



Welcome to the January issue of AMGC Monthly Newsletter and a

Happy New Year to all.

Chilly Willy Run

1st January 2023 by Paul

It was great to see so many MGs turn up for the annual Chilly Willy Run, 16 in total two thirds of the total, well done everyone and I hope you enjoyed giving your MGs an airing to start the New Year.

I was again forced to use the MG FIAT Spider by Mazda despite my best intentions. I had put the MGB battery on charge, just in case (in truth there was no need it took no time at all to be fully charged) and I fired her up the day before to hear the inevitable continual tick tick tick of the fuel pump, up with the bonnet to find petrol pouring out of one of the joints to the carburettor (and the near side front damper was leaking as well), so the reserve was called up for duty. I could have used the 'F' but I have put it on SORN and didn't want to pay the cost of the Road Fund Licence.



The weather was fortunately much better than the day before with even a bit of sunshine, however the wind was fierce, consequently the briefing was kept to a minimum and we were off around the lanes of Worcestershire and Warwickshire.

I hope everyone enjoyed reading the little snippets of information as you drove through some of the villages. I'm not sure how successful the 'Brunch' was at the Cross, nearly half of the entrants chose not to stay to dine but Felan wanted to keep the holiday days simple, although they did offer roast lamb to other diners on the day!!

Nevertheless I think it was an enjoyable day and a great way to kick off the New Year.



A Very Brief Briefing



A Cold Bright Start



Tulips - are we going to a Amsterdam?



On the Road toNowhere!



On Your Marks...

Editor's comments...

...and I'm sure I speak for all who attended: Thank you Paul a great start to the New Year. Link to photos on the day: <http://normanlarge.com/AMGCCWRJan23/>

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Christmas Meal by Paul

I thought this was going to be the first year without any cancellations, however Deana was not well on the day and bailed out at the last minute but not to worry Carl took a big carrier bag full of food back with him for her!

It were therefore 51 of us that sat down to a fine festive meal at the Cross. With this number we did need to overflow into the bar area where there was a good sized table to accommodate the 5 couples, however I understand it was not very warm in their corner, sorry about that we will need to talk to the Cross for future years.

As we are a Car Club I make no apologies for including some motoring related questions in the traditional quiz, however the Arden MG Club Events of 2022 questions stumped some of you, especially the Prize Winners at the Show Night with more than one couple forgetting they had indeed won one of the prizes!! The other 10 questions were based on the events of 2022, which stretched the memories even more, however we did find a winning team with the group in the bar (well they did have 10 players, although they could have received 2 more points if they had remembered they had won a prize at the Show Night).

The other tradition is the free raffle and this year every couple won a prize,



Even more Audience Participation.

presentations, as you will no doubt read elsewhere in this Newsletter, the Xmas Meal was going to be when Mike finally achieved his goal of 100 motoring events (The Ton Up Kid) for 2022, so he was awarded with a certificate to recognise the achievement, well done Mike, what is the challenge for 2023? The other presentation allowed me to give Norman a tangible 'Thank You' for the great job he has done with the Newsletter (and other things) for the last year, it is much appreciated by all of us, Thank You Norman.

I hope you all enjoyed them.

I also made a couple of

Of course we now can't escape the singing of the Twelve Days of Christmas or for this year 'The Parts List on a CD', beautifully written by Graham with the help of 'Band Leader' Mike. There was also the La la song but the less said about that the better!!

I think everyone went home happy and replete (even if a few were a bit cold!!).



