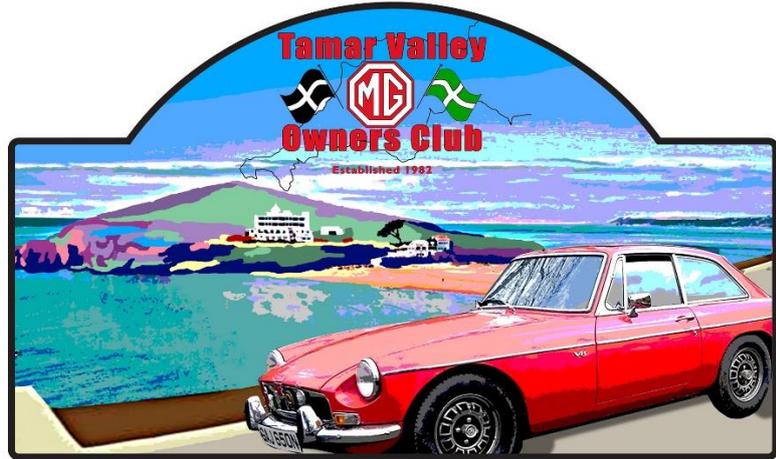


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June  
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Edition**



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Answer at the end of the newsletter**



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## Secretary's Report



I always like to seek out the silver linings in life, and so I look to the few days this month when the sun has shone, the birds filled the air with busy song, and everything seems right with the world. MGs and lesser sports cars emerge from garages, and the simple pleasures of the open road, and the wind in the hair, weave their subtle magic on the soul, banishing thoughts of the rain and wind which have so largely marked this strange May.

There is optimism growing in the country, with so many vaccinations achieved by an extraordinary group of people who have made it possible in a practical sense, our own Treasurer included. I have recently taken a role with St John Ambulance, who have recruited 30000 vaccinators on their own – we have so much to be thankful for. The success of the enterprise will reach all parts of the country of course, but for us in particular the prospect of meeting up in person again gets ever closer. Much anticipation precedes our Cream Tea run, which Roy and Sonia are organising, and I am only sad that Charlie and I will be in London so won't be able to join you. In addition Richard has produced an excellent route for smaller groups to enjoy – the Chairman has the details.

The club of course has its first monthly meeting in July, at the Moorland Hotel in Wotter, which I am sure we are all looking forward to, and thereafter activity will hopefully return to a semblance of normality. For those who may fear that all this time in limbo has led to our club being less vibrant, I am delighted to report that we have six new members and three additional MGs in the club. Long standing members may recall Brian and Sue Davis with their MGB. Brian has now retired giving him more time and we are delighted that they have rejoined. Paul Atkins and Debbie Coombs have just joined, with their white MGA, and we also welcome Pete and Annette Addelsee with their newly acquired Red MGBGT.

Finally, we are also looking forward to September and our People and Places Run – I have 15 club entries so far, with 10 expected from the Southampton and New Forest MGOC and a further 12 outside entrants, so it is definitely time to get your name down if you have not already done so.

Keep safe – and see you soon!

*Simon*

Should you need to contact our club secretary, for example to send in club subscriptions, first call or email.

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## Notes from your Chairman



Hello everyone,

How the weather changes from one month to the next. In my May report, I mentioned that we were in dire need of some rain for the gardens. Well, we certainly got our wish and throughout most of May it never stopped and was also still cold. There was nothing at all about the weather that would really entice you out on the road in your MG. Of course, as I write this, the weather has turned for the better and it looks as if we are going to experience a few days of sunshine and not before time too.

I did manage to get my speedo repaired and along with a new cable all appears to now be working OK. Fitting a new cable wasn't the easiest job and a bit of swearing certainly seemed to help. I really must have a word with Alison about her language! Having just renewed my MG insurance with Lancaster, they now need a new set of photos for my agreed valuation. These have been delayed as I wasn't going to take it out to a nice setting for a photo shoot in the wet weather.

