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***the NG Owners Club magazine***

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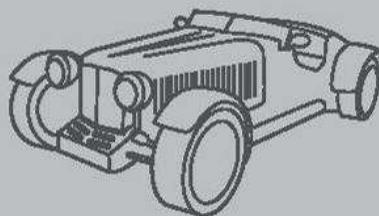
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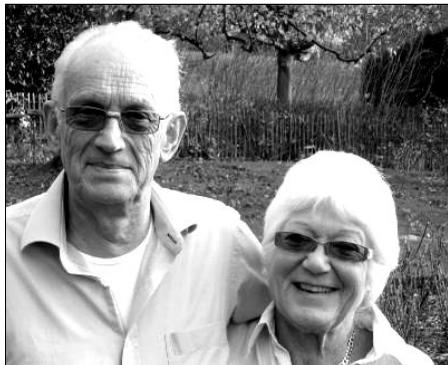
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## **Editorial**

So 2017 is now with us and we hope that you are looking forward to a busy year for NGing. We certainly are aiming to make up for our 'downtime' in the last eighteen months, and are expecting to get lots of road miles under Rocket before the season closes.

And there is a great deal to do this year. The Events Calendar (on Page 12) will hopefully whet your appetites. And please note that the Website Calendar is now again fully functional, after some years of idleness, and this holds much greater detail than we have room for in the magazine.

We have also included specific information about the primary NG events this year, the NG Rally of course, plus trips to Normandy and Ireland, plus outings to Stoneleigh, Wallingford and the Yorvik Rally, to name a few.

So we hope there will be a good NG attendance at all these and others - and thus, of course, lots of input for future issues of ChangiNGear.

And we do need that 'input' very much. Without your contributions the magazine would be a lot less interesting to read, and whole lot less rewarding for us to edit. So please keep your 'bits' coming in. We could especially do with some nice 'arty' NG photos for future front covers.

Also in this issue we welcome John Hoyle's first Chairman's letter, we say thanks to Bob Preece and Paul Gray, and we say 'Hello' to both John Watson as Events Co-ordinator, and to Paul Bennett as Technical Liaison.

Although it is a really grey, raw, chilly day as we write this letter it will not be long, we hope, before temperatures rise to tempt us out for some NGing in the Spring. If you, like us, have some 'fettling' to do to have your 'steeds' ready for the road - then don't leave it too long, else Spring will be here before you are done !!! --- ***so no excuses accepted !!!***

- and so Our Very Best Wishes for 2017 — ***Chris and Su***



## Chairman's Letter

I hope you all had a good Christmas and wish you the very best for a great 2017, which will hopefully include a good few NG miles. I wonder how many of you made New Year Resolutions; if there are any interesting ones that you don't mind sharing please let the editor know.

I'm afraid it is that time of the year again when, apart from a few of our hardy members, our NGs don't often see the light of day. I have to say I failed to make the New Year classic car meeting at Brooklands, which I had really been looking forward to, due to it being the only rainy day of the week - well that's British weather!

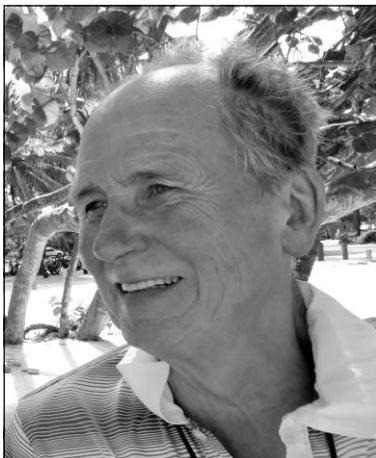
The club has just undergone several changes of officials; the first being my appointment as Chairman. This is a daunting task, following Peter Clark's amazing long term stewardship. However I did promise Peter I would give it my best shot.

The second is Bob Preece who is standing down as Club Secretary. Bob has been secretary for longer than I can remember and together with Manda, his wife, have dragged the club gazebo to numerous events and kit car shows all over the country, always there with a welcoming cup of tea or coffee. I would like to thank them both for their incredible contribution to our Club, and hope that they will enjoy a more relaxed time in the future at our various events.

The vacant post has kindly been filled by John Watson as Events Co-ordinator. John, although being a relatively new member has demonstrated his enthusiasm for the NG marque and his desire to help with the running of the club. He has many ideas for the future which I am sure with his high energy level, and your support (please), will achieve great success. You will find that both Bob and John have both included their own notes later in this edition of the mag.

Having been a club member for 30 years I have made many very good friends and have some wonderful memories of the numerous events Barbara and I have attended.

The Events Calendar for the year ahead is jam packed, so please have a





good look and select the events you fancy and put them in your diary now, before it fills with all those other activities you get involved in. Of course the National Rally at Stratford in June is a **Must** !; I can assure you that you will have a most enjoyable weekend.

*HAPPY NG'ing in 2017*

*- and I look forward to seeing many of you and your cars this year.*

*John Hoyle*

### **Bob & Manda's Au Revoir**

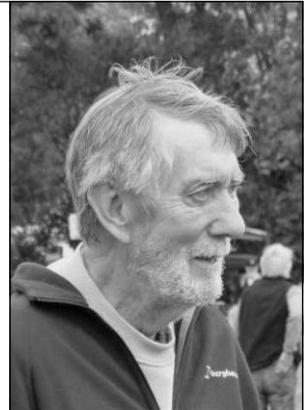
Manda and I hope that you all had a Happy and Healthy Christmas. Ours was most enjoyable. By now you will probably be aware that we have a new Club Secretary. Manda and I have decided that we should make way for some 'new blood' . John Watson has been involved with the Club for only a few years but he is eager to take over the organising of 'events'. He is very keen, and we are sure that he will do an excellent job, and enthuse you all with his enthusiasm. Please give him all your support in his new role, as Manda and I will be doing.

— We wish him all the Very Best

I have enjoyed being Club Secretary for quite a few years, and have been involved with the Club for even longer, but now feel that it is time for a newer and younger 'model'. Manda and I will maintain our club membership and will continue to enjoy meeting you all at the various NG events in the future.

Please give John Watson, and our new Chairman, John Hoyle, all the support that they will need in coming years.

***With our Very Best Wishes to All for 2017 — Bob & Manda***



**The only function of 'Economic Forecasting' is to make Astrology look respectable.**

*J.K Galbraith*



## Hello from John and Jane

Hi everyone, first we would like to thank Bob and Manda for their sterling work over many past years, and for the continued support and advice they've offered to me going forward, particularly for the next National Rally in June.



My reasons for accepting the role of Event Co-ordinator is firstly because, essentially, Jane is willing to help me (or in her words 'manage me'), which is vital, and secondly, although we've only been NG members for about two years, we genuinely love the marque and feel privileged to be part of such a welcoming and enthusiastic club. It only continues to exist because members are willing to give of their time and to participate.

So we'd like to put some time into the pot as well.

It is our intention eventually, using the various media dynamics, such as the NG Facebook Page, the NG Website, as well as ChangiNGear to broadcast and promote various events. And not just the ones specific to the NG club, we believe there are several layers of events that would be of interest to many members.

For example, national classic car shows, historic car events, national and various car rallies such as the Brooklands to Brighton Kit and sports car run. Equally important are the local classic car shows and local non-competitive hill climb events such as my local one in Shere, Berkshire.

This is where YOU are so important to this programme. **Please help us** to build just such a layered listing of events and their dates, by telling us about what's happening in your area that others might like to join in.

Also we want to help promote any local event that you are organising, or are seeking to organise. Whether this is exclusively for NGers, or by taking part within some larger event, we will be keen to help. There is lots we can do to energise everybody into getting out more in our lovely machines. Hopefully this gives you all a flavour of what is to come. Until we get more sophisticated with linked email/website stuff please initially contact me



through my personal email address ( at johnd\_watson@yahoo.co.uk) with information and your ideas.

