

What a summer!

In June, I invested some money, which had been left to me following the death of my father, in an MGB. I have always longed for one and had spent much time reading, looking, yearning and researching. The desire was driven by the fact that my father had a B when I was quite small. It was effectively his company car and he travelled frequently in it from Worcester to various RAF bases where he gave lectures and helped young pilots to consider the importance of life insurance.

The B I bought was built in 1969 and is pale yellow. Much of the car is original although I have had various elements uprated, such as the brakes, lights and suspension since buying it from Will at Beech Hill Garage, near Reading.

I was delighted by the service I received at Beech Hill, Will suggested contacting Peter Best Insurance and before I knew it I was a member of The MG Car Club. Having got to know the car a little locally I was keen to meet some members and stretch its legs. I noticed a road run to Witley Court in the **Safety Fast!** and hastily sent off a cheque. This is where the fun started!

The morning of the run was very wet and encouraging my seven-year-old daughter, Olivia, to join me was harder



than I expected. When she realized that she was required to navigate, her natural enthusiasm returned and at about 10am we set off towards the Malvern Hills. The weather quickly improved and soon the hood was down, we were having a lovely time and I am sure my father would have been very proud of his granddaughter's co-driving abilities. Just as I felt I was beginning to get to grips with the car it became very difficult to engage 2nd gear, this problem quickly spread to 1st and on arrival at Witley Court I was also unable to select reverse. While my navigator sat in the sun reading, I contemplated a tricky drive home and assumed the worst. The journey back to Cheltenham was reasonably uneventful but the problem was severe and clearly needed resolving.

The following morning I contacted everyone I could think of and tried to work

out what could be causing such difficulties. Will at Beech Hill had sold the car to me with a three-month warranty and was sorry to hear about my woes, without hesitation he suggested getting my breakdown company to relay the car back to him and this is really the reason for my letter. At all the stages of my car's recovery, the service, support, advice and assistance I received was superb. From the reassurance of fellow members at Witley Court to the advice provided by Peter Best Insurance, the professionalism of the recovery vehicle driver to the experience and commitment shown by Will's team at Beech Hill Garage.

Thank you to all those involved, and to Olivia for getting us to Witley Court in the first place!

**Yours faithfully,
Tim Brock**