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This is the first edition of 2024, so we hope you enjoyed the Christmas festivities and the New Year has started well for you.

Special 100 Celebration!

Although the MG Centenary celebrations continue until May this year, the 'Special 100' I refer to relates to the fact that this is the 100th SVW notes that I have compiled as your Scribe. I had not wished nor expected that it would continue so long, but since 2015 it has given me a certain amount of pleasure and enabled me to meet or correspond with many owners around the world. Their tips, adventures, historical contributions and stories are a joy to relate in these pages. Most of my time is taken up by looking for suitable SVW content, which usually does not come my way without looking for it. We shall see how much longer I can occupy the role or how much longer you may wish me to!

Many of us have a close affinity with the SVW MGs that sometimes defies logic to the extent that we keep them at all costs. We are all getting older and it's not uncommon to see 50 years of ownership and more. Next month is our 4-page Newsletter and I would like to feature something on this topic. Recent sales of VA models at very low prices are partly the result of selling through inappropriate auction houses, at the wrong time and with an element of urgency. What can be done to mitigate this? Perhaps you have your own thoughts - if so, please drop me a line.

The SVW event in Holland in April is now very much on the horizon. All details are on the website and in previous issues of Safety Fast! A large number of us are taking the same night ferry from Harwich to Hook of Holland on April 23rd, so arriving at the event on the 24th. There is still time to join us if you've been in two minds about it. I think it's going to be lots of fun. The photo comes from the last time we were in Holland in 2019.



You will no doubt know of my interest in SVW police cars in the UK, in particular VA Tourers. Many survive, including my own VA 1737 and, local to me, VA 2563. They were both in The East Sussex Constabulary. I suspect there are one or two that remain unidentified as such, so the photo here shows the two different speedometers. On the left is the standard instrument fitted to the VA and SA; on the right is the police version. You can see that the face of the latter is effectively upside down and has a different sweep. It is also a guaranteed accurate version, at least at the time.

