



MG CAR CLUB-CHESHAM NATTER

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June Newsletter – 2025

Hello Folks, welcome to our June Newsletter.

Forthcoming Natter events

Tuesday 27th May. Natter evening at the King Charles in Ashley Green from 6:30pm. We look forward to your company.

Tuesday 24th June 2025: annual evening Pride of Ownership and BBQ at Little Hay Golf Complex, Bovingdon. Lots of awards and a great BBQ, **but you must book by 19th June at the latest.** Please see details under Future Events on our website. (Note: **No Natter at The King Charles in June**).

Tuesday 15th July 2025: late Spring Chicken Run with Tulip Roadbook to The Shuttleworth Collection with opportunity to visit Swiss Gardens, Hangers and Engineering workshops. Please see details on our website and below; **Please note last date for booking is 1st July.**

Other upcoming local events (and don't miss more later in this Newsletter)

Saturday 7th June Ashley Green Village Show.

Well Easter is now behind us and I'm sure many of you have been out and about in your classics and it now seems the warm weather is leaving us for a while. I'm sure it will return for June 7th when we look forward to seeing you and your car plus hopefully some of your friends who have not been to Ashley Green before.

Regards Malc. contact Malc at malc.rimington@gmail.com

20th /21st September Kop Hill Climb

Joe Walsh has forwarded the following information about Kop Hill in September with details of the 70th anniversary celebrations of the MGA. Follow the link below to join in on what promises to be a great day. The club MGA register has teamed up with the prestigious Kop Hill weekend. The centrepiece of this exciting event will be the replica of the famous BMC Competition Department transporter which will be on display with a selection of MGAs.

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

Recent Events

During mid May Stan and Jane enjoyed a day at Aston Hill near Aston Clinton to enjoy the celebrations of 100 years since the first running of competition cars up the now famous hill. In the early days Vauxhall cars reigned supreme but with other makes coming from the continent to try their luck with machines which were from the early days of motoring..... with one or two components that we now take for granted, missing, front brakes for example!! Brakes were cable or rod operated so the drivers had to think a long way ahead!

But over to Stan about his day and as always with his camera at the ready:

"It was worth arriving there at 7 on a chilly morning. A requirement that wasn't revealed until quite late in the run up to the event.

The range of cars there was mind boggling. From Veterans doing without those new-fangled front wheel brakes to 1970s classics quite capable of taking care of themselves in modern traffic.

Obviously lots of Aston Martins, also real Vauxhalls, Sunbeams, Talbots, Lea Francis, Crossley's and two Hispano - Suiza's.

There was a demo run up the hill by some cars. All we could do was watch them re-enter the field. Some motor bikes took part in this. One of them a Triumph a lot newer than the 1949 Speed Twin I once owned.



(During the 1930's an uncle of mine worked at Vauxhall and one of his many tasks was to road test some of these wonderful old machines. He would tell me stories of those times and how he and his fellow workers would goad the police into chasing them for speeding, but the men in blue had no chance of catching these quite formidable Vauxhalls. I don't remember which models he reminisced about, but he did say that few cars could live with them! (Ed)

Does anyone know which model of Vauxhall this magnificent specimen is?, a Prince Henry maybe??



From the sublime to the.....



>faster and more practical!



Just one more of the rare and wonderfull cars seen through the lens of Stan's camera!, but which model is it?

Once more Stan, thank you for your input it is always very welcome.

P.S. Did anyone find the obelisk dedicated to Lionel Martin and his cars hiden on the bank among the grass and weeds on the left bank of the hill as you ascend from the bottom??

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At the end of May 49 Natterers decended on Henley Business School for a leisurley sunday lunch followed by a sit in the sunny gardens close to the river Thames for tea or coffee. We were made welcome by the friendly staff who ushered us to our clearly marked tables after we had enjoyed a drink in the bar on our arrival. Our thanks to Richard and Christa for organising the event which went off faultlessly, in addition they arranged the dry sunny weather! This was a great opportunity to relax over a great meal with fellow Natterers and get to know new members.



Natter members enjoying lunch.



A small selection of the cars at Henley>



And more upcoming local events

Sunday 17th August

WAMGOC Octagonal Run. From Peterlee Manor Farm (near Prestwood) to Wrest Park near Bedford (an English Heritage property). No fixed charge, but a recommended contribution of £15 per car. Raffle on day. For further information and to receive the application details please e-mail wamgocnews@gmail.com.

Saturday/Sunday 20th/21st September

Sywell Classic: Pistons & Props comes flying into Sywell Aerodrome. See the very best of classic motoring both on the ground and in the air, live music, vintage stalls, tasty food & drink and so much more.

Saturday 5th July

Chorleywood Car Show. Back to their usual show-ground at Chorleywood Youth Football Club. Find out more by visiting the website here: <https://www.chorleywoodcarshow.org/> Book a ticket by going to Eventbrite here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1275048988849?aff=oddtcreator>

A Return Visit to the UK and the Natter by Jensine & Colin Hough

10 years ago a group of intrepid MGA owners from Victoria, mainly Melbourne (joined by some from a couple of other states) decided to take their cars to the UK to join the 60th Anniversary of the start of production of the MGA tour from Lands End to John O'Groats, organised and planned by Stuart Mumby. Some of you will remember that I set off to Lands End for that one with Kate Mahoney, and that Kate and Colin swapped over at a mutual friends near Telford. Well, it's now 10 years on and, unfortunately, foreign cars can no longer be insured in UK or Europe so the rest of my colleagues are having to make do with more modern MG TFs. They will do this through a buy and repurchase agreement with an MG dealer. But I decided to see if I could get an A and was delighted to find this Dove Grey 1961 MGA roadster in Hereford, advertised in the MGA e-Newsletter.