It really looks as if the June 'Zoom' club meeting will be our last one. Whilst they have managed to keep some of us entertained, I know that a lot of you have given them a miss and do not really like the online interaction. Completely understandable but needs must, and they will hopefully give us a springboard to propel our club out of lockdown. We have gained a few new members recently and it will be nice to meet you all properly and for you to experience the benefit that your membership of Tamar Valley will bring to your MG enjoyment. Please do not hold back from joining in as soon as you can, as you will be made to feel very welcome indeed.

Alison and I will be putting on a pre-meeting evening run that will end up at our new venue. These runs used to be a regular feature in our early days of membership before the club meetings when they were previously held at the Moorland Hotel and I hope you will come along and join us to blow away the cobwebs from your MG exhaust pipes. The run will start at 18.30 from the church car park at Yelverton, very close to Yelverton roundabout and finish at the Moorland Hotel, Wotter. I will send you an email reminder nearer the time.

I am getting quite excited that our monthly meetings will soon be resuming (Wednesday 7th July) and we have a good reason to leave the house. Hopefully you are too, and will all make a concerted effort to attend our new venue. In the meantime, please continue to stay safe and well.

*Alan*



## Event Secretary keeping it wheel



Dear Motorneers,

I've had another frustrating time trying to find events we can attend but I will spare you the details of a few organisation's lack of organisation.

Our club is no different from any other outfit in that we have had a very barren year or so. Now it is time to look forward to the light at the end of the tunnel where there's an MG glinting enticingly. With determination to rev up the club once more, Alan and I had a planning session to think about what we can, hopefully reliably, do in the coming months.

### Shows

There is no local show where we can have a club stand similar to the big displays we have previously put on at Powderham and on the English Riviera. This includes the Okehampton Show which we had hopes for. However, Okehampton is just one of a few you can attend as individuals. These are listed later and if you do plan to go and would like some company, please let me know and I'll put attendees in contact with each other so they can buddy up.

### Friday supper runs

Our regular summer-time supper runs to pubs are somewhat unfeasible for the foreseeable future. Covid restrictions, will hopefully be relaxed soon, but there remains the difficulty of booking a pub restaurant for large numbers of people.

### Picnic / take-away runs & weather plans

We plan to hold picnic runs in place of supper runs – bring your own picnic and chairs.

The first will be the **Cream Tea Run on Friday 25 June** which Roy and Sonia are organising - details below.

The next will be on **Friday July 16**. On a route devised by Simon and Charlie, it is likely to start at 2pm and, courtesy of Gavin, will end by teatime at the Dartmoor Gliding Club near Tavistock and Brentor where there are facilities and where we can either picnic outside or shelter inside an open-doored hanger.

If these are successful, we will hold a similar run, which might include a take-away fish & chip type meal if this can be arranged, on **Friday 13 August** for which we will need an organiser please.

If the weather is awful they may be re-scheduled for another day, so it is imperative you check your emails for changes to the plan or call me on 07801 055128.

September 12 is **People and Places** day (if you have not already do so, *please* enter soon!) and so there will not be an additional run organised that month (probably!).

**Sunday October 17 is our Tulip Trophy Run** which Alan and Alison is organising and hopefully we may be back to something resembling normality by then.

In November we hope to be able to resume Sunday lunch runs.

**Club meetings at the Moorland Hotel in Wotter (not the Moorland Garden Hotel!)**

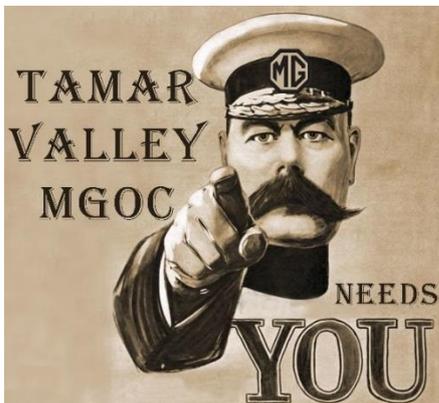
Assuming all restrictions are lifted by then, we can at last meet up in person again on **7 July**. Now folks, let's make this a real celebration and we need you there to make it a success!

