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ARDEN MG CLUB

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Newsletter

Welcome to the July issue of AMGC monthly newsletter and here's hoping you had a wonderful time cleaning & buffing your car in preparation for **Show Night**



SHOW Night

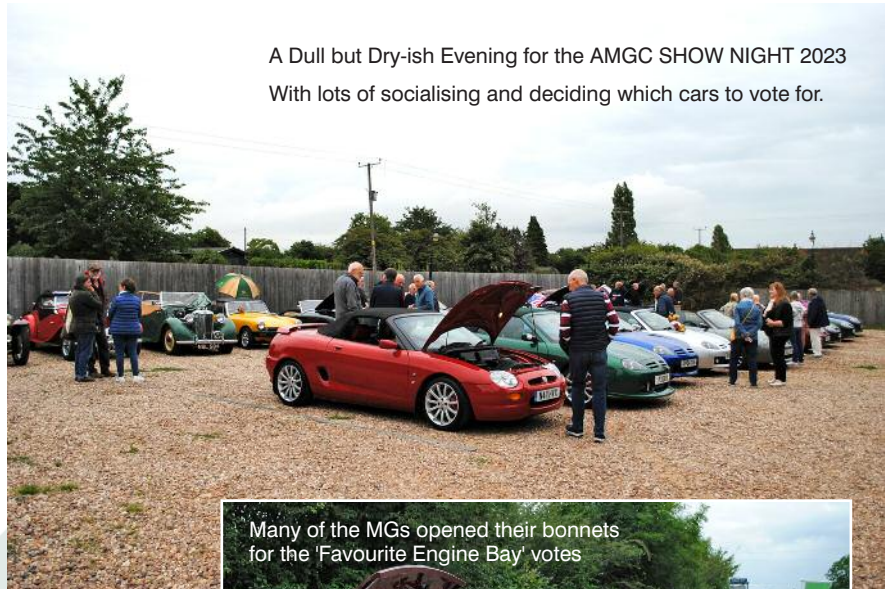
4th July by Paul

I had been checking the weather forecast for at least a week before the Show Night and it was looking like sunshine and showers for the evening with only a 40% chance of the showers.

The night before it looked like it would at least be dry in the early evening but I wasn't happy about the rain most of the day, so I was very pleasantly surprised how many of you turned up in your MGs, a grand total of 31 cars, well done you are a hardy bunch! I thought I would try and get to the Cross early but at 6.30 the car park was already half full, this didn't help David trying to get all the MGs parked in the rows to suit the categories, however David managed to get them all to move and most were displayed in the correct rows, except for the late arrivals. Thanks and well done to David and his team of Marshals.

The voting categories were slightly changed this year to reflect the number of cars in each category and it worked well from the purely numerical point of view, an even spread (10 MGB/Cs, 9 MGF/TFs, leaving 12 in the Miscellaneous section).

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A Dull but Dry-ish Evening for the AMGC SHOW NIGHT 2023
With lots of socialising and deciding which cars to vote for.



Many of the MGs opened their bonnets for the 'Favourite Engine Bay' votes



Prizes ready to go



The crowd expectantly waiting

AMGC Event Details are on pages 13 to 15 of this Month's Newsletter.
Make sure you don't miss out - **Book Today**

Editorial Team: Norman Large & Paul Dunster

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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SHOW Night

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Made More Inclusive

In an effort to make it more inclusive I did try a 'Handicap' system, to give everyone a chance of winning (there have been comments that it is the same people who win each year) but this was only partially successful, so needs to be improved a bit. What do you all think, should there be a Handicap, should it be more severe?

I would be reluctant to add more categories, I'm sure it is difficult enough to decide which to vote for already and it is very difficult for the 'Vote Counters' to tot them all up in a short space of time, however Graham & Fiona did a grand job, allowing us to nearly complete the awards presentations before the rain started again, so many thanks to them and especially to Graham for beautifully adding the names to the Certificates (which were of course produced by Norman, thank you).

