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ARDEN MG CLUB

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Newsletter

Welcome to the September issue of AMGC monthly Newsletter and a huge **THANK YOU** to all those who organised and helped in any way towards the staggering total raised of

Over £2,000

Charity Fund Raising - Chair's Picnic

See Graham's Photos on YouTube:
<https://youtu.be/PpgJqPyJQuY>

Saturday 26th August by Margy and Mick

OK Yes, I will put my hand up and take the blame for badgering poor Mike Green into action over a Fundraising Picnic.

It all seemed like a good idea at the time. I didn't really expect him to say, ...OK well YOU organise it then.

Thank goodness Diane and Dave Rayner saw my shocked face and jumped straight in with "We'll Help You". I'm so glad that they did. Without their organising skills, I would have given up straight away. Who'd have thought there were so many legal pitfalls in trying to sell Raffle Tickets? It was a huge learning curve for all of us. But by now Diane and I had got the bit between our collective teeth and nothing was going to stop us.

So many of us have been affected by these dreadful illnesses, either personally or within our beloved families, we must now try and help to fund research, therapy and aftercare for others.

This exercise certainly brought out skills we never knew we had before..I'm talking of Scavenging and Browbeating and various other Tactics of persuasion we used, to acquire such fabulous prizes, and to sell so many tickets. Arden MG, You Are AMAZING PEOPLE, thank you to all our friends who gave their time, energy and garden...and in any way

helped make this day such a success, and THANK YOU for those who sat patiently in the rain, eating soggy sandwiches, smiling, laughing and still kept giving their money to our worthy causes. Funds raised so far in excess of £1500... (Chair: now actually over £2,000 following an anonymous £500 donation.)



Margy & Diane having a good laugh at the Torrential Rain



AMGC Event Details are on pages 22 & 23 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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Charity Fund Raising - Chair's Picnic

Continuation

Report compiled by **David Rayner**

Photos Courtesy of Graham's see them on
<https://youtu.be/PpgJqPyJQuY>

59 people attended the chairman's picnic in Mike & Jane's lovely garden. The threat of rain did not deter setting up of gazebos & tables. With the raffle & tombola prizes laid out in the garage, just in case it rained, (WHICH IT DID).

There had been an incredible response for prizes of all sorts, and many tickets were sold. Resulting in a whopping amount of over £2,000, to be given to prostate and other cancer charities. On behalf of Mick and Margy also Diane and myself I would like to extend our thanks to everyone who helped in so many different ways, before and on the day.

Also, a big thank you to Mike and Jane for hosting the event. In addition, John Hale was selling for the charity, some great MG books that he had inherited, many signed by the author, making £70 so far. If anyone is interested in any of the books, please contact John.

David Rayner

Over £2,000 Raised

The Arden MG Club would like to acknowledge the following for their generous donations for the Chairman's Picnic to raise money towards Prostate Cancer Charity and other Cancer Charities:

- Aston Cantlow Club Aston Cantlow
- Broad Lane Caravans, Kenilworth
- Central Scanning Bromsgrove
- Cider Mill Theatre Chipping Campden
- David Miller Shipston on Stour
- Edgehill Gliding Centre Shenington
- Golden Cross Pub Temple Grafton
- Hook Norton Brewery Hook Norton
- Island Meadow Park Aston Cantlow
- J. L. R. Ryton on Dunsmore
- Kings Head Pub Aston Cantlow
- M & J Green Broadway
- Morrison's Stores Stratford on Avon
- Phoenix Players Stratford on Avon
- Stratford Distillery Stratford on Avon
- Tesco's Store Stratford on Avon
- Waitrose Store Alcester



The Spread



Earnest Eating



The Booty



CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER -

Charity Picnic



I guess the only way to start is to report that the Charity Picnic on Saturday 26 August was far from a "wash out" and no-one had sun stroke. I'm delighted to confirm that just over £2,000 was raised for donations to good causes, to be agreed between us. My dream was to raise £1000 and we smashed it as they say.

From inception of the idea quite some weeks ago, my only concern was the weather and as to whether it would be scorching hot, which whilst it might please most of you, for me it's just the opposite.

I needn't repeat the backstory to the event, but from the outset, Margy led the Prostate Cancer charge (from Alison suggesting the Breast Cancer Donation) and with a few further chats and mails, Margy worked up the concept of the Chairman's Picnic being a Charity Event and for ease, Jane and I obviously agreed to host it.

Team Rayner joined the charge to generate some Prizes and Cash inflow as did Helen so admirably, followed by many more.

Graham "volunteered" to both MC the event and take photos, as did Colin. Just about everyone was charged to sell raffle tickets, whilst also hunting for donors of suitable prizes.

Apart from just watching, I secured the orchard parking facility and cut the lawn. Jane had a run round with the duster just as David, Mick and Margy arrived on Friday morning with prizes galore for the raffle, tombola and auction.

The garage was commandeered along with one of my office desks etc, up went a storm shelter and a cheap gazebo we bought for the Coronation, but never used.

The weather forecast indicated some light showers on Saturday pm.....

Saturday morning, Julia and Alan arrived bang on time, followed by Team Rayner and Margy and Mick - action stations. By 1pm folk started to arrive.....

Various photos were taken and some are attached, which speak a thousand words. Thankfully Chris and Norman were in attendance to enjoy the atmosphere, dampened only by the odd refreshing "drizzle" of rain.

The old British resolve kicked in and folk soon dried out. Graham MC'd the Raffle and Auction and was in extra fine form. Sadly the Bingo was postponed, but by over whelming demand, is rescheduled as part of the October "35 years" Club night.

A sturdy bunch remained for a burger and banger bap, with everyone gone by 9pm. Alan and Julia stayed over with us and by 1am we all headed for bed (with our own partners).



I believe it's accepted that with BCN receiving £500, £500 should be earmarked for Prostate Cancer, leaving the recipients of £1,500 to be discussed and agreed, hopefully at the October meeting.



MG Friends enjoying the day

In terms of Club funds, some of you will remember that we closed 2022 with a healthy £1500 of uncommitted funds, which prompted the £500 donation to BCN. Assuming the £2000 from the Event is all donated, we will revert to uncommitted funds of £1000

which, I suggest, seems adequate for Club needs.

Roger has kindly sent me a schedule of Donations since the Club was created, totalling almost £25k to date. I'll send it to Mike and hopefully it can be uploaded onto the Website for all to see.



As for the £1500, one suggestion might be 6 donations of £250 to good causes and not necessarily all health related - for instance some £ might be for young people, or whatever.

It goes to say that Team MGB - Margy's Girls and Boys delivered the dream so well - sincere thanks to them, for you our Membership for your contributions and finally to the generosity of our Community for their support in both donating prizes and buying tickets.

Following the October meeting, I will write to those external bodies whom generously supported us and advise them of the destinations of our Donations.

In these interesting and demanding times in which we live, the Charity Event seemed to lift our spirits and bring more togetherness, endorsing the "MG Marque of Friendship."

CHAIRMAN'S NATTER - The waffle - REPORT



The OCTOBER MEETING - "35 year party".

Whilst the idea of dressing in period clothing seemed a good idea, in reality for most of us, not much has changed in style!

So wear whatever you want and perhaps for the Christmas Bash, it can be fancy dress or whatever.

