



## NEWS UPDATE

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Here we go again – last month it was “Eat out and help out”, now it’s “Drink up and go home!”. We seem to be getting further away from a return to normal social gatherings in the UK. At present we can’t contemplate arranging events which would bring EMGS members together.

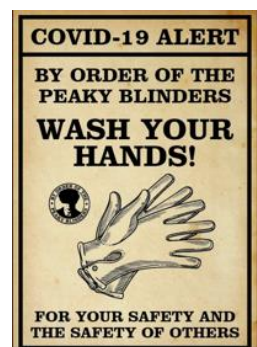
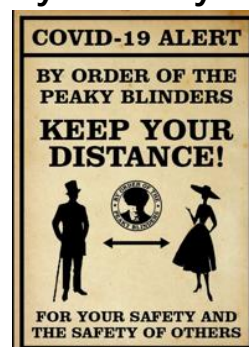
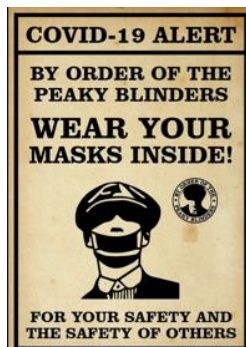
This situation applies to all societies & clubs, motoring, sporting and cultural. Restrictions in regard to the tiny numbers in which we may gather in the UK means that we can’t even arrange our 2021 AGM at present.

One event that somehow slipped through the net, and took place in September, was the Classic & Historic Motor Club’s ‘Cotswold Classic Run’.



Frank & Alison Bond took their M.G. 14/40 on the run, which started with a bacon sarnie at Grittleton House on the edge of The Cotswolds, followed by a 90-mile run and a finish at Grittleton for champagne & lunch.

The theme this year was ‘Peaky Blinders’ and entrants were encouraged to dress accordingly, but to observe the instructions issued by the Peaky Blinders.



**Alison keeps an eye on the M.G. at Grittleton House.**



**From the 70 or so vehicles that took part, the 14/40 was selected for an award, much to the delight of their passenger 'Biggles'**





Some quite unusual items arrive in your Scribes 'In-Box' from time to time, and the picture below came in recently. It's from a recent weekly motoring newspaper, (hence poor quality), and it took a few moments to realise that it was from an MG Car Club event at Silverstone a few years ago.



From left to right, the line-up depicts the editorial M.G. Super Sports, Fred Body's Bullnose M.G. Saloonette, Chris Cooke's 14/28 Flatnose M.G. and Fred's "Old Speckled Hen" 14/28 Flatnose M.G.

Behind the car we recognise John Cooper, Anon, John Burton, Rodney Kettel and your Scribe.



### Advice from a contributor in Virginia, USA

#### HOME COVID TEST

1. Pour a large glass of red wine, try to smell it.
2. If you can smell the wine then drink it & see if you can taste it.
3. If you can taste & smell it confirms you don't have Covid.

Last night I did the test 19 times, & all were negative, thank God.

Tonight I am going to do the test again, because this morning I woke with a headache & feel like I am coming down with something.

I am so nervous!

## CAR MOVEMENTS

Several 'Early M.G.s' are on the market at present, and can be viewed on our website [www.earlymgsociety.co.uk](http://www.earlymgsociety.co.uk) . The good news is that 'living' in Ireland since 1929 an M.G. 14/40 Mk IV 2-seater, (pictured below), which returned to England to be sold, has found a new home with Nick Williams, who is a serial owner of vintage cars.



Nick has asked for information about joining the Society, so a membership form has been sent to him. He sent us the picture below of the 14/40 ensconced in his garage, alongside his replica Bullnose M.G. Super Sports, which was so accurately constructed in the 1990s by Colin Watson.



We look forward to seeing Nick's new acquisition in due course on an EMGS event.





Fred Body's 14/28 Featherweight Sporting Saloon, A.K.A. "Old Speckled Hen" is going to auction this month, as may be seen on this link:  
<https://www.handh.co.uk/auction/lot/-1927-mg-featherweight-sporting-saloon/?lot=51114&so=0&st=&sto=0&au=484&ef=&et=&ic=False&sd=0&pp=48&pn=1&q=1>

As always when such important cars go to auction, we hope that it will stay in the UK.



These Carlton Ware china models of a Bullnose Morris and M.G. Old Number One are from Michael Applebee's collection of motoring memorabilia.