***And now to some specific details :***

Apart for the Events Calendar later in this issue there will be a greater scope of detail available in the Events Calendar of the Club Website. This has fallen into disuse in recent years, but I am pleased to be able to tell you that it is now back in action and will be fully updated as soon as possible, Please log on to the website and have a look. There is also now a section beneath the Calendar that gives tips on navigating through the info available.

There are certain Events already in the pipeline that the Club would like to promote in a Big Way, so please consider joining in wherever you can.

The current List is :

23Apr	FBHVC Drive-It Day	See Page 14
29 Apr	Coventry Car Museum	See Page 15
34Apr1May	Stoneleigh KitCar Show	See Page 15
7 May	Wallingford Rally	See Page 16
12 May	Valence Hill Climb	See Page 19
21 May	Jorvik Rally	See Page 17
23-25Jun	NG Annual Rally	See Page 18
1-10 July	NGs to Normandy	See Page 20
11-13 Aug	Old Timers Nurburgring	Contact Me
10-16 Sep	NGs to Ireland	See Page 21

***So Please have a look at these and join in where ever you can***

***John Watson***

**Have you noticed that is it getting harder to buy Advent calendars?**

— apparently it is because their days are numbered!

*There's more like this later — and they don't get any better !!! Eds*



## Technical Liaison — Paul Bennett

During the recent NCOG Committee meeting it was agreed that we should try and make it easier for members to get support and technical information relating to the building and maintenance of their NGs. It was decided to streamline the technical contact list to a single person to simplify matters.

I have agreed to take on that role, and I will be pleased to hear from anybody needing advice. I have a fair amount of direct NG experience having built and run a Pastiche-Marina TF for some years, currently completing an TF (MGB) V8 and contemplating a TA, with Rover KV6. For any questions that I cannot answer myself I can then redirect your query to the next most appropriate 'member expert'.

There is a wealth of knowledge, experience and information available to members held within the club. My role, as Technical Liaison, will be as the focus for members to access technical information and support from this 'mine' of information. Once the query has been identified, I will be able to pass this to the most relevant person within the Club to provide the support, advice required.

Please contact me at [pvbbennett@gmail.com](mailto:pvbbennett@gmail.com)

*So I wait to hear from you — Paul*

Membership enquiries should still be directed to the membership secretary



## CONTRIBUTIONS PLEASE

Contributions for the Spring issue of ChangiNGear  
by 10th April  
Please



## **NGOC – Committee Meeting**

### **Ewell, Saturday 7th January**

John and Barbara Hoyle very kindly hosted the traditional New Year committee meeting. Apart from John, committee members attending being Paul Bennett, Teresa Goodbun, Chris and Su Hore, Bob Morrison and John Watson.

The committee welcomed John Hoyle to his inaugural session as Chairman, and he in turn welcomed John Watson in the role of Events Co-ordinator taking over from Bob Preece, and also the Rally responsibilities from Paul Gray. John Hoyle proposed a vote of thanks to Bob and Manda, and Paul and Donna for their past good works for the Club.

Teresa Goodbun presented the Club's accounts for the previous year (see opposite page) showing that the Club was in a sound financial position.

John Hoyle advised that an estimate of income and outgoings for the coming year showed a likely small surplus. It was thus agreed that no increase in membership subs or rally fees was necessary.

John also mentioned that the bulk purchase of stamps in 2015 were now exhausted, so postage costs in this year would be much higher.

John Watson explained how he saw his role in raising the profile of various events and encouraging NGers to participate. It was agreed that the roles of local area contacts needed review and refresh.

John Hoyle felt that the technical support to members could be improved, and Paul Bennett kindly agreed to take on the role of Technical Liaison (see Page 7)

John Hoyle proposed that the Club should join the FBHVC (Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs. Which was agreed (see Page 10)

Other topics discussed included :

The Annual Rally (see Page 18)

The Membership List and Subscriptions (see Pages 45 & 11 resp.)

Website and Events Calendar (see Page 12to14)

Forum and Facebook Activities

*Su Hore*

***When a finger points at the Moon***

***-- only a fool looks at the finger***



## Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to present the Statement of Club Accounts as shown below

**Teresa Goodbun**

### NG OWNERS CLUB ACCOUNTS to 31st December 2016

**Bank Balance** £6031.91  
as at 1st January 2016

**INCOME :**

Subscriptions £3,419.19

Club Product Sales £185.00

Advertising £205.00

National Rally fees £1,534.00

**Total Income** £5,2340.19

**EXPENDITURE :**

Stationery £72.77

Printing £661.10

Postage £206.62

Club Equipment £0.00

Club Products & Regalia £0.00

Trophies & Prizes £148.16

National Rally Expenses £2,383.17

Public Liability Insurance £172.00

Website Fees £52.93

Misc. Expenses £159.99

**Total Expenditure** £3,846.74

**Bank Balance** £7,515.36  
As at 31 December 2016

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£11,372.10

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## Federation of Historic Vehicle Clubs

John Hoyle has been a Member for a number of years but has proposed, and the Committee has agreed, that the Club should now become a Member in it's own right.

As Kitcar owners the actions of the FBHVC in championing our rights to drive on British roads is clearly important to us all. There are over 500 subscriber organisations representing a total membership of over 250,000 in addition to individual and trade supporters. The following is taken from their website - [www.fbhvc.co.uk](http://www.fbhvc.co.uk)



*The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs exists to uphold the freedom to use historic vehicles on the road. It does this by representing the interests of owners of such vehicles to politicians, government officials, and legislators both in the UK and (through the Federation Internationale des Vehicules Anciens) in Europe*

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## ***New Members - Welcome***

We are always pleased to welcome new members.

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Membership includes quarterly issues of ChangiNGear  
and some Insurance Companies offer reduced rates for NGs.

Most of all you will be joining one of the most friendly car clubs around !

Contact Bob Morrison, Membership Secretary — details inside front cover

### ***The following have recently joined the ranks of NGOC :***

**Graham White** (1604), Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria,

**Hubert Regenscheit** (1605), , Ueberlingen, Germany,

**Rod Thomason** (1606), Sandgate, Folkestone, Kent,

**Steve Fairbrass** (1607), Holsworthy, Devon,

**Jon Goodson** (1608), Stoke, Staffs,

**Michael Alborhetti** (1609), Reddich, Worcs

*ChangiNGear is again more than pleased to see a good batch of new members and extends a very warm welcome to you all.*

*We look forward to hearing from you in due course with 'your news' to publish in ChangiNGear*

**- Thank you and Welcome Chris & Su : The Editors**

## **Subscription Now Due — Please**

**Club Subscriptions for this year became due 1st January.**

**If you do not pay by standing Order and have not yet sent your cheque, would you please give yourself a genital reminder. We don't want to lose you !!**

**Please also consider paying by Standing Order, details can be obtained from Bob Morrison at [rmorri1847@aol.com](mailto:rmorri1847@aol.com)**

