



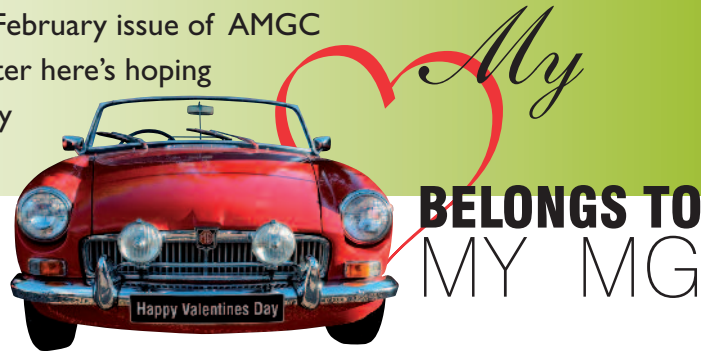
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Issue 2 - February 2023

Newsletter

Welcome to the February issue of AMGC
Monthly Newsletter here's hoping
you've had a lovely
Valentines day



LIFE WITH "ED THE ZED" NEVER A DULL MOMENT

by Mike

"The piece of headlining I found at the Classic Car Show in November for just over a tenner, was expertly fitted for a quite a lot more! The interior light worked intermittently thereafter, but I twiddled with it and fixed it all by myself - "you never loose it" as they say. Anyway a fine end and start to the new year I thought.

But no! Daughter Anna was getting another of those Audi Electric Tonka Toys and delivery was early January. She sold her E Pace Jaguar and it was quickly gone on 27.12, leaving her without wheels for about a week. In similar situations the TF had come to the rescue, but this time it was Ed's turn to support the family and was duly delivered on Boxing Day, but in the event never used.

With the arrival of the Tonka, Ed was to be returned, but alas a totally flat battery and a Varta too. The battery was obviously older than I thought (it had never shown any sign of failing) but the very cold weather had finished it and was cheerfully replaced by the nice RAC man, with an equivalent Varta - their standard replacement. The RAC Engineer had previously worked at Longbridge on the MG line and quite liked them - a common theme - see post!

My trips to Macclesfield have been more intense of late and in the early January northern snow, the Disco was put to work, leaving Ed awaiting its first proper run and this was to be Heathrow for a quick trip to Gothenburg - perfect. That is until my

delayed return around 10pm, to find Ed and the rest of the cars in Business Parking, covered in frozen snow. Being unable to open either of the frozen front doors, thankfully the rear hatchback door gave in and by removing the parcel shelf and dropping the rear seats, I was able to get in and push the front door open. I wonder what the security guys must have thought watching the CCTV and some old fella scrambling into Ed the igloo?

But more - things always come in 3s!

2 days later, Ed and I were off early to Macclesfield, M42, M5, M6, I could do it blindfolded. Thankfully I was able to get away about 3 and shot home. With traffic quite congested along the M5 elevated section, Ed was held back until it cleared.

But a wheel wobble then developed I was now in the fast lane with the White Vans and all the German cars . A slow puncture I thought, best get to the hard shoulder and darn quick. Thankfully I was within 1 mile of Junction 3, where I knew there was a lay-by on the island, but could I make it? Thankfully yes!

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Ed now defrosted and sunbathing, with the Emergency Entry Door open and seats dropped, just in case!

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“ED THE ZED”

Continuation

On inspection, both front tyres were up, but smoke was pouring out of the front n/s brake calliper etc - maybe the wheel bearing had given way?

With the RAC now on speed dial, the Engineer arrived within 90mins, jacked up the car, front wheel bearing ok, wheel moved freely but the disc heavily salted. I had just driven on the freshly salted fast lane which had clogged the calliper until the salt melted leaving the grit! Not uncommon said the Engineer and I concluded I would potter home.

That I did for a while and then increased to 4,000 rpm to keep the engine / heater warm - it was freezing again.

Top Tip - I've always carried extra warm clothes in the boot and was pleased to remember it. Had I have stopped on the hard shoulder and headed for cover somewhere safe, I



would have frozen in 10 minutes, let alone 90! Incidentally, for those oldies that don't know, the RAC (and no doubt similar bodies) can track your exact position from your i Phone.

