



Welcome to the June issue of AMGC monthly Newsletter.
And, Welcome Home to the Club Trip Members



Bodelwyddan Castle

Club Holiday Monday 15th May to Friday 19th May by Alan

On Monday 15th May, 35 members of the club set off on our 4 nights holiday trip, this time to Warner's Bodelwyddan Castle Hotel in North Wales. We all set off from our various homes with the aim of getting to the hotel by early afternoon.

A suggested route had been tabled to members starting from Alcester before winding through the countryside through Kidderminster, Bridgnorth, Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Llangollen and up to Bodelwyddan, a route of 122 miles.

The weather was fair and many made the most of having their roofs down. Some couldn't as they had too much luggage, all those lovely frocks!

En route we had suggested meeting points. Coffee or late breakfast at Dobbies Shrewsbury where 19 members met up. The holiday had begun and in the end we all realised we had another 65 miles to go!

Off we trekked with the aim of meeting again for a light lunch at the Corn Mill in Llangollen. The town was full but 14 of us found parking spots and headed off to the Corn Mill. What a lovely setting overlooking the beautiful river with the old GWR station opposite.

We managed to find tables on the first and second floors. Most were looking forward to evening meal so a lot shared light meals!

Others made their way straight to the Hotel whilst several decided to visit

other interesting sites such as Llangollen Aqueduct.

We all arrived and settled into our rooms. The majority of us were in Lodge Rooms set around an ornamental pond and grass area. It didn't take long before we all found out where friends were and I felt sorry for some of the other guests who came away for a quiet holiday. No chance of that now the Arden Club lot had arrived!

We Checked in with the dining room to ensure we were all seated in the same area. A raised balcony area had been allocated for us up 3 steps. Don't know what I looked like but they asked if members would be able to make the steps! The reply, if you can get in an MG we will be fine.

Heading towards dinner time, we were still waiting for Helen and Mike.

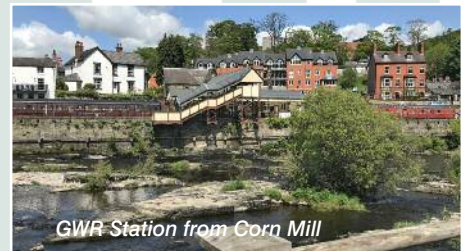
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intrepid members at Corn Mill



Discussing problems finding Dobbies



GWR Station from Corn Mill

AMGC Event Details are on pages 14 & 15 of this Month's Newsletter.
Make sure you don't miss out - Book Today

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Please let us know if you have any information (comments, stories of interest, photos, a club member'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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Arrived In Time For Dinner

Guess what, Helen and Mike were the ones held up by a road traffic accident. They arrived in time for dinner and the TC had behaved itself. Great meal and afterwards we retired to the balcony in the entertainment area to watch a cabaret show, "Musicals Now".

Second Day

On Tuesday morning we gathered and set off on our first run to Bodnant Garden owned by the National Trust. 50 Acres of pure garden glory set in the Conway Valley. The estate was built by a scientist who invented the way to make white soap. Still in the family now owned by Rothmans, a KC from London who married into the family.

National Trust have 25 gardeners plus 45 volunteers, this shows the size and quality of the gardens. It is somewhere Liz and I would definitely want to go back to in the future.

Some stayed at the gardens until time to go back to the hotel but others went to Llandudno and /or a drive along the coast. Most did circa 50-60 miles, all in lovely sunshine with roofs down.

The second night after dinner we were entertained by Jenny Williams who had a great vocal range singing pop and opera.



Are you sure this is the right way Fi! - Bodnant Gardens



Fi, do you recognise any of these plants? - Bodnant Gardens



Hurry up, where's the Loo - Bodnant Gardens



The mill, handrails extra



I daren't look!



I daren't look!. Testing the handrail! at Bodnant Gardens

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Third Day

On the third day we all set off on a trip to Llyn Brenig Reservoir some 25 miles into the hills where we met at the Visitor Centre/café.

Many went to look at the Osprey Nest before driving round the reservoir and exploring the archaeological site to the North East of the reservoir. Others travelled West into the hills before turning back to the hotel while a few went onto Betws-y-Coed.

One notable event on both trips was finding petrol at £1.36!!

All those on the holiday went on both trips. Issuing marked up maps was a good idea as yours truly got the approximate mileage wrong!!

The third night, we were entertained by John Evans a comedian from Manchester. He had problems waking up the oldies in the body of the hall, it was obviously past their bed time.

Parked for coffee at Visitor Centre - Llyn Brenig



Coffee good, what about some paddleboarding! - Llyn Brenig

Fourth Day

On the fourth day we all did our own thing. Some went to the coast and many stayed at the hotel taking tours of the garden and/or using the leisure and sports facilities.

Lisa put us all to shame doing 5k most mornings in the gym before breakfast.

On the last night we gathered for drinks in the lodge area. What a gathering, with Graham leading us with silly ditties. We all then made our way to the dining room and ended up in the entertainment area watching "Life and Soul" followed by Nicole with many of the members dancing until our old bones told us to stop and go to bed.



Garden Lodges



Dining Room



Garden Lodge Room

Homeward Bound

All over so quickly and it was time to go.

Weather had been very good, however the forecast for the return threatened rain. It was flick of the coin whether to put roof up. Mike and Helen didn't have much option as the rain comes in whether the roof is up or down. In the end we got rain showers around Bridgnorth or Alcester areas.