Alan and Alison will be organising a **short pre-meeting run** to end up at the Moorland Hotel. For details see Alan's piece above.

I am the 'turn' with a presentation about the making of the world-famous car chase from the movie *Bullitt*. How was it filmed? Did Steve McQueen actually do all the driving himself? How many cars did they destroy? Where are they now? And what has all this got to do with your Event Sec.? (it's a tenuous link admittedly!) These and other crucial questions will be answered, followed by a video of the chase itself.



Fasten your seat belts...it will be fast & furious! (Have I sold it well enough?)



That will be followed by a chat & chill session when, at long last, we can catch up with each other's news and get to know our new members. The Moorland Hotel meeting room is right next to the bar.

We want a great turnout so please do try to attend. Be there or be square!

Happy MGing!

*Howard*

*I must get a hat like that!*

**A picture worth sharing, this splendid two-tone 1939 MG SA**





## Upcoming events

The most up to date and detailed information on all 2021 events can be found and downloaded on the [Event Diary Page](#) and the [Entry Forms page](#). See:

[www.tvmgoc.org.uk](http://www.tvmgoc.org.uk)

### Latest Covid restrictions from 17 May

Relevant to club runs, people can meet in groups of up to 30 outdoors, but hopefully all restrictions will be lifted on 21 June in time for our Friday 25 June Cream Tea Run.

The June club meeting will hopefully be our last via Zoom. Fingers crossed!

### Friday 25 Cream Tea Run – let us know you are taking part!

For the benefit of new members - normally for Friday Supper and Sunday Lunch runs a list is circulated at meetings and by email for people to say they will participate and give their meal choice in advance from the destination's menu. Obviously, we can't resume this system yet.

For the Cream Tea Run, whilst you will be bringing your own teas and picnic chairs etc., we still need to know who intends to take part so that Roy and Sonia know how many route directions to print.

**Please email me ASAP to say you will be joining us:** [eventsecretarytvmgoc@gmail.com](mailto:eventsecretarytvmgoc@gmail.com)

**Meeting time and place:** Friday 25 June 2pm in the car park at Saltash Travelodge.

This is just off the A38/A388 Callington Road roundabout - PL12 6LD

**Picnic spot:** Siblyback Lake at approx. 4pm

**Bad weather:** This may be cancelled and rescheduled, so please check your emails on the day or call me on 07801 055128.

### Morwellham Quay TBA

I recently spoke to the organisers who can't say if there will be a Father's Day show this year. They don't even realise that 20 June, Father's Day, is the day *before* up to 30 people will be allowed to gather outside. There *may* be news soon. Ho hum...

### Moor2Sea run - 4 July

If you are going, please let me know and perhaps we can travel in convoy to Tiverton. The run sets off between 9:30 and 10 am with refreshments served beforehand, so we would need to leave our proposed meeting point at Tesco Lee Mill no later than 8am.

### Okehampton Show - 12 August

As yet there are no entry forms available for classic cars. They say they will inform us via their Facebook page in early June. I will let everyone know then they become available.

### Local confirmed events (assuming the 21 June Covid restrictions are lifted)

JUNE 2021		
2	Monthly meeting	To be held online via Zoom
25	Picnic run	National Cream Tea Day – organised by Roy & Sonia (see above for details)
JULY 2021		
4 July	D & C run	Moor 2 Sea Run (Exeter MGOC) Starts and finishes in Tiverton - FULLY BOOKED

