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Writing this on March 30th, it's the warmest March day in the UK since 1968! At the same time, lockdown measures have eased and we can meet up to six people outdoors and many are starting to use their MGs again after a long lay-up.

My item in the March Safety Fast! about fire precautions in our garages and cars prompted some interest with several people buying similar kit.

Since mid-February, our website has included a pop-up screen each time you visit. This displays lesser-known useful tips or news items of general interest. By the time you read this, there will have been at least 10 such tips, so take a regular look as these are often not available elsewhere.

The 6th 'Useful Tip' was about changes to the MOT regulations regarding LED / HID headlight bulbs in our cars, which I'm sure you'll read about elsewhere. Briefly, the MOT Inspection Manual dated 11 January 2021 instructed testers to fail the MOT if standard headlight bulbs had been replaced with LEDs. After much debate, a new version of the manual was issued so that from 22nd March this would only apply to cars built or used on or after 1st April 1986. The latest LED bulbs may well resolve the dazzle and scatter issues experienced with earlier versions. Many of us, including me, have already fitted LED side / brake / indicator bulbs

The SVW Event at Battle (July 27th to 29th) is likely to go ahead. Venues are being rebooked as they reopen and the hotel has confirmed our booking at 2020 prices. Hopefully, the required MSA Certificate will not be a problem as they're already allowing limited road events. Most adults in the UK will have been vaccinated by then, which may not be the case for our EU friends, so the event may not be as international as usual. The latest information will be on the website.

Mike Dalby sent me some photos that came his way of VA Tickford BBL 169, a non-survivor it seems. It was apparently owned by Cyril Stanley West D.F.C. who flew Catalinas on Atlantic convoy missions during WW2 with 190 Squadron and finished up as an Air Commodore. I leave you with one of the five photos Mike sent.

