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Editor's Notes – Summer Is Here!

Welcome to the July 2026 edition of the MGA Register eNewsletter, - I hope you enjoy the read.

As ever, 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, so if you have something you feel would be of interest to MGA owners then send it to me for publication at mgcarclub-mgaregister@outlook.com .

As usual, there are a lot of classic car related events already planned for 2026, local, national, and even international – Some of these events are organised by MG Car Club, its Centres and its Registers. You will read about some of these in the following pages, and there is wide coverage of MG Related events worldwide in Safety Fast! Magazine. This Newsletter cannot cover all such events, of course. I encourage you to investigate what events are on near to your home, and to go along and “fly the flag” for the MGA and the wider MG Car Club.

UK readers can look at www.classicshowsuk.co.uk for shows near you. – You can search the site by REGION or by COUNTY. But CHECK before you go – some of the info on that website is rather dodgy!

Within our own group, we have had 2 significant events over recent weeks. – The MGA Spring Tour based near Accrington between 19th and 22nd May, and Scottish MGA Day on 7th June. There are reports on both of these events later in this Newsletter.

Looking forward to the balance of 2026, the events season has well and truly started, and for our own group we have MGA Day 2026 at Crich Museum in Derbyshire on 26th July. Further ahead, we have the MGA Register Autumn Tour, which will be based at the Palace Hotel, Paignton, Devon, in September 2026. - More details of these events, and more, are in the following pages.

Beyond Paignton, prospects for future MGA Register Tours look pretty bleak, with nothing planned for 2027. – It rather looks like there will be no further events of this type. **I encourage you to read the piece about the future of MGA Register Tours by our Chairman Howard Quayle on pages 20 to 22 of this eNewsletter....**

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 10th and 15th August 2026 – A bit earlier than normal since I will be away on holiday from mid August till mid September.

Brendan Leach
Editor – MGA Newsletter

MG Car Club News MGA Register News

Geoff Jebb – RIP



Early in May we learned of the passing of MGA Register member **Geoff Jebb**.

Geoff and his wife Pat were long standing members of the MGA Register, and regular and enthusiastic participants in MGA Register tours. During the Gala Dinner at the MGA Spring Tour we held a collection, and sent a garden centre voucher to enable Geoff's widow, Pat, to purchase a memorial garden shrub.

MGA Register Chairman, **Howard Quayle**, sent formal condolences and flowers to Pat, and a number of MGA Register members attended Geoff's funeral in Exeter on 12th June. Below is a note I received from **Pat Jebb**, along with (an abridged version of) her eulogy from the memorial service:

Geoff's funeral went very well and was a very moving tribute. Many MGA friends travelled hundreds of miles to be with me, which was absolutely wonderful. I really am grateful for the support of the MG car club and the

incredible kindness shown to me and the very generous donations. We have almost raised enough to buy the special chair and I plan to make up the difference and present the money very shortly.

With very best wishes,
Pat Jebb.

Editor's Note: Pat refers to a special chair. - Geoff spent his final 18 days in a hospice, with Pat by his side. She is full of praise for the care they received there. The hospice needs a special chair to help their patients, and Pat has committed to buying them such a chair in Geoff's memory. Here's Pat's eulogy

Geoffrey William Jebb - Geoff [1939-2026]

Geoff lived a very full and happy life. He met Pat nearly 50 years ago – on a Blind Date! And they were very happily married for 45 years.

Geoff was called up for National Service and was sent to the Cameroons in West Africa on active service for 2 years.

On his return he followed a career in various aspects of the building trade, which equipped him for the success he achieved in many of his house building and renovation projects, with Pat as a well instructed labourer!

Geoff's other love in his life was the MGA, and the MGB.

In 1955, when he was walking home from school, he heard the burble of a car behind him.

Turning round he caught his first sight of an MGA. It was the start of a lifelong love affair.

He had no idea what it was, but he knew he had to have one. Imagine his delight when the

next day he went to call for his school friend, there on the drive was the MGA. His friend's father had bought it. - Geoff was given rides and the love story deepened.

From then on, he saved every penny that came his way, worked at multiple spare time jobs, passed his test at 17 and soon owned the first of many MGA sports cars, - over the years he owned every model except the Deluxe.

When he met Pat, he was delighted to discover that she had owned an MG Midget when she was 21 and then had bought the oldest completely unrestored 1962 MGB on the register, which she still owned. When she decided to sell this, Geoff knew it just had to remain in the family, which it did for many, many years. It is now owned by dear friends Pete and Mel Welbourn.

Geoff continued to love, own and drive his beloved MGs for the rest of his life. His absolute joy was the Twin Cam 400 KPB, which he owned for 45 years and sold just 3 weeks before he died, with the help of dear friend David Simons. Much of Geoff and Pat's social life revolved around the MGA group with the wonderful 'Round Britain Tour' in 2005 to celebrate the 50th birthday of the MGA, another long tour in 2010 for 55 years and in 2015 Geoff extended the MGA Register 60th birthday Celebration trip to include all 4 points of the compass, which won him the Notable Journey of the Year award, of which he was very proud. The twice-yearly long weekends in different parts of the UK, with the MGA register, were always happily anticipated, and Geoff and Pat often joined the MGB group as well. The marathons from Devon to Scotland for MGA day with the Caledonian group were always great fun. So many very close friends emanated from the group and many made long trips to be at Geoff's funeral, which was so appreciated.

The Marque of Friendship certainly lived up to its name

On behalf of the MGA Register, we pass on our condolences to Pat and family.

MGA Register Annual General Meeting: 2026

Formal notice and agenda will be given in September's *Safety Fast!*, but here's a few preliminary details:

Date: Saturday 3rd October 2026

Venue: British Motor Museum, Banbury Road, Gaydon, Warwicks. CV35 0BJ

Time: 10.30 am

Tea/coffee and biscuits will be available from 10.00am.

Why not combine attendance at the AGM with the opportunity to have a look (even if you've been there before) at what's now the world's largest collection of historic British cars?

Vacancy: MGA Register Merchandise Manager

Since the 2025 MGA Register AGM, **Graham Eke** has stood down from his role on the MGA Register Committee, where he was responsible for the MGA Merchandise Shop, and for the Register's various trophies and awards.

- So we are now looking for a replacement in that role, as outlined below by Chairman

Howard Quayle:

The MGA Register is looking for someone to fill the important role of Merchandise Manager, working with the Register Committee.

Key responsibilities are:

- Selling branded apparel and products to Register and other club members.
- Managing inventory and reporting on sales
- Maintaining the Register's merchandise catalogue on the Register website.

Knowledge of PayPal would be useful, but training on this payment system can be provided.

If you're interested and would like to have a chat about this role, please get in touch with the Register chairman, **Howard Quayle**. (Contact details on the Register's website)

MGA Register eNewsletter – Back Copies

(Just in case you have trouble sleeping, and need something to read to help you sleep) Our webmaster, Joe Walsh, has now added historical copies of this eNewsletter to the MGA Register website, - Find them at

<https://www.mgcc.co.uk/mga-register/the-mga-eneewsletter-library/>

Membership and Records

Have you moved house in the recent past? Or changed your e-mail address? Maybe you want to choose "Digital MG CC 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 mgcarclub-mganewsletter@outlook.com for that!)

FBHVC News

The Federation of British Historic Vehicles Clubs (FBHVC) is dedicated to "uphold the freedom to use historic vehicles – of all types – on the road *without restriction*" – It represents over 550 organisations, with a combined membership of over 250,000, plus individual and trade supporters. MG Car Club is a member of FBHVC.

That means that MG Car Club members can enjoy free access to FBHVC's **HISTORIC** magazine, along with an archive of past issues going back 10 years.