**Subscription remains unchanged at £15 only**

## EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>Date 2017</b>	<b>Event -- What, Where</b>	<b>Who **</b>
8-Feb	Brooklands Evening Natter (see Page 13)	John Hoyle
14-March	Brooklands Evening Natter (see Page 13)	John Hoyle
9 Apr	Historic Register Car Rally—Taith Cymru The Manor Hotel, Crickhowell, NP8 1SE	Jeremy Evans
11-Apr	Brooklands Evening Natter (see Page 13)	John Hoyle
<b>23-Apr</b>	<b>FBHVC Drive-It Day</b> (see Page 14)	<b>John Watson</b>
<b>29-April</b>	<b>NGers Visit to Coventry Car Museum</b> CV1 1JD (combined with Stoneleigh below)	<b>John Watson</b>
<b>30Apr to</b> <b>1stMay</b>	<b>National KitCar Show</b> (see page 15) <b>Stoneleigh Abbey, Kenilworth, CV8 2LZ</b>	<b>John Watson</b>
<b>7-May</b>	<b>Wallingford Rally and Parade, Oxon.</b> OX10 0DT (see page 16 )	<b>Paul Bennett</b>
9-May	Brooklands Evening Natter (see Page 13)	John Hoyle
<b>14-May</b>	<b>Valence Hill Climb, Westerham, TN16 1QN</b> (see Page 19)	<b>Chas Killick</b>
<b>12- May</b>	<b>Jorvik Classic Car Run</b> (see page 17) Castle Howard, Nr York, YO60 7DA	<b>Steve Tyler</b>
21-May (TBC)	Glossop Car Show Manor Park, Derbyshire, SK13 7SH	
4-June	London to Brighton Kit Car Run	Graeme Lacey
17-18 June	Le Mans 24hour	Charlie Killick
<b>23to25-Jun</b>	<b>NG Annual Rally, Stratford</b> (see Page 18)	<b>John Watson</b>
<b>1to10 Jul</b>	<b>NG Trip to Normandy</b> ( see page 20)	<b>Angela Morrison</b>
1&2-Jul	Caux Retro Allouville Bellefosse, Normandy	John Coker
17 July	Le Mans Classic	John Hoyle
<b>22 July</b>	<b>Dogmersfield Fete &amp; Car Show</b>	<b>Paul Gray</b>
<b>11to13 Aug</b>	<b>Old Timers Grand Prix</b> <b>Nurburgring, Germany</b>	<b>John Watson</b>
8-10 Sept	Goodwood Revival	
<b>10 Sept</b>	<b>Otley Vintage Extravaganza</b> <b>Otley, West Yorks</b>	<b>Ken Elliott</b>



<b>10to16 Sept</b>	<b>NG Trip to Ireland</b> Waterford & Ring of Kerry ( see page 21)	<b>Jeremy Evans</b>
17-Sept (TBC)	Lamerton Country Fair, South Devon	
20-Sept	Selkirk Classic Car Show and Rally	
<b>3-Dec</b>	<b>NGOC SouthEast Christmas Lunch</b> Reigate Manor Hotel, RH2 9PF	<b>Sue Boulton</b>

### Calendar Notes:

The entries in **Bold** in the adjacent Calendar are considered **high profile** for NGers — *and you are urged to join in whenever possible.*

In most cases you will need to book in advance — and early.

### Calendar Contacts: \*\*

If you want to contact the 'Who' in connection with any of the events in the adjacent Calendar then please see contact details inside this Front Cover, or see the latest Membership Directory, These contacts may not be going this year but have been in the past and can offer advice.

*Or contact John Watson on 07866-800948, or johnd\_watson@yahoo.co.uk*

### OTHER CALENDAR EVENTS :

If there are other local car events occurring near you which you think other NGers would like, and which should be promoted, then please contact me with the details.

**Thank You — John Watson** (contact details as above)

### Brooklands Monthly Natter Evenings

Meets on the Second Tuesday of each Month

**8th February, 14th March, 11th April, 9th May**

**in The Brooklands Club Bar at The Brooklands Museum, Weybridge**  
(use the Campbell Gate Entrance, off Brooklands Road — KT13 0QN)

These events may be subject to change

Please check with Danny Bryne, Brooklands Club, 01932-829814  
or NG Owners Club — John Hoyle, 0208-393-2555, or John Watson 07866-800948



## **FBHVC—Drive-It Day ::: Sunday 23rd April**

*Federation of British Historic Vehicles Clubs — see Page 10*

**The purpose of the day is to galvanise as many car enthusiasts as possible to get out on the road and 'DRIVE IT'**

*From the FBHVC Website : -*

*The format for the day is a tried and tested formula. The Federation sets the date each year (as close as possible to the anniversary of the 1000 Mile Trial) and publicises the event nationally. The many clubs that comprise the Federation's membership then plan and schedule regional and local events throughout the country. The events are as varied as the vehicles taking part and include Drive Outs, Rallies, and meetings at local beauty spots or historic sites. Important venues such as The National Motor Museum, Beaulieu, Brooklands, The British Motor Museum, Gaydon and Bicester Heritage are expected to take part, but there will be scores of events the length and breadth of the country*

**So Please Get Out there and join in !!!**

### **The 1000Mile Trial :**

April 23rd. 1900 : Organised by the Automobile Club, it started from London and went through Bristol, Birmingham, Manchester, Derby, Kendal, Carlisle, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Leeds, Sheffield, Nottingham and back to London. It left from Grosvenor Place, London and 65 started. By Edinburgh 51 were still running, and 35 vehicles made it all the way back to London.

## **Events Calendar and the NG Website**

The Events Calendar on the Club Website has fallen into disuse over the past few years.

Thanks to Chris Humphreys and Mike Peel the problems with this have now been ironed out, so the Calendar is now functional again. It will take some time for John Watson and myself to get all the relevant dates and details inserted, but please have a look at what is available there

Log-on to the website ([www.ngownersclub.co.uk](http://www.ngownersclub.co.uk)), and click on 'Events Calendar' in the side bar menu.

At the bottom of that page will be hints and tips to help you navigate around the Calendar.

For practical reasons the Events Calendar in this issue of the magazine is a 'short form' only. There is much more information available on the website version.

**Chris Hore**



## Stoneleigh Abbey — National KitCar Show and Coventry Motor Museum ::: 29th April to 1st May

# THE NATIONAL KIT CAR MOTOR SHOW STONELEIGH



Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday :

Monday 30th April & 1st May

at Stoneleigh Abbey :

See the website —

[www.nationalkitcarshow.co.uk/](http://www.nationalkitcarshow.co.uk/)

NG attendance in the past few years has been pretty sparse, **BUT** we are intending to have a **BIG PUSH** this year and make an NG Event of it.

We have a pitch booked and will have a modest

marquee and do some limited catering for the NGers attending.

In order to concentrate attendance we may have a 'push' on one rather than both days. And if there is enough interest we could meet for Breakfast somewhere and arrive at the site in convoy.

We might make a long weekend of it in someway, perhaps including a visit to the Coventry Motor Museum (on Friday 29th) and/or the Stratford-on-Avon Motoring Festival

Please make a big effort to be there and swell our numbers. And please let me know of your interest, so that I can keep you updated with our plans

**Thank you : SEE YOU THERE !! John Watson**

[johnd\\_watson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:johnd_watson@yahoo.co.uk)

There is also a thought that we could visit the Coventry Transport Museum on the Saturday, and make an NG Weekend of it

[www.transport-museum.com/](http://www.transport-museum.com/)





## Wallingford Car Rally - Sunday 7th May

<http://www.wallingfordcarrally.org.uk>



Well the planning and take-up for the Wallingford Car Rally is progressing well. There could be between ten and twelve NGs attending which will be a staggeringly good amount for an Oxfordshire event. Following the success of last year's rally when four cars and their owners attended (see the write up in *ChangiNGear* Autumn '16, Page 30). The numbers have increased with some owners making a significant effort to attend coming from as far away as Nottingham, Tunbridge Wells and Lowestoft, which is as far east as you can go without getting your feet wet !

The first batch of 150 tickets was released on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January and sold out in about 24hours. A further batches will be released on 2nd Feb and can be purchased from ([www.wallingfordcarrally.bigcartel.com/products](http://www.wallingfordcarrally.bigcartel.com/products)). **But they go Fast !!!!** So if you do want to take part with your NG, get in quickly . If you want to just come and look then this is free, but you can't be part of the parade around the town, nor park in the designated rally parking in the centre of Wallingford.

For those that want to attend but are based a bit far away for a reasonable drive, there is accommodation available in the nearby town of Abingdon ([www.kingfisherbarn.com/](http://www.kingfisherbarn.com/) ). This was used last year by two couples and so far four couples have booked this year so they can attend the rally. To make it even more sociable we are intending to have a meal and a pint on Saturday evening, at the nearby Nag's Head Pub ([www.thenagsheadonthethames.co.uk/](http://www.thenagsheadonthethames.co.uk/) ) - which is within easy walking distance. We used the pub last year and the food was nice with a good selection of real ales.



### **Future Events**

So really it is up to you, the members of the club. If you want an excuse to take the NG out for the day to an event that also has other things to keep less car orientated members of the family entertained, get booked-in and come along. We cannot guarantee the weather but it has been a thoroughly enjoyable day out for the last 4-5 years that Bernadette and I have been

If you are intending to get booked-in and come along then please let me know. I will be sending out information from time to time and I can keep you in the loop as to what's going on.