<b>7 TBC</b>	<b>Monthly meeting</b>	<b>At Moorland Hotel, Wotter PL7 5HP.</b>
<b>Friday 9 to Monday 12</b>	<b>TVMGOC Club weekend away</b>	<b>incorporating Cotswold Caper – Fully booked</b>
<b>Friday 16</b>	<b>Club picnic run</b>	<b>To the Dartmoor Gliding Club near Tavistock</b>
<b>AUGUST 2021</b>		
<b>30 July – 1 Aug confirmed</b>	<b>D &amp; C show – we have <u>17 members going on the Sunday</u></b>	<b>VINTAGE WEEKEND RHS Garden Rosemoor Great Torrington EX38 8PH 2021 entry form is on our website</b>
<b>1 confirmed</b>	<b>D &amp; C show</b>	<b>Mt Edgcumbe Classic &amp; American Car and Summer Fayre. Entry details – email <a href="mailto:carshow@fomecp.org.uk">carshow@fomecp.org.uk</a></b>
<b>4 TBC</b>	<b>Monthly meeting</b>	<b>Moorland Hotel, Wotter PL7 5HP.</b>
<b>Thurs 12 confirmed</b>	<b>D &amp; C show</b>	<b>Okehampton Show Stoney Park Showground, Okehampton, Devon, EX20 1SW Entry details to follow</b>
<b>Friday 13</b>	<b>Club picnic run</b>	<b>TBA – run organiser needed please (suggestion – to Avon Mill where you can get meals to take outside to sit on the bank by the river or indoors).</b>

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Note on the above – because MG Live! is cancelled this year, by default this is likely to become a big general MG event.

<b>29 confirmed</b>	<b>D &amp; C show</b>	<b>Aveton Gifford Show 11am to 3pm</b> <b>Enter online:</b> <a href="https://www.avetongiffordcarshow.co.uk/copy-of-auromated-exhibitor-registr">https://www.avetongiffordcarshow.co.uk/copy-of-auromated-exhibitor-registr</a>
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<b>SEPTEMBER 2021</b>		
<b>1 TBC</b>	<b>Monthly meeting</b>	<b>Moorland Hotel, Wotter PL7 5HP.</b>
<b>5 confirmed</b>	<b>D &amp; C show</b>	<b>Rotary Club of Saltram Classic Car Show Lyneham Estate, Yealmpton 11am to 4pm Entry form on our website</b>
<b>12 confirmed</b>	<b>TVMGOC Event</b>	<b>PEOPLE AND PLACES 6 The Tamar Valley MG Owners Club invitation run Organised by Howard &amp; Jan Entry form on our website</b>
<b>OCTOBER 2021</b>		
<b>6 TBC</b>	<b>Monthly meeting</b>	<b>Moorland Hotel, Wotter PL7 5HP.</b>
<b>TBA</b>	<b>D &amp; C run</b>	<b>The Rut – no information available</b>
<b>17 TBC</b>	<b>Club Sunday Lunch</b>	<b>The club Tulip Trophy run organised by Alan and Alison</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 2021</b>		
<b>3 TBC</b>	<b>Monthly meeting</b>	<b>Moorland Hotel, Wotter PL7 5HP.</b>
<b>21 TBC</b>	<b>Club Sunday Lunch</b>	<b>Organised by John &amp; B</b>


News snippets


### **MG dealer for Plymouth**

Should anyone be interested in a new MG, Rodgers of Plymouth have been appointed as an MG dealer. Opening in the autumn, they are situated at Christian Mill, Whiteleigh Cross, Crownhill.

The D&C MGCC have been invited to attend the opening and display their historic MGs - we have not. Apart from a badge, and a re-designed one at that, what relevance have British-built MGs to new Chinese MG models? – debate amongst yourselves.

### **London's Ultra Low Emissions Zone**

Whilst this will not affect our club members much, spare a thought for some, though not all, classic car owners in London. Not to be confused with the already applicable congestion charge, this summer will be the last chance for many Londoners and Brummies to enjoy their 'modern classic cars', without having to pay this extra charge for the privilege.

From 25 October the capital's Ultra Low Emissions Zone is being extended to cover the entire area between the A406 North Circular and A205 South Circular roads. Driving in this zone in a vehicle that doesn't meet the emissions requirements will result in a £12.50 daily charge. Stretch the legs just once a week of a classic car that fails to meet ULEZ standards, and the yearly cost is a significant £650 – in many cases more than the cost of annual insurance.