To access the magazines you'll need to register at www.fbhvc.co.uk

Select **Member of a Club**, and then select **MG Car Club** from the pop-up list.

Once registered, you can view the magazines at any time via the members area at www.fbhvc.co.uk/members-area . – The FBHVC website is interesting, and **Historic** magazine is a good read – so both are worth a look.

Reports on Recent Events

MG European Event of The Year (EEoTY) – May 2026

The 2026 MG EEoTY took place between 21st and 25th May, in the French Dordogne.

I have not received any reports on the event, but I gather the temperature was in the high thirties (Celsius / Centigrade!) most of the time, so some "hood down" driving was enjoyed. I am assured there will be a full write-up in Safety Fast! over the coming weeks....

MGA Register Spring Tour – 19th to 22nd May

The MGA Register Spring Tour took place between 19th and 22nd May, and was based at the Mercure Dunkenhalgh Hotel near Accrington, in Lancashire.

After a couple of late withdrawals, we had 29 cars participating.

Here's a report from our Junior Correspondent **Pam Lempicki**.... (Photos by **Andy Lempicki**)

This year's Spring tour was 'close to home' for us in the North West of England. The tour was based at the Dunkenhalgh Hotel in Rishton and was a perfect base for our tours around Bronte Country, Lancashire & Yorkshire, Ribchester, the Fylde Coast and Blackpool.

Our first evening we had a lovely buffet of hot/cold food and there was plenty of opportunity to catch up with everyone.

Day 1 tour sent us east into Bronte country and Haworth, a beautifully preserved Victorian village with a vintage railway station and steam train.



Rochdale Canal, in Todmorden



Road into Hebden Bridge

Next was a lovely scenic drive to Hebden Bridge, a quirky and independent market town in West Yorkshire. It was also home to the hit TV series Happy Valley and Riot Women.

The route continued on through other market towns, Todmorden, Bacup, Rawtenstall and finally back to base. A round trip of approximately 82 miles or slightly more if a few turns were missed!!

At the end of the day there was the option to dine in the hotel restaurant or the bar and again there was plenty of time to socialise over a drink and discuss the highs (& lows, if there were any) of the day.



Day 2 tour was our 'Jebbs' Fylde Frolic. Named after Geoff and Pat Jebb, both longstanding MGA Register members. Geoff grew up in Lancashire and the Fylde Coast. Very sadly though, Geoff had passed away the weekend before the tour and so we all set off that day very much with the sad news in our minds but holding both Geoff and Pat in our hearts.

The route took us North West towards Thornton Cleveleys via a number of pretty villages, Rishton, Wilpshire, Ribchester, Goosnargh, Broughton, Inskip and onto Poulton Le Fylde.

The route took us on a lovely drive along the sea front into Blackpool, past the world famous Tower and on to Lytham St Anne's, Wrea Green, Samlesbury (home to BAE Systems and Bluebird K7) then back to the hotel, a trip of around 80 miles.

Photo: Phil Slade (Starring Sue Slade!)

In the evening we had our 3 course Gala dinner which was most enjoyable.



Photos: - Phil Slade

A presentation was made to Tony and Elizabeth Brown, thanking them for their hard work in organising the whole event. Thanks and a gift were also given to Brendan and Diane Leach for their input into helping Tony with the organisation.

As is usual when we take our MGA out for a drive we had numerous comments from other motorists. Whilst stopped at a set of road work lights we received a comment "I had one of

those" and while parked in a car park in Todmorden, several people stopped to admire the car and chat to us.

On the final morning as we were packing the car, a smartly dressed, eye catching man was admiring all our MGA's. On chatting to Andy, he told him he was from France and that he used to have a Triumph Spitfire to which Andy responded "you need to buy an MGA"

The few days away had no major issues although Mike Maze lost one of his side screen windows on his journey to the hotel so he had to use a towel taped to the screen to keep the overnight rain out of the car.

Also Pamela and John Boulton had a problem with the passenger door not closing properly so with the help of Brendan and some donated bungee ties from Mike Maze, the door was secured in place for their journey home.



Overall we had a thoroughly enjoyable few days with lots of laughs, conversations, lovely food and great driving.

Pam & Andy Lempicki

Scottish MGA Day – Sunday 7th June

As is usual, Scottish MGA Day took the form a day's drive around the scenic parts of Scotland, with carefully planned refreshment stops "en route". It was organised by **Paul and Jeanne Dean** – Here is Paul's report:

I suppose a brief summary of this event would be WET, WET, WET and only 3 cars took part. We all met at the Woodhouse Cafe which is west of Stirling. The initial drive took us further west to the bottom of Loch Lomond where we turned north on the west side of this famous Loch. To this point the run had been fairly dry.

After a few miles we turned west and climbed away from the Loch taking the quiet but excellent high road that was built specifically to enable the project to build the Faslane Nuclear Submarine Base on Gare Loch. Views should have been good.

Firstly, Loch Lomond and then the Gare Loch but.... and as we climbed it got wetter and wetter. As we neared Faslane there are 'No Drones' signs for the obvious national security reason although we were unable to see the base due to the thick mist and rain. When we got down to the Gare Loch we turned north again until we soon were on the shore of Loch Long although we rarely saw it due to the rain. From Arrochar, where we should have had lovely views of the 'Arrochar Alps' including the Cobbler, the summit of which is like a Cobbler's Last, but no view today. Heading around the top of the Loch Long, and then briefly south, we climbed over the infamous Rest and Be Thankful pass. We were lucky here in that the main road was open and very unusually had no temporary traffic lights to manage land slips. From the summit we dropped down to the shore of Loch Fyne and yet again we headed north around the top of this loch all the way to Inverary where lunch was booked at the traditional George Hotel in the iconic main street.

Lunch was the best part of the day. The company and the food were both excellent. Many thanks for Carol and Malcolm Cordwell-Smith, and Ian Forgan for braving the day.

After long chats over lunch the other 2 cars headed home but we stayed on to use the hotel's WiFi as our home TalkTalk WiFi was caput.

Until last year this run had always been in late July but because of the MGA 70th Anniversary Celebrations last year we moved to early June. This year we decided stay with early June as it should be a dryer time of year, as it was last year. Unfortunately, not so this year.....



3 brave entrants (Photo - Paul Dean)

Overseas News

USA News – MG Vintage Racers



Here's an update on May's exciting news about an MG Vintage Racers event "with a difference" in the USA in September 2026 from our correspondent **Dave Nicholas.....**

Summer is here and racing has started. Now is the time to plan your trip to HIGH PLAINS for the 2026 MGVR FOCUS RACE. Already registered are Kent Prather, Jonathan Lane and Marie Stiles. - Race with the best!.

The track location is High Plains Raceway in Colorado.

HPR is 2.55 miles long with 300+ feet of cumulative elevation change per lap!

We need your support or sadly, the MGVR is going to die.

If you have forgotten, we are even offering to help with your expenses. I can't say it any clearer than that.

HOW IT WORKS; CASH MONEY to the first 10 entries in each category

- If you are between 500 and 750 miles from the track you get \$100
- If you are between 750 & 1,000 miles from the track you get \$200
- If you are over 1,000 miles from the track you will get \$300
- Enter the race, start the first MG session and collect your cash
- The entry fee is just \$425 until Sept 12
- Lots of track time, MG paddock, MG only race, Friday MG social, MG corral for street cars, swag bag and more.
- Saturday Racing Against Kids Cancer dinner available

Track Address is: 93301 East US Highway 36, Deer Trail, CO 80105

<https://www.highplainsraceway.com/>

The following fuels are available; prices vary weekly within the range listed:

- Conoco/Phillips 91 octane unleaded street legal \$5 – \$7/gallon
- Sunoco 260 GT 100 octane unleaded street legal 3.3% oxygen, \$12-\$14/gallon
- Sunoco Standard 110 octane leaded not street legal 0.0% oxygen, \$12-\$14/gallon

LODGING

Longhorn Motel Comfort Inn, 456 North Main Street 1097 Cedar Street, Byers, CO 80103-8308 Bennett, CO 80102 - (303) 822-5205 (720) 844-3193 - 15 minutes away.