**Paul Bennett** (pvbbennett@gmail.com)

### **ChangiNGear - Winter 2017**



**Ryedale & York  
MG Owners Club ::  
Yorvik Run  
Sunday 21st May**

**from Castle Howard,  
Near York,  
YO60 7DA**

Steve Tyler (NGer 1170) is a member of RYMGOC and is involved in the organising of this event and he has taken part for number of years.

He would like to hear from anybody interested to attend for a good day out. — [steve\\_62@talktalk.net](mailto:steve_62@talktalk.net)  
See ChangiNGear July 2015 Page 15  
See RYMGOC Website at <http://www.ryedaleyorkmgoc.co.uk/>  
Entry Forms from there, or from Steve



***Some mornings I wake up Grumpy,  
-- but most mornings I just let him sleep in !!!***



## NG National Annual Rally 2017

**23rd to 25th June**

A booking has been made to hold this year's Rally again at Riverside Park, Stratford-upon-Avon.

The facilities available have proven ideal for our purposes

Further details in due course.



***This is the Club's Most Important Event of the Year  
So Please put this in your calendar and try to be there.***

**A Booking Form is already available—See Page 23  
Or Download a Copy from The Website**

***There are occasions, usually in winter,  
when a Hot Radiator is actually quite desirable !!!***

*The star of this  
photo is the Hore  
Household Cat*

Full Name :  
*Mr Mistoffelees*

Nick Name : *Misty*

Aka : *Mr No-Fleas*

Aka : *It's that  
da\*\*\*\*d Cat again !!!*





## Valence School Car Show & Hill Climb Demonstration Sunday 14th May

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Also contact NGer — Charlie Killick ::: [charlie\\_killick@hotmail.com](mailto:charlie_killick@hotmail.com)

Or John Watson :: [johnd\\_watson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:johnd_watson@yahoo.co.uk)



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## NGers to Normandy July 2017 - An Update 1st to 9th July

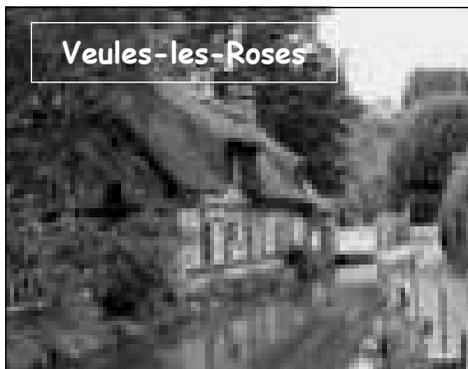
*The dates for this trip are now settled and we have five cars, and nine people, all booked up.*

*Our trip coincides with the Linen Festival Weekend (8&9th) in the area and this provides a great deal to see and do. We also hope to have an outing or two with local car enthusiasts, thru' the picturesque local countryside.*

*Our preferred crossing is Newhaven-Dieppe which gives an easy short drive upon arrival.*

*We had a 'pre-trip briefing' gathering last Sunday (12thFeb), and everybody is very much looking forward to our jaunt*

**Angela Morrison - [angela@bobmorri16.plus.com](mailto:angela@bobmorri16.plus.com)**



## Dogmersfield Flower Show, Fete & Car Show

**Saturday 22nd July**

Dogmersfield, Winchfield & Crookham  
Picot Farm, Dogmersfield, RG27 8ST  
<http://dwcvhortsoc.org/show.html>

This is a 'typical old style' village fete with a lots and lots to see and do, and it is a great afternoon outing.

The Car Show section is organised by Paul Gray (NGer 809) and gets bigger every year. A Good NG attendance in 2017 would be nice.

Contact Paul at [p\\_dgray@btinternet.com](mailto:p_dgray@btinternet.com)



How do you recognise a Christmas tree from BHS?

-- All the branches have gone !!!



## **NGers to Ireland : September 2017 - An Update ( Places Still Available )**

Having canvassed the opinion of those who expressed interest in the trip we decided to use Scenic Car Tours to help us manage the detail of our planned trip.

Scenic Car Tours have a number of trips to Ireland detailed on their web site and the group decided that the Waterford, Killarney and Ring of Kerry trip most closely matched our requirements. This trip runs twice a year but we have opted for the 10th -16th September dates.

The itinerary is as follows :

**Day 1**—Afternoon ferry crossing, Fishguard to Rosslare. Drive to Waterford. Check-in at The Marine Hotel. Welcome Group Dinner at 8:00pm

**Day 2** - Breakfast, visit to Waterford Crystal (optional/pre-book), scenic tour via Cork to Killarney, check-in Randles Court Hotel, then dinner at the hotel.

**Day 3** - Breakfast, visit to Muckross House or a trip to the Gap of Dunloe. Dinner out in Kilarney

**Day 4** - Breakfast, scenic tour of the Dingle Peninsula and the Killarney National Park Again Dinner out in Kilarney

**Day 5** - Breakfast, scenic drive anti-clockwise round The Ring of Kerr (approx 100miles). Evening in Kilarney.

**Day 6** - Breakfast, Check-out, scenic route via The Wild Atlantic Way via Bantry Bay and Kinsale. Having the opportunity Blarney Castle, Blarney Woolen Mills and the Jamesons Whiskey Centre . Revisit the Waterford Marina Hotel. where you'll spend the final night with dinner included. (Mileage - 210 miles)

**Day 7** - Breakfast, followed by your choice of ferry crossings back to UK. Subject to early or late ferry, time to spend in and around Waterford at leisure.

The days routes can be quite flexible and we can add in some of our original plans to those days if that is our wish.

The cost of the trip is £699 per person based on two per car and room share. This compares favourably with a DIY organised trip. Additional costs would be fuel, travel insurance, some meals, drinks and attraction entries etc, (Cont. Page 25 >>>)



## NGOC National Rally Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sun 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Riverside Park, Tiddington Road, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 7AB.

Your rally committee would be delighted if we could rely on the support of as many members as possible for this important weekend in the Club's Event Calendar. If you can attend, please help us by completing the form below (in block capitals please) & return it with your payment (cheques made payable to the NGOC). Bookings by the end of May - Please.

Please post your Booking Form to Teresa Goodbun, NGOC treasurer, at the address on the form below.

There will be a rally fee charged, per family unit, for attending the event. The rally fees are a small contribution to help cover the costs of hiring the site, marquee, tables, chairs, tea-urn, gas BBQ's, teas/coffees, & food for the Friday & Saturday evenings (as usual you provide your own meat for the Saturday BBQ). The balance is met from Club Funds.

Rally fee: £25/family unit for whole weekend (3 days) or £10/family unit (1 day).

Members attending the rally sometimes wish to invite extra family/friends.

They are most welcome and the same daily/weekend costs apply.

Please contact Teresa Goodbun for details.

In addition for those camping on the rally field, there will be a fee of £17/night/family unit.

There is (no extra charge for separate children's tents).

Note that camping is available for Friday, Saturday & Sunday nights.

There is an additional charge for electric hook-up via swipe-card - see a committee member on site.





## Of Animals and Men.

The Horse and the Mule live thirty years,  
and nothing know of Wines or Beers.

The Goats and Sheep at twenty die,  
with never a taste of Scotch or Rye.

The Cow drinks water by the ton,  
and at eighteen is mostly done.

The Dog at sixteen cashes in,  
without the aid of Rum or Gin.

The Cat in Milk and Water soaks,  
and then in twelve short years it croaks.

The sober, modest, bone dry Hen  
lays eggs for nogs, then dies at ten.

The animals are strictly dry.

They sinless live, and swiftly die.

While sinful, ginful, rum-soaked Men  
survive for three score years and ten,

and some of us, though mighty few, stayed pickled till we're ninety-two.

— as seen at *The Cock Inn, Ringmer, Sussex*



Why did Santa's helper see the doctor?

— Because he had a low "elf" esteem !!



