

## 635 Register notes - SF April 2016

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Welcome to the **635** Register April Newsletter!

As ownership and membership of the 635 Register continues to grow, we are seeing more and more interest and enthusiasm for the latest models from MG. Social media traffic has increased substantially, with a positive vibe from owners and potential owners alike. People are looking for a very good deal on both new and pre-loved MG6s and 3s in the UK and also with other models, such as the 5 and GT worldwide. Internationally, sales are increasing, as are the numbers of owners joining in the chat on line, particularly recently from Thailand. Its nice to see some international gatherings and a real passion for MG all around the world.

There are a few new upgrades out there for the MG6 and 3, with companies such as John Woods Motorcare and Brown and Gammons already offering exhausts and air filter upgrades. One of our owners is working with a reputable tuning company to look at options for the petrol MG6, as well as an already available TDI tuning box for the diesel MG6. Accessories are also being more freely available, with a new sat nav unit for the MG3 from MG Motor.

This year, we have already made big improvements to the accessibility of the formal registration process for vehicles by setting up a new on line form. We would encourage all owners to make sure they have registered their vehicles as this provides the Car Club with an historical database for the models and invaluable information on vehicles for future owners. We have also found that the Registration process is encouraging owners who are not members of the MG Car Club to join us.

Register your vehicle here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/19l3DM5KfinoNJe7FLZx2DSn321BEmn1B8PX-fFlwPco/viewform>

Or find it on the MGCC 635 Register micro web page....

Our Registrar, Matt Kimberley has set up and looks after this database and will be happy to receive hand written registration forms by post if required as we are aware that not everyone uses the internet or e-mail. Please contact Kimber House who will be able to get a form to you to fill in, or alternatively, we will be able to capture registration data at all of the events this year.

### **635 Events 2016:**

The Register has another full list of events for 2016, which encompasses two birthdays.... The MG6 GT was launched in May 2011 and the Magnette in July 2011, which makes it 5 years since the models appeared in the UK. We will be celebrating this at Pride of Longbridge, MG Live! and at Zed15. Its also 3 years since the MGG3 was launched in the UK...

The first major event of the year is at Pride of Longbridge, Cofton Park on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April where, once again we will be having a large stand of 50+ MG6s and 3s sited close to the MG Motor stand. We would love to see as many owners of the models as possible here to celebrate the heritage of the Longbridge factory and particularly the newest MG models. We will be able to register vehicles, welcome new owners to the register and we will have our full range of regalia for sale. Please come along to say hello, we're always happy to chat to new or potential owners about our cars!

We will of course have our stand at MG Live! in June, where we will be able to provide help, advice and a warm welcome to owners old, new and potential. We will be supporting our Charity for 2016 – Crohns and Colitis UK with a raffle as in previous years with great prizes from our supporters MG Motor, John Woods Motorcare and MG/888 BTCC team.



**Pride of Longbridge 2015**

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Our other major event in 2016 will be at Zed15 at Gaydon on 9<sup>th</sup> July, where we will have Register parking and be an integral part of the saloon day show. Expect lots of balloons, birthday cake and fun!

The Register would like members all over the country to take part in any local events within the various centres and send in their photos and stories to build up awareness of the models and encourage new ownership and membership of the club.

All events are set up on the Register Facebook page, so please add yourself as going to them so we can estimate numbers for any stands we need to book.

At each event, we will have our full range of Register regalia for sale: stickers, grille badges, lapel badges, signed photos, T shirts, mugs etc. or you can buy directly from our eBay shop here:

[http://www.ebay.co.uk/usr/mq63\\_uk2015](http://www.ebay.co.uk/usr/mq63_uk2015)

Here is the 2016 events list:

