

# *Changi***NG***ear*

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**Your New Editors say "Hello"**



*Chris & Su and 'Rocket' .*

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*the NG Owners Club magazine*

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## Contributions Please !!!

*Next issue: April 2013*

*Target Date for submissions: 15th March — Thank You*

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### *Goodbye & Thanks*

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As from the October issue of ChangiNGear the Club says Goodbye to Chris Humphreys as Editor, having produced the magazine for 8 years. Thus on behalf of all the membership we take this opportunity of thanking him for his effort and dedication .



*Thank you - Chris*

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### *Hello & Thanks*

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As from the beginning of the year The Club says Hello to Teresa Goodbun as Club Treasurer . She has kindly volunteered to take over the task from Susan Stretch — see Page 7 Teresa's contact details are shown inside the front cover.



*Thank you—Teresa*

## Chairman's Letter



For those of us in the South East we did manage to round off 2012 with a superb luncheon expertly organized and arranged by Sue Boulton. Everything worked like clockwork and all enjoyed good food and excellent company which I am pleased to say included our friends Wim and Janine Bielars from Holland. So many thanks Sue for a job well done.

**Now on to 2013** Here we go, a brand New Year not hardly used yet. So let me open the proceedings by wishing you all a Very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. I sincerely hope that you all manage to get the best out of your NGs this season. Please keep your eye on the Events Calendar and

please try to support as many events as you can manage particularly those held at a location near you.

Mary & I had been hoping for a nice bright dry day for January 1<sup>st</sup>, so that we would be able to blow the cobwebs off OJ and get to Brooklands for their New Year's Car Meet. The aim this year was to get well over 2000 cars of all types (whether Vintage, Veteran, Classic, Sports, Kit and Specialist One-Offs) to attend and try to do better than last year. Come the day it was indeed bright, dry and



cold, but since both of

us had suffered the 'sniffles' over the holiday period we took our Jaguar XJS-C, and we were glad of it as we still got quite chilled. The event was well attended, including this 'tasty' 1930s MG Tigris, with some 1100 vehicles entering by the Campbell Gate alone. We met several NG Members but only one stalwart with an NG - so full marks to Alan Goodbun, whose car always attracts a great deal of interest. With bright sunny skies it was a truly splendid day. **It would be nice if we**

**were to see more local NGers and their NGs there next year.**

From this issue of ChangiNGear we welcome our new editors Chris and Su Hore who have valiantly agreed to take up the challenge for which on behalf of us all I extend our thanks. In order to support them and ensure our Magazine continues to thrive **please** help by sending to them anything that you think would be of interest to other members i.e. Helpful Hints and Problem Solving, Editorial, Holiday or Travel Anecdotes and Pictures. There can never be too much. **Good Luck and Happy 2013 Motoring.**

**Peter Clark.**

*Photographs Courtesy of Classic & Sports Car Magazine*

## Secretary's Notes

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A very Happy New Year to you all, let's hope the weather will be a little kinder to us for our meetings this year.

First we welcome new committee members to run the club. Chris & Su Hore have taken on the essential job of editing the club magazine. Chris Humphreys has managed the magazine for the last 8 years in addition to holding down a full time job. Many thanks Chris for all your efforts in making an excellent magazine.

Sue has been club treasurer since 1992 and has now decided to retire, so on behalf of all club members, thank you Susan for a job well done. Teresa Goodbun is taking over the reins from Sue as of this month.

We wish Chris & Su and Teresa all the very best in their new respective roles for the Club, and another thank you to Chris Humphreys and Sue Stretch.

This year's subscriptions (£15) are now due, would everybody please check their standing order or send a cheque as soon as possible. Thank you.

Please note the following events that will occur before the issue of the next magazine. Hopefully local members will make a special effort to represent the Club in strength on these occasions ;

**13 & 14th April : Kent Kit Car Show** at Detling, Kent, ME143JF

Contact: Chris Humphreys or Rob Garrett

This show is held at the Kent County Showground.

The club has a dedicated park for NGs - Look out for block N.

**5 & 6th May : National Kit Car Show** at NAC Stoneleigh, CV82LZ

Our club stand will be the usual plot No: 40A

When you enter the site through machinery gate, take the first road on your right (2<sup>nd</sup> St) then take the 3<sup>rd</sup> road left (Avenue H). The club stand is on the corner of Avenue H and 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Contact : myself for other details if required.

**2nd June : London to Brighton - Kit & Sports Car Run** - from Brooklands

See Page 33. Contact : Graeme Lacey - graeme.lacey@virgin.net

**Of course the most important event of the year for our Club is :**

**5 to 7th July : NGOC National Rally** at Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 7AB

Please book this in your Calendar and 'pull out all the stops' to be there for some, if not all, of the time. There is a Rally Preview by Paul Gray elsewhere in the magazine and full details with Booking Form etc will be available in the April Issue of ChangiNGear and on the Club Website

**Best Wishes for Your NG'ing in 2013**

**Bob Preece**

## Editorial

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### **Hooray!! We've made it !**

We are delighted and not a little relieved to have completed the first issue of ChangiNGear under our Editorship. It has been a steep learning curve for us but we have enjoyed the battle and learnt a lot in the process (not the least of which is **don't volunteer again!!!** - but we jest - we think?) We hope our efforts will meet with your approval

and provide you some enjoyment and entertainment.

We must first thank Chris Humphreys for handing over in a very organised fashion and for guiding us through the various pitfalls. Secondly our thanks to Peter Clark, Paul Gray and John Hoyle, among others for their support and encouragement. Lastly, but very definitely not leastly, our thanks to the various contributors for all your varied and interesting submissions, without which this issue would have been a trifle thin, but has conversely resulted in somewhat of a Bumper Issue - keep up the good work ! And may others follow by example

— *Please.*

We made life a little more difficult for ourselves by taking on the self-imposed task of producing an NGOC Wall Calendar for 2013. Having 'tripped over' the method of production quite by chance in mid-November it seemed too good an opportunity to miss, though with a rather tight deadline. We have been very encouraged by the feedback from members who have their Calendars, but were very disappointed that we could not make a larger proportion of our membership aware of its existence. Of a paid-up membership approaching 300 the Club records only hold email addresses for just over 50%, and of that modest percentage nearly one third of such addresses were either wrong or obsolete. We did post the details on the Club Website but this seemed to have produced little effect. This in itself raises two issues - the first is a plea for all members to check that Club Records hold up to date details and especially email addresses (please see Page 11) - the second is to urge members to make more use of the Club Website and the Forum (see Page 31)

For those of you who did not get the opportunity to buy a Calendar then there are still a few left and the details are on Page 13

As you will see we have kept the format of the magazine generally unchanged on the basis of 'why fix what isn't broke'. We have however done a few tweaks and introduced a few new features, of which we hope you will approve. We are determined to maintain not only the high standard that Chris Humphreys has set but also the size, content and number of issues of the magazine. However to do this we do need your input - we need numerous contributions both large and small, amusing, newsworthy, serious stuff, whatever ! - it all makes for interest and variation so please, please don't just leave it to everyone else - just get writing !!

All significant contributors for each issue will be entered into a 'hat' for a lucky-dip draw for four token 'NG Prizes'

We are also keen to hear your ideas for any other form of content that you might like to see, so please let us know.

In this issue, in addition to the usual Club & Events information, you will find :

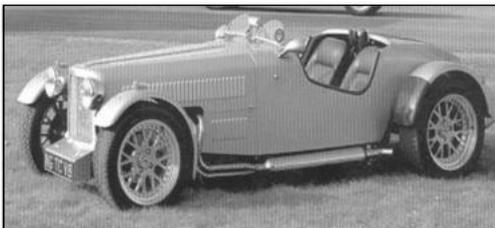
- An update by John Hoyle on the EU Vehicle Testing situation. (*it seems as if the UK Government may be having an outbreak of common-sense - now there's something new!*),
- Advance details of our Annual Rally in July from Paul Gray.
- An interesting invitation from the Merlin Owners Club for NGOC Members to join their September Rally in Derbyshire.
- Details of an NGOC Photo Competition with the view of collecting photographs for next year's Wall Calendar.
- Some suggested New Year Resolution to becoming a Better NG'er
- Further you will see that we have introduced a 'Member Profile' section to the magazine with the object of increasing the personal interest content and hopefully to encourage a bit of 'bonding' with
- other members local to those profiled. We very much hope that you will find this an interesting addition and we ask for volunteers to be profiled in future issues - no shrinking violets please !!