### Future Events

### ChangiNGear - Winter 2017

(>>> Continued from Page 21) and some form of breakdown cover, just in case.

So far we have 7 places booked **but more are currently available if anyone else is interested**

- *please let me know, but make it quick,*

And I will pass your details on to Kieran at Scenic Car Tours who is organizing our trip. If we get up to 10 cars the outing will just be an all NG Owners Club affair - so there is a target for us !

-- *So the more the merrier.*

**Jeremy Evans**



**Waterford Marina Hotel, Waterford** - Sitting on the banks of the River Suir and just 350 yards from Waterford Crystal, the hotel offers a riverside restaurant, rooms with free Wi-Fi and free on-site parking. Decorated in light colours all of the guest-rooms feature satellite TV, bathroom with power showers and hairdryers. The Waterfront Restaurant offers fine cuisine on its a la carte and table d'hote menus and the Waterfront Bar boasts a lovely riverside terrace and live entertainment at weekends. The hotel is close to all Waterford's fantastic shops, bars and restaurants. The Viking Triangle is five minutes' walk from the hotel, along with Bishops Palace, Reginald's Tower, Waterford's Medieval Museum, and Christ Church Cathedral.

**Randles Court Hotel, Killarney** - With panoramic views of the Kerry mountains, this elegant hotel is just five minutes walk from Killarney town centre. Boasting marble bathrooms, the spacious, individually designed guestrooms each include free WiFi, tea/coffee trays, a flat-screen TV with satellite channels and a CD player. Some of the rooms offer partial mountain views. There is a 20m pool, steam room and sauna for guests to relax in, whilst the Zen Day Spa offers luxurious treatments. The Conservatory and the Terraced Gardens feature an elaborate menu served throughout the summer in the outdoor dining area offering countryside views.



**Ethel had her Driving Test the other day.**

She got 8 out of 10 — *the other 2 guys jumped clear !!!*

**Going to church doesn't make you a Christian.**

— *any more than working in your garage makes you a mechanic !!*



News Snippets from  
— and other sources



**From Graham White : 21st Nov'16**

The sun came out and so did Ruby,  
- at Walney Island nr Barrow-in-Furness  
looking towards Coniston Fells



**John Watson** — Nice to see it being enjoyed in the sunshine - your passengers look happy enough. Took mine out in the rain to a hot-rod shop open day and by the time we got back it wasn't easy to make out what colour it was supposed to be... rain, mucky roads and more rain !!!

**Derek Nash : 1st Dec**

**Maybe the longest KitCard build ever** (wife thinks so anyway !!)

5th May 1996, I paid a deposit for NG TF from John Hoyle at NG CARS at Epsom and took delivery soon after — and have been working ever since when possible to build it.

8th Nov 2016 Delivered Tub, front & rear wings, bonnet, radiator surround and rear valance to have them sprayed

2nd Nov 2016 Phone call to say ready for collection — will pick up this weekend ready for me to start reassembling .



**John Watson : 28 Dec**

This was my favourite from the Romsey Boxing Day meet - just wondering quite how much work it would take to turn my plastic fake into one... (or should I just win the lottery and buy a real one?) Other side had a wonderful fish tail exhaust, back end was (I think) 'Ulster style', and six cylinder motor — gorgeous !!



A gentleman is someone who never upsets anyone unintentionally.



John Watson : 30 Nov

The TA gently steaming as the early morning sunshine cleared the ice ...



Michaela Muench : 11th Nov

" OK, you can have another turn — since it's your Birthday ! "



Michaela Muench : 14th Nov

Small world !! - Sitting on the Jaguar Drivers Club Stand, looking at Facebook on my mobil phone and hear "NG" - sure / not sure ?? ... the two gentlemen talk about cars (what else at a motorshow?) and I hear "Pastiche!" - Now I am sure and we have a nice conversation about his TF (Ford engine) and my TF. He is member of NGOC, but not on Facebook! Stupid me, I have lost his Address in the taxi and for the moment I forgot his name. But at home, I can look at the new Membership register . Small world...



If you are the NGer Pastiche owner that Michaela met then you can contact her at michaelamuench@gmx.de - Eds

"In youth the absence of pleasure is pain, while often in old age the absence of pain is pleasure" — (or the application of Volterol !! .. Eds).

— Henry Addington, 1st Viscount Sidmouth, British Prime Minister 1801-04.



**News Snippets continued ....**

**Peter McGee** ( pmcgee0212@gmail.com ) :

Firstly, it's a pleasure to meet you.  
Two months ago I bought a Green NG-TF . I will be joining the NGOC shortly I have already been in contact with Chris Humphreys and will meet him at the Croxley Green Classic Show. I live in North London, not too far from Chris. In the past I have owned Morgans but am very happy with the NG despite little leg room and the car's narrowness - ( I am 6'2 "and shoe size 12 !)



I went to the Harpenden Show - so many cars (3000?). Only one NG though - a TA. I am a semi-retired Prof of Linguistics at a London University and will have time to help the club, should you need any. Looking forward to meeting you.

**Trevor Wathen : 27 Dec**  
Now I know that somethings get lost in translation and that other cultures see things differently — **but** if you would like some of this soup, I know where they sell it.....LOL



<< And this is why Vera can't use the Dining Room table !!  
*Seems unreasonable that she would want to !?? Eds*

**Graham White : 23rd Oct**

Out in the sun around my local area. >>>





**Paul Bennett : 3rd Oct**

Ventured into the garage this morning and was a bit surprised how nippy it was (10-12 C). So fired up the woodburner and was soon at a toasty 25 degrees with everything set low. I feel set for the winter now and the cold weather.

**Chris Hore : 4th Oct** — Oh Paul !! Nothing like being cosseted, but perhaps you will be too hot for any real work !!!! or perhaps I'm just jealous !! Chris

**Paul Bennett : 4th Oct** — I am getting soft in my old age. I used to work on cars in the frost and rain but over the last few years I feel the cold much more. My lad said to me one day, " Any idiot can be cold. So why be cold and uncomfortable. Working on the car is supposed to be fun and enjoyable". Also it is more difficult to do good work if you are bloody freezing. That's my excuse anyway... !!!

**Chris Hore : 5th Oct** — Hi Paul, your lad is absolutely right ! I just begrudge you a workshop that is practical to heat. Rocket has to make do with a semi-enclosed carport. So does not get much attention from me in the winter !!

**Paul Bennett : 1st Dec**

There's no such thing as a free lunch....!! I've had a bit of teasing about having a log burner in the garage. I have worked for what I have got and still have to work to keep things warm. A cold but dry bright day which is ideal for chopping logs which should keep me going for a few days.....

..... Accompanied by the spirit of my mother



**Steven Charlesworth : 16 Oct**

All parked up at Glossop Show, let's hope the judges like her.

**Bob Horrobin** — That's a change from when I lived in Padfield 10 years ago.

No cars show then. Is it Manor park ?

**Steven** — Yes - But Sorry - didn't win anything, I'll try harder next time

**Hubert Regenscheit** — Ignorant Judges !!!

**Michaela Muench** — Ja, Banausen !! (Yes, The Louts !!)



**Even the Best Laid Plans of mice and men often end up looking like a Dogs Breakfast !**



**... and there's More !!**

**Jeremy Evans**

I expect many of you are planning your 2017 motoring events over the break. I just wanted to highlight the Historic Rally Car Registers Scenic Tour series.

I have done some of these in the past and they follow easy Tulip style road books and are a relaxed day out.

I hope to do some of the ones close to me, let me know if you are interested, would be fun if we could get a couple of cars together.