It looked as if a lot of folk on the night took advantage of the 'Show Night Menu Special' and I'm told the food was very good, I did try to get the special offer notice in time for the June Newsletter, well the thought was there! Down to the main event of presenting the prizes

Down to the Main Event

with the awards being given out in reverse order. The winners are featured on the following page.

Inevitably the winners in the 'B/C' category were B's not C's given that there was only one 'C' in attendance and that won the Engine Bay award. The Handicapping didn't work too well, as both Colin & Alan won an award in the last 2 years!!!

Despite his Handicap, Steve still managed a good performance in the F/TFs, however from the 'Rest' it seems that the older cars are preferred, so a bit of thought needed there.

After the hours of work Colin has recently put into his MGC GT (fully documented in the Newsletters) he was always going to be the winner of the Engine bay category with the highest overall score (from any category) on the night. It did at least mean that the plan to give the V8's a chance on American Independence Day worked and I hope Phil got some extra votes because of the 'Stars and Stripes' draped over the windscreen.



Ready for the off

At last I have won an award at the Show Night (it has only taken 13 years), so thanks to those who voted for me, it justifies all the efforts I put in a couple of years ago taking the engine out, or was it the second open bonnet on the Airfix model of my car sat on the heater!! At this point I need to mention Graham again, who manfully took over my camera to record the presentations, thanks again Graham.



Airfix model

The next attempt to make the evening as inclusive as possible is with the last award which is for 'Pot Luck', every car that received a vote but didn't win a prize has their Registration Number put in a tub and this year our new Chairman Mike pulled out the winning ticket which was: Diane Rayner who won the Champagne donated by the Golden Cross.



Chairman Mike & Diane Rayner as the brollies went up

As you will see in the last presentation photos by this time umbrellas had started to appear, so it was time to dash for the starting gate for the exit and home (for me after a quick clear up of the Flag and presentation table).

I hope everyone enjoyed the evening with lots of socialising and a bit of fun despite the inclement end.

*Editor's comments (on behalf of club members).
...a great big thank you Paul from all members for your sterling organisational skills and work you do to make this event so successful.*

So sorry I could not be there to enjoy it!

SHOW Night

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...and, in reverse order, the winners were:

Favourite MGB/C (Roadster or GT)

2nd Runner up - Richard Avery

1st Runner up - John Yea

Winner - Alan Griffith



Alan Griffith

File Photo

John

Richard



Favourite MGF/TF (Modern MG)

2nd Runner up - Mick Batchelor

1st Runner up - Steve Entwistle

Winner - Dusty Miller



Dusty Miller

File Photo



Steve

Mick



Favourite MG (Miscellaneous)

2nd Runner up - Angela Smith

1st Runner up - Graham Smith

Winner - Helen Lobb-Jones



Helen Lobb-Jones

File Photo



Graham

Angela



Favourite MG (Engine Bay)

2nd Runner up - Paul Dunster
MGB Roadster

1st Runner up - Phil Barton
MG ZT 260 V8

Winner - Colin Howes
MGC GT UM



Colin Howes

- Engine Bay



Phil

Paul



CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER



As we go into July and the nights are drawing in, it's been now 4 months since I became Chair and just 8 to go - how time flies.

In terms of my personal MG chatter, there's not a lot to

report and for starters we were away in Lincoln and missed the Gaydon Breakfast gathering!

On Saturday June 10, a few of us attended the Shakespeare Hospice Open Day and displayed our cars in all their glory. You may recall it was hot, in fact too hot and "Air-Con Ed" was a blessing.

June 12 saw us at Just Autos in Witney with the TF for a minor service, including a wiring tweak to the starter motor and an MOT. All fine but with only 1235 miles travelled since the last MOT, we must do better - but Ed is really more fun, easier to roll in and out and somewhat safer....

