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Firstly, we have to tell you that **Jeff Gibson** sadly died at the beginning of August. You can read a tribute to Jeff in the News section in this edition.

### **New Facebook Group**

The SVW Register has recently launched a new Facebook group, which is intended to be a meeting point for anyone interested in SVW cars. You don't need to be a member of The SVW Register to join, although you're likely to be reading this because you are a member! Members of the group can share their news, photos, restorations and thoughts and perhaps get an answer to a sticky question. Not everyone is on Facebook of course, but if you are then simply search for 'SVW Register', click on 'join' and we will add you. This supplements the ways in which we can communicate; our monthly *Safety Fast!* column, the annual SVW Review and the MGSVW Yahoo group for day-to-day technical queries, etc.

Many SVW owners have been writing in recently and I have lots of photos to share (if only I had the space!). **Colin Magness** owns VA Tourer 1355 that has been in the family since 1969, bought by his late father for £50. Colin says "one of my earliest childhood memories was when father first collected the car, I remember looking out the back window of mother's car and watching father driving behind in the VA, down the A12 dual carriageway with no hood or seats (I think he used a small box to sit on!)". The VA starts and drives, but is now undergoing a full restoration in Essex, expected to take two years.

**David Walker** has purchased Barbara Dark's VA Tourer 0314 that we featured previously. The car has moved from Suffolk to Norfolk where David is planning its restoration. Barbara eventually hopes to get to ride in it again as she did as a child.

**Manreet Sarkaria** in Chandigarh, India restored VA Tickford 1813 some time ago, fabricating all missing or unusable parts locally. It looks stunning and is a prize-winner – I have photos and a video to prove it!

Correction: last month I said '...there should be 1/4" toe-in across the axle (VA)' – this should be 1/8" as per Service Information Sheet 64 (1938).



The Magness wedding cars in 1988