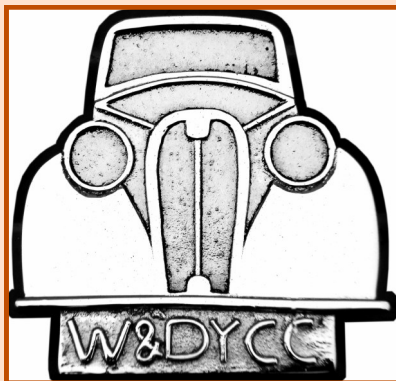


CHAIRMAN'S NOTES



**July
2026**

THE FAMILY FRIENDLY CLUB

**WALLINGTON & DISTRICT
YESTERYEAR CAR CLUB**

Our Club Lunch was held on Saturday 13th June at our usual venue The Plough, Leigh. We have somehow, managed to choose dates that are blessed with excellent summer weather and this year was no different. More information later in the Newsletter and also check out the website for the full photo gallery.

Our next main club event is the **BBQ**, do not forget to put the date in the diary, **Saturday 1st August, to be held at John and Jenny's house in Sanderstead.**

Don't forget to check the website for last minute information, or the Facebook page, which can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61577133185397>.

Mick Breare

I open this newsletter with some sad and somewhat unexpected news. Mick Breare passed away over the weekend of 20th/21st June.

Having visited his partner Jo Birkbeck the



previous week in Warwick, he was returning home on the Saturday and became increasingly unwell. He was taken to hospital and passed away shortly afterwards.

The photo above shows Mick receiving a rosette at the recent MGCC Doghouse pub meeting where his MGYB was voted Car of Show. Whilst not a regular Natter attendee, Mick had supported the Club at displays at Capel and Club events such as the Annual Lunch and BBQ.

His cars included an MGYB that had just been resprayed black with pale green lower sides, an MGCGT and his DKW 900S coupe.



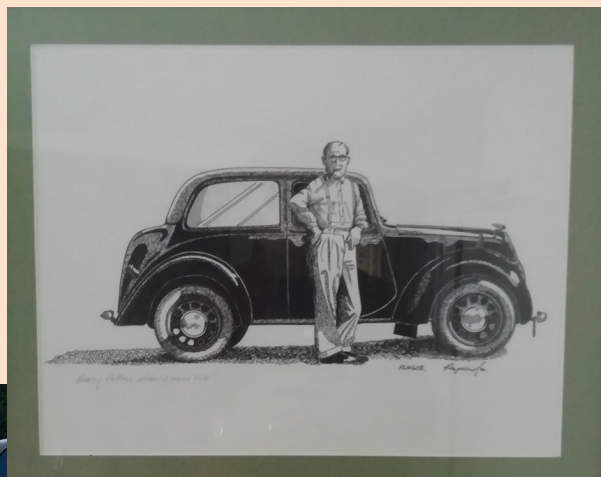
Ray Cattle has forwarded an anecdote to our March Newsletter feature on Morris 8 Series E

My Father had a Morris Eight series E.

He bought it off of a Vicar who had vigorously polished it so much in fact that certain panels were back to the red oxide undercoat. My Uncle (the black sheep of the family) on learning how much had been paid and clocking the number plate FLM 608 instantly remarked FLM - *F..ing lot of money...*

My Father restored the car and I have fond memories, one highly dangerous of standing on the front passenger seat head out of the sunshine roof hanging on as Dad tried to wring 60mph out of it down hill by the air field in Purley. The Morris was eventually sold and the next owner scrapped it, the engine however went on to power a boat on the Thames.

Attached is a pen and ink drawing I did for my Father which now hangs in my cottage.



