

V8 Register – MG Car Club

Minutes of the V8 Annual General Meeting

Sunday 16th August 2026 at noon in the V8 Gazebo at MGFest'26 at Brands Hatch

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Peter Ellis, Clive Wheatley, Peter Beadle and Ken Clayton.

2. Minutes of the last V8 AGM held at MG Fest North at Croft Circuit in September 2025 and any matters arising

With no matters arising the approval of the minutes was proposed by Peter Berry and seconded by Dugald McNeill. A vote of members present approved the minutes.

3. V8 Chairman's report

Tony Smith reported a very busy year with:

- attending the NEC Classic Car show in November 2025 with the V8 Register having John Davies' rubber bumper MGBGTV8 (Black 2102) on display on the MG Car Club stand,
- attending the Club Council and AGM meetings in the Autumn 2025 and the Council meeting in March 2026,
- attending the popular Classic Car Show at Bridgnorth in Shropshire May 2026 arranged by Clive Wheatley mgv8parts which was well attended with many MGV8s on display. [Link](#),
- enjoying the V8 Tour in June 2026 in the Peak District National Park arranged by Ken Clayton, Ian Lindley and Tony Smith. [Link](#),
- a strong recruitment of 59 new Club members with an MGV8 (7.7% of all new Club members),
- a good display of 48 MGV8s at the MG Fest'26 Brands Hatch 2026 event,

Looking ahead to the remainder of 2026 and on to 2027 & 2028 we have:

- **attending the NEC Classic Car show** in 2026 with Billy Waite's MGRV8 on display
- **35th Anniversary of the RV8** launch in 1992 in 2027
- **50th Anniversary of the formation of the V8 Register** in October 1978
- **55th Anniversary of the launch of the MGBGTV8** in August 1973
- **V8 Tour 2027** as a joint event with Caledonian Centre remembering Peter Jung. It will be based at North Lakes Hotel & Spa near Penrith with tours in the Borders and North Lakes.
- **V8 Register contact with the Executive Committee** is now Lorraine Noble-Thompson.

4. V8 Treasurer's report

John Cumming presented his report circulated ahead of the meeting showing a healthy flow of income from the sale of useful items on the Online V8 Shop (sets of workshop notes, MGV8s for sale adverts, V8 spares for sale adverts, printed publications and regalia), modest overheads and a prudent level of reserves. John thanked Ali Khushi (Club Accounts Manager) for his very helpful support.

[Report](#) & [Accounts 1](#) & [Accounts 2](#)

5. V8 Tour Coordinator's report

The four day "Cruising the Peaks" tour based at the Peak Edge Hotel just west of Chesterfield was arranged by Ken Clayton, Ian Lindley and Tony Smith with interesting routes in the Peak District, talks at dinner with one on participating in the Monte Carlo event and another with a quiz arranged by Peter Ellis. [Link](#)

6. V8 Spares representative's report

Tony Smith reported that Clive Wheatley mgv8parts has resourced some useful parts:

MGRV8

Clutch master cylinder
Clutch slave cylinder
Three brake lines

MGBGTV8

Oil pipe to the oil cooler
Oil pipe to the base of the oil filter

MGBV8 Conversions & MGBGTV8

More 15" all-alloy Dunlop composite lookalike wheels

7. Election of V8 Committee members

The three officers on the V8 Committee stood down and each was nominated to stand for election. As Tony Smith was standing down a temporary chairman of the meeting was proposed – Peter Berry was proposed as temporary chairman of the meeting and a vote of members present appointed him to chair the meeting:

- **V8 Chairman** – the nomination of Tony Smith as V8 Chairman was proposed by Lorraine Noble Thompson and seconded by Ken Clayton. A vote supported his election with no abstentions or votes against.
- **V8 Treasurer** – the nomination of John Cumming as V8 Treasurer was proposed by Nigel Chapman and seconded by Graham Wills. A vote supported his election with no abstentions or votes against.
- **V8 Secretary** – the nomination of Ken Clayton as V8 Secretary was proposed by Ian Lindley and seconded by Peter Edmunds. A vote supported his election with no abstentions or votes against.

At this point Tony Smith resumed the role of chairman of the meeting.

- **Election of a V8 Committee member** – John Davies was proposed by Tony Smith and seconded by Ken Clayton. A vote supported his election with no abstentions or votes against.
- **Retirement from the V8 Committee** - Ralph Hardwick retired as a member of the V8 Committee.

8. Other reports

Reports made before the meeting:

- **V8 Website & V8 Bulletin Board reports** from Victor Smith showed the level of activity of visitors, posts on the V8BB and news and other items posted to the V8 Website. [Link](#) & [Link](#)
- **V8 Scribe's report** from Peter Berry. [Link](#)
- **Workshop editor's report** from Peter Ellis. [Link](#)
- **V8 Registrar's report** from Dugald MacNeill. [Link](#)
- **V8 Facebook Group report** from Julian Holmes. [Link](#)

9. Any Other Business

- **V8 Tour of Peterborough Cathedral** – Ian Quarrington has offered to arrange this event, probably it will be in April/May 2027, with an MGV8 display nearby which could feature MGRV8s in their 35th MGRV8 Anniversary year in 2027. Lunch will be arranged south of Peterborough.
- **Contributions from V8 members of tips and photos** – Peter Berry encouraged fellow V8 members to contribute any photos, tips and the use of their MGV8 as copy for the V8 columns and newsletters in the monthly issues of Safety Fast!
- **Classic Car Show at Bridgnorth in Shropshire 2027** – Tony Smith reported it is hoped the event will be repeated in 2027, possibly in May again.
- **V8 Technical Day** – it's hoped this popular event could be revived and planned and arranged for 2027. Any volunteers offering to arrange the event, to contribute a presentation or to help with the catering will be very welcome.
- **35th MGRV8 Anniversary event(s) in 2027** – any volunteers willing to contribute to the planning and arranging events for this major anniversary year will be very welcome. [Link](#)
- **50th Anniversary of the formation of the V8 Register and 55th Anniversary of launch of the MGBGTV8 in 2028** – report on possible events from Victor Smith. [Link](#)

With no further matters raised by V8 members present the V8 Chairman declared the meeting closed. The next V8 AGM will be in 2027 probably in August but the date, probably coinciding with a major MG Car Club event, will need to be agreed and the date announced in a formal notice on the V8 Website and in Safety Fast! magazine.