See [www.hrcr.co.uk/hrcr-championships/scenic-tours-series/](http://www.hrcr.co.uk/hrcr-championships/scenic-tours-series/)



**John Watson (Calne) : 24 Oct**

Just got back from another holiday Nging round the Welsh countryside... Spent a week in the Cambrian mountains, covered about six hundred miles - managed most of it with the top down (tho' twas a little chilly at times). Would recommend the area to anyone who loves driving uncrowded, scenic roads - they've almost been



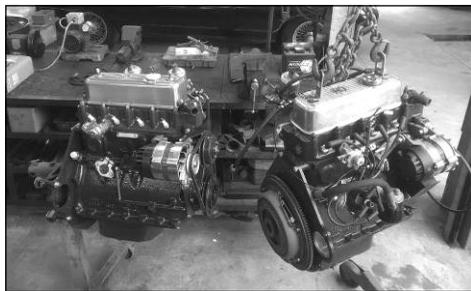
built with NGs in mind! Some fantastic scenery, good surfaces and a couple of 1in4 (25%) sections thrown in for the fun of it... plus there are two really good bird reserves, some wonderful mountain walks, and a half decent chippy in Aberaeron... Car might need a clean by the time you get home tho'...

**John-Jamie Edwards : 1st Jan**

Just got to the point of swapping engines over, only to find clutch thrust bearing broken up.

At 4:00 pm New Years Eve not much hope of finishing.

Hey-Ho — well pub it was then !!



**What happened to the man who stole an Advent Calendar?**

- - He got 25 days!



**Ron Eccles : 10th Jan**

When you V8 guys need an engine rebuild.. Have a look at this :-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iAkzb1nXzwU>

**Paul Bennett : 12th Jan**

I'm getting too bloody old for this m-larky. It was bad enough getting in there but getting out was much much harder..... !!!!!!!!!!!!!



**Ross Tucker : 23rd Jan**

Picked this up from Nigel Brooks at the weekend it was very nice to meet him

**Derek Nimmo : 24th Jan**

Long awaited Paint Job

Fibreglass shell looking absolutely stunning after a lot of hours but well worth the effort. Can't wait to see this when she's all back together.





## NG SouthEast Christmas Lunch Sunday 4th December 2016

Some 40plus NGers enjoyed a excellent occasion, again held at the Best Western Reigate Manor Hotel

The facilities provide plenty of space, and private bar, for a 'meet & greet' and a natter before the meal.

The food was very nice, from a varied menu,



and competently served table by table. After the final coffee and mints, John Hoyle said a few words, as our new chairman, offering season greetings and encouragement for a busy NG year ahead.

John presented a fine bouquet to Mary Clarke, and called for a vote of thanks for Sue Boulton for organising the event

so well.

Ray Boulton, who won the Cheetham Cup at the last Rally, but was unable to collect it at the time, was then able to receive it, very appropriately, from Eric Cheetham.

After some further 'chitchat' members dispersed, some homeward bound, and others who could, back to John and Barbara's for more natter, afternoon refreshments and finally 'bacon sarnies' !!

Chris and I were fortunate to have been offered a bed for the night, so we did not have the hassle of Sunday night traffic on the M25 in the dark, -- so very many thanks to John and Barbara.



*Su Hore*

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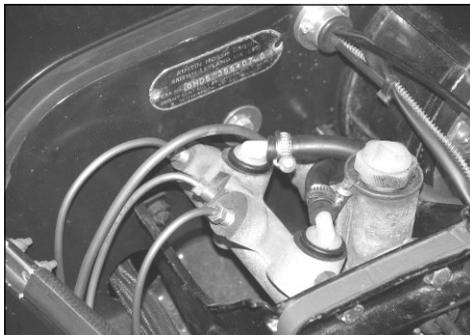
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NG.Owners/>

This is a 'closed' Group, but it is easy to join and Jeremy Evans, the Group Mediator, will be happy to sign you up.



## Progress on RTL 985N (aka Belle) !!!

My public plea at the NGOC Christmas Lunch for support in encouraging Robert to get our NG back on the road must have done something as it wasn't long afterwards that he ordered a new master cylinder. I could hardly contain my joy but was concerned when I was told that because there is no number on the old one, Robert had to carefully make his choice visually from a selection of seven different ones on EBay. What a huge relief to hear that he had chosen the right one !!



Having taken off the pedal box cover, he could see that the push rod was wet with brake fluid, although not enough had leaked to drip onto the paintwork. This still doesn't explain why the dual circuit is not working.

Note : Belle was built while we were living in France and the master cylinder is the only French car part on our NG - fortunately all the FIAT bits still work !

Once again I am ready and willing to lie in the footwell and hold nuts ( — the car's nuts that is ! Whatever else were you thinking ?!! - Ha ha.) — whilst Robert takes out the pedal box bolts. It's a very long time since I last did that and I am not getting any more supple !! The bolts have to come out first because the master cylinder is longer than the original MGB one and is recessed into the bulkhead, so cannot be lifted clear.

**As the song goes, 'Things can only get better'. — Angela Morrison**

## BOW's Makeover " — to be sure to be sure "

I've been incredibly pleased with the acquisition of our NG-TC. It has now been in our care for just over 2 years and has a myriad of good points, but also a few bad ones and some uncertainties that over this period have been increasingly bugging me. So Jane and I have decided to sort them out... I do hope she doesn't read this ! Some of our issues are common to all TCs and you'll probably recognise them, but my specific issues are:

**Lack of a sensible ground clearance.** I doubt there is a single sleeping policeman still asleep after we've 'grauched' our slow passage over them.

**Driver (and passenger) protection .** The driving position is fine, but the aero screens prevent flies from hitting the lower chest only., similarly Rain !!! Not being



able (rather pig-headedly) or willing to add a front screen means that when it rains a waterfall from the bonnet cascades poetically over and into the dashboard and uncomfortably into my lap, or thereabouts!

**Rusty engine.** Though has not failed in 6,800 miles, and uses only little oil and sounds wonderful, I'm having it rebuilt. "Why!" Jane asked, to which I replied with that famous Irish saying "To be sure — to be sure"

**The Electrics.** I've had only two failures. These concerned the points and the Lucas fuel pump.

**Checking/Filling the Radiator.** I cannot fill the radiator without first undoing the bonnet strap, and opening the nearside bonnet lid.

I cannot afford to address all of these issues at one time, even were I to agree to give up Meat for 2017 and my regular visits to the designer barber.

However, I am tackling the ride height issue. Several methods have been successfully adopted, by others, such as moving the exhaust system to the outside of the body, somewhat 'Brooklands style' down the side. Changing the springs so as to raise the body height, which is rather complicated... or, as I've decided, to fit MGC 15" wire wheels (currently 14") with high profile tyres. A little cosmetic job of spraying the wires the colour of the body is being undertaken and was an idea I stole after looking at Ray Bolton's Green V8. And 'to be sure to be sure' we're cutting out the cherry bomb and running the exhaust straight through to the lookalike Pifco silencer.

Rain splashing over and into the cockpit can, I know, be solved in a number of ways. Putting a front screen in would be the logical answer, however I liked the solution to Colin Padbury's TC V8, which is aluminium channelling that collects the water and directs it to the sides. I may be able to incorporate a similar solution with the desire to raise the height of the aero screens. Alternative to adjusting the aero screens I could lower the positioning of the seats but this might not prove helpful to my suffering navigator, so it's looking like a bespoke cowling.

And should I purchase a Sterling Rattler? The final decision to this and my other sort after solutions will... hopefully appear in the next issue of *ChangiNGear*



**John Watson**



## Meet Britain's most interesting ghost

### Count Louis Zborowski

By Bethan Bell -BBC News - 31Oct16.

via Jeremy Evans

Count Louis Zborowski, the wealthy son of a Polish Count and an American mother, was an English racing driver and car engineer who built a number of racing motors called Chitty Bang Bang. These were the inspiration for a certain Ian Fleming and his tale of a magical car and the subsequent film.

Aged just 16, he inherited a vast fortune, including Higham Park House - a country pile near Canterbury in Kent, and dedicated his life to the pursuit of speed.

Wearing a variety of brightly-coloured golfing caps the dashing count raced for Aston Martin at Brooklands, in Surrey, as well as at the French and Italian Grand Prix, and at the Indianapolis 500.

He joined the Mercedes team in 1924 but died aged 29 when his car hit a tree during the Italian Grand Prix. His ghost is now said to haunt his ancestral home.

