

ARDEN CLUB



Newsletter January 2021

Hello All

Is it too late to wish you all a Happy and Safe New Year?

Future Events:

Club Night – Tuesday 2nd February: The Golden Cross will not be allowed to open for this evening due to the current 'Lockdown' and I had a good response to my question about a Zoom meeting, so by popular demand we will be online. I will send out an invitation a couple of days before the 2nd, so anyone can log into the meeting.

Chilly Willy Run – As you all know I had to cancel this run due to the change for Warwickshire into Tier 4 but the work was done and there was plenty of interest, so when the restrictions allow, I will arrange a date and we can run this as 'The 'Chilly Willy – Lockdown Breakout ' Run. Watch this space for a date.

Until the situation is more stable it is difficult to plan future events but as soon as we can, we will be back!!

Other Events:

Coast to Coast - 30th July to 1st August 2021:

Norman Verona is again running this event (from Morecambe to Sunderland) next year and is advising anyone who would like to attend to book their hotels and for the event. If you are interested please contact him at: norman@frenchblat.com

Other Matters:

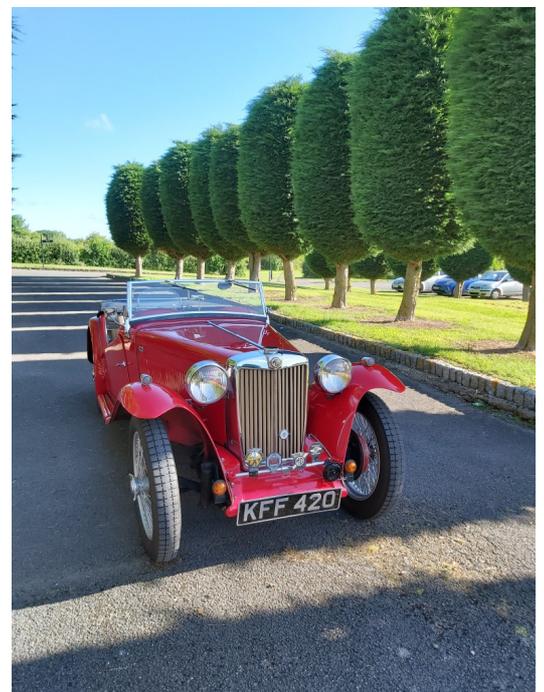
Just before Christmas Helen sent me this message that I thought I should share with you all, sorry it's a bit late but the intention is there:

“To All our Friends in the Arden MG Car Club

As we do not hold postal addresses for many of you we thought we would send you a cyber seasons greetings from Shipston on Stour.

We hope this email finds you all well during this festive time.

Mike has been busy doing some DIY in the house, needless to say I have kept out the way! The TC did get a brief outing onto the driveway the other week when the plumber came to service our boiler(boiler is in our garage) so she had to be pushed out for a short time. She was admired by a local dog walker before we put her waterproof cover on just in case the British weather decided to change. I did have to start her up to drive her back into the garage and it soon became apparent that Helen has put on a few pounds over lockdown as the tummy now sits on the steering wheel! I see a funny cartoon by Graham here (however I don't seem to have an email address for him so I



may get away with it!)

Needless to say that Helen has already made enquiries on purchasing a smaller steering wheel for next year just in case she can't shift the weight before we are able to get our classics back out in the spring time. Although I think a diet is cheaper than a new steering wheel! Maybe sitting here typing this email while slurping a large rum and coke isn't helping matters but it doesn't half go down rather nicely with a homemade cup cake that I made for Mike's birthday Sunday!

I have attached a photo of the TC from last year when I gave one of my work colleagues (who doesn't drive) a blast in her. It was a rather nice day weather wise (makes a change) which was great and Carole thoroughly enjoyed her drive into Stratford in style!

Anyway enough of us waffling on. We wish you all a relaxing Christmas and hopefully a better 2021 for us all! Keep in touch and look forward to seeing your faces again soon as we miss you all.

Cheers for now

Love

Helen, Mike and TC!"

What Have You Done in your MG:

Dusty has told us in previous Newsletters about importing a TD from the USA and has sent me an up-date:

"G'day Paul, here's a bit that could be an ongoing saga!



In November the TD finally arrived from America. We had been tracking the progress on line once the ship had reached European water. We watched it come up the channel and then an off load in Germany before finally arriving at Felixstowe. With the ongoing restrictions we decided that the importing company could deliver to the door. Then the fun started. We plan to change from LHD to RHD so a partial strip down was started which as we progressed increased with the more we discovered. Some previous poor restoration work around the back of the body tub and corrosion has ended with a complete dismantling and body off. The car has, at some time, been resprayed in its (we think) original ivory and the interior redone using the beige colour leathercloth, although there are traces of green, stapled to plywood wall board cladding. There are signs of new front shocks and brake parts. The SU fuel pump has been replaced by an in-line pump under the floor protected by an old road sign!

