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ARDEN MG CLUB

Issue 8 - October 2023

Newsletter

Welcome to the October issue of AMGC monthly newsletter as the sun sets on our **Summer Holidays**



Oktoberfest

Run

by Gaynor & Steve

The weather was kind to us for Oktoberfest and I think everyone enjoyed the run although some chose to circuit Condicote Village Green several times before continuing.

The run took the cars through some lovely Cotswold villages and Jane and Mike managed to take some great photos in Broadway High Street of the cars.

Lunch was served at the Wheatsheaf in Badsey and the food was excellent I am amazed how Peter the Chef managed to cook for 40 people for Sunday lunch on his own. The staff in the restaurant and bar were also very friendly and efficient. We have passed our thanks on to them all.

Alan & Julia provided the afternoons entertainment with some touchy feely type games which kept everyone busy.

Rita as you can see from the photo showed a novel way to leave the table if you needed the facilities well done to her.

All in All a great day which we hope everyone enjoyed.



Cars parked beautifully by Julia at The Wheatsheaf!



Steve doing his run briefing

It rained!

AMGC Event Details are on page 10 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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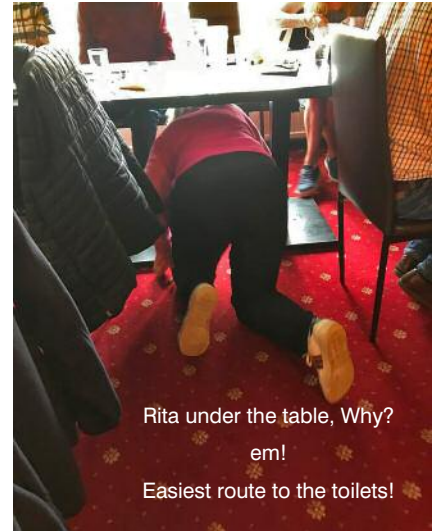
Oktoberfest Run

Continuation

by Gaynor & Steve



Cars passing through Broadway



Rita under the table, Why?
em!
Easiest route to the toilets!

Oktoberfest Run

Continuation

by Paul

Thanks to Steve & Gaynor (well Gaynor really) for organising a very enjoyable run out and for choosing one of the fine days this Autumn. There were 20 MGs on display at The Valley, although not all of them were in the line up. Most folk made good use of the Applebarn Restaurant to fortify themselves for the (as Steve advised) approximately 40 mile, so he didn't know how far we were going, I told you Gaynor organised it!! The run was a fine blend of fast roads and narrow byways into the Cotswolds but first off we drove along Broadway High St to find Mike & Jane with cameras at the ready to record us all passing through.

Most folk managed to follow the route sheet OK but several cars in front of us turned much too early approaching Badsey! At the final turn we were instructed by The AMGC Marshalls with the dayglow arrows making a welcome return and into the car park of the Wheatsheaf Inn, Julia was intent on getting us parked in a 'Horseshoe' and a fine job she did, well done.

Steve had told us we had the whole restaurant of the pub to ourselves, so it was a leisurely but very enjoyable lunch, this gave us all plenty of time to fondle the 'Feely Bags' for the competition, Alan gave us the answers and 2 teams were tied but the tie break question soon gave a winner of the 'MG' Quality Street chocs.



Look who had a birthday.

Thanks and well done to the team of organisers, photographers, Marshalls and Quiz Masters.



'Feely' Quiz Master Alan



Oktoberfest Run - Arrivals at The Valley



Completing the Horseshoe at Badsey



Meeting at the Applebarn Restaurant

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER -



As we go into my 8th month with Christmas on the radar, we have mixed emotions. This follows the sad news of two recent deaths within our AMGC friendship community as notified to you a few days ago by email.

Firstly: My mail reported that Jane Harrison, David's wife, had suddenly died a few weeks ago and I'm hopeful of a catch up with David about the thought of a feature in the next Newsletter, should he wish.

Secondly: That Roger Vardy-Smith, the Landlord of the Golden Cross for many years and instigator of the Club back in the late 80's, died 36 hours after joining our 35th (- 34th said Roger!) Anniversary Celebration at Club Night just a few days ago.

I'm sure there will be a full feature about Roger in next month's newsletter.

In the circumstances, I would prefer to cover the 35th Anniversary Event next month and in the meantime a photo of Roger at the "35th/34th", in fine form, is below.