*We really hope you enjoy this our first offering - Chris & Su*

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## Treasurer's Report

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### NG OWNERS CLUB ACCOUNTS to 10th December 2012

Bank Balance as at 31.12.2011	£1,046.24		
<b>Income 2012</b>		<b>Expenditure 2012</b>	
Subscriptions	£3,884.00	Stationery	£93.63
Club Sales	£225.30	Printing	£977.20
Advertising - C.G.	£365.00	Postage	£812.18
Camping/Attendance		Club Equipment	£0.00
Fees National Rally	£896.00	Club Regalia	£84.00
		Trophies, prizes	£86.40
		Event Expenses	£1,535.67
		Deposit National	
		Rally 2013	£302.99
		P.L. Insurance	£152.00
		Admin. Expenses	£1.25
		Web Site	£36.42
	£5,370.30		£4,081.74
		Bank balance as at 10.12.12	£2,334.80
	£6,416.54		£6,416.54

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I present the Club accounts to 10th December 2012, as above :  
I am finally retiring as treasurer after 20 years. I have enjoyed the task but felt it was time to let someone else have a go!  
Teresa Goodbun has kindly volunteered and is the new treasurer as from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013. I wish her well and am sure she will get every co-operation from fellow members.  
**Susan Stretch -Treasurer**

### Goodbye & Thank You

On behalf of all Club members past and present we take this opportunity of thanking Sue for two decades of service to the Club. **Thank you Sue**

**Eds**

## The Brooklands Club — Natter Meetings

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### *Meet on the second Tuesday of every month*

Jan 8th	New Year Natter & Noggin
Feb 12th	Best Leather Driving Jacket (i.e. Irving etc)
Mar 12th	Natter & Noggin with Piano accompaniment later in the evening
Apr 9th	General Knowledge Inter-Natter Quiz
May 14th	Natter & Noggin
Jun 11th	Concours D'Elegance Plus Best Ladies Headscarf & Best Men's Cravat Plus <i>Live Jazz</i>
Jul 9th	Summer Barbeque ( <i>pre-booking is essential</i> ) Plus Best Ladies Hat Competition
Aug 13th	Natter & Noggin
Sep 10th	General Knowledge Quiz with Piano accompaniment later in the evening
Oct 8th	Best Handmade Model Car Competition
Nov 12th	Early Guided Museum Tour
Dec 10th	Enthusiast of the Year Awards Plus Best Waistcoat Competition Plus Ladies 'Feely Bag' Competition Plus ( <i>Free</i> ) Hot Sausage Rolls & Mince Pies with Piano accompaniment later in the evening

**NB.** *These events may be subject to change,*  
Please check with Danny Byrne ( 01932 829814 )

\*\*\*\* **Attention** \*\*\*\*

**Paul Gray gives these social evenings a Big Thumbs-Up**

See his article on Page 20

**Why not make a point of getting along to one or two this year  
See you there !! — Eds**

## Events Calendar — 2013

12-13 Jan	Racing Car Show (Autosport International) NEC, Birmingham B40 INT	Info only
13-14 Apr	Kent Kit Car Show (Detling) Kent County Showground, Detling, Kent ME14 3JF	Chris Humphreys 01707 851320
5-6 May	National Kit Car Show National Agricultural Showground, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire CV8 2LZ	Bob Preece 01202 573644
6 May	Aero/Autojumble & Classic Vehicle Rally & Fly-in Popham Airfield, Coxford Down, Winchester SO21 3BD	Info only
2 Jun	London ~ Brighton Kit & Sports Car Run Start: Mercedes-Benz Museum, Brooklands KT13 OSL	Graeme Lacey  See Page 33
5-7 Jul	<b>NGOC NATIONAL RALLY</b> <b>Riverside Caravan Park, Tiddington Road,</b> <b>Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 7AB</b>	Bob Preece 01202 573644
12-14 Jul	Festival of Speed Goodwood, Chichester, West Sussex PO18 OPX	Info only
20 Jul	Dogmersfield Fete Pilcot Farm, Dogmersfield, Hook, Hants RG27 8ST	Paul Gray 01252 617175
26-28 Jul	Silverstone Classic Silverstone Circuit, Towcester, Northants NN12 8TN	Info only
31 Jul	Classics on the Common Harpenden Common, Harpenden, Herts opposite AL5 2JF	Chris Humphreys 01707 851320
13-15 Sep	Revival Meeting Goodwood, Chichester, West Sussex PO18 OPX	Info only

*Twenty five years ago, Madam, I was incredibly handsome. The remains of which are still visible through the rifts of time. I was so handsome that women became spellbound. In San Francisco, in the rainy season, I was frequently mistaken for a cloudless day. - **Mark Twain***

## Events Web Sites

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Bath Pageant of Motoring	<a href="http://www.bathpageantofmotoring.com">www.bathpageantofmotoring.com</a>
Beaulieu Motor Museum	<a href="http://www.beaulieu.co.uk">www.beaulieu.co.uk</a>
Brooklands Museum	<a href="http://www.brooklandsmuseum.com">www.brooklandsmuseum.com</a>
Castle Combe Circuit	<a href="http://www.castlecombecircuit.co.uk">www.castlecombecircuit.co.uk</a>
Classic, Kit & Performance Show	<a href="http://www.classicmotorevents.co.uk">www.classicmotorevents.co.uk</a>
Detling (Kent) Kit Car Show	<a href="http://www.detlingkitcarshow.co.uk">www.detlingkitcarshow.co.uk</a>
Donnington Kit Car Show	<a href="http://www.doningtonkitcarshow.com">www.doningtonkitcarshow.com</a>
Exeter Kit Car Show	<a href="http://www.exeterkitcarshow.co.uk">www.exeterkitcarshow.co.uk</a>
Goodwood (Festival of Speed/Revival)	<a href="http://www.goodwood.co.uk">www.goodwood.co.uk</a>
Harpندن: Classics on the Common	<a href="http://www.classiconthecommon.com">www.classiconthecommon.com</a>
Heyford Leys Camping Park (Bicester)	<a href="http://www.heyfordleyscampingpark.co.uk">www.heyfordleyscampingpark.co.uk</a>
Jaguar Enthusiasts Club (Hambleden)	<a href="http://www.jag.org.uk">www.jag.org.uk</a>
Knebworth Classic Motor Show	<a href="http://www.classicmotorevents.co.uk">www.classicmotorevents.co.uk</a>
Knebworth House	<a href="http://www.knebworthhouse.com">www.knebworthhouse.com</a>
London~Brighton (Kit & Sports Cars)	<a href="http://www.classicmotorevents.co.uk">www.classicmotorevents.co.uk</a>
London~Brighton (Veteran Cars)	<a href="http://www.lbvcr.com">www.lbvcr.com</a>
Newark (National) Kit Car Festival	<a href="http://www.kitcarshow.co.uk">www.kitcarshow.co.uk</a>
Newark & Notts Showground	<a href="http://www.newarkshowground.com">www.newarkshowground.com</a>
Popham Airfield	<a href="http://www.popham-airfield.co.uk">www.popham-airfield.co.uk</a>
Prescott Hill Climb	<a href="http://www.prescott-hillclimb.com">www.prescott-hillclimb.com</a>
Racing Car Show (Autosport Int.)	<a href="http://www.autosport-international.com">www.autosport-international.com</a>
Raising the Roof Country Fair	<a href="http://www.raisingtheroof.info">www.raisingtheroof.info</a>
Riverside Caravan Park (Stratford)	<a href="http://www.stratfordcaravans.co.uk">www.stratfordcaravans.co.uk</a>
Shrivenham Village Fete	<a href="http://www.shrivenham.org">www.shrivenham.org</a>
Silverstone Classic	<a href="http://www.silverstoneclassic.com">www.silverstoneclassic.com</a>
Stoneleigh (National) Kit Car Show	<a href="http://www.nationalkitcarshow.co.uk">www.nationalkitcarshow.co.uk</a>
Stoneleigh Park	<a href="http://www.nac-stoneleigh-park.co.uk">www.nac-stoneleigh-park.co.uk</a>

The above web sites are listed in support of the Events Calendar

## Regular NG Regional Meetings

**Sheffield, Leeds, Yorks area:** various meets & activities  
(Dennis Roberts 01142 878515 - Phone for details)

**Midlands - Monthly evening meet:** every 1st Tuesday, 7.00pm  
\*The Red Lion, Repton, nr Burton on Trent, Staffs  
(Mark Staley 01332 723927 - Venue adjustable, phone for details)