ENJOY A BOB VITRIKIS STORY ON BROOKLANDS AND SOME ITEMS FOR SALE.

TRACK MAP, AND AGAIN, - MOST OF ALL MGVR will reward you for coming to the event.

HOW IT WORKS, AGAIN! CASH MONEY to the first 10 entries in each category

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With nearly \$12 million in paediatric cancer research projects funded so far, The Morgan Adams Foundation knows exactly how to maximize your donations to improve survival rates, reduce recovery times, and provide a better quality of life for children with cancer. That alone should make you want to come to the event, race your car and support a most worthy cause.

Bookings for this fantastic event are OPEN NOW at:

<https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/2026-hpr-rakc-vehicle-registration-high-plains-raceway-rocky-mountain-445052>

FOR RV'S

There are flush toilets and sinks in the restroom trailer, and showers and sinks in the shower trailer (both closed during the winter months to avoid freeze damage). There are also portable toilets throughout the paddock. Because we must truck in all of our water, at this time there is no other running water (for filling buckets, RV's, washing cars, etc) at HPR. There is a KOA located 20 minutes away in Strasburg where you can fill/dump for a small fee.

HPR has RV Hookups (electrical only) available for rental.

Please read the description, policies and pricing for reserving those hookups and then use the easy Online Form to reserve and pay for your RV Hookup.

HPR has carports with power and reserved parking available for rent. Please read the description, policies and pricing for reserving these carports and then use the easy Online Form to reserve and pay for your carport.

Blackhawk Gathering Of The Faithful

There will also be a vintage weekend, called Gathering of the Faithful, at Blackhawk Raceway the following weekend!

Get 2 races in 2 weekends! - The Blackhawk event is organized by RevMatch racing on October 3-4.

If you enter both races, they will give you an extra \$100.

This special weekend celebrates vintage and historic sports cars. - It will include all Vintage Sportscars and Group 1 cars.

Whether you're a seasoned racer or a passionate enthusiast, there will be something for everyone.

- Group 1 Racers – Enjoy a full weekend of exhilarating ontrack sessions and vintage racing.
- Aspiring Racers – Own a vintage car but feel unsure or inexperienced? We've designed a welcoming, supportive program to ease you into the action.
- Car Owners – Prefer a non-competitive experience? Join us for relaxed, no-pressure car show tailored to enjoying your car without racing.
- Picnickers & Spectators – Want to soak in the atmosphere? Bring your vintage, historic, or streetcar, share stories, and picnic trackside with fellow enthusiasts.

Dave's latest MG VR Newsletter also includes an interesting article by **Bob Vitrikis** about the history of the Brooklands circuit, south of London.

Also – Dave is now selling some of the running units from his MGA race car – **Honey Bee**. This was a serious race car, and the units now for sale reflect the high performance of the car:

1. 1800 3 main bearing engine, with 0.030 overbore. Flat top pistons. Block stress relieved and polished on the inside. ARP studs. Prather Racing special oiling and water modifications. New, modified oil pump. New timing chain. Crank was ground, align bore checked, polished and nitrided. Billet steel main caps. Carillo rods. New rod and main bearings. Special Prather Racing stage 5 camshaft and lifters. Lightened flywheel and 7 ¼" Power Train clutch. Baffled and enlarged oil pan with windage tray. Upgraded freeze plugs. Head is polished and ported by Kelly porting services. 1.5 roller rockers and competition rocker stand. All new exhaust valves. Engine has chassis dyno time plus 11 laps at Lime Rock.
2. Transmission. Quaife 4 speed rocket box for MGA-MGB. Tran has only 11 laps of Lime Rock since a check over and fluid flush. Bell housing and engine plate are included making it a plug and play in for MGA and the same for 3 main MGB. Custom driveshaft to fit MGA. Some trans mount fabrication is necessary, but simple.
3. Differentials: 4.3 limited slip differential for MGA. Will fit banjo MGB rear housing. Two axles go with the diff. 4.88 open differential for MGA. Will fit banjo MGB rear housing. If you race Schenley Park or Waterford Hills or Autocross, this diff is perfect.

If you are interested in these parts, let me know and I will put you in touch with Dave. Note that the PARTS ARE IN NORTH CAROLINA.

NAMGAR News, and MG International 2026 Event

NAMGAR is the North American MGA Register.

Registrar **Mike Jacobsen** has sent me a reminder about the 2026 MG International event which will take place in August 2026.

MG International 2026 is coming this August.

All of the main MG clubs in the USA "merge" their annual events together once every five years for a "Super Event", and 2026 is one of those years.

There is a full page, colour advertisement in June's Safety Fast! (page 52) and all the info is at <https://mginternational2026.regfox.com/register> .

The event runs from August 23 to 27 and will be in Sandusky, Ohio, approximately in the middle of North America. They're aiming for a thousand MG cars to be there.

This **could be** a Notable Journey!

Future Events

I am aware of quite a lot of national and international events during 2026, some of which you will find in the following paragraphs. - Also, ("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 (see list later).

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

Future MGA Events – 2026

Here are details of our future **2026 Events** led by the MGA Register, in date order...

MGA Register Driving Tours

Our 3 day driving tours are always popular, and so already we are still looking for organisers for those events in **2027**. You can get a flavour of these events from the pieces about past events 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 **Spring and Autumn 2027** events.

2027 sounds like a long time from now – but finding suitable venues can be a problem.

On recent tours we have got between 30 and 40 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!!

See **Jonny Pollard's** "Appeal" later in this Newsletter! Meanwhile, here are details on the 2026 Autumn Tour.

2026 Autumn Tour – 15th to 18th September

Looking towards the latter part of the summer, we now have detailed plans for the 2026 Autumn MGA Tour, which will take place between Tuesday 15th and Friday 18th September. It will be based at the Palace Hotel at Paignton, Devon <https://palacepaignton.com/> where we have provisionally booked 55 rooms.

The Tour Organiser(s) have nominated **Howard Perks** as their Publicity Spokesman (!) and here is Howard's latest update:

Detailed planning is now well advanced for the routes for our Autumn Register tours.

The first route will be over Dartmoor encompassing thatched villages and panoramic views across the moor stretching (on a clear day) as far as Bodmin moor in the land of Cornwall! Hopefully the Hairy Hands of Dartmoor won't get you along the way, but to discover what that legend is about you'll just have to sign up to take part.

The second route is very different. From our base at The Palace Hotel situated right on the seafront in Paignton, we'll be exploring The English Riviera. There will be a choice of POIs along the way including a steam railway, two famous and unusual National Trust properties and you could also sample the delights of Brixham and certainly Dartmouth. The return leg features some lovely sea views as we cross the long bridge over the river Teign and head south towards Torquay.

