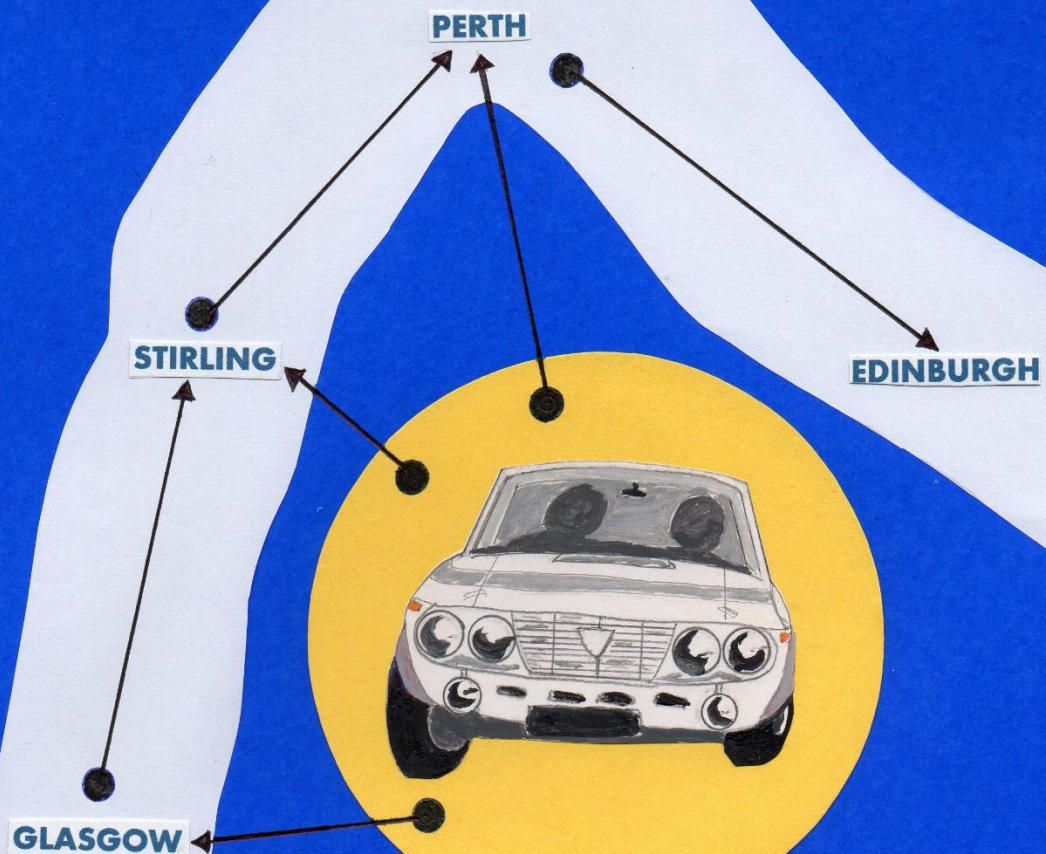


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# WELCOME

As we move towards the end of what has been a glorious summer and into the crisp days of autumn, we have plenty to look forward to. **ERDC** has two Classic Road Runs before the winter sets in. The inaugural Glasgow to Edinburgh Classic Car Run and the third edition of the Côte de Tay. These two events have been tailored to the current difficult financial situation. The Glasgow to Edinburgh Run has a number of points where you can join the event and the Côte de Tay has been reduced in terms of mileage. More on these events to follow.

**CCHMSC** are finishing their season of driving events with Dave's Dales Moors and Forest - 17 & 18 September. More information including regs and entry form from Jim Paterson. [caledonianmsc@gmail.com](mailto:caledonianmsc@gmail.com)

The Monte season is now well underway in terms of organising the Start and the route down to the Channel. It promises to be a real lift for the quiet period after Christmas. It is sure to bring out the feel-good factor and there will be something for everyone – a Monte Show, Entertainment and the Grand Départ.

Included in this edition is the final instalment of the Lotus Farina series and another development from James Barratt. This time a redesigned bottom wishbone for an MG Midget. It looks very interesting.