**Oxford - Monthly lunch-time meet:** date depends on interest, 12 noon  
The Six Bells, Warborough, off A423 Oxford/Wallingford  
(Paul Bennett 01865 735711)

**East Anglia area:** various meets & activities  
(David Edwards 01284 788118 - Phone for details)

**Surrey - Monthly evening meet:** every 2nd Tuesday, 7.30pm  
The Club Room, Brooklands Museum, Weybridge, Surrey  
(Peter Clark 01737 832367 - See also "Monthly Natter" panel)

**New Forest - Monthly lunch-time meet:** every 1st Sunday, 12 noon  
(Keith Baker 01794 340490 - Phone for current venue)

**Cardiff (South Wales) meet:** by arrangement  
(Brian North 02920 341671 - Brian also does engine reconditioning)

**Kent & Sussex (South East)**

Winter Months : every last Sunday — Lunchtime : variable locations  
Summer Months : every last week, weekday evenings or weekends - TBA  
(Rob Garrett : 01732—453639 : rgmidge.rgngkent@gmx.co.uk)

### **Absent Minded or What !!?**

George and Freda are sitting down to a leisurely breakfast.  
Freda looks quizzically at George for a while and says "Errm - George ?- Did you know that you have a suppository sticking out of your ear ?"  
George looks thoughtful for a moment while chewing his toast and says,  
"Aah - so that's where I put my hearing aid !"

## Multi-Club Derbyshire Rally :: 2013

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### Thursday 12th to Monday 16th September

This event is being hosted by the **Merlin Owners Club** with the hope that other Owners Clubs of Classic 1930s style kit cars will join them at this long weekend. Members of the **Marlin & NG Owners Clubs** are specifically invited to participate.

**The Rally Site** : is at Swinscoe, Nr Ashourne, DE6 2BW, which offers **Accommodation** : gite style, self-catering, in a converted barn with 6Nos en-suite double bedrooms and communal facilities for dining/socialising

**Camping** : a site with 30 pitches (some with electric hook-up).

**Costs** :     Barn    -    £137 per room for 4nights (minimum stay)  
              Camping -   £18 per night with electrics (or £15 without)

In order not to be unmanageable the event will be limited to about 20cars.

Bookings will be taken on a first come first served basis, though priority will be given to those booking the Barn, but not to any particular Club.

The weekend is timed to include the illuminated boats and fireworks show at Matlock Baths on the evening of Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Thursday is arrival day & Monday departure day, leaving 3 full days for runs and visits. The full programme is yet to be decided but, weather permitting, this joint-venture promises to offer you an enjoyable and interesting end to the season

**To Book** : Please contact Barry Jones, the Merlin OC Secretary, A deposit of £35 will be required for the barn, and £15 or £18 for camping.

*Please let us know when you have booked so that we can co-ordinate the NG contingent — Chris&Su at [ngoceditor@gmail.com](mailto:ngoceditor@gmail.com) - Thank You*

## Please Update your Membership Details !

The Club's Membership Records are somewhat out of date in a number of cases and is in particular very short of members Email addresses. This makes it difficult to keep you up to date with Club Events and News

**Please make a New Year Resolution to update your details as necessary.**

Contact The Membership Secretary,  
**Bob Morrison** : [rmorri1847@aol.com](mailto:rmorri1847@aol.com)

## 2013 New Years Resolutions for Good NG'ers

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- 1) **I will** - get all my maintenance, overhaul and upgrades done by the end of April so that my NG is fit and ready for the Road come Spring  
*(no excuses -please!!!)*
- 2) **I will** - check out the Club Website at least once a fortnight  
*(www.ngownersclub.org.uk)*
- 3) **I will** - log on to the Club Forum frequently and participate in the various postings, and create new postings with my news  
*(the Forum is accessible from the Homepage of the Club Website)*
- 4) **I will** - make contact with other local NCOG Members and arrange to have an NG Meet at least twice in the year.  
*(to get details of your local members contact The Membership Secretary - Bob Morrison : his details are inside the front cover)*
- 5) **I will** - make every effort to get to the NCOG Annual Rally in Stratford-on-Avon this July (even if only for a day visit)  
*(see advance news of this event on Page 14)*
- 6) **I will** - make sure that my details in the Club Records are fully up to date  
*(see this Issue Page 11 )*
- 7) **I will** - make at least one contribution to the ChangiNGear Magazine this year.
- 8) **I will** - participate in the Club Photo Competition this year  
*(see this Issue Page 29 )*
- 9) **I will** - add at least one photo to the Club's Website Gallery this year  
*(send a .jpg image and description by email to our Webmaster  
Mike Peel :: mike@mikepeel.co.uk)*
- 10) **I will** - lastly and most importantly - enjoy my NG 'to the Max' this year

**How many of us are going to score 10 out of 10 by the end of the Year ???**  
**Eds**



## NGOC National Rally 2013

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- We have again managed to book the large rally field at The Riverside Park on the outskirts of Stratford-upon-Avon.
- A reminder of our previous visits can be found under 'Events' on the club's website and also in the July'12 issue of **ChangiNGear**
- **Please make a note in your diary, to reserve the weekend Friday 5<sup>th</sup> to Sun 7<sup>th</sup> July 2013. Please Make It if You Can**
- Thanks to John & Barbara Hoyle we will again be holding the very popular driving tests in part of the field - These are of course tests of skill, not races! This was a much missed element of the 2012 rally due the appalling weather
- For those who are not Campers, and as previous visitors will recall there are static caravans to hire as well as more recently added 'Snugs'. These save hunting for local B&B's and, being within the same site, make for more relaxed evenings without the need to drive afterwards.
- For information on hiring of Caravans & Snugs, the site telephone number is 01789 292312.
- We are obviously hoping for lots of Campers/Caravanners & Snuggers because not only does it make for a great clubby atmosphere with lots of members and their families staying on site, but also because we can only continue to have free and exclusive use of this campsite field for our rallies if we make it worthwhile for the site owners .
- The fine details of the weekend are yet to be finalised, there will be more details in the Spring issue of **ChangiNGear**; and details will be posted on the **Club Website**.
- The committee would be grateful for offers of help to organise the weekend for catering and activities.
  - Donna Gray & Son (Tom) have offered to organise a Treasure Hunt
  - Lincoln & Judith Summers have agreed to prepare a 'Quiz'
  - A volunteer(s) is needed to organise some evening 'Mess Games'
  - Some musical entertainment be would a welcome addition
  - And is there a 'closet' Bingo Caller amongst out ranks ??

*Please contact a committee member with your ideas.*

- As a reminder of some of the features of the site, the location is a mile from the centre of Stratford (CV37 7AB). There is an electric river-taxi running a return service from the site to the centre of the Town for those wishing to do some shopping or take in the rich cultural heritage available.
- There is an on-site café serving cooked breakfasts at extremely reasonable prices, or there will also be the usual hired BBQs on site for keen cooking DIYers. There is small convenience store on site for the more basic provisions whilst the village of Tiddington is only a short walk away with a Post Office, wine shop and Minimart
- The site's location is perfect for exploring the wealth of attractions in Warwickshire's Shakespeare Country and the picturesque Cotswolds villages including Stow-on-the-Wold, Moreton-in-Marsh, Broadway and Bourton-on-the-Water.
- The rally field has plenty of electric hook-ups so anyone who would like some power to civilise their camping can be able be accommodated. Yes, you really would be able to bring along that electric blanket !!

**Paul Gray**

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## NGOC Executive Meeting — Club Website

Questions had been raised about the need, or otherwise, of restricting all or part of the Club Website to Members Only access. After an exchange of emails The Chairman considered that a meeting was the most appropriate means of exploring this topic fully.

**The Chairman's Notes of Meeting follow :**

### **N.G. Owners Club Website Meeting Notes:**

**10<sup>th</sup>. November 2012 at 'Haydn's Wood'**

Present:- Paul Bennett; Su Hore; Chris Hore; Peter Clark; Mary Clark(Part time ); Alan Goodbun; Teresa Goodbun; John Hoyle; Barbara Hoyle; Chris Humphreys; Lesley Humphreys; Paul Gray; Donna Gray; Mike Peel; Bob Preece; Amanda Preece.

Subject: The Club Website.

