

The screenshot shows the homepage of buyinganmg.com. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links like 'Home', 'About', 'Contact', 'FAQ', 'Privacy', 'Terms', 'Sitemap', and 'Feedback'. Below this, a large banner reads 'Buying or selling an MG - it's easier with the MG Car Club's guides and adverts'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled 'Buying an MG' and lists several key points: 'Our buying guides and checklists will help you get the car you want. Our advice helps you understand MG models, their vehicle history, advertised cars, their legal status, check out a car for known areas of concern, negotiate a deal and buy safely.' The right column is titled 'Selling an MG' and lists: 'Our selling guides help you write your car, set an advert and sell safely with advice on avoiding buying scams, caution with test driving and advice on the safe payment options. A classified advert in the Club's monthly magazine is a good place to sell your car.' Below these columns, there's a section for 'Beech Hill Garage' with the text 'Specialists in MGs since 1966' and 'Proud sponsors of MGs on Track'.

The screenshot shows a page from the 'Guide to buying a classic MG' document. At the top, there's a title 'Guide to buying a classic MG' and a sub-title 'Guide - Part 1'. Below the title, there's a photograph of a green MG car. The text on the page is organized into sections with headings. The first section is 'Do not arrange to meet a seller at a motorist service station, layby or any other address other than the one where they live or trade from. Check the seller's address is the same as the one listed on the V5C document and check the V5C has not been illegally amended. Read our stolen V5C certificate warning for more information. Take the original advert with you, plus the advice you made during your initial telephone conversation with the seller. This will enable you to check details the mileage and road tax are the same as you were told during the call.' The next section is 'Checking a car for the key areas of concern' and lists several points: 'When looking at a classic MG offered for sale it is essential you check the car thoroughly for any faults or damage. Use our detailed checklist of checks to ensure everything is checked and covered. In summary they are: view the car in good light, inspect the car alone, start the engine from cold, check the alignment of the body panels and panels, examine the tyres, check for rust and accident damage, inspect the interior, check under the bonnet and body check for signs of a damaged head gasket. As most post-war classic MGs have original steel bodywork which has not been replaced on the production date in our series for the MG model you are inspecting which will highlight the particular rust prone areas you need to check out.' The next section is 'Take particular care with cars described as "rebuild".' and lists: 'Inevitably most classic cars will have been rebuilt or at least substantially to a greater or lesser extent, the quality of the rebuild is important. However, may look particularly behind chrome overalls on MGs! See our detailed checklist with the points you should examine when inspecting a car.' The final section is 'Test driving the car' and lists: 'You should never buy a car without driving it first. Make sure you are fully insured to drive the seller's car and take evidence of this with you as the seller can be reassured you are covered. See our checklist of the points to check when test driving the car. A prudent seller should never let the buyer go on a test drive alone - the buyer might never come back! Further a seller should not let a buyer take possession of the keys if

www.buyinganmg.com (above left)  
includes useful downloadable guides  
(above).

# Brit classics go on-line

Two websites have been launched to help enthusiasts track down their perfect British sports car. First up is a new resource from the MG Car Club – [www.buyinganmg.com](http://www.buyinganmg.com) – which, as its name suggests, has been created to give reliable advice to prospective MG owners. The free site was masterminded by Victor Smith, chairman of the V8 Register, and includes model reviews, buying guides and checklists, based on a series published in the club's monthly magazine *Safety Fast!* "This site demonstrates the level of support the MG Car Club offers owners around the world,"

says MGCC chairman John Day. For further details on the club, visit [www.mgcc.com](http://www.mgcc.com) – where you'll also find a link to the new site.