

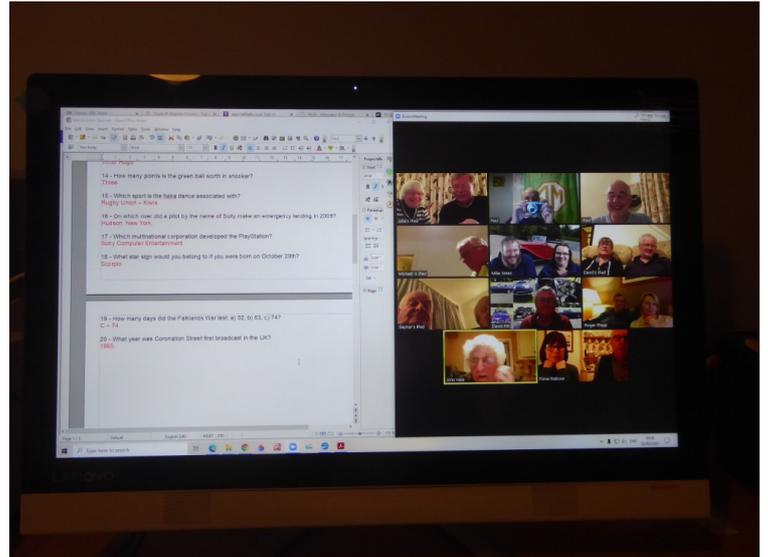
ARDEN CLUB



Newsletter March 2021

Hello All

We actually have something to report this month, with the Zoom Club Night (although we also had one last month which I forgot to mention!!), slightly fewer attendees this time but 11 (18 people) of us had some fun which included a short quiz. I think everyone enjoyed it although there were some comments about the level of difficulty, however 2 teams got 14 (out of 20), so it can't have been that difficult!! Mike & Jane and Roger & Caroline tied on that top score to share the honours but Jane was well disappointed that she was not able to pass the 'Wooden Spoon' on to the low scorer, we will need to wait until we have get together for that. Many thanks to Fiona for hosting the Zoom Meeting on her account and tirelessly sorting out the groups for the 'Breakout' sessions.



Future Events:

Club Night – Tuesday 6th April: This will again be a Zoom meeting night as the restrictions will not allow a meeting at the Golden Cross. By popular demand I will do another short quiz (not so many car/club questions!!) and the breakout sessions seem to work well, I will try and send out the invitation the weekend before with a reminder on the day.



Chilly Willy – Lockdown Breakout Social Distance Run – Sunday 11th April: To date the loosening of the restrictions is 'on track' so this run looks to be possible. It is the same philosophy as the Social Distance Runs from last year (although a new route) with 9 start points and teams rotating around the route in opposite directions, so you meet up with a different team at each next stop (yes an odd number of stops, so it should work!!) for a short chat before moving on to the next stop and another chat. All outdoors and groups of no more than 6. To date I have 16 teams booked in with an ideal number of 18 and a maximum of 27, so there is still space if you want to get your MG out for the day, let me know and I will

add you to the list. The route sheets will be sent out a few days before, if you have booked but find you can't attend then please let me know so that I can fill the empty space.

Drive-it-Day – Sunday 25th April: I have had a good response to running the Chilly Willy Route again with a lot of people booking to join in, so subject to COVID restrictions this event will be a re-run of 11th April but I will try and vary the direction you take or the teams you meet if you are on both runs. Let me know if you want to be added to the list. I will try and add both runs to the Club Website with the list of bookings.

Club Night – Tuesday 4th May: This may be possible as a Club Night at the Cross but it will need to be outside in the garden, however this is only provisional until I can discuss with Matt at the Golden Cross.