In the light of recent correspondence relating to the use of and structure of the Website the meeting was arranged to understand, rationalize and agree the future use and operation of the Club's Website.

After input from everyone the following points emerged:-

- 1) Should the use of the Website Forum be restricted to " Members Only" , if so how will it be controlled ?
- 2) Could the Website be better used to generate an increase in the Club membership ?
- 3) Should the Website be upgraded to allow New Members to join electronically, including the on-line payment of subscription fees ?

Ref: Item 1)

It was agreed that No change would be made as to the use of the Forum in its current form. However closer monitoring of enquiries was necessary. P.B. volunteered to monitor and assign actions for response as necessary.

It was also considered to be helpful if provision could be made, in the case of those posting questions or requiring information, to encourage them to identify themselves with an appropriate Email, Telephone and Postal address.

Action: M.P. To look into the feasibility also of adding a " Members Only" section to the site.

Ref: Item 2)

The general opinion of the meeting was that it would be an advantage to have an On-Line " Membership Application Form " included in the Website that could be down loaded and when completed forwarded to R.M. ( Membership Secretary ).

Ref: Item 3)

See also 2) above, in addition it was agreed that bearing in mind the limited size of the Club it would be too costly and the administration of the financial requirements too demanding. Therefore NO financial application would be envisaged, certainly for the near future.

General Outcome.

- M.P. agreed to add 2012 Rally Details and Pictures as soon as possible.
- M.P. would check with the Web Hosts as to what adaptations might be possible to expand the use of the Forum.
- It was generally acclaimed that the Website was very good and user friendly and that the effort that M.P. had put into its production and management was very much appreciated by all. Long may it continue.
- The meeting also recognized that the members of the Committee and the Club Members in general should be encouraged to make much more use of the Site. To achieve this some 'promotion' should be included, periodically, in the ChangiNGear Magazine.

The Meeting closed at 1800Hrs. P.C. ( Chairman ) Thanked everyone for attending, and for their lively and constructive discussion.

*Peter Clark* 13<sup>th</sup>. November 2012

Following this 'arduous' meeting the assembled company were treated to a fine Supper of tasty Cassoulet and a selection of tempting desserts. Many thanks being due to Peter and Mary for their generous hospitality. - Eds



***Bearing in mind the above Notes — If anybody has some constructive ideas as to how the Website might better serve the Membership then please use the Website Forum to air your views, or write to ChangiNGear, or contact Mike Peel or Paul Bennett. Eds***

## **Subscriptions for 2013**

**Subscriptions were due on the 1st January - £15**

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**Bob Morrison - Membership Secretary**

Contact details inside front Cover

## Member's Letters & Articles

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### Roadworthiness Testing

#### A Meeting with the Minister



#### Classic cars stay on road after European U-turn

The European Commission has backed down over plans which would have forced owners of classic cars to take them off the road if they had been modified in any way.

Stephen Hammond, the roads minister, secured the deal in Brussels after hearing representations from car enthusiasts.

Mr Hammond has also persuaded the commission to drop the requirement for more than one million caravans and trailers to undergo an MoT.

Further to the details in the previous issue of **ChangiNGear**. There have been a further series of UK and EU meetings on this subject and this will remain ongoing for some time yet. There has however been a breakthrough by the UK to get agreement to downgrade the proposal from a **Regulation** to a **Directive**. This will allow member states to decide if and how they wish to test such vehicles. The press release on the opposite page indicates the level of commitment and involvement of our interested organisations and MPs:

**John Hoyle**

*The above cutting is from The Daily Telegraph, In Brief Friday 21st Dec..... Eds*



#### <<<<< An NG'er at His Ease !!!

This really is no way to ensure that his NG will be ready for the Spring, and is clearly in contravention of the First of the New Year Resolutions.

Any more of this and the Committee may have to take action !!!!

*Winston Churchill, in his later years, when told by a fellow MP that several of his fly buttons were undone, said -  
"No Matter, dead birds don't fly the nest !*



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## PRESS RELEASE

14 December 2012

### Meeting with Minister

Transport Minister Stephen Hammond has met with historic vehicle campaigners to discuss the proposed European Roadworthiness Directive.

Mr Hammond met East Yorkshire MP Greg Knight, chair of the All Party Parliamentary Historic Vehicles Group along with John Cryer MP, treasurer of the group, and officers of the Federation of British Historic Vehicles Clubs at the minister's office in the House of Commons to discuss concerns about the proposed new EU Roadworthiness Directive.

There are widespread concerns that requiring older cars to be in a largely 'original' state could mean that vehicles with up-rated brakes or an overdrive unit fitted to the gearbox could fall foul of the new rules.

At the meeting the Minister revealed that great progress had been made in the EU discussions, which are on-going, and that he was now more optimistic and was confident that there will be sufficient latitude in the EU wording to allow the UK to adopt a reasonable and wide interpretation of the rules, so as not to impinge on the use and enjoyment of historic vehicles in the UK.

"It was a very positive meeting and the minister clearly has the interests of the classic car owners at the forefront of his mind in these negotiations", Greg Knight said afterwards.

David Whale, chairman of FBHVC, added: "Our meeting with the minister was indeed very positive. Mr Hammond is taking a personal and pro-active position in the negotiations with the EU and clearly wishes to achieve a successful outcome for the owners of historic vehicles".

*Pictured, left to right are: David Hurley (legislation director, FBHVC), David Whale (chairman of the FBHVC), Transport Minister Stephen Hammond MP, APPHVC chairman Greg Knight MP, APPHVC treasurer John Cryer MP, and Geoff Smith (vice-president, FBHVC).*

### Notes for Editors

The original draft legislation was proposed by the EU Commission as the EU Roadworthiness *Regulation* but the EU Presidency has proposed that the status of the legislation be changed to a *Directive*, giving Member States the freedom to choose how the legislation will be incorporated into their laws.

The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs works closely with a wide range of organisations and government departments to retain the freedom to use historic vehicles on the UK's roads. The FBHVC has over 500 organisations as members representing over 255,000 individual owners.

For further information contact the Federation office Tel: 01865 400845, email [secretary@fbhvc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@fbhvc.co.uk) or David Hurley Tel: 01903 235192 email: [ad.hurley@virgin.net](mailto:ad.hurley@virgin.net)

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We learn from experience that mankind never learns from experience  
— George Bernard Shaw

## Brooklands Meeting :: 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012

One of the great things about the Brooklands monthly meets is the different themes for every month. 13<sup>th</sup> November was called 'early museum tour' and we duly arrived 'early' to make sure we didn't miss out.

This is the third time that Donna & I have taken one of these private tours and each time they show a different part of the museum. Our guide was an enthusiastic member of the museum staff with an encyclopaedic knowledge of the museum, but more importantly a thorough grasp of the early history of motor sport and aviation.

For those who haven't attended one of these Brooklands monthly meets it might be worth describing the format.

The evening is intended to be a meeting of enthusiasts, whatever their make of car. To this end, a wide section of the old car brigade attend and you never know what interesting vehicle (or owner) might turn up next. Obviously, the interesting cars are not so likely to turn up in the winter although some do.



The long summer evenings are usually well attended with an eclectic mix of cars from vintage to classic with sprinklings of American, kits & specials. The themes for each month can be found in the NGOC newsletter and they frequently include musical entertainment as well. For example, after our museum tour we returned to the members' bar for a much-needed drink and were entertained by a pianist quietly playing in the corner of the room.

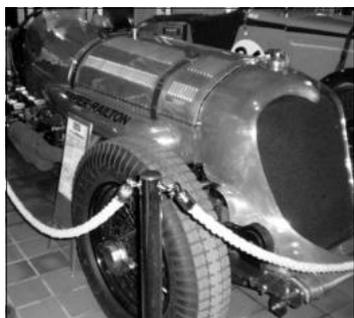
Use of the members' bar is normally exclusive to members of the Museum Trust & is out-of-bounds to the public. Another advantage of our monthly meets is that the bar is opened to all visitors during the evening and all that is asked is that the visitors' book be signed in the bar area. I'm told that they always buy a keg of special beer for these club nights and the atmosphere during the evening becomes very convivial.

Back to our museum tour, we were initially given a very detailed history lesson by our guide followed by a guided tour around the cars section of the museum. It's worth noting that the museum now houses a comprehensive bus collection along with bicycles, motor-cycles and an excellent aircraft collection including the only surviving Wellington bomber, R-Robert, that has now been re-assembled taking over 100,000 man-hours to complete.

