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### **V8 Rebuild completed**

The regular reports from Barrie Jones on the rebuild of an MGBGTV8 (Damask 0450) he rescued as wreck on eBay likely to have been broken for spares, have been a popular series on the V8 website over the last three years. For many members it has been fascinating seeing the various stages of the work and some of the surprises Barrie met on the way. An example popped up in his final report on a big day for the car – he took it to his local MG specialist for its first MoT since the rebuild. But there was one nasty moment - when the tester stamped on the brake pedal there was a snapping sound and the brake pedal fell to the floor! In an earlier report Barrie had mentioned one of the brand new brake adjusters had stripped a thread when he was rebuilding the brakes.

Well the shock was another one failed in a more dramatic way. Barrie commented “I do worry that some of the new replacement parts are of very poor quality. Anyway, the adjuster was replaced with one from a different supplier, and Damask 450 then sailed through the MoT.”

### **V8 plans for MGLive! 2011**

Lunch at the Pear Tree Inn next to the brewery at Hook Norton on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June is a traditional start to the annual weekend meeting at Silverstone for V8 enthusiasts. The pub serves good light lunches and of course has some of the finest real ale. If you plan to join fellow members and friends then do let me know so we can let the landlord have an idea of numbers for catering. All MG enthusiasts are very welcome.

A V8 Supper on Friday evening 24<sup>th</sup> June will be held this year at the Three Conies pub at Thorpe Mandeville, a village a few miles north of the A43 between Brackley and Silverstone village. We have their private dining room for the supper which can seat around 40 people in comfort. As it is a popular event, booking is necessary. You can book online on the V8 website or alternatively you can book with Victor Smith using the contacts above.

We will have the usual V8 Marquee at MGLive! alongside a V8 parking area

providing a focal point so you can meet up with fellow members. This year a key feature in the marquee will be the display of Barrie Jones' MGBGTV8 which is just back on the road after his major three year rebuild.

On the Sunday at MGLive! we hold the V8 AGM at 12.30pm, just before lunch. It's deliberately held at the Club's principal event so the maximum number of V8 members will have an opportunity to attend and vote in the election of a new V8 Committee. This year we have already received nominations from Jim Gibson for the post of V8 Chairman and from Bob Owen to stand as V8 Treasurer. The remainder of the V8 activities at MGLive! will be set out in the V8 Column next month

### **V8 Hampshire Tour 2011**

The next V8 Tour in the popular series, planned for the long weekend of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011, will be based at the Norton Park Hotel near Winchester in Hampshire. This year's tour is being organised by Bob and Carolyn Owen. Full details of the programme and booking arrangements are on the V8 Register website at [www.v8register.net](http://www.v8register.net) or alternatively you can email Bob at [v8events@v8register.net](mailto:v8events@v8register.net) or call on 0118 933 2533. You can book and pay online or you can use mail order by contacting Bob and Carolyn.