Many of you will know about the 70th Anniversary tour being undertaken in Northern Ireland towards the end of June. Well, most of my colleagues will be first setting off to drive Stuart Mumby's Pyrenees drive before coming to Ireland and Dublin. Colin and I will meet them there on 17th June. A tour of Ireland will be undertaken, finishing off in Derry, Northern Ireland in time to join in the first part of the 70th celebrations, along with the main contingent from the UK and no doubt parts of the Continent as well. We will be staying in the same hotel as 'the UK lot' and looking forward to catching up with quite a few people - the other Aussies etc are staying in the alternative hotel.

After the Northern Ireland tour we all then move on for a couple of days in the Isle of Man before taking the ferry to Liverpool and heading down to 'MG land' in Oxfordshire to share the next part of the celebration. But, being gluttons for punishment, after that we all set off to tour Wales for a week, finishing up on 14th July in Llangothlin. From then on Colin and I are free to travel and visit friends and old haunts, and maybe find some new places as well. And we will be spending a week in Bucks to coincide with the July Natter. Of course, any expressions of interest in my newly acquired A will be welcome - test drives no problem - as I will need to 'unburden' myself of it come mid-August before we spend our last period in London. All I can say is I hope I don't fall in love with it as I really can't take it back to oust my BRG A in Melbourne!

We are also taking the opportunity to visit friends on the way over and back. Our 103 year old friend of 48 years in Bangkok on the way over and our Indian friends, also met in 1977 and in their 80s, in New Delhi and finally to our older godson and his family in Hong Kong before arriving back in Melbourne on 10th September. So quite a journey to remember.

Members MGB for sale.

Bill Seward has his Red January 1968 MGB roadster for sale. Owned since 2020. History files back to 2000. Approx 20,000 miles since restoration. Overdrive, wire wheels, new MOT, Mohair hood, LED lights, emergency flashers, distinctive number plate, CD player. £12,500.

Contact Bill at wtseward@icloud.com or phone 07714 719464



That's all for now Folks,

Regards, Richard, Christa and Keith.

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CHESHAM MG NATTER : 21st (Summer) SPRING CHICKEN RUN Tuesday 15th July 2025

Come and join us for a Tulip Road Run and a visit to The Shuttleworth

Collection : this 21st running of our ever-popular event has moved to the Summer and a weekday, which we hope you will enjoy.

For the Tulip Roadbook Run during the morning Neil and Graham have devised a great route, with different points of interest on the way.

The day will commence when we meet at Little Hay Golf Complex, Box Lane, Bovington HP3 0DT from 9.30am. Please park in the main car park as close to the Natter's sail flag as possible, and then proceed to the Golf Club's Restaurant to check-in and receive your 'Tulip style' route book. A choice of bacon, sausage or egg bap and tea/coffee will be available after you have checked-in. Please arrive in good time to sign on and have your snack, after which we will set off on the run, departing by 10.30am.

The Tulip Route is 47 miles – we recommend you leave Little Hay not later than 10.30am and aim to be at Shuttleworth around 12.30pm.

Our destination will be The Shuttleworth Collection at Old Warden, Biggleswade, Beds SG18 9EP. You will be met at the gate by the airfield staff and directed to our reserved parking in front of the main hanger. The ticket they give you will give drivers and passengers 30-day return tickets to The Shuttleworth Collection and Gardens.

We recommend that you bring a picnic so we can enjoy lunch by our cars. Alternatively, the Runway Café at Shuttleworth provides a range of hot and cold food and non-alcoholic drinks if you wish to visit it. But if using the Café please note we are a large group and have not given them any pre-orders.

Your Spring Chicken Entry includes the breakfast snack, the Tulip Route Book and entry to The Shuttleworth Collection. This includes the hangers, engineering workshops and The Swiss Garden. Should you have any questions about the event please contact Richard on 01494 728253 or at r.colston@btinternet.com

We very much hope you will come and join us, and celebrate our 21st Spring Chicken Run. If so please complete and return the attached Entry Form below and make payment.

Can we please have your booking by Tuesday 1st July 2025 at the very latest.

ENTRY Form : (Summer) Spring Chicken Run to Shuttleworth on Tuesday 15th July 2025

Entrant's Name.....Mobile no.....
Address.....
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e-mail address.....Model of car.....
Registration Number.....Number of passengers.....

MG Car Club Membership number.....} These details are required

Please indicate if non- member.....} for the Motorsport UK licence.

Entry fee for the run is £16.50 for your car and one driver, plus £5.50 per passenger. This includes a Tulip Road Book, a breakfast snack, and entry to Shuttleworth. The event is supported by the Natter's regular raffles.

Entry at £16.50 plus £5.50 per passenger = **Total £**

Please also indicate your food choices for the Breakfast Snack below :

Breakfast Snack at Little Hay : Bacon Bap :No Sausage Bap :No

Or Vegetarian : Egg Bap :No

Coffee/Tea is included.

Please Email your entry form to Richard at r.colston@btinternet.com and transfer your payment electronically as below :-

Payment to: Chesham Area MG Group

Reference: - *(Please insert your name here)*

Sort Code :- 52-21-27

Account No: - 29671604

This entry form is also available on our website.