



125th (+1) Edition Newsletter May 2021

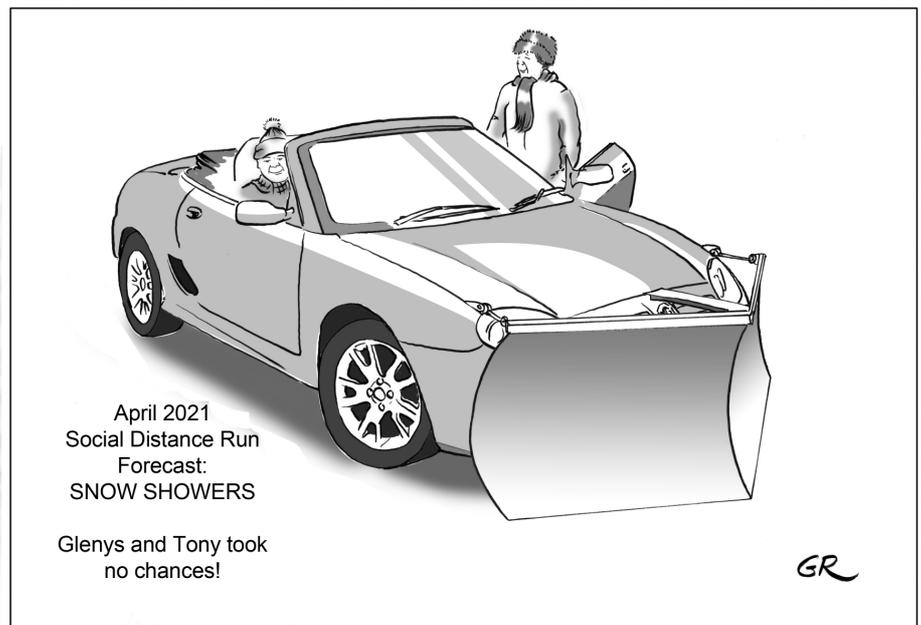
Hello All

As you can see above this is a 'Milestone' Newsletter for me, after I had sent the April edition I had a sudden thought that I had been Chairman for over 10 years which would mean 120 newsletters and April was the 4th month of my eleventh year, so May would be my 125th!! I thought I had better check this was the case, so I looked back over all the previous files (yes they are all there on the computer!!!) to find that I had actually missed 3 newsletters (only 3, not bad in over 10 years) in all that time but we did go away on holiday a lot before all these Lockdowns, however last year during the first lockdown I actually did 2 newsletters for 4 months, do the maths and April was in fact my 125th!! That must be a lot of words I have typed and you might have read (or not)!

Reports:

The sooner we can get back to Club Meetings at the Golden Cross the better, the thrill of the Zoom meetings is beginning to wane such that we were down to 11 'boxes' with 19 people in total. We used the breakout meetings again (and I think Fiona will be glad not to have to do that again), which continues to be the best way to run the evening, so thanks again Fiona. With the help of Caroline I did a short quiz with a selection of Current Affairs, General Knowledge & Transport questions and as ever there was a tie with three couples on 10 but Mike and Jane were the nearest on the tie-break, so no wooden spoon for them this time!

Before the Club Night we had 2 'Social Distance Runs', starting with the Chilly Willy (Lockdown Breakout) Run which had been postponed from New Year's Day due to the COVID restrictions. There were just a couple of difficulties, firstly one stretch of road was closed (it was planned for the work to have been finished in time to open the road again but this 'over-ran', so I had a fraught day changing all the route sheets with a diversion, not to mention a change to one of the stops but everyone finally received their route sheets. The second difficulty was when I opened the curtains on the morning to be greeted by a



snow blizzard (hence Graham's cartoon inspired by Tony & Glenys), well the route had been planned for January, so used gritted roads but didn't really expect it to be important in April!! We didn't need to worry by the time we started, the snow had gone and the sun was shining, isn't the weather great in England. Most teams managed to keep to the timetable and navigate the route, so it was all good.



