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Writing this on March 1st, we've just had a lovely sunny day in West Sussex following what has been a very wet autumn and winter here in the UK; we've had very few nice days since last September! Anyway, the crocuses and daffodils are out and the cars will be made ready this week for the events to come.

I've now completed the front end renovation on my VA Tourer. The Lucas chrome horn is now wired up as it was when in police use. I just need to decide whether to have it blasting as well as or instead of the under-bonnet horn that's been in use since I bought the car in 1968! Mustn't frighten the horses!

I visited Tim Phelps a few days ago for a cuppa whilst we looked over the progress of the ex-David and Rosemary Washbourne SA Saloon 893, which is now in its new coat of paint. Although originally black all over, Tim decided to go for a two-tone finish, which I think really suits the car. The photo doesn't do it justice as it's got a bit dusty in the garage. The engine is now painted and in the car and a start has been made on the interior. Given Tim's previous restorations, including VA Tourer 1601, we can be sure the SA will be a fine example.

Looking at the website statistics for February received today, we're getting more page views than ever - an increase of 27% over the previous month and 37% since November. I think much of the increase is due to changes being highlighted in the Facebook group (where we have 171 group members).

All information about the July SVW Event at Battle, East Sussex was provided last month and full details are on the website. Bookings have been encouraging, including some first-time attendees. My partner Sharman and I are arriving a few days earlier to celebrate her birthday.

Before that of course we have The MG Era Day at Brooklands on April 19th (this year combined with The British Marques Day), an event not to be missed in my book.

The VA head gaskets mentioned last month are going fast. Purchasers will receive a photo of their gasket(s) and some have opted to pick them up at Brooklands or Battle. Email as above for further details.

Enjoy spring in your SVW.