June 13 took me to Banbury Cricket Club with the Jag folk, to listen to John Fitzpatrick, whom gave an account of his racing career in Minis, Anglias, Escorts,



"Fitz in the 66 Broadspeed Championship Anglia"

MGs, TWR Jaguars and Porsches. From Club events to Le Mans, he had a successful and accident free career. The highlight for me was his association with Ralph Broad and Broadspeed, where in 1966, he won the Touring Car Championship in a 997 Anglia. This influenced me to buy one as my first car 976 FOC. John and Ralph were fellow Brummies with Broadspeed operating



Top: Farm workers wishing our Boys well. Left: Lincoln Cathedral a magnificent structure, part of which is c900 years old



The mighty Lancaster that saved us.....

from Sparkhill. They were regularly featured in the magazine "Car and Car Conversions" which, back in the day and amongst "other" magazines, was a must read for every 14 year old lad.

We later enjoyed a short break in Lincoln with a few Jaguar friends. Whilst that's another story, Lincoln and particularly the Cathedral are well worth a visit, let alone the WW2 RAF Bases and the new International Bomber Command Centre (IBCC) a chilling and awesome place.

Some of you may recall Churchill's comment, "that although the Germans built a fortress around mainland Europe, they forgot to put a roof on it". But for the bravery and sacrifice of those Airman undertaking endless missions and their wholehearted support teams, life would have been invariably different for Britain. I'm keen to go again for a second look and will read the IBCC book "Our Story - Your History" beforehand.



Steel silhouettes. Far right Guy Gibson next to Barnes Wallace with Lincoln Cathedral in the background

June 25 Back on track, despite the initial poor take up, quite a few of us went to the Bloxham Steam Rally and what an amazing action packed event that turned out to be. With it being quite hot, we went in "Air-Con Ed" and hid under the storm shelter somewhat. We'll be back next year for more.

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Rollers at Bloxham - don't miss it next year.

Chairman's Report - July 2023 - continuation

July 4 Tuesday was of course Show Night and I made a token effort to tidy up Ed, knowing that it would only get one vote (from me). That said, should there not be a new category for those MGs that are actually put to work and driven say more than 3k pa. Having covered almost 10k in Ed in just over a year, in my humble view that's much more fun than tinkering and polishing. In fact, the limited use of the V8 over 10 years, was the key reason to sell it last year to someone more passionate about enjoying it.

Other Club members will cover future events, but for me I'm delighted that our Ladies are organising a Cream Tea in September and that Marg and Diane are taking a lead in the Chairman's Picnic Charity Bash on August 26, which happens to be Bank Holiday Saturday. There's a rumour going around, which I actually started, that it may well go into the evening, with Burgers, Bangers, Booze and dancing to the Jabba Jabba Arden MG Big Band, whom are supporting our own Ladies Choir.

We may have a guest appearance from Roger Vardy-Smith, the Landlord of the Golden Cross in the late 80's, whom encouraged the founder members to use his Pub as its base.

Club Meetings:

August and October - On that note, the research that Fred did on the history of the Club, will be shared at the August Meeting and a celebratory 35th Birthday Party, held at the October meeting, when the dress code ought really to include a piece of 80's clothing?

With nothing particularly planned for the August meeting, if anyone has an interesting short story to tell, an amusing incident to share, or just some gossip, then just shout, I'm sure we'd like to hear it..

September: Some of you may remember member Alan Carter, whom sadly died of Motor Neurone Disease. His wife Hazel has just published her book "Life's Good - It's the disease that's the problem" and offered to give us a talk on MND. In June 2022 Hazel donated a kidney to her younger brother and now works as a volunteer at Marie Curie - what a girl! I think we should donate the September raffle surplus to MND and maybe round it up a touch.

November: A talk from railway buff Ian Boskett, about the Great Train Robbery. His style is most entertaining and uses props, to demonstrate just how they stopped the Train. Trust me, don't miss it. By the way he donates his £40 fee to Prostate Cancer.

December: Christmas Party The Golden Cross, Tuesday 12 and a full moon too! Choir rehearsals start in September!

