



Welcome to the December issue of AMGC Monthly Newsletter - we hope you have a Lovely Christmas and a very Happy New Year



Skittles Night

by Paul

<http://normanlarge.com/AMGCSkittlesNov22>

For the Skittles Evenings I like to vary the venue from one year to another and this year we returned to the Social Club in Binton.

The event was sold out within days of opening the bookings, so must be popular. The long reserve list was just as well as the attrition rate due to illness was high and on the night we were slightly down on the maximum number.

I arrived in what I thought was good time to find several cars already waiting but due to the caretaker being a bit late we didn't get access until the advertised 7pm opening time. It was a bit cool in there but we soon got started and the bowling (and chatter) made everyone feel warmer.

There was the usual 2 teams, this time 'Bs' versus 'The Others'. Everyone was in the spirit of the evening and rotated quickly, so we were able to have 4 rounds and at the end the 'Bs' came out on top to beat 'The Others' by only 2 points, not bad when the scores were 360+

Lots of Strikes!

We must all be getting better at this game as there were lots of 'Strikes'. There are always winners at these events and this year the highest scores were from Helen for the Ladies and Fred for the Men. Of course we also award the Wooden Spoon and the recipient this year was Denise (don't worry I took home the Spoon last time we played at Binton and the following year had the highest score & won Killer!!).



Talking of Killer, to speed up the proceedings we reduced the number of lives to 2 and a close fought contest resulted in Bob taking home the prize.



We did stuff our faces with a 'basket' meal, which I think everyone enjoyed and the general feedback was this was one of the better venues to play at. Here's to next time.



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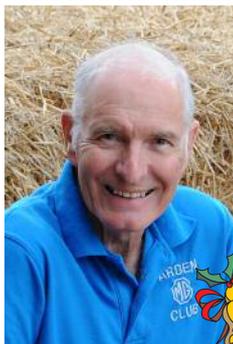
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Club Night

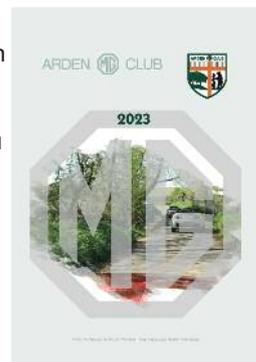
It was good to see you all at the Club Night despite the sudden change to colder weather.

I looked like there were 38 of us and I'm told 20 of those dined before the meeting, as I said last month it is good value at 2 mains for £18.

...and it's that time of year again! so from Caroline and me a *Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year* to all.



I would like to say a big thank you to Norman who has yet again made a super job of the Club Wall Calendar and he has a big job producing them to keep the costs down. Not only does he produce all the photos and artwork, he arranges the printing, then collates and binds them, so thank you Norman..



Breakfast Meetings

For the Breakfast Meeting it was the first time that I had woken up to an inclement day but it didn't stop 14 folk turning up at the Museum for a bacon or sausage roll on the gallery.

It was a very pleasant chat and good to see David Harrison again and hear some of his stories of the 3 London to Sydney Marathon's he has driven on, should we ask him back to give us another talk on these adventures? Despite the rain there were still a few MGs in the car park, it is a bit late in the year to be parking on the grass.



A parting thought for this month, after a count up this will be the 145th Newsletter I have been involved with!!!



Club AGM – Club Night 3rd January

As it must be well known by now I WILL be standing down as Chairman at the AGM, so the Club needs someone to come forward to pick up the reins of leading the Arden MG Club in the future.

At the previous meeting someone asked "What are you going to do if no one comes forward?". The answer is not what am I going to do but 'What is the Club going to do!' I have no doubts that the Club will carry on, everyone will turn up at the Cross on the first Tuesday each month and events will still happen but there will be no leadership, no one will stand up to give any notices, there will probably be no Newsletter and no regular communication to the membership (after I relinquish my role as an officer of the Club I will no longer have access to the Club database for email addresses etc due to the GDPR requirements).

To add to this Trevor announced at the Club Night that with a heavy heart he is to step down as the Events Secretary,

he feels he is not able to commit to attending every Club Night and Event as he has said "time is running out and we want to travel around Europe in the Camper and attend race events their son is driving in". That means the Club also needs a new Events Sec, maybe 2 people can get together and start a partnership taking the Club into the future, what about this being YOU! To paraphrase Kitchener: "Your Club Needs You".

I'm sure some people might be reluctant to put themselves forward as it appears that I spend an awful lot of time running the Club and this is true but that is what I chose to do, it is not necessary to do all the things I did.

The role of Chairman should be to lead the Club and coordinate what goes on, with this communicated to everyone. I did all the other stuff because I enjoyed doing it (and I will still organise some events), what we need (and what I tried to arrange before all the lockdown stuff) is for lots of people to be involved, which will mean the workload of the Chairman will be lessened. This is also true of the position of Events Secretary for which the main function is to coordinate the events, yes it's true that past Secretaries have organised lots of runs but that is not the main purpose, so long as other people come forward and help out. Being realistic that has been happening, we just need more of it. Lastly, I will still be around and be more than happy to assist, I just need a rest from the main role and as I've said before someone new will have new ideas of what to do and how to do it.

Editor's comments...

