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ARDEN MG CLUB

Issue 1 - January 2022

Newsletter

**Welcome to the first AMGC
monthly newsletter of 2022
and a Happy New Year to all.**

Chilly Willy Run

1st January 2022

The year started well with our Chilly Willy Run and despite the heavy shower early in the morning there was a good turn out of MGs, there was even an Austin 12 (from the 1930's) that had only been owned for a month before this run.

The Apple Barn Restaurant looked after us very well with our own reserved area and a good large car park to spread out in for the briefing.

There were even some surprise visitors, with Mick & Marg in the car park, Marg was looking very well after her op last year and was really pleased to see us all again, even

though she had to stay in the car. It was great to see her recovering well and looking as cheerful as ever. Best wishes Marg with your continuing recovery, we are all looking forward to you joining in again soon.

The large car park allowed us space to spread out for the briefing and we were off on the 22 mile run through the Worcestershire lanes to our normal haunt of the Golden Cross, where Matt, Claire and the team looked after us with a tasty and filling lunch.

Let's hope we can continue meeting up through the rest of the Year.



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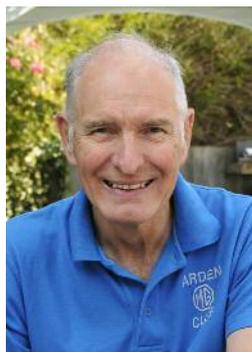
Paul Dunster & Norman Large
Please let us know if you have any information (comments, stories of interest, photos, 'Fred's' birthday, etc) that you would like to be considered for inclusion in this Newsletter. COPY DEADLINE is 10th of the Month.

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Chairman's Report - January 2022

Can I start by wishing you all a Very Happy & Healthy New Year.

You will see that the Newsletter looks a bit different, this is because Norman has agreed to take over producing the monthly Newsletter and will be using his PR and computer skills to give us a much improved method of communication. However Norman will only be an 'Editor', so he will need 'write-ups' from us to include. If nobody sends anything there will be no Newsletter and as there will be no events during January to



report on articles will be thin next month, so please spend a few minutes to write something to send to Norman, remember if

you would like to read it then so will someone else.

Thanks to everyone who attended the AGM, the room at the Cross was full, probably the best turnout we have had for the January meeting. The minutes of the meeting have been posted on the Club website, however the

previous officers have remained in post but with the addition of several new positions to spread the workload about. A major change is that the Events Secretary will now have full control over the events calendar, so all those people who would like to organise any sort of event for the Club should contact Trevor in the first instance, I will be more than happy to give help, advise, information etc...

I hope the changes at the AGM will allow the Club to continue to progress and be the social success it has always been, as I have said before let's make this a great year for the Club and all of us.

Chairman's AGM Report - 4th January 2022

The year started under another lockdown

... meaning we were not able to hold an AGM but we did manage to continue with some Club activities by holding the Club Nights as Zoom meetings which were not greatly popular but kept us going.



It was June before we were able to hold a Club Night and this was only possible spread out in the garden! We did manage to get indoors by July but only because Matt took pity on us with the weather forecast looking inclement. Indeed the first 'normal' Club Night was not until September, after the August meeting/show night was cancelled at short notice due to the number of 'Pings' by staff at the Cross. The Show Night was moved to 2 weeks later and would have been better if it hadn't started raining, this sparked some issues about my leadership of the Club but let's move on from that.

The restrictions were lifted sufficiently for me to organise another of my 'Social Distance Runs' to replace the

Chilly Willy Run and it was well received so was repeated 2 weeks later but Trevor will cover the Events in his report.

Chairman for 10 years

I had a number of significant moments through the year, firstly, the end of 2020 meant I had been Chairman for 10 years and this was acknowledged by my MG Friends at the Chairman's picnic, thanks to all involved with that. I then realised in April that I had written and sent out 125 Newsletters, more than 1 a month but this was due to the double month Newsletter sent during the lockdowns (less the 3 I had missed sending, not too bad only missing 3 in 120 months!!).

The website has fallen behind a bit this year, there just isn't time to do everything but the Facebook gets good viewing numbers & the WhatsApp account is getting more traffic.

Norman was on the ball enough to produce another wall calendar but that and the Newsletter have been saved by the pen of Graham producing all those wonderful cartoons.

An apology from the Golden Cross about the AGM Club Night:

"I understand your meeting tonight was all seated.

