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The traditional M.G. event at Brooklands every April morphed a few years ago into The British Marques Day and this year was labelled The Best of British, now adding some elements of British ‘culture’ with Paddington Bear, a Royal Punch and Judy show, Morris dancers, a brass band and other entertainments. It was a good turn-out on a fine day and the M.G. paddock was crammed with a superb array of cars, including no less than three K3s. The SVW Register was represented by two VA Tourers – my own VA1737 and the ‘Freeman’ VA2563, both of which started life in The East Sussex Constabulary. Peter Freeman sadly died last year, but his wife Maggie and daughters Rebecca and Clare have taken up the mantle and kept the family VA on the road. Rebecca was the driver on what was their first proper outing in the car and I must say she looked very much at home. Clare’s partner Tom made up the quartet.



Elsewhere in this edition I hope you will find an article on the SA Tickford belonging to Andrew Pearce and the story of the Abingdon concours events that started from the late 1940s. The article includes a charming photo of Andrew's SA taken at one such concours event in 1948.

Writing this piece on 23rd May I'm conscious that on this very day in 1968 I bought my VA Tourer, so fifty-five years of ownership so far. The years have included highs and lows of course, but very happy memories persist. Returning from Brooklands in April I spotted rear axle oil on the offside wheel, so I obtained an oil seal from Polish Peter and that will be fitted shortly, together with changing the rear axle oil. I'll also be taking the VA for an MOT soon, which I usually do before an especially long trip. It should then be ready for the journey to Yorkshire for the annual SVW event in July, just a few days after you read this.