



# April 2024 Newsletter

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## **Vice Presidents Message**

The New Year is well and truly behind us now. It doesn't seem possible that April is passing very quickly and day light saving is also finished. The days are closing in but that does not mean the Club will go into hibernation for the winter. It certainly didn't stop our members from taking part in a couple of activities during February and March.

Following the very successful Christmas BBQ at the Millars Flat Camping Ground Club members returned to Millars Flat to visit the historic Bakery on the 11 February.

A small but enthusiastic group also attended the Mandeville Fly In on the 25 February. We saw a number of old airplanes coming and going and enjoyed the company of our fellow MG members. Unfortunately, the numbers were low, but as this event clashed with the Dunedin based Brit & Euro Car Show and that may have kept a few away.

In March the annual Further Afield Tour was held over the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> March. Organised by Kate and Graeme Rice it was something a little different this year. The first part of the weekend was an evening meal at the start venue on Friday night. That proved to be a good introduction to the weekend with the crews of all 18 entrants taking part. As is customary the destination for Saturday night was to be a secret. That lasted until someone asked the barman how busy they had been and what was coming up. His response that for the Saturday evening they only had one bus tour group in plus the MG group sort of gave the game away. Anyway it did mean we didn't need to pack our bags in the morning before leaving.

Saturday dawned fine but not that hot and we all gathered at 9.00am for the first lot of instructions. A varied and interesting route took us round Oamaru then out into the country where we encountered a few kilometres of gravel road. Very dusty to say the least. It was then through Westen as we made our way to Duntroon to receive the second set of instructions. These took us through Waimate and onto Caves and the Cave Hotel for a well catered for lunch. It was interesting to see a couple of young guys with a drone watching and following each of the cars approaching the lunch stop. Only watching not recording I believe.

After lunch we were put into teams to follow the return instructions and visit a number of smaller settlements to answer a number of questions. A different way to end the day and a bit of fun as well. It was back to the Brydone Hotel for the prize giving and dinner on Saturday evening. Another well catered for meal and after the prizes were handed out Kate and Graeme had another surprise for us. MG Bingo. Graeme had gone to significant trouble to produce bingo cards for everyone and also to set up the calls based on MG knowledge. Don Carter did the calling honours with Graeme checking the tickets. Have a look later in the newsletter and you will see a couple of the MG Bingo call sheets.

Our thanks to Graeme and Kate for their efforts in organising the Further Afield Tour 2024. They tried something a little different and from the comments I heard the changes were appreciated by

all. Graeme and Kate have now flown the NZ nest and are currently in the UK where they are looking after grandchildren and enjoying their family. They are unsure when they will be returning to NZ, but they have left a lasting impression on our MG Club.

Russell

Vice President

## **Editors Comments**

In the February newsletter you read a short comment on a certain MGTf that had been hibernating for a couple of years while its primary drive was not able to get in and out of the thing. The MG was tucked away in the back corner of the garage with a Jag, Vauxhall and motorhome in front of it.

Well, a full day's sorting and rearranging vehicles saw the MG on the drive in front of the garage. Two years of garage dust to be removed with a good wash, vacuum the inside and window clean and it was ready for a WOF inspection. Before that though a short blast round a big block to get the brakes working and check engine temperatures but also to just what effect an orange engine light would have. This appeared on starting to move the car in the garage. Only a warning with the suggestion a service could be needed.

So WOF day arrived and with a request to check the warning light as well the garage crew went to work. WOF passed with a clean sheet and the warning light reset we could complete the process by registering the MG and it was ready for Oamaru and the Further Afield Tour.

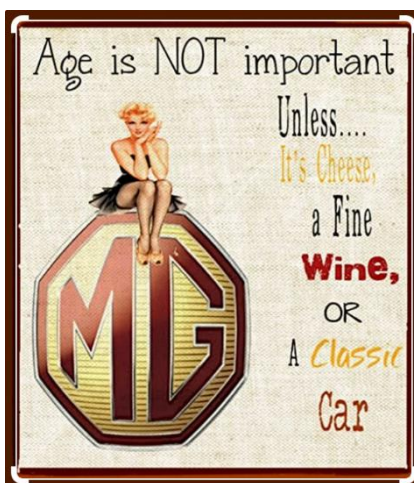
I am sure DWF470 our MGTf breathed a sigh of relief at being back on the road again and doing just what it was designed for. Hopefully it will be seen out and about on our local Southland All British Vehicle Club runs but also MG Club runs in the future.

Happy MG motoring and remember just because the summer has gone, we do not need to stop attending Club runs.

## **New Members**

No new members to welcome this month.

## **True Words**



## **Recent Activities**

### **The Further Afield Tour -A photographic Record**



Saturday morning and all revved up  
and ready to go.



Our hosts for the weekend  
Graeme & Kate



Some winners





Don Carter – Navigators Trophy –  
How did he do that by himself?