Marie-Christine Applebee would now like to see these models go to a good home. We consider that a fair asking price for them would be around £50 for the Morris and £70 for the M.G.

Marie-Christine also wishes to dispose of Michael's set of Early M.G. Society magazines. The set comprises 53 magazines, with only one edition missing – Number 11, January 1997, from the early run of 22 smaller A5 type editions. She would prefer to sell the whole collection in one batch.



From time to time we compile sets of magazines from our stock of back-issues, for which we charge £3.50 per magazine – an absolute bargain considering they cost about £10 each to produce!

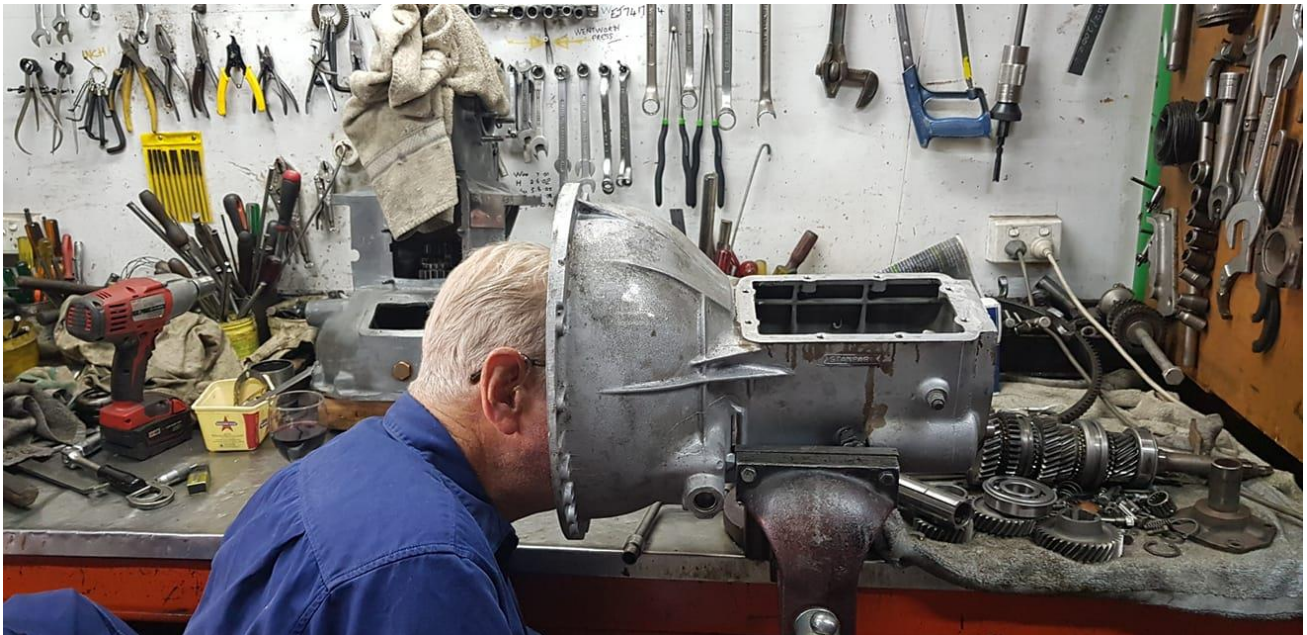
If you're interested in acquiring a model or a set of magazines, then please contact the editor in the first instance at [earlymgs@icloud.com](mailto:earlymgs@icloud.com)



VSCC members may have enjoyed the item in last week's electronic VSCC Newsheet featuring the famous ERA R4D racing car. It jogged my memory about the days when Anthony Mayman allowed me to share it with him :-



Last month's News Update featured an item about the rebuild of a 4-speed gearbox, potentially for trial in the editorial Bullnose M.G. Gearboxes are complicated bits of kit to the uninitiated, and here's an image of someone, (not me), investigating the interior of his gearbox :-



*He's got it in bits and now he's looking into it!*



Also in last month's News Update, in an attempt to raise spirits, we included a link to a video showing various EMGS events over 25 years. (We're coming up to our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary now!)

We had so many responses from folk who enjoyed watching the video that we've compiled a 'new' video featuring a major event from 2009 – the M.G. Heritage Festival, held in Windsor.

The new video is only 5 minutes long and may be viewed here :-  
<https://vimeo.com/459333557> - Enjoy!



Stay safe.