



NEWS UPDATE



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As autumn approaches, many EMGS members who reside in the U.K. recently attended our final event of the year which was based at the Deer Park hotel near Honiton in Devon, from September 16th and finished on either Sept. 19th or 20th, depending on which option the entrants chose.

Chas Howe organised the superb event and arranged some interesting outings over typically narrow and steep Devon roads. A full report will feature in a future edition of our magazine, but for now, here are some pictures taken at the event.



An impressive line-up at the Deer Park.



The Deer Park has a collection of cars available for wedding hire, such as the yellow Alvis.



A rare occurrence – all three surviving 18/80 Mk II Saloons together.



Earlier in the summer, Keith Herkes took his Mk I 18/80 Speed Model to a local car show, where he found that the car's livery was a very good match for the burger out-let!



Then, at the end of summer school term, Rodney Kettel was pressed into service as chauffeur, to take grand-daughter Orla to her School Prom in style, in his Mk II 18/80 Carlton Coupé.



Which one would you prefer to take out for the evening?

A while after our 'Coast to Coast' trip to Brittany in June, travellers' pictures of the event began to drop into my In-Box, including this one of a hot, tired, but very happy old fossil, enjoying some special local coolant.



Whilst in France, a couple of runners took the opportunity to re-create an image from a much earlier EMGS trip to Brittany. In 2005, this picture of the two Mk III Tigresses was taken in Jugon les Lacs.



This year, Messrs. Kettel and Herkes posed their cars in exactly the same spot for this photo:



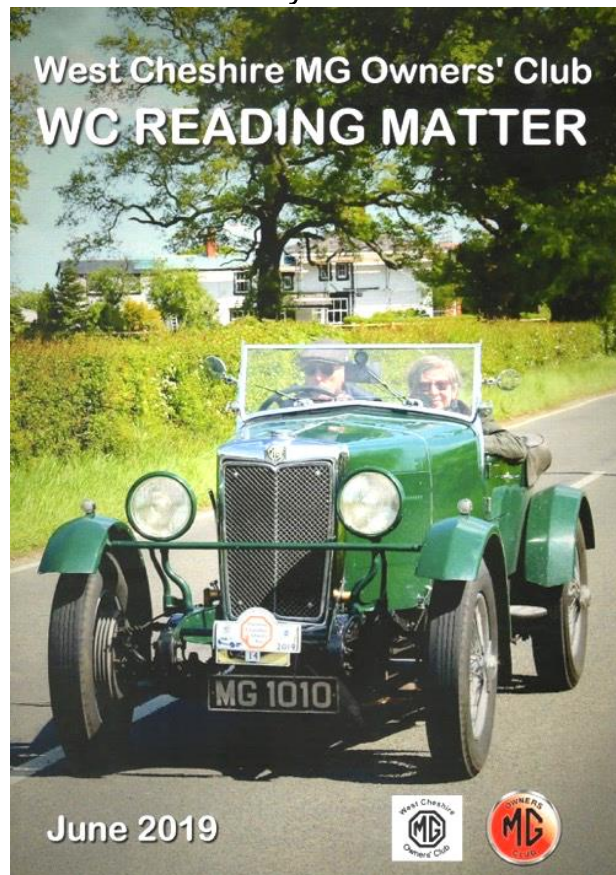
Amazingly, the resident in the house behind the cars recalled the original photo being taken.

A video of the Coast to Coast trip to Brittany is now available to be viewed on Vimeo, by clicking on this link: <https://vimeo.com/353114134> and then click on the arrow to start the video.

Alternatively, a DVD of the video is available from your Scribe.



Also in June, this picture of Mike & Hazel Heins featured on an M.G. Owners' Club magazine cover, after they took part in a Cheshire charity event in their 18/80 Mk I Speed Model.



Peter Forstner, who lives near Munich, sent us this picture of his Mk I 18/80 Speed Model on a rally in Bosnia during the European heat-wave in June.



We reported in the previous News Update about the EMGS display of cars at Pre War Prescott, but since then several more photos have come to light including this remarkable image of two Early M.G.s being overtaken on the near-side by the Invisible Man driving a Motor Coach.



There have been a couple of note-worthy changes of ownership of Early M.G.s recently and we are pleased to say that both new owners have joined the Society.

After many years of ownership, John Day decided it was time to part with his Mk I 18/80 Tourer, reg. no. WL 7196, and it now belongs to Colin Kilpatrick in Oxford. Colin has previously owned some other interesting vintage cars, and has been kind enough to send your Scribe an article in which he compares the 18/80 with his previous steed – an Alvis Silver Eagle.

Colin's article will appear in the next issue of the EMGS magazine.



