

MGA PHOTO SHOOT WITH FIONA HARRISON

I have been to three local classic car functions where Fiona Harrison, www.fionaharrison.biz/ has been performing. Fiona sings classics from the 1880's to the 1970's including Opera, Big Band and Swing, Hollywood Musicals to Rock and Roll, all performed in authentic uniforms and glamorous costumes of the period! At her last event we got talking and I suggested she might like to consider using a few of the classic cars for some new publicity photos.

We exchanged contact details and a few weeks later she contacted me to say she had a spare day available and her photographer Angela Adams was also free and she would like to use my car!

A suitable venue was provided by one of our classic car friends who had previously hosted some of her events, and on a cloudy day we agreed to meet up.

Fiona changed into various out-fits depicting the fashions of the Swinging 1960's and posed with my car for many photographs. Despite the cloud and a few rainy moments all went to plan. She also posed with a Jaguar XK150 but the best shots were those with my vintage MGA!

Pete Macwaters



JANUARY LOOKING BACK

I've just picked up on the photo of 'three dapper gentlemen' in Looking Back for January.

In case their identity has been lost, I can confirm they are the South East Centre driving test team from the early 1960s.

Left to right – Ron Randall, Norman Dunton and John Calton. They ran a very successful team of three identical 1098 Midgets, consecutively registered 6012 PJ, 6013 PJ and 6014 PJ. Purchased direct from Abingdon, they had been specially painted in a dark blue previously used only for MGA coupes.

Norman was my uncle, and carries the blame for my lifelong enthusiasm for the marque. Sadly all three have now passed on.

Martyn Phillis

MORE ON CLASSIC CAR INSURANCE AND AGREED VALUE

I was interested to read a letter from Mike Edmondson in the last issue of *Safety Fast!*

His letter immediately rang alarm bells in my mind and caused me to call my insurer to check the position with my (what I thought) guaranteed value policy.

My story might be of interest to other members and, more importantly might prevent the sorrow of finding out that you never had the agreed value policy you thought you enjoyed:-

Earlier this year I changed from an insurance provider who is very active in supporting classic car events.

I moved to an advertiser in *Safety Fast!* and looked forward to better service (as well as a reduction in premium!) I ticked the 'Agreed Value' box and submitted what I felt was a fair valuation of my MGB GT.

All of the documents came through but mysteriously there was no valuation documentation or requests for the photos etc. I've normally been asked for.

I convinced myself that I was now dealing with a more gentlemanly company and perhaps, things were being done on trust.

Mike's letter made me double check.. and.. guess what ...I did not have Agreed Value cover. The perfectly polite call handler arranged to send me the paperwork which I duly filled in and now I have an agreed value.

BUT... I asked him what would have happened if I had not called to check the position and his answer was that my insurance covered only 'Market Value'.

I hope Mike's letter and my story encourage other MGCC members to double check the insurance they have.

Philip Hull