicious bit of road in Scotland hence if drivers prefer they can take the easier route via Aberfeldy with its excellent views north. The routes come back together at Amulree and we then head south to Crieff and the finish in the Caithness Glass Shop Café.

Bookings will be on the Caledonian Centre's web site but until this is in place please let me know if you will be attending or have any questions. My email address is pmz.dean@gmail.com and my phone is 07803-602209.

Scammonden Hill Climb Sunday 25th May

This popular hill climb takes place on Sunday 25th May.

Scammonden is a large reservoir alongside the M62, and the hill climb is held (with permissions!) on the service roads of that reservoir.

The track is about 500 metres long, and best times are between 25 and 35 seconds.

It lies between Oldham and Halifax on the A672 road, - about 4 miles from J22 of the M62. Approaching from the east, take J23 (A640) towards Rochdale. Competitors and spectators welcome!

29th Magnette European Weekend – 28th and 29th June

This year's event will be held in Nijmegen, in the Netherlands.

MG Fest North – 6th and 7th September 2025

This is a NEW event to the calendar, organised by the MG Car Club.

It will be held at the **Croft Racing Circuit**, near Darlington (DL2 2PL) over the weekend of 6th and 7th September 2025.

The event will include:

- A full weekend race programme, including MGs, organised by BRSCC.
- Main Arena attractions including Anniversary car celebrations
- Parade Laps
- MG Car Club Parking, and MG Car Club Stands (volunteers for the MGA Register stand?)
- Trade Stands and Autojumble, Bar and Food Stands
- Pride of Ownership, and Show and Shine,
- Road runs, and Carkhana,
- Classic Buses into Northallerton

- Daytime musical entertainment, plus Live Band and DJ (Saturday night – ticket entry)

There is no camping allowed on site, but there are plenty of campsites and hotels nearby. Further information from the MG Car Club website or on page 27 of February's Safety Fast!

There's more!!!

2025 is the 200th Anniversary of railways in the UK, and of course the first railway line ran between Stockton on Tees and Darlington, which are close to Croft...

For rail enthusiasts, there is an excellent museum near to Croft (Hopetown, formerly the Head Of Steam, DL3 6SW) with celebratory events on throughout this bi-centenary year.

Kop Hill – 20th and 21st September

Another "old favourite for the Magonette Register – both a social event and a competitive event. It takes place near Princess Risborough, HP27 0LB.

Lou Shorten Weekend - 4th and 5th October

The traditional Magonette Lou Shorten weekend will be held over the weekend of 4th and 5th October. It will be held in the Norwich area.

LATE NEWS – EEoTY 2025 – 29th May to 1st June 2025

The MG Car Club European Event of The Year (EEoTY) is an annual event which in 2025 is being hosted by the MGCC of Italy. The Event will be based at the Terme Euganee on the outskirts of Padua.

The organisers have limited the number of participants based on a maximum of 200 cars so if you are interested in taking part it is advisable to register as soon as possible. You can find more details on the event at <https://www.mgcarclubitalia.org/476-mg-eeoty-2025.html> Padua is located in the beautiful Veneto region of Northern Italy which offers many UNESCO heritage sites and ideal roads for our MGs.

More information on the location and the activities which have been organised for participants can be found on the information sheet. You'll find a link to this sheet on the registration page, at <https://www.mgcarclubitalia.cloud/mgeoty2025.php?lng=it>

If you have any difficulty downloading the information sheet, there is a link on the main MGCC Website at the end of this piece.

Some MGA owners have already signed up and are planning an exciting road trip there and back through France over the Alps. This road trip is open to all MG owners of course, so if you are interested in joining us please contact Joe Walsh at joe-walsh@hotmail.com

For more information, see

<https://www.mgcc.co.uk/mga-register/events-in-2023/european-event-of-the-year/>
(Ignore the page title – I think it is a previous years' web-page being re-cycled!)

MGA70 – 2025

MGA70 Grille Badges

Way back in September, **Joe Walsh** wrote:



The MGA was launched in 1955 meaning that 2025 is the marque's 70th anniversary. If you have read previous editions of the eNewsletter you will know that the MGA Register commissioned a limited edition of 100 very special grille badges to celebrate the event. The eNewsletter gave full details of the badge and although it was stated "*when they are gone they are gone*" it was not expected that the entire production run would be over-subscribed and would sell out within a few weeks.

Here's **Joe's** latest update:

Due to unprecedented demand for the 'MGA 70' grille and pin badges the Register has commissioned a 3rd batch which should be with our Merchandise Manager (Graham Eke) by the time you read this. Badges have been sent to MGA owners all over the world and we have approved use of the artwork to MGA groups as far west as Vancouver and as far east as Australia. This is truly a "Global Success" to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the MGA and, combined with the new online UK MGA Register, a good indication of why it is well worth supporting the MGA Register.

Those who missed earlier eNewsletters might like to know that the design was inspired by combining the iconic oval wing grille with the Union flag in recognition of the heritage of the MG brand. Some owners have told us that the badge looks just as good on their mantelpiece as it does on their car.

Considerable thought went into the design of the badge and that didn't stop at the pretty part! The shape of the MGA radiator grille and the narrow gap between the slats meant that a badge made with the standard spacing for the mounting screws would not fit the MGA grille. The new badge has bespoke mounting screws and so *should* fit *most* grilles. Given that there are likely to be many slight variations in the distance between the slats depending on the origin of the grille we can't guarantee that the badge will sit flush on the grille on every car but we are confident it will be a very neat fit on *most* cars.

For those who prefer to use a badge bar (right) it will be necessary to fabricate or buy a suitable bracket. If you choose to buy a bracket be sure to check out the spacing between the badge mounting holes. Due to the custom spacing of the grille mounting screws you will probably need to modify any standard mounting bracket in order to attach the badge. Badge-bar brackets and clips can be purchased from various sources.

There's more! - We also commissioned a matching pin badge (below). This measures 30mm wide.





To order your badge(s), contact mgaregistershop@outlook.com . Our PayPal account continues to be the preferred method for invoicing and payment, but other payment options are available.

Prices:

- Grille badge only = £25.00 + p&p (Currently £2.70 for UK – Royal Mail 2nd Class)
- Grille badge + pin badge = £26.00 + p&p (Currently £2.70 for UK - Royal Mail 2nd Class)
- Pin badge only = £3.50 + p&p (Currently £2.00 for UK for up to 5 Badges)



MGA70 Cloth Badges

I have also learned that MGA Enthusiast **Gio Delicio** has commissioned a series of cloth MGA70 badges, - for use on your coat or overalls in various colourways (left). He has advertised these on the MGA Forum within the MG Experience website.

They were advertised at 15 Euros each, plus shipping <https://www.mgexp.com/forum/mga-forum.2/mga-anniversary-badge.4881489/>

Future MGA Tours and Events – 2025

MGA Spring Tour 2025

(As noted earlier in this Newsletter) 2025 is a special Anniversary year for MGA and for MGA owners – it will be 70 years since the first MGA was made.

In conjunction with Scenic Car Tours, the MGA Register Committee has arranged a correspondingly “special” and memorable Tour for 2025, designed to appeal to Register members worldwide – not just in the UK.