...and I'm sure I speak for all members: Thank you Paul and of course Caroline for all you have done over many years as our Chairman. A difficult act to follow I guess but hey-ho! only the future will tell - some very happy times much appreciated.

Chilly Willy Run

by Paul

New Year's Day 2023

The Valley, Evesham to The Golden Cross, Ardens Grafton

I have got well over 30 booked for the run so far, although quite a few are opting not to dine, so there is space for plenty more. As this is the middle of winter and lots of our cars are tucked up in the garage, they are not obligatory for the run (although preferred), therefore your modern car is acceptable and remember all the lanes & roads on the run are on gritted routes.

The run is just less than 25 miles, so we will assemble at the Applebarn Restaurant at 'The Valley', Evesham from 11am (drinks and breakfast available to purchase), where we should have a reserved area. The plan is to leave around 11.30/45 to arrive at the Golden Cross ready for brunch around 1pm.

Please let me know well before Xmas if you would like to start the year off with a run out with friends. The Cross have requested a pre-order for food which I will need to send in good time.



A Thank You from Trevor & Angie

After many considerations, and with a heavy heart, I have decided to stand down as Events Secretary at the January AGM. When I say "I", I really mean us, because it has very much been a team effort with Angie.

There is no one reason for this, its just that, although I think that I am only 30 years old in my head, truth is, time is marching on, and my body tells me different. We have so many pursuits outside of the club, even more so now, because our son will be going back to racing all over the country at weekends. It will be impossible to dedicate the sort of time we would like to, and attend events, which we feel committed to do, in a way that we would like.

This does not mean that we will not be organising any events in the future, there are still many demanding and challenging roads that we would like to introduce you to. Its just that we cannot give a guaranteed input throughout the year. So now is the time for someone new to take up this post, which incidentally can be quite fun. One has to get out and about in the MG, stop at watering holes, sample lunches, travel roads you would not usually travel on. Also, just like we organised new venues in our neck of the woods, the same would happen with someone in a different area. For sure we intend to repeat the Aunt Sally, Bloxham Steam Rally and Happy Herefords. We also have other thoughts on where/what, events of interest can be arranged for the lovely band of people who share the events with us.

Please do not be daunted by this post, after your initial run or event, which in our case, was as close to a parting of the ways that I want to get, (I am sure that if we were not in the middle of nowhere, Angie would have stormed off) it does become a pleasurable way of spending time, which is appreciated by all club members. The events can be anything that you would like to do, and anything that would appeal to a great bunch of people. (they are easy to please really, as long as cars, food and drink is involved). And don't forget there are lots of members who you can turn to for any help required.

So, thank you all for supporting Angie and I in the role of Events Secretary, I hope we have introduced some new experiences, which you all deserve, for being such a fun-loving bunch of people. We look forward to playing a cameo role for some events in the future.

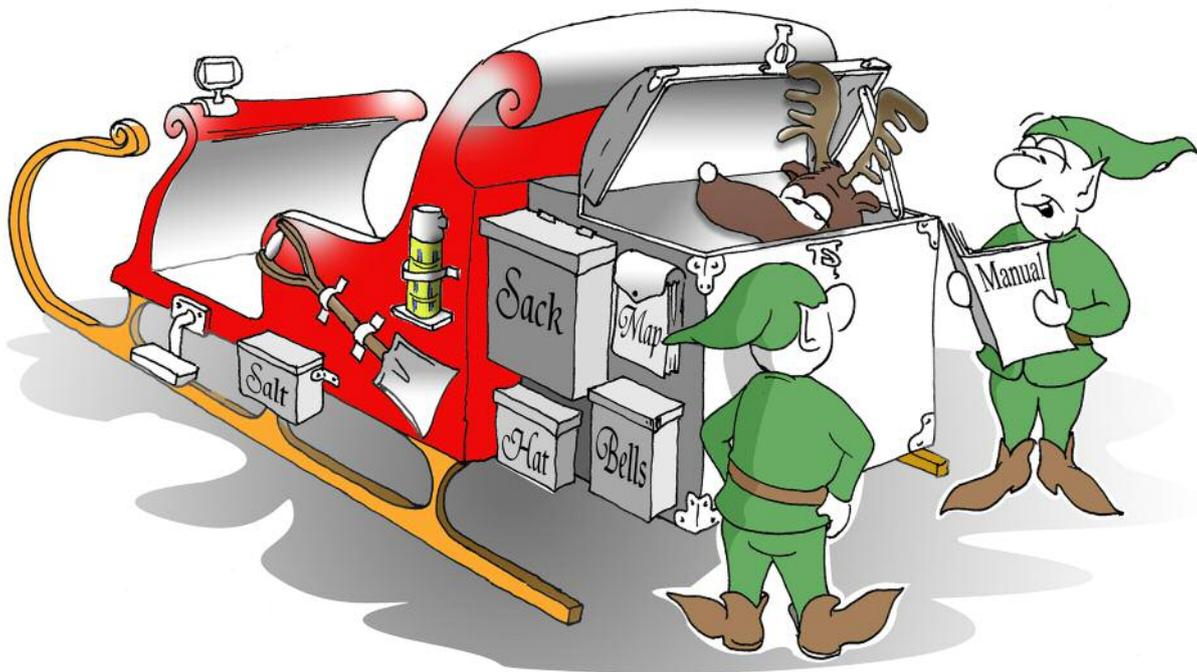
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Trevor & Angie.