Full details are on the MGA Register website and to add your name to the growing list of participants see:

<https://www.mgcc.co.uk/mga-register/events-in-2023/2026-autumn-weekend/>

P.S. - If anyone would like to extend their trip and move on from Paignton to stay and visit the Plymouth area and Cornwall, drop me a line and I can supply other routes west of where the Register will be touring. – howard.perks@blueyonder.co.uk

Outline accommodation details are:

Service	£	Pay
Tuesday 15 th and Wednesday 16 th Bed, Breakfast and Evening Meal – Standard per room per night	£89 per person	Hotel

(Sea View Room upgrade as available, per night)	£10 per person	
Thursday 17 th Bed, Breakfast and Evening Meal – Standard per room per night including evening meal. (Sea View Room upgrade as available, per night) *Subject to Room Availability*	£59 per person £10 per person	Hotel
3-Course Group Gala Dinner (Wednesday 16 th) Included in BB EM tariff for hotel guests. Dinner for participants not staying at the Palace: £22.50 PP		
Cancellation policy 8 weeks and over no charge 6-7 weeks 25% 4-5 weeks 50% 3 weeks and under 100%		
Tour Entry Fee (Licences / permits, plus MGA Register expenses) – per CAR	£30 - MG CC Members £55 - Non Memb.	MGA Reg.
<p>How much is all that, then? - To save you the calculation (MG CC Members Rate): For 2 persons in 1 car, sharing a room. – “Full set” of 3 nights B&B, incl Wednesday Gala Dinner, - 4 * £89, + 2 * £59, + 1 * £30 Tour Fee = £504 (plus beer) per car.</p> <p>For 1 person in 1 car, single room. – “Full set” of 3 nights B&B, and Wednesday Gala Dinner, - 2 * £89, + 1 * £59, + 1 * £30 Tour Fee = £267 (plus beer) per car. Non MG CC Members add an additional £25 Tour Fee per car (£55 vs £30) on these prices.</p>		

Booking Process

You must book your accommodation and meals with the Palace Hotel, by calling 01803 555121 (best to call Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday)

Ask for Carole or Claire and quote MGA Register: September 2026 event

All of the accommodation bookings are to be secured by a £50 non-refundable deposit. The Balance is to be paid 8 weeks prior to arrival. Please note the hotel's cancellation policy.

There is no single room supplement.

Arrival Date: Tuesday 15th September 2026

Departure Date: Thursday 17th September 2026

Bookings are open **NOW**.

You will also be required to pay the tour entry fee (£30 per car for MG Car Club Members, or £55 per car for non Members) at time of booking. This is payable to the MG Car Club, MGA Register, ideally by BACS transfer. Details how to pay this are on the Tour Booking Form which is Appendix 3 to this eNewsletter.

To join this Tour, then, you need to:

- Book you accommodation and meals with the Palace Hotel asap, on 01803 555121, quoting **MGA Register Tour 2026**.
- Send a completed Booking Form (Appendix 2 to this e-Newsletter) to Tour Organiser Howard Perks at howard.perks@blueyonder.co.uk or by post (address on the form)
- Send Tour Entry Fee the MGA Register Treasurer, preferably by BACS, or alternatively by cheque. – Details on the booking form at Appendix 2.

These tours are always very popular, so to be sure of your place on the Autumn 2026 event, please book as soon as possible.



Other 2026 Events

MGA Day 2026 – Sunday 26th July

Our very own railway and tramway guru, **Howard Quayle**, writes:

The MGA Register's annual day-out is nearly here!!

It will be held at the National Tramway Museum, DE4 5DP <https://tramway.co.uk>

You will already have seen the details in the May *eNewsletter*:

<https://www.mgcc.co.uk/mga-register/the-mga-enewsletter-library/>

Please read carefully if you need a reminder about the day's activities, especially regarding FREE ENTRY to the museum for car and driver AS LONG AS you book with this Howard Quayle (hquayle1947@btinternet.com) by **Friday 17th July**. This is a requirement by the museum's management. (More on this below).

Passengers pay the museum admission fee.

A few more notes will be useful:

Getting to the National Tramway Museum.

Follow the brown tourist signs when you see them and be prepared for some steepish climbs along scenic roads, as Crich village stands 800ft. above sea level. (Scenic views over the Derwent Valley).

Google Maps and *Waze* will give you routes, but if you don't use these systems, here's some suggestions:

From Matlock: A6 south (direction Derby): cross River Derwent: take B5035 to Crich.

From Derby: A6 north (direction Belper/Matlock): turn right onto A610 at Ambergate (opposite *Hurt Arms*): turn left under railway bridge at traffic lights

From M1/Jct 28: A38 south: A610 (direction Ambergate/Matlock): after Sawmills Village, turn right under railway bridge at traffic lights.

National Tramway Museum: Parking and Entry

The museum has a large car park, at the end of which is the ticket office. If you buy a full-price ticket, you can visit the museum as often as you want for the following twelve months.

Displaying Your MGA

If you want to display your MGA in and around the main village street (and so be part of the transport scene for the day!), YOU MUST BOOK IN ADVANCE with Howard Quayle (see address above), with the following details:

Name - Car Reg. No. - MGCC Membership No. - Mobile Phone No.

Because this is an operating site, with three trams normally in operation, the museum's management would like the display cars to enter as a group. (Late arrivals can be catered for, at the discretion of the Duty Inspector).

As the museum opens at 10.30am, please assemble at the gate behind the ticket office around 10.45am, and we can form a convoy to enter the site (and get parked up) under supervision. Marshals will be around to assist. It will also be helpful for museum operations if most of us can leave the site around the same time, but we can arrange this on the day with the Duty Inspector. Members who leave the village street, but want to continue to ride on the trams, visit the café, etc. can move their cars the short distance to the main car park and continue to enjoy their visit.

Group Visits

The tramway museum offers a reduced entry ticket price of £18 AS LONG AS the Register group consists of 10 or more members (**excluding** drivers parking free of charge in the village street), otherwise the normal ticket price will apply. I'm sure we'll achieve this, and more!

If you can email hquayle1947@btinternet.com, by 17th July, letting me know that you'll be at MGA Day, I can then confirm this with the museum's ticket office, and you can benefit from an £8 reduction.

Safe travelling, and see you on Sunday 26th July!



For more information about the National Tramway Museum, take a look at:

<https://tramway.co.uk/>

The museum is situated about two mile east of the A6, between Belper and Matlock, with more information on the map on the above website.

Editor's Note: *If you wish to extend your visit, you are in the beautiful Derbyshire Peak District, and less than 5 miles away is The Great British Car Journey – a Motor Museum with a difference.*

<https://greatbritishcarjourney.com/>

Great British Car Journey is at Ambergate, Belper, DE56 2HE. Discounts are available for MGCC Members via the Affinity Scheme.

MGA70 Exhibition in Abingdon Museum

Howard Quayle writes:

MGA 70 is still being celebrated!! - Abingdon County Hall Museum, in the historic Market Place, is setting tribute to our beloved cars, in a small exhibition running from 4th April to 28th June.



Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the MGA's introduction, this exhibition looks at the development of the design, the influence of speed-record breakers and experimental prototypes, as well as shining a spotlight on local man Syd Enever, the 'father' of the MGA. With memories of the MG factory still present in the town, the museum hopes that this will be another MG story of interest both to local people and to MG enthusiasts who visit the town from around the world. Bringing the story

to life, the exhibition will display MGA-related artefacts courtesy of the MG Car Club as well as the museum's collection of MG models through the decades, from the 1930s to the present day.

A visit to Abingdon is always a pleasant day out. The museum also displays the last MGB Roadster to come off the factory production line in 1980, which was famously "shoe-horned" in through a first-floor window in December 2011. Kimber House is within walking distance of the museum, and almost opposite the museum on the Market Square is the historic Crown & Thistle Hotel, the courtyard of which was used by the factory for many MG Midget photo-shoots.

Abingdon Museum is open daily from 10.00 am to 4.00pm (closed on Mondays)

Monthly Classic Car Meeting in Oxfordshire

For classic car enthusiasts in Oxfordshire, I have been requested to publicise a monthly classic car meeting at the Bull Inn at Great Milton OX44 7NS, which will operate from April to September. – Dates are all Thursdays - 16th July, 20th August, and 17th September, between 5.30 pm and 9.00 pm.

