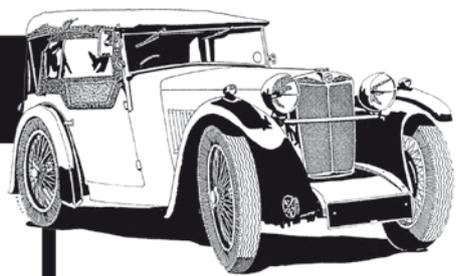


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NEWS AND VIEWS.....

Thought we dedicate this, our 20th issue to the special bodied D types out there, most of which are C Types.

Yet another D Type has been discovered; this one in France. Apparently in very poor condition but we understand it has been sold and is to be made into a C Type replica. We are trying to make contact with the owner and get the chassis number.

At the time of writing this there are 2 Ds for sale with the trade, a C Replica with Barry Walker and a near finished restoration of a standard tourer with Andy King.

There is news from FBHVC that by 2011 or 2012 all new cars made/imported into the UK will have to be fitted with daytime running lights (like we see on Volvos in the UK – and what they've been used to in Scandinavia and some other countries for years.) There is every possibility that this will not apply to old cars, but, much like flashing indicators, for safety some people will want to fit them. Those in the middle of rebuilds may wish to bear this in mind when re-wiring.

If we still haven't got a picture of your car yet on file, or indeed on our website, we would appreciate one in whatever condition the car is in, even if only a chassis! Or if you would like to send us a more up to date one than the one we have please do!

D'S IN ACTION.....

And again, appropriately for this issue, is a beautiful C Replica, D0321 belonging to Tom Johnson, resplendent on the sea front back in May of this year for the Jersey Spring Rally, an annual event held on the island. The car won a concours award. There is also an excellent picture of this car on our web site.



BITS AND PIECES.....

Mark Sellick (D0254) has been in touch to say he is considering having a batch of layshafts made for the three speed gearbox fitted to D Types. These shafts would be made to exact dimensions of the original, heat treated and cylindrically ground to ensure concentricity. The estimated cost is £60 each for a batch of three, although this will drop considerably if there is sufficient interest. Please contact Mark direct if you wish to express an interest, a deposit of £10 would be required if ordering. E-mail louse_and_mark@ukonline.co.uk or telephone, evenings/weekends: 01278 453713.

Also from Mark is that he can carry out a full rebuild of your three or four speed gearbox if required. A full written assessment is provided prior to carrying out any work.

Our wanted slot on the web site for petrol door hinges and/or doors has been answered by Peter Frost; he makes both. His doors are ash block, part machined. Again please contact Peter direct if you are interested. E-mail frostpeter@talktalk.net or telephone 0116 2609795. He hopes to have news of other items of interest to D owners shortly.

For those not aware there is a company specialising in manufacturing Triple M parts who we have made contact with and we will have joint links on our web sites. They are Vintage MG Parts run by Richard Hardy; web site is www.vintageMGparts.com and e-mail enquiries@vintagemgparts.com. Well worth a look especially if you are making a C Type or J4 replica!

ADDITIONS TO THE ARCHIVES

Mike Hawke has very kindly sent us 4 old photos of Ds which we will put onto the web site under Archives. Two are of Ken Sheffield's racing D0312, right, one of which looks as though it was taken at Silverstone. This car was featured and pictured way back in 'Dispatch' 5.



Another photo, shown left, shows the EX120 'creation' by Nigel Musselwhite in the seventies on a D chassis but using some of the parts, mainly engine we believe, from the original car.

And finally, also shown here, a super picture of D0490, registration RF 9760, looking very resplendent driving through at least a foot of water during the VSCC Lakeland Trial in November 1968. It was then owned by Don Fielding. Unfortunately the current whereabouts of the car is not known so we would appreciate any information on this.



MORE UNUSUAL ITEMS.....

Remember the jig saw puzzle and the postage stamp? Well here are two more items.

First, a first day cover, bought on E-Bay from Australia, not sure how authentic it is but it was one of a series depicting MG cars to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of MG cars in 2004. Unusually, but appropriate for this issue, the D displayed is a racing special, D0460 which lives in Sweden and is owned by Clifford Hellzen. There is a very good rear shot picture of this D on our website.



And, possibly even more unusual is a ceramic tile! This was made in Holland and the picture of it comes courtesy of Johan Reyman in Belgium. Again thought to be one of a series and produced to celebrate a meeting in Holland in 1981. The car depicted is in fact D0298 here in the UK and is the same one as on the jig saw puzzle!



Both these items will be added to the web site.