To pass the time, what I think might work is for some of us to talk for 5 minutes or so about the cars we were driving back in 1988. For Jane and me it's easy - Jane an XR3i and me an Audi 80 Sport - not an MG in sight from 1982 - sadly the sale of our MGBGT V8, until 2004 - new ZR160.

As above the Bingo will follow - eyes down.

November brings us the amusing talk on the Great Train Robbery by Ian Curtis.

December 5 meeting remains open for ideas and I'm wondering whether the theme - "Cars I should never have sold" might get a few members to talk for a few minutes about such personal regrets?

This leads into the **Christmas Party Fancy Dress Bash** - all booked for 12th at the Golden Cross - more detail to follow shortly.

I think the future Events are covered in the Newsletter and perhaps there may be a chance to organise a Skittles night for October / November?

2024 - January 1 "Chilly Willy" - I might even organise this one myself!

2023 Revisited

In no particular order over the last few weeks we enjoyed the **Happy Hereford lunch and beforehand a 50 mile endurance run**, kindly organised again by Trevor and Angie. For me it was an amazing run - 20 villages - most of them new for all of us - it deserves a much slower re-run to absorb the area and real village life. Trevor and Angie - you excelled with this Event - thank you!

In terms of my wandering about in the MGs, I have little else to report other than to mention that I attended the Silverstone Vintage Car Auction at the Lygon Arms in Broadway and met up with the legendary Richard Hudson Evans (from Car and Car Conversion Magazine Days in the 60's). He's an Auction specialist and reports on values. In discussions he mentioned that generally values are 25% down on last year for the Vintage models - thankfully I'm not impacted!

In terms of Ed the Zed, yet another incident free holiday run to Salcombe a few weeks ago and now at 37k mileage and over 10k since I made its "Investment". Ed's new brother Ted the Zed, will be ready for collection from Trophy Cars next week when we return from our holiday in St Ives.

Jane and I went to the Goodwood Revival on Friday - Practice and just one race day - more to follow next time.

On a Serious Note

Last but not least and certainly not under the waffle heading, the September Club Night and a talk by **Hazel Carter** about

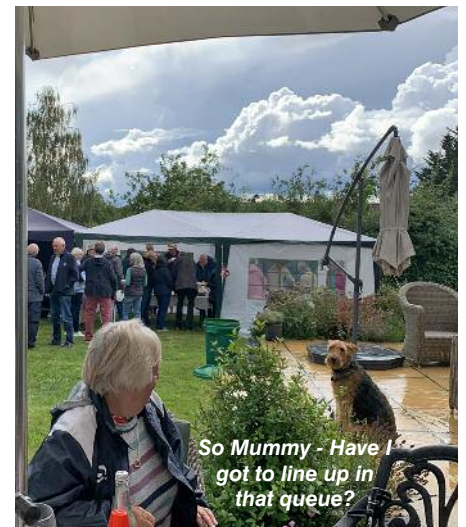


Hazel Carter with book

Motor Neurone Disease and the loss of her husband Alan, a former Club member and the owner of the same MGB for 38 yrs Hazel is without doubt an amazing lady and was encouraged to write a book about her experience of living with Alan's MRD. The book titled "Life's Good - It's the disease that's the problem" was released in late June and her talk, which Paul D arranged quite some time ago, was to coincide with the release.

Quite a few of us bought the book - intrigued by it all, I read it in 48 hours - it's the saddest true love story ever and endorses the theme "One life, live it".

Whilst the MND Charity has been support by the Club previously, I believe that we should make a further donation and I will make the point at the October meeting.



So Mummy - Have I got to line up in that queue?

Photos Courtesy of Norman

Have we got to start singing in the rain Jane?



Life's Good

By Colin Howes

It's the disease that's the problem

On club night in September we were privileged to receive a talk from Hazel Carter. She gave us a truly inspirational and heart-warming talk about the life journey that she shared with her husband Alan following his diagnosis of contracting motor neurone disease.

Alan who was a former member of the club owned a red MGB roadster called Morris which was bought back in 1980 with the intention of taking tours on the continent as part of their retirement plans. However, in late 2017 he received the devastating news that he had between six months to two years to live.

Not to be defeated Alan and Hazel gave it their very best shot and embraced the challenges that life would throw at them in the following two years. This included taking a holiday of a lifetime in Vietnam, several breaks in the UK as well as attending many social events.

Between the time that Alan had been diagnosed with MND and his passing Hazel kept a diary. The highs, the lows and cruel detail of what this dreadful disease can dish out. This inspired her to write her book – Life's Good, It's the disease that's the problem.

For anyone who was unable to attend club night and would like to purchase a copy of Hazel's book it can be purchased at

www.lifesgoodbook.co.uk at £12.99. Hazel can also be contacted at hazel@lifesgoodbook.co.uk.



Colin Howes



Eds Comments: As you may know I am living with terminal cancer (indeed, in England only 7 or 8 people in a whole year are diagnosed with the cancer I have - lucky me!) and I appreciate all that is done to support cancer research across all its platforms, particularly the Bone Cancer Research Trust. So please keep up the good work.

A letter from Alison Smith

Dear MG friends

I would like to say a big thank you for the Arden MG Club's clubs generous donation to Breast Cancer Now. There are so many worthy causes vying for donations, so support for an organisation whose advice and guidance I have personally experienced is particularly significant. As all too many members of the Club know a cancer diagnosis, of itself, is devastating. To find that it had actually spread was overwhelming – not just for myself but also for Dave our family and friends.

When we eventually came up for air we soon realised that the diagnosis was just the start and the prequel to an unknown period of tests, treatment, anxiety and stress. We cannot thank our family, friends and Arden MG buddies enough for their understanding and support – also the many fellow sufferers that I have met through local and national groups for their steadfast friendship and encouragement.

With best wishes
Alison

Morrisons Stores PLC Annual fund raising event

By David & Diane

Morrisons stores PLC, have an annual fund-raising event, each store is given a challenge, to raise £500 in 24 hours. This year, the Charity is "Together for Short Lives" for seriously ill children.

In our region, 50 stores, had the Butterfly Trail model for one day to raise their money. Stratford on Avon store received the butterfly, on Thursday afternoon 31 August. They had the Friday to display the butterfly, run a tombola, and other games, to raise their money. Success, they raised over £600.

My friend, John, at Morrisons, then said, following the event, he needed to get the butterfly over to the Leamington store,

the next day, in style, with some publicity. What could be better than an MG. It was agreed the hand over would be at Warwick Castle, where the Leamington staff would meet and then run the 2 miles back to their store.

On Saturday 2nd September, it was an early start, meeting at 7.15am, and what a dismal morning it was. In our MGB, we were joined by Mick & Margy in their MGTF, also David B & Stephanie in their MGB GT, we set off in convoy to Warwick Castle to hand over the butterfly.

