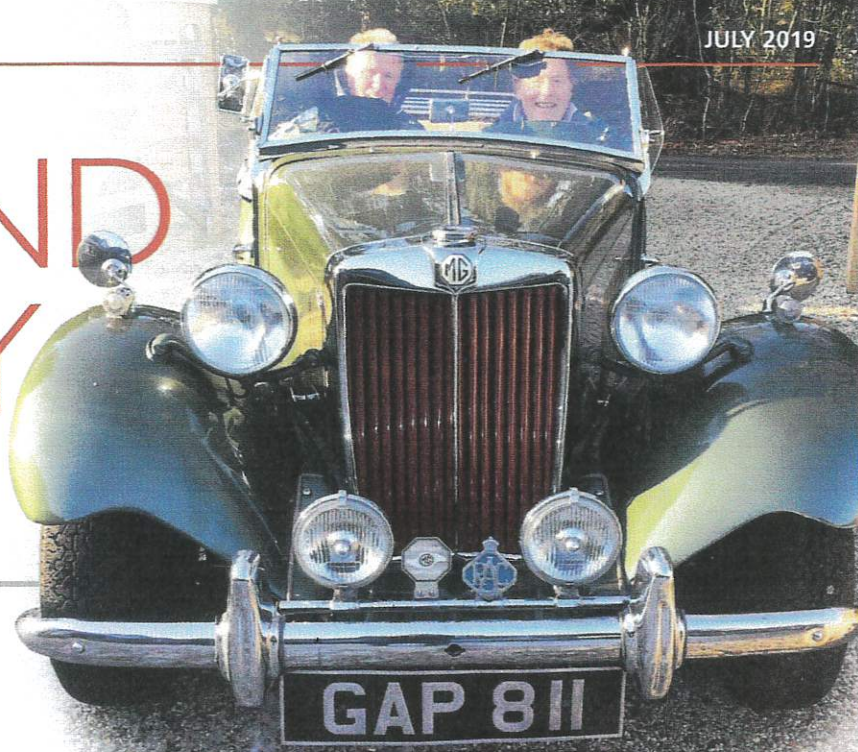


LOST AND QUICKLY FOUND



Patrick Havill

During a phone conversation with my friend one Saturday, I mentioned I was still looking for my old 1951 MG TD. I won my first motorsport speed event in 1962 in this car and my then girlfriend won the ladies award. I knew it was on the road from information on the DVLA site but I had no idea where in the UK it could be. A few minutes later my friend sent me a link to an advert on the internet and when I opened it there was my old MG! It looked great, however, the ad was from sometime late 2016. The vendor states he had owned the car for over thirty years and it was restored in 1983, the only mods being an unleaded cylinder head, a 4.785 diff, Mota-Lita wheel, luggage rack and aero screens.

In the correspondence, someone mentions his father owned it in the 60s (probably after me) and the guy who purchased it responded (Ian Pawson) that he had bought the car in Enfield to add to his collection, none of which he has sold.

I contacted Ian and explained I used to own the car and he invited me to see it in the New Forest, just 40 mins away from where I live. We had a lovely drive, if a little cold and a few days later I decided to offer to buy the car. Because of my previous ownership and success with it, Ian very kindly agreed.

I collected the TD on the 2nd February and she is now parked up safely in my garage.

Ian Pawson in the passenger seat with me after the drive



Patrick at the wheel of the TD when he used to race it in the 60s



Safely tucked up in the garage



Patrick back in the seat of the TD decades after first owning it