Guests at Higham Park House have reported hearing the phantom sounds of a car tearing up the drive, stopping to let someone out, and roaring off again to race along the A2. When the engine stops, one of the doors of the House apparently bursts open and the count has been spotted striding across his land, sporting one of his distinctive golfing caps.

Also, Count Louis Zborowski can sometimes be heard zooming along the A2 near Canterbury ( - or is it "Rocket" and our esteemed Editors ?? - but hopefully they would be driving on the correct side of the road ! Or would they ???! )

**Jeremy Evans**



**What do you call a bunch of chess players bragging about their games in a hotel lobby?**

— Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer !

That has to rank as one of the worst !!!! — Eds



## Mr ToAd's Wonky Rear ! - Part 2

You may recall me moaning about scrubbing rear tyres ( ChangiNGear Oct'14) - well I measured the chassis and noted that the drivers side rear spring mounting was further forward than the passenger side.

I did a modification to the mounting at the beginning of the summer (previously reported) - only to be horrified that the tyre scrubbing on the drivers side got worse !!! So out came the tape measure again !

Well to cut a long story shorter moving the axle to it's correct location showed more clearly what the problem was - in the past the car must have caught the kerb or been involved in an accident - perhaps that was the demise of the donor MGB ? Anyway the axle tube on the drivers side was kinked inward - at the front of the rear wheel there was over an inch of toe in ! You could visually see that the wheel was not parallel with the spring. It also probably explained why I could not keep the hub seals sound and had a constant fight to keep the brakes clean in that wheel

The only solution I could think of was to replace the axle. So the search was on to find a good banjo axle for a like for like swap..



A banjo axle was fitted to the pre 1967 MGB roadsters and as a result replacements are quite difficult to locate - and when you do find one they are very expensive or knackered, or both !. I had located several tube axles though and one from fellow club member Steve Tyler was just the ticket having been on his TC quite recently, Steve having swapped it for the wider steel wheel version. There seem a bewildering array of axle types - well two - but different widths depending on the type of wheel fitted. Steel wheel axles being wider. The two axles also have different nose lengths - this affects the propshaft you need to use - but that is also affected by the type of gearbox and whether overdrive is fitted or not - confused ?? - I was !!



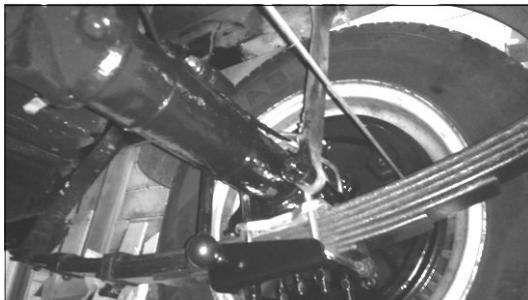
I started gathering the required parts to swap the axles over: Spring plates and the rubber bush retainers, U-bolts, propshaft and hand brake cable. I also needed wire wheel hubs as Steve had



kept the originals to convert the steel wheel axle to wires for his car.

The first step was to put Mr ToAd up on axle stands and to strip out the old axle.

That's quite easy, exhaust off, propshaft off, handbrake cable off, brake flexible clamped and disconnected, U bolts removed along with the spring plates and shock absorbers, check straps disconnected from the axle, rear spring shackles removed - and bingo all done.



The rebuild was just the reverse - but with new or clean bits. It is a job that can be done in a weekend if properly planned and if you have all the right parts.

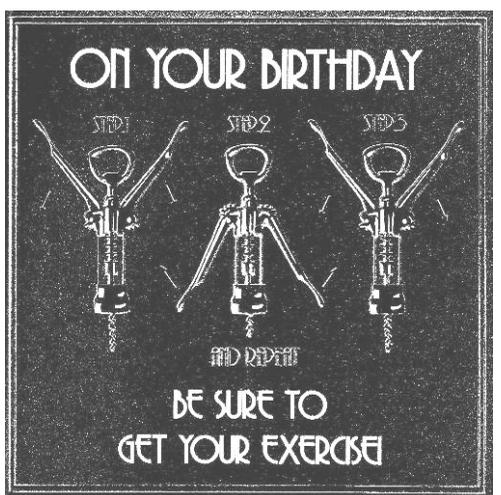
I also retro fitted lever arm dampers - in part because the old telescopic shock absorbers were on the way out and I happened to have some reconditioned lever arms in the garage ( - but don't tighten the lever arm link rods until the car is on the ground as this will put a lot of pressure on the new bushes)

With the propshaft refitted and the exhaust re-hung the job was complete. I'll let you know about the tyres wear once I have done a few miles. Measuring the axle though shows it is as near perfect for alignment as it could be

- so fingers crossed !!! **Jeremy Evans**

**One of Su's Cards received on a recent significant Birthday.**

*— however her preferred tipple actually comes with a 'wired-on' cork.*





## A Not-So Merry Christmas

Ray and I went away for a weekend to Hayling Island in early December. Just as we arrived on the first day I had a text to say someone had hit our fence and garage wall. The damage looked minimal and we were advised there was no need for us to go back home.

On the way back Ray said "I had a nightmare last night, that the inside of the garage was wrecked". When we got home he checked,-- his nightmare had come true!! The car had hit the wall so hard it had the force had loosened some of the breeze block, and dislodged plaster, brickdust and cabinets on to our NG !!

Now we are starting the process of insurance. The wall is bowed and may need to be rebuilt and we are awaiting testing on the artex paint for asbestos !!. We will not know the full damage until the plaster is removed, but the wall and the ceiling are cracked in places. Some of his models are also damaged and we need to get them photographed and valued.

The NG will need re-spraying, including some areas which have only recently been done. The estimate is in, Ray is not happy with the insurance company but that is an article for another time.

The driver has admitted liability "I was going too fast and lost control", he said.

All this stress, inconvenience and upset -- and none of it our own causing !!!

We will keep you updated.

Wishing everybody - All the Best for 2017

**Sue Boulton**





## Nice and Toasty Does It

With NGs off the road during the colder, wetter weather thoughts turn to tweaks, fettling and winter projects. Like our cars we are all different and have different facilities. However we all have a common problem during the winter and that is cold. Storage can vary from a tarpaulin thrown over the car on the drive to keep the worst of the weather off or a centrally heated garage to cosset your pride and joy.

Some while ago my son said to me "Dad, any fool can be cold". True words and got me thinking about working on the NG during the cold winter months. As I have aged I certainly feel the cold weather more. Gone are the days when I am prepared to don a couple of extra layers and work in freezing conditions like I used to. Also it is extremely difficult to do good work when you can't actually feel your fingers! This led me to thinking about heating my garage.



If you have a suitable working area such as a garage there are several ways to heat it. Probably the most readily available and cheapest solution is an electric fan heater. These can be expensive to run and it could be difficult to heat a garage depending on the level of insulation.

Space Heaters can be purchased quite easily from most DIY stores and on occasion from places such as Lidl & Aldi. These work very well and can get a garage space up to temperature quite quickly. However the downside is that there is no temperature control, so it is either baking hot and you have to take layers off or turn it off. They are also very noisy when running so peace and quiet to concentrate is out of the question. Burning gas produces moisture as a by product and thus condensation is a concern. I found using one of these space heaters meant any steel tools such as spanners quickly become covered in a thin layer of moisture. Not a happy situation.

Falling back to my childhood memories, most of the workshops I can remember seemed to have some kind of stove to keep them warm. This led me to think about getting a wood-burner installed in my own garage. So I purchased an 'end of line' wood-burner off the internet and thought about installing it. Continued >>>>>>>>



<<<<< As my garage is single story the installation of a proper flue didn't seem to be that difficult. When I looked at the itemised quote from one contractor and the actual labour charges it didn't seem worth the hassle to do it myself. It probably would have taken me 2-3 days to complete and involved getting on the roof and getting it signed off seemed a hassle. So bish-bosh the installer came and fitted it in less than a day, it has a safety certificate so all is well.

