



MGB50



Celebrating the anniversary of the production of the first MGB

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As I'm sure you are well aware 2012 is the 50th anniversary of the introduction of the iconic MGB sports car, and the purpose of this bulletin is to inform you of the plans which we have put in place to celebrate this significant milestone.

The MG Car Club and the MG Owners Club in the UK are organising a number of events and are coordinating with other organisations and the motoring press to generate as much exposure and publicity as possible for the anniversary.

We would like to both welcome overseas visitors to these events and to encourage overseas clubs to organise their own events and to coordinate them with the UK activities.

The MGB is the most loved popular sports car in the world and we want to mark its 50th birthday with as much razzmatazz as possible!

UK Activities

We are planning a year-round programme of events which include

- coordinated road runs to the Heritage Motor Centre at Gaydon
- celebrations at MGLive! at Silverstone
- a public lecture on the development of the car
- a day long 50th Birthday Party at Blenheim Palace (the venue used for many of the early MGB photo shoots)
- a Gala Dinner in the Civic Centre in Abingdon

Further detailed information regarding the dates and venues of these events, local accommodation, and much more, can be found on the MGB50 website and on the dedicated MGB50 Google map (see the side box on the right).

If you plan to visit the UK and take in one of the events, to further your enjoyment of MG in the UK, we have also created an 'MG Tour of the United Kingdom' map showing sites and venues of interest to MG enthusiasts. This can be accessed from the [members-only area of the MG Car Club's website](#) by then clicking on the Overseas menu. You will need your member's name and membership number to access this map.

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Contact Details

To register your interest visit the MGB50 UK event website: <http://www.mgb50.com>, or email enquiries@mgb50.com

MGB Register on facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/MGB--/187191108015600>

Questions about UK events: john.watson45@ntlworld.com

Link to MGB50 map: <http://maps.google.co.uk/maps/ms?msid=203216611692440877962.0004accf63a253e1e1b73&msa=0>

Send event details to be loaded to the map to: djwardell@mac.com

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The official MGB50 logo. Email djwardell@mac.com if you want a copy for your event

Overseas Activities

Many local clubs and centres are planning to hold their own event to mark this anniversary. These events may be timed to coincide with exhibitions, local car shows, national events, club rallies, anniversaries etc.

To co-ordinate all of these events, both at home and abroad, we have created an interactive Google map which shows the location of all events, the time and date, with links to host club's website, accommodation details, together with other information about the event and venue.

If you, or your club are planning an event

please let us know and we will upload the details to the map. You will also be able to upload photos and videos to a specific hosting site, or to one of the well known photo and social networking sites.

The more events we can display, the greater the awareness and involvement of fellow enthusiasts, which will lead to a truly world-wide event and demonstrate 'The Marquee of Friendship'.

Best Regards

Paul Plummer

(MG Car Club Overseas Director)

Just to whet your appetite, here are three pictures showing the insertion of the second-last produced MGB through the upstairs window into the MG Museum County Hall Museum section being developed in Abingdon County Hall Museum. Pictured in December 2011. The museum is planned to open in June 2012.



Above, even when inside there was much to do to manoeuvre the MGB into position



Top, a large version of a scissor-jack raises the MGB into the window. The specially-constructed cradle was made by British Motor Heritage, the producers of MGB heritage body shells.

Bottom, a tight fit! Clearance was 15mm on each side.