<b>Sat 16 April</b>	<b>Pride of Longbridge</b>	<b>Cofton Park, Birmingham</b>
Sat 16 / Sun 17 April	BTCC	Donington Park, Leicestershire
Sunday 24 April	Drive it day	Various
Fri 6 May	London Motor Show	Battersea Park, London
<b>Sat 7 / Sun 8 May</b>	<b>BTCC</b>	<b>Thruxton, Hampshire</b>
Sat 4 / Sun 5 June	BTCC	Oulton Park (Island), Cheshire
<b>Sat 4 / Sun 5 June</b>	<b>MG Live!</b>	<b>Silverstone, Northants</b>
Sat 18/Sun 19 June	BTCC	
Sat 2 July	Croft, North Yorkshire	Beacon park, Lichfield
<b>Sat 9 July</b>	<b>MG6 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday</b>	<b>Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon</b>
Sat 30 /Sun 31 July	BTCC	Snetterton, Norfolk
Sun 7 August	Harrogate MG show	Bewerley Park, Pateley Bridge
Sat 13/Sun 14 August	BTCC	Knockhill, Fife
Sat 27/Sun 28 August	BTCC	Rockingham, Northants
Sat 3 / Sun 4 September	MG Trophy	Oulton Park, Cheshire
Sun 4 September	Shuttleworth Wings	Biggleswade, Beds.
<b>Sat 17/Sun 18 Sept</b>	<b>BTCC</b>	<b>Silverstone, Northants</b>
Sat 1 /Sun 2 October	BTCC	Brands Hatch (GP), Kent
<b>Sat 3 December</b>	<b>AGM / Xmas Do</b>	<b>TBC</b>



## MG/888 BTCC 2016:

We are delighted that 888 have agreed a further 3 year deal with MG Motor to produce their own Champion from a young line up. We hope to be working closely once again with MG Motor's events team to assist and support the team at as many of the rounds of the BTCC as possible. If you've never been it really is a cracking day out at the races. Always something going on on track and plenty to do besides. The teams and drivers are very accessible and friendly towards the fans, which make for a great atmosphere. All of the fun and excitement of the season can be followed on the MG BTCC Supporters Group on Facebook page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/404197446401716/>

Updates will appear regularly in Safety Fast and on our micro web page.

We will be again having stands at Thruxton in May, and Silverstone in September which is always well supported with Register parking and the MGCC events marquee. These have been very enjoyable in recent years with owners cars being displayed on the MG Motor stand and a great interest in the models. Its always nice to see the MG6 GT racing and long may it continue in top flight motorsport.