During our tour of the cars, I was able to take a few photos to give some idea of the type and scope of the cars on display.

The museum houses some very unusual vehicles, one of which was the 98cc Rytcraft Scoota-Car. It's difficult to think of a vehicle less suited to long distance travel than this tiny car yet on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1965 Jim

Parkinson set out to drive a 30-year-old model around the world. Driving a distance of 15,000 miles in 421 days, Parkinson's route took him across Europe into the Soviet Union at the height of the Cold War. Refused permission to drive across Siberia, the Scoota-Car had to be transported as baggage on the Trans-Siberian Railway. In the USA, the car was initially banned from the roads by the California Police. In North & South Carolina the law turned a blind eye to the 10mph car on roads where a minimum speed limit of 40mph was in place. Uphill stretches of the



journey had to be completed on foot with Parkinson walking alongside the tiny car, which couldn't manage gradients with the driver aboard. You couldn't make it up!

We viewed a reconstruction of the pits (see pic) from the 1926 British Grand Prix at Brooklands - venue of the first ever British Grand Prix. We also explored the Jackson Shed that houses the 'Grand Prix Exhibition'. I thought it was worth a mention and what better way to describe it than using words from Brooklands' website:-



*"This shed was built in 1931 by Robin Jackson, one of motor racing's leading engineers and tuners at the time. It became famous as the 'Robinry' where drivers could have cars serviced and tuned to the highest possible standards by the small team of engineers that worked there. Robin Jackson, himself a racing driver, specialised in the maintenance of MG cars but was also well known for building 'specials' such as the Appleton-Riley and the Bentley-Jackson. Following World War Two, Jackson set up premises locally in Byfleet and continued to work on record-breaking and Grand Prix cars through the 1940s and 50s. Today the building has been restored to its 1930s appearance and houses a Grand Prix Exhibition celebrating Brooklands as the venue for the first ever British Grand Prix races in 1926 and 1927. The development of Grand Prix racing in Britain is represented in displays of historic cars, photographs, costume and memorabilia from the 1920s and 30s up to the present day.*

*The Jackson Shed is also home to our Formula 1 Simulator, in which you can drive on the Brooklands track in either the lap record holding Napier Railton or a modern McLaren Formula 1 car to show the advances in aerodynamic design since the 1930s. The development of the simulator*

was an EPSRC funded project carried out with the University of Surrey and XPI Simulations."

In conclusion, we had a most enjoyable evening at a splendid venue & can highly recommend a visit by NGOC members if within reasonable driving distance (or even if not; for example, Jeff & Sue Yardley came all the way from Nottingham for the evening).



Please don't be put off by thinking that arriving in your NG is essential. It's obviously fun to do so during the summer but during the dark winter evenings most people revert to their tin-tops & just enjoy meeting and socialising at the home of British Motorsport. It's an absolute privilege to be able to sit in the members' bar and many thanks to Peter Clark for his inspired

choice of a monthly meeting place for NGOC members.

Hope to see some of you there!

**Gray**

**Paul**

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## An Unusual NG - TD ??

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Tony , a potential new members, has recently purchased this rather unusual TD with a 'bustle' tail.

He would like to know if anybody has ever seen one similar or can shed any light upon it's origins.

Colour photos are posted on the Club Website



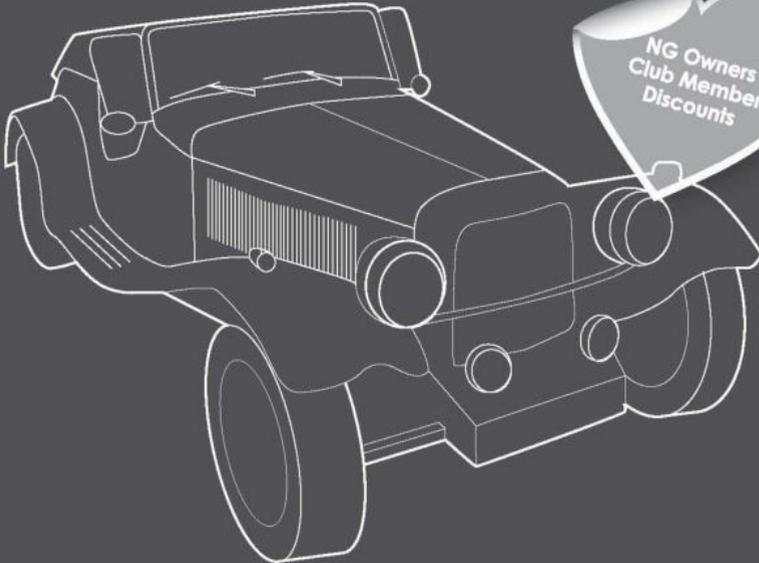
Initial enquiries suggest that this is probably a one-off custom adaption, but one which looks pleasing and well executed.

If you have any ideas or information please email to :

[ngoceditors@gmail.com](mailto:ngoceditors@gmail.com)

**Thanks - Eds**

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## Let the Festivities Begin

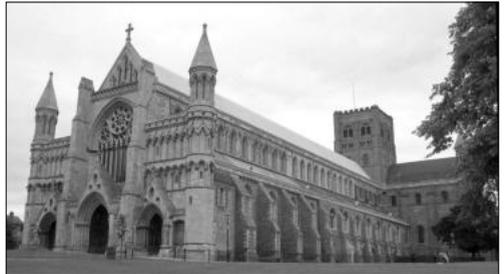
As has become a well established tradition, the South East Area NGOC announced their Christmas Lunch to be held a few weeks before the special day. For the last two of these, we have been graced with the presence of our friends from Holland whom (you will remember from Dobby's story) we went to visit during the summer. This year our friends, Wim & Janine, came over to the UK for the whole weekend. After driving through the Friday afternoon, Wim & Janine joined us for an evening meal and a chance to catch up on news. On Saturday we were joined by Johnny & Jan (our co-travellers to Holland) and, after a morning coffee, we all went to St Albans for the day.

St Albans is an interesting town historically, having its origin in the Roman town of Verulamium. There is still a sizeable piece of the old Roman wall and the footings of the town gateway can be seen. Saint Alban was the first British Christian martyr (around the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century AD). Having received a Christian Priest into his home and converted to Christianity, he allowed himself to be captured by the authorities to enable the



Priest to escape. Alban was taken up the hill from Verulamium and beheaded where St Albans Cathedral now stands.

It helps to know where to park in St Albans and, as I work at the nearby School, we were able to park in the school grounds. After a quick look at the School and a stroll down the hill to Verulamium Park, we soon sought the sanctuary from the bitter wind in the Cathedral & Abbey Church itself. This building has an amazing mix of construction styles which have been added to over the centuries. As is our habit (no pun intended), the six of us then found a nice place for refreshments - the Abbot's Kitchen - which is associated with the Cathedral. Duly refreshed, we wandered up to the main town and browsed the market stalls and shops for some presents and finished up with a visit to another of the many cafés. Once home, a fish & chip supper set us up for the evening.



Sunday dawned, with some sunshine for a change, and we headed off to Surrey to meet our other NG friends at The Star in Malden Rushett. For once the M25 was free moving and we arrived in good time to join the convivial atmosphere and greet old and new friends. This is the second time we have had our Christmas Lunch in The Star and we had all made our food choices in advance (thanks to Sue



Boulton for all her hard work co-ordinating this). To seat 39 people in the allocated room was quite a task but everyone seemed very happy and soon the dinners were brought. Comparisons were made between the various dishes and the room was filled with chatter. Once the coffee was served, Peter Clark (our Chairman) gave his usual speech and, on John & Barbara Hoyle's behalf,

invited everyone back to their house for the further usual festivities. Wim & Janine had a Channel train to catch and we needed to be home quickly so we all said our goodbyes and made our way to the motorway. It's good to be able to reflect what great friends we have come to know through the club.