Other Waffle

I'm hopeful that an outcome of the Chairman's Bash, could encourage us to nominate a Charity / Charities at our AGMs, that we wish to primarily support (split infinitive there I know!), for the forthcoming year.

In terms of the agreed donation to "Breast Cancer Now" of £500, it's most likely that a volunteer will come to speak with us sometime about the Organisation. In the meantime and for expediency, I've sent them £500.

We are now really in the swing with Events Bookings and Richard usefully mailed us just ahead of Show Night, with a view that Clip Boards will be a plenty at Club Meetings to confirm bookings. Norman has tweaked the Newsletter format to highlight forthcoming Events and such Events will shortly be posted onto the Website. All bases covered what! Thanks to Trevor for making the point about some "re-engineering" of the process.

Finally

On page 11 Norman relates his current health issues so bravely and in his typical no-fuss style, which we must all respect. As the days pass by, I expect Norman and Chris will better understand how us Arden MG members can help, and for them to guide us accordingly.

Cartoon Corner 2 - Thank you Graham

Cartoon Corner 2



Right-ho, Mr Slap-it-On . . . do yer worst . . . I'm BRACED



Bodelwyddan Castle

Trip Reprise.

Monday 15th May to Friday 19th May by Paul

Whilst we were at the Castle I did mention to a few people that I was sure I had visited St Asaph Church before and Caroline and I did drive round the 'City' to see if we could find the Church but of course it is a Cathedral!

On our way home on the Friday we stopped at the Church in Bodelwyddan and sure enough I had been there before, see photos. The first time would have been in the mid 1960's and the transport was 2 wheels only. If you look carefully you can see some of the bikes in the gate to the Church. The 'long term memory' is still good!!



Bodelwydden Church Today

As you would expect lots of photos were taken during the week and Graham has collated a selection of his and made a video to music with them, in case you have not seen the video which is worth a look even if you didn't go to Bodelwyddan, Graham has up loaded it to his YouTube page:

<https://youtu.be/bF5e4rM86ls>

Just to give some more flavour to the event here is a small selection of my photos. Despite most of us being in our 'old' MGs, reliability was not an issue, the only problem I heard about was for Bob in his TF (photo 1), however this was hardly going to stop him going far, it was a



Photo 1 The Only MG Needing Repair

blocked windscreen washer jet water tube. Mind you it did require 2 lots of bonnets open (photo 2) and plenty of helping hands, as always 'The Marque of Friendship' was to the fore.



Photo 2 Help at Hand for MG Repairs



Photo 3 Archery Experts David & Diane

The next photos show the friendly rivalry between us with the Archery 'Competition' and the Davids were to the fore and only just pipped but by an outsider (photos 3 & 4)!!



Photo 4 Archery Winner David Smith

And Finally (photo 5) : **'Two puddings'** Graham in his usual pose, it's now a tradition!!



Going Well- Booking Additional Rooms

by Alan

Warners Holiday - 20th to 24th May 2024

Bembridge Coast Hotel, Isle of Wight

I am pleased to say that all 40 places went within a week and we have now added a further 4 rooms. This means we now have 47 members booked to go on the holiday.

The rates start for a standard room at £322pp with extras such as sea views and patio/balconies, £15 each person/requirement.

Those of you wishing to book an upgrade room, the costs are:

Garden Suites	£387
Royale Large	£377
Signature Rooms	£352

Sea Views and Patios/balconies are extra on Royale and Signature like the standard rooms.

The ferry costs per car are £25 return. This will be booked next year.

We have 3 rooms with no supplement for single occupancy. 2 are still available within the agreement.

Just contact Richard Avery or myself if you are interested. My email is alan.griffith@hotmail.co.uk or mobile 07774 416536.

Thanks to all who have booked so far.

Alan



Cartoon Corner - Thank you Graham

Cartoon Corner



Breakfast Meeting at BMM - June

Breakfast Meeting

We were back to normal this month with 17½ of us (the half was my Grandson who we were looking after that day, he did enjoy it but was a bit overawed by all the people. He was also a bit confused to be offered another Breakfast, as he said "I had breakfast at home", it didn't stop him eating a croissant though) and we were able to use a table on the gallery.