As Morrison's have over 500 stores, their target is for each store to make £500, the overall amount

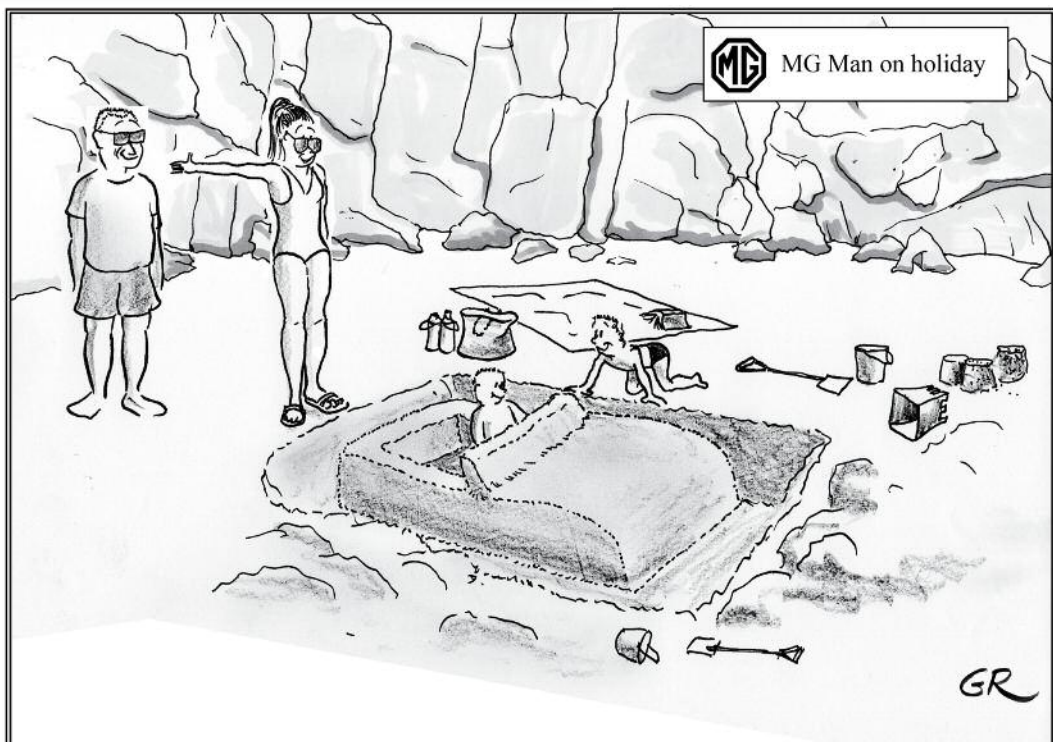


would be £250,000. And, yes, it looks like they will achieve their target of £250,000 for "Together for Short Lives" Charity.

Well done, Morrisons.

Cartoon Corner - Thank you Graham

Cartoon Corner



Boys! This man is asking if you can make him a 1971 Midget Mk 3 . . .

Brailes Show

Saturday 12th August by Fiona Avery

The day of the Brailes Show dawned fair, but delivered a shower as we arrived...

We were first to arrive, managing to confound the gate marshal by entering via a gate no one else knew about. He spotted our faux pas and came sprinting after us, so all was well.

We were 17 cars in all, lined up across the field in front of the Jaguar club, who numbered only 5 this year. They lamented the fact they were so few, saying they were all ageing and doing less, plus not gaining new members. I said we had no trouble in that regard and even attracted YOUNG people! I grabbed a new recruit to demonstrate my point, after which she took me to one side to confide she was not young at all but actually 60, (her secret is safe with me) which just goes to show owning an MG keeps you young!



A fine pair of B GT's head the display



A fine display of Arden MG cars

I digress, sadly there were no competition winners that day, and no rosettes of any sort as Margaret and Teddy were not able to join us for this show.

New for this year were a selection of picture-book farm animals which go on tour into schools etc., a bit like a circus but slightly less exciting, but very cute all the same.

Andy Bourne came along with his repaired Midget, good to see him and it together again after their long enforced separation and many trials and tribulations.

Steph and David attended their first formal MG outing in great style, dressing up in a lovely floaty dress and class leather jacket, mm can't remember what Steph wore - oops silly me getting mixed up.

There were lots of craft stalls and a super miniature train layout which young Benjamin Paul & Caroline's grandson enjoyed, also an impressive collection of vintage earthenware flagons related to the brewing trade which used to take place in and around Brailes.



Deep in chat and oblivious to the storm clouds hovering

The weather was good all afternoon just a bit breezy, we were glad to have the shelter as a wind break.

Eventually we all departed to ready ourselves for our next spell-binding event, probably sitting in a field somewhere in the wind, rain, or baking sun, who knows, what on earth do our children and non-like-minded people think of us all – and do we care – no, not really?

So, until next time
happy MG
motoring all



A fine display of legs too!

Editor's comments - Well done Fiona, looks like you had a good time despite the 'iffy' weather!

Happy Herefords Three Counties Run

September 3rd, 2023 by Trevor

Once again, this third time annual run was to end with the unique dining experience at the Happy Herefords Barn in Tysoe. I wanted to keep up the standards set by previous runs to Tysoe by making it an interesting, challenging run-on roads new to many.

I know of many local roads that span three counties, Warwickshire, Oxfordshire and Northamptonshire, many even I have not travelled since I was a young person. Many with the potential to provide an interesting run in our MGs, but as always finding a starting point to meet our needs close to these roads, is key to getting off to a good start.

Step forward the National Herb Centre at Warmington, 5 miles north of Banbury, perfect for my desire to get to some challenging roads. A quick visit, coffee and a chat with the Manager and all was arranged, slightly earlier opening, reserved parking and a separate area for us to convene. However, it was such a warm sunny day that all ventured outdoors, which made marshalling the unruly mob to their cars for our designated leave time far from easy. The warm sunshine was to stay with us all day, and all that could, had their hoods down, for what was uninterrupted wall to wall sunshine, which really made the day, unlike our wet Aunt Sally venture. If you fancy a drive out and a coffee, this venue has a small classic car meet the first Saturday of the month, 10am to 1pm, all in aid of charity.

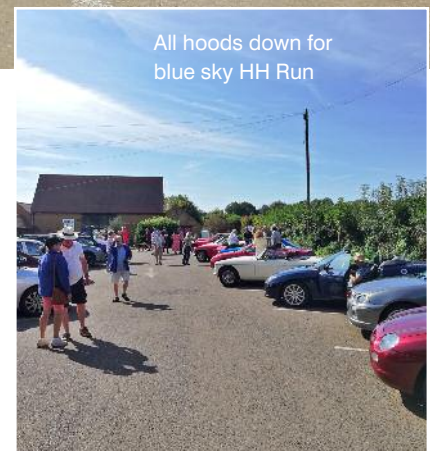
So, a quick chat to confirm the ethics of our run and to outline what was in store for the intrepid participants with a warning for one of the roads. 42 people had signed up for the Happy Herefords gourmet meal 16 cars on the run, 1 cancellation and 8 people going straight to the barn for their meal. The run was to cover 50 miles, 99% not on main roads. Not only would we pass through three counties, but we would also pass through 20 villages. I did point out that I would be amazed if all made it round this testing route and to this end, we added every village in the order that we would pass through them, so that lost souls miles from home could have a



Contemplating the Start
Photos Courtesy Trevor

chance to get back on track. If anyone in the club would like a copy of this run to complete at their leisure, we have some spare copies.

Whilst travelling the proposed route, some of the roads had deteriorated from how I remembered them, it was only a small proportion of the roads, but doubt began to creep in, but then I thought no, they are a tough lot and a



All hoods down for blue sky HH Run



Form a queue to try your hand at this road

challenge is needed, to stimulate a good appetite. I decided that if I made people aware of the perils, by writing in red ink and advising to drive carefully, low sports cars could go where any sensible person would use a 4 x 4. Angie was very sceptical.