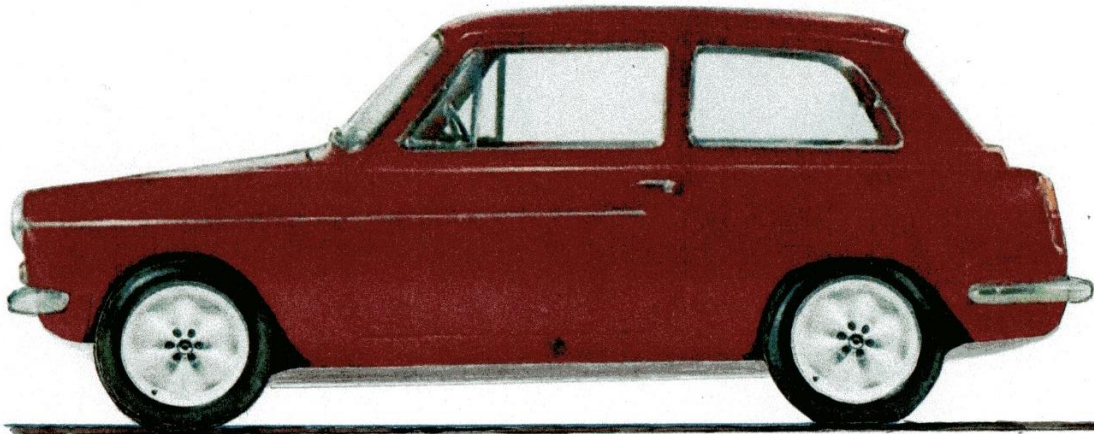
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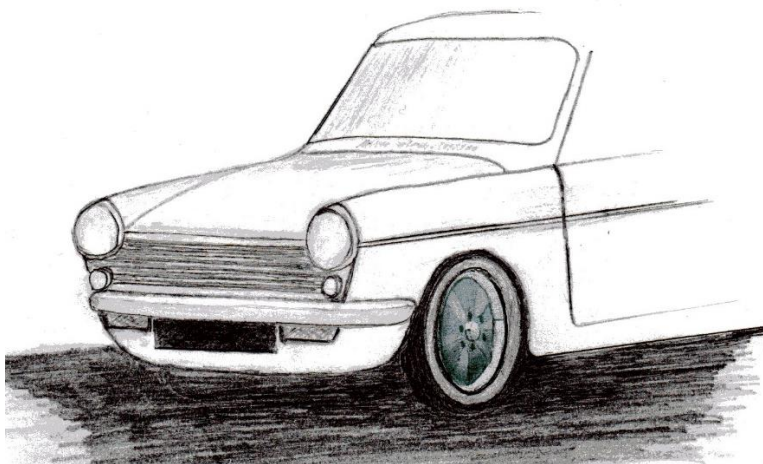




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To complete this series on the Lotus Farina, we turn our attention to the car's image as a distinctive model in the BMC range – a halo model, if you like. We have given the car an appropriate sporting up market look. The changes are subtle, but they make a definite statement in relation to the nature and character of the car.



The front and rear bumpers have been raised and slimmed down. The original overriders have been removed. The front bumper now sits below the side indicator lights. The rear bumper

becomes a quarter wrap round arrangement so that it does not foul

the opening of the rear boot. The front grill is painted matt black and there are air vents below the new front bumper.

But the most significant change is to the wheels. The standard wheels have been replaced with what are known as 'Wobbly-Webs.' These wheels were standard equipment in the late 1950's and 60's on serious competition cars such as Lotus and Cooper, among others. These wheels give our Farina a distinctive sporty appearance. Although these changes are simple, they set the car apart as a Lotus.

There are three standard colours – Old English White, Red (as above) and British Racing Green. The white cars have silver wheels, the red one has white wheels, and the green car can either have yellow or silver wheels.

This brings our series on the Lotus Farina to an end, and I leave you with the questions 'Could this car be built with what is available today?'

