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**Wishing you and yours a safe and healthy New Year!
After 2020, things can only get better.**



Keeping in Touch

At a recent online committee meeting it was agreed to hold an informal Zoom members' meeting on Wednesday 20th January 2021 at 19.30 GMT, as the possibility of holding any form of normal meeting in the foreseeable future seems unlikely.

This will be a virtual social gathering to see and 'chat' to friends online. The committee is aware that several members do not like the idea of virtual meetings and may not wish to participate whilst others have expressed an interest in this type of social event.

It may be that you have already experienced several Zoom events, particularly over the festive season, so you are no doubt familiar with the online procedures which are becoming so much a part of our social calendars.



If, however, you are unfamiliar with Zoom but feel you would like to join in, I would be only too pleased to hold a private one-to-one session to help you break the ice and ensure your device is set-up correctly.

Please contact me as soon as possible by telephone or email if you wish to take part in the Zoom meeting and indicate if any tuition is required.

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The Coronavirus Regulations preclude us from holding the Society's Annual General Meeting in the traditional format, and the 2021 meeting will be held via the internet service "Zoom" on February 21st 2021 at 11.00 hrs GMT.

A formal AGM notice will be sent to members setting out the Agenda, Resolutions and Proxy Form for voting purposes. This will be finalised in due course and will then give the requisite minimum 21 days' notice of the AGM formalities.

The specific 'Log In' details for those who wish to take part in the AGM will also be included.

Please contact Mike Heins if you require any tuition.

At last, some good news! Probably the best-known M.G. in the world, (especially if you enjoy a good beer), changed hands shortly before Christmas, when Fred Body delivered the Old Speckled Hen to its new owner.



Fred bids farewell to O.S.H.



Ownership passes to Richard Meere.



Richard is a serial owner of vintage cars and has already joined the Early M.G. Society with the firm intention of enjoying the car on the Society's events.

We look forward seeing the car in action again and of enjoying Richard's company, when the Coronavirus Legislation permits.

Magazine

In the latest edition of the EMGS magazine, No. 56, on page 44, we included a picture of Cecil Kimber driving a 2-seater Flat Rad Super Sports. Yours truly captioned it as a 14/40, whereas the car is quite clearly a 14/28. I've rapped my own knuckles for being so daft. The extra nickel plate at the bottom of the radiator shell easily defines it as a 14/28.

The caption included a question, asking if anything is known about the occasion or ownership of the car pictured. Our esteemed Historian, Phil Jennings, this week provided the information that the car "was an early 1927 production model, was a works demonstrator and obviously Cecil Kimber was proud to be photographed driving the successor to the Bullnose model of 1926."



Phil added that "CA 9711 featured in The Autocar, June 17th 1927, 'Points Of The M.G. Super Sports' showing a wider photo of the enlargement of that photo on page 44, also Motor Sport, May 1927 'Sporting Cars On Test'. For those interested both Motor Sport and The Autocar articles are featured in 'Oxford to Abingdon', pages 247 - 252.

The mystery is this – why did a works demonstrator from The Morris Garages, Oxford, have a registration number beginning with CA, which was issued by Denbigh C.C. in north Wales?

From our friends at the Pre War MG Register of Australia comes this ode:

Ode to ageing

*We both were made before the war
My old MG and me.
We need regular servicing
To keep our MOT.
We've both had new alignments
So we stay running true.
With proper care and maintenance
Were just as good as new.
The polished ports and high lift cam
Made the MG so much quicker.
That's when I got the pacemaker
To help my ageing ticker.
I eat healthy and give my car
Clean oil she's so deserving,
The two of us, both car and me,
Are really worth preserving.
Now I'm to have a Covid jab,
Maybe in my bum
I hope it keeps me on the road
For many years to come.*



Quirky

21st December 2020.

And finally – in these difficult times, even a Tigress needs exercise:



Stay safe.