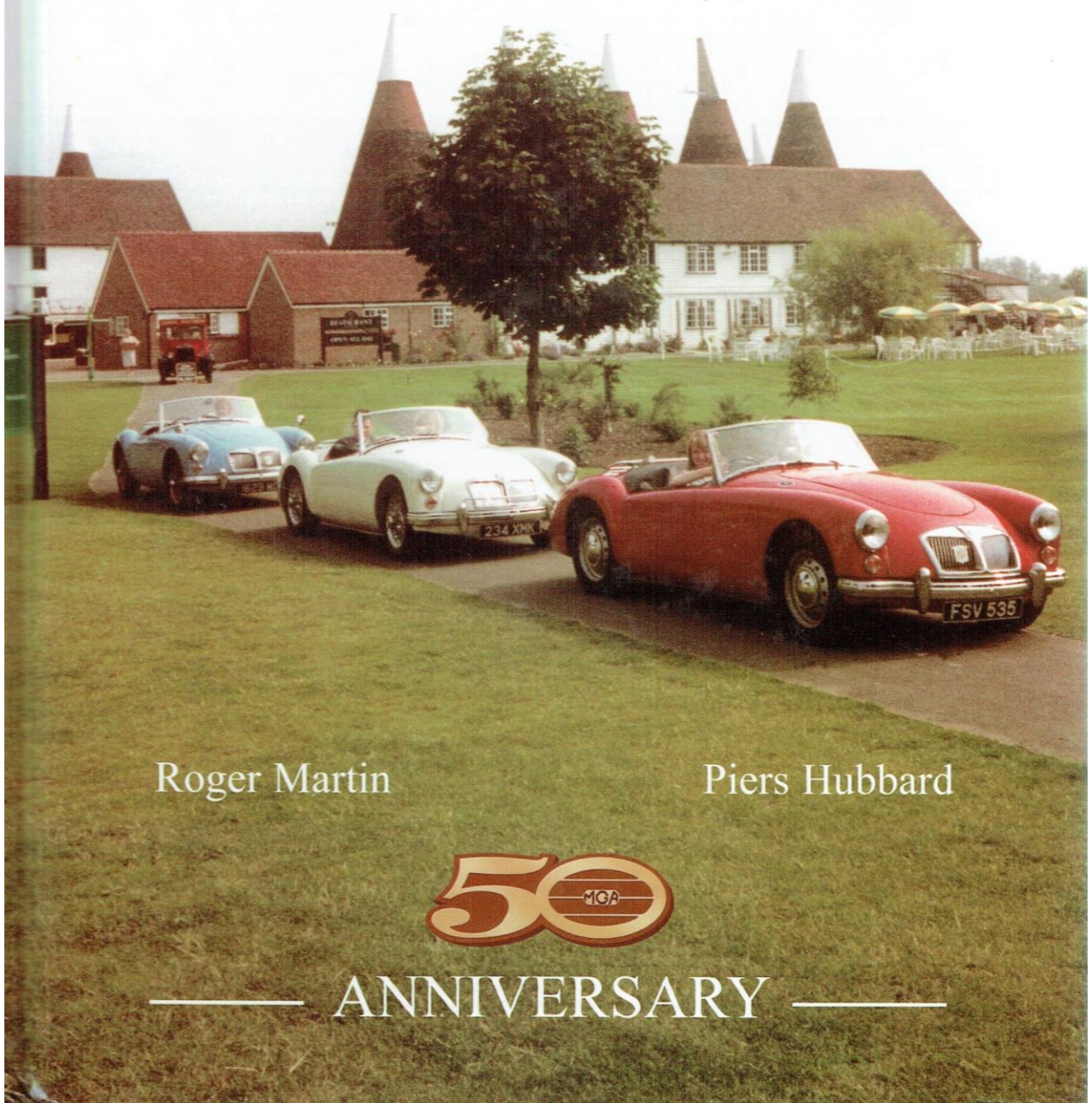


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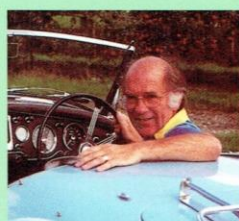
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Roger Martin

Roger was already under M.G. influence as the family car was a KN tourer when, at the impressionable age of seven, the MGA was launched. Pocket money was immediately invested in the Corgi toy version and a resolution made that he would one day own such a car. This ambition never wavered and was eventually achieved in 1968 when, whilst still a London University student, he purchased the red MGA 1600 that he still owns. He has never competed in his MGA but has used it extensively for purposes as varied as student-cruising the Kings Road, Chelsea, everyday commuting, going on honeymoon, towing a caravan around the south of France and attending the return of M.G. to Le Mans in 2001.

As a member of the M.G. Car Club, he was one of the then rebellious MGA owners who gathered at the Beaulieu meeting in 1970 to encourage Dennis Ogborn to form the MGA Register. He was also a contributor to the early Register newsletter 'MGActivities'. Believing that the emerging personal computer technology might lend itself to the maintenance of Register records, he volunteered to become Registrar in 1984 when he set up the database that he still maintains as MGA Registrar.



Piers Hubbard

The first car that Piers owned was an M.G. but not an MGA. It was a 21-year old TA. He joined the M.G. Car Club fairly soon and it was not long before Gordon Cobban had enlisted his accountancy training and he became Treasurer of the South Eastern Centre. Soon a family started to arrive and, as with most, two seats had to make way for four in the shape of a YB.

In due course it was possible to re-acquire two seats as well as the four but, by then, T-types were too expensive so an MGA was bought as an interim measure. That was in 1975. It was not long before he realised that the MGA was the car to have, it was practical for regular use as well as Continental touring. It is still used for this and the occasional gymkhana although it is possible that the car was used for rallying in its early days.

Piers had been a member of the M.G. Car Club's South Eastern Centre's committee for some years before becoming the MGA Register Historian and Overseas Liaison on his retirement from full employment. He had spells as the Hon. Treasurer of the main M.G. Car Club during that time.