



**FARINA
REGISTER**

Newsletter

*For the enthusiast of the
BMC Farina Riley 4/68, 4/72;
MG Magnette Mk 3 and Mk 4*

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Rockin' all over the World



It's not often Farina's feature on Music Album Covers, but this Argentinian band certainly seem to like them

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WELCOME to the summer issue. After much soul searching and a lot of thought I have decided to call time on the *Newsletter!* Increased pressure of work coupled with the continual struggle to get material are the reasons for my decision. After discussions with the *Cambridge-Oxford Owners Club* we are going to merge with them! I am already MG and Riley secretary for the *COOC* so it makes sense that we should go under their umbrella.

I have enjoyed doing the *Newsletter* and it has certainly raised awareness of the rarity of these cars which is the main thing. I have just felt of late that I haven't been getting enough support with this, and without the great regular material from Andrew Idle and Neil Cairns it would have been even harder. So that is the state of play.

I will produce one more *Newsletter* after this. The plan is that I will produce a page or two in each issue of the *Rosette Recorder* (C.O.O.C. magazine) for MG and Riley owners. From there on, *Register* members will receive a *Rosette Recorder* or two before being asked in February next year to join the *COOC* if they wish.

I hope this is OK with everyone and by the time next February comes around you will have received enough magazines. No further renewals are to be sent to me please. Some members may well already be members of *COOC*, in which case I apologise if I have failed to deliver enough magazines, but I hope you can agree that £5 was very good value and heavily subsidised by my employers to whom I am most grateful. I will look at any individual cases if anyone feels I owe them a refund—please get in touch. However, after the September issue most will be up to date; also take into account when your renewal was due, not when you renewed!

Thanks for everyone's help over the years and Happy Motoring!

Mick

PS. I will continue to maintain the *Register*, that will not change.

ONE CAREFUL OWNER



John Evan's beautiful Connaught green Mark 4 Magnette

*A letter from the original owner of John Evans' Magnette.
Excuse the poor grammar due to Mr Cox being elderly.*

Plot 7 Cherry Orchard,
Kingsthorpe,
Nr Hereford
2 August, 1993

Written by myself, Herbert J. Cox

To ALL who it may concern, for Ref, and future scrutiny, or genuine documentary referring to this beautiful MG Magnette, Registration No. HVJ697E, saloon colour green, 1622CC petrol.

Department of Transport 1st Registration No. SO795326, as received on first registering this vehicle on 7.3.1967.

This vehicle was purchased by me for Cash at the then HENLY'S of Widemarsh St. Hereford (formerly James Fryer). I have been the ONLY owner and Driver, the mileage to date on parting with this vehicle to Mr Glyn Mussell, owner of Callow Filling Station is a genuine 1781.

I have taken the greatest care, and do not consider this vehicle 'run in' yet. To the best of my knowledge there are no faults or imperfections of any sort, save what I have declared, namely by virtue of its long standing and not being used for the greater part of its long life (the brakes are ceised and this must be attended to, a new cylinder system is fitted and all necessary incidentals that are needed will have to be found by the new owner, namely Battery and probably change of Petrol Pump.

The reason for (reluctantly) parting with this probably (only one) left in the world is, I have been tending a very poorly and sick wife, now in permanent long term care, we both are 83. Basically my wife never accepted this car and as I have had a 20 year old Hillman Estate she preferred to use the Hillman. Again, very small mileage—only 65000 done by me.

To the new owner of this MG I wish every luck and good fortune, it is a CLASSIC now and will only gain in value in its immaculate condition (they were made in those days

to last) even though basically this one has not been, as it, used.

Hopefully I am partaking of a smaller little Escort Estate for what must be a very short duration of driving now for me, and here Mr Mussell has been instrumental in bringing about the acquiring of the hoped for vehicle, hence it is a pleasure the Magnette is going to him, who I am sure will reap the benefit of this (one off) car, as I cannot allow it to go to unscrupulous relatives.

Any snags or difficulties I will seriously consider either returning the purchase money or playing the game.

Signed by the only owner of HVJ697E from new, and believed to be true and correct. Let the term Caveat Emptor apply to safeguard me at my somewhat great age, though with E&OE.

Heckel J. Cox

ARGENTINE COLLAGE

All pictures courtesy of Juan Carlos Tuzzolino









CHANGES TO CAR LISTS

MG

Mk4, chassis 28306, GTR910D. Owner: S. Lee, Horsham, England.

Car scrapped: Chassis 2017, BVH550A. N. Shaw, Bradford, England

RILEY

New car: 4/72, chassis 15598. Owner: B. Mohabir, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada.

New car: 4/72, FDS570D. On e bay, Kircaldy, Scotland. No more details known.

4/72, chassis 14912. New registration number: AFW170A. All other details the same.

Car scrapped: Chassis 16652, AHE544B. N. Shaw, Bradford, England

EVENTS GUIDE

THE MG 'M' CLUB MG Saloon Day

to be held at
STANFORD HALL, LEICESTERSHIRE
3rd JULY, 2005.

Patrick Roberts (*Event Co-ordinator*)
E.mail: mgsd2005@yahoo.co.uk
Website: mgcars.org/mgm

RILEY MOTOR CLUB 80th Anniversary/National Rally

to be held at
ARLEY HALL, CHESHIRE
6-7th AUGUST, 2005.

** * * All Rileys Welcome * * **

Contact: **Keith Hutchinson**
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BL/BMC SPARES DAY

to be held at
FERRY MEADOWS, PETERBOROUGH
Sunday, 7th AUGUST, 2005.

Contact: **Les Williams**
Tel: 01234 870372

PANELS AND PARTS

Mick Holehouse (Tel: 01282 605563)

Recent acquisition of new and very good used panels:

- DOORS
- SILLS (Saloon)
- MG/RILEY . . . BONNETS
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- RILEY 4/72 . . . RED LEATHER INTERIOR
in reasonable order, very useable

SPACE NEEDED!

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SAVE . . . a Riley 4/68

Rare opportunity to rescue a sound 4/68

— needs urgent removal

29000 miles from new!!

Needing some work.

Small price asked.

Located in Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire.

Contact Catherine Law (Tel: 01707 376236)

. . . and a 4/72

White with lovely Black Leather interior; Automatic; solid.

Dry stored since 1981. *Space needed.*

Located in Warrington, Cheshire.

Contact Steve McGonigle (Tel: 07811 253602)

Steve (*not the owner*) has seen the car and will give details

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by Neil Cairns

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4	The Cinderella MG and Riley Farina A history of this now rare model. 110 pages.	Out of print
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and for USA enthusiasts, from BritBooks.*