For full details and dates, see <https://www.thebullgreatmilton.co.uk/calendar>

MG Fest 2026 – 16th August at Brands Hatch

Following the success of MG Fest North at Croft (Darlington) in September 2025, MG Fest for 2026 is moving to the "Deep South" – To Brands Hatch circuit on Sunday 16th August. Here's some of the advance publicity from **MG Car Club**:

MG Fest '26 comes to the iconic Brands Hatch circuit on Sunday 16th August 2026, marking the MG Car Club's official national gathering for the year. Steeped in motorsport history, this legendary Kent venue provides the perfect backdrop for a celebration of MG's rich competition heritage.

For the first time in several years, Brands Hatch will host a major event dedicated entirely to MG, combining thrilling on-track action with a full programme of racing curated by the British Racing and Sports Car Club (BRSCC).

Headlining the day will be the much-loved MG Cockshoot Cup, promising close, characterful racing.

Beyond the circuit, a vast display of MGs from every era will form a living timeline of the marque's evolution, from pre-war classics to modern models. Visitors can meet passionate owners, racers, and restorers, while precision-based California Cup Autotest and Autosolo competitions add interactive excitement throughout the venue.

One of the most ambitious highlights of MG Fest '26 will be a record-breaking attempt to place the largest number of MGs on track at the same time. This unforgettable mass parade lap will see hundreds of MGs sweep through iconic corners such as Paddock Hill Bend and Druids – an extraordinary sight for spectators and participants alike.

Adding to its significance, MG Fest '26 will form part of Brands Hatch's Centenary of Power celebrations. MSV Group Motorsport Events Manager David Willey commented "MG machines have a long history of racing here, so it is hugely appropriate that this celebration should take place at the venue"

With thrilling racing, interactive activities, historic displays, and a welcoming community atmosphere, MG Fest '26 promises to be a must-attend event for enthusiasts and newcomers alike.

For a full weekend of MG Activity, the MG Car Club South East Centre will be hosting their Summer Day Out on Saturday 15th August at Lullingstone Castle (Dartford DA4 0JA). With organised runs linking Lullingstone Castle and Brands Hatch, it offers a warm-up to MG Fest 2026.

More news in April's Safety Fast! pages 17, 20, and 21.

MG Car Club members benefit from generously discounted ticket prices, - £24 for adults, or £16 for display bookings (i.e. "bring an MG") for MGCC Members.

Use members discount code **MGCCBH26**

On line booking is open now, at www.mgcc.co.uk/mgfest

Watch out for more news on the MG Car Club website, and in Safety Fast! Magazine.

Kop Hill – 12th & 13th September 2026

Joe Walsh writes: Following last year's highly successful Kop Hill weekend (pictured, below) many owners got in touch to say how much they enjoyed the event and asked if we would be having a similar display at the 2026 show. - The good news is that the MGA Register has again secured a dedicated display area for the 2026 show.

A number of MGAs (10 at the time of writing)



have now registered for the weekend but not many have "affiliated" their entry to the "MGA Register Club". If you are not taking part in a Hill run and would like to join us on our MGA Register paddock display you'll need to register on the Kop Hill registration website and be sure to "affiliate" to the "MGA Register Club".

The low number of "affiliations" so far could be

because owners who have applied for a Hill run and have not yet heard if they have been accepted. If an owner's application to run up the Hill is accepted their car will be parked somewhere else in the paddock (i.e. not on the MGA Register Club display). Owners who have not been successful in getting a Hill run are welcome to display on the MGA Register Club display but they will need to "affiliate" to the "MGA Register Club" once they have heard back from the Kop Hill

organisers.

If you have any issues "affiliating" at the time of booking use this link

<https://booking.kophillclimb.org.uk/affiliation/25-03-31-84377/mga-register-club>

You'll find all the information you need on the MGA Register website, click here

<https://www.mgcc.co.uk/mga-register/events-in-2023/kop-hill-2025-20th-21st-september/>

Note the screen-shots are from the 2025 booking pages but the process is the same for this year.

YES! That web address is correct – But (contrary to this web address), the 2026 event will be held on 12th and 13th September!! – Ed.

Lancaster Insurance Classic Car Show – 6th to 8th November

(It's a long time off, but ...) The UK's biggest annual Classic Car Show will take place at the National Exhibition Centre (NEC), Birmingham, between 6th and 8th November. More news and details of discounted tickets in future editions of the eNewsletter.

Magnette Events – 2026

Bridge Classics Visit – July 26th

Repeat of a popular 2025 "open day" event, at Woodbridge in Suffolk

Lou Shorten Tribute Weekend – September 26th and 27th

As ever, venue will be John Shorten's house at Lenwade, near Norwich.

Details of all of these events can be found on the Magnette Register website

National Events - 2027 and Beyond

As mentioned in the introduction to this eNewsletter, the MGA Register has no formal events planned after the end of 2026.

Here is an update on that matter from Chairman **Howard Quayle**. Unless we take action over the next couple of months, there will be no future MGA Register tours

UK Tours

For many years, the MGA Register has held two weekend tours each year, based in a comfortable hotel and generally with a Route Book showing two runs that participants can follow. These get-togethers have always tried to follow some regional balance (one in the north and the other in the south) and have been held in the spring and the autumn. This year (2026) a change was made to mid-week tours, following understandable comments about avoiding traffic-ridden Monday and Friday journeys as far as possible.

We have also enjoyed a dedicated one-day Scottish MGA Day each year (See page 10)

These touring gatherings have always depended on one essential element – VOLUNTEER ORGANISERS. That means finding the right hotel at the right price on acceptable dates, then compiling interesting routes for participants to follow. That's a big job and while the organiser normally finds other local members to assist, someone has to lead the process. We have always been successful in finding organisers UNTIL NOW – but the cupboard is **bare** for 2027, as no-one had come forward to organise the spring and autumn tours.

At the Blackburn tour in May, members expressed their hope that Register tours will continue. A request for organisers was made once more, but despite this, no member has yet come forward to volunteer. Without a volunteer, nothing will happen. It's as simple as that.

So.....let's look at the options:

a. **The Spring and Autumn Tours are no longer held**, as no organiser comes forward. The gatherings as we know them just die. That would be very sad.

b. **Members volunteer to organise two "traditional" tours in 2027** (or perhaps just one tour if there is a single organiser). Timescales for this are getting short, but with some support it might just be manageable. Time to put your name forward!

c. **Outsource our gatherings to an organisation such as Scenic Car Tours**, who will organise bespoke packages for five cars or more. That avoids the need for a tour organiser within the MGA Register (though not entirely). Service, however, comes at a cost. As an example, Scenic quote a cost of around £550 **per person** for a three-day/two-night tour in North Wales, the price also including admission to a well-known tourist attraction. That works out at £1100 **per couple**. "Per person" pricing is standard practice within the tourist industry, as we all know, and we cannot change that.

d. **Use one of the well-known pubs and farmhouses catering specifically for classic car groups**. The *Fat Lamb Country Inn*, near Kirkby Stephen in the Pennines, charges approx. £500 for two nights' DBB for **two people** and provides tour routes from its own files. The well-known *Llanerchindda Farm* in Carmarthenshire provides similar facilities. **However**, both of these can only accommodate a maximum of 14/15 cars, which would mean bookings taken on a "first-come, first-served basis". (Register tours have recently had 30 – 40 cars.)

e. **Members come forward to organise a much simpler tour format**. That would involve:

- Finding a suitable hotel
- Agreeing (with committee support) a DBB package for two/three nights
- Participants to book direct with hotel, in the normal way
- No Route Books: tour participants to decide where to go and what to see in the area.

That would make for much easier organising, as the focus would only be on hotel liaison. So..... there's the (UK) choices. What do you want? And perhaps more importantly, who would like to help organise? Without answers to those questions, our Register tours will come to an end.

What about Mainland European Tours??

In the paragraph above, you will have read about the MGA Register's UK Tours and how arrangements for these may have to change in the future.