**The real winners - Reiner & Christine Van der Hilst**

## **Coming Events**

**Saturday 13 April 2024. – Visit to Rod Tempero Motor Body Builder Ltd.**

**This is a reminder for our April Run - We need to know the numbers of members that are going so contact Ngaire as soon as possible PLEASE**

We hope this email finds you well!

We are excited to announce our next car club event has been organised by Peter Eunson: This event will take place on **Saturday 13th April 2024** at Oamaru and will feature a visit to Rod Tempero Motor Body Builder LTD to see the techniques and tooling handed down over three generations of motor bodybuilders. It is a wonderful experience some very desirable projects underway, including rare restorations. The cost of entry is \$18 per person to be paid to Rod on the day.

**Members to meet at Tempero at 11.45am for a noon start.** An option to go to Scott's for refreshments afterwards, nothing organised for this as yet.

We encourage all members to bring their cars and join us for this fun and exciting event. If you have any friends or family members who may be interested in attending, please feel free to bring them along as well.

<https://www.rodtempero.com/>

**May Run Details** – Keep an eye out for the next newsletter. This will be the Cecil Kimber Run.

## **Tech Tip**

**2002, MG TF, Orange Engine Indicator fault light showing.**

The orange engine indicator light started intermittently showing, at approx. 62 thou km, and then stayed on.

The local service garage managed to disengage the light showing but did not know what caused the problem. Their suggestion was to find a garage that had a suitable fault code reader, to establish the fault, well good luck with that.

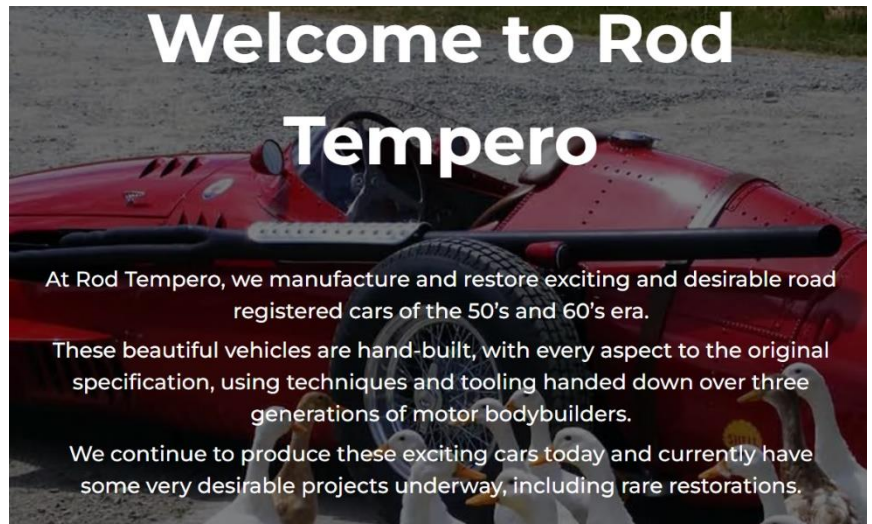
On searching lots of relevant stuff on google, it became obvious that an OBD Fault Code reader was required.

These are easily purchased out of the UK (Rimmer Bros) not that expensive and 5 days delivery.

Ensuring the code reader has the correct plug-in pin that is located under the steering wheel panel.

So the Code reader stayed unused for the next approx. 5 thou km, being too scared to plug in and use it.

We were all packed up and on our way to the 2024 Further Afield Tour, when some KMs on the way the orange indicator light showed up, disappointment at this stage was being polite.





Back at the service garage with the Code Reader, they phoned if ok to spend our \$60.00 on an App to read the fault numbers. The code reader gives all previous fault codes, until cleared, but they are only numbers so require the manufacturer's codes for the faults, consequently the app cost. Early days of electronics.

The fault code in this case showed that both oxygen O2 sensors were faulty. These help the mixture and running of the motor, quite important.

The garage was able to get the two sensors over night, but unfortunately did not have the correct connecting male sockets. Easily fixed by changing both connections, just some mucking around and time.








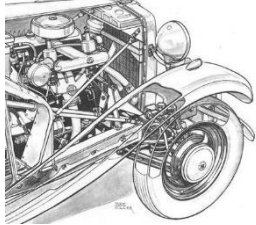
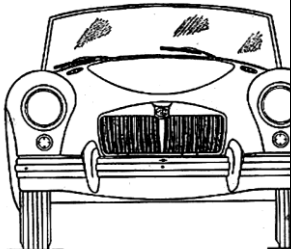

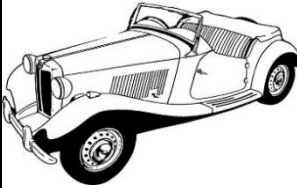

On reflection it would have been better to obtain these out of the UK with the correct connections.

Once the fault was cleared, job done, 3 hours garage time and must say very good service.

Interestingly, on removal both sensors were in bad condition.





Thanks, Ross, for sharing your experience. It was noted that the MG had assumed a different shape and colour on the FAT.