Car Events and Dates:

Events being held in July in our area:

4th July - Four Counties Gathering, Bletchingley Arms, 9.30am

7th July - Club Natter Night, Fox revived

18th July - Four Counties Gathering, Bletchingley Arms, 9.30am

1st Aug - Club BBQ Sanderstead

**The next Natter is at The Fox Revived,
Norwood Hill, RH6 0ET, 7.30pm Tuesday 7th July 2026**

Annual Club Lunch Saturday 13th June

The Club returned again this year to The Plough, Leigh located between Reigate and Dorking in a very rural



setting. It was a glorious summer's day (without the intensity of the recent heatwave). The lunch started with refreshments

on the front patio under the shade of an awning where members pondered over which delights to order from the menu.



Some members' cars were displayed in front of the pub, namely Mick Goodson and Keith Charies AH 3000s, Christine Layton's Morris 8 Series E, Peter Parkers MGTD and John Morgan's Austin A40 Devon. Roger Weatherhead joined us briefly before lunch and he brought along his Riley RMF Saloon .

The lunch was held in the Dining Room and 19 members



sat down for lunch. Lots of chatting continued over lunch particularly as we hadn't seen Christine Layton, Graham Garfield and Elwyn Andrews for some time. One of the menu specials was a fish platter which was quite something to behold.

Leading up to the lunch, Sally had been busy with her quizzes and these this year included a dingbat and one on the theme of Blue.

John as Chairman continued with a short address and this is included below:

Welcome to everyone for our 2026 Club Lunch.

Especial welcome today to Christine and Graham, it is great that Christine is making good progress and starting to achieve some more mobility again. It is also good to see Elwyn joining us for the lunch again. A welcome to Peter Nash who joined the club last year and has become an enthusiastic member. It has been great to hear about his cars return to the road after many years of storage. It is also great that a good friend of mine Peter Parker has been able to join us for the lunch.

Our dedicated group of helpers have again supported the club admirably, Sally for the Newsletter monthly 'Life in the Slow Lane'/lunch quizzes, Mick Godson for managing the finances, Brian and Sandra for managing membership and distributing the newsletter.

I have continued to be the newsletter editor continuing with the content format I outlined at last year's lunch with topical news items as well as producing a variety of articles covering driving stories to car model summaries. I am still seeking input from members which can be anything from stories and history about your cars or club events that have been supported. As majority of members just have an electronic copy of the newsletter, several issues last year had 6 pages to maximise the content.

Looking back at last year, winter natters moved to the Doghouse, Walton-on-the-Hill with many evenings having the pub to ourselves. The summer natters visited the following venues:

- *Seven Stars, Leigh.*
- *Red Lion, Betchworth in June,*
- *The Surrey Oaks, Newdigate in July*
- *Fox Revived, Norwood Hill in August*
- *The Royal Oak, Brockham in September.*

Club events for 2025 included:

- *14th June Annual Lunch at The Plough, Leigh, Surrey. 22 members and family attended on a very warm day and we sat outside.*
- *19th July Leigh Flower Show and Country Fayre.*
- *16th August Club display at the Capel Car Show.*

We had an excellent club display at Capel with six cars covering several decades. The leigh Show experienced heavy rainfall in the morning resulting in local flooding and this discourage several cars in attending. My Austin A40 and Mark Steward's Morris Van attended and the afternoon turned into a lovely sunny afternoon. The Club does have three annual awards and Mick has been checking his records for meeting attendance, newsletter contributions and support of the Club at events. I have excluded myself from the assessment now that I produce the newsletter and attend most natters and events.

The recipients this year are:

Member of year: Mick Goodson (managed to attend all 11 of the Natter meetings and support of 2 events)

Ladies Award: Jenny Morgan (7 natter evenings and support of 3 events).

Piston award: Phil Sowry (Runner up to member of the year who also attended 9 Natter Meetings 1 event) only one point ahead of Mike Gorman.

Don't forget to look out for new members. The club brochure seems to work quite well, several taken away at events such as the Capel Show.