But why not also think about taking your MGA over the Channel or across the North Sea for a few days or even longer? When the MGA was introduced in 1955, some of the early road tests included sections on French roads (presumably after retarding the timing for 92 octane essence!) and even (in one case) over mountain passes into Switzerland.

The MGA Register is no stranger to continental touring, with members having taken their cars abroad either on an individual basis or as part of a small group. The cars are strong, there are MG Car Clubs in all countries, and in recent years, I have started recording garages in mainland Europe listed as still providing some element of British Leyland support (OK, not BMC, but not a bad start....)

So.... here's a couple of ideas for 2027:

70 Years
MG Car Club Luxembourg
29 JULY - 01 AUG 2027

ARDENNEN
MEETING
2027

The MG Car Club Luxembourg warmly invites you to join us for our special Anniversary Meet!

Come and celebrate 70 years of passion, friendship, and motoring heritage with fellow enthusiasts as we explore the stunning roads and scenic landscapes of northern Luxembourg together. Expect memorable drives, great company, and a wonderful atmosphere worthy of this milestone occasion.

Mark your calendar, save the date, scan the QR code below and subscribe to our mailing list today to be among the first to receive event updates and details. We look forward to celebrating this unforgettable anniversary with you!

SAVE THE DATE

[Belgium, Luxembourg and the Ardennes](#)

Next year, MG Car Club Luxembourg celebrates its 70th Anniversary with a four-day/three-night get-together (29 July-1 August) in the northern Ardennes region of the Grand Duchy, with its winding river valleys and ancient castles.

Why not join this event? It's only 220 miles from Calais to the Luxembourg Ardennes, and if you've never been to Dinant on the Meuse, the excellent Castel-de-Pont-a-Lesse hotel (used by many MGCC registers) makes a good overnight stop. After Luxembourg 70, an eighty-mile drive east on excellent roads across the hills takes you to the Nurburgring and the Eifel National Park, on the German-Belgian border.... or just return the way you came.

Easy motoring all the way.....

[France and the Channel Coast](#)

Here's another suggestion for an easy few days in Europe, and without the need to use any *autoroutes*! South of Calais lies the Cote d'Opale (the "opal coast"), with the road providing sea views for virtually the full distance down to Boulogne and its harbour. Beyond the port, the road continues to the stylish seaside town of Le-Touquet-Paris-Plage, where the *MGCC's European Event Of The Year* was held in 2016. Remarkably, it's only 55 miles from Calais to Le Touquet, with plenty to see and do for a two/three-day stay, such as the Somme estuary, with its small towns and narrow-gauge tourist railway.

You could probably do this trip from Calais on a single tank of petrol, out and back....

And finally, for the really adventurous....**European Event Of The Year 2027 in Halmstad, Sweden:** August 11 to August 15.

Are you interested in European touring? If you are, let Joe Walsh or Howard Quayle know.

"One Life, Live It" as they say.....

Editor's Note: *If you have any suggestions or opinions on this topic, please contact Howard Quayle or Joe Walsh, either directly or via this eNewsletter. - Over to you, folks!*

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 MGCC colleagues in the Netherlands, it is now an ONLINE Register.

In previous editions of this eNewsletter Joe has explained **why** it is a good idea to get your car on the Register (for your benefit, and for the benefit of future owners) and explained **how** you can do it. – The MGA Register Database is being continually improved, and in the following paragraphs Joe outlines some recent improvements, and also explains in detail how you can improve the data held on your car. Remember, the BMIHT Heritage Certificate gives information on how and when the car was built, and the MGA Register record gives information about what has happened to the car in the 65 to 70 years since build.

Here’s **Joe’s** update

Registrar’s News – June 2026

The On-line MGA Register: - “Membership” of the Register continues to grow with 19 new users registering since the last update and 16 MGAs being allocated a new Register number. That means 16 MGAs which were not previously on the Register. The total number of MGAs recorded on the Register is now over 6700. Have you registered and “claimed” your car yet?

Full details can be found on the MGA Register website: <https://www.mgcc.co.uk/mga-register/the-mga-register/>



The screenshot shows the MGA Register website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Register', 'Photos', and 'Contact'. Below that, there's a section for 'CAR DETAILS' with a table of information. The table includes fields like 'Body Colour', 'Year Colour', 'Body Colour', 'Type of wheels', 'Registration date', 'Engine profile', 'Engine number', 'Engine status', 'Gearbox', 'Owner history', 'Owner name', 'Start date', 'End date', 'Country of registration', 'Date first registered in UK', and 'MGA & MGCC membership by'. Below the table, there's a section for 'MGA & MGCC membership by' with a table of information. At the bottom, there's a photo of a white MGA car with the text 'July 2025' below it.

Calling Australian owners!

Did you see the article in the March and May 2026 editions? There have been important changes to the way Aussie CKD chassis numbers and colours can be shown. If you haven't seen the article click here: <https://www.mgcc.co.uk/mga-register/the-mga-ewsletter-library/>

MGA Register “History Certificate”:

<https://www.mgcc.co.uk/mga-register/mga-register-history-certificate>

With the show season now on us you might like to produce your own bespoke “History Certificate” to display on your car. See an example, pictured, left, of “One that Joe prepared earlier!”.

If you have already “claimed” your MGA and would like to produce your own “History Certificate”, have a look at this page on the MGA Register webpage shown at the top of this paragraph.

SMART Motorways (Again!!)

Here's a note from member **Howie Perks** on the topic of SMART Motorways...

FEELING THE HEAT

Jan and I drove 300 miles up to Blackburn to take part in the MGA Register's Spring event. I am sure that someone else will write a report about this event, but I would like to relate a cautionary tale and lesson well learned on our long journey home.

After our 330-mile drive from Plymouth up to Blackburn, Jan and I drove another 230 miles across to Centre Parc Elveden (partly on the A1 which is horribly busy) to celebrate with our family a granddaughters fifteenth birthday and the first part of Jan and my 50th wedding anniversary. From there we stayed with our daughter in Cambridge and went to watch *Titanique* in the West End. I laughed so much my tears could have re-floated the ship!

A couple of day later we were 150 miles into our 300-mile journey home to Plymouth when the engine cut out on the 'Smart' section of the M5. I was immediately suspected this was an electrical problem as there had been no engine spluttering or noticeable mechanical symptoms. With no hard shoulder, the prospect of stopping on such a section of motorway is terrifying and highly dangerous, but fortunately I had a bit of a pre-plan in the back of my mind.

Lay-bys on smart motorways are between 1 and 1.5 miles apart. I keep half an eye on this spacing and guessed that at about 65mph I had enough inertia on a flat road to roll half a mile or so to the next lay-by. I quickly put the car into neutral and switched on my hazard warning lights (which should be mandatory for all classics in my opinion). Crucially, the car was still mobile, and I did not have to stop it then and there.

I was able to easily change from the middle to the left lane, and we did indeed manage to coast into a safe lay-by from where we called breakdown assistance to get us off the motorway.

So we were lucky, yes, but being mindful in advance of the possible danger and quickly responding to the crisis helped to avoid a harrowing and potentially lethal experience. However, some mechanical issues or crashes might make this action impossible. My advice is that until this type of road is made safe again by reinstating the hard shoulder, just be aware how far it might be to the nearest safe lay-by and try your very best to get there. If this isn't possible, immediately get out of the car and behind the crash barrier ASAP and put on your hi-vis jacket.