The ash frame is remarkably good except in one small area which will have to be made good. The wiring is more than suspect, so will need a new loom.

With the tub off it's now just a matter of stripping off decades of oil, underseal, paint and grime, repainting, a respray etc etc .

More hopefully next month after the accident with the grinder heals.

Dusty"

Thanks Dusty, I hope you are enjoying the 'fun'. "Accident with the grinder" sounds grim please be more careful in future!!

Graham has been 'sort' of busy with his Midget!:

"What I didn't do with my MG this month"

Fair do's . . . I should have acted earlier. I noticed it earlier in the week – on the way to the MG in the garage. Next time we went past – on the way to Tesco Click'n'Collect – we realised THAT TYRE WAS FLAT. Not just a bit saggy like earlier in the week, this was FLAT.

Yes, reader, this was on the Jaguar, not the MG.



Set to with my trusty foot-operated pump. Me with a not-sorted-out-since-injuring-it-in-October knee, as well. Around 1800 pumps later – yes, I admit it, I was counting - and the gauge hadn't moved. Not even slightly. Friendly passer-by confirms my conviction that the bead seal's gone, so, for the past 1800 foot pumps, I had just been moving the air from the sucky-in bit of the pump to the neighbouring area, perhaps just making the odd leaf flutter on a nearby bush.

Freezing bloody cold . . . jacked car up . . . took tyre off and heaved it into Fiona's Citroen for the nice people on the Trading Estate in Alcester – Protyre or Eclipse or Prolapse or something – to investigate.

Tyre was completely sound. They put a new bead seal in place, and, accompanying a pleasantly small bill, cheerfully produced that expression you never want to hear a computer engineer utter: "Never seen that happen before. No idea what caused it".

Rather wish they'd not said that, as am now confident it will happen AGAIN."

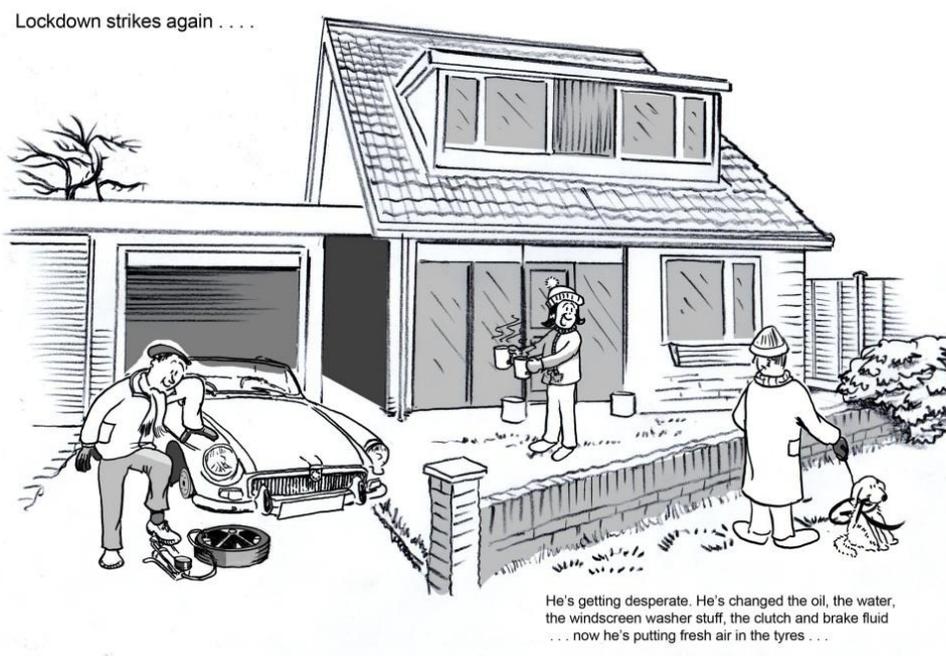
Thanks Graham, I'm not sure what I can say to that!!

I have made a bit of progress with the engine bay work on my 'B' and yes I did take the heater out, I hope I can get the new one back in!!

I've now got no excuse to get cracking and make some progress as this pile of parts arrived this morning, happy days.



As ever Graham gets the last word with another of his cartoons to enjoy, thanks Graham.



Stay safe, stay well

Paul