## BTCC Silverstone 2015



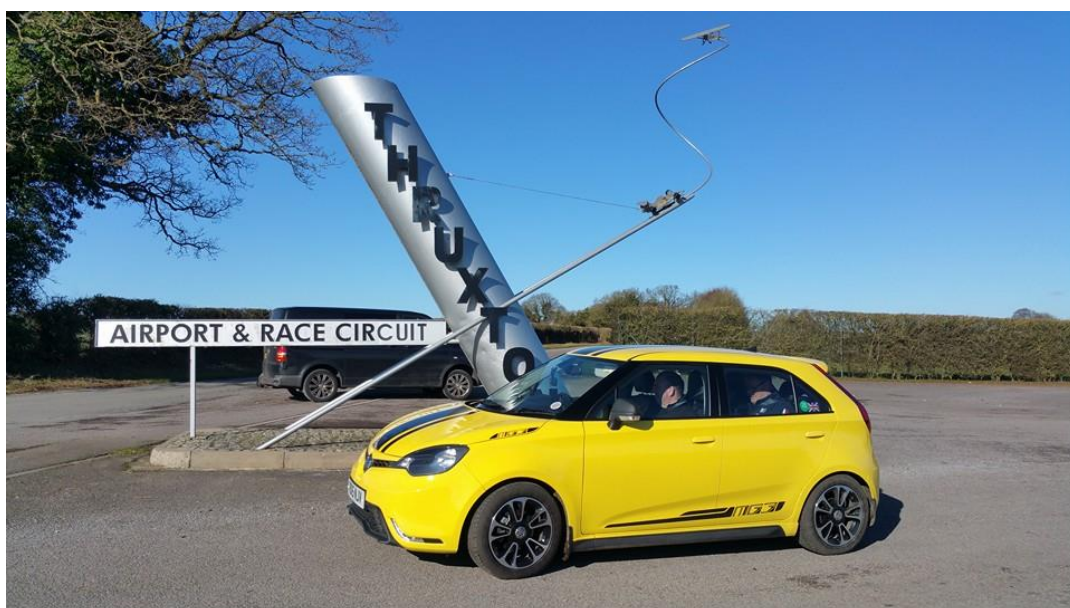
## BTCC Thruxton 2015

## BTCC testing

A few die hard MG BTCC fans turned up at Thruxton on a cold February day to check out the opposition for this year's BTCC as unfortunately no MG drivers had been named at the time. There seems to be a rather large amount of Honda Civics in this year's teams! We saw some good testing sessions from wet to dry with Clio Cup and Ginetta Junior cars in the mix too. Last year's MG6 drivers Jack Goff and Andrew Jordan were there in their new BMW and Ford Focus cars putting in plenty of practice laps. It was a bit odd seeing Jack sat in the stands in the afternoon as his car was being shared by former MG6 driver Sam Tordoff and Rob Collard for practice sessions. It was a shame we hadn't seen MG's new drivers testing, but we're sure they'll catch up and be in the mix for podiums this year.



## Philip Creasey's MG6 GT at Thruxton



## Stu Forbes' MG3 Style Lux



## CTCC (Costa Rican Touring Car Championship) 2016

Last month we mentioned that MG has entered the Costa Rican Touring car championship with Bernal Valverde driving a very good looking MG GT, based on the MG5. After suffering mechanical problems fighting for the top positions in the first race of the series, Bernal is looking forward to return to the wheel of his MG to demonstrate that it has the ability to be one of the favourites to win the drivers championship.



### An MG6 GT owner's view from Andy Smith

This is VEGGIE, (my kids name my cars, the last one was a Vectra called Derek) I have owned this car since January 2015. I have only owned 2 other MGs before, Both Metro's, one old and one not so old. I had the pleasure of working at Longbridge for 7 years and Lode Lane for 2, so I have had a fondness for most BL products. Like most people I was devastated when I heard of the demise of MGR. When I heard that the Chinese had bought the marque and wanted to launch an MG model here I was really sceptical about it, we have all heard those horror stories about quality, and product finish.

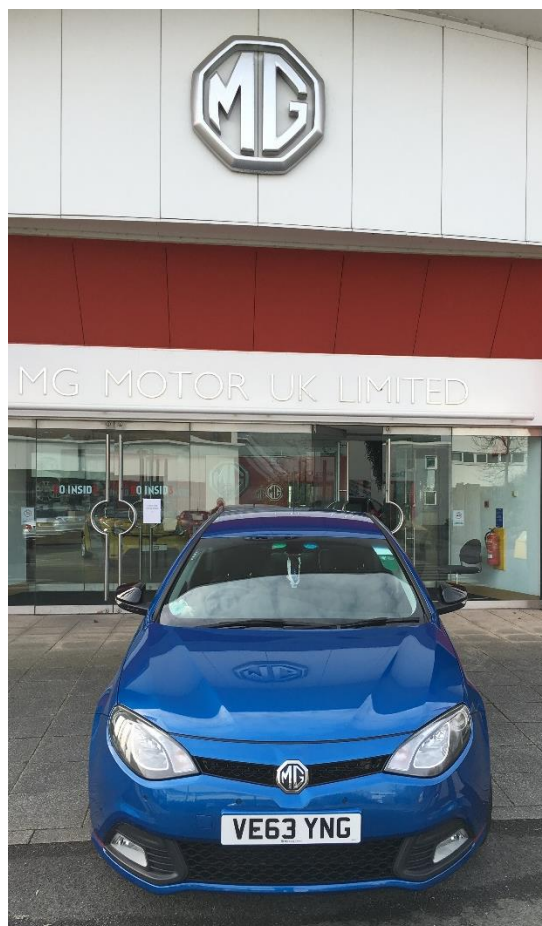
In January 2015 when my 5 year old Vectra decided to go all militant and refuse to work, I thought about a new car (thank you PPI) I went to various garages, and I found I was not really interested in the Focus, Mondeo, or Insignia. Late one winter afternoon, I decided to visit the sales centre at Longbridge and what an afternoon it was! I was greeted by salesman David Clark and he basically allowed me to try both the petrol and diesel 6, and even a 3, just so I knew what I wanted.