Editor's comments...

...and I'm sure I speak for all members: Thank you Trevor and Angie for all you have done as our Events Secretary - some very happy times!



Christmas Special



Merry Christmas



Santa's FAVourite Sleigh!

Two years ago (2020) when the whole country was in lockdown over the Christmas period it became almost impossible for young children to visit or even see Santa. So, Santa felt he should go to them. So, first things first, he needed a sleigh that would travel easily on roads - so his elves adapted a beautiful 1965 red MGB (FAV) and fitted it out with Christmas lights and decorations.

Ho-Ho-Ho he must be doing it again this year as lights and things have mysteriously appeared over night on FAV.



MGF Nitrogen Suspension

- by Steve Entwistle

Many readers will remember the article in the Aug edition of AMGC Newsletter under "Tech Tips" regarding the offer to have your MGF Suspension regassed by Hydragas & Hydrolastic Services Ltd and arranged by Steve. Well four MGFs have now been 'Hydragassed" - In Steve's words...

belonged to Leslie Gunde, Roland Hancock, Peter Maxwell and myself. The weather was kind for November and the work took place in my garage.

Pictures show the remanufactured spheres containing nitrogen being replaced making the suspension like new. After fitting each car had a test drive by the owner and all commented it was like driving a new car!

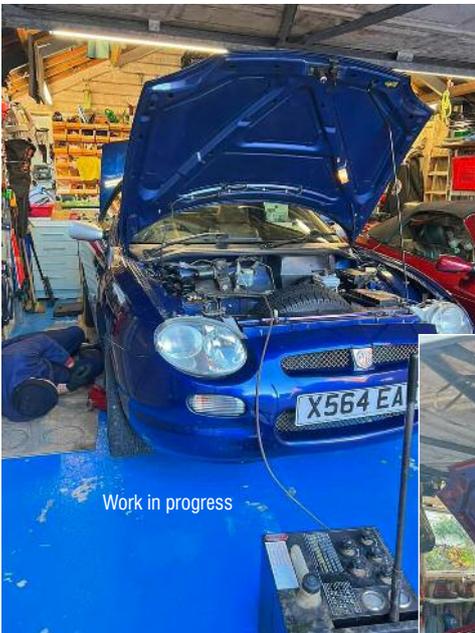
Dawn and Ian managed to complete the work on all four cars within the day and left for home in Telford about 5pm. A very successful

day just sorry we missed watching them work.

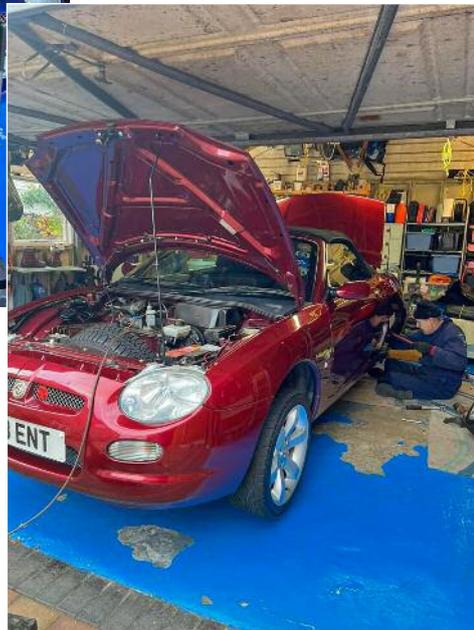
We would highly recommend Hydragas to anyone as the leading company for this service - nice people to deal with. If anyone needs any further information give me a call.



First up for regassing in Steve's garage



Work in progress



...Following a four months wait for this day to arrive both Gaynor and I were suffering with the flu virus making us unable to be as sociable as we would have liked! However Dawn and Ian from Hydragas & Hydrolastic Services Ltd were excellent and carried on regardless. The four cars involved



Remanufactured spheres being fitted



Below - Test drives in progress



Classic & Sports Car Magazine - Photo Shoot

by Trevor

We had put our TD away for the winter, when out of the blue, Paul sent an email to us, which included the search for a MK2 MG TD to take part in a photo shoot for the Classic & Sports Car Magazine.

The shoot was to take place at Curborough Sprint Circuit, which is just north of Litchfield. As we are thinking of selling the TD, we thought that it would not hurt to have some free publicity if we were to be selected for the shoot. I contacted the shoot organiser to find out more of what would be involved and said that we would be interested. After sending some photos of our TD, we were invited to attend the photo shoot.

The date of the photo shoot was 22nd November with a 9:30am start, finishing around 3pm. Now for us retired folk 9:30am is a bit early, because we like to ease into the day at a leisurely pace.

With a journey time of 1 hour 10 minutes, on fast moving roads we decided to take the TD on a trailer, behind our motorhome, because it would be easier and quicker, plus we would have a warm base for the day. I have not really played with reversing, loading cars, and strapping down on trailers since my racing days, but thought how difficult could it be, having done it a hundred times before. Wrong, somebody once told me that getting old was all about leaving things behind. As it turned out, this has now become one of the things we will not be doing again.