The MGs in the car park were a bit sparse (I only saw one) but I guess that was due to the pouring rain outside. As you can see from the photo Benjamin enjoyed his look round the cars in the Museum.



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

Duratec MG - RIP

by Trevor

Duratec MG – RIP – for all those people who have had the misfortune of following our Ford Duratec powered MG Roadster on club runs and encountered some oily smoke coming from our exhaust pipe.

“the engine has now expired”

It is with sadness for us but good news for you, that I have to report the engine has now expired in an embarrassing cloud of smoke at a Tesco petrol pump. Managed to limp home on 2 to 3 cylinders. Considering our options (Angie wants cheap, but I fancy something exotic) watch this space.



MGB Duratec Engine bay

Heavy Engineering! The Final Chapter (Hopefully!) *by Colin Howes*

New main bearing shells and gasket set were put on order and duly arrived followed by a meticulous re-assembly of the engine bottom end. At each step checks were made to ensure that the crank turned over smoothly



Engine again re-mated with the gearbox with touching up all of the paintwork

This time my son was not available to help me refit the engine and I was pushed to find someone to help. Luckily my neighbour came to the rescue. He has vast experience with Austin 7s, 12s and 16s so is well used to manoeuvring large chunks of iron. His help was invaluable



Engine back in place for the second time – getting quite good at this!

Over the past few years there have been a number of reported failures of head gaskets on the MGC, all down to poor quality aftermarket parts. When the new gasket sets were ordered they were described as a Payen manufacture but on arrival they turned out to be the standard aftermarket type. I did not want to risk fitting that one so the hunt was on to source a genuine Payen one. Has luck would have it we were at MG100 Silverstone the following weekend and was able to find a suitable head-gasket in the auto-jumble there.

Into the next week and time was ticking away in trying to have the car ready for the MGC Day at Beaulieu. With the head back in place and torqued down I proceeded with re-fitting the rest of the ancillary components. Everything was going really well (I should have known!) checked and rechecked all fluid levels and ready for the start up. This time around the engine did start much easier but as it was getting late in the day I decided to leave it until the following morning before going out on road test.

Wednesday arrived and it was ready for the ultimate road test. I first drove around the block a couple of times and things were going well so decided to venture a little further. Halfway round the industrial estate there was a tremendous clattering sound which I thought had come from the front suspension. Quickly checked the rear-view mirror in case I had run over a drinks can or some other metal item in the road. Nothing. I continued to drive back home very gingerly in order to investigate what had happened.

After thorough checks had been made around the suspension nothing untoward was found. I then started the engine and could hear an occasional ticking noise. My heart sank. Could this be something within the engine, again? Several anxious minutes later I finally discovered that the fan blade was fouling the radiator and had created quite an impression in the cooling fins.



Cooling fan leaving its mark

I continued with investigations as to why the fan had been able to come into contact with the radiator. On the MGC there are two over-run brackets which are bolted over the engine mount rubbers in order to prevent excess forward movement of the engine under heavy braking. Both were in place so it was nothing to do with that. I then continued with a series of measurements on the fan and then discovered that two of the blades in particular were bent forward about 1.5cm further than the others. This was enough to cause them to flex sufficiently enough to foul the radiator. Closer inspection revealed that the blades had stress lines at the base so at least this explained things.

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

Continuation



Stress lines in the fan

So, the hunt is on for a replacement fan blade. One was being advertised on E-bay in Sutton Coldfield. That's within striking distance and I can get it picked up the next day. The following day I was able to collect the fan but it turns out to be an aftermarket job again! Do I risk it with another repro part? I didn't get back home until early evening and felt that it was too much of a gamble to fit the part and then drive down to Beaulieu the next morning without further road testing so a decision was made to use the roadster instead. I was also able to borrow an original fan from a friend who went to the event so that should tide me over until I can obtain an original part. Fortunately the damage to the radiator was limited to the cooling fins and had not affected the core so a couple of hours were taken to straighten them all out and apply a few coats of paint.