Peter trying hard to keep his exhaust intact.

Happy Herefords Three Counties Run

Continuation

The 50 miles would take 1 hour 45 minutes to complete, providing you did not lose you exhaust, wheels, become airborne over one of the humpback bridges, or disappear into the scenery on one of the many tight bends. We were first back to the Barn, and as everyone arrived, we were relieved to hear that although some did go off course, the run was very enjoyable .



Resting at the end of a very challenging but enjoyable run
Photo Courtesy Steve Farr



Happy Herefords
Photo Courtesy Steve Farr

Out of the 25 questions, many had 22, but the winners with 23 were The Magnificent 6 plus 1, who took the first prize of '2 weeks holiday in Majorca'.



Enjoying Happy Herefords cuisine
Photo Courtesy Steve Farr

Our thanks to Roger and Caroline Phipp for acting as parking marshals at the Barn.



Fabulous Quizzes by Roger & Caroline
Photo Courtesy Norman

The sun was still shining at the end of this event which ensured that we could make use of our open top cars for our homeward journey.

Thanks to Norman and Steve for taking some photos, which I am sure will be better than mine, as I always forget until too late.

With fresh straw on the floor, and the smell of cooking wafting out of the barn, we took our seats and contemplated what we would have from the menu. Some made use of the local pub to procure drinks to bring back to the barn.

Because this event was also on social media, 2 other MGs not from the club and some villagers to view the MGs joined us in the Barn. And then it was quiz time. The inspiration for this quiz with a difference was put forward by Roger and Caroline, who then went on to prepare all of the questions and supply all of the kit to deliver music clips for 10 TV adverts, 10 TV programmes and 5 film, they also provided the prize (not a holiday)



And the winners presented with a box of "Majorca" toffees by Chairman Mike were: Dave and Tracy Naylor, Peter and Julia Grice, Nick Godfrey and Phillipa plus Angie Smith

Photo Courtesy Norman



Trevor in full flow

Photo Courtesy Norman

Dorridge Day - A Family Day Out

10th Sept by Lynda Erroi

The weather started off well as we arrived at the Black Boy in Solihull. Unfortunately however, later in the afternoon the rain started and it became more than a spit, indeed it became quite persistent. However, many classic car enthusiasts continued to enjoy the day and all round a very lovely atmosphere, well worth the visit.

his car as well as his lovely granddaughter Connie, who we were told, polishes it enthusiastically for her grandfather.

On the processional journey through Dorridge classic car drivers were warmly welcomed, with people on seats in their drives and many lining the streets to see the excellent display of classic cars. Children loved it when you gave them a blow on the horn and would wave enthusiastically. That was great to be part of.

The park was very well organised, and we were guided in by Marshall's in high-vis jackets.

One enthusiast mentioned, "there are more classic cars here than last year!"

There was an arena that featured pleasant singing and dancing and many other types of entertainments throughout the day. There were lots of tents and marques offering tea and cake through all manner of things including animal behaviour courses. There



Lead car was George Harvey with granddaughter Connie

Cars arrived from 9:30 am and the overflow field was opened to accommodate the many British and American classic cars on display.

The convoy was scheduled to leave at 11:30 ish and left at 11:55 am arriving at the Dorridge park at 12:15. The lead car in his 1966 MGB was driven by George Harvey - he was proud of



Pas and Lynda's limited edition MGBT



Graham & Fiona's Yellow Bumble

were a number of local and national charity organisation tents and one where, subject to strict criteria, one could even foster a child. Indeed, an excellent day out both for classic car enthusiasts and families with everything from a vast collection of classics cars to hook a duck, bouncy castles and eating places. With, of course, a bar for the mums and dads.

We enjoyed looking at the cars and speaking to a few of the car owners recalling their interesting car related stories.

Dorridge Day

10th Sept by Graham

A plea came through from Richard Avery that the organiser was keen to get more cars for the Parade.

So we went along; the meeting point was the Black Boy outside Knowle – and what a good venue. Plenty of room to park, nice grounds and the canal to have look at.

And what a lot of cars! Didn't do an actual count, but it felt like around 100 – and a terrific mix. Cars seemingly from every decade from the 20s to the Eighties: from a humble Austin 7 to the one-off Jensen S-V8, American Chrome and Muscle to MGs, Triumphs and Austin Healeys and more.

Suddenly the call came to set off and it was like a very sedate Le Mans start – with a bit of jockeying for position taking place, too. The excellent organiser, Amit, had asked us to lead Convoy No. Four, which felt in the end rather like it was somewhere between Two-and-a-half and Seven.



Don't open it! (it rained shortly after)

amongst rows of really impressive vehicles. There was also the largest collection of Bouncy Castles there for the Family Day bit.



Good MG turnout



Aston DB5 in good company

We soon found ourselves travelling the length of the long main road in Knowle – Station Road – and were truly amazed by the enormous turnout of people camped out at the side of the road to Watch and Wave. It was terrific fun, in reasonable sunshine and facing a sea of happy faces.

We ended up in a Park (it was a field) deep in Narnia somewhere (you'd never find it again) and took our place

There were four cars there from Arden MG, plus some more MGs; we heard from one Club member, Lynda, that the event attracts people and their Classics from some considerable distance.

And it was obviously the day for Classic Cars in the area because, on the way home we passed the sign for the Henley-in-Arden Classic Car Club meeting.



It's a Chevrol-Hay!



Sheer elegance

Breakfast Meeting at BMM - August

Breakfast Meeting - 15th August 23

It must be holiday season, we were down to 10 people for the meeting this month but I had managed to get 2 round tables on the Gallery reserved for us.



I had also obtained the OK for us to display our MGs on the grass outside the museum Entrance but I think there were more MGs than people having breakfast, with some of the Museum Volunteers joining in with us. The conversations were cut short this month, as it was the week of the Museum's 30th Anniversary Celebrations and at 11.30 they paraded 5 of the cars from the collections around the site, including; Austin Healey 3000 Mark III, Harry Potter Anglia, First Morris Mini Minor, Police Jaguar XJ6 and finally a very noisy Jaguar XJS Police Car with siren blaring away. An interesting sight in the morning sunshine.

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

An irony to this story - or does it just need oil?

by Ed from Graham's emails

Extracts from emails to Ed:

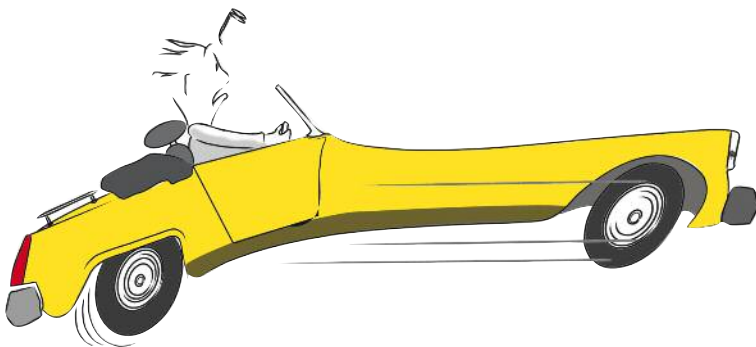
Graham learned from a cartoonist once that there is a thing in the cartoon world called a "grawlix". Absolutely true.