An AA recovery truck took us to Strensham Services and after another 2.5 hour wait an AA mechanic turned up. Though I had already explored what the problem could be and was out of ideas, he and I spent another hour and a half testing circuit after circuit. The young mechanic wanted to give up after an hour, but I felt very strongly that there was a silly electrical problem that once identified would be an easy fix. We persevered and eventually discovered that one side of a main fuse was only receiving about 5 volts not 12. This was caused by an intermittent fault in a wire from the ignition switch to the fuse box, exacerbated by the heat. Once that was checked and made good, we were eventually able to set off again, exhausted and sweaty from being out in the sun for most of the day. By the time we eventually got home we had driven over a thousand, mostly very pleasant, miles in our MGA.

I hope you find this this advice useful, and that Jan and I hope to see you all at the Autumn Register jaunt in Paignton.

Editor's Note: Like Howie, I am a bit twitchy about SMART motorways, and the lack of easily accessible refuges.

Howie's comment about making Hazard Lights mandatory on all cars is interesting – but I very much doubt it will ever happen. – Some older cars do not even have flashing indicators.

But all is not lost.....

I bought a battery-powered magnetic light which serves as Hazard Lights in the event of emergencies, and also doubles up as a torch. On the MGA it can sit under the dashboard on the passenger side.

This is the manufacturer / importer's website. – Other sources are available if you search for NIGHTSEARCHER PULSAR AAA. It is very good, very bright, and for just £16

[https://nightsearcher.co.uk/products/pulsar-](https://nightsearcher.co.uk/products/pulsar-aaa?srsId=AfmBOooUKWux2VuVfBeIo1ca1t0fTYhN3k-thfexpV-RhjAfWwstTuOr)

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Buying and Selling an MGA

In the March and May editions of this eNewsletter, **Joe Walsh** highlighted the challenges of buying a 70 year old car, - particularly if that car has not had much use in recent times. – The term "light restoration may be required" was explored (and costed!) at some length!! Joe also gave us advice on selling an MGA – How and where to advertise the car, and how to set a realistic asking price for it.

In May, Joe mentioned the Glenmarch Auction Monitoring Tool, but we ran out of space before I could explain how that tool works – so here it is now (courtesy of **Joe Walsh**)

Selling Your MGA – Setting a Price

If you are setting about selling your MGA one of the trickiest issues will be getting the price right. At the time of writing there are a lot of MGAs on the market and more are appearing every month.

So if you price your one too high it won't sell. Some of the cars being offered for sale now were on the market a year ago at higher prices. Incidentally, a number of the higher-priced cars still on sale at the time of writing have been on sale for more than two years!

The best guide to pitching the price correctly is to have a look at what MGAs are actually selling for. Auction results are an excellent guide to prices because they reflect what buyers are actually prepared to pay and, at the end of the day, the hard fact is that your car is only worth what someone is prepared to pay for it.

Use this link to access the Glenmarch auction monitoring tool.

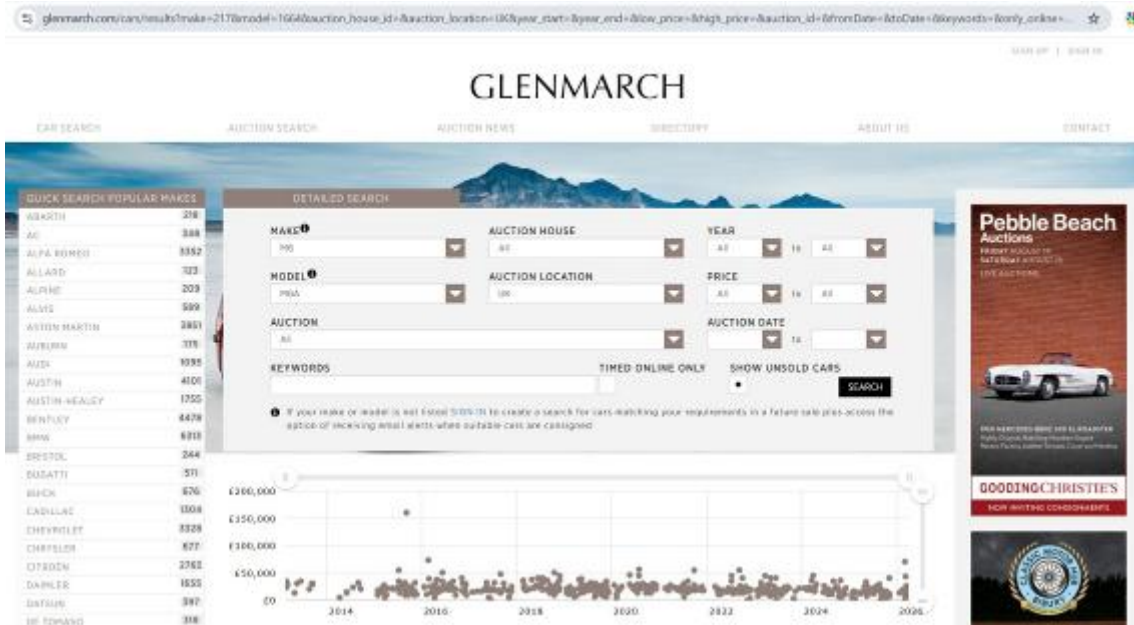
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Remember the sold price shown is not necessarily what the seller received or what the buyer paid because of the reduction/addition of commissions and VAT.

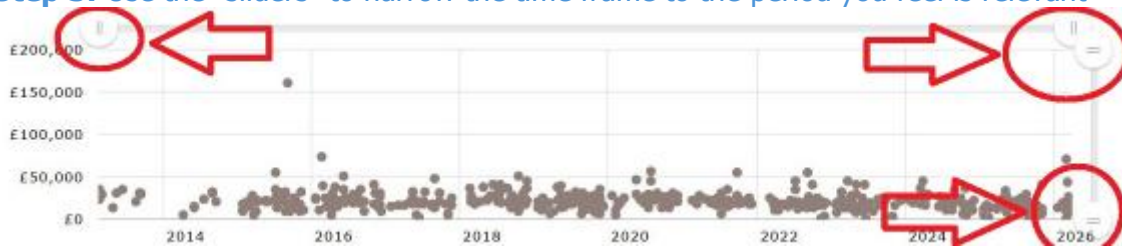
How to use the results tool:

Step 1: Open the tool using the link above.

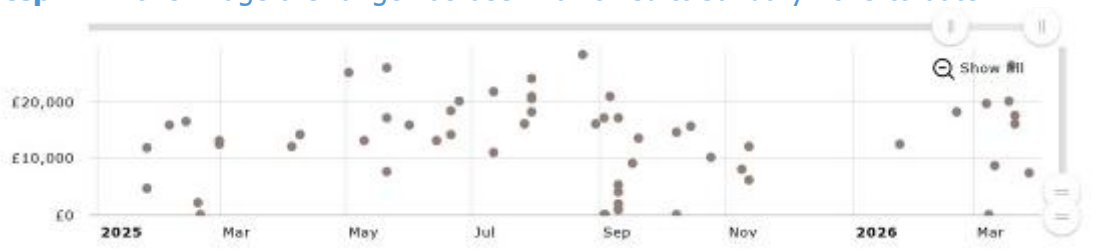
Step 2: Enter 'MG', 'MGA' & 'UK' in the relevant drop-down boxes. If you use the link these fields may already be populated



Step 3: Use the "sliders" to narrow the time frame to the period you feel is relevant