As reported in previous editions of this eNewsletter we have put a package together, which is based around Scenic Car Tours **Celtic Classic** Tour of Northern Ireland, - Full details of that tour are at <https://www.celticclassic.co.uk/>

In summary:

- It is 5 days and 4 nights based in Derry. Driving tours will cover the North East corner of Ireland, between Belfast and Derry, and will include tours of the Causeway Coast (East) and a stretch of the Wild Atlantic Coast from Derry to Letterkenny (West). It will also include a visit to the Giant’s Causeway (sorry - extra charge of £19.50 per person for non members of the National Trust!). We will also drive to Belfast, where we will visit the Titanic Experience and have the option of a guided tour of the city. Whilst in Belfast, there will be an opportunity for exclusive MGA parking on the famous Titanic slipway at the docks.

- Price per person for this tour is £649 for Bed and Breakfast, plus an additional £75 per person for the Sunday Night Gala Dinner and Ceilidh, using the 4* Waterfoot Hotel in Derry. The MGA Register has reserved all the available rooms at the Waterfoot Hotel for the period of the tour, and these are now fully booked.
- We have an "overflow" hotel nearby – The White Horse, but that will cost £699 per person for "Standard" rooms. Guests staying at the White Horse will be able to join Sunday's Gala Dinner and Ceilidh at the Waterfoot Hotel. (Transport will be provided)
- Sadly, single supplements apply to all tours – even the car ferry costs the same with one passenger or two!. But current MG Car Club Members can get an extra £50 **per booking** discount on these prices – see the table of prices below. There are still a small number of rooms available at the White Horse.
- The tour price includes daytime ferry crossings between the mainland and Ireland – Liverpool to Belfast, Cairnryan to Belfast, Holyhead to Dublin, Fishguard to Rosslare, or Pembroke to Rosslare. Overnight sailings may carry a surcharge. (For Irish residents, and members not travelling from the mainland, "Event only" prices excluding ferry costs are shown in the table below.)
- **Tour dates are Thursday 26th June to Monday 30th June 2025.**
- Details of the itinerary for the 5 days, and details of the Waterfoot hotel, are on the MGA 2025 Celtic Classic / Scenic Car Tours website.
<https://www.celticclassic.co.uk/mga-celtic-classic> .
- All prices assume 2 persons per room, and 2 persons per car.
- During the afternoon of Saturday 28th June (following our visit to the Titanic Experience in Belfast) we hope to have an opportunity to drive to the Dundrod circuit – the site of many famous MGA successes in the 1950s. Following a buffet lunch, we will have a presentation about Dundrod and the MGA, and a chance to drive the circuit. En-route back from Dundrod to our hotels we may have chance to watch a local AutoTest competition. Response to this suggested excursion to Dundrod to date has been "underwhelming" (i.e. 1 response!) – which means this excursion will likely not be viable. So this is the **VERY LAST CALL** - If you would like to join this group, please let me know before 15th March so we can plan the numbers.

How to Book the Celtic Classic Tour?

- Follow the booking links on the Scenic Car Tours website or
- Phone Scenic Car Tours 01732 879153 Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm, quoting your unique MGA Tour codes "CC-WFMGA" for the Waterfoot Hotel, or "CC-WHMGA" for the White Horse, overflow hotel OR
- If you have previously booked a tour with Scenic Car Tours, and your details remain unchanged from your last tour, you can simply email Scenic at admin@sceniccartours.com to ask to book, and Scenic will send you an invoice using the saved details.
- An ADDITIONAL £50 per **booking** MG Car Club discount can be used by MG Car Club Members (only), if a current and valid MGCC membership number is quoted at the time of booking. Those booking online, will need a unique discount code, obtainable from the Members Area of the MG Car Club website, <https://mgcc.co.uk/members/login/> and click on the Member Discounts box, or to speak to the Membership Team at Kimber House on 01235 555552 in order to enjoy the £50 per booking discount.

Tour Prices

	Prices per person – 4 nights and 5 days, B&B basis Thursday 26 th to Monday 30 th June 2025. (MG Car Club Members deduct a further £50 per booking!)		
Guests From	Celtic Classic – Waterfoot – FULLY BOOKED	Celtic Classic – White Horse	Ferry Arrangements
UK Mainland	From £649 pp for twin / double (from £1049 single)	From £699 pp for twin / double (from £1199 pp single)	Daytime sailing - Mainland to Ireland, return, included
Ireland	From £520 pp for twin / double (from £791 single)	From £570 pp for twin / double (from £941 single)	No ferry costs
All prices are PLUS £75 pp for the Sunday Night Dinner and Ceilidh, which must be pre-booked.			

Other useful information:

- Online prices are based on standard rooms, upgrade rooms may carry additional charges.
- 20% non-refundable deposits are due to confirm a place, with full balances payable 10 weeks prior to the Tour (so mid April 2025). All bookings are bound by Scenic's conditions of booking, found at <https://www.celticclassic.co.uk/terms-and-conditions>
- Please ensure you have thoroughly read all the information, before making a booking with your non-refundable deposit.

LATEST UPDATE!

We already have at least 46 MGA Register cars booked on the tour, and all the rooms at the "main" Tour hotel, the Waterfoot, are taken. But there is still time to book a place on the Tour, with a small number of Upgraded Rooms still available at the White Horse.

What Happens Next?

During March 2025, Scenic Car Tours will contact everyone who has made a booking for the Tour:

1. Asking whether you wish to join the Gala Dinner on Sunday 29th (£75 per person), plus any dietary requirements.
2. Asking for details of your National Trust Membership. (If you are not a NOT an NT member, there is a charge of £19.50 per person to access the Giant's Causeway, payable in advance, to Scenic)
3. Confirming the final payment amount, which will be due on 17th April.
4. Confirming your ferry arrangements from and to the mainland (where applicable)
5. Reminding you to check your passports (one of our tours takes us across the border into the Republic of Ireland!).

The outstanding amount can be paid to Scenic either by:

- Phoning the Scenic Office on 01732 879153, 09.00 – 17.00 M-F, or
- Using *Manage My Booking* on the Scenic Car Tours website <https://www.my-holiday-booking.co.uk/managebooking/auth/login/i/13>

Additional South and West Coasts Pre-Tour

In addition to this Celtic Classic Tour weekend, some MGA owners are investigating their own "pre-tour" and to visit the Republic of Ireland / Eire. - In particular to see the south and west coasts of Ireland, - the **Wild Atlantic Coast**.

Here's some information from Organiser **Ian Prior**:

A very enthusiastic group of (mainly) Australian MGA owners will be touring the UK and parts of Spain and France in 2025 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the introduction of the MGA. We will also be undertaking a Pre-Tour of southern Ireland as a prelude to the Celtic Weekend. 29 Aussies and friends in 15 cars will be arriving by ferry at Rosslare from Spain on the 16th of June staying in Gorey before driving to Dublin for a two-night stay on the 17th and 18th of June.

It is envisaged that European based MGA Register members could join in on this Pre Tour commencing in Dublin. Members could stay with us either one or two nights in Dublin or alternatively join us early in the morning of Thursday the 19th of June to commence the Tour proper.