It's the name given to that text you see in a speech balloon "\$&££**%£!!"

That rather sums up his feeling when having to stamp on the accelerator pedal of Bumble.

There was the amusing sight of Graham attempting to wick oil down the cable using the non-needle bit of a hypodermic syringe ...

Here's a 'thing' wot he drew.



Meanwhile, contribution-wise as regards "His MG" is the extraordinary lengths he is having to go to to get the new accelerator cable to work well.

When the new one was installed the action was unbelievably stiff; Graham was having to stamp on it to get any reaction. So he stopped at a village garage (Harbury) and got a can of 3-in-1. Disconnected the cable, dribbled some threeinone into it, and at least he got home.

Since then he's been penetrating-oiling it, greasing any bits he can reach and it's slowly getting better – but still appalling.

There's an irony to this is as I worked for the company that originally made these.

Is this justice?

A Cautionary Tale?

by Paul D

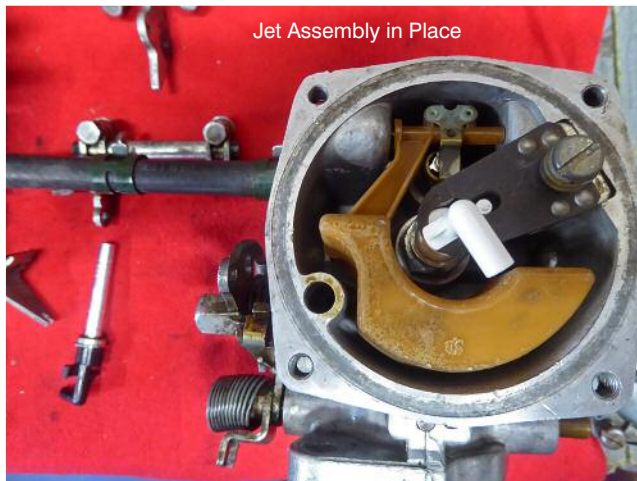
When I bought Ellie our MGB GT LE it was running a bit rich and was not good at idling in traffic queues, so it was on the mental list of things to attend to, however after a trip out in her, she was left out to dry and then run into the garage.

is a receipt from an MG Specialist for fitting a pair of reconditioned carbs! A further check of the SU Specification Catalogue shows that the AAU needles were used on the HIF Carbs fitted to 1973-74 cars only, so much for the MG Specialists!!



Back to MGOC Spares for new needles, which came the next day and were soon fitted and tuning began again, however it took an age to get her to fire up. I went through the correct process several times but could still not achieve acceptable running, so back to the expert. Start the whole process from scratch to end up at the same place, still not running well enough!!

There was a strong smell of petrol, so up went the bonnet and sure enough there was petrol leaking out of the float chamber joint. No problem some new seals on order, which came a few days later (well done MGOC Spares). With a bit of fiddling the new seal was installed and whilst I was there a small turn on the throttle stops to lower the idle speed. Well when I came to fire her up she would not run smooth, so I played around, then gave up and called in the expert. Lech was soon round and we went thorough the full process of tuning the carbs but we could not get her to run smoothly!!



What could be wrong?

Hey presto, she was running a lot better

We stripped everything down and checked the needles and jets. The needles were 'AAU', so looked up the spec in the very useful S.U. Specification Catalogue to find that the post 1976 cars should have ACD needles. Looking back through the file of receipts that came with the car there are many relating to cleaning and tuning the carbs but go back even further and there

The only thing I had noticed when fitting the needles into the piston was that the needle guides were different sizes but didn't think this would be a major problem, however now clutching at straws, we said let's make them both the same. Lech peddles up his grinding wheel and trims the longer one until they are both the same length. Refit them and back to the tuning process, from the beginning again of course and hey presto, she was running a lot better, time was running out, so we left



it there and will have another go when the car has been run for a few miles. Carbs are strange things and definitely a black art, beware and don't trust a set of refurbished SUs!!

I can do the job blind fold now

The saga continued, the run to Brailes Show went OK, so I used her to go to the Breakfast Meeting but by the time I got home the engine was so rough it was almost undriveable. Fortunately I was going with Lech to Aldon Automotive the following week and whilst there quizzed one of the experts and his suggestion was the bi-metallic strip that adjusts the jet height for temperature. He kindly stripped, what must have been a scrap HIF Carb and gave me the part. A comparison with my original showed some differences, so carbs rebuilt yet again (I can do the job blind fold now) with no changes from the last tune-up and the car has never run better. I have taken one of the plugs out and gone has all the black soot replaced by a nice biscuit colour. The car is not running perfectly yet but at least it looks like it will.



My life with MG's

- aged 17 to 71 *by Lech Z*

It all started in 1968 when after passing my driving test I bought a 1938 TA. It had a YA engine to which I promptly fitted twin SU's and altered the engine to TC spec



1. 1st TA

1. **1st TA** This was a great car to learn about mechanics and also how to upgrade and maintain a prewar vehicle. I learned an awful lot and greatly enjoyed driving this car. I last saw it at the 1980 Beaulieu Autojumble Auction where it was sold to someone in Switzerland..



2. PB

2. **PB** While owning the TA, I was offered a PB (£60). The engine was seized but it was a very original vehicle. I rebuilt the engine and running gear, eventually selling it and buying an engagement ring for Pam (now my wife).

Unfortunately I've only side shots of the PB, I can't remember the registration or chassis number so I can't establish if it still exists

3. **PA** After marrying in 1972, buying a house and having children etc., etc., the draw of a prewar MG was too great, so with the help of Harry Crutchley (Octagon CC) I acquired a 1934 PA. I completely

restored this car while at the same time refurbishing a 1930's house (where we still live).

After selling the PA, I last saw it around 2010 for sale at Barry Walker's showroom (I regularly

worked there after retiring).



3. PA

4. **YA** On selling the PA, with the house restoration nearing completion, I fancied another project so I acquired a 1948 YA. The car needed much bodywork repair (which isn't my forte) so after getting the engine running, I sold it on.



4. YA

I last saw the YA fully restored, at the Stoneleigh Restoration Show some 20 years ago..

5. **Black MGB** The YA was followed by a rubber bumper 1980 MGB GT. A work colleague was retiring and moving to a smaller property which had no space for a second car.



5. Black MGB

I ran the MGB for a couple of years during which time I decided that I'd fancy rebuilding a MGB (but not a rubber bumper version).

6. **2nd MGB** So, I bought a rather sad looking 1968 MGB GT. I was lucky enough to lay my hands on a superb 1968 Californian bodysell with literally no rust. I rebuilt the car using the US body and the old B as a donor.



6. 2nd MGB

I covered many miles in the restored MGB without any problems but I eventually decided that I fancied another prewar MG. A colleague who had acquired a TA some years earlier was moving house and his business. Due to these changing circumstances he decided to sell the car.

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My life with MG's *Continuation*

7. 2nd TA In 1994 I purchased the 1938 TA and commenced its complete restoration; it took three years to finish but it was well worth it. Pam and I attended many MGCC European Events in this car visiting France, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Denmark and Holland.



While enjoying the TA I was offered and bought a very original VA which had remained and was serviced in the same village since new. After owning the TA for 12 years and promising Pam a new kitchen I sold the car to a German gentleman via Barry Walker in 2005.