Monthly Report

Cream Tea and Oktoberfest Run

Denise and Enty have written a feature on the recent Ladies Cream Tea and Oktoberfest Run - thank you for taking the initiative to run these events - I know first hand just how much goes on behind the scenes in making them a such a success.

Ian Curtis on the Great Train Robbery

Moving quickly on, our November meeting brings us a talk by Ian Curtis on the Great Train Robbery - if possible please don't miss it. Ironically Ian asks for a donation to Prostate Cancer (see post) of £40 to run the event. Note: No Pub food available see page 10.

Skittles Night

Paul has a Skittles Night all boxed off for November 17 at Binton.

Christmas Meal

December double shuffle - having got ahead of myself much earlier in the year and booked December 12 for our Christmas Bash, it's now been moved to December 5. Booking forms and menus were kindly distributed on my behalf by Norman and bookings are brisk and number c40 to date. To add to the excitement, our resident entertainer Graham, will be debuting a new song and Bingo may be on the menu too.

So pleased was Roger Vardy-Smith to be back at base and holding court with MG folk again, that he booked 5 places at our Christmas Party, hopefully his other family members may still wish to come.

Dress code is whatever you wish!

There will therefore be no Club gathering on December 12, but it is likely that we will be able to enjoy a Christmas Lunch at our monthly Gaydon meeting on December 12 (see page 10) - Paul will advise later, but in any event, bacon and bangers should be available nicely wrapped up in a bap.

Chilly Willy Run - Jan 1

2024 January 1 - Chilly Willy, I made the mistake of offering to run this popular Event in a moment of madness and as no-one wanted to upset me and take it on, I'm lumbered.

That said, David Pitt has kindly jumped in and offered to help me - he's got great form with this stuff and we'll have the OS map out at Gaydon shortly for starters!

I've booked "The View", A34 Wootton Wawen as the starting and finishing point. That said and being January 1, the lunch menu is limited to a full English Brunch (you might have guessed I played the Joker here) - more details to follow soonish.

Future Club Nights

January Club night - with nothing in particular planned, I'm wondering whether some of us would wish to talk briefly about either:

"Cars I regret selling / writing off!"
or "Cars I regret buying"
or both!

I thought it might be a fun start to 2024 - over to you for your thoughts please.

February Club Night - it's most likely that Jane and I will be away at our regular Memorial Lunch in Cornwall, for 2 dear and lost friends at that time and perhaps someone will kindly step in for me?

March Club Night. The AGM. This marks the end of my 12 month fixed term and my passing the baton to the new Chair, the re-election of other officers, activity reports etc - all the usual stuff.

Ted the Zed

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In terms of MGs, I'm pleased to report that we collected "Ted the Zed" (another MGZR160 but facelift model) from Trophy Motors a few weeks ago. Whilst it's not concourse, it's not too shabby either and one of the last built in February 2005, but not registered until October 2008 - full story and photos following shake down.

"Jeff the F" will soon have his red top hat on ready for some winter work and "Ed the Zed" continues bringing me a sly grin, as I endeavour to master Fish Hill - if only I was 50 years younger and fearless!

CHAIRMAN'S NATTER -



Charitable Donations.

And now a few words and thoughts about our Charitable Donations and future strategies, as previously reported, we generated just over £2,000 from the Charity Picnic in August.

We had always earmarked a donation of £500 to Prostate Cancer and I just need to determine the exact Charity recipient with you - has anyone any detail to share please as to whom the donee should precisely be?

In discussions there was overwhelming support for £500 to be similarly donated to the Cancer Charity closest to Norman's diagnosis, which he has since confirmed to be Sarcoma UK. The £500 has now been made and I'm delighted to report that we and FAV will get some National coverage.

Over the years the Club has regularly donated £250 to the Air Ambulance and a further £250 was agreed and our resident Head of Matters Aviation, Lech, suggested Warwickshire (and Northants) Air Ambulance.

Hazel Carter addressed us in September about Motor Neurone Disease and a donation of £200 was agreed to be sent to her to distribute between her 3 chosen MND related charities.

MND Association
Marie Curie West Midlands
Myton Hospice.

With c£100 raised from us at her book sale in September, that's 3 x£100.

This leaves a balance of £550 available from the £2000 and suggestions were made by various members for donations to other Charities. Perhaps someone will please volunteer to champion the chosen donees and report back in November with their conclusions?