**MG Bingo** – How many of these images could you identify without the answer below it?





			
Cecil Kimber portrait	George Eyston	Sybil Lupp	MG B GT
			
MG Midget frontal	MG Z S	William Morris signature	MG TD engine bay
			
MG A frontal	Major Goldie Gardener	MG TD	William Morris Portarit

<p><b>THE M.G. MAGNA</b></p> <p>Chassis . . . £245  Two-Seater . . . £285  Four-Seater . . . £299  Salonette . . . £345  Continental Coupe £310</p>			
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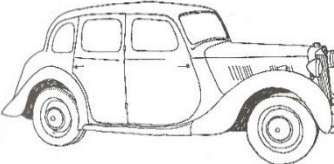
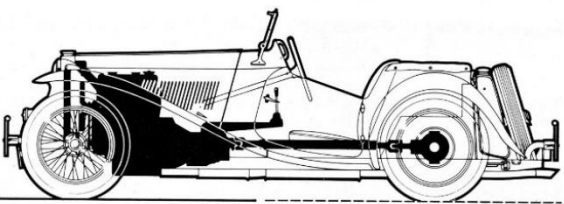

1934 MG Magna price list	1920s MG Badge	MG M Type Monte Carlo	MG Morris Oxford Super Sports Badga
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			<p>Yours sincerely,</p>  <p><u>Stirling Moss</u></p>
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MG Car Club badge	MG SA Saloon frontal view	Cecil Kimber Signature	Stirling – Stirling Moss Signature
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Magnette by Farina Badge	1960 on MG Magnette	MG TF 1500 grille and headlights	Female driver fixing her MG
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MG YA	MG TC Cutaway	Old Faithful MG B in a snowdrift
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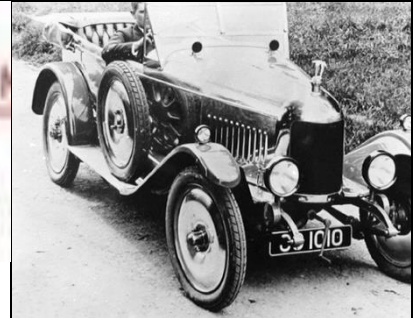




MG 1100/ 1300



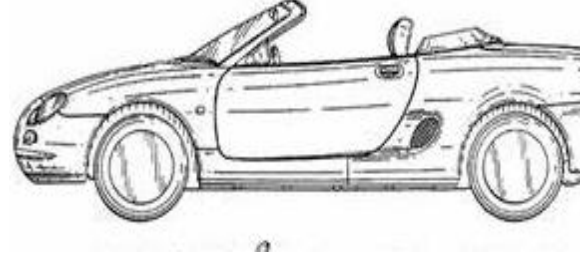
MG Midget and price list



1924 MG Super Sports 14/28



MG B GT V8



1995 on MG F



Frank Vautier raising the dust at Lydden Hill (Photo: T. Buddle)



Prince Charles MG C



Cecil Kimber MG SA 2 litre



MG Slogan



MG Cream Crackers team car



1954 MG TF 1500



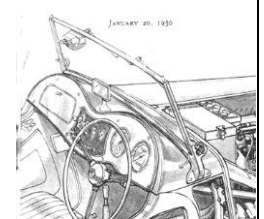
Great K3 driver – Nuvolari Tazio



MG Magic Midget Union Jack Logo



1934 MG Magna price list



MG TD Instrument panel cut away

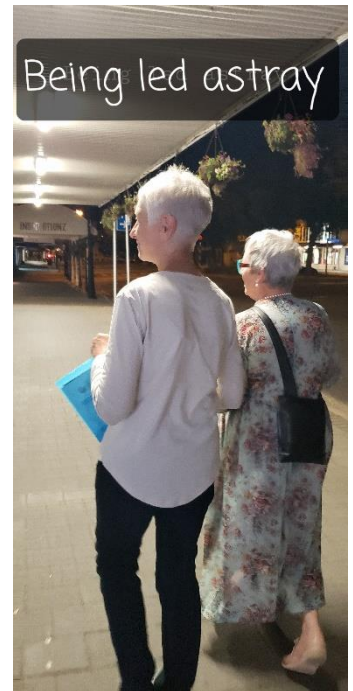


<b>Famous Owners</b> Kate Moss 1972 Midget	<b>Famous Owners</b> Carroll Shelby MG TC (modified)	<b>Famous Owners</b> Elvis Presley MG A 1600	<b>Famous Owners</b> Petula Clark MG A "PET 1"
<b>Famous Owners</b> Prince Philip MG TC	<b>Famous Owners</b> CHER - red MG Convertible	<b>Famous Owners</b> Edsel Ford MG M type	<b>Famous Owners</b> Geri Halliwell MG B
<b>Famous Owners</b>	<b>Famous Owners</b> Margaret Thatcher MG B GT	<b>Famous Owners</b> James Dean MG TD	<b>Famous Owners</b> Princess Anne MG A / B GT



Our Secretary Ngaire was a willing participant we think. The FAT Tour again.

They called it an English Fantasy. Which photo were they talking about?



## Club Committee

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