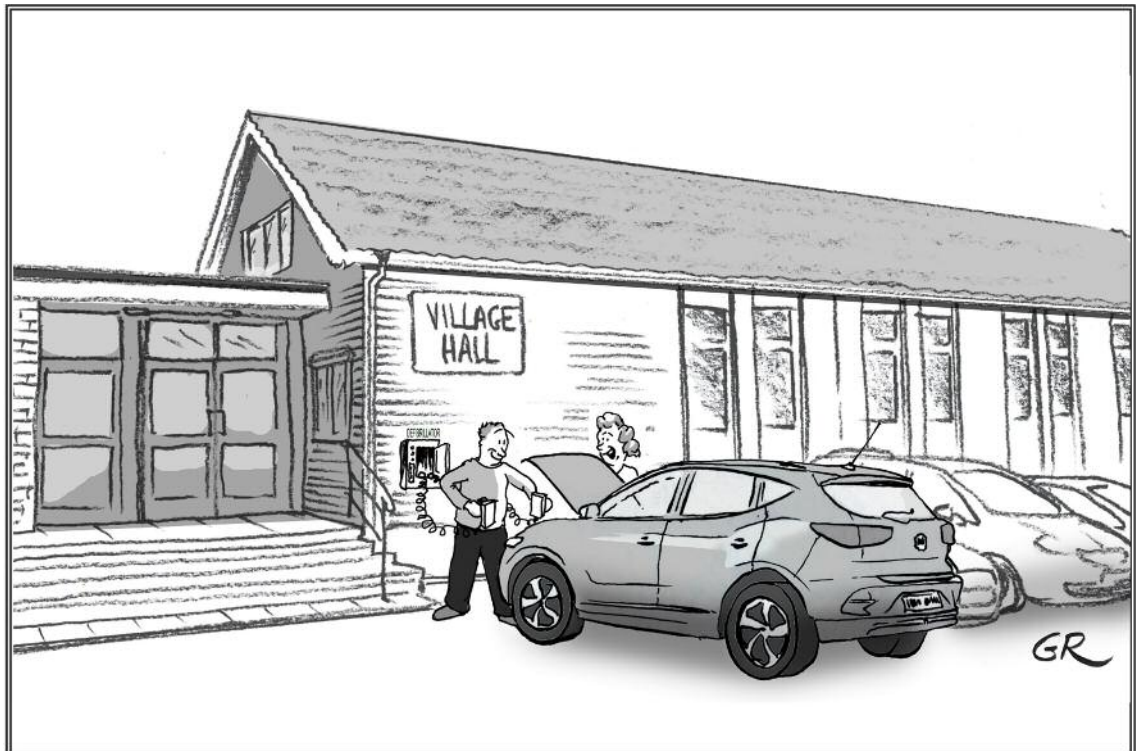
But a happy ending - the second RAC Engineer, aged about 35 I'd say, took a real interest in Ed - why, because he loved them - he had raced, not one, but two! That gave me a bit of hope that I wasn't completely mad.

So after 9 months and over 6k, we've had some ups and downs - thankfully more ups and some fun from my £4K folly.

By the way, see February Enjoying MG page 59 for a ZR 160 feature.”

Cartoon Corner - Thank you Graham

Cartoon Corner



Jerry - I'm really not convinced this is the way to solve a flat battery on an EV

Chairman's Report - February 2023



Event Reports:

January is always a quiet month, so as usual for this month there is only the Breakfast Meeting to report on.

It was a great start to the Year at the January Breakfast Meeting with 14 of us sitting down to enjoy some convivial conversations, not to mention

the Bacon/Sausage Rolls (but be sure to get the order correct if you want fried egg as well on the roll – Bacon & egg – or you will end up with 2 eggs!!).

There were even some MGs in the car park and most notable was David arriving in his 'B' with the roof down, despite the negative temperature when he left home. A very enjoyable morning, especially as I managed not to knock my cup of tea over again!!



AGM

As you will see in the 'Events Calendar' the next Club Night will be the Annual General Meeting and the Agenda will be as follows:

Agenda – Arden MG Club AGM 7th March 2023 - 8.15pm

1. Apologies for absence:
2. Chairman's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Events Secretary Report
5. Database Report
6. Election of Officers:
 - Chairman
 - Treasurer
 - Events Secretary
 - Database Secretary
7. Any Other Business
8. Proposal to change the date for the AGM to be the March Club Night for all future years.

