



NEWS UPDATE.

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‘Early M.G.’ cars for sale are a bit like London buses – none arrive for ages and then suddenly a group comes along at once!

After Bill Grudgings’ Mk II 18/80 2-seater sold recently, there were no ‘Early M.G.s’ known to be on the market. Then, in the same week, we heard that one of our Dutch members, Bert Van der Linden, has decided to part with a similar Mk II 18/80, which had the UK registration number MG 427.



We published an article in magazine no. 57 about MG 427’s memorable trip to Turin in the early 1960s. More recently, the car belonged to Tony Hartnell and then briefly to Keith Massheder, before heading to Holland.



Bert Van der Linden is asking for offers around £95,000 and can be contacted by phone on 0031 653 496487 or by e-mail at bertvanderlinden@kpnplanet.nl

More details can be viewed at <https://www.carandclassic.com/car/C1466645>

A UK purchaser should be able to regain the original MG 427 registration number.



Meanwhile, in the USA, the collector Gene Ponder has decided to sell a huge tranche of his car collection, including all of his M.G.s, via Sotheby's auctions. Readers might recall that the MG 14/40 2-seater, registration number XV 9508, which for many years belonged to Cyril Mellor and then to John Burton, before it was purchased by Gene Ponder.



Also to be auctioned is the M.G. 14/28 Flat Rad, registration number KH 5010, which had been in the long-term ownership of Fred Body.



The cars to be auctioned may be viewed at
<https://rmsothebys.com/en/home/lots/gp22>

You'll have to scroll through the pages of cars to find the M.G.s. All cars are offered without reserve.



EMGS AUTUMN EVENT – SEPTEMBER 19TH 2022

Chas Howe has arranged for our Autumn event to be based at The Grange hotel in Osborne, Dorset, near Sherbourne.

Visit <https://thegrange.co.uk/>



EMGS 25th Anniversary at The Grange in 2017.

Important: Chas & Sue wish to remind all entrants that they are all invited to come for lunch at Foretop, Church Lane, Sutton Waldron, DT11 8PB, on Monday, Sept. 19th – but please let Sue know if you propose to come, at sue.hay04@icloud.com or by phone 01747 811745.

The Autumn Event will commence on Monday, September 19th, for three days and nights, with the option to stay for a fourth day and night, at a rate of £180 per night for two people in a double room, on dinner, bed and breakfast.

THIS EVENT IS NOW FULLY SUBSCRIBED

All 18 rooms are now taken, but if you wish to go on a waiting list, or require details of nearby accommodation, please enquire at earlymgs@icloud.com

A full touring programme will be arranged, visiting local places of interest in the scenic county of Dorset.

E.M.G.S. IN FRANCE

The Society's long-awaited trip to the Loire and Cher regions of France finally took place from June 19th to 29th. Participating cars and crews suffered an unusual amount of attrition on this occasion! A week before the event we had ten cars and crews ready to take part, but during the final few days before departure, health and mechanical woes combined to reduce those numbers.

Seven vintage and two modern cars, with their crews, departed for France, but during the trip, one of the vintage cars suffered mechanical indigestion and was repatriated via the European Recovery Insurance system.



Here's the vintage line-up at the first hotel destination, Chateau de l'Epinay at St Georges sur Loire.







The E.M.G.S. 'Think-Tank' in action.





There'll be more pictures and news about this event in the next News Update, plus information about the prospects for future E.M.G.S. events in France.



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