



## Tweet of the Month

@adamliptrot Cumbria, you looked epic this weekend @TheMGOwnersClub



### Prom MGB

Following the article in *Enjoying MG*, March 2014, showing the restoration of my MGB (Red Q) by members of Oxford MG Owners' Club. I was asked by my great niece, Becky Mayo, if I would drive her to her school prom in Red Q.



Becky about to set off to the prom in Red Q

The evening was perfect for a 'hood down' drive, and I felt very honoured to have driven Becky, as we were amongst some really beautiful classic cars, as well as the fire engines and stretch limos.

*Ched Quarry*

### MG Twins

In January 2012 I wrote to you about the two MGBs which were dispatched from Abingdon on the same day in July 1970 and 40 years later found themselves together in my stable. My letter was kindly published in March 2012.

Well, something similar and quite remarkable has occurred involving these two 2000 model year MGFs pictured here by the beautiful Rangitikei River at the village of Mangaweka, New Zealand where they now live.

I've owned an MGF registered MG KIWI (with my treasured personalised plate) since February 2007 when it was imported from Japan at 37000kms and to date I have had a brilliant run with the car.

In January this year the other MG enthusiast in the village and fellow MGOC member Rachel Dean acquired another MGF registered 1 MGF I, which was imported from Japan in 2004 and has had a couple of NZ owners since.

MG KIWI is car number 515498 built

on 11 January 2000. Imagine our surprise in finding that 1 MGF I is car number 515524 built on the very same day less than 4 hours later on the production line.

(That plate came with the car at no extra cost.)



Almost MGF twins

Although not a VVC, MG KIWI has VVC wheels while the other car has the correct original 8-spoke wheels.

I have no explanation for that. I have always assumed the Japanese owner must have had them fitted, but I would be interested to know if there is any record of standard 1.8i cars being factory-equipped with VVC wheels.

*John Eames*

### Rachel Owner of MGF I MG 1 Visits from New Zealand

Not long after I received John's email I had a visit from John's friend Rachel who is an ex-pat who left the UK 12 years ago. She was visiting England to see her family and took the opportunity to call into the MGOC HQ to say hello. Rachel owns four MGs in total, a 1974 BGT, an MGB, and a 1957 Magnette ZB as well as the MGF.



Rachel visits the MGOC HQ in Swavesey

*Richard Ladds Editor EMG*

### Suggestions wanted

Since 1954 I have owned a beloved 1954 MG TF 1500 registered SAR 10. It has an ivory coloured body with a red hood and trim. It was in pristine condition when I bought it but sadly it has aged a lot now.

The TF was driven all around Europe on many visits and used extensively until 1972 when it was laid-up for rebuilding. This did not happen and now nearly 42 years later the MG is rather the worse for wear, it's in pieces in a garage after starting the rebuild.

# LETTERS

I'm reluctant to sell the MG but would like to consider what options are available, maybe to share a joint re-build project or any other ideas. Lateral thinking is needed here. Full history and photos available. The MG is currently located in Poole, Dorset.

For offers to buy or other ideas or suggestions please make contact by email on [boozie15@icloud.com](mailto:boozie15@icloud.com) or by calling 07801 312609 or 07923 039884.

*Terry Smith*

### Pay and Display

We were in Croyde, North Devon a couple of weeks ago in our MGB roadster, and purchased a Pay and Display ticket prior to walking a section of the South West Coastal Path, and put it on top of the dashboard. On our return the first thing I noticed was that the ticket was missing, then I saw a Penalty Charge Notice on the windscreen! We had fully erected the hood, and the first thing we did was to search the inside of the car in case the ticket had blown down, but didn't find it. Fortunately, about the last thing my wife said before leaving the car was "Had you better take a photo of the ticket?". I hadn't been going to as the hood was fully erected, but I did, taking a close-up of the ticket as well as one a bit further back which included enough of the screen, dash and wing to identify the car. Also fortunately, the local authority has accepted the photos and cancelled the PCN.

We've had the car 25 years, travelled all over the UK and abroad leaving it on streets and in car parks and never had anything remotely like this happen. I've even left tickets on the dash when we have only fitted the tonneau cover in the past and not lost them (fitting one corner over a tonneau peg under the Lift-the-Dot), although in that case I took a precautionary photo.

Given that the hood was erected and the doors shut and locked when I took the photos and on our return, I can only think that someone went to the trouble of lifting the rear corner of the hood, reached in to unlock and open the door, and took the ticket. Sadly that implies the someone knew their way around an MGB hood. The surprising thing is that everything was locked and fastened on our return! Surely another classic owner wouldn't stoop so low as to pinch a ticket, would they?

Has anyone else had a similar thing happen, and has anyone come up with a secure way of displaying a ticket in the car?

*Paul Hunt*