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**Rare RV8GT sold**

Longstanding RV8 enthusiast Peter Kuruber surprised fellow members by advertising his early RV8 (Old English White 0016) for sale and then revealed he had bought the rare RV8GT from Philip Jones.

**New MoT test certificate**

The MoT test certificates have been changed and are now printed on plain paper, but that's not the only change because the document has been switched from a portrait A4 document to a landscape A4 format, it's now monochrome (no longer the familiar light green colour) and there is no small peel off self adhesive data panel which could be attached to the inside of the

windscreen to act as a MoT renewal reminder. But VOSA has spotted a moneymaking opportunity - you can register for an MoT renewal reminder message by text for £1.50! There are already concerns voiced about the ease with which the new test certificate can be "doctored" by unscrupulous owners or traders when selling a car - for example advisory items listed on the righthand side of the certificate may have been blanked out and then the form copied to look like an original certificate - so care will be needed when buying a car.

**Fuel duty rise in January postponed**

The good news in the Autumn Statement made to the UK Parliament in late

November was the planned 3p per litre increase in fuel duty previously due in January would be postponed until August 2012. The second increase that was planned for August will now not take place but the postponed 3p will apply then. HM Treasury says an average family will save around £144 on filling the average family car by the end of 2012. See the report on the V8 website.

**V8 Tour 2012 in mid Wales**

Based at the four star Metropole hotel in the spa town of Llandrindod Wells in mid Wales over the weekend Friday 31st August to Monday 3rd September, the V8 Tour 2012 will have a programme of tours and visits. The tour organisers are Carolyn and Bob Owen. Further details of the tour and booking arrangements will follow next month.

**V8 Curry Evening**

A curry evening is a popular start to the season for V8 enthusiasts and in recent years has been held on the Saturday evening before the Stoneleigh MG Show the following day. For 2012 the curry will be on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February at the Palash Bari, an Indian restaurant in the village of Fosters Booth on the A5 in Northamptonshire between Towcester and Weedon. For satnavs the postcode is NN12 8LB. Meet in the bar at 6.30pm for dinner at 7.00pm prompt in a private dining room. Prior bookings are necessary with Tony Lake on 01604 589104 - full details and a booking form are available on the V8 website.

**Biofuel corrosion inhibitor additives**

Using bio-ethanol can lead to acidic corrosion and in storage tends to degrade. Motor fuel grade ethanol is usually treated at source but there is no guarantee that this will happen, so ideally an aftermarket treatment should be used which can be added to the petrol during refuelling a classic or vintage car and will protect the fuel system. During 2011 independent additive tests were commissioned by the FBHVC which would lead to an endorsement scheme of those additives shown to be providing worthwhile protection. The tests started in early July 2011 with the aim of completing them by mid-October, however, part-way through the 13 week test sequence contamination in the test bath was found to have influenced results and the tests were abandoned and the programme restarted in late September. The results will now be ready in early January 2012. No endorsement has been made by FBHVC of any inhibitor product at this stage but we



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have seen the marketing and promotional material is already circulating which might lead some readers to believe the product being marketed was endorsed by the FBHVC. Not so - this was made very clear.