



anniversary coming in 2028

The 55th anniversary of the launch of the MGBGV8 model in August 1973 will be in 2028.



50th Anniversary in 2028

The 50th anniversary of the launch of the V8 Register in October 1978 will be in 2028

Two anniversaries coming in 2028

Launch of the MGBGV8 and the MG Motor Show in 1973

The MGBGV8 was launched in August 1973 and in October it was on the MG stand at the 58th Motor Show held at Earl's Court. The display on the MG stand was dramatic with an MGBGV8 (Citron 798) up on a steep ramp which had the logo down the side declaring "the new 124mph MGBGV8". It was a dramatic sight up there looking as though it was about to take off. What a launch at a motor show! Also on the stand was another MGBGV8, Aconite 799. You can see a BBC report on the show in a short video recording which is a real period piece in many ways.

[Video](#) & [Link](#)

Launch of the V8 Register in October 1978

Following the launch the V8 Register which attracted many MGV8 enthusiasts, in May 1979 the first meeting of the V8 Register was held at the Crossroads Inn at Weedon Bec on the Saturday evening of the MG Car Club's annual meeting at Silverstone. The V8 Workshop Notes series was launched with a note contributed by a founder member John Dupont and the series began to grow rapidly with useful articles on MGV8 maintenance and spares topics. [First V8 meeting](#)

Events planned for 2028

A series of events at locations enjoyed by MGV8 enthusiasts over the years, including Hook Norton, Sywell, Rousham, Abingdon and around Watlington south of Oxford, is being planned by Victor Smith to recall the enjoyable events and friendships that fellow MGV8 enthusiasts and their friends have enjoyed since he launched the V8 Register in October 1978.



Hook Norton Brewery visit
with a guided tour of the brewery followed by lunch



Lunch at Sywell Aerodrome
at the beautiful Art Deco styled Clubhouse



Visit to Rousham House
with a tour of the House and the Gardens



Abingdon Market Place
Display of MGBGV8s in the Market Place opposite the Museum
Report from Victor Smith



Dog House pub lunch
Well known pub on the old test route used by the MG Factory for the MGBGV8 model.



Churches around Watlington
a tour from Chiselhampton via lunch in Fingest and on to Ewelme south of Oxford