



### Events

The picture shows the three MGBs of the Gibbs family taken in Savernake Forest on the Register's Spring Run. We had a good turnout of 75 cars who were treated to a glorious route including the White Horse at Uffington and the Marlborough Downs finishing at Westonbirt Arboretum. Westonbirt is great with lovely walks laid out through the trees and is well worth a visit. I never knew there were so many species of trees even though my father and grandfather were both in the Forestry Commission! We have to thank Nicky and Roger Boys for the route, ably supported by Roger Cooper and Bernard Rengger – many thanks to you all.

The Register has been invited to attend the South East Centre's 80th birthday at Penshurst Place in Kent on August 8. It looks like a fun-packed day for all the family – details are on our website.

### Technical

Do you remember that in our Newsletter back in November there was an article by Keith Cronshaw entitled, 'Getting into hot water', where Keith related the story of when one of his engine's core plugs failed. Keith presumed that the core plug is a safety feature to prevent cracking of the engine block in the case of the water freezing. Following this article, we have



received an interesting letter from Ron Drake about core plugs, telling us the reason why they are fitted. In fact, they are not a safety feature, they plug the core hole of the engine casting. A core hole is needed to allow internal cavities to be cast in the block for the water ways etc and the core plug plugs the hole after casting thus sealing the cavities. Many thanks Ron, we will add your letter to our website so we can all read the full details.

### Maintenance Day

It was nice to read David De Saxe's letter in March's *Safety Fast!* praising the team

for the Maintenance Day, in particular Danny Waters who has been a stalwart of the Register for many, many years. Danny our 'Technical Whizz Kid' offers you guys a great service and is always there, ready and willing with advice – what Danny does not know about MGBs is not worth knowing. Danny's contact details are on the website and I know you will get good support if you contact him. Many thanks Dan for your continuing support.

Don't forget, as I previously asked, we still need ideas of topics for this year's Maintenance Day.