Good Company



Awaiting the Guests

12 days of Christmas by Graham & Mike

- On the First** day of Christmas, I bought for my MG: A parts list on a CD ...
- On the Second** day of Christmas, I bought for my MG: Duplex timing gears on the parts list on a CD
- On the Third** day of Christmas, I bought for my MG: Pre-engaged starter, Duplex timing gears on the parts list on a CD
- On the Fourth** day of Christmas, I bought for my MG: "For Life" coolant, Pre-engaged starter, Duplex timing gears on the parts list on a CD
- On the Fifth** day of Christmas, I bought for my MG: Fire ex-tinguish-er... "For Life" coolant, Pre-engaged starter, Duplex timing gears on the parts list on a CD
- On the Sixth** day of Christmas, I bought for my MG: 6J Alloy wheels, Fire ex-tinguish-er... "For Life" coolant, Pre-engaged starter, Duplex timing gears on the parts list on a CD
- On the Seventh** day of Christmas, I bought for my MG: Several swipes on my card, 6J Alloy wheels, Fire ex-tinguish-er... "For Life" coolant, Pre-engaged starter, Duplex timing gears on the parts list on a CD
- On the Eighth** day of Christmas, I bought for my MG: Eight in of Castrol, Several swipes on my card, 6J Alloy wheels, Fire ex-tinguish-er... "For Life" coolant, Pre-engaged starter, Duplex timing gears on the parts list on a CD
- On the Ninth** day of Christmas, I bought for my MG: Dynamit liner, Eight in of Castrol, Several swipes on my card, 6J Alloy wheels, Fire ex-tinguish-er... "For Life" coolant, Pre-engaged starter, Duplex timing gears on the parts list on a CD
- On the Tenth** day of Christmas, I bought for my MG: Tonneau cover cleaner, Dynamit liner, Eight in of Castrol, Several swipes on my card, 6J Alloy wheels, Fire ex-tinguish-er... "For Life" coolant, Pre-engaged starter, Duplex timing gears on the parts list on a CD
- On the Eleventh** day of Christmas, I bought for my MG: A load of copper piping, Tonneau cover cleaner, Dynamit liner, Eight in of Castrol, Several swipes on my card, 6J Alloy wheels, Fire ex-tinguish-er... "For Life" coolant, Pre-engaged starter, Duplex timing gears on the parts list on a CD
- On the Twelfth** day of Christmas, I bought for my MG: 12 months MOT, A load of copper piping, Tonneau cover cleaner, Dynamit liner, Eight in of Castrol, Several swipes on my card, 6J Alloy wheels, Fire ex-tinguish-er... "For Life" coolant, Pre-engaged starter, Duplex timing gears on the parts list on a CD



Mike & Graham in 'some kind' of Harmony!



...and a Round of Applause.



The Ton-Up Kid Appreciation Society



Chairman's Report - January 2023



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

Club Night and postpone the AGM

My apologies that it was necessary to cancel the Club Night and postpone the AGM but the message from the Cross about their closure was not sent until late on the 27th December, so there was no time to look for an alternative venue and we were meeting on the Sunday for the Chilly Willy Run. It does give us the chance to change

the date for the AGM, I don't think January is the best month as the meeting is always so close to the festivities it is not usually as well attended, so I will propose that the future AGM's will be in March.

Please see the entry about the February Club Night below, which is also featured in the 'Whats on' section as the Cross are opening especially for us on that night.

Forthcoming Club Night at the Golden Cross

- Tuesday 7th February

All through January & February the Cross are closed Monday & Tuesday evenings, however they have offered to open especially for us on this evening. They will be offering meals for anyone who would like to dine before the Meeting but they need you to book a table with them and pre-order food (I will circulate the Menu as soon as I have received it). As they are opening especially for us they really would like to know that there will be some diners, so please make your bookings sooner rather than later.



Breakfast Meetings

The last event of the year the Breakfast Meeting at the British Motor Museum turned out to be the best

attended of the year with 16 people sitting down for a breakfast roll and coffee (or tea and better if you don't tip it all over the table, thanks Steve for mopping up!!).

A sign of the meeting being after the schools closed as several Grandparents brought along 3 kids to boost the numbers. There were not many MGs in the car park but David braved the weather with the roof down on his MGB and Alan & Julia travelled down in their brand new MG ZS (they couldn't refuse the offer of a new vehicle with a £27 reduction in their monthly payments!! Now must be the time to buy.)