Although some of us went straight home many stopped at other tourist attractions particularly in the Llangollen area.

Great time had by all and the search is now on for where to go in 2024. It may be a hard job to better Bodelwyddan Castle.

Welcome Home



Ladies on the last night- One more drink please

Outside Lodges

Ed's comments - So sorry I wasn't able to join you but I'm sure I speak for all those who went in offering a **Great Big Thank You** to Alan, Liz, Richard & Fiona for organising such a successful AMGC holiday.

Photos above supplied by Alan - and thank you Graham for the following additional photos:



The Group & The Drinks



Our Leader preparing to eat his soup with his fingers



MGs aplenty



Bodelwyddan Castle at dusk

...and Next Year!

by Alan

Following the successful trip to Bodelwyddan Castle Hotel I undertook a survey to see where we could go next year... including returning to Bodelwyddan.

Seven hotel options were reviewed and members who went to Bodelwyddan listed their favourite hotels in order of preference.

One that stood out was **Bembridge Coast Hotel on the Isle of Wight**. I have reserved 20 rooms, 10 standard and 10 signature until the June meeting. The booking would be for 4 nights starting on 20th May 2024.

The response at the meeting was good and I have 13 rooms already taken, all wanting Signature Rooms or better. I will have to go back and check availability.!!

At this point in time we are looking at driving down via Cirencester, Salisbury and Lymington before taking the ferry to IOW. The journey to Lymington is the same distance as Bodelwyddan, plus the 40minute trip on IOW.

The rates for 4 nights, dbb including entertainment and sports facilities are as follows:

Standard:.....£ 322
Signature:£.352
Royal Hollywood House:£ 362
Royal Large Main:£ 377

There are also a few suites but they are different rates. (Note rates are slightly lower than discussed at meeting as they were the listed rate not what I have secured)

Additionally the ferry would be booked by Warner's and the return cost is £25 per car.

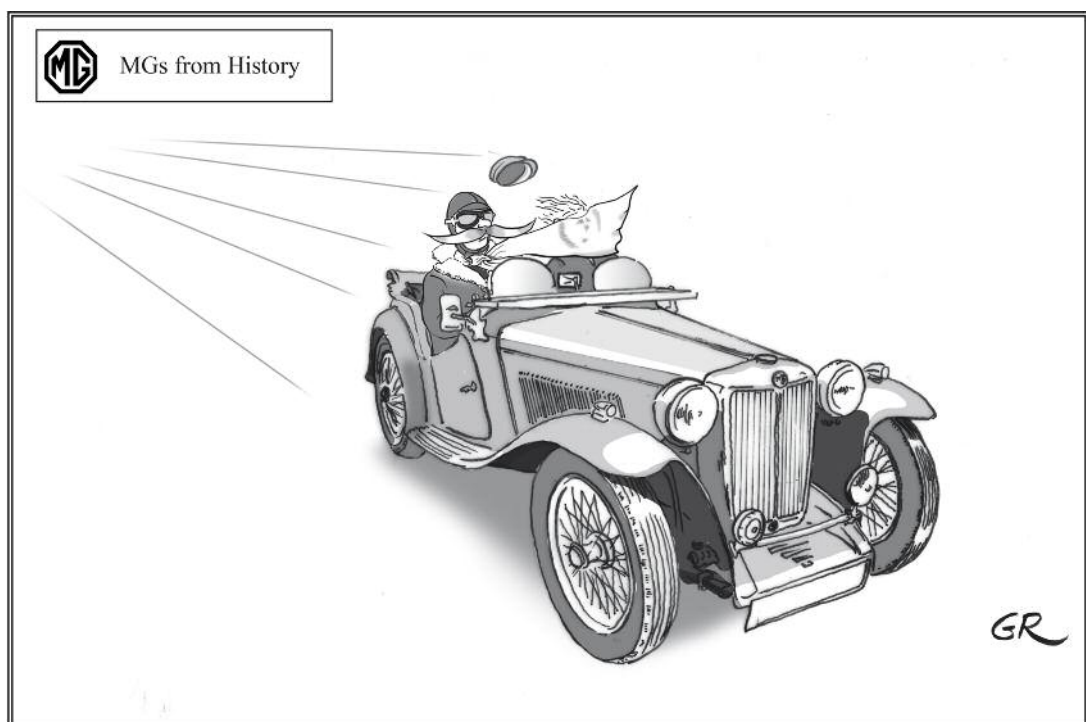


If you are interested in joining us please email me as quickly as possible so we have the best chance of securing your preferred room type. Obviously more rooms may be available if we have more than 20 takers.

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Cartoon Corner - Thank you Graham

Cartoon Corner



Biggles realised Maude Willoughby-Pankhurst might not be as impressed with his MG as he was.

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER



As I write this Chatter and having been elected Chair on Tuesday 7th of March, 100 days have elapsed since my coronation so to speak...

...In Corporate life, some of you will know that the 100 days following any Business Acquisition, Post-Merger Integration (PMI) is the renowned crucial process to understand, get organised and integrated to exploit the opportunities ahead etc."

Apparently well over half such Mergers fail to deliver the expected results, due to poor planning. My first 90 days have certainly lacked such structure, but thankfully nothing was broken, which made it easier.