The weather forecast for the 22nd was not bad, cold, but no rain, however the forecast for the 21st was rain all day. I had intended to load up on Monday at my leisure, but this forecast put paid to that. This made for an even earlier start on Tuesday morning, having to now take the TD out of the Carcoon and load onto trailer before setting off. I picked up my sons trailer on Sunday, and proceeded to reverse it onto my driveway, with the motorhome. This turned into a frantic ordeal, where a number of attempts were needed, it was so entertaining, that quite a crowd had gathered to laugh at my attempts.

Tip Of The Day

Tuesday morning arrived and we had planned our moves like a military operation (so that we could get up as late as possible). We decided to load the TD on the road, instead of the driveway. We live on a quiet road, but whenever you go to do anything, it suddenly becomes like the M25 at rush hour. The ramps were heavier and trickier than I remembered, but eventually the car was on. Now all I had to do was strap it down. TIP OF THE DAY – practice where you are going to put the straps, before entering a “beat the clock” competition. Strapping the car down became more of an ordeal than reversing the trailer. Because I was conscious of the time it was taking, panic set in and as we all know, panic does not help. I became very animated with outbursts of swearing, even Angie had strap burns and she was ten feet away, such was the ferocity of me trying to wriggle the straps under the car. Eventually the car was secure, and we set off albeit half an hour late. This was not to be the last race against time this day.

We arrived without drama, and were not last, a guy in a TR4A was just later than us. Because we were late, the chap who was going to do the write up on our TD was waiting and whisked it off for the group photograph with all of the other cars at the shoot. The theme of the magazine feature was comparing two cars through the decades, from the 1950s onwards. Our TD was paired with a Morgan. My visions of me hooning around the sprint course in the TD were soon dashed.

Dynamic Moving & Static Detail

The photo shoot was all about dynamic moving photos and static detail photos. Each pair of cars were compared by the same driver who would write his piece for the article in the magazine.



Some of the Cars Taking Part



The TD is beating the Morgan

Cameras Rolling

Because we had to get the TD all tucked up in its Carcoon, we wanted to get back in daylight. I could not reverse the trailer in daylight, so if it was dark, who knows where it might end up. I did have a word with the organiser to see if they could complete the detail photos on our car first, which he did. It was just coming up to 3pm and we thought we were done, great, we can just make it back in time. Then the guy doing the writing, wanted to take it for one more drive around the circuit. He loved the car and did not want to stop driving it, we were getting anxious that daylight was running out.

“beat the clock”

Car was handed back, then the ordeal of loading and strapping, which went much better than in the morning, and we were off. The “beat the clock” competition was on again. We could not afford any mistakes on the way home, especially as this day of all days our sat nav decided to play silly beggars, but I had great faith in my wife’s map reading skills. All went very well until somewhere around the A5 intersection, where road works were taking place. My co driver went very quiet, so I asked, were we on the right

road to get to the M6. The reply was “I am not sure, I don’t know where we are exactly” another near divorce followed, and then I saw a sign for the M42, which I thought would do us. I was wrong because we found ourselves heading into Birmingham on the A38. Getting back in daylight was now not going to happen, and I had



Top:
“I wish I had one of these”



Left:
Detail photos of the car’s engine bay

visions of the trailer ending up in our front room. Then my co driver redeemed herself with honours by navigating us safely to the M6.

It was a stressful day which would have been an absolute joy if it had been in the summer, without the time constraints. And the trailer is still parked in our front room.

What Have You Done In or With Your (or someone else’s) MG?

My 4.5 Litre Supercharged Bentley by Paul

Well sadly nothing this last month, both the MGs were washed and waxed and are still under their covers in the garage. I’m still awaiting the delivery of new lever arm shock absorbers for the ‘B’ from Rimmer Bros (been on order since July), so no benefit in starting the refurbishment of the suspension just yet.

So, what have I been doing that is car related? I have been building a 4.5 Litre Supercharged Bentley, yes alright it is only a 1/12 scale model kit by Airfix!! How did this come about? Way back when I was younger 40/45 years ago I built quite a few car kits, which turned into making scratch built ‘Scalectrix’ cars to run on a home made track (one of these days I might grow up but I doubt it) and did in fact build the very same Bentley.

On holiday last year we were walking around the streets of Porthmadog and wandered into a model shop, there on the shelf was the Bentley still being produced, although not at the same price. I eventually decided to invest the money in the kit and a couple of months ago made a start.

As you can see in the photo I have only assembled the engine and chassis so far but that is because I have spent a lot of time painting the components ready to build.

The other photo is the complete car I built probably around 1976!! Happy days.



Jacob's Duratec

by Trevor

For those of you that did not die of boredom during my scribblings about the installation of a Duratec engine into a MGB, it's happening again.

Since I have been attending various classic car gatherings and sharing my Duratec engined MGB on two Facebook platforms, there has been lots of interest from people wanting to do the same. But you know how it is, one tends to only remember the elephant steaks when looking back at what you did to achieve some projects. One tends to forget all the little nip and tucks that were needed to achieve success.

