

## **Guy Herbert Robins – 1906 to 2003**

Guy Robins was the youngest of the three H.R.G co-founders.

He enjoyed a traditional English education at Tonbridge School.

After leaving school, he completed City & Guilds courses in both electrical and mechanical engineering. He also joined the Royal Air Force Officers Reserve in the 1920s, eventually qualifying as a pilot and rising to the rank of Flying Officer in 1938. Due to his age and reserved occupation, by the time of WW2, he was never called up.

He joined Trojan cars in Croydon in 1927 where he started right at the bottom as a “grease monkey”. He was lured away three years later, by a fellow student, to a venture in sound engineering for the emerging “talkie” films (movies now with sound) in 1930. It paid a lot better but it did not last and he re-joined Trojan a year later.

His improved status at Trojan allowed him to partake in motorsports of various types and also build himself a MG Magna L-Type *special* which he drove at Brooklands, notably in the 1933 and 1934 relay races. He developed his MG to be quite a formidable car with engine tuning and bodywork of his own design.

After a short spell running a Morris garage business, he joined up with Godfrey and Halford in 1935 and soon became a founder Director, and owner, of the H.R.G engineering Co. Ltd in 1936.

At H.R.G he was Works Director and oversaw all car production.

He regularly competed in H.R.G cars, both pre- and post-war, in a large selection of events both in the UK and Europe, to help prove and market the cars. He won the marque’s first ever competition award at Brooklands.

He left H.R.G in 1950 after feeling that there was a lack of interest from the other Directors in some engineering contracts that the company could do, and probably make good money on, but were not pursuing.

After H.R.G he left the company and pursued business in the mechanical handling equipment industry.

In the 1980s he bought Betty Haig’s H.R.G “1500” and enjoyed his last days of motoring.

He died in 2003, aged 97