8. VA The 1936 VA stood in my garage for nearly ten years. I got the engine running and drove it around the block but the bodywork and upholstery was well beyond my capabilities so I sold it to a Dutchman.



In 2005, just as I was MG-less a friend asked me if I would be interested in a free 1970 Midget. I looked at the car and decided to have it.

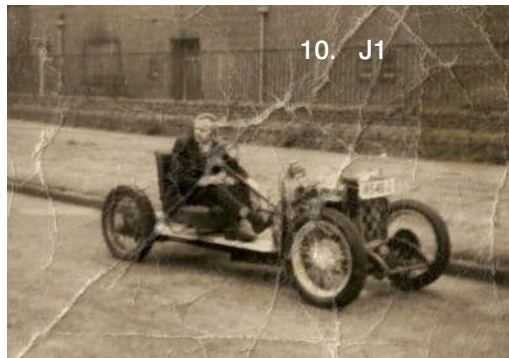
9. Midget The owner was quite upset to part with the Midget; he had bought it new with a staff discount as he worked for BL. I gave him £20 to buy a bottle of whisky to reduce the pain!



Luckily, soon after getting the Midget I was offered a second hand but new Heritage body which became the basis of the rebuild, I rebuilt the engine to produce 80 bhp.

Once finished, we travelled around Europe, again entering many MGCC European Events to Switzerland via France and Germany, Denmark, Holland, Sweden, Norway (up to the Artic Circle) also touring Ireland. The car was sold in August 2023 to fund the purchase of a L1 Magna.

10. J1 During the period that I ran the Midget I still had a hankering for another prewar MG. An opportunity arose to acquire a 1932 J1 Salonette rolling chassis



The MG had been driven into a garage after the war and sometime in the 60's the roof collapsed completely ruining the body. I spent the following years acquiring parts to start the rebuilding the car as a J2 but decided to sell it to a Paul Dunster with the intention of helping him with the rebuild.

11. Metro During my working career as a highway engineer with Warwickshire County Council, I also ran MGs as everyday family cars. First was a Metro, which had to accommodate the family on our camping holidays in France (a bit of a squeeze)!



The photograph was taken during the MGCC Midland Centre's Production Car Trials at Burton Dassett Hills.

12. Maestro After the Metro a Maestro followed. Touring in Europe continued with the family fitting more comfortably.

This is the only car that Pam enjoyed driving.



Unfortunately the Maestro was stolen while I attended the MGCC B Rebuild Seminar in Abingdon and was written off in Oxford within the hour of being stolen..

13. ZR With the family grown up a ZR followed, a lovely, fun car to drive with continuing forays into Europe.



We continued taking part in the MGCC European Events, with frequent tours around the UK, either in the TA or ZR.

14. L1 Magna So now at 71 years of age it's time to acquire the MG I've always dreamed of owning, a six-cylinder Magna.



During July 2023 I received a phone call from Barry Walker, a 1933 L1 Magna which he had sold back in 1978 had come onto the market and Barry was selling on behalf of the owner. After seeing the Magna I just couldn't resist!

I now own the MG that's been my ultimate wish for many, many years – probably my last!

My life with MG's *Continuation*

15. 1973 Midget As you can imagine after so many years of involvement with the marque, some of it must have rubbed off onto the family.



My son Sam bought a 1973 Midget on finishing university. He drove the MG for a couple of years, then on moving to Australia sold the car.

16. Midget On moving to live in Denmark in 2001 he acquired another Midget, this time a 1972 model which he still owns and drives around Copenhagen.



There we have it, 55 years involvement with one marque and still finding so many interesting facets to the company and the cars they built. Long may the interest continue.

MG Memories & Memorabilia – Part One

by Phil Fellows

The other day I was sorting out some boxes and stuff in the garage and realised that I had a lot of MG Stuff, which some people call memorabilia. Not sure what 'management' calls it! Each of these bits and bobs has memories attached to it, event, runs, meetings and of course the cars.



My first badge/sticker

I started my journey with MG in 1979, but before I even owned an MG, I started to pick up MG Stuff. Below is a picture of I think the first badge/sticker I got.

I got this and a Tie (long lost) on a Factory Visit to Abingdon, yes, MG Abingdon just before the closure was announced. This is before Longbridge built MG's.

Interesting how similar it looks to the Arden Club badge..... So that was the start of the journey, then I got my first MG, a white MGB and joined the MG Owners Club and my local MG Group was Bromsgrove MG Owners Club. Back in the day we used to do a lot of events, the days of road runs and heritage runs were in the future.

With these events you got a sticker and people with MGBGTs filled their back windows with them. Below is a few from some events I attended.



Just a few from events attended

So that's the end of part one, more to come.

Next time:

- MG Car Club – Midland Centre, MGB, Midget, MGA, MGC, MGF/TF
- Brass Plaques – including MG Silverstone
- Badges
- Rally Plaques – Kimber Run, Arden Run, more (also including doing a run in Mike Greens old MGBGT V8 – NOV 555M)

I am sure this article will get some of you going into the spare room/attic/garage/shed to search out your own memorabilia and memories, please do, take a picture and send it in with a few words.

Until next time, cheers Phil

Gaydon first for Arden Run

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Phil Fellows was just looking through some old MG Enthusiasts and found this

It reads: CHOOSING A BANK HOLIDAY Sunday in Stratford-upon-Avon to start a social run is a certain recipe to bring the town to a standstill. On Sunday 2nd May 1993 the Arden MG Club managed to achieve this by releasing nearly 180 MGs onto the public highway. The brilliant mid-spring weather had brought daytrippers early into the town increasing the traffic almost to saturation before Mick Love, the Mayor of Stratford, waved the oldest cars off to start the 1993 Heritage Run.

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The MGs assembled at the Marbird Centre, which is a large shopping complex on the north side of the town. Burger King kindly agreed to open early ensuring that facilities were near to hand and although the weather turned out to be excellent, there was a cool breeze in the morning, so hot drinks and warm food was appreciated by many.

The Mayor of Stratford-upon-Avon dropped the flag at 11.00am, the cars left the car park and soon everything stopped! Slowly entrants struggled their way through the town and eventually onto the open roads, only to meet another traffic jam 10 miles down the route.

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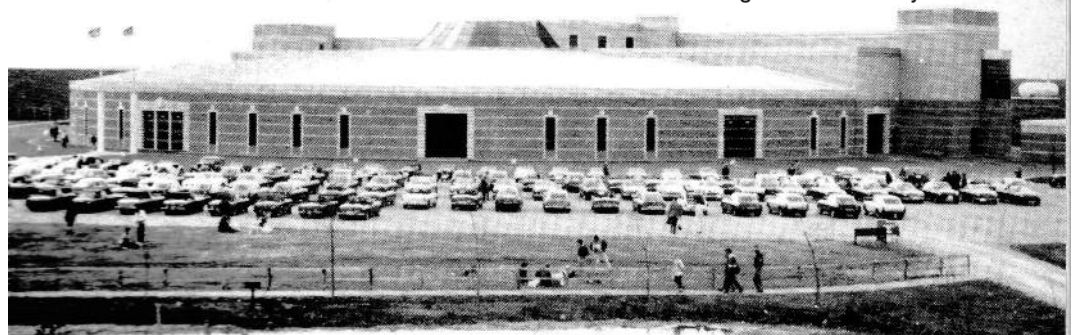
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Above the original report found by Phil



The Mayor of Stratford sets off Vintage MGs first on the Arden run.