## Chris Humphreys



*Thanks indeed  
On behalf of everybody present we record our considerable gratitude to Sue for making this another memorable NG gathering* Eds

*Thanks also to Angela Morrison for the luncheon photos*  
Eds

## Oops my Ring !!!!!!!

Or a tale of near disaster at the NGOC Christmas Luncheon

A Christmas Dinner with many friends,  
Good food and wine to drink,  
But disaster struck in the ladies  
When my ring went down the sink.  
I rushed back to the table, choking back the tears,  
I'd lost my ring for ever, was my very real fear.  
"A tool box !" - the cry went up,  
"Whose got one in their car ?"  
The NG club were all prepared,  
They knew one would not be far !  
Gallant Jeffery to the rescue came  
And like a pit stop crew  
The team worked hard, the team worked swift, to  
see what they could do  
Other ladies waiting were full of sympathy  
and gave way to the team, who were working so hard for me.  
Soon the screws were out, the panel off and the U-bend came to view...  
this posed no problem to the team who unscrewed it like an art  
And shook out the ring into a hand which touched me to my heart.  
With the washroom returned to normal state,  
and pub staff reassured  
Returning to our tables with my hand held high, the ring for all to see  
Congratulations ringing all around from strangers and from friends



----- and many thanks from me !

Liz Cooper

A Cracking piece of verse, thank you - Liz  
Any other budding poets amongst you NG'ers out there ??  
Send in your odes for publication, perhaps we will have a little prize for  
the Best NG Poem of 2013.

Eds

### A Invitation from Liz :

Dave and I are getting married on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2013 and will be having an evening barn dance reception at Medstead Village Hall in Hampshire from 7.30pm. We would love to share this occasion with our friends from the NG Club -

RSVP : by the End of June—Please

## Veterans in The Wet

London to Brighton - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Rain beating on the windows and a river running down the drive; it must be time to go and see the Brighton run. Struggle to get the hood on, a fairly rare event so still a tight fit, a brief contortionist act to get in and off I go.

A very, very wet drive down to Hand Cross, a viewing spot popular with NGs in years past; roads flooded & visibility minimal; wipers on the inside would have helped !! As the rain eased I parked next to The Fountain, a pub that closed last year, has now gone completely



and become a building site; which is very sad.

The weather perked up a bit with the odd glimpse of sun and as good a showing of the veterans as ever. Drivers and passengers braving the elements with a fine display of protective clothing against the cold and wet. Some impressive hood arrangements but I'm not sure about rippling plastic screens and no

wipers in driving rain. Great to see the thundering Napier racer out again stripped to the essentials with no concession to the weather.

Although the weather seemed to have kept many of the followers away there were still vehicles of interest, among them a



Messerschmitt Tiger and a magnificent Rolls Royce refreshment van.

Lots of Sevens about but no other NGs spotted. Hopefully it will be a better day next year to tempt some of you out with me.

**Charlie Killick**

**Make a Date : Sunday 3rd November 2013**

**Lets not have Charlie there on his lonesome again next year - Eh ?**  
**Eds**

## Kent & East Sussex Group : Lunchtime Meets

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**Rob Garret** has kindly agreed to act as the co-ordinator for a newly formed **NG Group for Kent & East Sussex**. A couple of impromptu 'meets' were held last year. The first in mid-September at The Woodman, near Idle Hill, Sevenoaks with Rob and wife, Helen plus Su and myself and at a second we were joined by Chas Killick and Alan & Teresa Goodbun at the same venue on Sat. 13th October. Alan was unable to bring his 'Golden Monster' as he had still to do a few tweekings to repairs following a bit of a debacle while returning from Le Man. Rob's TA was also in absence due to a faulty ignition switch becoming problematic at the last moment. The Woodman is ideal for ample off-road parking, a pleasant ambience and reasonable food, it is not however very central to the area.

It is intended to locate a number of venues for 2013, spread though the area in order to appeal to the widest possible audience. Would those interested please contact Rob (contact details inside front cover) and suggestions for venues would be very welcome. A Treasure Hunt is also on the cards, for a date yet to be set, and we hope for a high turnout.

It is expected that the next 'meet' will be during the last weekend of February.

**Chris Hore**

# Photo Competition

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Given the enthusiasm with which the NGOC Wall Calendar was received this year, and assuming that we can again achieve a realistic cost, Chris and I are proposing to produce a similar Calendar for 2014.

We thought that a Photo Competition would be a good way of collecting a really good set of pictures for this purpose.

There is no specific theme, anything suitable for a Calendar in landscape format containing at least one NG would qualify. Seasonal scenes would be particularly appropriate, action shots would be good, as would humorous or unusual, arty, staged or of the moment. These may be existing photos in your collection (though preferably not previously published in ChangiNGear) or may be freshly taken this year.

Photos should also ideally include a 'punchy' Caption.

The entries will be short listed by a panel of judges and the final twelve will be selected from this group by the Editors (whose decision is final).

Small token prizes will be awarded to the successful dozen.

**Please send your entries by email with .pdf attachment to the Editors at [ngoceditor@gmail.com](mailto:ngoceditor@gmail.com).**

Please include Name, Membership No., and Caption in your email. We will log your entry and pass this on to Mike Peel who has kindly agreed to prepare a Special Photo Competition Gallery on the Club Website.

**Closing date for Entries : 30th September**

**Good Luck with those Cameras and please get the entries flooding in.**

**We look forward to seeing your submissions**

## NGOC Wall Calendar 2013



*Su Hore*

***Growing old is unavoidable, -- growing up is optional !  
Having an NG makes the latter virtually impossible !!!!!!!***

## New Euro Tyre Labelling

From November 2012, new EU tyre laws came into force that affect all tyres being sold in the UK; in fact it affects all EU tyres being sold throughout Europe. This covers passenger cars and light trucks under European Regulation No. 1222/2009. The regulations are intended to give motorists more information to help during the buying process; the idea is that with more information available in these areas you can assess what is most important to you and make a purchase on that basis.

The new regulations mean that all tyres have to display a special tyre label using a picture system similar to that used when buying electrical equipment such as fridges. The tyre label gives information about the tyre's performance in three different areas; rolling resistance, wet braking and external noise.

*An example of the new label is shown here >>>>*

The first picture is the fuel efficiency and rolling resistance rating which will grade tyres from A to G.

Tyres rated 'A' are most efficient and save the most fuel, while tyres with the rating 'G' are least efficient and use the most fuel. For example, a car fitted with four A-rated tyres driving at 50mph uses 7.5% less fuel than with G-rated tyres. Results can vary with type of car or climatic conditions but the performance gaps are apparently proven.

The second picture is for wet braking performance with tyres being graded on a scale of 'A' to 'G' with 'A' having the shortest wet braking distances and 'G' having the longest. For example, a car fitted with four A-rated tyres driving at 50 mph, the stopping distance can be up to 18 metres or 30% shorter than with G-rated tyres.

Finally, external noise will be rated on the label with a three-tier wave system and a tyre's noise level in decibels (dB). Tyres with one wave are the quietest, and tyres with three waves are the loudest. The 3-wave pictogram tells you how it rates in relation to future European mandatory limits. Note that tyre noise heard outside the car doesn't necessarily relate to what you hear inside the car.

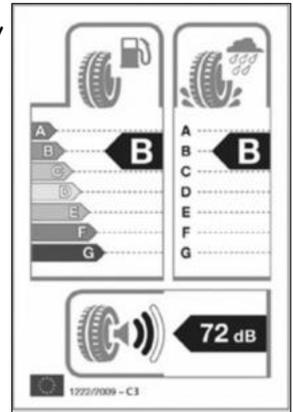
**3 black waves** = noisier tyre. Noise level greater than the future limit but complies with today's noise regulation.

**2 black waves** = average tyre. Noise level equal or below future limit by up to 3dB(A).

**1 black wave** = low noise tyre. Noise level 3 dB(A) or more below future noise limit.

*Note : +3dB doesn't sound much but it's actually double the noise level. (being logarithmic)*

The aim of the new tyre regulations is to promote tyres that are safe, fuel-



efficient and create less noise pollution. According to the major tyre manufacturers, many of the areas rated on the labels are already being measured in quality control testing, along with up to fifty other important factors such as aquaplaning, stability at high speeds, dry handling and braking, traction, internal noise and braking in snow and icy conditions. These additional factors are not covered by the new labels but the regulations are to be reviewed again in 2016. In conclusion, the new labelling system appears to be a step in the right direction but it's worth considering that there are three other performance factors that are important: longevity, road handling performance & dry braking performance.

Good luck with your future tyre choices!

Paul Gray

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## Thoughts from The Forum Mediator

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A club is a group of people that interact on a voluntary basis with a mutual interest or purpose. The NG owners club comes under this category but because of the geographical spread of members, it is not always easy to meet up in person.

With the spread of internet usage over the last few years it has been increasingly easy to communicate through email and NG OC Members can also communicate through the Forum on our Cclub web site, managed by our web master Mike Peel.

