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Many of us, at least in the UK, have been able to get out and about in our MGs in the last few weeks and perhaps enjoy a pint in a pub garden.

We've had a flurry of new members on the Facebook group; we now have 203 group members (end April). Remember that you can click through to the Facebook and MGSVW forums via the Links tab on the website. By the time you read this there will have been at least 12 'Useful Tips' on the website too; so far these have covered diverse subjects such as SA distributors, low oil pressure, E.I. failure, LED headlamp bulbs, VA inlet manifolds, steering box wear, seat construction and plenty more besides.

It's full steam ahead for the SVW Event at Battle (July 27th to 29th) - the latest news is always on the website. It looks like being a good turn-out with owners making sure their cars are ready for what will undoubtedly be a superb event, especially following such a fallow period.

Jim Andrews had a good day out filming for Great British Railway Journeys with Michael Portillo. The programme was screened on 26th April on BBC2 (Series 12, Episode 1). The last few minutes of the programme included a chat with Adam Sloman at Kimber House before Jim was brought in to tell Michael about his VA Tickford before taking a drive on the old factory test route. I'm sure the few minutes of footage meant a full day of filming and hanging around. You may still find this episode on i-player if you missed it.

Jim Andrews also reported running problems with his MGC with sooty spark plugs. Jim remembered something similar I had had with my VA Tourer, which had baffled me for some time before it was traced to the electronic ignition. Based on this, Jim went straight to the culprit, refitted his points and cured the problem. We're hearing more and more about issues with E.I. systems, probably because many have been installed for ten years and more.

Malcolm Robertson says "The 2021 edition of the SVW Register's annual SVW Review is currently being compiled and will be ready to post out in the near future (*estimated late June – Ed*). Early bird orders can be placed through the MG Car Club shop (<https://shop.mgcc.co.uk/product/svw-review-2021-yearbook/>). The Review has 52 pages packed full of articles and colour photos of your favourite SA, VA and WA MGs, covering a full range of current, historical, technical and social topics from the UK and around the globe". This is free to members, of course, otherwise advance orders are available at £8 instead of the £10 cover price.

My grandfather used to say, "there's nothing like a full tank of petrol and the open road". Perhaps now we should say "be careful of the ethanol in the petrol, don't leave it in there too long, try to escape the traffic and watch out for potholes"! Stay safe....