

BMGOC Annual Fish & Chip Run 2020

So in the year of **COVID-19** 2020; restrictions had recently been relaxed that would allow up to 30 of us to gather to enjoy our annual **FISH & CHIP** run. Where to go? What the **HAK!** Let's go back **TU-na** Mother Kelly's in Paulsgrove. Good grub with a great, picturesque route there and back already in **PLAICE**. Was it about us humans or was it more about our MG's that really needed to be used? Whilst failures of cars on our last couple of run outs had happened much more than average, mainly due to lack of use, we were blessed this time out with a fully functional 10 cars. (Not all MG's but more about that later)

The whole event was organised by our esteemed leader Mr Partridge and his lovely wife Ros. We assembled on time in their paddock and were treated to socially distanced outside coffee. Ros's world famous cakes were missing but maybe this was due quite rightly to **COVID-19** restrictions. Also maybe the less said about our leaders ballcock, the better!



We welcomed James & Nicky Vivyan Robinson as new members to our club who joined us in their very original looking red MGB Roadster for their very first run out with us. We also welcomed back Steve Parker to his second run out with us in his newly acquired RV8. He also has a Triumph GT6.

As MG owners and back in the day we were all opposed to anything Triumph – however, we look forward in our maturity to seeing Steve's GT6 when it is back on the road as currently it is off the road due to gear linkage problems.



For the uninitiated, the GT6 was a Triumph Spitfire with the straight 6 Vitesse engine and a hard top. It sported twin pipe exhausts curling up from the back. It is a quick motor and has been described as “the poor man’s E Type”. As per the RV8 very few were made as both were a bit of a marketing disaster.

We also welcomed on the day, the Germans, in both BMW and Mercedes guise, however, both are MG followers.

The weather forecast said no rain but the clouds said otherwise. As we have all been brought up in the land of **hope** and **glory** – most of us kept our hoods down and were yet again rewarded. Whilst we experienced **WAVES** of rain; they were quite mild and we once again as a nation and as an MG car club were able to **rule** them!

Mother Kelly’s was incredibly **COD**-vid 19 safe and **SHIP** shape. Sanitise in, social distance , tables of four, tables with screens, disposable menus, masked waiter service with no **COD**-tact, sanitise in and out of loos etc.



There was a lot of fish for **SAIL** and all enjoyed a fab meal to **TIDE** us over until tea. These necessary restriction did, to some extent, make the meeting up at the final venue somewhat

dysfunctional and disjointed to that which we are normally used to. Hopefully it did not take away from the fellowship of our meetings. Until things change – welcome to the new norm.

Then it was time to go home via a picturesque route that did not involve motorways and any such nasties.



Big thanks to the Partridges for providing **COD**-vid safe venues. Watch out for the “Big Kids” no contact tunnel run out for September. If you have a choice of car – bring the noisiest!!