Schedule & Route Summary:

Tuesday 17th June: Arrive Dublin - **Stay: Sandymount Hotel, Dublin.**

Wednesday 18th June: Explore Dublin. - **Stay: Sandymount Hotel, Dublin.**

Thursday 19th June: Drive from Dublin to Waterford via the scenic route over the Wicklow Mountains. Possible tour of Waterford Crystal factory. - **Stay: Waterford Marina Hotel**

Friday 20th June: Drive from Waterford to Cork. Possible stops at Blarney Castle (and kissing the stone), Midleton (Jameson's Whiskey Centre) etc. - **Stay: The Kingsley, Cork.**

Saturday 21st June: Drive from Cork to Killarney via the famous "Ring of Kerry". Including Skibbereen, Bantry Bay, Glengarriff, Kenmare, Waterville, Cahersiveen, Glenbeigh and Killorglin. - **Stay: Killarney Plaza Hotel, Killarney.**

Sunday 22nd June: Drive the Dingle Peninsula, a 16 Km wide by 64km long projection into the wild Atlantic Ocean. Apparently, it is best to do it in a clockwise direction. Alternatively, a free day in Killarney to visit local attractions or just chill out. - **Stay: Killarney Plaza Hotel, Killarney.**

Monday 23rd June: Drive from Killarney to Galway inland via Adare, Limerick and Ennis and then out on the coast to visit Lahinch, Doolin, the Cliffs of Moher, Lisdoonvarna, and the Burren National Park. - **Stay: The Ardilaun Hotel, Galway.**

Tuesday 24th June: Drive from Galway to Westport. The route heads into the Connemara Region with its mountains and national park. It is said to be one of the last unspoilt areas of Ireland. We will visit Clifden the most westerly point in the Connemara. - **Stay: Westport Plaza Hotel, Westport.**

Wednesday 25th June: Drive from Westport to Dungloe. A scenic costal route via Killybegs. - **Stay: Waterfront Hotel, Dungloe.**

Thursday 26th June: A coastal drive from Dungloe to Londonderry via Dunfanaghy, Letterkenny and Marlin Head. There will be time in the afternoon to explore Londonderry.

Stay: - First night of Celtic Classic

For those who are not in this Australian group, this will **not** be an organised tour. – Rather, it is simply an outline itinerary, a suggested route, and a list of possible hotels en-route, as listed above. – It will be down to the participants (= **you**) to make their own hotel bookings etc. - If you previously asked to be kept informed of this pre-tour, you will have already had full details of hotels and rates etc as agreed by Ian Prior from the eNewsletter editor mgarclub-mganewsletter@outlook.com If you require that information now, please contact me at mgarclub-mganewsletter@outlook.com

Finally, IF you choose to participate in this pre-tour, be sure to let me know, so that I can tell Ian Prior and he can include you in further update communications.

MGA Day 2025 – Fawley Hill – Sunday 6th July

2025's MGA Day will be held rather earlier in the year than usual, on Sunday 6th July, at Fawley Hill, near Henley on Thames RG9 6GA. <https://fawleyhill.co.uk> As the website says: Fawley Hill is the private estate of the late Sir William McAlpine and Lady McAlpine in the heart of the English countryside. Once described by Country Life magazine as 'the most bonkers estate in Britain', it is home to a restored Victorian railway station, the steepest standard gauge railway track in the world, a railway museum and over 20 animal species. This change of date is so that guests from outside the UK who are joining us for the Spring 2025 Tour of Ireland can also join us for MGA Day (it is a long way to travel twice from Australia!!)

Can we get 70 MGAs to Fawley for MGA 70 Day????

Organiser **Jill Eke** writes: To help us achieve this target of 70 MGAs we have reserved rooms at Sudbury House Hotel, Faringdon, Oxon, SN7 7AA for Saturday 5th July 2025. – See details below. Not only that but we are offering you the chance to attend a Gala dinner where we will be able to welcome our Australian friends who will have returned from their epic tour of Spain, Ireland and Isle of Man.

On Sunday 6th July 2025 we have a private invitation to visit Fawley Hill Railway and Museum, the home of the late Sir William McAlpine, to celebrate our MGA Day. A route will be provided from Faringdon to Fawley Hill which will include one of the test routes used by the MG Factory "back in the day".

Entry to Fawley must be pre-booked via the MGA Register (£15 per **head**). Details are given in the Booking Form at Appendix 2 to this eNewsletter.

You may wish to extend your stay. There are many interesting places to visit around the Faringdon area. Have you been to the Classic Motor Hub at Ablington? - Well worth a visit. Blenheim Palace is close by as is Jeremy Clarkson's pub and farm shop. A little further afield is the Bus Museum at Long Hanborough or Kelmscott Manor the home of William Morris (Arts and Crafts) then we shouldn't forget the home of our William Morris, Lord Nuffield at Nuffield Place.

You don't have to stay the weekend. Why not join us for the dinner on the Saturday evening or just attend Fawley Hill on the Sunday? But please remember there is an entrance fee to be paid prior to the event. This is a private function and tickets will not be available on the gate. Payment to be made in advance to Jill Eke, - see Appendix 2.

Rooms are limited at Sudbury House Hotel (SN7 7AA) with 42 of 50 rooms already taken, so please book early, but the Gala dinner has over 100 places.

Let's try and make this a bumper weekend. Can we meet the challenge? – it's now up to you. Booking details are below and can also be found on the MGA Register website.

Hope to see you there.

Here's the package deal for Sudbury House Hotel - Rates shown are 'per room per night'

Dates	Single Occupancy	Double Occupancy	Reservation inclusion
Friday 4 July	£140.00	£150.00	Bed and Breakfast
Saturday 5 July	£190.00	£225.00	Bed and Breakfast Gala Dinner
Sunday 6 July	£110.00	£120.00	Bed and Breakfast

The nights of 4th July and 6th July are subject to availability.

For those **not** wishing to stay at the hotel the Gala Dinner (alone) will be £38.00 per head.

Booking Instructions:

- Please call 01367 241272 or email reception@sudburyhouse.co.uk to book rooms at the agreed rate. Please mention MG Car Club when booking.
- A non-refundable £30.00 deposit is required to secure the booking.
- Full payment is required upon arrival.
- Please advise if dinner bookings are required for 4th July and 6th July.
- **Please send in your event entry form and Fawley entry fee to Jill Eke as soon as possible. (Have YOU sent in your form?)**

Release/Cancellation

- Any un-booked bedrooms will be released 3 months prior to the arrival date (5th April).
- Cancellation of individual bedrooms is free of charge, minus deposit, up to 7 days prior to arrival.
- "No shows" will be charged at full rate.

You may attend all or part of the weekend. Please complete the Entry Form (Appendix 2) and return to Graham and Jill Eke, jillgraham@btinternet.com. Or if sending a cheque: 14 The Junipers, Barkham, Wokingham, RG41 4UX.

2026 and Beyond

Our 3 day driving tours are always popular, and so already we are now looking for organisers for events in **2027**. You can get a flavour of these events from the pieces about past events earlier in this and previous editions of this eNewsletter.

(Like most things in an organisation like the MGA Register) these events are all organised by volunteers from our membership, and so we are now looking for volunteers to organise the **Autumn 2025** and **Spring and Autumn 2027** events.

2027 sounds like a long time from now – but finding suitable venues can be a problem. We typically get between 50 and 60 cars, so we need a venue that has a similar number of rooms, and secure parking for our precious cars. Beyond that, the details are pretty loose! – Use your imagination!!

Plans for the **2026 Spring Tour** (so that's May 2026!!) are progressing well, and our organisers have agreed a package with an excellent venue in Lancashire – The Macdonald Tickled Trout Hotel, alongside J31 of the M6. The tour will take place between Tuesday 12th and Friday 15th May 2026, and will include driving tours to excellent local countryside and attractions. More news to follow, and we expect to OPEN bookings from September 2025!