This was followed two weeks later by the 'Drive-it-Day' Run and the road was now open, so we could revert to the original Chilly Willy Route. There was also the full compliment of 27 cars circulating round the route. We also had the added benefit that the Golden Cross was open on the Sunday and almost everyone took advantage and booked a table (in groups of 6) for when the run had finished and the weather was kind to us to sit outside for lunch. As the FBHVC (who are the originators of the Drive-it-Day) had chosen the NSPCC charity 'Childline' as their charity for the day (with the proceeds from Rally

Plate sales going to this cause and we have our own Plates) I made a collection on the day and several people make good donations after the day, so we have sent £73.62. Thank you to all those who gave so generously to a very worthwhile cause.

Future Events:

Club Night – Tuesday 1st June: The Golden Cross is now open 7 days a week again and Matt has agreed to us holding our meetings again, however I think it would be prudent to continue with an 'Outdoor' meeting if the weather will allow. The restrictions will still be in force for this meeting so we will be limited to groups of 30, so I will now be taking bookings for this meeting and if we exceed 30 then I will split the numbers into 2 groups and arrange people into sensible groups. It will help Matt to know the numbers in good time before the day to reserve tables, so please let me know as soon as possible, I will advise Matt on Friday 28th May how many tables we will need. If the weather is looking like it will be inclement then we will need to move indoors, in which case we will be limited to 30 and that will be decided by who books first.

Chairman's Picnic – Sunday 27th June - Broadway: Mike and Jane have kindly invited us to have our Picnic in the garden of their 'New' house, which looks fantastic and they have a large garden so we can spread out. Mike has agreement with his neighbour for us to park our MGs in the Orchard that overlooks their garden, which will look great. For the picnic, I think it will be better in these COVID times not to be sharing food, so please bring your own picnic for you to enjoy and please bring your own refreshments, however Jane has offered to provide tea & coffee. I have set a run starting from the Golden Cross and meandering through the lanes for 28 miles. We will meet at the Cross from 11am and bacon rolls & tea/coffee will be available to purchase to sustain you for the run. We will therefore arrive in Childswickham in good time for our picnic lunch. Of course the sun will be shining by then but some contingences will be in place just in case it is not!!



Please let me know as soon as you can if you would like to join in the fun. I have already got about 10 cars booked and I will add the names on the website when I get a chance.



Club Night – Tuesday 6th July: Yes, it is that time of year again when you need to get your MGs out and give them a good clean and polish. There will be at least 4 categories for you all to vote on with lots of prizes, so everyone is in with a chance. I will be there from around 7pm, so lets have a good get together and fill the orchard car park with MGs. At this time we don't know if Test & Trace will still be running, so it will be best if you can all let me know in advance if you will be attending.

BMC & Leyland Show at BMM Gaydon – Sunday 11th July: I have reserved us a display space for this show at the Museum and Tom (shows manager) has told me we can have our space in front of the Collections Centre again, this is a prime spot, so please come along and join us, I will be able to get car display and museum passes for those booked to attend. Let me know and I will add you to the list.



Club Night – Tuesday 3rd August: Social evening at the Golden Cross.

Trevor's Sunday Run – August: Trevor is looking to resurrect the run he had planned for the 'March Madness Run' from last year that was postponed due to COVID, however he is investigating a new and interesting lunch venue. More details soon.

Alan's Mystery Run – Sunday 5th September: Another run that was postponed last year was the 'Drive-it-Day' run and Alan is rearranging this for September, however the Stratford Gold Club may not be possible but there will be a lunch venue. Book the date in your diary/calendar.

Club Night – Tuesday 7th September: Social evening at the Golden Cross.

Dorridge Day Classic Car Show – Sunday 19th September: We have been invited to join in this show, so let's give it a try. Trevor is arranging the details.

Cars at the SPA – Sunday 26th September: Again Trevor is looking in to arranging us a Club display at this relatively new show. It is a charity event, so the organisers are asking for a donation of at least £10 per car, however it is only a small show, so we will need to book soon. The SPA is in Leamington Spa, in the gardens adjacent to the Pump Rooms. I walked through the show a couple of years ago and there was a very good selection of cars on display, so worth going. Trevor is going to be very busy!!