I've now got a better grasp of the dynamics of our Group (having thoroughly enjoyed being in the passenger seat since 2009, it's quite different now behind the wheel!). Given the buzz amongst the growing Membership, I've realised just what a tough task it's been for Angie and Trevor in organising events. Ironically the surprising disappointing attendance numbers for the forthcoming Bloxham Steam Rally, requires a call for urgent action on my behalf.

I'm embarrassed to admit that I still don't know everyone's name and the simple contact data sheet Alan created at the recent Warners break, was most effective.

Having regard to all that GDPR corporate stuff and to improve communications, many of those attending the June meeting, kindly agreed to provide their contact data, which I now have and will share with David Rayner. Without a 30 page legal document, you can be assured that the sole use of this data will be for us to communicate simply and effectively with each other, just as we all do with all of our other friends.

In recent discussions with Richard as Events Secretary, he's pleased to report that following their recent somewhat complicated house move, his Internet connection was completed earlier this week. Paul had thankfully held the fort somewhat during his house move and Richard is now both back on board and on line!

To help promote future Club Events further, Richard has offered to send a simple 1 page reminder email to the Membership, about a week before Club Night, in a tabular format - Date, Event, Contact data etc.

A few copies of the mail will be available at Club Night to pass around and further bookings can be made on "the clipboard" there and then.

Once Richard has unpacked more storage boxes and can take a breath, we can discuss with Mike about Event uploads to the Website and all that wizardry stuff.....

By the way - Jane and I are going to Bloxham - Fred Dibnah was a legend and one of our true heroes - we met him once

Back to the usual waffle:

Warners in north Wales

Our trip to Warners in north Wales was simply the best yet, sincerest thanks to Liz, Fiona, Alan and Richard. Plans for Warners 2024 are well advanced.

I persuaded Jane that we should follow one of Mick Walker's favourite Rally routes and go to Bodelwyddan over the Long Mynd, from the southern approach. This was up almost 1/2 mile of narrow road, (probably not the best route) so steep, that I had three attempts to get the TF into second gear and gave up. But what views at the top near the Flying School. The way down to Church Stretton was similarly exciting. In his rallying days Mick drove it at up to 70mph (probably more) and not necessarily in daylight! It's certainly worth a re-run, but starting north from Church Stretton - and in the Discovery.

Prescott beckoned

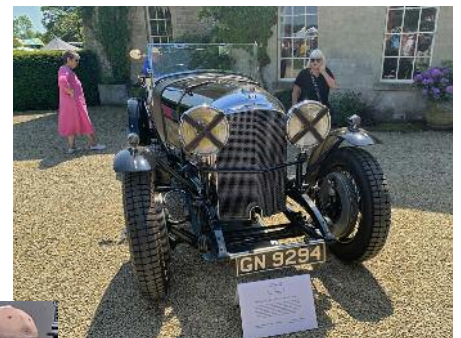
Sadly we missed both the MG 100 at Gaydon and the Cotswold Country Park Events, as a Members Meeting at Prescott beckoned and particularly as my membership of the BRM Paddock Pass group, got us some VIP treatment. We watched Rob Hall (Hall and Hall made the entire car some 2 years ago to the original 50's spec and the car is owned by David Owen, the son of Sir Alfred Owen the founder of the Rubery Owen Group, who owned BRM) take the new/old V16 up the hill - the noise.....



Prescott - The V16 1500cc Supercharged 600bhp BRM - Rob Hall is far left.

Middlewick House

Similarly the chance to see Nick Mason's (Pink Floyd Drummer) exotic car collection at a charity bash at his Wiltshire home, Middlewick House (formerly owned by Camilla and Andrew Parker-Bowles!) beckoned last Sunday.



Above: Nick's father's Bentley - Nick is a fellow Brummie.



Left: Nick with the Rock Choir of just over 100 whom sang for us. At 78 Nick is still touring!

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Chairman's Report - June 2023

Wings and Wheels at Bidford

We did get to Wings and Wheels at Bidford, which was very well attended as usual.

Show Night

With Show Night coming up, Ed the Zed will be attending, in preference to Jeff the F and is getting a makeover later in the month. Ed is bringing a Minder along to persuade the judges...

Afternoon tea

It's very pleasing that our ladies are organising an afternoon tea later in the year and in discussions, particularly with Marg, I put to her the thought of trying to raise some money for Charity.

Chairman's charity picnic

To cut a long story short and with help from Marg's Gang (MG) of ladies, what's transpired is a Chairman's picnic on Saturday August 26 at our place, with the view that we try and raise say £500 (at least!) for some fine cause, yet to be agreed. If 50 people came and donated £5 each, that's £250 for starters and perhaps we could generate more by:

- 1 Have a "Bring and Buy Sale" whereby we each buy each others jumble?
- 2 Auction a few things - Graham has kindly volunteered to be Auctioneer.

- 3 Play a game of Bingo - for a cash prize!
- 4 Our damsons should be ready for picking for a £ or two.
- 5 Following the Ryan Air thinking, I thought a charge could be made for using our Loo - Jane said no!
- 6 Other ideas. If anyone has any influence to obtain a third party gift for the Auction (like a full English Breakfast for 2!) or something more appropriate, that would be most useful and a bigger win for "The Charity."

So this is an open invitation to come along and have the "Craic," as many of you did a couple of years ago.

Before I forget, when I meet up with Alison again, we'll contact the chosen Charity "Breast Cancer Now" to plan the handover of the £500 donation.

