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## NEWS AND VIEWS

Trust you are all keeping well in these strange times, let's hope 2021 improves over last year! Christmas seems an age away now but this picture showing John Emmett's D0430 arriving home complete with tree, just before the big day, is a pleasant reminder.



Pleased to see D0491 has recently resurfaced, we lost sight of this car some years ago and it is now under new ownership in Germany. As can be seen in this picture it was restored to C Type specification some years ago. We are following up the reference to The Paris-Peking Rally for 1997 to hear how it got on.



Remember the plaques we did for the D Type's 75th and 80th Anniversaries in 2006 and 2011 respectively? Well, we've done another for this year, the 90th which actually falls in October.

These are available from me at just a £1 each plus postage at cost – just email me if you'd like one.



Thanks again to Cathelijne Spolestra we've got another period picture of a D Type in action. This is D0307 which is sadly not a survivor but is shown during the 1933 Land's End trial being driven to a Premier Award by the first owner M H Rowell.



What current health and safety officials would make of the crowd control operating then is not worth thinking about! From the factory records we know that the car was fitted with a four-speed gearbox (optional extra at the time) and a 9/44 crown wheel and pinion but this was changed a year later back to a standard 8/43 one.

Further period items from Cathelijne includes this advert from the 'Shipley Times & Express' (Yorkshire) from, I would think, just before the war. Mouth-watering prices for MG's!

And this from 'Motor Sport' for May 1949, the advertiser wanting a PA or PB engine. I wonder if this could be the then D0481's owner as that car has such an engine fitted?

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You will recall this car was for sale and featured in Dispatch 67 and I am pleased to say it has found a new home in Scotland – one end of the country to the other! – but cannot be moved yet due to current restrictions.

It will be interesting if a connection could be made from the history files of the car to this advert.

And now what must be the ultimate garage accessory for the D owner who has everything – a neon sign for MG D!



This is from Mike Goodwin in Florida (D0252) who tells me it's probably 20 plus years old and is for a beer – 'Miller Genuine Draft'. What a find.

**PRE-WAR PRESCOTT**

At the moment there is plenty of optimism about that this event will go ahead and is scheduled for Saturday 17th July. (preceded by optional factory visit on the Friday and followed by the also optional Navigation Rally and Scenic Tour on the Sunday. Full details from the Pre-War Prescott website or Vintage Minor Register). There are at least 4 D's already entered and another 3 in the pipeline; it would be fantastic if we could beat the attendance record of 8 D's at the 2016 event especially as this is our anniversary year! (see Dispatch 52).



As usual we have prepared a plaque to mark the occasion – this will be given/sent to all entrants nearer the time. As most of you know I live a couple of stone's throws away from Prescott Hill Climb so if you need any help with anything do get in touch.

**ENGINE ROCKER BOX SIDE PLATE**

I have acquired a D Type side plate as per attached pictures which is in excellent condition and it has the wheelbase as 7 foot 2 inches – as per close up. My question is - was a 7 foot wheel base one ever issued and has anyone got one?



I'm happy to sell this one at cost of £55 plus postage but I would much prefer to swap for a 7 foot one. My D0311 has an incorrect 7'2" one on but D0464 also has a 7'2" one but that is correct for that car. D0251 to D0350 had a 7 foot wheelbase, D0351 to D0500 had 7 foot 2 inches. Incidentally these brass side plates were originally nickel plated with the lettering picked out in red but most, if not all, have been polished down to the brass now.

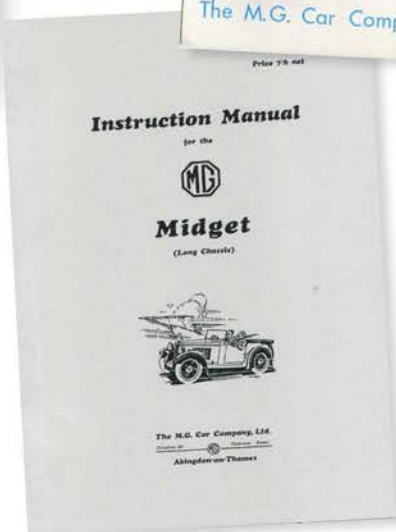
**ITEMS FOR SALE**

Inevitably some of the items for sale in the last Dispatch, 69, I could have sold 3 or 4 times over! However, the following remain: cylinder heads, front housing, cam shaft, oil pump, M oil filter, steering wheel, and headlamps. Happy to consider any offers on these.

Also, I have lots of bits and pieces which I hope to sort out for later editions but in the meantime if you have any specific wants do drop me an email – I may be able to help.

For this issue though I have some documents which are spare:

The D Type brochure. These are exact reprints of the original and were produced by The Triple M Register in limited numbers more than 10 years ago now.



Two available, both excellent, at £12 each plus postage at cost.

Also, a brand new copy of the Instruction Manual as produced and sold by the MG Octagon Car Club – at list price £8 plus postage.

**INDEX FOR DISPATCHES**

Thanks to Bill's hard work and patience we have an index for Dispatches 1 to 70! I am sure this will be very useful to all readers when trying to find something on a specific car or topic.

I know I shall find it invaluable, I spend hours looking back to answer queries!

I've put it as a separate attachment to the email distributing this Dispatch.