

## MGB

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Well at last the weather cheered up, well in most of the country anyway and the sun came out for the Midget Register's Annual Road Run at the beginning of September which the MGB Register was supporting. An extremely enjoyable route was laid on once again with the finish at Coughton Court where, due to the inclement weather this year, the grounds were still a little delicate and alternative arrangements were needed for 60 odd MGs arriving! I'm sure a full report of the day will appear in a future issue.

Although a basically weatherproof car, the MGB can develop leaks here and there and apart from the obvious places around doors and windows the cause of an unwelcome cold drip on your exposed limbs is not a pleasant experience!

With the exceptionally wet summer more of us would have been learning how well our cars cope with keeping the water out and for some years our MGB would see fit to deposit a splash of cold water directly on to the passenger's right leg. This would normally occur after being stationary in a heavy shower and happen just after driving off. The most common cause on a B is a short rubber hose connected to the bottom of the fresh air intake. The hose has a ball shaped section in it and after years of collecting



leaves and other detritus through the air grille, it can block up and cause water to back up into the foot well. The best way to clear it is to get under the car and look up to one side of the gearbox where you will see the end of the hose as an inch wide opening slot. Stick a large flat screwdriver up into the hose opening and wiggle it about. Just remember to move your face out of the way before the contents land up your nose! If there is still water landing on your knees you will probably find that the corner of the

bulkhead structure in the foot well just above the hot air vent has rotted out and the hole is letting in rain water - but that's for another time!

Just a reminder that the MGB Register Focus Day is taking place at the Motor Sports Training Centre at Bicester on Saturday November 17. The day will be split into two sessions - with Danny Waters overhauling a propshaft and replacing all the outer seals on the rear drive train and Yvonne from PJM Motors

will be renovating and recovering MGB seats. There will also be the usual opportunity to pose any technical questions to our experts.

Spaces for this event are on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Tickets are £12 per person and can be reserved by forwarding a cheque made payable to the 'MG Car Club Ltd - MGB Register' together with a stamped addressed envelope to me at 38 St Birstan Gardens, Andover, Hants SP10 4NY.

Finally, this month's picture is of Roger George's 1974 GT.

Roger and his wife usually do their weekly shopping in their Volvo V70 but as the weather was so fine, they decided to use the MG instead. However they did not consider that as their son, his wife and two young sons were staying with them, the 'shop' would be of a considerably bigger volume than usual. On arriving home Roger took the photograph above to prove that you can fit two adults and weeks shopping for a family of five adults and two young children in an MGB GT!