THE MABINGDON-ABINGDON



GREAT SPORT IN WELL-**ORGANISED FVFNT**

ENJOYS

NOTHER Good Abingdon" was the heading given to one of the numerous enthusiastic reports of the M.G. Car Club's principal event, which was held on 21st April. As usual, the trial started from the Works at Abingdon and finished there after a sporting scramble round the principal Cotswold hills.

The record entry of 125 was obtained and there were 117 starters, of which 29 gained premier awards and 44

second-class awards.

In spite of fierce sporting competition from members of other leading onemake clubs, M.G. owners figured very prominently among the list of winners of premier awards. The M.G. Car Club's banner was lowered, however, by the Singer Car Club, which took the Inter-Club Team Trophy as a result of three most excellent performances by drivers of 13-litre models.

A new award put up for competition for the first time was the M.G. Car Club's Inter-Centre Trophy, presented by Mr. Cecil Kimber. It was won by a team nominated by the newly formed Manchester and District Centre, the drivers being H. B. Prestwich, E. L. Lycett and F. Herbert.

Robin Mere, the Club's Hon. Trials Secretary, was in charge of the organisation and was widely complimented on the manner in which the event was conducted. With the aid of A. C. Cookson and W. C. Barker, who complete the competitions committee, he was able to carry off the event without a hitch.

A large and willing band of M.G. Car Club members rendered wonderful assistance and genuinely put their backs into clearing the course im-mediately a stranded car barred the

Enthusiasts from the Midland Centre of the Club did splendid work in this connection. They took on the marshalling and observing of Nailsworth Ladder, which brought about 25% of the entry to a standstill.

The first hill was Mill Lane, near Cheltenham, where a stop and restart test was held. None of the competitors

100% was SHCcessful, but good times were re-corded by J. A. M. Patrick (Singer litre), C. Α. N May (M.G.

Midget J2), K. G. Marsh (Triumph Southern Cross), J. H. Summerfield (M.G. K3), J. D. Barnes (Singer 1½ litre), J. H. Baker (Singer 1½ litre), J. E. Orgee (M.G. Midget J2), A. W. F. Smith (M.G. Midget J2), W. Porter (Singer) and R. Barry (Morris Minor).

SPECIAL AWARDS

M.G. Challenge Trophy-C. A. N. May (M.G. J2).

Watkinson Award—J. A. M. Patrick (Singer 13 litre).

J. Evans Trophy-A. H. Langley (Singer 11 litre).

University Motors Trophy—J. E. Orgee (M.G. J2).

Inter-Club Team Trophy—Singer Car Club Team (J. D. Barnes, J. H. Baker, A. H. Langley).

M.G. Car Club Inter-Centre Trophy— Manchester & District Centre Team (H. B. Prestwich, E. L. Lycett, F.

The next observed hill was a Club discovery known as Juniper. It is near Painswick, and on that particular Saturday morning, owing to heavy rain having fallen early, it proved to be entirely unclimbable. In consequence, the marshals at this spot bypassed the competitors round a different route.

Next came Nailsworth Ladder, among the most notable climbs of which we observed those of Miss D. B. M. Evans (M.G. Midget J2) and J. H. Summerfield, driving a supercharged M.G. Magnette.

After luncheon at the Bear Inn, Rodborough Common, Mutton had to be climbed, followed, a mile past the summit, by an acceleration and brake test over a fifty yards course. From here the competitors went on via its eight miles of rough lanes and colonial stuff to a check at Battlescombe, after which there was a straightforward run back to Abingdon, where a refreshment buffet, provided by the M.G. Car Company, was greatly appreciated by the competitors.

PREMIER AWARDS
E. H. Banfield ... M.G. F.
E. H. Dimond ... M.G. J2.
J. Sherwell-Cooper M.G. J2. J. Sherwell-Cooper W. E. C. Watkinson M. H. Lawson W. G. Marsh W. S. Whittard N. V. Terry C. V. Wells E. P. Ortweller M.G. L. Singer Le Mans. Triumph Southern Cross. M.G. J2.
Frazer Nash.
Singer Le Mans.
Ford V8. E. P. Ortweiler
J. A. Bastock
T. W. Darque
W. J. B. Richardson
Miss D. B. M. Evans
D. G. Evans
P. E. Cotton
J. D. Barnes
W. H. Haden M.G. Iz. Riley 9. Singer o Le Mans. M.G. J2. M.G. J2. M.G. L. P. E. Cotton
J. D. Barnes
W. H. Haden
J. H. Baker
W. G. Lockhart
Miss E. V. Watson
M. W. B. Fraser
F. Carr
A. Powys Lybbe
M. W. Sheppard
W. Porter
G. B. Goodman
D. A. Loader
F. Herbert Singer 1½ litre. M.G. P. Singer 11 litre. Singer o Le Mans. Ford V8. M.G. L. Singer Le Mans. Alvis.
M.G. J2.
Singer.
Singer 9. D. A. Loade F. Herbert Magna.

SECOND-CLASS AWARDS Lloyd ... M.G. L.

G. C. Lloyd H. G. Conway ... M.G. L. M.G. L. M.G. L. L. Maxwell
W. King
D. N. Leon
W. G. Everett M.G. M.G. L. M.G. Jz. M.G. K3. M.G. Jz. Singer 9. Morris Major. M.G. Jz. W. G. Everett
R. A. Macdermid
J. H. Summerfield
J. F. Kemp
R. L. Appleton
A. Negal
P. E. G. Lobb P. E. G. Lobb ...
H. Avery ...
G. G. Evans ...
K. D. Steadman
K. D. Evans ...
W. W. Whitnall ...
K. G. Cotton ...
H. K. Crawford ...
M. D. England ...
M. G. Billingham
A. L. Cove ... M.G. J2.
Singer.
M.G. J2.
M.G. L.
M.G. J2.
Morris Minor S.V. Singer. Wolseley. Singer 9. Singer 9.
Singer 9.
M.G. L.
Riley 9.
Bentley 3 litre.
M.G. J2.
M.G. J2.
M.G. J2.
Singer 9 Le Mans.
Ford V8.
Singer 9 Le Mans. A. G. F. L. Cove ... H. Patterson ... G. H. Patterson ...
F. E. Elgood ...
A. Fyvie Gould ...
R. P. Mead ...
C. M. Davis ...
A. C. Westwood Miss V. Wild ...
F. R. G. Spikins G. Clifton...
T. E. W. Durrans F. A. Thatcher ...
R. J. Ashley ...
G. May ...
Miss J. Richmond C. S. Parrot ...
B. S. Hill ...
R. C. Tibbey ...
R. Barry ...
R. Shepherd ...
R. Barry ...
R. Barry ... Singer 9 Le Mans.

Barry ...

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Riley 9.
Singer 9.
Singer Le Mans.
Singer. Alvis. Triumph Southern Cross. Singer Le Mans. Singer. Singer. Singer. Morris Minor. Avon Special. M.G. J2.



C. A. N. May (J2), winner of the M.G. Challenge Trophy.