



## SOUTH ESSEX MG OWNERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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### Last Month

Joining us for the first time were Shane C who has a Teal Blue MGB GT and Colin S who has a pair of MG Midgets 1977 and 1979 respectively. Welcome to the club. Bill C brought the photo album containing pictures of his current project being the restoration of a 1932 F1 Magna (Hybrid) and what a beauty it will be when it is finished. It will complement his PA to make a lovely pair.

Those who did not see the photos missed a real treat. Bill has very kindly provided his chronicle of the car entitled "Bonzo the Bitza the story so far" which is attached to this newsletter.

### Recent Events

For the first time that I can recall there are no events to report. This is a result of the Xmas party being earlier in the month than is usual.

However here is a picture of our Bill & Norma that did not make it into the MGOC magazine.



Strictly not come dancing.

### Secretary's News

As I mentioned last month I have for some time been considering a club badge or windscreen sticker to provide our member's cars with a 0906 affiliation to the MGOC and a certain identity to one of the larger area clubs.

Bob S has come up with a plan to create our own and a working draft has been prepared. I have been promised the artwork from the MGOC which may also help but it still has not materialized.

Ian S has drawn my attention to a very interesting article in the December MG Enthusiast which those members of the MG Car Club will now be receiving each month. The article entitled "Life Support" in summary states that Xpart is able to supply 96% of parts for the MG Rover Range from stock. This does dispel some of the concerns that have been voiced over the continued ownership of the Marque. I have a copy of the article if anybody would like to read it. Furthermore there are a couple of articles written in this month's Enjoying MG on the subject of Chinese ownership of MG Rover one by Roger P reporting on an interview with Nanjing Automobile Corporation's Mr Wang Qui Jing ( Vice President) and a commentary in the Letter from the secretary by Roche Bentley. Both are well worth reading. In essence there are those who have a problem with the thought of buying a Chinese MG however if one looks carefully at products available today many are made in China, Leading Brands such as Apple, Palm, and ThinkPad all are so I think that the stigma will be overcome, after all is said and done Nanjing may well be providing a more technically superior MG car than ever would have been possible under the previous regime, so let us wait and see. Am I correct in thinking that Roy M previously owned Pewter MGB GT LE appears for sale on page 83 of this month's Enjoying MG it certainly looks as if it is!

The first Pub Run of 2006 has been organised for the 29<sup>th</sup> January. Full details can be found in the Leisure & Entertainment News.

The 2006 Calendar of events will be distributed with the February Newsletter following the Committee meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January. Once again if anyone has a suggestion please let a member of the committee know.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you and your families a healthy and prosperous 2006

Barry

## **What's On**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2006**  
Pub Run to the Green Dragon  
Youngs End

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2006**  
Club Night from 8:30 pm