June Natter

Our June Natter - A special thanks goes to David Curtis, who spoke to us about his role and first hand experiences during



the 2007 Sheffield Floods and the Tornado that followed! David typically played down his role, but he was a very senior Official and as Head of Planning, Highways etc and found himself in an unprecedented and onerous position when it rained and didn't stop.....

Congratulations go to Stephen & Denise

Congratulations go to Stephen and Denise, for their class win at MG 100 at Gaydon - their MGRV8 is stunning and rightfully beat the rest - see post.

And Finally...

The Club is apparently 35 years old in October. Fred has diligently produced a summary paper about the early days and the subsequent development of the Club. Paul has collated some photos (yes he did have hair back in the day) to share with us.

The October Meeting should therefore be Party Night and the dress code will/could include some clothing (and for some of us wigs) - 1988 style. Perhaps we could stream some 88 music and that the drink might be at 88 prices?

We are hoping that some founding members will make a star appearance. More to follow and in the meantime don't throw your 88 remnants away.....

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

Stratford & Henley Classic Car Club

by Paul

- In the middle of May the suspension rebuild on my Roadster was finished and I had heard about the Autojumble on Stratford Racecourse. It was one of the few sunny days in mid May, so I set off to visit the show but as the work on the car had just been completed I thought I would take the long way round to check all was well before the drive North to Bodelwyddan Castle.

I was, therefore driving through Binton Village where I saw a chap in a high-vis jacket trying to direct me into the Social Club. I drove past the entrance but noticed there were lots of classic cars up in the car park, so I turned round to see what was happening. This was a regular meeting of the Stratford & Henley Classic Car Club, an informal group who used to meet in Wootton Wawen but recently changed their venue to the Binton Social Club, where they meet every 2nd Sunday for bacon rolls, coffee and a good chat.

As you can see in the photo there was a good selection of interesting cars in attendance, so I think this will become a regular trip out for me.



And the Winner is:

by Stephen Bailey

With the MG100 celebrations underway, I had planned to take my RV8 to the British Motor Museum at Gaydon for their MG centenary event. I purchased an 'Exhibitor' ticket and a few days later, I received an email advising applications were now open for entries in the 'Pride of Ownership' competition.

I like to keep the RV8 looking good, so I thought I would apply - nothing ventured, nothing gained! A few days later I received a further email to advise I was successful and I was in the competition, and a window sticker was sent to me to ensure I was directed to the right parking area.

On the day of the show - Saturday 27 May, the weather was good so the roof was down and my hat and sunnies were at the ready! The drive up to Gaydon was an enjoyable one and the car a pleasure to drive. On arrival, entry was straight forward and I was directed to the allotted parking area for the 'Pride of Ownership'. As I parked I noticed there were a good mix of cars in the competition, all looking very tidy and well presented. Oh err I thought!

I set about preparing the car and a good number of visitors came up and were interested in the car, including a few who were themselves RV8 owners.

The competition (which was incidentally organised by Peter Best Insurance), was split into 4 categories covering the 100 years depending on the year the MG model was built. Breakdown as follows;

- A: 1923 - 1948
- B: 1949 - 1974
- C: 1975 - 2000
- D: 2001 onwards

I was entered in Class C, as the RV8 is a 1995 build. The competition was to be judged by the public, and voting cards were made available for this purpose.



Stephen's MG RV8 - in a class of it's own



And the Winner is: Stephen's RV8

As the day progressed the show was well attended and it was good to see the 'time line' of the 100 years, with stunning MG's on show.

The Time Drew Near

As the time drew near for the announcements of the results of the competition, the owners were asked to congregate at the Peter Best tent.

With Pressure Mounting

The pressure was mounting.....

The results were announced as follows;

- Class A = Magnette
- Class B = MGB
- Class C = RV8 - MINE!
- Class D = SVR

Each winner was asked to come and collect their award, a Glass Plaque etched with the event and date. Something I shall enjoy polishing!

Thanks to the public for voting for me, and indeed to the fellow Arden MGers and friends who cast their votes in my direction - the cheques are in the post!



Heavy Engineering!

Part 4 *by Colin Howes*

Quite a bit of progress has been made over the past few weeks. Some of it not necessarily good so first the positive bits.



Engine now mated with the gearbox all painted up

So, the last day of April arrived and my son was able to help me shoe-horn 1.6m of engine and gearbox back into the car. How the workforce at Abingdon did this on the line on a production basis heaven only knows. I take my hat off to them.



All systems go!

All things considered the engine and gearbox went in fairly smoothly. The only part we struggled with was getting one of the holes in the engine mount to line up and this was due to a repro part not being up to spec. Sound familiar?



And breath.

Over the following couple of weeks good progress was made with fitting the rest of the engine ancillaries. Radiator, inlet and exhaust manifolds, brake lines etc. Anyone who goes through this process of restoring and rebuilding a car will probably have similar experiences in that some of the parts which had been restored and refurbished earlier just didn't seem good enough when finally fitting them back on the car. This was certainly the case and I needed to re-visit some of the components again.

One pitfall I did encounter was that when the time came to refit the prop-shaft onto the gearbox output flange it was impossible to fit the bolts as there wasn't enough clearance for the heads. I have changed the gearbox in the car to one with an overdrive unit and an output flange is an output flange isn't it? Wrong! It seems that Laycock, Abingdon, BMC or whoever was responsible thought it a good idea to change the design of the flange which necessitates different bolts.

A quick reference to the parts manual confirmed this so four new bolts were quickly put on order.