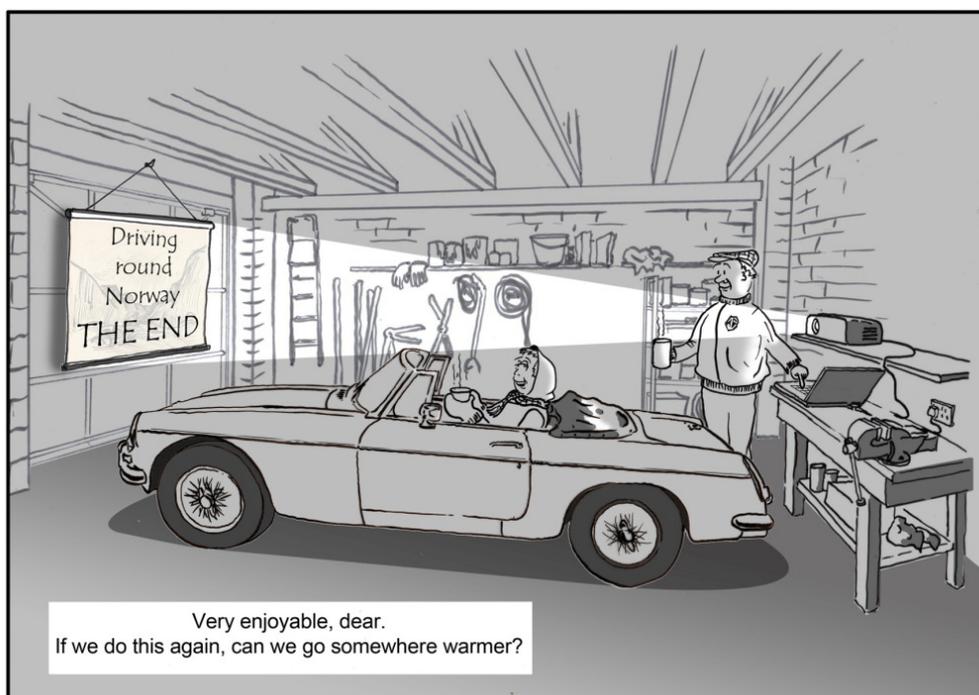
BMM Re-opening Run – Monday 17th May: Yes I know I do this every time but this will be the first time anywhere will be properly open when the restrictions are due to be loosened that day, so this must be a good excuse to get the cars out on a Monday and go somewhere appropriate. If enough people are interested I will set a new route for a run, otherwise we can use the one from last year. Probably an earlyish start at 10am to be at the Museum at 11 for bacon butties (they are very good in the Junction 12 Cafe). Let me know if you are interested, apologies to those folk who are still working for their living but you

could book a day off, you won't have used many holidays this year so far!!

Chairman's Picnic – Sunday 27th June - Broadway: Mike & Jane Green have kindly invited us to picnic in their garden and see their magnificent new (re-built) house, although not sure if the kitchen is finished yet!! More details nearer the time but subject to COVID restrictions being lifted. Put the date on your calendars.

Other Matters:

A brilliant cartoon by Graham titled: ““As we practice for days out in the MG again . . .” “ it must be worth a try!!



What Have You Done in your MG:

Fred has been keeping himself busy during the latest lockdown and has sent me this update:

I have made myself useful in the garage over the winter as follows:-

Someone mentioned that my BGT was listing slightly to the port side (note that's Jane's side!) and, as the leaf springs were original 1971 vintage I thought I would fit parabolics in the hope that they would soften the ride a bit. While the suspension was apart I found that a creak that has plagued us for years was not the poly bushes as suspected but the Spax shock absorbers. So I trickled a dose of silicon lubricant down them and exercised a bit. When I took it for a test drive it was wonderful but still had a slight list. So I renewed the front coil springs to find it still lists slightly. Isn't it amazing how critical you become when focussed on something that you've lived with for years without noticing? Anyway I've decided to run it for awhile and see if it settles before resorting to spacers. As Trevor found it does sit high on new parabolic springs.

While in suspension mode I took the shocks off the back of the Magnette (also creaked for years!) and cured that. I should be able to hear the music now in both!

I then replaced the fuel pump points on the Magnette.

I have also had the front struts off the TF and replaced manky rose joint covers which the MOT man said he didn't want to see again this year! Told you I was in suspension mode! Oh - and I have replaced the TF seats with a nice leather pair. Anyone want the old ones?

So the fleet is fit. Just need to be allowed to use them - can't wait!!

Thanks Fred, I hope you won't have to wait much longer.

I have been making progress with my 'B' and the engine bay is now painted Tartan Red the same as the body!! The new loom is in situ and some of the wires connected up but I'm now waiting for another delivery of parts on the basis of 'whilst I'm there I might as well replace that as well'. The heater box is painted ready to go back (although the new clips are out of stock to put it back together) and I have stripped everything off the engine ready to clean, degrease and paint it, not a job I'm looking forward to, I can see a problem of lots of greasy mess everywhere!! The question is: will it be

ready for
the Chilly
Willy Run

or will I need to use the MG (FIAT) Spider again!?



Stay safe, stay well

Paul