

MG Plant at Abingdon – photos from Geoff Allen’s archive



Back row: Ray Applegate, Arthur Dixon, Fred Hart, Peter Duffield, Terry Griffin & Don Stone

Middle row: Basil Morret, Bert Sparrow, Bill Haynes, Frank Giles, Owen Gill, Jack Buckland, Harry Hardwick, Peter Jones, Lionald Hines, Derek Lloyd, Fred Laylet, Bill Walters, Tommy Iles, **Geoff Allen**, Harry Grant, Eddie Shears, Bert Spiers, Harry Springfield & Charlie Rosum.

Bottom row: Alf Burges, Auntie Glad, Eileen, Elsie, Chris Wadsworth & Tony Wickson.



Geoff Allen in Rectifications Department enjoying an amusing moment

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Geoff Allen with colleagues at the MG Plant at Abingdon near the end of production there.



The late **Geoff Allen** was a founder member of the V8 Register in 1978 and a much liked MG V8 enthusiast as our Archivist and Historian. After the MG Plant closed he set up his own MG servicing business in Abingdon which he ran successfully for many years before retiring to Congleton.

Geoff Allen's fondness for MG and his willingness to help fellow enthusiasts was legendary. His knowledge and experience of maintaining post war MGs came from working in Rectifications Department at the MG Factory at Abingdon for 27 years where a team of up to 60 people worked on more than 200 cars a day at one stage. So he was well used to a variety of fault finding and curing challenges which he clearly enjoyed. Geoff particularly liked the MGB which he had felt "looked exactly right" from his first sighting of the new model at Easter 1961 and later when the MGBGT V8 model came in he felt that was the "dream MG" - "as soon as I knew about them I wanted one!". Geoff regarded his wife Jean as his best friend - a truly wonderful partnership. He died peacefully on Saturday 10th June 2006 age 76. [Obit](#)