£31 for four bolts! Is that nuts or what?

Another issue encountered was that when I was physically bolting the prop-shaft on I discovered a small amount of play in the gearbox flange. Rectifying this would necessitate removal of the engine again so a decision had to be made as to leave things as they were and see how things progressed.



Finally, it's all coming together

Chroming of the rocker and oil filter covers was something that University Motors did on the Specials. Apparently it adds a further 10 bhp don't you know.

Well 'D' Day finally arrived and the engine was ready to be started, at least attempted to start. I appreciated that the engine was tight after the rebuild but the started motor didn't have sufficient power to turn the engine over. With persistence the engine finally turned over and fired up. After the engine had been running for around 10 minutes and a quick tour round the estate the engine stopped and no amount of persuasion would allow me to turn the engine over again.

Back into the garage again, plugs removed and it was still impossible to turn the engine over, either on the starter motor or by using a spanner on the front crank nut. By this time the swear box was overflowing and it was impossible to put any more money in it. Closed the garage doors and walked away for a couple of days!

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

Heavy Engineering!

Part 4 *by Colin Howes - Continuation*

After much deliberation and consultation with the MGC guru's the only way forward was to take off the head and investigate further. After removing the head all seemed in order, no scoring of the bores thankfully but this still didn't answer the question as to why the engine had locked.

Next step was to remove the sump and see if there were any problems with the bottom end. Finally, the cause of the problem was established as No.3 main bearing had seized.

The crank was removed and taken back to the engineering shop. Thankfully they were able to polish off the bearing deposits and retain the former re-grind size.

Why it happened, the jury is still out but it seems that the new crank thrust washers did not allow the No.3 bearing cap to seat correctly resulting in the engine being so tight.



No.3 main bearing, or what was left of it.



On a positive note the play in the gearbox output flange was simply down to the securing nut not being fully tightened.

I definitely needed a glass of wine to commiserate after this one!

To be continued

At a Snail's Pace

by Helen & Mike

The Oxfordshire MG Owners Club Party in the Park event at the Cotswold Wildlife Park was held on Sunday 4th June. It was a good event apart from the millions of cars all trying to get into the park and taking an hour to drive 2 miles! Pour TC wasn't a happy chappie and we ended up pulling into an entrance to a farm as we were overheating! We were queued up behind Alan, Julia, Steve & Gaynor but had to leave them queuing while we cooled off!

Mike & I were so humble to all the kind strangers that asked if we needed water (for the TC not us that is!) Even none MG folks stopped to offer assistance. After sitting for a while Paul Dunster then pulls alongside us, luckily by then the TC temperature had come right back down so we were able to re-join the queue.

We finally made it into the entrance of the park but by the time we were getting close to the pay kiosk TC overheated a second time! With that, one of the staff members saw our plight and called over one of the 'young lads' to push us! We finally got parked up and Helen then ran for the toilets!!!!

There were lots of lovely MG's & we were parked up with a few other pre and post war MG's. We did enter TC into the pride of ownership but didn't win anything but it's the taking part that counts not the winning as the old saying goes! Hopefully next year the organisers and Cotswold Wildlife Park will organise the traffic better but I think it was the fact it was end of half term for the kids, good weather and the MG event on top caused the additional traffic.



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

MGs in the Park - Cotswold Wildlife Park

MGs in the Park, Cotswold Wildlife Park

This is an annual event organised by the Oxfordshire MGOC and is usually well attended (500+ MGs), which I have only been to once before, however the weather forecast was looking good, so I thought it was time I revisited.

As with everything in life it would appear that timing is everything and again I got this totally wrong.

The entrance to the park is just off the A361 the other side of Burford and I joined the queue about 1 mile before the turn off the road, so it took over three quarters of an hour to get to the front, passing Helen & Mike in the TC which had overheated in the slow pace.

The problem was exacerbated by the need to cross the road, so all the cars coming from the other direction had priority.



MGs in the Park Burford

To be fair to the event committee, as soon as I was past the pay point it was easy, free movement with plenty of excellent marshalls.

Although it was again not a 'Club' event I did see several Arden folk for a chat and a

socialise and there was a good selection of MGs on display.

The park is interesting to stroll around as well, so well worth the visit but get your timing right!!

by Paul

MG Centenary *by Paul*

MG Centenary - This was not a 'Club' Event but there were plenty of 'Arden' people there and what a great day it was, with the sun at last beating down on us.

I'm told there were 1,350 MGs in attendance, however I was most impressed with the 'Time Line' that had been organised and despite there not being one model from every year, it was well populated with many early (pre-war) MGs. Of particular note were the 2 18/100 Tigress Racing Models from 1930 bearing in mind there were only 5 made, also the J4 (supercharged racing model), one of only 9 made!!

The Arenas were full of a wide selection of MGs from all eras. I managed to find a couple of B GT LEs to look at and compare with my new purchase (Ellie, she has been christened). It was also a good chance to collect some pre-ordered parts from MGOC Spares, very useful.

The Commentator advised everyone early on that a Spitfire (not the Triumph type!!) would be flying over at 13.32 and sure enough exactly on time it appeared in the distance to give us several fly pasts, a wonderous sight. The biggest problem I had during the day was getting down the Time Line to see the cars but continually stopping to talk to folk I knew, as I said a great day out.



