



### MGB Register Notes April 2011

I have just returned from the Register's AGM, the minutes of which will be found on the website. This year we are losing the services of Henry Cole who has been a stalwart of the Committee for at least 15 years. Over the years, Henry has taken on many roles including Registrar and *Safety Fast!* Scribe. We thank Henry for his efforts – he will be missed for his wit and wisdom. We are joined by four new Committee members: Steve Lee who looks after the website, Josephine Salmon who will assist with PR, Robin Cloke and Graham Dix – we welcome you all.

I went to the MG Day at Stoneleigh a few weeks ago, it seemed busier than I can remember for a long time. As always, it was an enjoyable day having a look around trying to find that not-to-be-missed bargain and meeting up with friends. I paid a lot of attention to the 'Hamer Car Lift', which is designed for the home enthusiast. It was displayed with a B GT on it which is coincidental because this year we are being lent a lift by Hamer for use at our Maintenance Day in October. Hopefully by

using the lift we will be able to demonstrate things easier with people getting a better view of things. We have started planning this year's day so watch this space for details.

I'm a bit disappointed because my batteries on the car have died over the winter even though I have had them connected to a battery conditioner unit which is designed to keep the batteries charged up. I am being told that I should consider changing the two 6-volt batteries for one 12-volt unit. You can buy 12-volt units which are the same size as a 6-volt so they fit into one of the battery cradles which allows the other to be used as a storage compartment. Typically a Varta unit has a lower capacity of amps/hour to the two 6-volt units but has about 50% more cranking power. This seems ideal because the B does not have all the modern electrical-operated goodies so I don't need high-rated amps/hour, but as the engine is not started every day, more cranking power seems a big advantage. Plus one 12-volt is cheaper than two 6-volts and

you generally get a longer guarantee than for the 6-volts.

There are still a few places left on the Register Social Weekend from September 9–12, which this year is based at Rockingham in Northamptonshire. I can assure you of an easy-going, relaxed weekend so if you are interested contact Bernard Rengger without delay to save any disappointment.

Even though by the time you read this we will only be a few days away from this year's Spring Run on Sunday April 10. If you are interested, why not give Roger Cooper a call and get a late entry? This year it starts again from Millets Farm near Abingdon to Dyrham Park, near Bath.

Work continues on the arrangements for **MGB 50 – 2012** and the official launch of which will be at *MGLive!* this year. As Roger mentioned in last month's Newsletter, there is a website dedicated to the event (**www.mgb50.com**). Please visit it and register your interest by providing your email address which will enable us to send you details of the event when the arrangements have been finalised.