The website was updated in 2025 and we managed to secure a four year hosting deal, do check out the gallery from time to time as we will be posting event photos there. There is also a club Facebook page to publicise the club to a wider audience. It is an open page and so far has not been hit by spam postings. This means that the page is open for members to leave comments or post photographs of club events.

We do need new members. The most successful method of recruiting is word of mouth by members talking to other car enthusiasts.

In closing, here's looking forward to a successful 2026/27.



Mick Goodson—Member of the Year



Phil Sowry—runner up Member of the Year



Jenny Morgan—Ladies Award

Calling all Austin 7 Special owners



Austin 7 Specials Wanted for Unique Showcase at Haynes Motor Museum

Few cars inspired Britain's special-building movement quite like the Austin 7, with generations of enthusiasts transforming Austin 7s into lighter, faster and more individual creations in garages and workshops across the country.

The John Haynes Classic Motor Show is bringing that story to life with a major curated display dedicated to Austin 7 Specials, and the stories of their owners.

Held at Haynes Motor Museum on Sunday 6 September 2026, the feature aims to gather around 75 vehicles spanning the full spectrum of Austin 7 special-building.

The showcase, titled 'Austin 7 Specials: When Ingenuity Took the Wheel', will include:

- Period home-built specials
- Racing specials
- 'Special specials' and one-offs
- Newly built specials
- Touring specials
- Trials specials
- Low-volume production specials

More than a vehicle display, the feature will tell the stories behind the cars and the people who built and developed them. Each exhibit will include interpretive content, alongside expert talks and discussion sessions on the main stage celebrating the enduring appeal of the Austin 7 Special movement.

The connection is especially fitting, as the Austin 7 was the car that inspired John Haynes' earliest mechanical experiments and helped shape the hands-on ethos behind the Haynes Workshop Manuals.

Organisers of the John Haynes Classic are now calling on Austin 7 Special owners from across the country to help create what promises to be one of the most significant gatherings of these cars in recent years.

Whether your car is a well-known competition special, a period special, a recent build or a completely unique one-off, its story deserves to be part of the display.

For more information, or to apply to exhibit your Austin 7 Special, visit johnhaynesclassic.co.uk

Sunbeam 1000hp World Land Speed Record Breaker car to be displayed at the Peterson Automotive Museum, Los Angeles

World Land Speed Sunbeam 1000hp to go on display at the Los Angeles' Peterson Automotive Museum

(Photograph and all words from The National Motor Museum, Beaulieu).



On loan from England's National Motor Museum, the first vehicle to ever break 200 mph in 1927 will debut this fall at the Petersen Automotive Museum after a complete restoration.

The National Motor Museum at Beaulieu, England is announcing a further significant step on the route to restoring and displaying the iconic Sunbeam 1000hp – the first vehicle to exceed 200 mph. The car is to be displayed at the prestigious Petersen Automotive Museum – widely regarded as one of the top rates automotive museum in the World – in the Autumn (or Fall) of 2026.

"Having the Sunbeam 1000hp exhibited in 2026 at the Petersen as part of its USA tour will be a great celebration of the car's restoration project," says Jon Murden, the National Motor Museum's Chief Executive. "This will be

the Sunbeam 1000's first stop after making its post-restoration debut at the 2026 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in California. Being displayed in Los Angeles gives motoring enthusiast on the west coast of America a once in a lifetime chance to see the car before it then attempts a centennial run at Daytona in the spring of 2027."

The legendary vehicle is currently being restored at the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu in Hampshire, England. The aim of the restoration campaign is to return the British engineering icon to Daytona Beach, Florida, in 2027, marking 100 years since it broke the 200mph Land Speed Record in 1927. The car was driven by Sir Henry Segrave – one of the most famous international motoring heroes of his day. Significant milestones in its restoration have been met including having the colossal 22.4 litre Matabele V12 aero engine roar to life once again – it is hoped that the vehicle's second engine will be restored in advance of it departing for the USA in the summer.