After refitting the new fan and radiator I then took the car out again for a short road test. Things were looking a lot more positive now. No dreadful graunching noises from the front and the engine was running well. I then ventured further to put 50 miles or so on the clock which gave me enough confidence to take the car to Jersey on the MGOC Jersey weekender event the following day.

I am happy to report that the car ran like a dream. The benefits of the lightened flywheel being immediately noticeable when the overdrive switched in and out. The long-term benefits with engine performance can only be assessed when I can up the revs a little more after running in.

The short break in Jersey had its bitter-sweet moments. Later in the week we left the car at the hotel and went into St. Helier. On our return

we were informed that the rear side window had shattered so we lost one day of the holiday trying to source a replacement but nothing was able to be found on the island.

'2023 Jersey Weekender



A roll of Sellotape can work wonders

The sweet moment was winning 1st in show at the 2023 Jersey Weekender event.



And yes, we did open a bottle of champagne to celebrate!

The End (or is it?!)

Colin Howes

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



Shakespeare Hospice Summer Fete by Paul

As a Club we have made donations to this charity in the past, they are local and supported our former Chairman Allen Smith.

Before the 'Lockdown' we had been invited to bring some MGs along to their Summer Fete but of course it didn't happen, however I had decided to make a regular contribution to the Hospice and went to talk to them and they were going to reinstate the Summer Fete, so I asked them if they would again like to have some MGs and the answer was yes please. They felt there was only space for four cars to be displayed and I quickly had 3 other volunteers when offered at the Club Night, so the 4 of us duly arrived on site, although we needed to sign the disclaimer and have Public Liability cover in place (a good thing the MGOC support us for this).

There was plenty of space for us, I'm sure we could have displayed 8 or 10 cars, so we might suggest this for next year.

The four of us had a good time winning on the Tombola, Diane massaged her winning vibes into me, which worked with tickets for 2 bottles pulled out of the drum. Most of the day, however was spent sitting in the shade chatting, trying to keep out of the beating sun.

It was a very enjoyable, sociable day and all of us thought it would be worth coming back again for this good cause, so I will approach them and offer a display next year.

What I haven't been doing with my MG - Ed (Norman)

Many people have been asking and enquiring about my health - Thank You. Well here is the situation as it stands at the time this Newsletter was released.

I was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma in my pelvis. I've had numerous biopsies, CT scan, MRIs and X-rays... ..and the results at that time being that I had three options:

- 1) leave it alone as Chemo at my age is not an option.
- 2) have the Osteosarcoma and part of my pelvis removed, which will leave a dead and useless leg.
- 3) have the Osteosarcoma, part of my pelvis and leg removed.

The latter two options are procedures designed to remove the cancer before it spreads. I chose option 3).

However, on 5th July just a week before the operation was due I received a devastating phone call to say that my last CT scan shows metastasis in my lungs, "which cannot be treated". Hence, I have had to make another major decision regarding my leg a) have the operation with all that it entails or b) cancel the op' and hope that I get a few quality months before the inevitable. I've chosen option b).

So needless to say I haven't done anything with my MG - save replace a headlamp and look at it!

Your help please: Now that we know 'whats what' please no further enquiries about my health and no best wishes. Let's keep all conversation directed at MG and other topical issues. I do however need to keep busy, so please write something for the Newsletter and get it to me as soon as possible. It will keep me occupied and the Newsletter full for the next few issues.

PS. I will continue to edit and set the newsletter for as long as I can or for as long as you will allow me to.

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.



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



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



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



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



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

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

I aim to place an order shortly 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 - 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



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



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



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 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

Heritage Run Revisited -

Sunday 23rd July *Paul*

Firstly an apology to Trevor & Ange. In my write-up last Month I attributed the previous visit to Wilmcote during the Pandemic time only to Alan, this of course was a major slip of the memory on my part, as the driving force behind the event was Trevor ably assisted by Ange. I am always greatly appreciative of anyone who puts time into the Club and organises events and Trevor did an awful lot during his time as Event's Secretary, so a big thank you to them.