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ARDEN CLUB History

By Fred with additional notes by Paul

Earlier in the year our new Chairman Mike thought it would be a good idea to have a short presentation about the history of the Arden MG Club and Fred agreed to put some thoughts together, however he was not available on the Club Night the talk was planned, so I took up the reins and added some information of my own. Not everyone would be at a Club Night, so in preparation for the Club's 35th Anniversary at the October Meeting here are the notes from Fred and myself:

I first attended the club early in 1989 having heard of it from a friend. I had just got FWK 46L back together after a full restoration during the previous year. (now owned by David and Diane).

Roger and Pat Vardy-Smith owned and ran the pub.

At that time the bar at the Golden Cross was much smaller. What is now the main bar area was living accommodation. The bar consisted of the narrow front part of the ground floor with a small snug between the bar and the loos. The dining room was much as it is now but with Pat's vast and famous collection of dolls on display everywhere on the premises.

At the first meeting I attended there were half a dozen or so of us and I recall Roger Vardy-Smith - Landlord, John Saunders - Chairman, David Witham, Eddie Hollier Richard and Jo ?, Gordon Reading.

Apparently John and Julie Saunders went for a meal in their MGB and parked next to a very smart MGB GT. Over dinner they got talking to Steve and Carol Farr on the next table to discover they were the proud owners. When John went for drinks Roger was wearing an MG T-shirt and suggested setting up a meet. Roger, being a "clubby" type of person, had a word with others and the Arden MG Club was formed.

I'm not sure if they had been to any shows before I joined but we certainly attended a few that year and many thereafter (see plaques).

Shows were nothing like so plentiful in those days but the classic car scene has thrived since and nowadays we have to choose which to go to!

Soon after my first visit the club membership steadily grew and although I'm sure I shall have forgotten a few I remember the following joining within a year or two:

John Horne (events organizer for many years), Graham Pierce (Bromsgrove MG), Trevor Knight (Bromsgrove MG), Richard Workman, Lech Zakrewski, Alan Smith (future club and heritage run committee chairman), Roger Jackson (treasurer), John Mattocks, Alan Torbett (future events organizer, sadly passed away in 2006??), Paul Dunster (future chairman) and John Philips

The club really gained traction in our happy home at the Golden Cross and Richard Workman and Lech organized the first Arden MG Heritage Run in 1993. This was a great success and became one of the midlands premier events for 25years. A committee was soon formed (of necessity due to the amount of work involved!)

On Roger and Pat's retirement somewhere around 1998 the Golden Cross changed hands and the new management didn't want what had now become quite a large club cluttering up their dining room once a month! So we tried various other venues including the Stag at Redhill and the Navigation at Wootton Wawen eventually settling for a few years at the Moathouse at Alcester. When the Golden Cross eventually changed hands again we returned to our spiritual home and have been here ever since.

List of Chairmen:

John Saunders	1988 - 1991
Gordon Reading	1991 - 1993
Allen Smith	1993 - 2008
Geoff and Vicky Edge	2009 - 2010
Paul Dunster	2011 - 2023
Mike Green	2023 -

So there we are; a potted history of AMGC.

I'm sure I've missed something and some of the many people who've come and gone over the years, some of whom are sadly no longer with us (indeed I had to call on a few friends to put this together) but I hope it's of interest to more recent members of what remains a thriving club.

Fred



Comments from Paul:

Back in 2018 I asked John Saunders if he could give me an accurate idea of when the first Club meeting was and this is what he sent me:

"I can only tell you my version of events leading to the first meeting, bit long but hope you can take out what you need! Julie and I were having a meal at the Cross, we had parked our MG next to a very smart GT. Over dinner and ear wiggling, the couple at the next table owned it, it was newly restored and the couple were Steve and Carol. We had a very pleasant chat, I went for drinks and Roger was wearing an MG T shirt so I said "we ought to start a meet up here", Roger agreed I called back to ask if we could arrange and Sept / October was agreed and Roger would mention in the right places, 6 turned up! Richard, Eddie, Steve! Gordon, myself. Roger welcomed us and let us use the snug. I put forward all the things we needed, all was agreed and I ran for 3/4 years, it all seemed simpler then, £1 in the jar, no committee, or licences. Julie and I say it's 1987/88? October 1988 would be my guess. The Arden was my suggestion so much hinged on the name it just seem to fit."

This was confirmed by David Witham (who attended the second meeting) and Fred Bury who joined in the very early days. What I found out at this meeting from Steve Farr was that the reason John and Julie were having a meal was to celebrate John's 40th birthday and he has just had another 'special' birthday, which confirms that the first meeting was 1988.

Which agrees with Fred's recollections. A further thought which comes from Steve Farr after consultation with Brian Rainbow:



ARDEN CLUB History

Continuation

Arden MG Octagon Club at the Blue Boar:

Going back to late 1997/8 the Arden natter at The Golden Cross got too big for the pub, so Roger Vardy-Smith (the old Landlord) split the natter into two, pre 56 MGs on last Tuesday, post 56 MGs on first Tuesday evenings. When Roger sold the pub, the new Landlord did not want car clubs there, so the pre 56 MGs moved to the Blue Boar, and I believe the post '56 MGs went to the canal-side pub at Wootton Wawen

I can't remember this as it was right in the middle of our caravanning hobby when the MG's took a back seat.

After about a year or so the Golden Cross got another new Landlord, who invited the car clubs back. The post 56 MGs returned to the Golden Cross, but the pre 56 natter decided to stay at the Blue Boar. So that is the story behind the two natters. I have been going to the Blue Boar regularly since 1998 and it has been run by Brian Rainbow since then.

Over the years I have managed to collect an almost full set of past Club Newsletters and this is some of the more interesting items against the month of the Newsletter they were reported in:



1993 Stratford Racecourse

Significant Dates - Taken From the Newsletters:

- November 1996 - Chilly Willy Run first mentioned.
- January 1997 - Club Award from MGCC Midland Centre announced. This was awarded again to the Club in 2011.
- April 1997 - Brailes Show first mentioned.
- September 1997 - Xmas Meal will be in the whole Pub but "please note the Bears Den is non-smoking".
- November 1997 - Xmas Meal has 88 people booked.
- January 1998 - Roger Jackson becomes the Club Treasurer (still in post).
- April 1998 - Club Clothing: Sweatshirts £13.50, Polo Shirts £12.00 & Baseball Caps £4.50.
- 1998 September - Club Badge, the idea first raised and John Horn sketched some ideas.
- 1998 October - Donations from the Heritage Run of £1,500.00 agreed.
- 1998 November - Xmas Meal has 80 people booked.
- 1998 December - Chilly Willy Run (1st Jan 1999) to start from the Golden Cross, 9.45 for 10am.
- 1999 February - Club Badge shown to be on Sale in March at £1.50 each.
- 1999 September - 10th Anniversary announced with a party planned for 5th October 1999!!!!
- 1999 October - Allen added an email address to his contact details.
- 1999 November - Xmas Meal has 70 people booked for December meal.
- 2000 January - Announcement that the Golden Cross will soon have 'New Owners'.
- 2000 February - The Club Night was Roger's last night at the Cross.
- 2000 March - The next meeting (April Club Night) will be at the Navigation Inn, Wootton Wawen, which was set up by Tony & Diane Wright.
- 2000 May - Announcement that the next meeting will be at the Moat House, Coughton.
- 2000 October - The Xmas Meal will be at the Moat House and will be all in one room.
- 2001 January - Email addresses requested.
- 2001 February - Announcement that the April Meeting will be at The Stag, Red Hill, however it was subsequently reported that the room was too small & only limited parking, so it was decided to return to the Moat House.
- 2001 May - Received an offer to return to the Golden Cross.
- 2001 June - Carl Bintlcliffe of the Warwick Natter invited us to a BBQ at the Millwright Arms on 25th June (Carl is still listed as the contact for this natter, their normal turn-out is approx 6-8.).
- 2001 July - Return to The Golden Cross in September for a trial was announced. this was followed by a letter to the Moat House to cancel the booking for our Club Nights, 70% of members wanted to 'go home' to The Cross!!
- 2001 October - 50 people present for the Club Night.
- 2001 December - John Horn announces he will stand down as Events Sec.
- 2002 March - First appearance of Club Shield on Newsletter.
- 2004 July - Website 'Live'.
- 2004 September - Xmas Meal £19.95
- 2005 January - Jonathan Toulmin presented Club with Certificates for 4 square yards of Shelsley Walsh.
- 2005 October - Restaurant at Golden Cross to be re-furnished with new carpet, so will become 'Non Smoking'.
- 2006 January - Record number of cars on Chilly Willy Run; 8 off.
- 2006 October - Comment from Allen "I have been in the Chair for ~14 years, is someone willing to take on the job and bring renewed enthusiasm?".
- 2007 September - Article in Enjoying MG about the Heritage Run.
- 2008 August - Newsletter written by Roger Jackson and David Rayner to be advised of address details for the Club Database.
- 2008 November - AGM, need new Chairman, Roger happy for the time being to be Treasurer 'plus' and Xmas meal has 62 booked.
- 2009 January - Geoff & Vicky Edge volunteer to be Chairpeople.
- 2009 February - First Newsletter from Geoff & Vicky.
- 2009 April - Newsletter appears on New website for the first time.
- 2009 May - Alan Cleobury joins the Club, he is one of five that night but the only one still with the Club.
- 2009 August - Paul has arranged a talk by Ian Pogson and demonstrate the 85th Anniversary TF (subsequently delayed until October).
- 2009 November - Mike Green attends for the first time. Geoff & Vicky announce move to Lincolnshire.
- 2010 December - First Newsletter for 12 months, announcing that 2 members intend to stand for the Chairperson position.



ARDEN CLUB History

Continuation

AGM in January 2011

Election of Paul (and Ann-Marie). Geoff and Vicky were no longer going to travel from Lincolnshire to the Golden Cross each month, so they sort a new Chairperson and in the end 2 people came forward but Geoff kept it all very secret for some unknown reason.

At the AGM in January 2011 he then decided that we needed to have an election for the Chairperson and that it had to be a 'secret vote'. Everyone was given a piece of paper to write the name of their chosen candidate on, when the votes were counted it was tied at 18 each (Nick & Carl then arrived to add a vote to each candidate).

Geoff as Chairman refused to exercise his right to the casting vote, so it was decided to have a Chairperson with a Vice-Chair. The selection for this was done by the 'toss of a coin!!!' So I became the Chairman with Ann-Marie Frith as Vice-Chair.

- 2011 January - Paul's first Newsletter.
- 2011 April - Vice Chairperson Ann-Marie to stand down.
- 2012 January - Alan Cleobury replaces Fred as Events Sec.
- 2012 February - David has started recording attendance at Club Nights (23 folk)
- 2012 April - 39 signed in.

A selection of photos from bygone days



Malvern



Brailles Show
1998



Cheltenham



Air Atlantique Dakota Flight



Heritage Run
2000 - Stratford -
Richard Workman
on LHS & Allen
Smith on RHS



Heritage Run start at the
Golden Cross

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 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 - 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



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 UPF>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



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

£39.82 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

£39.82 inc vat

NOTE: For October's meeting Richard is going to get some size samples in these ranges so people can decide which sizes they want (we'll be away for September's meeting, hence for October's)

What's On - AMGC

Club Events - 2023

● Tuesday 19th September - 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

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

Denise's Ladies Afternoon/Cream Tea and Posh Frocks!

Further details on page 23 of this Newsletter

[Number of People Booked - Fully Booked](#)

● Sunday 1st October – Oktoberfest

Gaynor & Steve are organising a run on Sunday 1st October ending up at the Wheatsheaf in Badsey for Sunday lunch. On page 23 is the menu and we would like pre-orders before 17th September if possible, two courses £15 and three courses £20 including tea/coffee.

Run Leaving from The Valley, Evesham at 10:45.

Several people have already booked but if you wish to join us please email us on enty7@btinternet.com and also let Richard Avery know.

Payment should be made into the club account with the reference your name/October. If you have any queries please give us a call on [07766 441713](tel:07766441713).

Look forward to seeing you there.

Warners Holiday - 20th to 24th May 2024 Bembridge Coast Hotel, Isle of Wight

We will be crossing from Lymington to Yarmouth which will allow us to have a lovely run to Cirencester, onto Salisbury before driving though the New Forest to Lymington. I will shortly be sending out an email for car details so I have the paperwork in place for booking the ferry. (Cost £25 return).

If any other members wish to join us, please email me and I will send you booking details, ie type of room, rates etc.

Standard room is £322.00 DBB per person including sports and entertainment facilities. We still have 2 single room allowances at no cost for single occupancy.

Obviously, I haven't any spare rooms and I cannot guarantee the rate but happy to make enquiries. The extra rooms I recently added were at the same rates.

Email, alan.griffith@hotmail.co.uk

Alan

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
Oct 1st	Oktoberfest	Gaynor & Steve

Snippets

Humour! by 'n' large



A man has been stealing wheels off police cars...
...**police are working tirelessly to catch him.**

EMG Mentions



email from Graham:

Hi there

Just going through the latest edition of EMG and so far Dave Smith, Nick Godfrey and myself have got a mention.

And that's only part way through . . .

What a smashing club we are.

Dave Smith gets a mention in Roche's Secretary column (about thyme travel)

Graham won the caption competition (in a very small field, I suspect)

Nick Godfrey got a mention in the article on p14 about 3D printing.

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.

Please send HiRes (straight off the camera/ scanner) photos separately.

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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What's On - in detail - AMGC

Diary Dates:



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 arrive 14:30 for 15:00 sit down.

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.



Oktoberfest



MENUS

Sunday Lunch Menu

Sunday 1st October

Starters

Potato Crème of Mushroom & Dill Soup.
Pork Terrine Red Onion Chutney & Toast.
Asian Fish Cakes with Chilli Lime Mayonnaise.

Mains

Roast Beef or Pork with all the trimmings.
Korean Chicken, Rice & Asian Salad.
Pan Fried Hake, New Potatoes, Peas & Parsley Butter.

Desserts

Apple Crumble Pie & Custard.
New York Cheesecake with berries.
Small Cheese & Biscuits.

Tea or Coffee included

Two Courses £15 –or Three Courses £20

*Pre order before 17 September
Payment into Arden MG Account – (reference
October)*



Oktoberfest