Seems harsh, but aside from raising funds for Transport for London, they say that since the ULEZ zone in central London was introduced in 2019, nitrous oxide emissions have been cut by 44 per cent, while over 12,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide has been saved. A report commissioned by City Hall predicts that the ULEZ expansion could see almost 300,000 fewer people developing chronic diseases, such as asthma and type-2 diabetes, than otherwise expected by 2050.

Up to 60,000 vehicles are estimated to be affected and a good number of those will be cherished classics which don't participate in the daily grind of commuting, but may be priced out of London nonetheless. A non-compliant vehicle used five days a week will cost £3250pa.

If your car or bike is a "historic vehicle" aged 40 years or older on 25 October then you won't have to pay the new charges, just as you don't have to pay road tax or get an annual MOT. Anything younger and you're going to have to cough up.

Petrol cars have to meet the Euro 4 emissions standard which was introduced in 2005, diesels have to meet Euro 6 which came in 2015, and for motorcycles it's Euro 3 which arrived in 2007. It's not quite as straightforward as just looking at the year of registration, as some earlier models do actually meet the regulations, so classic car and bike owners should use the checking tool on the TfL website to enter the vehicle registration number and get the good, or bad, news.

Check your car here: <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/check-your-vehicle/>

Birmingham is introducing its own Clean Air Zone this month, June 2021, covering all roads within the A4540 Middleway Ring Road, with an £8 daily charge. Leeds, Nottingham Derby and Southampton are also planning to follow.

Report source: Haggerty



### More MGA price wonders

Last month I featured an MGA Twin-cam that was for sale with an asking price of £75,000. That made this MGA owner's eyes water, and now more tears come to my eyes after reading an article Peter S. sent me. It's from Practical Motorist dated November 1976 "Cars worth keeping No 4 - MGA".



The penultimate paragraph reads, "The market for second-hand MGAs starts at £150, but I'd be inclined to spend considerably more than that unless you're faced with an obvious bargain."

Oh go on then. I'll go as far as £175 but not an old penny more! (Peter says that in today's money that's about £1,100.)

I like and agree with the last paragraph, "But make no mistake, the MGA, once any shortcomings have been rectified, will provide you with enjoyable. reliable motoring at low cost and don't forget that racing background."

Low cost eh...that's what I told Jan anyway. If you'd like to read the article I'll happily email it to you. I have an agreed valuation on my car, and let's just say it's a bit more than £1,100!

*Howard*

### Sooty Plugs

A chap posted this question and photo on the MGB Appreciation Society Facebook page:

*Is this too rich? The car is running pretty good. But when I pull the plug it just has more soot than I would like. I have a feeling it's going to get heavier.*

He received the usual advice about carb set-up but what do you make of this answer?:



*Your sooty plugs are most likely caused by your excessively conservative RPM range. If you pull on the choke to start up, you have the carb swallowing a very rich blend of air and fuel. That will blacken any plugs in seconds. Getting the engine to run should be followed immediately by closing the choke and getting in motion. I don't recommend going over 3,000 RPM until the engine is up to operational temperatures. Once it does you should keep the revs 3000 to 6000 to blow out the carbon. You don't have to do this every time you go for a spin, only if you have a local road which makes you go through the gears and tap brakes, and power through twisty corners. These cars are first and foremost high-performance Sport Cars. 50 years ago, they competed head-to-head with the most fabulous names in international racing. So, it stands to reason they have to be exercised regularly to keep them running in top form. That's what Safety Fast is all about.*

What does the TVMGOC team think? Please let me know. Except on rapid acceleration, I rarely exceed 3500 revs in my MGA, and in fifth gear just 3000 revs allow me to cruise at 70mph. My own sooty plug issue seems fixed after a carb rebuild.