Back to the run, the plan is to start at 'The Valley' Evesham (the original start point for the run back in 2007) where the Applebarn Restaurant will be open. We will follow the original route as near as possible, which amounted to 57 miles, so slightly longer than our usual Sunday Runs, therefore we will meet at 'The Valley' from 10am (the Applebarn Restaurant opens at 10am, so anyone wanted breakfast or just Tea/Coffee can do so). We will aim to leave around 10.45/11.00am. On arrival in Wilmcote we will



continue into Alan's lovely Orchard (the run originally went on to Mary Arden's Farm but this has not yet fully re-opened after the COVID closure) where we can all enjoy our picnics.

At the time of writing I have only got 11 cars booked for the Run, we can accommodate many more than that, so please drop me an email (paul.dunster@talktalk.net), as soon as possible, if you would like to join in the fun.

Badsey Flower Show is on Saturday 29th July...

...and the club has been invited to show a display along with other classic vehicles from the village. If you are interested please let me know by email enty7@btinternet.com or mobile 07766 441713. All cars must be in place well before 12 noon. The show is at The Rec, Sands Lane Badsey signs will be up in the village. Look forward to seeing you there.

Steve Entwistle



Sunday 6th August – Aunt Sally at Butchers Arms Balscote. OX15 6JQ

Trevor

This will be the third running of this unusual game, specific to this area. The main aim of this team game is to throw "sticks" at a "Sally" over a number of throws, where the team knocking the "Sally" off the steel ring the most times is the winner. We have seen some epic performances from people who have never played the game before.

Roland was last years champion.



A basket meal of Scampi, Chicken, or Sausages is available for lunch at a cost of £8. Lunch will be available 12 to 12:30 before battle commences.

A reserve date of 13th August is available if cancelled for bad weather. Dogs are welcome.



What's On - in detail - AMGC

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Picnic Fund Raiser For Prostate Cancer Charity - Sat 26th August

Commence 1.00pm

Diane & Marg

On Saturday 26th August by kind permission of our Chairman and his good lady, Mike and Jane Green, the Arden MG Club will be holding a fund raising event primarily for a Prostate Cancer Charity. However, other Cancer charities could benefit if we exceed £500. Arden MG club has already donated £500 for a breast cancer charity

The event will take the form of a Chairman's Picnic in Mike and Jane's garden. As in past years we will be asking you to bring a plate of food for everyone to share, bring your own chairs and tables, plates/bowls, glasses and whatever you want to drink. Tea and coffee will be available.

Cancer can affect anyone at any time - this is where we need your help:



On the day there will be a raffle and a tombola so we need your help with getting prizes please. In your list of contacts is there anyone you know who would donate a prize for the raffle/tombola? We are after as many prizes as possible and all will be greatly appreciated. If, however, you are unsuccessful with your contacts maybe you could donate something yourself - it would be most appreciated.

If you are unable to attend the event you will be able to purchase raffle tickets beforehand.

Our aim is to raise as much money as we can.
The Arden MG Club Needs You!



Sunday 3rd September – Happy Herefords Run

Trevor

Again, this is the third running of this unique dining experience in the pretty village of Tysoe. The start venue and time is yet to be confirmed for a 35 to 40 mile run through as many counties as we can (three last year). The unique lunchtime dining experience will be for 1pm. You can order and pay on the day, and best of all you can take your own drinks or carry one from the pub next door. Dogs are welcome.



Sunday 24th September – Wood Norton Hotel, Worcester Rd Evesham - 3:00pm

Denise

**Proposed: Ladies Afternoon/Cream Tea and Posh Frocks!
On Sunday 24th September 2023 at Wood Norton Hotel
Worcester Road, Evesham at 3:00pm.**

Cream tea: scone jam cream and tea £11.50pp

Afternoon tea: the above plus sandwiches and cakes. £24.95pp

If you are interested in attending, please email Denise.crossman@hotmail.co.uk indicating which tea you would like.