MG Centenary at BMM Gaydon

BMM Breakfast Meeting - May *by Paul*

As I was taking part in the Week away at Bodelwyddan I was not at the meeting, however I'm told there was an elite group of 6 who made the most of the improving weather to attend.

Thanks to John H who pointed out that the date in the Newsletter stated the meeting was to be the following Week, my apologies this error was not picked up by any of the 3 people who proof read the Newsletter before publication!!

The next meeting will be on the usual 3rd Tuesday, which is the 20th June, I look forward to seeing you at the British Motor Museum, usual time of 10am to sit down around 10.30 on the Gallery outside the Cafe.

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Clayton Classics - Coventry

by Paul

Clayton Classics, Coventry - Just before we went off to Bodelwyddan Castle I received an invitation on behalf of the Club to an open day at this restoration company, for the day after we got back. I did send an email out but it was a bit short notice and only one other of us made the journey. It was a very interesting visit seeing the work that they do, which is obviously to a very high standard, there was an E-Type body shell in the paint booth and the paint finish was as good on the inside as it was on the outside. Most

of their work was on Jaguars and they buy cars to restore and sell (in the region of £150K), however one of the Directors is also an MG man with 2 MGB GT V8s (both were on display) and an MGF, so there was some interest for us MG people.

The day didn't go well for me though, when I arrived there were not many classics in the car park but there was an MGB near the factory door, so I thought I would park next to it. All well and good but the space was a bit tight, so I'm carefully watching the MGB and forgot about the front!!! In the competition of MGB vs tall concrete post, the

MGB always loses, so a trip to the bodyshop is booked for next month!!! Well there is a bit of rust coming through around the headlight anyway and a couple of other blemishes on the wing, so some work needed doing anyway.



The MGB always loses

AMGC Branded Clothing - by Richard

Club Clothing

The prices quoted below include our club logo and vat at 20% but do not include carriage costs, the cost of carriage will be shared between the number of items ordered, so final costs will be advised once I know the size of the order.

Paul previously sent out an email with a pdf, which included a link to the suppliers relevant pages where available colour options and size / measurement charts can be found. The link is:
<https://www.uniformsandworkwear.com/>

Just type or copy in the product code for details.

There is also some choice in the colour of the logo stitching, eg Black, White, Blue, Green, Red.

I aim to place an order on 15th July and would like those who want garments, to email me the details of the items, colour, sizes and logo stitching colour wanted as soon as possible. I will then advise the small additional carriage charges prior to the order being placed.

Please email me at. rich.avery186@gmail.com.

Payment will be to the Club's Account, which I will advise when have your order requirements.



Polo Shirt - RX101

Colour: Various
Style: Ribbed collar. Taped neck. Three self colour button placket. Twin needle stitching. 220 gsm. 50% cotton/50% polyester
60°C wash

Size: SMALL – 7 X LARGE
Left Chest Embroidered Logo

£13.02 inc vat



Polo Shirt - RX101F

Colour: Various
Style: Ribbed collar. Taped neck. Two self colour button placket. Twin needle stitching 220 gsm. 50% cotton/50% polyester.
60°C wash

Size: X SMALL – 4 X LARGE
Left Chest Embroidered Logo

£11.94 inc vat

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Pro Sweatshirt - RX301

Colour: Various
Style: 50% cotton/50% polyester. Modern, comfortable fit. Drop shoulder style. Taped neck. Ribbed collar, cuffs and hem. Twin needle stitching

Size: SMALL – 5 X LARGE
Left Chest Embroidered Logo

£15.90 inc vat



Micro Fleece Jacket - RX401

Colour: Various
Style: 100% polyester. Unlined. Modern unisex fit. Full length zip. Self fabric side panels. Two front zip pockets. Bound cuffs and hem.

Size: X SMALL – 5 X LARGE
Left Chest Embroidered Logo

£19.20 inc vat



Wicking Shirt - H595

Colour: Various
Style: Permanent wicking yarn. Anti-bacterial, keeps the wearer fresh and dry. Easy care/minimal iron. Anti UV UVPF>50. Classic collar. Left chest pocket. Self colour buttons. Plain back yoke. Double folded seams. Curved hem. Easy cut out neck label. 100% polyester PUFY®

Size: SMALL – 4 X LARGE
Left Chest Embroidered Logo

£26.20 inc vat



Woolly Ski Hat - RC033

Colour: Various
Style: 100% soft- feel acrylic. 3M Thinsulate™ insulation. 3M label sewn to seam. Scotchguard™ rainproof coated yarns.

Size: One
Embroidered Logo

£8.70 inc vat



Cotton Cap - RC005

Colour: Various
Style: 100% cotton twill. 5 panel. Pre-curved peak. No centre seam. Stitched eyelets. Easy tear release size adjuster

Size: One
Embroidered Logo

£7.32 inc vat

NEW Items - AMGCL Branded Clothing



Ladies Octagon II Soft Shell Jacket - RG192

Colour: Various
Style: Three layer woven soft shell XPT has a 96% polyester/4% elastane outer.

Size: SMALL – 2 X LARGE
Left Chest Embroidered Logo

£36.17 inc vat



Ladies Soft Shell Jacket - RS231F

Colour: Various
Style: 100% polyester outer with micro fleece inner layer. 280 gsm

Size: X SMALL – 2 X LARGE
Left Chest Embroidered Logo

£21.17 inc vat



Mens Octagon II Soft Shell Jacket - RG191

Colour: Various
Style: Three layer woven soft shell XPT has a 96% polyester/4% elastane outer.