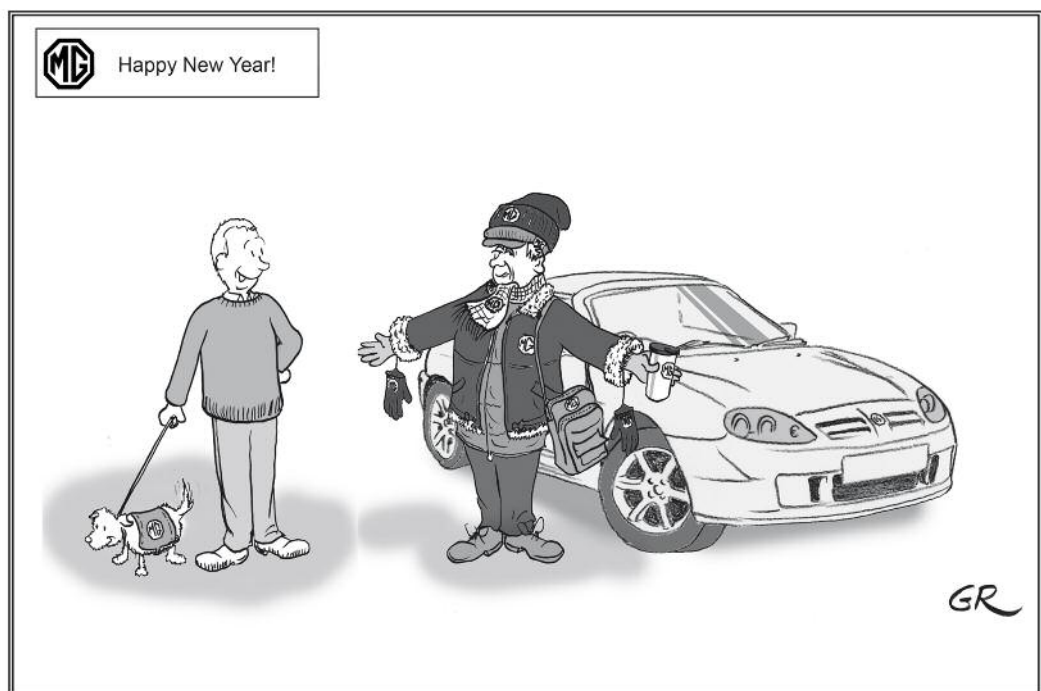
There were lots of discussions about all sorts of far reaching topics, some motoring related, some not. A very pleasant morning out.

We will continue into the New Year, same place (British Motor Museum Junction 12 Cafe Gallery), same day (3rd Tuesday) same time (10am to sit down around 10.30am). I hope to see more of you there.



Cartoon Corner - Thank you Graham

Cartoon Corner



We got the dog this great MG coat for Christmas! Anyone buy you anything?

'An MGB Dampers start to the year'

by Paul

Following on from my report on the front page,...
(Ed's comments: "yes the lame excuse for not turning out in his MGB") ...over the festive period I received an update from Rimmer's about the delivery of the new Front Dampers, bringing the date forward to 11th January.

I'm taking this as good news and they will be on their way to me, therefore I have started taking the front suspension apart. I also had an 'advisory' of play in the King Pins at the last MoT Test and yes the play needs to be resolved and given that the King Pins are over 50 years old I have also ordered a new set.



Whilst I have the suspension apart I might as well paint the Wishbones, so they will come out as well. That will keep me busy for the next few months - when is the next event I will need the car for? No pressure!!

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

Santa's FAVourite Sleight!

...Continuation from last months edition

Ho-Ho-Ho the big man and FAV did it again. 'Magically' emblazoned with decorative lights and shiny things FAV, for the third year running, mysteriously appeared around the lanes of TinA on Friday evening of 16th December 2022.

It was a very cold and frosty evening (-4° C) but that didn't stop the visits to eagerly awaiting families.

After some 18 stops and 47 excited children - all on the Nice List of course - FAV and the big man arrived home safe and sound.

FAV may have taken a little time to start on the day but she performed brilliantly around some vary precarious lanes that were covered in frost and ice. Not a reindeer - with or without a red nose - was needed to help the MGB sleigh on its way.

Guess we shall see what happens next year.

See last year's full story in Enjoying MG January edition



Ready for the off!

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THE TON UP KID

(Mike Green) -

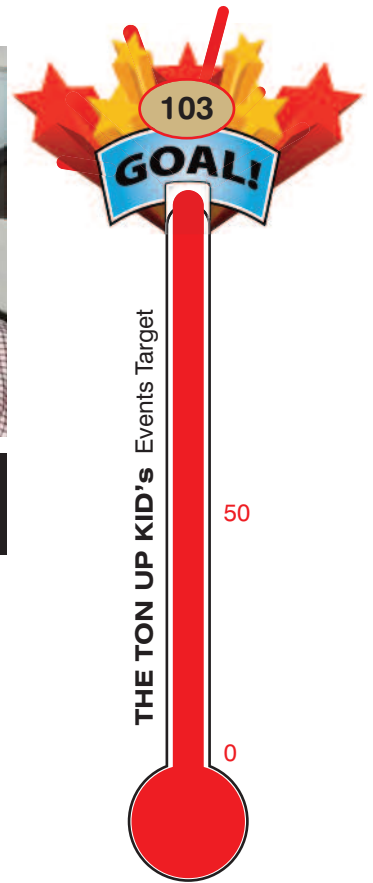
AGED ~~70~~ now **71**

Concluding Episode

By Mike Green



The last score was 96



With 2022 behind us, here comes the December activity, together with some highlights during the year. I've added a glimpse of 2023, to help focus us on the end game and something to shoot at along the way.