Other Matters:

Future events planning for 2022: Towards the end of 2019 I had started to put together a list of possible Events for the following year, however COVID put paid to those plans but let's hope 2022 will be better than that, so I'm going to start the process again in good time for next year. I will organise the following events: Chilly Willy Run (New Year's Day), Chairman's Picnic, Heritage Run Revisited, Show Night and the Xmas Meal. If there are to be any other events, someone will need to come forward to volunteer to organise them. When I get a chance I will create a new page on the Club website showing the events that are planned with dates where known, it's down to you to volunteer, just let me know what you would like to arrange and I will add it to the list. As I did before I will put some suggestions forward for possible events but you can devise your own ideas as well. There is plenty of experience within the Club to seek advice from about how to approach the organisation and I will be more than happy to assist and advise. Over to you!!

I have received a request from a previous member of the Club to sell some of his surplus MG stuff:

I have regrettably sold my MGA and TD .

I have some MGA items which your members might be interested in .

Rubber over mats, brand new unused, £30.00

Motolita wood rim steering wheel, 15". Excellent condition. £100.00

Converter hubs, for centre lock wheels. Excellent condition, only used 3000 miles 2 No £50.00.

MGA Workshop manual. Unused, as new. £10.00

MGA Owners handbook as new. Free.

MG logo T shirt , large, new. Free.

If any of your members are interested I can be contacted on this email address or by telephone on either 01386 446816 or 07976 661372.

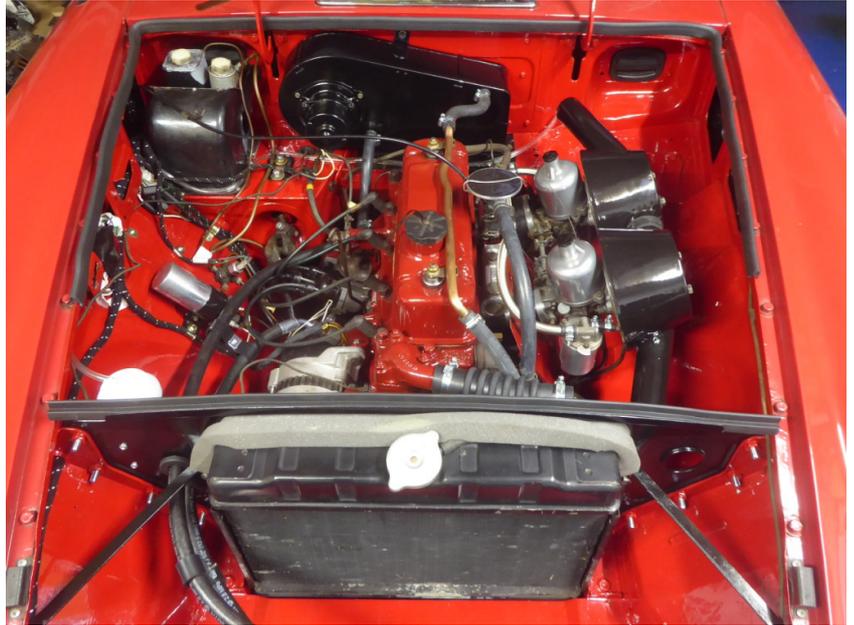
I am open to reasonable offers.

Arthur Thorpe

If anyone is interested in the above items please contact Arthur directly.

What Have You Done in your MG:

No other reports this month, so you will have to read about the continuing saga of my 'B'. I think I finished my report in the last Newsletter saying "will it be finished for Sunday", well those of you who were at the Drive-it-Day Run will know it wasn't!! Nor was it finished for the BMM Reopening Run, although it was very close. Everything was back together but there was a leak out of both the carb float chambers, a call to the Owners Club spares department advised they had not had any float needle vales in stock for over 12 months, so what to do? Of course the answer is always 'ebay' (other auction sites are available) and a quick look and a seller was found and the parts ordered, they arrived today. A thorough search of the garage and I eventually found the correct SU box spanner I acquired approx 40 years ago (I knew it would come in useful again), don't throw anything away. It is looking like everything is ready to go and what was the weather like today? Pouring down, so the test drive will have to wait a few days (and I need to put the bonnet back on) but we should be 'On the Road' again soon.



To close we have another topical cartoon from Graham (I think I might do the same!!):



Stay safe, stay well

Paul