Colin Kilpatrick's new acquisition.

The other car to have changed hands is Peter Mace's Mk I 18/80 Speed Model, reg. no. WL 7125. This car has been acquired by Peter Barton, who lives near Camberley and who too is a serial owner of vintage cars.



WL 7125 parked in the paddock at Brooklands.

We extend a very warm welcome to these new members and look forward to seeing them with their new cars on future EMGS events.



E.M.G.S. EVENTS FOR 2020

Sunday, January 12th 2020. The E.M.G.S. AGM

will be held at The Lambert Arms Hotel, London Road (A40, near M40 Junct. 6)
Aston Rowant, near Watlington, Oxon, OX

By popular demand, our guest speaker will be Tom 'Spats' Langham, the raconteur and virtuoso banjo player. Tom was unable to entertain us at our last AGM, but is determined to do so in January 2020.



For those travelling long distances, a special deal has been arranged for an overnight stay including dinner at the hotel on January 11th.

The bed & breakfast tariff for a single room is £130 and for a double room £150, but these figures include £25 per person allowance for dinner on Saturday night.
(These prices to be reconfirmed.)

You can book your room now, by ringing the Lambert Arms on 01844 351496 and mentioning the Early M.G. Society.

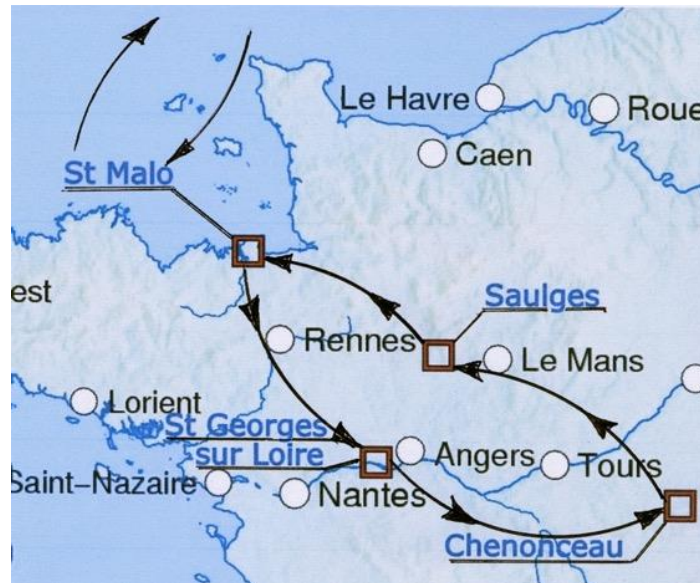
Tea and coffee with biscuits will be available prior to the meeting, followed by Sunday lunch and then tea & cakes before departure.

Details for selecting and reserving refreshments will be included in your next magazine, due in early December.



‘Loire & Cher’ June 14th to 12th 2020

Next year’s trip to France will feature hotel stays close to the rivers Loire and Cher.



Details of the trip were published in July and most of the 15 places were soon taken.

At present there is just one place (for two travellers together) still available.

For full details and tariff, please contact your Scribe at c.keevill@btinternet or speak to Helen at Travel Destinations on 01707 329988.



AUTUMN 2020

A tour of the Derbyshire Peak District, based at the Izaak Walton hotel in Dovedale, Ashbourne.

Monday 14th September to Friday 18th 2020



Visit <https://izaakwaltonhotel.com/>



A full touring programme, visiting places of interest will be arranged.

Dinner, bed & breakfast £200 per night for two people.
Choose between - 3 nights Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
Or 4 nights, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.



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M.G. 18/80 Mk I Hubs – a reminder.

Fred Body has the chance of acquiring some remanufactured hubs for the Mk I 18/80s.

A batch of these were made back in 2007 at a cost of £140 each for the fronts and £110 each for the rears.

Fred is currently talking to the original manufacturers about price.

This will definitely be the last opportunity to buy from this source and therefore Fred would need to know what interest there is, before pursuing the matter.

He needs an indication of interest as soon as possible (no commitment at this stage) and of course subject to a final price being agreed. There will be a limited number available, so it will be on a first come, first served basis. They will only be available in pairs, front or rear.

Please contact Fred Body either on Tel. 01934 751079 or body.vintagemg@gmail.com

Finally – here's the very latest in must-have 'go-faster' engine performance improvements – Ultra Light-weight valves, available from Floggit & Hoppit Performance Shop.com
Simply send them a set of your valves and they will lighten them for you, as illustrated below:



Alternatively, if you want something really fast for potential future use, why not try one of these:

Getting old is compulsory.
Slowing down isn't.



Drive Safely