



### Back axle breather pipe check

Derek Squires saw something lying on the floor under the back of his RV8 and found it was a plastic rear axle breather (marked item 19 on the workshop manual diagram), which had had sheared off at the top of the short threaded section that holds it into the top of the offside part of the back axle. With that part missing he had an open hole of about 7mm diameter in the top of the axle to let in water and grit. If it had fallen off when on the road, he would have never noticed that it was missing. He mentioned it to another RV8-owner friend who crawled under his car and found his breather pipe was also missing.

He found replacement parts are readily obtainable from Brown & Gammons as **ZXC5726** for the RV8 and **21H6060** for the GTV8. The RV8 part (on the left) is about 6mm shorter lower than the MGB breather as it does not have the unthreaded narrow section. The replacement part has a small ball-bearing inside the cap to act as a non-return. The photo alongside shows the threaded section of the MGB breather (at the bottom right of the photo) screws into the top of the axle. The discoloured portion on the righthand breather is the broken thread that was still in Derek's axle. A black rubber

cap sits on the top of the breather. It's worth checking your breather pipe is there.

### V8 Curry at Knowle

Our annual V8 Curry, usually held at the beginning of the year, will be at the Lloyds Indian Restaurant in Knowle near Solihull in the West Midlands on Saturday 20th February 2016. As that is the evening before the MG-Triumph Show at Stoneleigh on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> it will be convenient for fellow members travelling to the show and stopping overnight nearby as the restaurant is not far from Stoneleigh. We hope the access arrangements at the Stoneleigh site will be better this year. Full details are available via the "More" webpage at: [www.v8register.net/more.htm](http://www.v8register.net/more.htm)

### MGV8 PriceWatch

Classic car prices have been on the move over the last few years and Keith Belcher and Andy Goves have been following the auction news and adverts with useful reports and price guide updates for both V8 and RV8 models. Those reports are our MGV8 PriceWatch. In January Andy Goves reported on two RV8s sold at auction in December 2015 - see the reports and analysis via the "More" page.