"We closed November with a score of 96 and with the Ton comfortably in sight by December 31.

- **December 3:** Jaguar breakfast at Gaydon
- **December 4:** Christmas gathering at the Motor Hub Bibury - well worth a visit.



A few classics at The Motor Club

- **December 6:** Club Night
- **December 10 :** (The TON achieved) Jaguar Breakfast at Tetbury, but sadly our visit to Highgrove was snookered by the invites apparently being lost in the postal strike. Highgrove would otherwise have been a fitting destination to celebrate "The Ton" but....



A winning SDI raced by Steve Soper at Silverstone, prepared by Tom Wilkinshaw.

- **December 13 :** Arden MG Christmas Bash. You'll have probably guessed that the Robson Green singalong hadn't been rehearsed?
- **December 20 :** Silverstone Interactive Museum visit (new opened in 2020) an absolute must and great value for a 12 month pass at around £25.
- **December 22 :** and the End of the Road. A festive Christmas Jaguar gathering in a barn in Northleach. **(103 completed)**

That's it - the Ton done and loads of fun

(well at least for me) and in my 70th year. It must have cost a few bob, but you can't take it with you, whenever that might be....

2022 Highlights

Fond Memories and the One that Got Away: "To Follow."

In looking back over the 10 featured Episodes, the following events, in no particular order, were more special:

A visit to Hall and Hall to meet Rick and Rob Hall, re a BRM opportunity and a private viewing of many amazing cars in their secret location (which I'm hopeful of doing again). Separately I attended the BRM Shakedown Day at Blyton Airfield.



A 1960's BRM at Silverstone.

Our first visit to Brooklands in May was very interesting in many respects and we've been back a couple of times since and listened to presentations from Mike Bannister (Chief Pilot of Concorde) and Tony Jardine.

Visiting Beaulieu Motor Museum in October was a cheeky tuck in, en route to a few days in Dorset. It's well worth a visit and for around £25 a 12 month pass.

After over 10 years together, the last and solo run in the V8 to Ascot to pass on the MG to its new lover, was special .

Our 160 mile dash to the Black Mountains and back in a new and quick Morgan. We'd certainly do it again and but for the £85k, we'd own one.

Continued



Everyone's favourite at the Silverstone Museum

Castle Combe MGs on Track day in Ed the Zed in June. The first time for me at such an event, with 6 solo sessions and session 3 with an Instructor. Thankfully I survived and Ed did well at speeds over 90mph - even overtook a few other MGs.

In July, perhaps the most memorable event at the JLR Test Track at Fen End. It was part of my Bremont watch present and the opportunity to track 6 old Jaguars and to be taken around the Track by Works Drivers in a D Type and a Coombs Series 2 (Bank Robber) saloon, with plenty of opposite lock on the hairpin.

A slight deviation was our visit to Brize Norton at a "Family Day" in September and a chance to explore some amazing military aircraft, whilst enjoying many classic and military vehicles.

At a couple of Jaguar meetings, I saw talks by John Watson and Tony Rolt, whilst managing a few minutes nattering to Alec Poole - all legends.

Last but not least, was a natter of some 30 minutes at Gaydon, with our very own David Harrison (of the 1968 London to Sydney Rally fame) With or without the consent of our new Chair, I suggested and he agreed to a 30 minute Q&A session with me, on his various driving exploits later this year.

On that note, I'm sure other members, both our ladies and gentlemen, have some interesting life stories, not car related, to share with us. Perhaps a Q&A format might work from time to time during this year and in the process encourage wider enjoyable nattering at both the Cross and Gaydon gatherings?

2023: Key Objective: One Life - Live It - More Fun - less Work.

