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Last month I mention a photoshoot at the lovely location of Amberley Castle featuring my VA Tourer. It had previously been postponed due to bad weather, but August 21st was perfect for the occasion. The photographer/journalist Mike Taylor took lots of photos in various positions - hood down, windscreen down, hood up. This was followed by a recorded interview in the library! I had an opportunity to proof-read it once. It will appear in MG Enthusiast in due course, perhaps the December edition. I'll let you know via the Facebook group or please send me an email if you want to be kept informed.

Events this year have been few and far between. However, the MGCC SE Centre organised a COVID-compliant event on September 13th with two drive-ins culminating at Leonardslee Gardens in West Sussex. This was nice and local for me, but I was unable to make it. There was a good SVW presence though with two VAs: Ian Burton in his recently-acquired VA Saloon 0251 (ex-Bas de Voogd and Keith Bush of course) and Peter Wallace in his (also) recently-acquired VA Tickford 1752, following the sad death of the previous owner last year. VAs especially are changing hands regularly with VA 1607 having sold this week too.

I've just fitted LED bulbs to the sidelights and indicators on my VA Tourer. My front sidelights also function as indicators, so flashed white; it's nice now to have the amber built into the LEDs. My Thirtelite was repurposed as a dash warning for the indicators, but this stopped working necessitating changing the flasher unit, so I also built in a more audible warning at the same time. They are amazingly bright with minimal drain, encouraging me to use them as running lights on duller days.



Peter Wallace with his superb VA Tickford (John Dutton)



Ian Burton's historic VA Saloon 0251 (Martin Stevens)