The website and the club magazine are very similar in so far as they need input from the membership to provide the content and especially in the case of the web site, to keep the content fresh. Otherwise it becomes a Cob web ( sorry it had to be said).

It is clear that there are few or no 'new' builds coming through the pipeline to produce a fresh crop of members asking questions on the forum and getting involved with other club members around the country. Most new members are coming to the club with previously owned cars or having rebuilt an existing car. This means that the traffic on the Forum is currently very, low and getting content to fill the magazine every quarter can be a challenge.

We are a small club of less than 300 members and like most clubs and voluntary organisations it will always be a hardcore of members that get involved and interact. However, a couple of things that generally single out an NG owner are enthusiasm and inclusivity. Most of the NG's on the road today would not be there if it wasn't for the prolonged enthusiasm of the builder and you only have to see a car with problems at a rally to see how much help springs up out of nowhere. If you are reading this article in the magazine then you are probably an NG owner and I would respectfully urge you to use the Forum and supply snippets of information to the magazine editor/webmaster so these can added for the benefit of all.



**Paul Bennett**

## NG Member Profiles :

*As mentioned in our Editorial we have with this January edition introduced a new feature of 'Member Profiles' to ChangiNGear. We hope that it will give our magazine a little more of a personal touch. The intention being to encourage local members to make contact, arrange some 'meets' and do some 'bonding' We hope you will find this an interesting addition to ChangiNGear. Eds*

### Malcolm and Helen Snell (NG 1510)

We are both retired-ish and living at Seagrave a small village in north Leicestershire

We first looked at building an NG in about 1994 ....but didn't , and in fact ending up building a Caterham instead (super sprint with 1700 crossflow ford engine and live axle). Cars have come and gone

over the years but we were halfheartedly looking for an NG for a couple of years before finally taking the plunge in October 2012. We now have an NG -TF with a Rover 3.5 V8 engine having stage 1 tuned heads and fast road cam with a 4 barrel Weber carb. John ?? in Lichfield had built it about 13 years ago and it was the show car at the Donnington Kit Car Show shortly afterwards. Obviously carefully looked after, but in recent years it had only been lightly used. Since we've had it I've been concentrating on sorting various oil and cooling leaks and of course polishing and tidying!..... with lots of test drives in between despite the cold and wet weather. Looking forward to the spring and getting to some shows and meetings.



### NG-TF 3.5litre V8

Reg: UVP 731H

Build year: 1999 approx

Colour: Black with red interior

## Chris & Su Hore (NG1490)

Living in Horsmonden near Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Both semi-retired; Chris from Electrical Engineering and Su from Accounts & Office Admin. Part time working now in Re-constituted Stone manufacture; Chris as Estimator and Su as Clerk. Their composite family of four sons and one daughter are now all adult and in such diverse roles as Plumbing, IT Services, Highway Planning, Motortrade & Pediatric Registrar.



Chris & Su bought their NG-TC (Rocket) in Sept '2011 and thoroughly enjoy having returned to the open two seater 'petrolhead' days of their youths. Chris having had MGB Roadster and MGB-GT while Su once owned MG-TC and Lotus 7 Cosworth.

They enjoy the added social scene that the Owners Club provides and are keen to promote greater local area activity. They are also looking forward to an active year ahead for Rocket.

Chris & Su took over the editorship of ChangiNGear in Nov 2012



### Rocket:

NG-TC 3.5litre V8

Reg: 3078NG

Donor: 1967 MGB-GT

Build year: 1981/82

Colour: Indienne Blue  
with Al. bonnet

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## Brooklands-to-Brighton :: Kit & Sports Car Run Sunday 2nd June

Graeme Lacey is a regular at this event but was the only NG there last year. Graeme has kindly offered to provide hints & tips to anybody keen to join him. [graeme.lacey@virgin.net](mailto:graeme.lacey@virgin.net)

So whose 'Up for It' this year ?? Eds



## Keith & Anna Shaw (NG 1485)

Living near Yeovil and both now retired.

Keith, born 1941 in Llandudno, was educated in Devon followed by a 5year apprenticeship with an engine manufacturer in Coventry. He then worked in the Retail Motor Industry in Oxford and Reading for a number of years before purchasing a small village garage in Wiltshire in August 1972. He held British Leyland, Ford and Renault retail franchises at various times until the garage closed in 1999.



Then spent some time delivering Renault cars to UK customers and Hertz Rental cars locally.

Anna is a retired Head Teacher, some years ago she sailed the Atlantic and travelled overland to India, and now a keen Gardener.

Keith & Anna have a son (and grandchildren) living in Spain where he works for the University of Barcelona.

Keith has two vehicles in addition to his recently purchased NG, which is in the process of rebuild. (finished in time for the NG Rally in July—we hope)



**NG-TF 1800cc**

Reg : CPR 972T

Donor : MG - ? May 1979

Build Year : ??

Colour : Yellow

### **Volunteers required :**

*Chris & I are asking for volunteers for 'profiling' in future issues.*

*We would like a good mix of members both 'old stagers' and fresh NG'ers, including NG Builders, Buyers & Rebuilders*

*Please send in your details and some pics.*

*You can write your bio-pic in the first or third person, or just send us the basic info for us to prepare.*

*Come on ! - Please don't be shy !*

*We don't need to call out the 'press gang' - do we ??*

*Sorry for the awful pun !!!!!!!*

**Su & Chris**

## Paul & Bernadette Bennett (NG 627).

We live in a village on the outskirts of Oxford. I work in the IT department of an international manufacturing company and Bernadette is an administrator. We have two children, a son in the Royal Signals and a daughter studying Maths at Plymouth University.

A very long time ago I bought a 1.8TC Marina from a family friend with 6 months T&T. It was too far gone to revive, but lovely to drive so I couldn't let it die. Our kit was ordered from Pastiche cars at the Stoneleigh show in 1989 and was finally on the road in 1994. In 1995 it was sprayed in the garden between the showers, had a new engine and a Rover 5 speed gearbox fitted. It has been slowly upgraded over the years with wet weather gear, stainless exhaust, new wheels and seats amongst other things. A partly completed NG TF came up for sale locally in 2010 which was too good to resist, so I am now in the middle of building another TF and I am hoping to get it on the road next year. Our family have grown up with the NG always being there and it has brought a great deal of pleasure over the years. We have been to most of the annual rallies and enjoyed them very much. We are quite car orientated with both Jeremy & Sophie being members of the Under 17 car club and achieving the higher grades.

Over the last few years we have become more involved with the running of the NG owners club; we set up the treasure hunt for the 2011

owners rally and the quiz for the 2012 rally. I have taken on the role of forum mediator this year so I am trying to encourage usage and persuading non-members to join.



### NG -TF 1800cc TC

Reg : RUD 882N

Built 1989-1994

Colour: Maroon (BL Damask Red)

Donor: 1974 Marina

Gearbox : Rover 5 speed I+77

The Bennett Family at the 2008  
NG Owners rally at Billing Aqua-Drome

## Robert & Helen Garrett (NG1502)

Live on St John's Hill in Sevenoaks, Kent; they have been married for 30 years, have two Daughters and three grandchildren.

Rob is retired, from a electrical/control background, having been a Technical Author in the Aerospace Industry and a Royal Navy Control Artificer (NCO).

Helen, with long experience in the "Care Industry", currently works part-time at a Residential Care Home for Elderly Folk in Sevenoaks.

Rob's cars have included MG J2, MGB Roadster, various MG Midgets, including 'Sou' which gained some class wins at Goodwood Sprints in the 70's and their Wedding Car a Teal Blue 1972 Midget. Then came a number of Kit Cars including SCAMPS and JC Midgets

Rob and Helen bought their NG-TA (FREYA) in mid-2011 and enjoy having returned to the open two-seater days of their youths. Helen always manages to pack "a quart into a pint pot" - a useful skill with kit cars!

Rob & Helen enjoy the social scene of the NG Owners Club (Rob has kindly agreed to act as the South East (Kent & Sussex) Area Contact) and are keen to promote Local NG Area Meets and some inter-car club activity.