With an interest in cars spanning 6 decades and as part of "The Ton", we generated a wider opportunity for fun and amusement during 2022, which will hopefully continue. My first love was Land Rover starting some 65 years ago in Clovelly, but it wasn't until 1992 that our first Discovery appeared. Our third, a Discovery 2, arrived new in 2004 and 160,000 miles later, still enjoys pottering around.

The conundrum for 2023, - what cars, if indeed any, to buy/sell. Common sense would say just get out on the road and enjoy what you've got, but common sense isn't that common.....

The National Trust.

We joined almost 40 years ago as a means of avoiding parking charges at Knoll beach in Studland, where, back in the day, we regularly enjoyed family holidays.

So 2023, says Jane, will be a big catch up on National Trust venues - that'll be different!

Live Music.

From Pubs, to Clubs, to other venues round and about, we hope to be seen clapping and tapping to a mixed bag of stuff, very regularly. If your Local offers Live Music from time to time, look out/hide.

Family and Holidays etc - more please!

Get Togethers and Gatherings at Home with friends - more!

British Racing Motors (BRM)

Jackie Stewart says BRM was so instrumental in the development of F1. I was born on 29.12.1951 and some few months later, BRM had a 1.2.3 at Goodwood in the legendary 1500cc Supercharged V16 and power of 600hp. I have a framed photo No5 (the winning car no) of only 10, of those 3 cars.

This year on May 27 the "new" V16, (which David Owen, the son of Alfred Owen and founder of the Rubery Owen Group, commissioned Hall and Hall to build), will be heard from miles away running up the hill at Prescott and we intend to be there.

Some of you may know that Alfred Owen was passionate about Britain out performing the German Mercedes and Italian Ferraris in the post war years. His will to win, was relentless, but sadly not achieved at the aspired standard BRM deserved.

For the last 3 years, I've been intrigued about BRM and had the opportunity to

get close to the Owen family, which has culminated in my recently becoming a Founder Member of the BRM Paddock Pass fraternity. As a consequence, in another moment of utter madness, I sort of made an investment.

So hopefully more BRM related stuff to enjoy.....

The Garages

With the new garage essentially now decorated and fitted out with cupboards and wall boards etc, Q1 will see the sorting out the boxes of really useful stuff, I've accumulated over the last 50 years, into much more really useful stuff. In fact the new 13 cupboards are being numbered and the stuff indexed to give me a chance of finding all the junk. The various "Works of Automobile Art" which dominated the walls our old house and which Jane banned from "The Hollow", will be hung in the garages with pride. My 2021 model Exercise Bike will be unboxed and set up for time trials in the garage. Once the sound system and carpet are done, garage 2 will be my second home and with every new day, hopefully even more fun.



That's the end of my 'waffling on' about The Ton."

Editor's comments...

...Thank you Mike for your fabulous contribution to this Newsletter. Your 'Ton-Up' was undoubtedly a great achievement in your 70th year - humorously written and well supported by great photos. On behalf of all readers a huge Thank You and Congratulations - we can't wait for the next challenge!

What's On - AMGC

Club Events - 2023

Tuesday 17th January – Breakfast Meeting at the British Motor Museum. They open from 10am and we usually sit down on the Gallery outside the Junction 12 Cafe around 10.30. Make sure you convert your entry into a 12 month ticket.

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Tuesday 21st February – Breakfast Meeting at the British Motor Museum. They open from 10am and we usually sit down on the Gallery outside the Junction 12 Cafe around 10.30. Make sure you convert your entry into a 12 month ticket.

Tuesday 7th March – Club Night and AGM. This meeting will be the postponed AGM, so please make the effort to attend as I will be standing down and a new Chairman needs to come forward.

Tuesday 21st March – Breakfast Meeting at the British Motor Museum. They open from 10am and we usually sit down on the Gallery outside the Junction 12 Cafe around 10.30. Make sure you convert your entry into a 12 month ticket.

Tuesday 4th April – Club Night.

Tuesday 18th April – Breakfast Meeting at the British Motor Museum.

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 soon.

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

This Monday will be the 30th Birthday of the Museum (and therefore the 30th Anniversary of the First Heritage Run) and to celebrate there will be a run to finish at the Museum where we will have a private room for us to have lunch, having parked our cars in a display outside the Museum Entrance.

More details later but put the date into your calendar.

Tuesday 2nd May – Club Night.

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

The allocation Alan had booked is now fully taken, however it may still be possible to add additional rooms. Talk to Alan or Richard if you are now interested in joining our 'Week Away'.