My Apologies but Helen, the member of staff, was confused as to our arrangements for your Tuesday club nights, so I believe she told you our seated restrictions apply to you. This is only necessary when staff are serving food to tables in the room.

I'm really sorry for the miscommunication.

Arrangements regarding future meetings. (As long as current Government Covid restrictions don't change of course), we are happy for the Club nights to continue as non seated events where the group can mingle.

The bar in the room will be open for service and staff will only serve from behind the bar for their safety.

Apologies again." Claire, The Golden Cross

What is really pleasing is the number of people who get involved, with runs organised by Alan & Richard in addition to all the events Trevor has organised, as well as Mike & Jane letting us use their house and garden. How would we manage without the efforts every month of Mike & Helen to run the raffle and David keeping the Register. Graham is a regular contributor to the Newsletter with write ups and cartoons, as has Trevor been (with his long running saga!), Norman for taking all the photos and producing the calendar and I'm sure there are others that I have missed, this is what we need to continue to keep the Club vibrant.

To close, what a year!! Indeed 2 years, lets make sure this one is better.

Cartoon Corner - Thank you Graham



I don't care how long it took your Mother to make this - I'm NOT wearing it

MG Owners Club - January 2022 issue

Arden MG Owners Club report 0511 for the January 2022 - issue

To put the record straight. Some of you may have read the edited (censored?) version in the MG Owners Club Magazine but the full version as penned by Graham was:

After a busy sort of few months, we ended up with what Our Leader felt was a bit of a NoNewsNewsLetter, presenting something of a challenge to this review.

The writer's MG is currently awaiting delivery of new rear springs (my fault for making gags about parabolics) which look like delivery will be in the Spring.

It's difficult to know how Our Leader could have missed reporting on the fact that last month held the Warwickshire round of the Over-Seventies Nude Olympics; the Arden MG Club put forward a team, though,

sadly, with no great success. Several of the males withdrew from the naked hurdling event and the cold weather meant there was a very poor turn out for the pole vault.

The Ladies Ballet team had high hopes but were disappointed when the judges marked them down because not everything stopped when the music did.

In the NoNewsNewsLetter, though, we did have a superb weather report from Trevor relaying the effects recent unfortunate events with his Duramember when MGB have had on the ambient temperature between he and Angela. After a long stint living in the garage WITH the MGB, he has now transferred to the Agnes Withering Home for the Slightly Bewildered, in Lowestoft, where his condition is reported to be calm but with wind rising later.

But at least we now have our lovely calendars to start writing things in.

Events Calendar:

Club Nights as usual

There's Cricket St Thomas a Becket to look forward to!



Davy Crocket St Thomas a Becket

Happy and safe motoring

MG YT 'officials' at Wedding

by Colin Howes

Saturday 13th November was a very special day in our household and not only did our daughter get married but I was able to take her to the ceremony in an MG. An MG YT to be specific, all thanks to Mike Brown and his wonderful car.

The journey from Alcester to Stratford became a little anxious due to a sudden road closure but both Mike and the car took it all in their stride and delivered us to the ceremony all in good time. Sitting in the back seat of the car, holding my daughters hand, bobbing along the narrow country lanes, then arriving in Henley Street, Stratford on Avon to a absolute sea of onlookers are precious memories that we will never forget.



Many thanks to Mike for helping to made the day so special.

Do you have a story to tell - if so please let us know

Our Chairman has a new toy! - when asked 'what he had done' he explained:

“Well very little in the 'B' since I stripped out the interior. However, I have found something to fill the space in the other side of the garage and have acquired an MGF. This was nowhere on my radar but the car was offered to me with a deal I could not say no to.

When I returned from the Chilly Willy Run there was a message on the answerphone from an MGOC member who wanted to 'give away' his MGF. At his advanced age he didn't want to go through the hassle of selling, so did I know anyone who might want the car. The more I thought about it the more I warmed to the idea of playing with a newer MG. By chance I went to view the car, I was on one of my cycle rides and saw it turn into a driveway, so I stopped and introduced myself. The car is not what I would ideally have like (Steptronic) but is a good colour, with nice interior and in need of TLC. However, for the cost (I would not take it from him without giving him



something) it was worth the risk, so there it sits in the garage. It will be a while before I can give it the TLC to start driving but hopefully it will be out & about by the Spring.”



Dusty has a New 'Lid' Lining

I put the hardtop on the TF just before Christmas. The last 18 years have taken their toll on the headlining - it was only my head that kept it up!