Veggie is a 2014 MG6 TSE GT, rather a mouthful, but crammed with toys. Of course my ownership hasn't been totally plain sailing, I have had the odd leak, but always sorted by the sales centre, and never any hassles.

The car on the road is great to drive, and gets a few looks, mostly thinking "what is that?" Handling is great, it is really tuned well for British roads. Mine is the 1.8 petrol turbo, so no match for the diesel Vectra in economy, but is up there with the power output. Full leather interior and dual climate control all add to a very well specified car.

So am I happy with Veggie? Oh yes! Would I buy another? Definitely!

A big thank you to David Clarke and Simon Bennett at the sales centre for allowing me to take the pictures.



### **An MG3 owner's view from the Haines family**

We have owned and enjoyed MG Rover cars for several years with my wife, Dora having a Rover 213s, 214Si and an MG ZR 120 picked up as an ex-demonstrator bargain from Exeter Motor Group in 2006. We also have an MGF, MG BGT and MG6 and a Metro 1300 in bits which we enjoy immensely.

Our son Tom, who is now 19 was learning to drive in 2014 and when we found out that the ZR was going to cost in the region of £3000 per annum to insure him, we decided that the new MG3 with an insurance group 4 may be something to look at. On further investigation, this was looking like a good idea as insurance was coming out at £650 per year. Expensive, but a lot less than the ZR. It seems a very expensive business for youngsters to learn to drive and get on the road these days!

Due to the lack of dealers at the time in Devon, David Clark from the Sales centre was kind enough to come down and let us have a test drive of the new 3. We gave it a good work out and soon discovered that it handled extremely well, was very spacious, smooth and quiet and had lots of toys for the money. Compared to the ZR, it had less power, but it was enough as our second car and obviously had to meet the low insurance criteria for our son, Tom. Most importantly Dora approved as she was to be the main driver of the car!

Finances organised and a deal struck with Dave for a trade in of the beloved ZR, we awaited construction of our white on the tiles 3 Style Lux to match our white MG6 from Longbridge.

We took delivery in February 2014 and soon started to enjoy the zippy handling of the 3, great practicality and comfort levels. Tom started to learn to drive in it, being a very smooth and easy car to drive. I have to confess that I tend to use the 3 instead of my 6 on the weekends (when I can get hold of it!) to use locally and around town. It is a very competent motorway cruiser too with its built in cruise control. As a package, there is nothing to match it for the price on the market.



Tom passed his test in September 2014 and uses the 3 to get to work and for social use. His mates have given it the seal of approval, so it has street cred too! As Tom is a very careful young driver, after 2 years our insurance has now dropped further to £450. Still a lot, but getting better!

In the two years we have had our 3, it has covered 12000 miles and had 2 dealer services. Its had a couple of niggles, being reversing sensor problems, a DRL failure and the old chestnut of the under seat SRS light coming on (hangover from MG Rover days!), but these have been dealt with quickly and efficiently by Blights of Bideford, which is the most important thing.

The more miles its done, the better its getting. We love it very much and will keep it beyond its warranty period next year. With the modifications coming along for the model, such as exhaust and induction, we may consider tweaking it a little in the future.....



### **635 Register web page and social media**

We have been constantly updating the MG Car Club register web page with all of the 635 information you may need. Please check it out regularly for updates throughout the year. If you have any new items or gallery photos, please send them to us so we can keep the page current and fresh. The same can be said of the Facebook page, which again is being kept up to date with events and information for owners. If you're not part of it, please do join us. We're also on Twitter, so follow us and keep up to date that way. If you don't do Facebook, Twitter, internet or e-mail, we're always happy to post out information to owners, just contact us through Kimber House.

We're looking forward to another great year meeting new, old and potential owners of the latest MGs. Please come and say hello if you see us at a show this year as the Register is a very friendly bunch keen to have fun and enjoy their cars to the max.

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