"Our mission is to provide visitors access to some of the rarest vehicles ever assembled," said Petersen Automotive

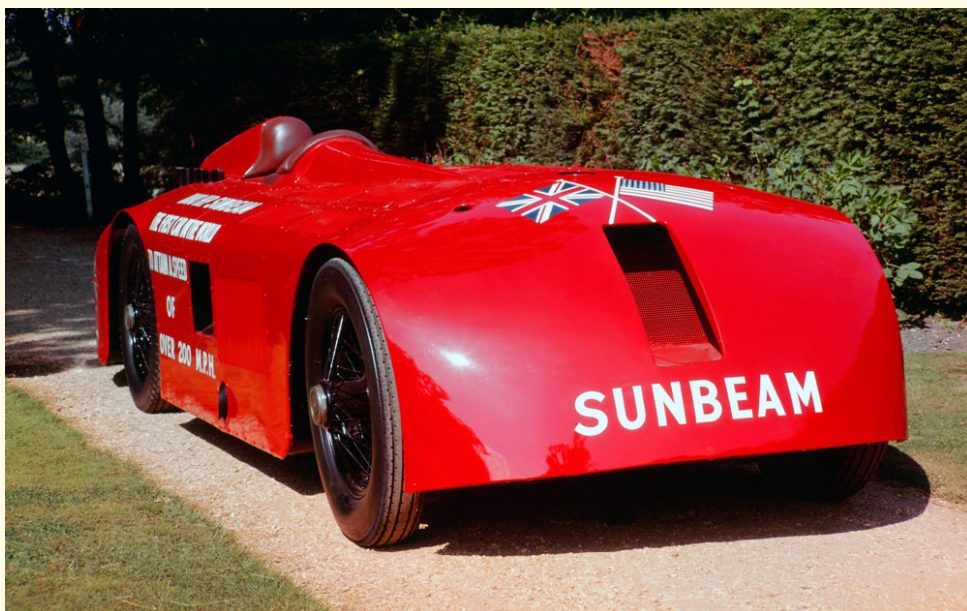


Museum Executive Director Terry L. Karges. "Having the

World Land Speed Record-breaking Sunbeam 1000 HP on display perfectly reflects our commitment to showcasing only the extraordinary."

The National Motor Museum at Beaulieu announced recently it is partnering with CARS (Classic Automotive Relocation Services) who as its 'Exclusive Logistics Partner' will transport the iconic Sunbeam 1000hp to the Petersen Automotive Museum and other venues in the USA.

For more information on the Petersen Automotive Museum, please visit www.petersen.org. For more information on the National Motor Museum, please visit www.nationalmotormuseum.org.uk.



Spoiler Alert: The Hot Hatch Story - Gaydon brings '80s and '90s hot hatch culture to life in new exhibition!



The British Motor Museum invites visitors to return to the golden era of hot hatches in their new exhibition: 'Spoiler Alert: The Hot Hatch Story', celebrating these everyday road heroes. Inspired by the energetic atmosphere of car meets and the bold visuals of era-defining car magazines, the exhibition immerses visitors in the 80s and 90s hot hatch culture in a space brimming with nostalgia. 'Spoiler Alert', which opened on 20 June, will run until 21 February 2027 in The Rubery Owen Gallery.

There are 8 iconic vehicles on display, each marking different phases in the history of the hot hatch. The selection includes a 1981 VW Golf GTI, a 1985 Group B rally era MG Metro 6R4, a 1988 Peugeot 205 GTI Tolman Edition, and a 2021 Honda Civic Type R built in the Swindon works before its closure.

Visitors will love exploring the enduring legacy of these groundbreaking vehicles through a range of dynamic exhibits and installations, including objects that evoke the spirit of the era, such as a Sony Walkman, a shell suit, and a selection of retro toys.

Visitors can customise their own hot hatch designs and enjoy an interactive hot hatch-themed photo opportunity, as this new exhibition celebrates the lasting impact of these cars on automotive culture to this day.