After a look at the workshop manual, otherwise known as YouTube I thought the job looked easy enough to stick it back up. I bought some spray adhesive and removed the complete lining and fibreglass shell to discover that the foam backing had completely disintegrated leaving a sticky mess.

I decided to replace the lining with a light cream coloured foam backed faux suede material that I found on ebay.

The worst part of the job was to remove the remains of the sticky foam but once clean, a spray of adhesive to the new lining and the backing board soon had it looking better than new. I think the colour suits the Le Mans Green better than the old grey material. Job done all for £30.



Now back to the TD.

Snippets

AMGC photo links



A look back at some of the good times. Copy or click on the link to your browser to view the photos.

2022

<http://normanlarge.com/ArdenMGCWRunJan22/>

2021

<http://normanlarge.com/ArdenMGCXmas21/>

<http://normanlarge.com/ArdenMGAlanRun/>

<http://normanlarge.com/ArdenMGCChairPicAug21/>

<http://normanlarge.com/DriveitApr21/>

<http://normanlarge.com/CWRRunApril21/>

2020

<http://normanlarge.com/ArdenMGCBBMMSept20/>

<http://normanlarge.com/ArdenMGCBBMMRun20/>

<http://normanlarge.com/ArdenMGCsSocRun2/>

<http://normanlarge.com/ArdenMGCsSocDist20/>

<http://normanlarge.com/ArdenAGMJan20/>

<http://normanlarge.com/ArdenMGCWRunJan20/>

2019

<http://normanlarge.com/ArdenMGCWRunJan19/>

<http://normanlarge.com/Patrick/>

<http://normanlarge.com/MarchMadness/>

<http://normanlarge.com/ArdenMalvernA19/>

<http://normanlarge.com/Driveit19/>

<http://normanlarge.com/ArdenMGJune19/>

<http://normanlarge.com/AMGCShowNight19/>

<http://normanlarge.com/ArdenMGQonW19/>

<http://normanlarge.com/ArdenMGCBroughton/>

<http://normanlarge.com/AMGCsKittles/>

<http://normanlarge.com/ArdenMGNov19/>

MG Mart



MG Mart Sell your MG related item(s) (car, parts, regalia) here. Just send us an email with a short description, photo (if applicable) and contact details.

Humour!



I pulled into a garage with my newly purchased nearly classic MGF and politely asked "I'd like a windscreen wiper blade for my MGF" ...
...The cheeky so and so replied "sounds like a good deal to me mate".

What's On

Proposed Events for 2022

Tuesday 1st February 2022 – Club Night: Social evening at the Golden Cross.

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Thursday 17th March – Factory Visit: To The Vital Spark, Electric Classic Cars. This is a new venture and they are developing a kit to convert MGBs to electric/battery power and we have got the opportunity to visit their works and see the progress of manufacturing the equipment at first hand. They have also got a company that produces an Austin Healey 3000 replica which will also be available with electric propulsion. The factory is in Long Marston, so a local company to us. There will be limited number of places available, so please let Paul know as soon as possible if you would like to join the visit, first to respond will be first on the list. It would be great to see some MGs on display, so bring them out of hibernation for the day.

Sunday 24th April – Drive- it-Day Run: David Pitt will be our organiser for this event, more details next time.

Friday 6th to Monday 9th May 2022 – Weekend Away: The final payments will be needed around the end of January and Alan will be in contact with all those booked to remind you and let you know the balance required.

Date	Event	Organiser
17th March	Visit to Vital Spark	Paul
24th April	Drive it Day	David Pitt
6th May to 9th May	Weekend Away to Warner's Cricket St Thomas, Somerset	Alan Griffith alan.griffith@hotmail.co.uk
25th & 26th June	Bloxham Steam Rally	Trevor
July	BMC & Leyland Show BMM	Paul
5th July	Show Night	Paul
Summer	Aunt Sally	Trevor
Summer	Happy Hereford's Run	Trevor
Summer	Chairman's Picnic	Paul
Summer	Heritage Run Revisited	Paul
13th December	Christmas Meal	Paul

Other Events:

MG Car Club Ltd - Spring Run

Sunday 10th April finishing at Broughton Castle, Banbury

Full Details:

<https://www.mgb-register.org/events/>

The 24th Ratae Road Run -

Sunday 12th June 2022

£28.00 Per car includes driver and one passenger.

Full Details:

<https://www.mgleicester.org>

<https://www.mgleicester.org/event/ratae-run-2022/>

Email Paul or Norman for a pdf flyer on either of the above events

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