If I am serious about supplying a kit of parts for financial gain, it needs to be as easy as I have stated in all my blurb, "no cutting, welding, or modifications to the actual MG. My kit only covers the mechanical parts required to install the engine and gearbox, how they make it go vroom vroom is up to them, because if you remember to achieve vroom, vroom in my car, caused me financial ruin and many nights in the dog house.

Guinea pig MGB GT

I had a number of people who live locally come and see my car and talk about the kit of parts. One young man, who we shall call Jacob, because that is his name, from Kenilworth offered to purchase the kit and I could use his MGB GT as a guinea pig. This was a god deal for him, but it did allow me to review and

update the engineering and drawings. The deal was he would deliver his car to my garage, less engine and gearbox and I would pop a Duratec under the bonnet, all connected to the back axle, simples. Wrong, his was a 1973 chrome bumper, whereas mine was a 1975 rubber bumper, that I converted to chrome bumpers. First thing I noticed was that the MGB engine mounts were in a different position, which I had expected, but did not realise how difficult it would make my "no welding and cutting" claim. Then there was something funny going on with the front crossmember and gearbox crossmember. It is my life's quest to understand these differences.

Custom Kit

Long story short, it meant a complete redesign of all the major components. So now there are two kits, one for each model. Because Jacob also known as Jacob has no design or fabrication skills, (he is a nuclear scientist), I have extended the kit to now include, custom exhaust manifold and complete exhaust system mountings utilising the MGB mounting points, custom alternator brackets and some other bits and bobs that make it even easier to complete this engine swap. All of this work is now complete and we will have wait and see if there will be any fruits from my labour, but it did set me a challenge, plus an addition to our coffers, much needed to pay for candles (can't afford electric).



Custom Engine Mounting bolted to Duratec Engine



Jacob's GT with Engine fully bolted in.



A standard Ford ST exhaust manifold awaiting modification.

Santa Arrived Early

by Colin Howes

This is a sequel to Norman's headlight story published a couple of months ago.

Back in September Lindsay and I went to the massive autojumble at Beaulieu on a mission to find a spare headlight for my car. Even after scouring the stalls all day (and believe me it is that big) we came away empty handed with the exception of a pair of original Lucas headlights for Norman's car.

The headlights on the University Motors MGC GT are unique in that they were manufactured by Cibié in the late 60's but never used on any production vehicle with the exception of a CD Panhard. Something I have never ever come across in my entire life. The headlights were used by coach-builders Margrave and Wood & Pickett to achieve a unique styling to the cars which they were modifying in the late 60's - early 70's. From this you will gather that these headlights are even rarer than the proverbial hen's teeth.

Late one night early December, Lindsay had gone to bed and nothing on the TV, I decided to have a surf around on the internet. Already I have eight different searches set up on eBay for said headlights. Countless searches on the internet over time and nothing had ever surfaced over the past three years during which I have been looking.

Imagine my surprise when Google came up with exactly what I had been looking for. Not one, but two headlights. Brand

new, old stock. Was this real? Am I dreaming? What am I missing? There has to be a catch. Located in Germany, would the seller be happy with shipping? So many questions. After a quick message to seller that he was happy to ship to the U.K. I pressed the 'Buy it now' button and started praying.

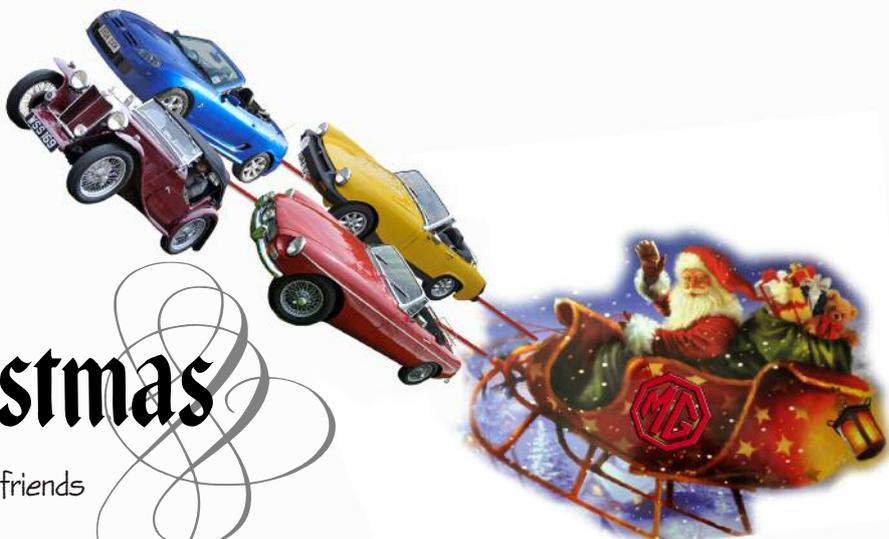
There followed a very anxious 10 days. Would they be the correct headlights, would they get lost or just as bad, damaged in transit?

I am very happy to report that all is well and when they arrived, they were absolutely perfect.

And yes, I do believe in Father Christmas. He was driving a DHL van but who cares!



Merry Christmas
to all our members, friends
and families



THE TON UP KID

(Mike Green) -

AGED 70

Here we go again, a frustrating month with both the weather and old age against us - but we battle on!