The other benefit of a wood stove is that it produces dry heat so you don't get any of the moisture problems associated with burning gas. The issue about burning wood being 'carbon neutral' is less clear cut. Some information on the internet suggests it is and some says it isn't. Yes it is a bit of a pain to keep having to relight it as I haven't managed to get it to stay in overnight yet and clearing out the ash is a 'PITA'. You also need to be aware how hot they get so anything within 3 feet is likely to be scorched. I have had to surround mine with some old aluminium sheets to protect things from getting too hot. With the increase in popularity in wood burners there are many places to get logs to burn (avoid garage forecourts as their's are ridiculously expensive) or if you are an accomplished 'skip rat' like me there are some good pickings to be had if you keep your eyes open.

In conclusion, when you go to various events in the summer when the sun is high, the grass is green and the birds are singing, remember that all the shiny cars and other

interesting things that you see are the result of people up and down the country beavering away in sheds and garages during the cold winter months. Some will have better facilities than others but all will try to make things as comfortable to work in as possible and avoid getting cold.

**Paul Bennett**



***We hasten to add that this is not a pic of Paul's Garage !!! — Eds  
-- His may be even more luxurious !!!!!!!!***

**What's the difference between BMWs and Porcupines ?**

**— Porcupines carry their pricks on the outside !!**



## HENLEYS BUILT BY CHALLENGER CARS Ltd

Can any Henley owners in the Club enlighten me as to when their Henley cars were built and by which company, or kit purchased, and from which firm? The reason I ask is that I have a Ford Sierra based Henley built in 1990 and first MOT January 2nd 1991. Various MOTs, up to 1998, refer to make as 'Not Known'. 'Pastiche', 'Henley' or 'Challenger' (none as a Sierra) even though up to 1998 it must have been registered still as a Sierra and it must have been what various owners thought they had got. The car was not inspected by DVLA until 1998 and then given its unique Vin/Chassis Number and registered as 'Challenger Henley' It is known that the Triple C (Challenger Car Ltd) company went out of business around 1991.

My current renewed interest is because I visited the TripleC Car Club stand at the NEC Classic Car event and spoke to their Chairman (they are the Club for the TripleC E Types). I told him I had a Challenger Henley and he said that the company had only made one (around 1990) before it was wound up, and a Henley and a completed TripleC E Type were carted away to be sold, and they had tried but had never been able to trace the Henley.

Have I got it? I have no real paperwork to support the claim as it was not properly registered until 1998 and the car firm that went through the process with DVLA (Manchester Office), Aero Motors, is no longer around. Has someone else got a Henley supposed to have been made by Challenger?? In correspondence I have, a firm (called Kit Cars International of Disley, near Stockport) refer to it as a Challenger Henley prior to it being registered as such, but again they are no longer around. Many Thanks to anyone who can help.

**Kenneth Warrilow**, Buxted. (ken@littlefernyford.myzen.co.uk)

### **It's definitely NOT Cricket !! :**

— following the mediocre performance of the English Cricket side in India last Autumn, some have described it at a 'Cricket Team with a drinks problem'.

- Others are more inclined to think it is a 'Drinking Team with a Cricket problem' !!!

### **What did Father Christmas do when he went speed dating?**

— He pulled a cracker!



## NG Shock Absorbers

Just thought I'd mention this, although it's perhaps been covered already. Over the summer I converted our TA to telescopic dampers. Used kits available from the usual suppliers and found that everything bolted straight on with no modifications required.

We found that the adjustable shocks worked well, although our lever dampers were 'as found' from the original donor MG, and were I suspect very tired.

Settings wise we left the back ones on 1 and set the front ones to 3.

Found a much firmer ride with tauter handling. Our front kit came with Goodrich hoses BTW.

Hope this may help someone else in the club and puts something back into the pot for all the marvellous help, advice and comraderie we have received. Look forward to seeing you in the new year, if not before at the National Rally

**Richard Fox** , Hereford (cafnod@gmail.com)

## Mel Clark — on the subject of Zinc Plating at Home.

There are a number of solutions and power supplies you can use Basically you add a conductor to water (i.e washing soda), to form an electrolyte . A low voltage positive supply to the sacrificial anode (zinc) and a negative connection to the parts you are plating. If you use mild steel instead of zinc you can add metal to parts while removing rust. If you want to go further your can passivate after plating for a more durable result.

***Hydrogen gas is produced during the process as one safety concern.***

***So only do this in a well ventilated area.***

***And in some processes acids are used so you will need the right protection.***

Information is so easy find today due to search engines so if you are interested in trying it out please research it first. Try these -

<http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/andyspatch/rust.htm#intro>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PoU7UHU71Ww&t-989s>

Long winded but worth watching.

**Knock, knock !!**

" Who's there?"

"Arthur"

"Arthur who? "

"Arthur any more mince pies ?"

There's nothing like a good Knock-Knock Joke

— & this is nothing like one !!! Eds



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### For Sale

**NG - TC :: 'Volcano'  
Reg. No. WHJ 471M**

Boat Tail style, MGB donor  
Colour Red, beige seats

Professionally built 1997/97  
SVA and 1st Regn 1st Sept '98

MGB 1800 engine, 4speed gearbox  
with Overdrive



Recently recommissioned with Service and MOT- March '16  
Complete with Black Hood and Tonneau  
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Email to [derekcollar@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:derekcollar@yahoo.co.uk)

Or Phone 0775-960-7498 (note number correction)

### Hot Off the Press — Breaking News

#### Trump Withdraws From Presidency

Trump withdraws from office due to a brain tumour,  
that was discovered during a routine colonoscopy

Also an oral examination during, a routine dental check-up, showed that his  
anus had become significantly displaced



## Wanted

**WANTED ::: NG-TF or TC — V8**

Contact : **John Shepherd**

07976—555737 ::: johnshepherd7@sky.com

**WANTED ::: NG-TA**

Wanted for a rebuild Project

so condition is unimportant as long as all the essential bits are sound.

Contact : **Wim Bielars (NGer 1471) Bergen -op-Zoom**

Email : [wjbielars@kpnmail.nl](mailto:wjbielars@kpnmail.nl)

## For Sale

**NG - TD Regn. LOX 518F**

MGB based with 1800cc engine

4speed Gearbox with Overdrive

Colour White, Interior Black,

Wire wheels.

1982 build approx

Needs substantial refu

Registered as MGB,

Ex NG Cars (Nick Green) demonstrator

Not taxed or MOT'd (not on the road since 2003)

Current location Kidderminster

Photo is recent and shows current condition

**£ Offers invited**, quick sale desired

**Contact : Nick Robinson** (for Ian Robinson)

Kingston, HR5 3BL

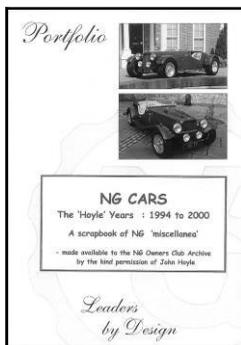
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**How did Mary and Joseph know that Jesus was 7lb 6oz when he was born?**

— They had a weigh in a manger !

*Well, we did warn you that they didn't get any better !!!! Eds*



## The Hoyle NG Portfolio

During his six year term as 'Mr NG', proprietor of NG Car Ltd, John amassed an assortment of NG related documentation comprising photographs, brochures, technical oddments, test details etc. John has collated this into a 'scrapbook' portfolio and has very kindly made it available to the Club. This has now been scanned and is available in digital form to download.

This makes a very interesting browse, and there is a 'unclassified' index to aid those needing to locate more specific information

Please contact me for the link at [ngoceditor@gmail.com](mailto:ngoceditor@gmail.com)

**Chris**

**Chris Hore**

## Your Attention Please — Membership List

Thank you to all those who have provided me with your updated details. A revised Membership List will be issued with the next (Spring) issue of the Magazine

**Please keep me up to date with any further changes — Thank You**

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L1: MGB/NG Electrics (Brian Baggerly 1985)

L2: Car Spraying (Peter Fellows c1985-90)

L3: Fitting Doors (Mel Clark 2001)

L4: Fitting Enclosed Boot to TF/TD (Brian McCarthy & Chris Wilson 2001-2)

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