### FREYA :

NG -TA Mk11, 1800cc

Reg: FAW 195 D

Donor: 1966 MGB

Build year: Unknown

Colour: British Racing Green

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## Contributions Please

*Been anywhere or done anything 'newsy' in your NG ??  
Please send in a few words and pictures for ChangiNGear?*

## **New Members - Welcome**

We are always pleased to welcome new members.  
Membership Fee : £15 per year (reduced if you join mid- year).  
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 :**

**Robert Shennan, (1512)** Kilsyth, Scotland, G65 0GG

**Peter Clothier, (1513)**, Swindon, Wilts, SN1 4AS

**Neil Rawthorn, (1514)** Morleys Cottage, Thetford, Norfolk, IP25 7EZ

**Ken Smith, (1515)** Doncaster, S. Yorks, DN3 3DG

**Brian Lygoe, (1516)**, Bengeo, Hertford, Herts, SG14 3AL

**Geoff Bennett, (1517)** Swindon, Wilts, SN1 4DH

*ChangiNGear extends a very warm welcome to you all and we look forward to hearing from you with 'news' to publish during the Year - Chris & Su : Editors*

**Have any amusing anecdotes, poems, limericks or one-liners come your way ??  
Why not send these in to ChangiNGear and share the joy ?**

***Some Great One-Liners :***

*I don't mind dying. Trouble is it makes you so darn stiff the next day! - George Axelrod*

*Be careful of reading Health Books, you may die of a misprint - Mark Twain*

*I'm ready to meet my Maker, I'm just not sure that my Maker is ready for the ordeal.  
- Winston Churchill*

## Sales & Wants

Unlimited advertising is free to members but Ads may be removed after 2 issues unless I am notified that you wish to re-advertise, (For non-members there is a charge of £10 for 2 issues). Ads will also appear on the NGOC Web Site unless you specifically request otherwise. Ads may be accompanied by a single photo and may be sent to us by post or email. -- Eds

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### For Sale



**1800cc NG-TD Roadster**, built from 1967 MGB, correctly registered on V5 as NG TD Roadster. Original number plate, free road tax, green with biscuit seats and interior with brown carpets. Chrome wire wheels in excellent condition, stainless exhaust system, stainless rear luggage rack, full weather gear. It has won 'Best TD in club' on several occasions; the car has done just under 18,000 miles.

**Price: Reduced to £7000 ono**

**Peter Elliot (NG 297)**

Tel: 01252 879609

#### Sales News :

John Summers has successfully sold his NG-TF



#### NG-TA Tourer

V5 registered as "NG KIT" - 4/05/2000  
MOT till June 14th 2013,

Taxed till December 2013 (not exempt)  
1798cc MGB Engine. (leaded petrol)  
4-speed with overdrive gearbox.

2 Full Hoods with Side Screens (one almost new - pictured on car) and 1 leather cover.

Knock-on Wire Wheels with 2 spare tyres, spare wheels and lots of bits.

Lots of paperwork, old receipts, MOT's, NG manual, building instructions, plans.

3 badges (CSMA, AA & St Christopher).

No doors though easy to step in (has instructions on how to make them if you need to)

Bonnet on left side has long pin, can be lifted without interfering with carburettor cover.

Interior fabric linings need improving and a crack in the front right mudguard has GRP repair

Cream/White Paint is generally good  
Fantastic car, takes a little to start (common for a car that age) then runs and restarts beautifully.

Am only selling as space needed for a sculpture carving project in Spring.

UK buyers only. Buyer to collect.

**Price : £3500 ono**

Anthony Padgett (NG 1492)

Phone : 0790-2342445

Email : [anthonypadgett@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:anthonypadgett@yahoo.co.uk)



**NG Pastiche : Reg.No. TNP 435L**  
Morris Marina 1700cc donor, built by retired marine engineer,  
Correctly registered as NG Pastiche on V5. MOT until March 2013, currently on SORN

Runs and drives very well (v.slight oil leak from rocker box gasket) Rather basic interior. Great fun to drive.

Downsizing forces reluctant sale (no room for the old motorbikes and the car at the new house)

**Price : £1995 to good home**

Mike Mitchell - North Yorkshire.

Phone : 01944 738650

Email : [annettemitchell@btinternet.com](mailto:annettemitchell@btinternet.com).

**Sales News :**

Paul Barnard's NG-TF has successfully sold at the asking price—£6500,  
It is now in the Dordogne.



**NG TF 3500cc (1972)**

Rover V8 engine, 5speed gear box, Edelbrock carbs and manifold, Electronic ignition, Kenlowe electric fan, 72 spoke chrome wire wheels. Full hoods.

In good condition. 9,000 miles since built in 1993. All fund invoices available.

Good reliable car, always starts, Stored in dry garage for 2 years.

Have to sell as moving to the Canaries and can't take it with me

**Price : £5,750 ono**

**Peter Leatham (NG613)**

Tel: 01405 785670 Mobile: 07968 676 462

Email: [sueleatham@aol.co.uk](mailto:sueleatham@aol.co.uk)

**Sales News :**

Bernard Atkinson has sold his unfinished NG-TC project

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## For Sale



### NG TC 3500cc V8 with many unique design and safety features.

As featured in the NG Owners Club October Magazine.

This is Paul Gray's superbly built NG TC V8. A great car which drives fabulously. Specially widened body by 3" to accommodate high back Westfield seats and rear deck height increased by 2" for passengers to be seated deeper within the body tub. Rover V8 engine (fitted with a number of upgrades and with twin SU carbs) - runs very smoothly. 5 Speed R380 gear box. Disc brakes all round with 17" Image alloys and dual circuit breaks so lots of stopping power. Fully independent John Hoyle suspension, both front & rear (with adjustable spring heights & damper settings). Ford Cosworth limited slip differential. Stainless steel fuel tank. Walnut dash with new Smiths instrumentation and Westfield windscreen. Unique opening boot giving full access to the boot area. Rear roll over bar and 4 point harnesses.

Tonneau cover and Tax exempt as registered as an NG. New or reconditioned parts used with mostly stainless steel fittings where appropriate. Only 4,000 miles - Build completed in 2008 - Fully documented build notes. A really great car to drive and always attracts interest on outings. **£16,500 ono.**

(Reluctantly for sale - to make way for another Morgan!)

Robin Hill 01420 22187

Peter Hannington evenings only:  
01730 266 960)

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## Wanted

### NG Nosecone Badge



I am in need of one such badge for my current TF build. Any condition considered.

Please contact me asap.

Paul Keeble (NG 1499)

Tel : 01323-505591

Email : paulkee-

ble@sky.com;

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### Used NG Tax Discs :

Neil Jones has an unusual hobby—that of collecting use Tax Discs.

He has been collecting since 1984 and has amassed over 150,000 to date. He would like to add more NG Discs to his collection.

See the Club Website 'An Interestin Request' for more details

Neil Jones

neil.jones@fsmail.net

6 Pleasant Place, Beccles,  
Suffolk, NR34 9YD

## Club Products & Regalia - available from Mark Staley

7 Loxley Close, Oakwood, Derby, Derbyshire DE21 2PU

Tel: 01332 723927 or 07711 124153 Email: mark.staley2@ntlworld.com

The following items are now available (logo is contrasting silver or black)



Sweatshirt (navy, dark green) L, XL

Polo Shirt (red, black, navy, white) M, L, XL

Baseball Cap (navy)

Beanie (navy)

£12 + £2.50 p&p\*

£10 + £2.00 p&p\*

£8 + £1.50 p&p\*

£7 + £1.50 p&p\*

\*p&p charge up to a maximum of £6.00 per order

Please state size/colour, cheques payable to NG Owners Club

### Club Literature :

The following items of club literature are available as PDF files to download from the NGOC website at [www.ngownersclub.org.uk/articles.htm](http://www.ngownersclub.org.uk/articles.htm). Alternatively send £1.50 per printed copy to The Editors (cheques payable to NG Owners Club)

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)

Several other titles are available - e-mail The Editors for further details.

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2008  
NG-TC V8  
Built by Paul Gray  
Driven by  
Peter Hannington  
at Prescott Hill Climb

Photo courtesy of EDP Photo News

When Paul Keeble (NG 1499) saw the above picture on the front cover of the October issue of **ChangiNGear** it rang a memory chord with him and after some digging he came up with the photograph below. The Aston Martins of the 1930 are understood to have been part of Nick Green's inspiration for the appearance design of his NGs and which is so specific to our marque. Interesting to consider the huge technical advances in the 75 or so years since these two cars first put rubber to tarmac, and yet also the marked similarities that remain

— *not the least of which is the inbuilt capacity for **sheer damn good fun !!***

1933  
Aston Martin Le Mans  
Driven by  
Tony Armstrong



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