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Replacement windscreen wipers

Tony Lake found that with driving in the bad weather and muddy roads in March it showed up his wipers for what they were - shot. They looked alright but close inspection showed the wiping edge of the blade had detached from the heavier section in the middle on one blade and at the end on the other. He had always used Bosch as they are very flexible and wipe well and got them from Halfords. I found Bosch SP13 blades online in the original Satin Black colour and bought a pair which arrived promptly.

The packaging says suitable for "hook type wiper arms". Tony could see his wiper arm is plain and straight but found that all he had to do is hold the wiper blade at right angles to the arm and push the old wiper blade assembly from where it pivots on the arm, leaving the clip/pivot in place. A spot of penetrating oil helps, then push the plastic clip/pivot off the new arm in the same way and discard. Finally clip the new wiper blade back in the same slot on the wiper arm clip and push hard to engage with the pivot. Job done and a crystal clear screen again".

The new wiper blade assembly is designed for a hook shaped wiper arm so you must remove the plastic pivot that fits on the hook so that you end up with just a wiper blade. Then when you remove your old wiper assembly you have to reuse the plastic pivot from the old wiper. It will be much clearer when you get hold of the new blade and parts. Make sure you get SP13, there are other similar designations but Tony confirms the SP13 fits the MGBGTV8 arms and screen.

Bosch SP13 wiper blades are available at attractive prices from some online traders but quality is an issue. Beware of green boxed wiper blades on the market. Peter Beadle reported he bought a pair two years ago and had to replace them last year just to satisfy the MOT inspector. The rubber blades had perished at the ends so he bought and fitted a pair of Satin Black Bosch SP13 wiper blades.

Halfords have Bosch Super Plus SP13 wiper blades and say the blades offer superb wiper performance to ensure you maintain clear visibility in all weather conditions. Manufactured to the same high quality standards as those fitted by vehicle manufacturers as original equipment. For more on wiper blades see our "More" webpage at: www.v8register.net/more.htm

Visit to the Workhouse at Southwell

Ken Clayton reports the visit is now going to be rearranged for a later date because of the Covid-19 outbreak.

V8 Kent Tour 2020

Ian Quarrington reports the tour still due to take place in late September but a final decision will be made by 1st August 2020. The hotel has agreed that if we need to cancel this year then they will retain all the booking details and hold their agreed prices for the same week in 2021.