Size: SMALL – 4 X LARGE
Left Chest Embroidered Logo

£36.17 inc vat



Mens Soft Shell Jacket - RS231M

Colour: Various
Style: 100% polyester outer with micro fleece inner layer. 280 gsm

Size: X SMALL – 4 X LARGE
Left Chest Embroidered Logo

£21.17 inc vat

Show Night -

Tuesday 4th July by Paul

For this year's Show Night I have had a re-think about the categories for voting, by doing an analysis of the cars attending over the last 3 years the largest numbers are MGBs & MGF/TFs, so I will be making those the main categories, which will be as follows:

- Favourite MGB/C (GTs & Roadsters)
- Favourite MGF/TF
- Favourite of all other MGs present

This year's event will be held on American Independence Day, so the 'Special' category has been selected, so those people with V8 MGs can show off their American Heritage. The category will therefore be:

- Favourite MG Engine Bay.

Finally there will be the

- 'Pot Luck' prize where one MG that has received a vote but not won an award will be entered into a draw, so everyone has a chance to win a prize.



As the prizes presented are paid for by the Club out of the funds collected from the monthly raffle, so to be fair to everyone who buys raffle tickets,

prizes will only be presented to people who have attended at least 2 Club Nights in the past 12 months.

All you need to do now is clean and polish your MGs and let's fill the Orchard car park again.

BMC & Leyland Show

at British Motor Museum - Sunday 9th July

We are now confirmed for this Show and I have been advised we will have our usual spot between the Main Entrance and the Collections Centre. I will be able to obtain free passes for anyone who has pre-booked with me, however I do need to have the bookings in good time to obtain the passes from the Museum. This has always been a good day out in the past with full access to the Museum and Collections Centre as well as the Show, which has a good selection of all BMC & Leyland produced models. Our 'Display' area gives us plenty of space to join together for picnics and a sociable afternoon. As I have mentioned before the traffic problems seen a couple of years ago have been addressed and access into the site is now usually easy, which can be seen from the MG Centenary event a couple of weeks ago with over 1,000 cars on display.



Heritage Run

Revisited -

Sunday 23rd July

I have come up with a plan for this year's Re-Run of a previous Heritage Run. I'm going back to 2007 when the run finished at Mary Arden's Farm in Wilmcote, however the Farm has not yet reopened after the Pandemic, so Alan Griffith has kindly offered for us to finish the run in his garden for a picnic. Some of you will remember that Alan organised a run to his garden during the COVID 19 measures, which was a great success and this time we will not need to be separated into small groups! The original run started at the Valley in Evesham and they are happy to host us for the start. The Applebarn Restaurant is open from 10am and we should be aiming to leave around 10.45/11.00. Originally the run was 57 miles heading around Stratford and Leamington, North of Warwick and back through Bearley. Remember to bring your picnic.



If you would like to join the run just drop me an email to paul.dunster@talktalk.net as soon as you like, I will always confirm receipt.

Paul

What's On - AMGC

Club Events - 2023

- **Tuesday 20th June – Breakfast Meeting at the BMM.**
Opens at 10am and we usually sit down on the Gallery outside the Junction 12 Café around 10.30.
If buying new, be sure to convert your entry into a 12 month ticket
- **Tuesday 4th July - Show Club Night at the Golden Cross**
Time to clean and polish your MG pride and joy and display in the overflow car park at the Golden Cross. Let's fill the carpark with MG's and hope for a fine warm evening.
Full details on page 14 of this Newsletter
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Full details on page 14 of this Newsletter
To Book Contact Paul: paul.dunster@talktalk.net
Number of Cars Booked todate: 9
- **Tuesday 18th July – Breakfast Meeting at the BMM.**
Opens at 10am and we usually sit down on the Gallery outside the Junction 12 Café around 10.30.
If buying new, be sure to convert your entry into a 12 month ticket
- **Sunday 23rd July - Heritage Run Re-Visted**
Full details on page 14 of this Newsletter
To Book Contact Paul: paul.dunster@talktalk.net
Number of Cars Booked todate: 3
- **Saturday 29th July - Badsey Flower Show**
To Book Contact Steve Entwistle: enty7@btinternet.com
Number of Cars Booked todate:
- **Tuesday 1st August - Club Night at the Golden Cross**
- **Saturday 12th August - Brailes Show**
To Book Contact Fred Bury: tbury04@aol.com
Number of Cars Booked todate:
- **Tuesday 15th August - Breakfast Meeting at BMM**
- **Saturday 26th August - Chairman's Charity Picnic**
Details on page 7 of this Newsletter
To Book Contact Mike Green: mg@oakwoodgreen.co.uk
Number of Cars Booked todate:
- **Tuesday 5th September - Club Night at the Golden Cross**
Former member, Alan Carter, owned an MGB until motor neurone paralysed him. His wife, Hazel, has written a book about how she and Alan dealt with the diagnosis in a positive way and how they managed the ups and downs during the 18 months of his illness. Hazel will be speaking at the meeting, and signing any books purchased on the night. 100% of sale proceeds go to the 3 charities.