Similarly, plans are already coming into place for the **2026 Autumn Tour** (September 2026) which is likely to be "beside the seaside" in Devon. - More news of these events in future Newsletters, and on the MGA Register website.

If you think you could organise such an event (Autumn 2025, or 2027 onwards), please let me know at mgcarclub-mganewsletter@outlook.com and I will put you in touch with organisers of past events who will be able to answer any questions, and to advise and guide you through the process. ("Free consultations. No obligation!")

MGA Register News

Get ready to be confusedThe term **MGA Register** refers to the MGA-Owning Group of members within the MG Car Club. This eNewsletter is prepared by a member of that **MGA Register**, and many of you readers are also members of the **MGA Register**. – But you already know that, of course(?) - (All clear so far??)

But members of that **MGA Register** within the MG Car Club also maintain a record of all MGA cars ("Living and dead!") their owners and their histories. – for the benefit of current and future owners. – And this database of cars is also called – **The MGA Register**.....

This **MGA Register** database is not new, and it already contains details of a lot of MGAs (possibly including yours!), - but it has now moved into the 21st Century, because thanks to the efforts of our Acting Registrar **Joe Walsh**, and colleagues in the Netherlands, it is now an ONLINE Register. Here's Joe's introduction and instructions for registering YOUR car:

This year marks the 70th Anniversary of the launch of the MGA and what better way to celebrate the event than to launch the all new online UK MGA Register. The MGA Register is delighted to bring UK MGA owners their own online Register which opens up a vast database of information on thousands of MGAs from all over the world. The MGA Register Committee would like to express its thanks to the MGA Register Holland and in particular Koen Struijk without whom this remarkable initiative would not have been possible.

To access this MGA "goldmine" all you need to do is register as a user and follow a simple process to "claim" your MGA. (Here's a picture of the site "Home page")

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Twin-Cam production files
Please have a look at the files

My MGA' s
Manage the details of your MGA online (login required)

Not a user yet?
Click to here to register as a user

In depth overview of specific items to the MGA
A thorough overview that gives detail

Search the register
Enter chassis, body, engine or register number

Last additions to the register

HDL13/63598 GHDL2/103452 GHD2/102946 GHD/83723 HMD13/44267 HDA43/14931 GHNL/73707 HDA43/10169

There are thousands of MGAs recorded on the Register database so the chances are your car is already listed. If your MGA was recorded on the old UK MGA Register it should be there waiting for you to "claim" it. You also will find a wealth of information on thousands of other MGAs at your fingertips.

You can search by chassis, engine or body number. If your MGA was on the earlier version of the Register, and you know the Register number, you can also search for your car using its Register number. Here is an example of the basic (public) information held on a typical MGA. (Here's a picture of the Basic Information screen, below)

Car details

(Last modified 2024-12-21 19:27:00 GMT +1)

Basics			
Prefix / Chassisnumber	RDJ13 / 14071	Body colour	Old English White
Body number	871276	Trim colour	Red
Condition	Roadworthy	Hood colour	Black
Status	Active	Type of wheels	Disc wheels
Model	1500	Register number	6457
Production period	Mar 1956 - Apr 1956	Registration date	25 July 2024
Engines			
Engine prefix	Engine number	Type	
BP15GB	4252	Original	
Pictures			

If you do not yet own an MGA you can still look up information about a car you might be interested in without having to register as user. Just search the car's details and you will be able to see the basic public record of the vehicle.

To register as a user, go to the new MGA Register UK page on the MGA Register website (<https://www.mgcc.co.uk/mga-register/the-mga-register/>). Here you will find more information and be able to access the step-by-step guide to registering and "claiming" your car.

Once you have registered as a user you can access the online Register and "claim" your MGA. Once you have "claimed" your MGA it will be linked to your unique personal login and you will have private access to a much more detailed record of your car.

No one knows their car better than the owner so once you have "claimed" your MGA you will be able to update the car's record and be confident that the Register is up to date and describes your car accurately. You can also add photos of your car if you wish. There is the option to add historical documents to the private record of your car such as a copy of the Heritage Certificate and/or a scan of the original RF60 log book.

If your MGA is not listed in the new online Register just follow the same procedure to register as a member and then add your car details. Your car will be allocated a new Register number which will remain with the car for the rest of its life.

If you are lucky enough to own more than one MGA you can claim/register all your cars in the same way so they will all be linked to your unique login and viewable on the "My MGA Register" page.

If you experience any difficulty accessing the Register please contact Joe Walsh - mgcarclub_mgaregistrar@hotmail.com

Notable Journeys

“What’s this Notable Journey story, then?”. Here’s **Stuart Mumby’s** background info. The Notable Journey Award was gifted to the MGA Register by former Committee member Roger Martin. The first recipients were Geoff and Pam Barron in 2011. Since then, the award has been made every year except for 2020, when no nominations were made owing to Covid restrictions having curtailed any notable journeys. There are two couples who have won the award twice. We are sure that there must be more owners who have made notable MGA journeys and not put themselves forward.

So if you are planning a trip during 2025 that you feel would qualify as a Notable Journey, (see the guidelines in Appendix 1) don't hide your light under a bushel, bring it out and provide the Committee with a bit of a challenge in choosing a winner. The winner does not necessarily have to have made a circumference of the globe, in fact there are two years in which the winner has not left this Sceptred Isle.

We read in the January edition of this eNewsletter (and also in the November edition of Safety Fast!) about **Howard and Jan Perks, and Roy and Sonia Aldworth** taking their MGAs through the Netherlands, Germany, and Denmark en-route to a tour of Norway. – a total of 3458 miles (each car!).

Just to re-cap, they drove from Plymouth to Harwich, took a ferry to the Hook of Holland. From there they drove through the Netherlands, Germany, and the length of Denmark before arriving in south west Norway.

From there, the tour took in mountains and (many) fjords, and the Atlantic Ocean Road, before ending in Bergen ready for the long drive home.

As **Howard** writes:

This had turned out to be an MGA trip of a lifetime. Our two cars revelled in the challenge which made their engines, gearboxes, suspension and brakes work to the limit as they sped along motorways in the heat and conquered mountains in the cold. In spite of their great age, neither of the MGs missed a beat during the 3458-mile journey there and back. Not bad for two 'old timers'!



After due deliberation, **Howard, Jan, Roy, and Sonia** have been awarded the 2024 MGA Notable Journey award.

“The prestigious trophy is on the way folks!”

We will have a picture of the winners with that trophy in a future edition of this eNewsletter.

If you make a Notable Journey in your MGA in 2025 please consider entering for this prestigious award, - the Notable Journey Nomination form is Appendix 1 to this Newsletter.

Model MGAs (and Bonneville Special!)

In the May and November 2024 editions of this eNewsletter, reader **Alan Feast** told us of some of his extensive collection of MGA-related models and memorabilia.

And in the January edition of the eNewsletter, **Joe Walsh** told us about a 5.0 litre Ford Coyote V8-powered Bonneville Special MGA which is registered in the UK.

Those 2 strands have now come together, as follows

Alan Feast writes:

Keeping to a theme in January's newsletter, regarding more models and Bonneville cars, this prompted me to dig out a very rare model I came across a few years back from Pit Models in Italy. This is a model of Bob Waddill's car and has exquisite detail.