At the 10th month stage we'd hit 91 and on November 1, we dropped down 2 gears for what was intended to be the kill by 30.11. but.....

- **November 1:** Club Night! - 92
- **November 2:** *I annoyingly missed the Jaguar Club talk at Coventry by the former last CEO of De Lorean. I had just had the Flu Jab and have to admit feeling pretty darn rough and not particularly up for a c80 mile round trip.*
This was the start of a serious period of misfiring.....
- **November 5:** *Whilst not normally averse to a bit of rain and a strong breeze, I also missed the Prescott Member's Rally Event. We were also having some finishing touches done to the garage and I called "abort" to this event and later lit the bonfire with family and friends. It gets worse.....*
- **November 7:** *We got ourselves double booked and missed a talk at BMM about the 3 Wheeler Morgan - the third "no show"*
- **November 11:** The Classic Car Show at the NEC - almost 15k steps wandering around my perception of "Heaven"! This event has been a real

Episode 10

By Mike Green

favourite of mine for many years and I reckon Friday is the best day. I bumped into a few friends and acquaintances and managed a chat with Sarah Crabtree - ex Bangers & Cash. I reckon it's the first year I haven't bought more cable ties and similar useful stuff.



A Jaguar XJ220 owned by our racing friend Nigel Webb



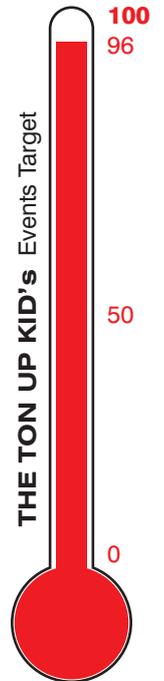
But with a Jaguar V12 - rather than the MG 6R4 engine



Our Chairman says the Cayman is his favourite Porsche

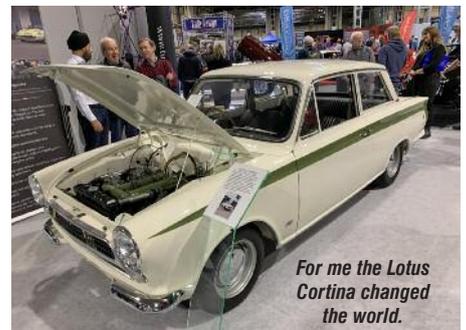


The last score was 91



In the last 3 Newsletters, you will have been following his and his wife's Jane meander around Europe in a '47 Rover 12 Tourer.

Fascinating as that might be to many, I was more interested in his 10,000m run to Sydney back in 1968 - the London to Sydney Rally, in which he came 30th in a Lotus Cortina, whilst serving in the British Army. He has since repeated the "run" twice - for fun.



For me the Lotus Cortina changed the world.

Our member is of course Captain David Harrison and given that he gave us a presentation many moons ago on the London to Sydney Rally, he has agreed a follow up in the style of a Q&A presentation next year, subject to the blessing of our new "Chair."

I thoroughly enjoyed my time together with David, as I'm sure Fiona and Richard, sat nearby, did. David has many more interesting recollections of his diverse adventures in 4 wheels to share and should write a "book" in my view. Not many have rallied an Army Series LandRover - and survived to tell the story!

Score becomes 95.



A Transit for the Jabba Jabba Arden MG Big Band 2023 Tour

I easily could spend 3 days there!

Score becomes 93

- **November 12:** Jaguar Breakfast Club at Tetbury - it would take a miracle to miss a fine English - particularly on a Saturday. Score 94
- **November 15:** Gaydon MG friends and bacon rolls.

For me an opportunity to "interrogate" one of our members (David Harrison) on his driving experiences.

THE TON UP KID

(Mike Green) -

AGED 70



Episode 10 - Continuation

By Mike Green

- **November 17 and 18:** Sadly that flu jab earlier in the month had malfunctioned in either giving me the flu and or failing to fend it off.

With common sense prevailing, we missed our monthly natter at Prescott and also just about the only "keep fit" activity we currently undertake - yes we thought best to skip the annual skittles jolly and wrap up in front of the fire.

To make it worse, the November talk on V Bombers at Brooklands was postponed until February and thus the chance to wander around the Museum beforehand lost.

That's a punishing loss of 6 scores!

- **November 26:** A pre-Christmas meet up at Kemble Airport with some southern Jag folk we haven't seen for a while, supposedly including a Bristol lad, whom had a serious car accident many months ago - whilst he's still on the mend, he wasn't fit enough to attend, so I succumbed and had a second bacon bap for him. He says his fast car days are long over.

Some of you no doubt know that Kemble (Cotswold) Airport has

expertise in dismantling and recycling Aircraft, such that when BA and other Operators prematurely grounded some of their stock, a year or so ago, their last landings were at Kemble. Sadly it became the graveyard for over 50 aircraft taking early retirement, most of which are scattered around, now minus engines etc.



A747 at Kemble saved as a visitor attraction - with Santa

Thankfully one is positioned near the AV8 Cafe and open for a tour - Santa is expected soon. It's worth dropping by - just south of Cirencester on the way to Tetbury/Highgrove.

...and whilst the Ton is certain, stretching to 105 maybe asking just too much..... So we're now sensibly back into 5th gear, for a leisurely run to the finish and save the planet.

