

# HB British & European Car Club Inc.

## 'BRITS AND PIECES'

### A word from our President

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Hello car fans.

Well here we are nearly half way through the year which means the club AGM is coming up fast. This year there are some rule changes to discuss and vote on and so if you want to have input into the changes come along. Also three of the committee are not seeking re-election. So if anyone would like to stand for the committee fill in a nomination form. Being on the committee is very rewarding and a hell of a lot of fun is had by all. The car show this year was a wow event. The numbers of vehicles on show was impressive also the quality was very high. So the future of this event I think will go from strength to strength. I would like to take this opportunity to give a BIG thank you to those members who gave their time helping the committee set up the tents and get done what was asked of them on the day it was very much appreciated. One last thing if you want your club to stay strong see you at the AGM. **Cheers the Cruiser.**

### Committee Nomination Forms:

You will find a Nomination Form for Committee enclosed with this newsletter. We have three members resigning from committee this year and look forward to working with some "new blood". This is your chance to join a great committee and work with some great people. Please ensure your Nomination Form is sent in before the closing date on the form.

### Storage units available:

Storage units available approx. 60 cu metres fully lined internally. The units are fitted with timer switches for lighting. Fully fenced with security gate and motion sensor security lights. Long term lease at \$40 per week incl GST. Phone Barry 027 766 2021

### For Sale:

1964 Morris Oxford. In going order. Registration on hold. \$1,000. Phone 06 8589019

### Quote of the month:

If everything comes your way, you are in the wrong lane. ~Author Unknown

### Thank you to our sponsors:

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### Calendar of Events 2011

- **June 18th**  
**AGM**  
**at the Hastings R.S.A.**
- **July 17th**  
**Triumph hosted event**
- **August 21st**  
**Motoring with the Morrishes**
- **September 18th**  
**Daimler hosted event**
- **October 16th**  
**Central HB Rally**
- **November 20th**  
**CHB Gymkhana**
- **December 11th**  
**Christmas event**

Don't forget Brits at the Beach in Tairua in October. Check website for details.

[www.britsatthebeach.co.nz](http://www.britsatthebeach.co.nz)

### Welcome to the following:

**Ian Hay & Marianne Gray**  
**1976 MGBGT**

**John & Elizabeth Scott**  
**1991 MGB Brayshaw Roadster**

*We look forward to your company  
on our club runs.*

## February Run—Johnny's Jaunt

After meeting at the usual place we headed off with our Run Sheets to find the answers. A little bit of brain power was required to work out some answers and eyes were needed to find other answers. We covered most of Hastings City following very good instructions and maps—mind you we did wonder what some people in their houses thought of all the cars pulling up and peering at a tree on their property or the roof or some other part of their property but peer we did and answers we found. We were required to be at the final meeting place by a set time and after everyone arrived we were treated to the most amazing tour of Beacham Jaguar. Alex gave a most informative talk and answered everyone's questions thoroughly. We were allowed to prowl through the buildings and get an up close look at some of the most amazingly beautiful cars. Everyone was totally enthralled from beginning to end. After we managed to “dig” the last person out of the workshops we gathered for a picnic lunch. Our picnic rivalled that of the Art Deco weekends “Long Lunch”. Everyone who attended the run and the tour afterwards I am sure will join me in thanking Alex very much for a fabulous tour of Beacham Jaguar and Johnny Round for putting together such a great run—you certainly put a lot of time and effort into the organisation of this event. There was something for everyone.



### Technical Tip #17— Avoid cold start breakdowns

Did you know that stopping your engine before it has reached operating temperature can cause flooding and a non-start situation? When an injected engine is started from cold, it runs a very rich mixture, much the same as pulling the choke out on a carbureted engine. If it is turned off while it is still cold, the engine has not reached a high enough temperature to burn away the excess fuel. If you let the engine run for at least five minutes from cold before turning off again, flooding and/or bore wash (which is where the oil film is washed from the cylinder walls) can be avoided.

### Bugger Moments.....

A certain blue, rubber bumpered MG BGT was seen at the Pukeora Timed Run arriving back from the afternoon run around Pukeora Hill with smoke billowing from the back passenger wheel—the smell was horrendous as the car passed everyone. When the driver got out of the car it was realised pretty quickly that the handbrake had been partially on for the entire journey round the hill. The brakes were **EXTREMELY** hot and it was suggested that a drive was required to cool the brakes down. Unfortunately, no photo is available for the newsletter. **Anon**

## Personalised Plates—did you know.....

Who owns your Personalised Plates? If you buy your second hand plates through “Personalised Plates” the change of ownership is taken care of, but if you purchase them privately (through Trademe etc.) you need to ensure a change of ownership is completed. There is a Transfer of Entitlement Form that both parties should sign. Buyer and seller should keep a copy, and the buyer should ensure that a copy is sent (faxed is OK) to Government Plate Manufacturer (LicenSys NZ Ltd.) at 09 276 9829, and they keep a record in their database. Until this form is lodged, the original purchaser still owns the plates. In the event of damage or theft no replacements can be ordered by the new owner. A copy of this Transfer of Entitlement Form can be downloaded from [www.numberplates.co.nz/saleform.html](http://www.numberplates.co.nz/saleform.html). Remember the car and the plate are a separate commodity. If you can't find the original owner (it could be several owners ago) a Statutory Declaration, signed and witnessed can be completed to apply for legal title of the plates. The easiest thing all round to do, is make sure the change ownership of the plates happens at the time of sale whether you are buying or selling.

Date	Milestones
1898	The McLean Motor Car Act is introduced to recognise motor vehicles as distinct from traction engines. When the first vehicles were imported, they were governed by the existing law for traction engines, which required them to travel at a walking pace and with men ahead and behind.
	Local bodies maintain motor vehicle registers (until 1925). Motorists are required to display the allocated number on the right-hand side of their vehicles. The number is either painted directly on the vehicle or on metal or wooden plates.
1925	New steel number plates are issued for each vehicle every year.
1941	With a shortage of steel during World War II, new plates are issued every five years.
1963	The introduction of annual licensing (on 1 July each year) begins. Completed in 1965.
1964	Permanent aluminium plates – intended to last a vehicle's useful life – are introduced. These were issued by the New Zealand Post Office. Starting at AA100 to ZZ9989, the plates feature silver characters on a black plate. Plates ZZ9990 to ZZ9999 are bought for personalised plates.
1986	In November, reflectorised plates (black characters on white plates) introduced.
1986	External licensing labels are introduced for all vehicles, with relicensing periods spread throughout the year.
1988	Personalised plates are introduced, providing a source of income for road safety research and projects.
2001	In April, the last registration in the two letter series is issued in Wellington. The first of the three-letter series available starts at AAA104. AAA100 to 103 are purchased for personalised plates.

### What you won't find on plates ....

- combinations that could be offensive or cause confusion
- the letter 'V' – it was excluded (after the FV series) because it is difficult to distinguish from the letter U

The letters I and O – these are not used in some cases as they are hard to distinguish from numbers one and zero then in the early 1990s, the European style zero (with a stroke through it) was introduced to stop the confusion that arose between 0 (the number) and O (the letter) on personalised plates.

# Wheels On Windsor—was REALLY WOW!!

What a fantastic day yet again for Wheels on Windsor. A very big THANK YOU to the members who helped set up in the morning, without your help it would have been almost impossible to get everything done in time. We had over 310 cars on display. I will let the photos tell the rest of the story.