In 1998 a privately owned 1957 MGA fitted with a blown fuel injected Chevy V6 was taken to Bonneville where it set a class World Land Speed flying mile record of 243.970mph. It was owned by Bob Waddill and Mark Barnhart was there with the team.

This is an excerpt from page 70 of the book "Call It MGA" by Roger Martin and Piers Hubbard published in 2004.

"In 1998 the team made its tenth 2000 mile trip to try again at Bonneville. Engine modifications and some aerodynamic improvements to the bodywork had been made and the car repainted red. The MGA qualified for an attempt for the class record late Wednesday but too late for the return run that day. The car was impounded for the night and the team had two hours to prepare the car for the return run Thursday morning.

That evening the team drove to Wendover to see what was happening to MG's own EX-255 record car, as the MGF derived car had not yet appeared on the salt. They found that clutch problems had prevented EX-255 from running and they were given the official tram flag to fly over their Bonneville "A" pit.





Thursday morning saw them waiting anxiously to be permitted to enter the impound lot to prep the MGA for its return run. There were no problems, no dramas, and the car was ready to run before 8 am. It roared away, once again following the black line down the long course, achieving a clocked time of 243.97 mph. A new record was theirs."

(Waddill's car in 1998 At Bonneville Salt Flats (left))

So the Bonneville "A" finally became the second fastest MG ever, only slightly slower than EX-181 and Phil Hill's MGA Twin Cam powered speed record of 254.91 mph. EX-255 was kept in the hanger at Windover where the factory team worked on the car but didn't run due to clutch trouble.

And sure enough, expanding this story, **Roger Martin** wrote:

Thanks for your latest newsletter - full of interesting information as usual.

I cannot help with the location of the Walker Bonneville MGA, which I have not heard of since I sourced material on it for the 2nd edition of "Call it MGA" but its mention does remind me of the similar MGA that did run successfully at Bonneville driven by Bob Waddill back in the 1990s. *(The car Alan Feast mentions, above!)*



I also covered the story of this car in "Call it MGA", which eventually achieved 243.97 mph in 1998 when powered by a supercharged V6 Chevrolet engine.

I attach a photo of the car in its final guise courtesy of Bob Waddill that I used in "Call it MGA" in case you would like to give it a mention in the next newsletter.

Technical Topics

Technical Day – Blackburn, 31st May 2025

Reader **Dave Holden** has restored a number of cars over the years. His specialism has generally been Rileys, but he has also restored his MGA 1500 Roadster twice (long story..). In April 2024, Dave hosted a Technical Day at his workshop between Blackburn and Preston, where he demonstrated a variety of restoration techniques (including spraying, flattening, polishing, welding and others) and the participants were able to “try their hand” and to practice those skills under Dave’s guidance.

All participants enjoyed the day and found it very interesting and useful. (The lunch got particularly positive reviews! 😊).

Dave has offered to host another similar event on Saturday 31st May 2025.

There is no set Agenda, - the topics to be covered will be determined by the participants.

“Tell us what you want to cover and we will include it”

- It would take place on Saturday 31st May.
- Between 09.30 and 16.30.
- At Dave’s workshop which is on the A677 at Beardwood between Blackburn and Preston.
- Attendance will be limited to about 10 people.

If you are interested in such an event, please let me know at mjcarclub-mganewsletter@outlook.com which date(s) you prefer, and topics you are particularly interested in, and we will put an event together.

MG Car Club T Register Technical Day – Gaydon, March 22nd

The MG Car Club T Register are holding their annual maintenance seminar, now called “Maintaining the Breed” at the British Motor Museum, Gaydon, on Saturday March 22nd. (9.00 – 14.30)

Most of the topics covered are applicable to all classic MGs, and not just to T Types, so members of all Registers are welcome. Paul Ireland will be presenting a piece about maintaining distributors, and Ron Gammons will cover steering and suspension on the T Type and it’s successors (and how to improve them). Bill Silcock will share his advice on touring in a classic car. For full details of the program, go to the T Register website and select Events. There is an application form for you to fill in.

Entry fee includes full day access to the British Motor Museum.

<https://www.mgcc.co.uk/t-register/event/t-register-maintaining-breed-2025-successor-rebuild-seminars/>

MGA Coupe Rear Wings

(MGA Register Chairman) **Howard Quayle** writes:

I needed two rear wings for the Coupe, as my bodyshop/ restorer man is finding the usual catalogue of horrors after removing layers of paintwork. Did you know that there are detailed differences between Coupe and Roadster rear wings? Typical BMC...and neither NTG nor Moss show this in their catalogues, only listing "MGA Rear Wing".

STOP PRESS: This story does have a happy ending. Howard located some coupe rear wings via Bob West, and they are being fitted now – ready for the summer.

(Editor’s Note: I was not aware of any differences, but the story does not surprise me. – Does any reader have any further information or details of these differences?)

For Sale and Wanted

The advertisements below are placed in good faith on behalf of readers of the eNewsletter. The seller writes the advert and the description of the parts or car. These products are not covered by the MGCC public liability insurance. The MG Car Club and the MGA Register has no responsibility for the quality or completeness of the products offered, or the accuracy of any description. Buyers should convince themselves the part is of the required condition and / or specification when buying.

For Sale – MGA Spares

Robert Leese is a long-standing MGA owner, - he has owned and driven the same MGA for over 50 years! His story was featured in the MGA Register Notes in Safety Fast! in November 2024 (pages 49 to 51).

He is now having a clear-out of his storeroom, and has a lot of MGA parts for sale:

Set of Fibreglass wings	Windscreen Surround and Glass	1500 Tail Light Plinths	Sidescreen Frame
Bonnet	Rear Bumper	Radiator	Heater Units (2)
Boot	Front Bumper	Front Grille	Distributor
Doors	Luggage Rack	Dashboard	Brake Shoes
Front Valance	Hood frame	Steering Wheel	Master Cylinder
Battery Cover	Starter Motor	Dynamo	Clutch incl Friction Pl

He will sell as individual parts, or (ideally) as a job lot – Just the stuff you need for that next restoration! – “Make him an offer!” To discuss detailed specs, conditions and prices, contact **Bob Leese** at robleese@ntlworld.com, or on 07591 603264. (Parts are located near Derby.)

For Sale – MGA Parts

After a lifetime dealing in classic car parts, **John Benton** is a well known character in MG circles. - He is now having a major clear out of spares accumulated over the years, as shown in the following list.

If you are interested in any of these parts and want to talk to John about prices, please contact him at mrbv8@talktalk.net or on 07721 348538. John is in Stockport, Cheshire.

I have sorted the list by OE Part Number, within Catalogue Section (Body, Steering etc). If you want a picture or line drawing of the item to be sure, I suggest you search for that OE Part Number in the Moss Catalogue.

If you want the list in a “raw” Excel format get in touch with me at mgcarclub-mganewsletter@outlook.com and I will forward it to you by e-mail.

