



The **Australian China to Longbridge Group** arrived at the Dog House pub near Frilford Heath west of Abingdon in July after a quite extraordinary overland journey. They were met by a party of V8 enthusiasts as in their number were "Macca" McCleave from Victoria in Australia with his MGBGT V8 and

Michael Brett from South Africa with a V8 he had recently bought in the UK and then taken out to Italy to join the Australian group for their final leg to the UK. As the Dog House is on the old Factory V8 Test Route, Bob Owen and I drove round the route several times so a photo record of the route

is now available on the V8 Website for fellow members should they visit the area. It's available via a link on the homepage of the V8 Website.

The **V8 Cambridgeshire Tour 2010** is over the long weekend from Friday 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September based at Cambridge. David Allen has arranged a programme of visits in the area. For further information call 01778 343235.

The **Goodwood Revival** has a special appeal for many classic car enthusiasts - yes there is the nostalgia of the style and feel of the event which is wonderful, but the action on the track is not a gentle parade of cars of an earlier age. The racing is real and frenetic with an excitement that is intense. The weekend runs from the relatively quieter Friday 17<sup>th</sup> through to a busy Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September. The features this year will be a tribute to John Surtees who first raced on four wheels at Goodwood 50 years ago, a gathering of 40 BRMs, a Battle of Britain 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a pre-1966 aircraft concours, the rarely seen Jaguar E2A and Brian Redman in an Aston DBR1. For members not familiar with the event there is full briefing on the V8 Website. We usually meet at the Spitfire Bar in the Paddock for breakfast from 8.00am and enjoy the Spitfires warming up just before their display at 9.00am. Do get in touch if you are there on 07770 822977 and remember admission is only by ticket bought in advance - no ticket sales on the gate on the day.

To end the season we have a popular V8 Gathering on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at the Club's two day race meeting at **Snetterton**. There is a Club hospitality room there for members so do call in.

Finally a reminder of the need to **check the steering rack mounts for cracks** on both the V8 and RV8 models came from a report from Peter Teager who discovered cracks on both mounts on his early MGBGT V8. Check out V8NOTE338 and 339 on the V8 Website for full details.