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Many will have read about the sad death of Keith Bush on 17<sup>th</sup> June. Anne Bush asked The SVW Register to write a few words to be read out (in English and French) at the funeral on 24<sup>th</sup> June, which was live streamed from France. We also sent 25 photos that were displayed during the ceremony. We reproduce the tribute below.

“Keith Bush was a mainstay in the MG community for many years, certainly from the 1990s. He owned three rare pre-war MG VA models but was also a lifetime classic car enthusiast, expert mechanic and auto-electrician.

Keith and Anne attended many MG events and it was always Keith who would fix cars to keep them going for the event and to get them home. In fact, the joke at the time was that people brought their cars to events to get them serviced! Keith wore his trademark green sweater that he didn't mind getting grubby, but would scrub up well for the evening dinners (and very well for Royal events such as that at Windsor in 2009 in the presence of The Duke of Edinburgh). As can be seen in the photos, the most common view we had of Keith was from the rear, or perhaps a pair of legs sticking out from under a car!

An open bonnet was like a magnet to Keith, but when it came to his own cars he was not always so careful. On one occasion when preparing for an event in France, he was overly generous when filling his axle with oil and wondered why his rear brakes were so poor.

Keith served on The SVW Register Committee in The MG Car Club from 2005 until 2015 and it was after this time that Keith and Anne decided to move to France to enjoy their cars on the empty roads.

Keith designed and assembled a cut-away MG VA engine on a mobile stand, which he presented to The MG Car Club. This is displayed in the Club House and will be a lasting legacy.

Problems posted by people on social media always received a useful response from Keith. In fact he posted one such reply at 18.55 on 17<sup>th</sup> June, the day he died. Anne notified us at 21.30 that day that he had died.

He will be sorely missed by those who knew him and received the benefit of his expertise. Our thoughts are with Anne, together with his mother and brother who survive him”.

There will be more on this next month, together with a report on last month's SVW Event in Battle and news about VA Tourer MG5552.

*Photo below taken at Windsor, 2009.*