OE Number	Description	Qty Avail.	New/Second Hand/Refurb	Box Ref	Catalogue Section
AHH5093	Rear Bumper Mtg Iron - RH (the spike on end of chassis)	3	Refurb		Body - Chassis
AHH5094	Rear Bumper Mtg Iron - LH (the spike on end of chassis)	1	Refurb		Body - Chassis
14A4673	Striker Plate Shim	1	New	B3	Body - Exterior
AAA4598	Bonnet Buffer	2	New	A1	Body - Exterior
ADB826	Wiper Wheelbox Bezel	2	New	B2	Body - Exterior
AFH1667/2	Door Bottom Repair Panel - LH	1	New	A1	Body - Exterior
AFH1682	Coupe Door Lock Mechanism - RH	1	New	B3	Body - Exterior
AFH1682	Door Latch - RH	1	New	B3	Body - Exterior
AFH1684	Door Striker	2	New	B3	Body - Exterior
AFH1702	Splash Plate Panel - RH Front	1	New	A1	Body - Exterior
AFH2575	Front LH Doorseal Capping	1		B2	Body - Exterior

AFH2630	Top Screen Bracket RH	4	New	B3	Body - Exterior
AFH2631	Top Screen Bracket LH	3	New	B3	Body - Exterior
AFH4847	Coupe Qtr Light Glass	1	Second Hand	I1	Body - Exterior
AFH4894/8	Rear Wheel Arch Brace Repair Panel RH	1	New	A1	Body - Exterior
AFH4895/8	Rear Wheel Arch Brace Repair Panel LH	1	New	A1	Body - Exterior
AHH6083	MGA 1600 Mk II Badge	1	New	B3	Body - Exterior
AHH6273	Door Buffer	1	New	B2	Body - Exterior
AHH6273K	Door Buffer Tapped Plate and Screw Kit	1	New	B2	Body - Exterior
AKE1762CAP	Hood Finisher End Cap & Pin	6	New	B3	Body - Exterior
GAC2016SF	1600 "StayFast" Sidescreen Set	1	New	B3	Body - Exterior
MM259-647	Seal set for (Classic Gold) Sidescreen Set MM259-648	1	New	B3	Body - Exterior
	"Wind Wing" Hinge & Fixing Bracket	1	New	B2	Body - Exterior
	1500 Alloy Sidescreen Set	1	New	B3	Body - Exterior
	Alloy Door Skin - LH	1	New	B3	Body - Exterior
	Boot Release Rod Pillar	1	New	I1	Body - Exterior
	Doors - Various - LH and RH		Second Hand	B3	Body - Exterior
	Fibreglass Rear Wing - LH	1	New	B3	Body - Exterior
	MGA Coupe Bottom Qtr Light Bracket LH	1	Second Hand		Body - Exterior
	MGA Coupe Qtr Light anf Frame - LH	1	New	B3	Body - Exterior
	Radiator Bonnet Stay Suppot Bracket	1	New	I1	Body - Exterior
AHH5254	Speaker Screen / Grille	1	New	B2	Body - Interior
AHH5494K	Spare Wheel Felt Packing Kit	1	New	B2	Body - Interior
	Coupe Interior Door Handle	1	Second Hand	B3	Body - Interior
	Screen Demist Vent	1	Refurb		Body - Interior
37H2496	Tandem Master Cylinder Lid Gasket	3	New	I1	Brakes
3H2424	3 Way Brake Union	4	Second Hand	B2	Brakes
3H2428	Bleed Nipple	1	New	B2	Brakes
8G8379AF	1600 Front Brake Pads Set	1	New	B2	Brakes
AAA4756	Tandem Master Cyl Front Plate	1	Second Hand	I1	Brakes
AHH5634	Rear Axle 90 degree Brake Pipe Union	2	Second Hand	B2	Brakes
AJH5085	1500 Master Cyl Reservoir Cover Plate	3	New		Brakes
AJH5085	Tandem Master Cyl Cover BARE	1	New	I1	Brakes
AJH5085	Tandem Master Cyl Cover c/w gasket, screws, cap	1	New	I1	Brakes
BCA4046	Master Cyl Push Rod	1	New	A1	Brakes
BHA139SS	1600 Front Brake Hose	2	New	B3	Brakes
BHA139SS	1600 Stainless Braided Front Brake Hose	2	New	B2	Brakes
	Set of ALL Tandem Master Cyl Internals incl End Cap	1	New	I1	Brakes
AHH5173	Chassis to Front Body Packing	4	New	A1	Chassis
AHH5455	Rear Ramp Seal (Top of bulkhead to tonneau panel)	1	New	A1	Chassis
AHH6131/8?	Rear Chassis to Body Mtg Brkt	1	New	A1	Chassis
21K8564	Clutch Slave Cyl Pipe Adaptor	5	Second Hand		Clutch
21K8564	ClutchSlave Cylinder Pipe Adaptor	2	Second Hand	B3	Clutch
3H544	Clutch Banjo Union in Master Cyl	1	Second Hand	I1	Clutch
AHH5434K	Hose - Heater Pipe to Elbow Adaptor	4	New	I1	Cooling
AHH5434K	MGA Heater Hose Kit	3	New		Cooling
AHH5434K	MGA Heater Hose Kit	1	New	I1	Cooling

AHH5437	Hose - Heater to Rocker Cover	3	New	I1	Cooling
AHH5438	Hose - Heater to Valve	2	New	I1	Cooling
AHH6296	Oil Cooler Hose	1	New	A1	Cooling
FMK8859	Short Hose - Radiator to Water Pump	2	New	A1	Cooling
GWP103	Water Pump	1	New	A1	Cooling
105036	Acorn Nut - HT Lead to Coil 0.487"	2	New	B3	Electrical
12G2102A	Alloy Dynamo Pulley 3.625"	1	New	B2	Electrical
12H67	Dynamo Adjusting Link	1	Refurb	A1	Electrical
2A128	Dynamo Mounting Pillar	2	Second Hand		Electrical
2A128	Dynamo Mounting Pillar	1	New	A1	Electrical
3H950	Starter Cable Coupling / Tube	2	Second Hand	I1	Electrical
AHH6353K	Battery Clamp Kit	1	New	B2	Electrical
	CSI Distributor 25D4-YE	1	New	B3	Electrical
11K8276	Clutch Banjo Bolt for Tandem Master Cylinder	2	Second Hand	I1	Engine
12A1386	Rear Tappet Inspection Cover	1	Refurb	I1	Engine
12G2125	Air Filter Mounting Gasket	5	New	B3	Engine
1H765	Starter Dog Nut	1	Second Hand		Engine
1H765	Starter Dog Nut	1	New	B2	Engine
21K7140	Felt Timing Covr Oil Seal	2	New	A1	Engine
AEH358	Twin Cam Banjo Bolt	6			Engine
AHH8382K	Set of 6 Helicoil Anti-Sieze Manifold Nuts	3	New	I1	Engine
CRCP350	Weslake Patent Plate	9	New	B3	Engine
CRCP389	Blank Engine Number Plate 16GA-U-H	1	New	A1	Engine
GAC4069FK	Rocker Cover Fitting Kit	1	New	I1	Engine
	1500 Timing Chain and Gears	1	New	I1	Engine
	Original Timing Gear Cover	1	Second Hand		Engine
	Rocker Assembly	1	Second Hand		Engine
	Standard Camshaft	1	Second Hand		Engine
	Tappet Cover Plate with Breather	1	Second Hand		Engine
	Timing Gears and Duplex Chain	1	Second Hand		Engine
	Vacuum Advance Pipe	1	Second Hand		Engine
AHH5147	Burgess Front Air Filter Backplate	1	New		Engine - Fuel
2A1082X	Sender Unit Seal - VITON	1	New	A1	Fuel Syst
AAU8340	Fuel Tank Sender Unit	1	New	B2	Fuel Syst
AEH551	H4 Carb Mounting Gasket	8	New	B3	Fuel Syst
AHH5288X	Main Fuel Feed Union	1	New	A1	Fuel Syst
AUC1147A	H4 Float Bowl Gasket	12	New	B3	Fuel Syst
AUC1158	Carb Jet Gland Spring	1	New	B3	Fuel Syst
AUC8102A	1500 Carb Damper Piston and Cap	1	Second Hand	B3	Fuel Syst
MM375-038	3 piece fuel pump union kit	3	New	A1	Fuel Syst
MM375-038	3 piece fuel pump union kit	1	Second Hand	B3	Fuel Syst
WZX1303	Brass Carb Float	1	New	B3	Fuel Syst
	Tank Sender Unit Screw and Washer Kit	4	New	A1	Fuel Syst
	Metal Heater Fan	1	Second Hand		Heater
	Metal Heater Fan	1	Second Hand	B2	Heater
13H520	1600 Front Sidelight / indicator - LHD / Clear Lens	1	New	B3	Lighting