At the moment we're scheduled to crack the Ton on December 10 at the Tetbury Jaguar breakfast and then apparently a brief visit to Highgrove (provided the invites from the King materialise).

- **December 13:** The formal end of the road and book signing! Quite rightly, the 101st event should be our Club Christmas Sing Along to celebrate another year with you all - our MG Friends!

And what an adventure it's been. In the final episode I'll reflect on a few highlights and share news of my just becoming a Founder Member of the BRM Paddock Pass Community and perhaps the start of another adventure as in a moment of madness, I've just sort of invested in a V16.

That takes the score to just 96

Please let us know if you have a story of interest, photos, a club member's special event or birthday, etc that you would like to share with members in this Newsletter.

Contact details are on the Snippets page of this Newsletter.
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What's On - AMGC

Club Events - 2022

Tuesday 20th December – Breakfast Meeting at BMM.

Yes there is still one more event for this year, a last chance this year to join us for a bacon (or sausage) roll at the British Motor Museum in Gaydon and make the most of a 12 month ticket at the Museum and see the new exhibits (Lenham Austin Healey Sprite race car, Rolls Royce Silver Shadow and Rover 12 Reavell Special all now on view).

Club Events - 2023

January 1st 2023 Sunday – Chilly Willy Run.

This is now confirmed and we will be starting from the Valley in Evesham (same as this year) where the Applebarn Restaurant will be open for breakfast or just drinks. The ~25 mile run will be through the lanes but if necessary will use gritted roads.

The Golden Cross are offering a 'Brunch' menu on this day and we can select from this, if any one wants to see the Menu please let me know and will I email it to you. The Cross have requested we give them a pre-order for food, so please book with me and include your food choices if required, in good time before Christmas.

The plan is to meet in the Applebarn Restaurant around 11am and be ready to leave around 11.30/45.

What's On - Elsewhere

Other Events - 2022/23

If you know of any other events that you feel are worth a mention in the Newsletter, or there is an event that you would like to organise, please let Trevor know.

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – Club Annual General Meeting.

As you all must know by now I will be stepping down from the role of Chairman at this AGM, so we do need someone to come forward to take over the reins of running the Club. Please don't leave it until the meeting to volunteer.

Sunday 23rd April – Drive-it-Day Run.

Nick Godfrey has come forward and offered to organise this run for us, so keep the day free, more details next year.

Monday 1st May – British Motor Museum 30th Anniversary Run:

To keep the tradition going of celebrating the opening of the Museum I will be organising a run to there, so again keep this day free. Note it will be the Bank Holiday.

Monday 15th May to Friday 19th May – Club Holiday to Warner's Badelwyddan Castle:

Alan still has a room available at the 'Castle' so if anyone finds they can now join in talk to Alan. The deal is still the same (but future bookings after this will be at a different cost) and there is no supplement for single occupancy.

Sat-Sunday 24th-25th June – Bloxham Steam Rally Run

Further details to follow.

To reserve your place or for more information on any of the AMGC events please contact the appropriate organiser:

Date	Event	Organiser
January 1st	Chilly Willy Run	Paul
April 23rd	Drive-it-Day Run	Nick Godfrey
May 1st	BMM 30th Anniversary Run	Paul
May 5th to 19th	Warner's Badelwyddan Castle	Alan
June 24th and 25th	Bloxham Steam Rally Run	Trevor

Badelwyddan Castle Holiday Update

Hurry, hurry --- Only one Place Remaining

Still have one double standard room at special rate left for our holiday between 15th and 19th May 2022.

We have had some very good feedback from friends who have been there this year so it looks to be a great spring getaway.

If you are interested and you want more than a standard room you can update the grade at the preferred rates.

The standard room for the 4 nights, including Dinner, Bed and Breakfast is £289.00 pp. If you wish to come by yourself there is no room surcharge as we have only taken 1 of the 3 we can take without incurring extra costs.

Entertainment and leisure facilities seem to be great.

Bad news for those who have booked, I will be sending out requests for the balance by the end of January 2023.!

Hope you are all looking forward to exploring North Wales and we have weather like last year. Currently Richard and myself are thinking of organising 2 runs, leaving one day free for members to explore the area or make the most of the hotel facilities.

Happy Christmas to you all.

Alan



Snippets

Humour!



What kind of motorbike does Santa ride?
- Holly Davidson!

What kind of cars do elves like to drive?
- Toy-Yoda or an Elfa-romeo!

What does Santa clean his car and sleigh with?
- Santatizer!

How do you lift a frozen MG car?
- With a Jack Frost

What do the elves call it when Father Christmas claps his hands when he sees a beautiful classic MG?
- Santaplause!

What do you call Kris Kringle when he goes on his wife's Classic MG insurance?
- a dependent Claus

Spanners



A message from Reddotch Shed

At the Redditch Shed we have accumulated some spanners...

...but they are mainly a wood based shed so don't really need this many spanners.

They have:

- 42 AF Spanners
 - 50 metric spanners
 - 10 box spanners
 - 10 large imperial and metric spanners
 - 42 whitworth spanners
- and they are still sorting though other tools.

