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Brands Hatch MG Fest 26

On Sunday 16th August the V8 Register had a strong presence at the MG Car Club's annual national event, MG Fest 26, this year at Brands Hatch in Kent, the 'Garden of England'. The weather was set fair for the weekend and so early on Saturday morning a small team of volunteers, led by our Chairman, Tony Smith, erected the V8 Register gazebo and filled it with tables and chairs, banners, noticeboards and very importantly, tea, coffee and cakes. On the day of the event, entry and marshalling started early and before long a great array of extremely smart MG V8s was steadily building. Our four-car display show was very well curated by our newly elected committee member, John Davies.



These consisted of Peter Wilson's last production GT V8, number 2903, Tom Fallon's beautifully restored MGBGTV8, (by the very capable David Smith – you'll be hard pressed to find a better one!) Phil Rule's recently completed restoration of a very early Costello V8 (faithfully detailed to Ken Costello's original build specification, at an exceptional level) and Billy Waite's very tidy and presentable RV8, all the way from Scotland.



A number of attendees had driven considerable distances, including Roy Willson in his 'Green Donkey' chrome bumpered V8, who drove 487 miles, with one ferry, all the way from Ireland, with nothing more serious than a small air lock in the fuel line. This was temporarily cured by the old 'turn it off and turn it back on again' trick! At midday we held our AGM in the gazebo, where the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary were all re-elected. Also elected to the committee was John Davies, as Ralph Hardwick has stood down. Thank you for all your



work, Ralph and welcome onboard John.

At the end of the day, we counted 45 MG V8s, comprising 22 MGBGTV8s, 22 RV8s and 1x SV-R. Round numbers and a very respectable attendance indeed! Here's to next year's event.



All photos courtesy of John Davies.