The gallery blends a crescendo of revving engines and a retro soundtrack to recreate the feel of a bustling car meet and reflects the power of these amazing vehicles to bring people together. The story, meanwhile, reflects the era's most prominent car magazines, such as Max Power. The 80s saw the term "hot hatch" used by the motoring press for the first time, and that decade and the one that followed are considered a golden age, combining family car practicality with turbocharged engines, sharp suspension, and sports car styling. Celebrated for their

accessible performance, the hot hatches became cultural icons and are still coveted by enthusiasts today.

Cat Boxall, Curator at the British Motor Museum, said, "We're really excited to have opened this exhibition celebrating hot hatches! Those born in the 60s, 70s & 80s will fondly remember these 'souped-up' cars as their first or second cherished vehicles. Many have reached classic status and are now as highly prized as some supercars."

Don't miss your chance to experience 'Spoiler Alert: The Hot Hatch Story' in person. To find out more information about the exhibition and book your Museum tickets, please visit:

www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk/spoiler-alert-the-hot-hatch-story. Access to the exhibition is included with your admission.

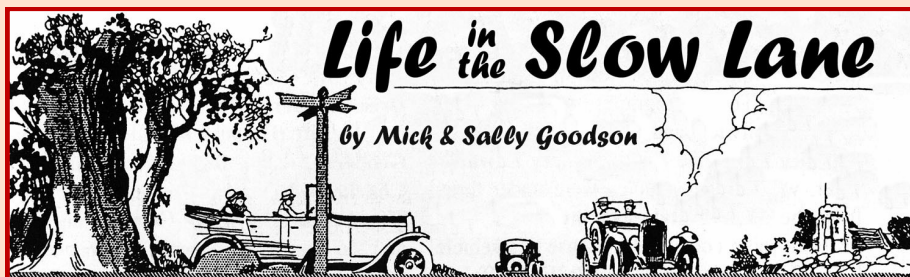
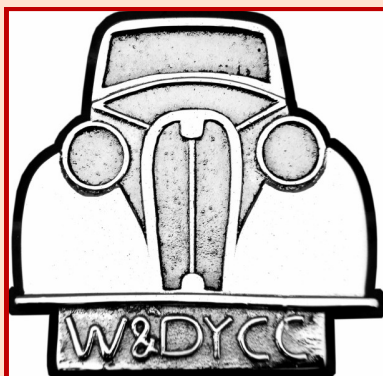
And to finish:



HUMOUR PAST. 'M.M.' JUNE 1930



Well-meaning old lady: "Wouldn't you be more comfortable if you took your Meccano indoors?"



There were a few absences from the June gathering at The Surrey Oaks, Newdigate due to some members having health issues and others enjoying trips away. JOHN and JENNY MORGAN were, of course, motoring around the Dordogne in their MGB. A bit of news came from PETER NASH who gave an update on the progress of his Morris 8's restoration. All the work should now have been completed. Peter drove the car around the estate where the garage is in Byfleet for the first time! He said it drove well but the brakes needed a very firm push which, he said, is normal. The gearing is low but since this was the first time Peter had driven a car with a manual gearbox for about 25 years, he is sure that he will get used to it by driving it regularly. He will be taking possession of the car very soon. The other Morris 8 in the Club, belonging to the other Peter, ie PETER ANDREWS is being driven regularly and is running well..... It was good to see ROGER WEATHERHEAD at the meeting after some time. He had been working on one of his old cars and was therefore quite late arriving. He came in his 1958 Daimler 250 V8..... MIKE GORMAN is looking out for a new set of tyres for his Austin Sprite, a lot of the major tyre brands are no longer covering wheel sizes for historic cars including the AH Sprite/MG midget. Finally MICK GOODSON discovered that there were mice in the garage when he noticed a hole in the bird feed bag. He was concerned that they could be nesting in the Healey but, after catching two mice, there was luckily still no sign of them in the car



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