## **1963 Lotus Farina**

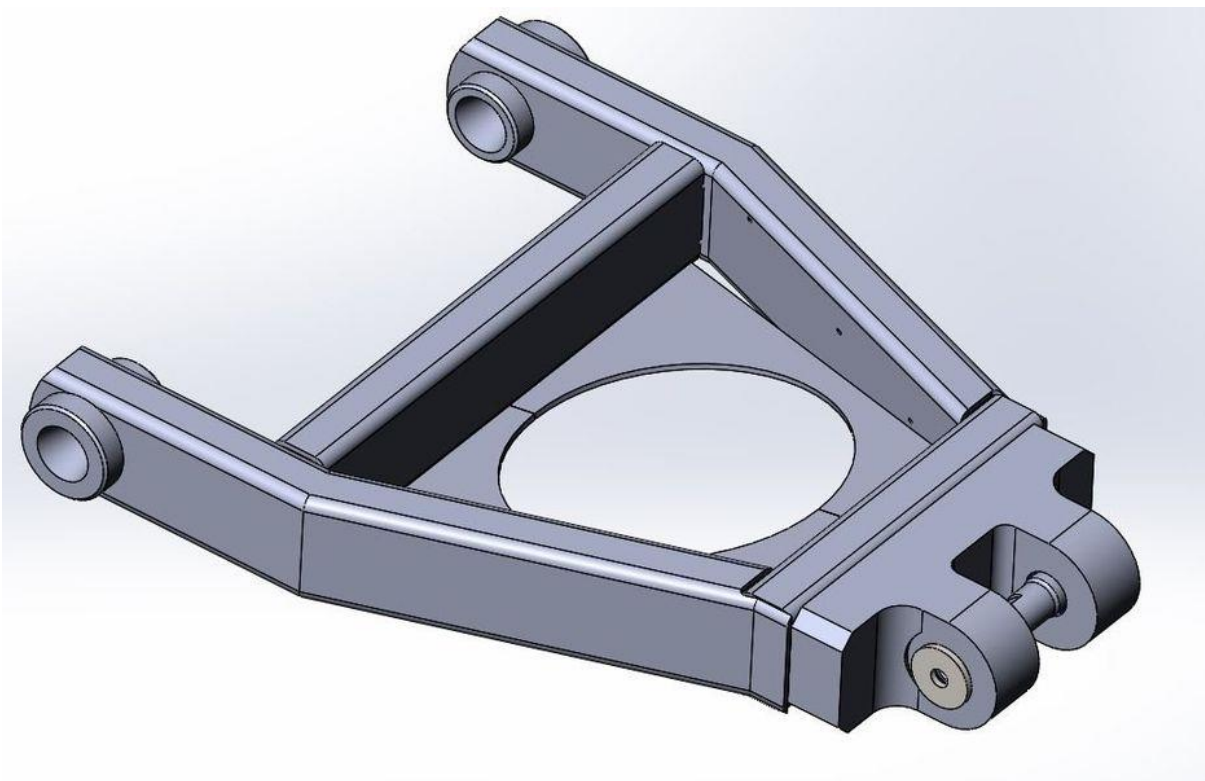
**Engine** 1499cc Coventry Climax FPF four-cylinder, DOHC, two twin-choke Weber 45DCOE9 carburettors **Power** 120bhp (de-tuned race unit) **Transmission** five-speed manual MGB [BMC Comp gearbox] **Steering** Standard A40 steering box **Suspension** Front: double wishbones, coil spring/damper units, anti-roll bar Rear: IRS, lower wishbones with MacPherson struts **Brakes** Discs all round **Weight** 650kg **Performance** top speed 120mph, 0-60 7.5secs

## Up-rated Lower Wishbones

James Barratt

*Following on from last month's article on his Lever Arm Refurbishment James has now turned his attention to the front suspension and he has designed an alternative Wishbone to replace the standard item on the MG Midget.*

“Working from a 3D scan of the front suspension I am designing a component that is stronger and more durable, has provision for camber adjustment and most importantly does away with the threaded fulcrum pins. Compatibility with stock kingpins and spring pans mean it should be a bolt-on replacement for the original design. I am trying to gauge interest and see whether it is going to be worth investing in production tooling, or just making a pair for myself. No idea on pricing or timings yet and obviously I won't be selling anything without serious testing and validation works.”



# Monte News



I had a good initial meeting with the staff at Brooklands and they are very enthusiastic about hosting the UK Start of the Rallye Monte Carlo Historique. I also had a guided tour of the museum and the facilities. The Clubhouse, which is pictured above, will be used for the administration of the Rallye and the night before the Start it will be the venue for the pre-rallye gala dinner.

We are very pleased to welcome Marc Hanson on board the organising team. Marc has been a regular participant in the Classique and will be known to many of you. Marc is a member at Brooklands and knows the staff and facilities well. He will be our liaison with Brooklands. Brian Telfer has kindly agreed to once more be our Start commentator and the voice of the event. The other members of the Monte Start Committee will be fully involved in the run up and on the day itself.

