



Vic and Cathy Matthews' MG TC

# Killarney Day Report -

## 19th June 2022

Report by John Ryall. Photos Viv James, Tony Bruton and Di Dugmore

This year's Killarney Day had a slightly different format. Previously the focus was on the more mature members who were brave enough to bring their cars and allow younger members and their friends and family members to do a few laps around the circuit. The emphasis this year was bring your car and a younger family member and enjoy the day together (it was Father's Day). Ashley Ellis was there, with his arm in a sling and sporting a damaged face as he had been in a 'Road' accident (he tripped while crossing the road)!

I understand the WPMC make the track available free of charge to CHC - much appreciated. After a briefing by Colin and WPMC Marshall Richard, who also gave his time free on a Sunday morning, Richard positioned himself at the exit to the pits and we were free to go.

It had been raining heavily up to Saturday and the track was damp so intermediates were the order of the day and volunteers were sought to drive around the circuit and create a dry line. Surprisingly, Graham Chilcott was first out in his silver-grey Porsche 356, brave if you think how tail happy these cars can be. He began to go where others dared to follow and must have put in more laps than all of us put together. Unusually there were two Austin 7 'Nippys' entered, Greg Bjorkman and Jeremy Moore. Greg eventually broke down just before the pit entrance. Louise Farrell was in the Citroen.

The three Bampffield-Duggans: Mike, Murray, and Jono brought their 1996 MX5 and Dave Alex-

ander very kindly let Murray to do a few laps in his Lotus 6. Dave also allowed Nic Ryall to do the same and Nic came back wide eyed saying the acceleration was tremendous. I thought it had a Ford 103E Engine under the bonnet, as per the original, but closer inspection it showed a very special Ford Kent 1600 cross flow motor. Di was trying out her newly purchased yellow Austin Healey Sprite, bought from Fred Phillips. Unfortunately, it expired / ran out of petrol at the start of the main straight so Dave had to act as recovery and tow her back to the pits.

Colin and Megan also organized a Gymkhana / Driving test which is always enjoyed by all.

We must make special mention of Derek Stuart Findlay who drove very hard on the slalom course, but when it came to reversing into the bay, his brakes failed and he screamed straight through and nearly collided with Colin's bakkie a few cars lengths away from where he was meant to stop. His main front to rear brake pipe had burst under the car, luckily not at the end of the back straight. He left the Magnette at the track and it was collected on Monday.

There was the normal proliferation of MGs - Tony Bruton in his MGB GT, Megan and Colin in Megan's MBG GT, Roger Wood in his MGB V8, Dave Malan in his MGB GT, Vic Matthews in his MG TC, Derek in the Magnette. Sabine Rawlinson was supposed to bring the MG Midget but it failed to leave the garage. Granddad Simon, in his MGB Roadster, had a different

problem as, at the end of a couple of fast laps, steam was seen coming out of the bonnet. He drove slowly back to the pits thinking his exuberance had overheated the MGs cooling system, only to find that a 'welsh' plug on the side of the block had been blown out and all the cooling water with it. A tow back to Dave's workshop and a new

'welsh' plug from Ashley soon put the water back in its place and it seems that no damage was done so not only are MGs 'Safety Fast' but 'Water Wise' as well!

As we moved off to a delicious lunch in the WPMC Clubhouse I am sure the Silver-grey Porsche was still circulating faster and faster!

**Slalom:** 1st: Colin Greyvensteyn - 29.36 sec  
2nd: Dave Alexander - 30.04 sec  
3rd: Murray Bampffield-Duggan - 30.24 sec  
Slowest time: Nic Ryall trying not to scratch "Dad's Ferrari"

**Forward Parking:** 1st: Colin Greyvensteyn - 9cm  
2nd: Jeremy Moore - 13cm  
2nd: Greg Bjorkman - 13cm

**Reverse Parking:** 1st: Greg Bjorkman - 9cm  
2nd: Jeremy Moore - 11cm  
3rd: Dave Alexander - 50cm  
Furthest Distance: 155cm, again Nic Ryall again trying not to bump "Dad's Ferrari"

**Parallel Parking:** Everyone did well except for Louise whose Citroen wasn't the best car for parallel parking.



Maggie Ellis scores Louise Farrell's reverse parking skills



*Colin Greyvensteyn preps the drivers before the start*



*Derek Stuart-Findlay took the 1957 MG Magnette out for the day. He still had brakes at this point!*



*Dave Alexander instructs Nic Ryall in the Lotus Six*



*Dave Alexander Lotus 6*



*Mike Copeland from Paarl - Chev 1900*



*Di in her element. 1958 Frogeye Sprite*



*The chilly weather gives Jeremy Moore's Austin Nippy a whole new meaning*



*The view that most of us have of a Porsche. Hendrik Leusink's 911SC*



*A smile and a wave from Bronwyn Bruton*



*Fred Phillips gets the Austin Healey started for Di Dugmore to have a whirl around the track*



*Greg Bjorkman & Louise Farrell in the Austin 7 Nippy*



*John and Kathleen Haynes*



*Roger Wood racing around the track in the MGB V8*



*Viv James takes time out to explore the track*



*A touch of French elegance with Louise Farrell's Citroën*



*Greg and Louise needed trackside assistance which Mike Copeland provided*



*Derek Stuart-Findlay looking for his brakes!*

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