As you know, I will be standing down as Chairman and Trevor will be standing down as Events Secretary, so these 2 post will need to be filled. Both David & Roger have offered to continue as the Database Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

STOP PRESS

One nomination has been received for the post of Chair (on an interim basis):

Mike Green - Nominated by Norman Large - Seconded by David Rayner

Report on AMGC meeting

7th February 2023

by David

It was another good evening for our February meeting, and it was nice to be back after missing our January meeting also the AGM. The AGM will now be held at the March meeting.

As Paul was away sunning himself somewhere in the Caribbean, I took the meeting, where we had a healthy 45 attending, which included 3 new members joining.

The meeting commenced on a sad note, Bill Belcher died at the end of January, aged 92. Bill and Gill were active members of the club for many years, until Bill reached the stage in life where he found it difficult to get in and out of his car. They were a lovely couple, I remember them fondly. We wish Gill well.

Forthcoming Events

Trevor gave a summary of forthcoming events; firm dates to follow.

Alan Said that the Warners break away is now finalised, with 37 members going, money paid, including insurance for those that required it. 2 runs will be arranged for when we are there, so it looks like another fun holiday to look forward to.

New Members

Three new members joined and were welcomed to the club.

Newsletter

Norman requested for items for the Newsletter, and items to sent to him by the 10th.

Club Future

As regards the future chair position, I said that I was unaware of anyone putting their name forward. Paul has

been a great chairman for the last 12 years, and has almost done "too much", where people might say, how could I follow that. In some respects we don't need another "Paul". All we need is a chair to co-ordinate the club. There are already enough members that already arrange events, and help organise things.

One member said with the support of other members, he might fill in for 12 months.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th March, and as I said, we will be holding our AGM.

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

Heavy Engineering!

by Colin Howes

Since acquiring the MGC GT just over three years ago I was concerned that the engine oil consumption had been getting progressively worse. This came to a head in September last year on a 200 mile round trip to an MG event in Berkshire when it used almost 3L of oil. The odd thing was that there was not any significant smoking from the exhaust.

The removal of the engine from the car was on the cards as the synchro's on the gearbox were worn and the general state of the engine bay / engine was looking very tired and let the car down. This just brought forward the inevitable day.

For the uninitiated the removal of an engine from a 'C' is not for the faint hearted with all of the weight that is involved but needs must, so in for a penny, in for a pound.

The approach was to strip off as much of the weight of the engine as possible before using a hoist to lift it out.



Top: Head removed and progress being made

Right: Out with the lump!



Even with the head, gearbox and ancillary equipment removed the weight of the engine is over 300lbs and so not to be messed with.

The next step was to start stripping the engine. One significant concern was removal of the front crank pulley nut. These are notoriously stubborn on 'C' engines and

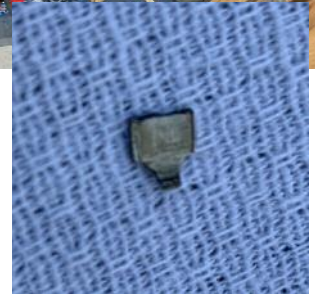
mine was no exception. The investment of an electric impact wrench from Machine Mart has probably been one of the best ever made. Even then the pulley nut did put up a fight and took several prolonged attempts in undoing it.

Sump off to reveal the main and big ends. Once again, the main bearing caps had been in situ for some years and didn't want to give up without a fight. The impact wrench again saved the day.



Top: Engine disassembly now underway

Right: The culprit



In the meantime, there is a vast amount of cleaning and refurbishment work to continue with.



Right: One of the muckiest jobs around. Cleaning off years of oil and road gunk

To be continued

MGs through time



Valentines Day reminder of MG cars through the years

Last year we produced a list of MG models through the years suffixed with models owned by club members. I am thinking that it might be an interesting exercise to do annually, hence here we go again.

A list of MG models produced to date and the number owned by club members as of February 2022 is appended below. Please let us know if your MG is not on the list.

David will shortly be asking members to update their profiles held on our register; so an up-to-date list will be produced soon afterwards.

