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## V8 Curry evening

The annual V8 Curry is on Saturday 10th February at the Lloyds Indian Restaurant in Knowle near Solihull in the West Midlands. It's close to Stoneleigh where the annual MG Show is held the following day. Details and booking arrangements are on our "More" webpage at [www.v8register.net/more.htm](http://www.v8register.net/more.htm)

## MOT exemption

Currently vehicles manufactured prior to 1960 are exempt from the requirement to pass an annual MOT test, but from 20th May 2018 that simple arrangement is changing to comply with an EU Regulation. In future, vehicles will not be automatically exempt on the

basis of their age, but owners will have to declare them to be Vehicles of Historic Interest (VHI). To be eligible to be a VHI, a vehicle must be over 40 years old and have not undergone any substantial modification during the previous 30 years.

The meaning of "substantial modification" has been the subject of intensive discussion between the DfT and FBHVC. The original proposals put forward by DfT in its consultation would have been restrictive and impractical but it is thought that the guidelines now agreed and the introduction of the 30 year rule make this a workable solution. The guidelines are in a document "Vehicle of Historic Interest (VHI): Substantial

Change Guidance". We expect an FBHVC clarification will be released. See our "More" webpage for details.

The existing Vehicle Excise Duty exemption arrangements are not affected in any way by these MOT exemption changes. It will still be possible for all vehicles over 40 years old to be registered in the Historic class and exempted from VED. That exemption continues to be on a rolling 40 year basis.

## Replacement ducting above the shroud on the exhaust manifold

Angus Munro decided he would have to replace the tubular ducting above the hot air shrouds on the "Lobster Claws" attached to the air cleaners. The shrouds are located just above the exhaust manifolds. He had found they were NLA but Tony Lake said he "had seen Revotec



Ducting above the shroud have some flexible aluminium ducting listed on their website in 1m lengths at very nearly the right outside diameter – 51mm v 50mm – I have measured on my old air cleaner parts on the shelf. Given the relatively fragile nature of the ducting, having a slip fit rather than a force fit might not be such a bad arrangement." See Revotec at: <http://www.revotec.com> Angus found their ducting fits well and he contributed a new workshop note as V8NOTE534.