17H5428	1500 Front Sidelamp Lenses	4	Second Hand		Lighting
17H5428NF	1600 Front Sidelamp - Lens Only	2	New	B2	Lighting
37H5220	1600 Rear Indicator Lens	1	Second Hand	B2	Lighting
7H5182	1600 Rear Indicator Lamp Rim	3	New	B2	Lighting
AHH5366	Foglamp Switch Knob	1	New	B2	Lighting
267604A	1" Copper Sealing Washer/ Elbow Washer	8	New	A1	MGB Only?
	Propshaft Yoke	1	Second Hand		Propshaft
14G800	Rear Axle Pipe Strap	2	New	A1	Rear Axle
ATB7354	Banjo Axle O Ring	10	New	I1	Rear Axle
GHK1133	Bearing Kit fpr Banjo Axle	1	New	A1	Rear Axle
AAA5024	Front Bump Stop Spacer	3	New	I1	Steering / Suspension
ACF4003	Front Hub Bearing Spacer	2	New	B3	Steering / Suspension
AHH5067	Rear Leaf Spring Bracket - RH	1	New	A1	Steering / Suspension
AHH5068	Rear Leaf Spring Bracket - LH	1	New	A1	Steering / Suspension
AHH6005	Steering Column Clamp	1	New	B2	Steering / Suspension
AHH6006	Steering Column Bracket Spacer	3	Second Hand	B3	Steering / Suspension
AHH6010	Column Seal Retainer	1	Refurb	I1	Steering / Suspension
AHH6030	Upper Steering Column Bracket	1	Refurb	B3	Steering / Suspension
ATB4069	Front Hub Brg Spacer Washer	1	New	A1	Steering / Suspension
1G7582	Hub Nut	1	Second Hand	B2	Wheels / Tyres
88G276	Wheelnut	4	New	B2	Wheels / Tyres
ACF4003	Hub Brg Spacer	2	Second Hand		Wheels / Tyres

For Sale – MGA Parts

Various MGA Spares for sale

Please tell me what you want and I hope I can help you

Contact **Bob Cole** 01276 475581 or email bobskiing1@gmail.com (Camberley, Surrey)

For Sale – NEW MGA Leather Seat Covers



Reader **Andy Schultz** has some NEW MGA seat covers for sale:

New MGA Seat covers for standard seats. - Black with white piping.

Best quality leather, these covers are 100% leather not just leather faced.

£550 the pair. Will post.

Tel: Andy 07716399266

Andypr55xq@gmail.com (Preston area)

Car Intercom Set

Reader **Colyn Firth** (Calm down, ladies – it's not *that* Colin Firth – this man keeps his shirt on at all times!) has designed and made a car intercom set, which he is now offering to eNewsletter subscribers. Here's the story:

My MGA has a particularly loud exhaust on it which makes conversation a bit of a challenge, especially if the top is down and the road speed is up!

We have done a lot of Long Distance European trips over the last 10 years or so and after struggling to hear shouted directions, I decided to see if I could rig up an in-car intercom system.

I didn't want to spend a fortune so I decided to experiment with a BT T-Com-VB motorcycle intercom system, which usually have small speakers that are installed inside the crash helmet.

I had a pair of lightweight telephone headsets of the type that are often used in call centres, I removed the tiny earpieces and replaced them with the intercom's speakers. The intercom unit was attached to the side of the headset.

This all seemed to work really well until we tried them in the car, I had forgotten that in a motorcycle helmet, the speakers are almost an inch away from the ear, but on the headsets, they fitted actually against the ear. The first time we tried them we found that the volume was deafeningly loud and if one of us spoke, the other almost jumped out of the seat!

So, I decided to see if I could modify a set of headphones to install the intercom into, I found a cheap set in a "Wilco" store, they are the type that many young people are now using instead of the earpiece type. I removed all of the headphones speakers and hollowed them out to fit the larger Intercom's speakers. They fitted inside surprisingly well and when we tried them in the car, they worked really well too. The speakers are now about a half inch away from the ear and this has brought the volume down to a comfortable level.

The Intercom connects using Bluetooth and has a "noise-reducing" tech in its electronics which emphasises the spoken voice whilst reducing background noise.

You can also pair each headset with a mobile phone which lets you each answer by pressing a button on the intercom, no need to touch your phone.

Finally, the Intercom has a built in FM radio receiver and can also be paired with an MP3 music player or listen to music from your mobile, so there are lots of options. Finally, the batteries are as new.

So, I would like to give the intercoms to someone who will make use of them, I don't want any payment for them, apart from the cost of the postage.

Why am I giving them away? Well, this set was my first attempt at building a car intercom and I decided to try again with another headset that would let me bury the wires inside the headband. So, I now have two intercom sets that work really well and I am hoping that someone else will like to give my Mk I intercom set a try. I have had these Car Intercom sets on my workbench for a while and thought that maybe someone else may like to make use of them.

(If anyone is also a biker, the intercoms can always be converted back to work in a pair of crash helmets, I will include all of the original parts to let you do this)

For a mechanical-only person like me this looks like pretty impressive technology (Ed).

If you want to know more, contact Colyn at colynfirth@msn.com



For Sale – Safety Fast Magazines

Safety Fast Magazines - 1992 to current or will split into individual years. All in mint condition, some in MGCC Binders. All proceeds will go to Prostate Cancer UK. Reasonable offers to Stuart on 01430 871078 or email to mga@live.co.uk

Wilmot Breeden Ignition Keys

Reader **Barry Brownleader** has a wide selection of original style FP*** and FS*** keys. They are FREE to any MGA owner wanting spares – Just tell Barry the key number you want and he will post them to you (overseas customers please pay him the postage costs!).

The key / lock number is stamped on the front face of the ignition barrel in the car! - Contact Barry at barrybrownleader@gmail.com

Since the July edition, Barry has "found" some more keys, - so if you asked before July and he was not able to supply the one that you want, please contact him again – he may have found "your" key now.

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Roadster PLL 304E



(Acting) MGA Register Registrar **Joe Walsh** writes

Calling the owner of PLL 304E - I have a photo copy of the original log-book for your car. If you would like to get in touch quoting your chassis number I'll send it on to you.

mgarclub_mgaregistrar@hotmail.com

Calling the current owner of PSU 986

A previous owner of your car would like to get in touch with you as he has some information about the car dating to 1968/69. If you would like to get in touch with him please contact **Joe Walsh** (MGA Registrar) at mgarclub_mgaregistrar@hotmail.com . Please be willing to provide evidence of your current ownership.