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
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

What's On - Elsewhere

Other Events - 2023

Saturday 22nd July – The Bards Drive

starting at Honington Hall for a drive around Warwickshire countryside & Churches. info@bardsdrive.co.uk



Garden Lodge



Dining Room



Garden Lodge Room

Badelwyddan Castle

Monday 15th May to Friday 19th May – Club Holiday



Hope you are all looking forward to exploring North Wales and we have weather like last year. Currently Richard and I are thinking of organising 2 runs, leaving one day free for members to explore the area or make the most of the hotel facilities. Further details will follow in later editions of this Newsletter.

Happy New Year to you all.
Alan

PS Please don't forget your final payment fee is due before Friday 27th January

Snippets

Humour!



A man walks into a garage workshop and says:
"When I am going uphill in my 55 year old MG I can only get up to 66".

The mechanics replies:
"66? - That's pretty good!"

The owner of the MG then says:
"Well yeah, but I live at 77".

Spanners



A message from Redditch 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 the last page.](#)

Tech' Tips



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

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. **2022/23**

<http://normanlarge.com/AMGCBadseyJuly22/>

<http://normanlarge.com/AMGCShowJuly22/>

<http://normanlarge.com/AMGCBloxhamJun22/>

<http://normanlarge.com/AMGCDitDApr22/>

<http://normanlarge.com/AMGCVitalSparksMar22/>

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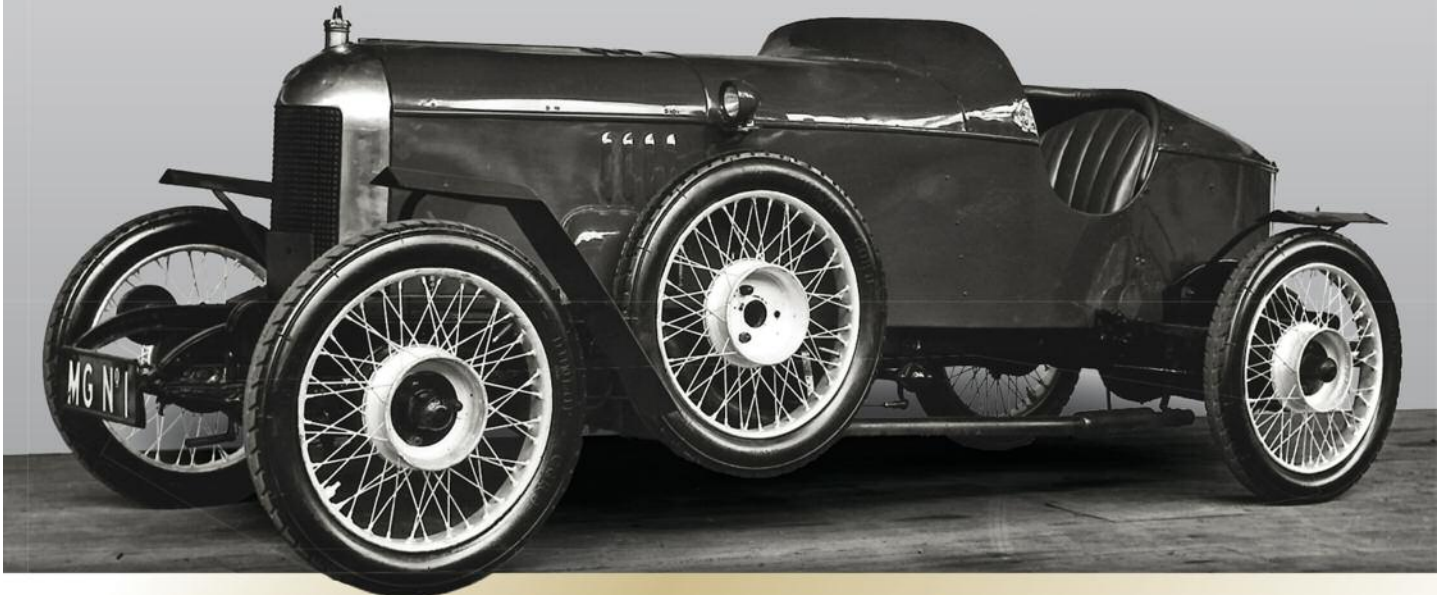


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Prostate Cancer UK and
Sporting Bears Motor Club**



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