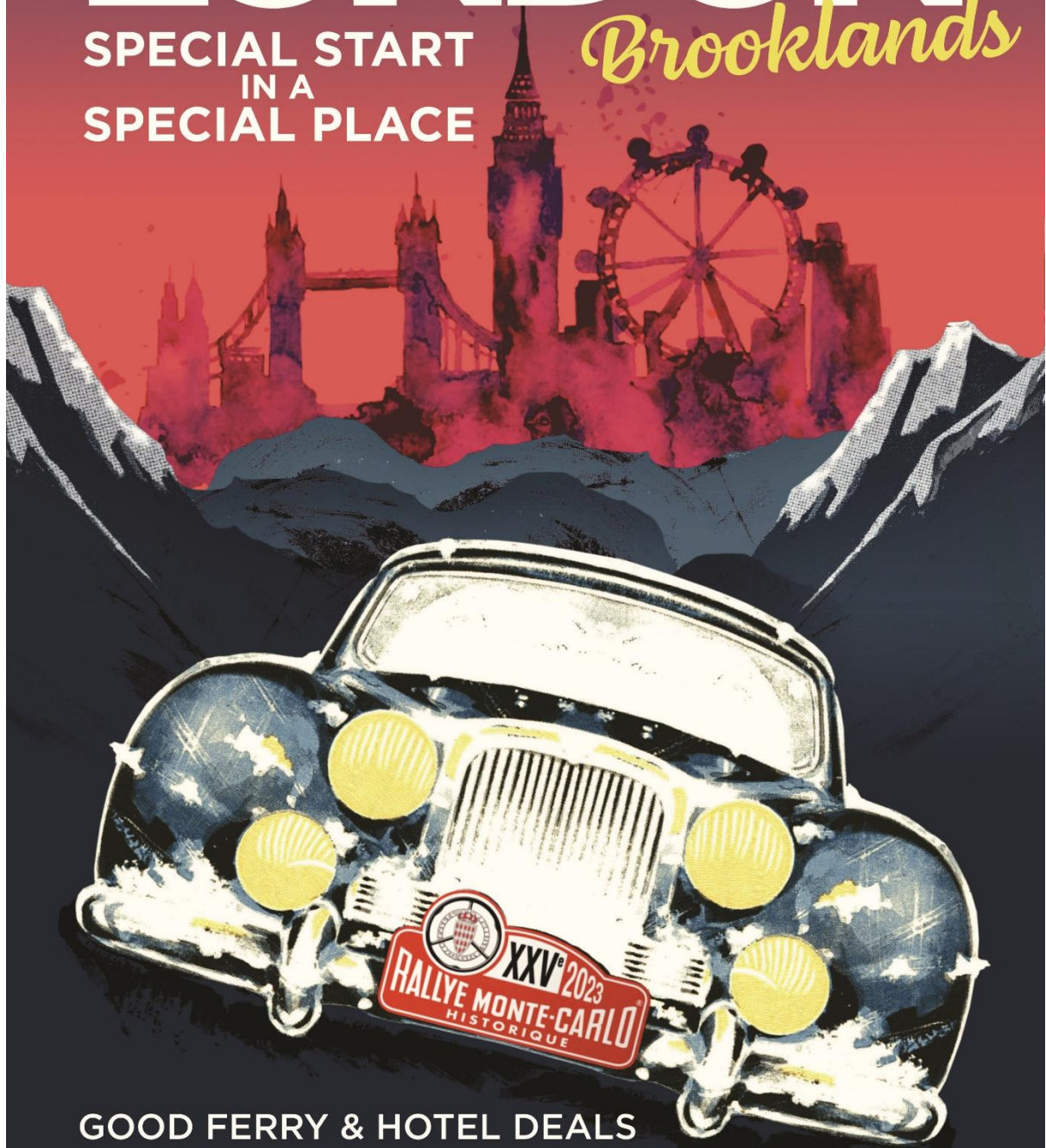
While I was there I visited the amazing Mercedes Experience which is sited next to Brooklands Museum. It was great fun watching members of the public 'having a go' on the skid pan. It might be a good idea if I have a go myself in preparation for the 2023 Monte!



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# ERDC



A moody image of Stirling Castle

## 25 September 2022

Entries are coming in for the next **ERDC** Club event, the innovative Glasgow to Edinburgh Classic Car Run. For those living in central Scotland or nearer the East Coast there is the opportunity to join the Glasgow Starters in Stirling or Perth. The Finish is at Newhaven, Edinburgh where fish and chips can be bought from the place featured on TV and rated very highly by chef Tom Kerridge.

Regulations and Entry Form can be found on the EVENTS tab of newly updated [www.monte.scot](http://www.monte.scot) website.