Phil was wondering if you anybody who would be interested in them for a charitable donation.

Cheers

Phil

Please contact Phil at: philsfel@btinternet.com

A Special Day



None this Month - Please let us have some of your news and views. Send to: norman.large@btinternet.com

MG Mart



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Arden MG Octagon Club



Paul has received the following message from Brian at our sister Club (The Arden MG Octagon Club).

Paul,

We launched the MG Centenary Events at the NEC over the weekend, could you please advertise it in your monthly newsletter for the next few months. Bookings will open in late November via the BMM website. Best wishes. Brian

[Full advertisement on page 14](#)

Tech' Tips



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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/AMGCBadseyJuly22/>
- <http://normanlarge.com/AMGCShowJuly22/>
- <http://normanlarge.com/AMGCBloxhamJun22/>
- <http://normanlarge.com/AMGCDitDApr22/>
- <http://normanlarge.com/AMGCVitalSparksMar22/>
- <http://normanlarge.com/ArdenMGCWRunJan22/>
- <http://normanlarge.com/AMGCHappyHAug22/>
- <http://normanlarge.com/AMGCSkittlesNov22/>
- <http://normanlarge.com/AMGCXmas22/>



Please let us know YOUR NEWS - (comments, stories of interest, photos, a club member's birthday, special celebration, etc) - that you would like to be considered for inclusion in this Newsletter.

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Norman Large & Paul Dunster

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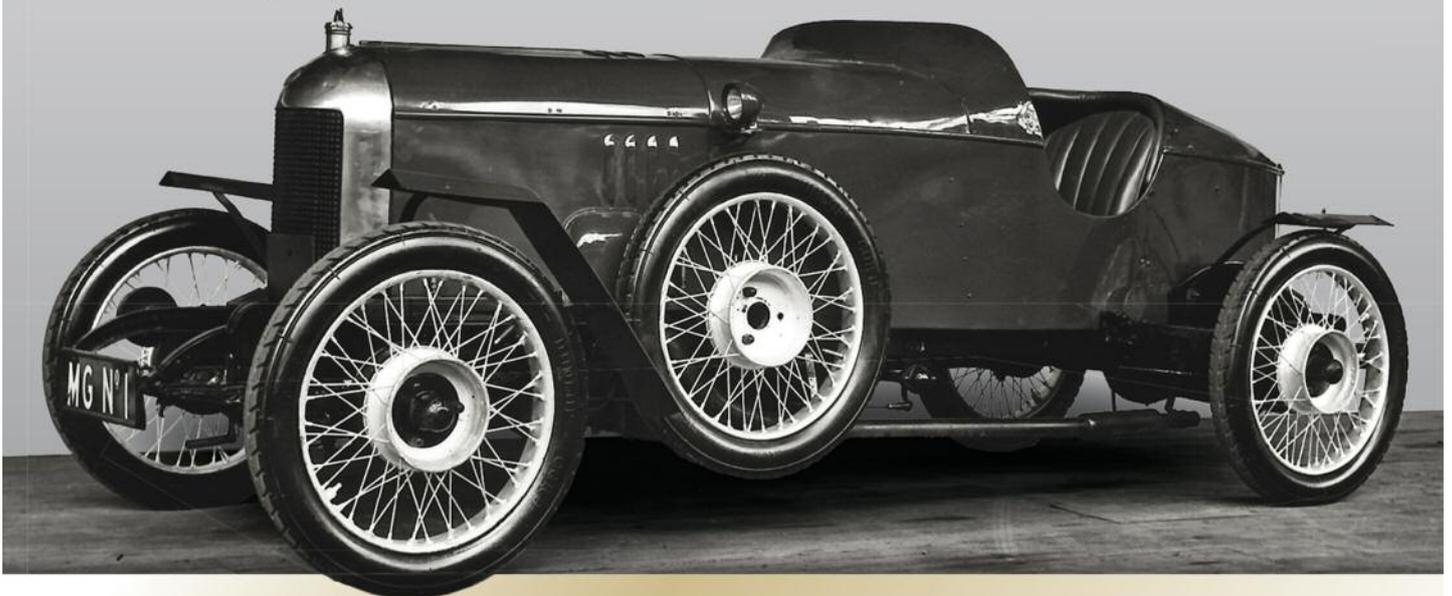


In support of Air Ambulance UK,
Prostate Cancer UK and
Sporting Bears Motor Club



An event celebrating 100 years of MG

**British Motor
Museum**
Saturday 27th May 2023



- Timeline of 100 MGs
- Old Number One
- Works cars display
- MGs of special interest
- Sporting Bears dream rides
- Multi start point scenic runs converging on Gaydon
- Centenary dinner with guest speaker
- Club marquees
- MG specialist traders
- MG Motor UK
- Pride of ownership competition
- Private MG sales
- Car boot sale
- MG archive films in the film theatre
- Children's entertainment
- Souvenir merchandise
- The Barn-ettes – girl singing group

Full details and merchandise from our website: www.mgcentenary.co.uk

Tickets on sale from British Motor Museum: www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk



Jointly organised by The MG Octagon Car Club, The MG Car Club, The Early MG Society, The MG Owners' Club and The MG T Society

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Keep Happy Keep Healthy Keep MGing