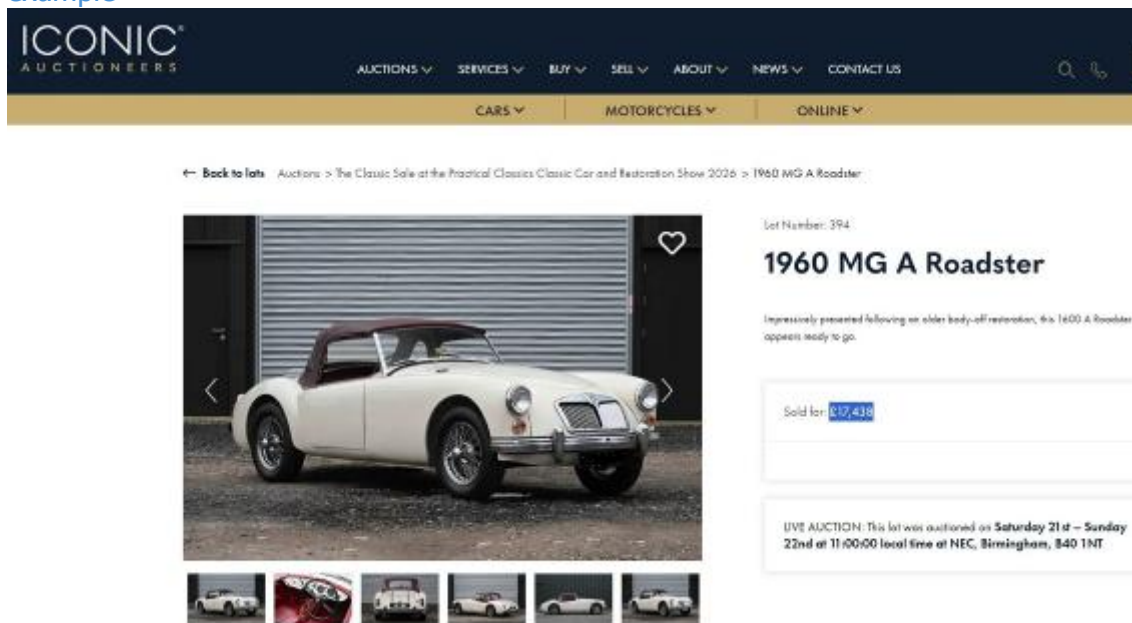


Step 4: In this image the range has been narrowed to January 2025 to date.



Step 5: Analysis – we can see that the majority of sales in the last 15 months have been between £10,000 to £20,000, with most in the mid to high teens. By going back through the individual results listed below the chart on the website you can more or less correlate the dots on the chart to the details of the cars. Doing this will show that the MGAs which sold for over £20,000 were invariably Twin-Cams. When comparing sold prices remember to factor in the reduction/addition of commissions and VAT which will vary from one auction house to another. The figure shown as the "sold" figure is not necessarily the net amount received by the seller.

Step 6: Comparison - Find a car which you feel is close to yours. Let's take this one as an example



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Lot Number: 394

1960 MG A Roadster

Impressively presented following an older body-off restoration, this 1400 A Roadster appears ready to go.

Sold for: **£17,438**

LIVE AUCTION: This lot was auctioned on **Saturday 21st – Sunday 22nd** at 11:00:00 local time at **NEC, Birmingham, B40 1NT**

This car sold for £17,438. Taking this auction house as an example the charges for a standard listing are a cataloguing fee £250 plus VAT which includes professional photography & script writing etc plus the seller's commission at 7.5% applied to the final hammer price plus VAT. So based on a sold price of £17,438 one can estimate that the combined fees plus tax may have been in the region of £1870. If that is correct then the seller would have received approximately £15,500 for this car. Now compare your car with the photos of this one and ask yourself, "is my car better or not as good as this one?" Give yourself an honest answer to this question and you'll be able to come up with a sensible sales figure for your car.

Advertising in the MGA Register e-Newsletter is free as it is in Safety Fast for MGCC members. Car & Classic appears to be the most popular online platform and don't forget the MGOC Classifieds which is used by a lot of MG owners to advertise their cars.

https://www.mgownersclub.co.uk/classified-ads?field_classifieds_section_value=MGA

If you advertise your car privately be aware that there are a lot of scams currently doing the rounds. Check the advice on the Autotrader website and be careful.

https://www.autotrader.co.uk/safety_and_security_centre

If a prospective buyer asks you to arrange a "vehicle condition report" or similar just cut the call or delete the email.

Notable Journeys

"What's this Notable Journey story, then?". Here's some background info from **Stuart Mumby** – former MGA Register Charman, Registrar, and Newsletter Editor.

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 2026 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.

The current holders of the award are a group of MGA owners from Australia, Bali, and the USA who drove 4000 miles around Europe for the MGA 70 events in 2025.

If you have an MGA Journey you would like to nominate for this award, send details of the journey, the car(s) and the travellers to the MGA eNewsletter Editor at mgsclub-mganewsletter@outlook.com for submission to the Judging Committee.

Get your applications in as soon as you can, folks!

STOP PRESS: I have 1 "preliminary / potential" entry for the 2026 award.

David Humphreys in the process of a Notable Journey driving from the UK to Kirkenes (via Nordkapp) in Norway in his 1958 MGA TwinCam which he has owned for 42 years.

From Kirkenes they plan to take the Havila Coastal Express Ship back down to Bergen and then join the MG Car Club Annual Norwegian Rally before returning to the UK.

If they make it (? !) then David estimates the total driving mileage will be circa 5500 to 6000 miles (plus circa 1000 miles on the Coastal Express). Update as at 1st June is that the travellers have got to Nordkapp (3134 miles), and are getting ready to start the return journey. More news as we get it, in this Newsletter and in Safety Fast!

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.

MGA Parts For Sale

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)

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 this advert was originally published, Barry has "found" some more keys, - so if you have asked previously and he was not able to supply the one that you want, please contact him again – he may have found "your" key now.

WANTED – MGA Heater Air Box

WANTED - MGA Heater Open / Close Vent, (Lower part of the heater box, inside the car)
Moss Part number 46 in their catalogue or Part number 7H1995 (<https://www.moss-europe.co.uk/en-gb/vent-heater-outlet-7h1995>) to allow me to complete the car restoration of a 1961 1622cc MGA.

Please contact **Adrian Malthouse** at amalt8467@gmail.com if you can help. Many thanks.

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, Navy, Red, Royal Blue, Green, Red, 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 email address for orders remains as mgaregistershop@outlook.com and our PayPal account continues to be the preferred method for invoicing and payment.

Note: Whilst we are recruiting a new Merchandise Manager (see page 4) supply of memorabilia might take a little longer than we would like!

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.

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/>

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, July 2026

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.

If you have an MGA Journey you would like to nominate for this award, send details of the journey, the car(s) and the travellers to the MGA eNewsletter Editor at mgcarclub-mganewsletter@outlook.com for submission to the Judging Committee.

Appendix 2 - MGA 2026 Autumn Tour
15th to 17th September 2026 (Tours on Wed.16th and Thurs.17th)

ENTRY FORM

Your Details

Driver's Name: Passenger's Name:
Address:
Tel (Mobile): email:.....

Your MGA or vehicle

MGA Type: Year:
Reg No: Colour:

I/ We intend to join MGA Autumn Tour between 15th and 17th September 2026
I / We have booked accommodation at the Palace Hotel for 15th / 16th / 17th September
(please delete as required)

We have accommodation elsewhere - Yes / No

*I/We have made payment by BACS to **The MG Car Club MGA Register** Sort Code 40-36-15 / Account 3382 8727 reference **Autumn 2026 + surname** for MGA Register Tour
Entry and Admin costs:

- £30 **per car** for MG Car Club Members
- £55 per car non MG Car Club Members

OR

I enclose a cheque payable to: **The MG Car Club MGA Register** for £30 (MGCC Members) or £55 (non Members) for Tour Entry and Admin costs.

All entry forms and cheques need to be posted or emailed to the tour organiser.

Howard Perks.

Entrant Signature..... (MGCC Membership Number).....

Date.....

Please return your completed and scanned entry form and BACS confirmation

to: howard.perks@blueyonder.co.uk **07801 055128** or post a cheque to

Howard Perks, 7, Thorn Park, Mannamead, Plymouth, PL3 4TG