Entry forms should be emailed to Craig McGibbon and the very modest entry fee of £10 per crew should be transferred to the ERDC bank account. Craig's email address and the bank account details are on the entry form. See you there.



# Côte de Tay

The Cote de Tay started life as a 'one off' event but was so popular that it returned in 2021. Unfortunately, it turned out to be the wettest day of the year so this year we are hoping for better weather.

For 2022 we have a new route which is centred round Loch Tay, rather than the River Tay. This route gives us the opportunity to include some of the most picturesque roads in Perthshire.

Douglas and June went out a couple of weeks ago to do the Roadbook and it was a glorious day. The heather was out on the hills, the trees were magnificent and the roads quiet. Those of you who have organised events will know that, while you can make up a roadbook from Google Maps, there is nothing like driving the route and seeing at first hand just what crews are likely to encounter.

We stopped off for lunch in Killin and encountered some of the entries in the Killin scarecrow competition.



You never know what you will find on one of these trips.

The scarecrow on the left was the winner.

Regulations and Entry Form will be for this event which will be held at the end of October, will be posted on the Events tab of the [www.monte.scot](http://www.monte.scot) website at the end of the September.



# FOR SALE

## Riley Kestrel 15/6 6 light 1937

Mike Rasmussen is selling his Riley Kestrel. If you are interested contact Mike on 07968 196888 or email [mikerazz@icloud.com](mailto:mikerazz@icloud.com)

Mike is in Aboyne, Aberdeenshire.





## AND FINALLY .....

Monte News reader, Doug Ashworth, who is the Secretary of the Strathkendrick Classic & Sports Car Club, got in touch to tell us about the club's nomination in a competition in Practical Classics. The competition was promoting car clubs and their charitable works. Club member Roger Martin wrote an article about their club's support of the Strathcarron Hospice. [www.strathcarronhospice.net/](http://www.strathcarronhospice.net/)

They have recently found out that they are on a shortlist of 10 clubs and the only one in Scotland. If you would like to support them to acknowledge their support for this very worthwhile charity you can vote now at the Lancaster Insurance link at the end of the following article. Voting ends 8 Sept, so don't delay.

# Classic charity voting is open!

Top ten charities nominated - now it's time to vote

**T**he shortlist for Britain's Favourite Classic Charity has been announced as part of our biggest ever classic competition. Dozens of charities were put forward by PC readers and customers of our partners, Lancaster Insurance. All were deserving recipients of the prize, but the process needed to result in a shortlist of just ten favourites.

The ten most popular classic car connected charities, nominated by you, are listed above. They will now go to the next round

### Your top ten charities are...

1. Bangers4BEN, [ben.org.uk](http://ben.org.uk)
2. Kent, Surrey & 'Ssx Air Ambulance, [aakss.org.uk](http://aakss.org.uk)
3. Kop Hill Climb, [kophillclimb.org.uk](http://kophillclimb.org.uk)
4. Prostate Cancer UK, [prostatecancer.org](http://prostatecancer.org)
4. Rotary Club, Lichfield St Chad, [rotary-ribi.org](http://rotary-ribi.org)
6. Sporting Bears Motor Club, [sportingbears.co.uk](http://sportingbears.co.uk)
7. StarterMotor, [startermotor.co](http://startermotor.co)
8. Strathcarron Hospice, [strathcarronhospice.net](http://strathcarronhospice.net)
9. The Grand Tour: Cape to Cape, [macmillan-org.enthuse.com](http://macmillan-org.enthuse.com)
10. The Italian Job, [italianjob.com](http://italianjob.com)

of voting, after which the winning five will be revealed.

The five will be announced on September 23. Soon after, the PC/Lancaster Insurance team will hit the road

to visit each of the five finalists in turn, using our Reliant Rebel van, recently restored and soon to be auctioned in aid of NHS charities.

Once the five are announced we will also publish our route



Vote now from your nominated list of ten charities opposite.

between them so YOU can join us at a series of pop-up shows around Britain, with collections taking place along the route of our epic fundraising road run.

The voting is open from August 26 to September 8. Head to the voting page and you'll also get the chance to win one year's free insurance

up to the value of £250 with our good mates at Lancaster Insurance, as well as a Sealey cordless power tool kit.

Get voting now from the list of ten opposite! The ten are listed in alphabetical order and do not reflect the number of nominations

received for each. To vote, simply visit the voting page at [lancasterinsurance.co.uk/competitions/britains-favourite-classic-charity-voting](http://lancasterinsurance.co.uk/competitions/britains-favourite-classic-charity-voting)