*Howard*

### Rare MG hood

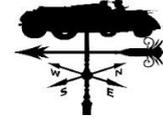


A Canadian chap in a cowboy hat called Kelly Harris (that's the name of the man not the hat), posted this in the Facebook MG TC TD & TF Owners group saying, "Here are some photos of my father's car. Would this have started as a 1950 TD?"

Replies speculated it was a TC, though the cowl on the front seems unique as does the trunk. The bespoke roof was handmade from aluminium and designed by Kelly's father.



## OUT AND ABOUT IN OUR CARS



*Janis writes:*

As the weather forecast was actually correct for a change and the day beamed with sunshine, although not as warm as I would have liked, it seemed too good an opportunity to miss a run out in Lucy. As I had promised Nigel a run out with the pair of midgets (that's the cars not us) I quickly sent out an email in a quest to find some other participants for the 1<sup>st</sup> SNOG run of the year. For the uninitiated that is a Short Notice Outings Group. Unfortunately, due to the very short notice there were only a couple who could join me. This didn't include Alan and Alison, so we had to manage without Alan's knowledge of the area, although I did go up and collect a couple of old lunch run routes from him, one of which I adapted for us.

So Roger, Sylvia, and Nigel joined Chas and me at the Dartmoor Diner and had a lovely run over the moors to Widecombe. It was so nice to actually see people face to face and talk, and boy did we talk. There was a lot of news to catch up on. Another benefit was for Nigel to meet other members in a small group instead of all at once in a meeting.

I remembered to take a photo this time.

Let's hope the weather improves and we can do more runs. It would be useful to know who would be interested in doing these at short notice, so I know who to contact in future.

*From Nigel S.*

Janis sent out an e-mail inviting anyone to join Chas and herself in her Midget for a run along with Roger and Sylvia in their MGF, so I quickly replied and joined them in my Midget.

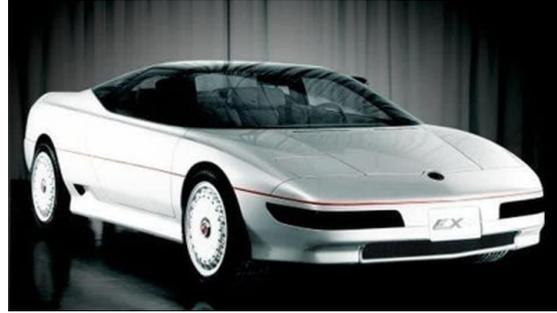
Our route took us through Yelverton, past Two Bridges to Post Bridge, then over a very scenic part of the Moor to Widecombe-in-the-Moor where we all stopped for refreshments, coffee and a good chat to get to know each other better. Roger & Sylvia then kindly invited Janis & myself back for more refreshments and a longer chat at their place in Saltash. The day was very enjoyable, the weather was sunny and warm, and the company was excellent!

I look forward to attending my first 'in-the-flesh' group meeting!



*Nigel, the rest of us very much look forward to meeting you too, and other new members, hopefully on 7 July!*

## What might have been - MG EX-E Debuted: 1985 Frankfurt Motor Show



The MG EX-E is a concept car that was produced by MG and presented at the Frankfurt Motor Show in 1985. The EX-E was a mid-engined sports car inspired by the Ferrari 308 and designed by Roy Axe and Gerry McGovern. The car's drivetrain and chassis were derived from the mid-engined MG Metro 6R4 rally car. The EX-E concept car did not lead to a production version, although Gerry McGovern did go on to style the later, smaller MG F sports car.

Specs: Based on the MG Metro 6R4 rally car, mid-mounted 3.0-litre V6 engine with 250 hp and 225 lb-ft, five-speed manual gearbox, and the four-wheel drive system. The V6 was detuned from the rally car's 410 horsepower (306 kilowatts) to around 250 hp (186 kW) delivered to both axles via a five-speed manual transmission and could hit 62 mph (100 kph) in less than five seconds before maxing out at 170 mph (275 kph). To be fair, these were all estimations made by Austin Rover on a computer, as the V6 was never actually fitted to the car.