Models and production periods

Sports cars

1924-1927:	MG 14/28
1927-1929:	MG 14/40
1928-1933:	MG 18/80
1929-1932:	MG M-type Midget
1931-1932:	MG C-type Midget
1931-1932:	MG D-type Midget
1931-1932:	MG F-type Magna
1932-1934:	MG J-type Midget
1932-1934:	MG K-type Magnette
1933-1934:	MG L-type Magna
1934-1936:	MG N-type Magnette
1934-1936:	MG P-type Midget
1936-1938:	MG TA-type Midget.....2 owned by club members
1939:	MG TB-type Midget
1945-1949:	MG TC-type Midget3 owned by club members
1949-1953:	MG TD-type Midget5 owned by club members
1953-1955:	MG TF-type Midget4 owned by club members
1955-1962:	MGA1 owned by club member
1961-1979:	MG Midget7 owned by club members
1962-1980:	MGB31 owned by club members
1962-1980:	MGB (V8 Self Modified)1 owned by club members
1965-1980:	MGB GT12 owned by club members
1967-1969:	MGC2 owned by club members
1967-1969:	MGC GT
1973-1976:	MGB GT V81 owned by club member
1975:	MGB Jubilee1 owned by club member
1980:	MGB Roadster LE1 owned by club member
1980:	MGB GT LE
1992-1995:	MG RV82 owned by club members
1995-2002:	MG F7 owned by club members
1995-2002:	MG F VVC1 owned by club members
2002-2011:	MG TF18 owned by club members

Subcompact cars

1982-1990:	MG Metro
2001-2005:	MG ZR
2013-present:	MG 3

Compact cars (Small saloons)

1933-1934:	MG KN
1962-1968:	MG 1100.....1 owned by club member
1967-1973:	MG 1300

Supercars

2002-2005:	MG XPower SV
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Midsized cars (Medium saloons)

1924-1927:	MG 14/28
1927-1929:	MG 14/40
1928-1933:	MG 18/80
1937-1939:	MG VA saloon, tourer and drop-head coupé
1947-1953:	MG Y type (saloon & tourer) ...4 owned by club members
1953-1956:	MG Magnette ZA
1956-1958:	MG Magnette ZB.....3 owned by club members
1959-1961:	MG Magnette Mk. III
1961-1968:	MG Magnette Mk. IV
1983-1991:	MG Maestro1 owned by club member
1985-1991:	MG Montego
2001-2005:	MG ZS
2001-2005:	MG ZT2 owned by club members
2007-2013:	MG 7
2011-2016:	MG 6
2021-present:	MG5 EV Long Range

Full-size cars (Large saloons)

1936-1939:	MG SA saloon, tourer and drop-head coupé
1938-1939:	MG WA saloon, tourer and drop-head coupé

Racing cars

1930-1931:	MG 18/100 "Tigress"
1934:	MG Q-type
1935:	MG R-type
1962-1980:	MGB Self Modified.....1 owned by club member

Concept cars

1966:	ADO34
1969-1970:	ADO70
1985:	MG EX-E
2017:	MG E-MOTION
2021:	MG CYBER-STER

Vans

1980-1998:	MG Metro van
2003-2005:	MG Express

SUVs

2015-2019(UK):	MG GS.....1 owned by club members
2017-present:	MG ZS
2018-present:	MG HS
2019:	MG ZS EV
2021:	MG HS Plug-In Hybrid

What's On - AMGC

Club Events - 2023

- **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 and Events Secretary needs to be appointed.
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- **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 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

- **Sunday, May 21st 2023 - Northants MG Owners' Club Rose of the Shires 2023 Charity Run...**
...in aid of The Air Ambulance Service

Following the unavoidable hiatus caused by the global pandemic, Northants MG Owners' Club is delighted to announce the return of our annual Rose of the Shires Charity Road Run, once again in aid of The Air Ambulance Service, incorporating the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance, The Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance and The Children's Air Ambulance.

This year, the Rose of the Shires will take place on Sunday, 21st May 2023, starting from the Wellingborough Old Grammarians Sports & Social Club, Sywell Road, Wellingborough, Northants NN8 6BS.

The route will take entrants on a run of approximately 70 miles around central, south and west Northants and finish at Whilton Locks Garden Village, Whilton, Daventry NN11 2NH.

The entry fee has once again been set at £25 per car, which includes the driver and one passenger (2 occupants in total). Each additional passenger incurs a surcharge of £5.