Please be advised this event will have to be paid for in advance.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

What's On - AMGC

Club Events - 2023

- **Sunday 16th July - Ragley Hall.**
Need to buy tickets on-line at Classicshows.org, Select Events, Select 16 July Ragley Hall, Select Exhibit Classic Car. Price is £7.53.
If you are going, please advise Phil Barton
phil.w.barton@gmail.com
- **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-Visited**
Full details on page 13 of this Newsletter
To Book Contact Paul: paul.dunster@talktalk.net
Number of Cars Booked to date: 22 cars
- **Saturday 29th July - Badsey Flower Show**
Details on page 13 of this Newsletter
To Book Contact Steve Entwistle: enty7@btinternet.com
Number of Cars Booked to date: 12 cars
- **Tuesday 1st August - Club Night at the Golden Cross**
- **Sunday 6th August - Aunt Sally – Afternoon at Butchers Arms Balscote. OX15 6JQ**
Basket meals to be pre ordered.
Prices and further details on page 13
Contact Trevor & Ange Smith at: ardenmgclubevents3@gmail.com
Number Booked to date: 11 couples
- **Saturday 12th August - Brailes Show**
To Book Contact Richard: rich.avery186@gmail.com
Number of Cars Booked to date: 13 cars
- **Tuesday 15th August - Breakfast Meeting at 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
- **Saturday 26th August - Chairman's Charity Picnic**
Details on page 14 of this Newsletter
To Book Contact Mike Green: mg@oakwoodgreen.co.uk
Number of Cars Booked to date: 16 cars
- **Sunday 3rd September – Happy Herefords Run**
The start venue and time is yet to be confirmed for a 35 to 40 mile run through as many counties as we can (three last year).
Further details on page 14 of this Newsletter
Contact Trevor & Ange Smith at: ardenmgclubevents3@gmail.com
Number of Cars Booked to date:
- **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.
- **Sunday 24th September – Wood Norton Hotel, Worcester Rd Evesham - 3:00pm**
Ladies Afternoon/Cream Tea and Posh Frocks!
Further details on page 14 of this Newsletter

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
- **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 and please copy in Richard Avery for completeness.

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

Date	Event	Organiser
July 16th	Ragley Hall	Phil Barton
July 23rd	Heritage Run Re-Visited	Paul
July 29th	Badsey Flower Show	Steve
Aug 6h	Aunt Sally – Afternoon	Trevor & Ange
Aug 12th	Brailes Show	Richard
Aug 26th	Chairman's Charity Picnic	Mike



Snippets

Humour! by 'n' large



Somewhere in Warwickshire - A senior citizen excitedly drove his 'brand new' 50 something years old 6 cylinder MG C out of the classic car dealership. Taking off down the road, he saw the M40 and thought why not! He floored it to 80 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little grey hair he had left. Amazing, he thought as he flew down M40, pushing the pedal even more.

However, looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a Motorway Police Patrol vehicle behind him, lights flashing and siren blaring. He floored it to 100 mph, then 110, then 120. Suddenly he thought, What am I doing? I'm too old for this, and pulled over to await the Policeman's arrival.

Pulling in behind him, the Police Officer walked up to the 'C', looked at the car, looked at the driver, looked at his watch, and said, "Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a reason for speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go."

The old gentleman paused. Then he said:

"Years ago, my wife ran off with a Police Officer. I thought you were bringing her back."

"Have a good day, sir," replied the Police Officer.

MG Mart



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.



Keep Happy Keep Healthy Keep MGing

New Members



A Special Welcome to our Club to:

David & Stephanie from Welford on Avon **1972 MGB GT**
Paul & Helen from Middle Littleton **MGB GT V8 Sebring & MG Midget**

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

Event Adverts



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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