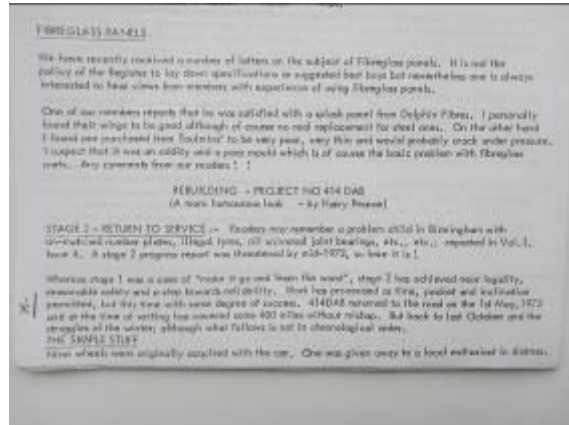
Roadster - 378 GME

Calling the current owner of MGA 378 GME, Register No. 196. - One of the previous owners has a photo of your car taken on the 1970's which they would like to pass on. If you would like to be put in touch with them Contact **Joe Walsh** (The MGA Registrar) on mgarclub_mgaregistrar@hotmail.com
(You will be asked to provide proof of current ownership.)

Roadster – SFG 409

Calling the current owner of SFG 409. One of the previous owners would like to get in touch because he has a number of old photos and a few documents he would like to pass on to you. Please contact **Joe Walsh** in the first instance mgarclub_mgaregistrar@hotmail.com
(You will need to provide evidence of current ownership).

Roadster – 414 DAB



Calling the current owner of 414 DAB. Back in 1973 your car was the subject of a rebuild and the progress was recorded in "MGA Activities", (Volume 1, number 4, and Volume 2, number 1, above). This "old skool" newsletter was the distant forerunner of the MGA eNewsletter and looks like it might have been produced using something called a type-writer and a photocopier, - in black & white obviously! MGA 414 DAB first appeared in the MGA Register database in 1985 with the Register No.147. The car is currently shown on DVLA files as manufactured in 1961 and is "Taxed", so it is out there and in use.

If the current owner would like to add this piece of their car's history to their file please contact me quoting their MGCC membership number and I will send them the newsletter.

Joe Walsh - Acting Registrar, mgcarclub_mgaregistrar@hotmail.com

MGA Merchandise Shop

The MGA Register Merchandise Shop has stocks of just about all current items.

MGA Register caps, priced at £10, are now available again, including in Black and Navy Blue, plus a new colour of grey.

To view our current list of products, go to <https://www.mgcc.co.uk/mga-register/> and click on Merchandise Shop in the menu on the left.

The MGA Register Merchandise operation is in the hands of **Graham Eke**. The email address for orders remains as mgaregistershop@outlook.com and our PayPal account continues to be the preferred method for invoicing and payment.

MGA Register – The First Fifty Years **Second Edition**

This book was compiled and published by the MGA Register, and celebrates the history of the MGA Register from its inception in 1970. Members of the Register Committee and others compiled this book, covering all aspects of the work and history of the Register in its 19 chapters, totalling 153 pages. Topics include 'How It All Began', the development of the Register Database, touring events, MGA publications, Safety Fast! down the years, Technical Support and much, much more. The book is A4 sized, hard-back and in full colour.

We have the final few copies of MGA Register - The First Fifty Years remaining and to clear we are offering a reduced price of £20 plus P&P (was £35)

Post and packing is around £5.50 to a UK address. - To place an order for one of these final few copies, just visit the merchandise shop for a preview and details of how to order and pay.

<https://www.mgcc.co.uk/mga-register/merchandise-catalogue-november-2016-2/>

Call it MGA

This excellent book by Roger Martin and the MGA Register's late Historian, Piers Hubbard, has been reduced in price from £20.00 **to just £12.00 + post/packing**. Visit the Merchandise Shop, as above, for details of the book and how to order.

Important – Membership Numbers

Can we remind you that when contacting Committee Members with requests for help or information it is important to quote your MGCC Membership Number. If you are a Member, it is in your interest to quote your Membership Number, as priority will always be given to Members and there is some information that is only available to Members. There are many cars on the Register owned by non-Members and whilst we are happy to help where we can, the MGA Register is a part of the MG Car Club and priority will always be given to paid-up MG CC Members.

And Finally.....

We like to keep our contact lists for both the Newsletter circulation and the MGA Register Listing up to date, so if your details have changed at all just let us know. Perhaps you have sold your MGA or you've bought another one.

For all Newsletter contributions or comments, or if you wish to be "unsubscribed" please tell us at:

Brendan Leach - MGA e-Newsletter Editor - Mgcarclub-mganewsletter@outlook.com

And for vehicle registration and history matters, please contact **the MG Car Club MGA Registrar**, at: - Mgcarclub_mgaregistrar@hotmail.com

Happy MotorinG, All..... - Brendan Leach, March 2025

Appendix 1 – Notable Journey Nomination

MGA REGISTER 'NOTABLE JOURNEY' AWARD

When they were new, MGAs were driven significant distances, not only as everyday cars on an annual basis but also long-distance individual journeys. A notable example was when MGA Register founder Chairman Dennis Ogborn drove his MGA home to England from Qatar.

Half a century later, some MGAs hardly do any mileage at all. Yet, if maintained and serviced properly, MGAs can still be relied upon to undertake enjoyable significant journeys.

The MGA Register 'Notable Journey' award is intended to acknowledge the exploits of those UK members who do undertake significant journeys in their MGAs and to encourage others to do so.

Journey award considerations include:

- a 'notable' journey is likely to have encompassed a relatively high mileage;
- the location in which a journey is undertaken may be significant, e.g. a journey in north Africa is likely to be more 'notable' than a similar mileage in Britain;
- successful perseverance against set-backs, e.g. on-road repairs, could make a journey 'notable', especially if imaginative improvisation was involved;
- a significant journey undertaken in competitive circumstances, e.g. an organised long-distance rally/raid could make a journey 'notable';
- a write-up of such a journey for Safety Fast! would add weight to any claimant's eligibility for the award.

Appendix 2 MGA 70 Gala Weekend 5th 6th July 2025



ENTRY FORM

Your Details

Driver's Name: Navigator's Name:

Address:

Tel: email:.....

Your MGA

MGA Type: Year:

Reg No: Colour:

Your Arrangements. ***Please indicate Yes or No**

1. *I/We have reserved a room at the Sudbury House Hotel.
2. *I/We will join the Gala dinner on Saturday 5th July.
3. *I/We wish to attend Fawley Hill on Sunday 6th July.
4. *I/We have made payment of £15 per person for our entry fee to Fawley Hill by BACS to **The MG Car Club MGA Register** Sort Code 40-36-15 / Account 3382 8727 **reference Fawley Hill + surname.**
OR
5. We enclose a cheque payable to:**The MG Car Club MGA Register** for our entry fee to Fawley Hill of £15 per person.
6. Please return completed entry form and cheque or BACS confirmation to: Graham & Jill Eke, jillgraham@btinternet.com or 14 The Junipers, Barkham, Wokingham, Berks. RG41 4UX

Entrant Signature:.....Date.....

	YES	NO