As in previous years, the fee includes a Rally Plaque, Route Book and a hot drink and a bacon roll at the start to help you on your way.

Entries can be made either online at our website: www.mgnorthants.org where you can also download an entry form to print out and complete or by contacting the organising team.



- **Saturday 22nd July – The Bards Drive**
Starting at Honington Hall for a drive around Warwickshire countryside & Churches. info@bardsdrive.co.uk

Snippets

Humour!



A few days ago I was having some work done at my local garage. A young lady came in and asked for a seven hundred and ten.

We all looked at each other and another customer asked, 'What is a seven hundred and ten?'

She replied, 'You know, the little piece in the middle of the engine, I have lost it and need a new one.'

She replied that she did not know exactly what it was, but this piece had always been there.

The mechanic gave her a piece of paper and a pen and asked her to draw what the piece looked like.

She drew a circle and in the middle of it wrote 710. He then took her over to another car which had its bonnet up and asked 'is there a 710 on this car?'

She pointed and said, 'Of course, its right there.'

If you're not sure what a 710 is look in the next column below photo link!

Wanted



6J x 16in 11 spoke wheel for 2004 TF 160

Preferably with tyre

Contact Bob Williams
07525 179381



A Special Day



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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



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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. **2022/23**

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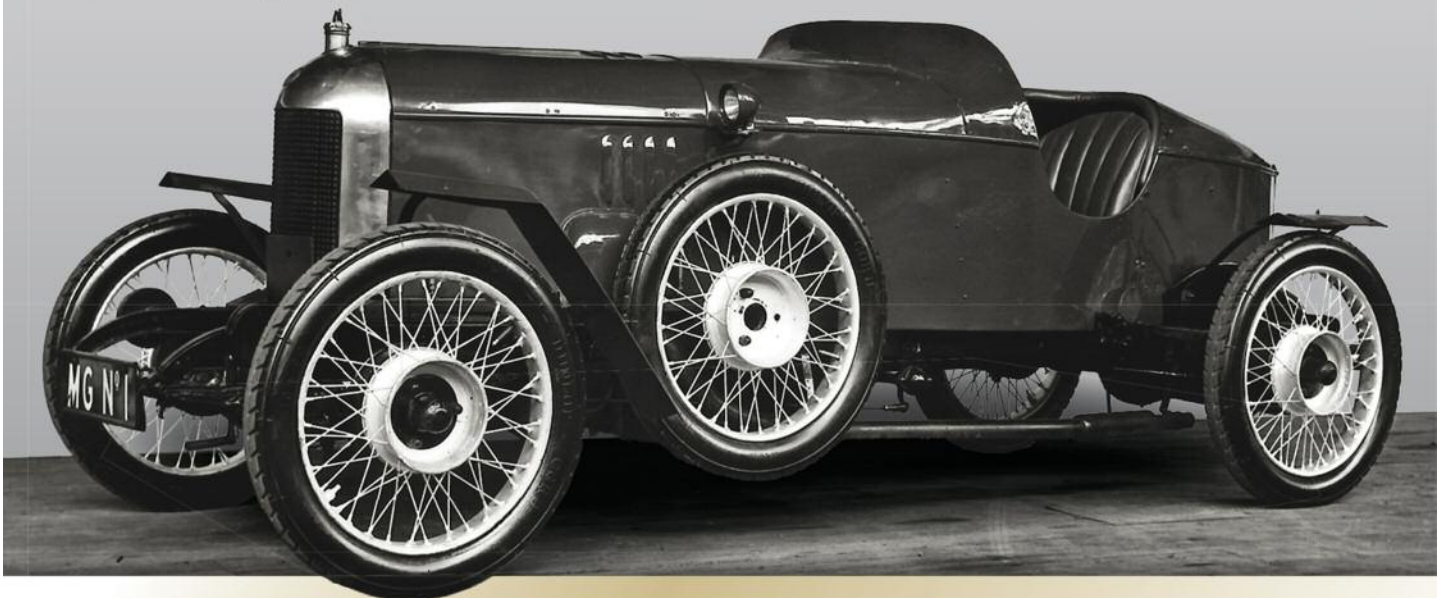


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Prostate Cancer UK and
Sporting Bears Motor Club**



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