However, unlike the rally machine, the EX-E concept was envisioned by Austin Rover to be a proper road-legal supercar and some say that its design went on to influence the first-generation Honda NSX which was unveiled in production guise four years later.

The plastic body had a drag coefficient of only 0.24 thanks to the implementation of computer-aided design (C.A.D.) technology. A massive glass canopy was engineered specifically for the concept and the idea was to mimic a fighter aircraft.

The interior carried over the aerospace influence and proposed a high-tech cabin with digital screens and a credit card-styled magnetic key for access.

Once inside, the key worked with the concept's computers to activate the ignition, adjust the seats, mirrors, and even the air conditioning system. It packed a lot of gimmicks for a 1985 concept, including rain-sensing windscreen wipers, hands-free phone, and a light sensor to automatically dip the rear-view mirror.

The EX-E was more than just a concept to show off at various car events, as Austin Rover put a lot of work into making it feasible for production. Unfortunately,, that didn't happen, basically because the company did not have enough money to make it. However, the MG F of the 90s did borrow some of the styling and hardware layout.

The car is now preserved in the Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon.



<b>Received entries</b>	<b>From</b>
<i>Germans say air travel likely to bounce back.</i>	John I.
<i>Air travel back by Spring.</i>	John I.
<i>Boeing`s new stretch aircraft undergoes trials.</i>	John I.
<i>It`s a boooooiiiiing 747!</i>	Howard
<i>A plane landing at Alice Springs.</i>	Howard
<i>In bad weather this plane made a bouncy landing. The plane in front landed backwards. It belonged to Receding Airlines. The one behind crashed. That belonged to Plummet Airlines. *</i>	Howard
<i>When we said a `Spring Break` this also means there is limited seating available for this particular flight!!</i>	Nigel S.
<i>Ryanair offers extended flights.</i>	Richard
<i>Ryanair latest cost cutting exercise - no need for drop down masks.</i>	Richard
<i>Ryanair surpasses itself with covid compliance and open fuselage policy for ventilation.</i>	Richard
<i>Ryanair offers extended spring breaks.</i>	Richard
<i>Ryanair springs into action to defend freedom of speech and bends to Minsk as the world recoils!</i>	Richard
<i>Lufthansa`s solution to the need for aviation to spring back!</i>	Gavin
<i>Plenty of leg room.</i>	Andrew
<i>Budget airline announces: Basic facilities - pay extra if you want a seat.</i>	Andrew
<i>Flight Engineer reports "Landing Gear ok, shame about bodywork."</i>	Andrew
<i>Lufthansa asked for a slinky new design.</i>	Simon
<i>The spring takes the shock out of a crash landing.</i>	Roger
<i>Shedding weight in order to save on fuel, taken to extremes by Lufthansa.</i>	John H.
<b>Co pilot: "I see the passengers really enjoyed their fish course during the flight today!"</b>	<b>John H.</b>
<i>Government advice in the fight against covid " to let fresh air in "</i>	Janis
<i>The true manufacturers caption is actually "Vorsprung"</i>	New member Steve J.

**And the winner of last month's cliff-hanger chosen by Keat is John H. Well done!  
He gets to choose next month's winner.**

\*Also the name of a student band Howard was in long, long ago.

**Here's next month's challenge:  
this photo of a  
Morris Marina Coupe that requires a bit of work  
(the car not the photo) needs a caption.  
Your entries please by email to:  
[mediatvmgoc@gmail.com](mailto:mediatvmgoc@gmail.com)**





And finally...



**Answers: Who is this?**

It's F1 racing legend Nigel Mansell who was an Isle of Man resident and, as such, served as a Special Constable. Whilst Nigel did not perform driving duties, he did other Police work as often as his racing career permitted and was generally well thought of by his colleagues, regular and Specials. He continued to wear an Isle of Man Police cap badge on his racing overalls for many years afterwards.

**Quiz question: Who said, "You were only supposed to blow the bloody doors off!"?**

**Answer: The three little pigs.**