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I do hope this makes sense to you. It is very different today to get history of those cars.
I do know that I have wondered about what is told to FIVA about some things as I do not believe it. But it is NOT my job to say too much. I just like to make friends; you may not have heard that I had a Trophy made in honour of my late mistress who was a good engineer and very fast driver.
I do hope this helps you, but please write again if you need any more answers - for the fastest busy racing. Best regards Barbara

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Dear

Thankyou for your letter and the lovely photographs
Over here it is warmer, but NOT hot. Our fruit trees
apples & pears are full of blossom but no bees, so we may not
get much fruit. We have had NO rain for 4 weeks - we need it!

I am sending you this air-letter as it may get to you
more quickly. * built about 1928, I think

I can tell you that the body on your Brooklands is NEW
We had known your car for many years and altho it
drove well, it was a very ~~was~~ uncorrect body which it had
sown for many years. I believe the original body was damaged
in about 1929. In the photograph of your car that I have I
can see that the body looks correct altho you will know
that I did NOT see the Riley before it went abroad.

I DO NOT LIKE FIVA. They tried to get me to say a
certain thing re a Riley in USA about which I had been
writing to the owner - to say that if a certain famous man
had owned it then the owner would get more money when
he sold it! I could not do that!!

What meaning has the date 1950? Will it upset you
if your lovely Riley has a post-war body? I do not
feel it is always right that owners do not tell the
true facts about their cars for FIVA. I do not know
what history you were told about your Riley, so I
tell you what I know (and think it to be correct)
It is chassis no 60119 WK 6652 it ran in 1928 TT
when it crashed. The later history is lost but after the war
it was owned by P.D. McKnight not too far from
here - the body was NOT a type that any one could
recognise certainly NOT Riley, but the car ran well
Mr McKnight was very pleasant and used the car
very little, just for road work. I asked why he sold it?
His wife had died, he wanted a change so decided to
retire (he was a solicitor) and the car was brought to
us by a would be buyer. My husband said it ran
well & it was then sent to be rebuilt - which it needed!!
We could not do it (my husband was ill) but we went to
see it all in bits by the man we recommended to do
the mechanical work, & later it went to another good
man for the body.