What's On - Elsewhere

Other Events - 2023

- **Sunday 9th July 2023 - 17th Cotswold Caper**
Visit www.glosmgoc.co.uk for details or see advert on Snippets page.
- **Saturday 22nd July – The Bards Drive**
Starting at Honington Hall for a drive around Warwickshire countryside & Churches. info@bardsdrive.co.uk
- **Sunday 3rd September 2023 - Festival of Transport**
Three Counties Showground, Malvern, WR8 6NW
We are now able to release details of the date we had been holding for Sunday 3 September 2023 as the Festival of Transport taking place at Three Counties Showground, Malvern. This event will replace our usual October event at the Three Counties Showground and will feature a full classic car and motorcycle show alongside a large autojumble.
For details about this event follow the link at: <https://classicshows.org/pages/events>
email info@classicshows.org or phone 01484 667776
- **Monday 4th to Friday 8th September 2023 - Warners MG Gathering Heythrop Park, Cotswolds.**
From: Chris Shurlock Cambridge & District MGOC
My wife and I organise the above event each year, but at different hotels in the Warners group.
As you can see this year we are going to the Cotswolds. The cost is £498p/p dinner, bed and breakfast for 5 days and 4 nights, plus evening entertainment. There are two road runs, a car show and a possible visit to the MGCC in Abingdon.
If you , or any of your members are interested in joining us please let me know and I will send more details.
Regards Chris Shurlock - cshurlock@aol.com
Cambridge & District MGOC.
- **Sunday 10th September 2023 - Dorridge Day Classic Car Show**
Email: dorridgeday.classics@gmail.com for details or see advert on Snippets page.

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

If in doubt please get in touch with Richard Avery, Events Secretary at rich.avery186@gmail.com

Date	Event	Organiser
July 9th	BMC & Leyland Show at BMM	Paul
July 23rd	Heritage Run Re-Visited	Paul
July 29th	Badsey Flower Show	Steve
Aug 12th	Brailes Show	Fred
Aug 26th	Chairman's Charity Picnic	Mike

NOTE: Starting next month, in an attempt to keep members up to date with bookings I shall, with Richard's help, include at the bottom of the AMGC event listing the total of people who have confirmed their booking of the event.



Snippets

Humour! by 'n' large



Police Officer: "You were going much too fast"

Me: "I was just trying to keep up with the traffic".

Police Officer: "There isn't any".

Me: "I know!... ..That's how far behind I am".

New Members



A Special Welcome to our Club to:

Martin from Alcester and his **MG F**

Martin & Rita from Chipping Campden and their **MGB**

We hope you enjoy our Friendship, Tulip Runs, Holidays and all the other things we get up to in our MGs.

MG Mart



WANTED

Original spec **Lucas HA12 ignition coil** wanted.
Needs to be cosmetically tidy, i.e. no dents or deep scratches and have **HA12 stamped on the base**.

Contact:

Colin Howes 07970 852164

Note:

Items for Sale or Wanted will be listed for three issues unless you let us know that it is no longer needed

Or, you would like the listing renewed.

Ed.



Event Adverts



Gloucestershire



Come and join us at the 17th Cotswold Caper

Date – Sunday 9th July 2023

A scenic drive through the glorious countryside of the Cotswolds
Supporting:

The Family Haven - A day centre for vulnerable families in Gloucester.

Price - £30/car

Start- Cheltenham Tigers Rugby Club, Cheltenham GL52 3PE

For further details contact – caper.admin@glosmgoc.co.uk

www.glosmgoc.co.uk



ROUND TABLE

Dorridge Day Classic Car Show

The Dorridge Day Classic Car Show is back again, so we are inviting owners with classic cars, lorries and bikes to display their vehicles.

Dorridge Day, is a fun family day which attracts families from Dorridge, Knowle and the surrounding villages and is organised by Knowle and Dorridge Round Table annually.

10th September 2023

Sunday, @ Dorridge Park

Therefore if you have a **25 year old classic vehicle** or older (pre-1999) and are prepared to show it at Dorridge Day, register your interest by sending us an email.

Name, Make, Model, Year

Email: dorridgeday.classics@gmail.com

SMS: 07775 647 914

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.

COPY DEADLINE is normally 10th of the Month.

Advertisements are FOC and will be repeated for three issues but if no longer required during that time please let me know.

Editorial Team:

Norman Large & Paul Dunster

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Keep Happy Keep Healthy Keep MGing

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Long Compton Village Fete on 24th June

If anyone is interested in entering their classic car to this event can they email their name & car details to Alan McKelvey on Alan@lcfete.org Cars need to be in place between 12-1pm for the fete opening at 2pm. There will be cream teas on sale so any Cornish clotted cream lovers will be in their element!

LONG COMPTON COMMUNITY FETE

SATURDAY 24 JUNE 2-5PM

GATES OPEN AT 1PM • Located on the A3400 at CV36 5JJ

Flypast by RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Avro Lancaster

- Music by Three's a Crowd
- Flower Arranging
- Warwickshire Fire Engine
- Magician
- Cotswolds Choir
- Craft Competition
- Warwickshire Police Team
- Community Stalls
- Shipston Town Band
- Guide Dogs
- Atomic Dance
- Craft Stalls
- Licensed Bar
- Car Boot Sale
- Children's Amusements
- Grand Raffle
- Punch & Judy
- Cream Teas



Hook Norton Vets Dog Show

Unity Automotive Classic Car Show

ADMISSION (Cash preferred please)
Family £10 • Individuals £5
Primary & Younger Children FREE

Funds raised will buy books for the library at our local primary school and other worthwhile causes

THE RINGING OF LONG COMPTON CHURCH BELLS WILL START THE FETE

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