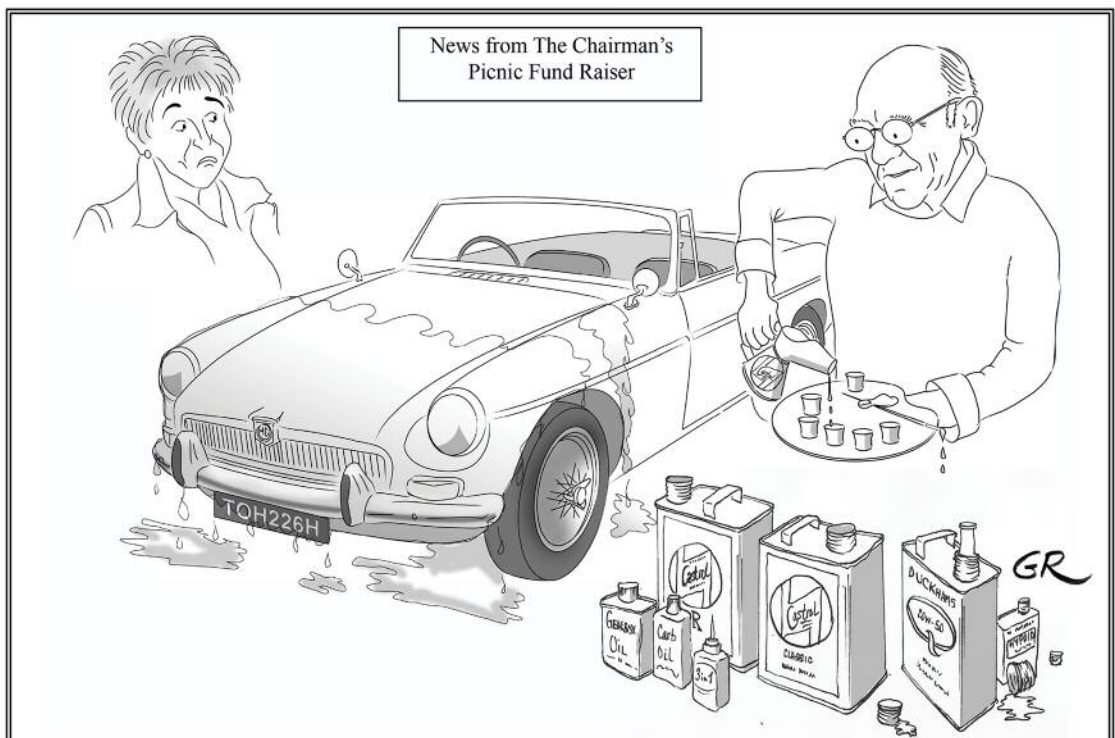
In terms of future Charitable Donations, a discussion followed as to whether the Club should continue to generate surplus funds available for charitable causes. On reflection I intend to do no more on this

and allow the new Chair to take the lead, following the March AGM.

To get a better understanding of previous data, I requested a schedule of all donations made since the inception of the Club, which Roger kindly provided; it can be found on the website for your information.

Cartoon Corner - Thank you Graham

Cartoon Corner



Liz was a little disturbed by Dusty's interpretation of "painting in oils."

Breakfast Meeting at BMM - September

Breakfast Meeting - 19th September 23

We were back to normal this month with 18 of us enjoying the bacon/sausage/egg rolls at the Museum, although there was a large conference on so we were not able to sit on the Gallery, however we managed to get several tables together in the Cafe.



There was the same problem with the parking with the Arena full of Conference Delegates cars but no problem I found us an unused space on the grass by the 'Old Entrance' and 9 MGs were proudly displayed. They must have looked good for visitors arriving down the spine road seeing our MGs in front of them. It was a bit dull but only a few small showers on my return journey. See you all next month on the 17th October.

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

Hook Norton Brewery Classic Car Meeting:

by Paul

Having got back from our 3 week adventure touring around Europe (France, Spain, Portugal, Northern Spain and back through France) our daughter invited us for lunch as it was the Classic Car Meeting at the Brewery.

It was looking cold with the possibility of rain, so we went in Ellie (our MGB GT LE) and I collected our Grandson Benjamin from his home and he had a ride in the MG down to the Brewery (you have got to start them young!).

It was quite cold down there but as ever the car parks were full of all sorts of cars and we were directed down to what looked like the MG area with around a dozen MGs there, along with Paul & Sara's E Type. and an Invicta.

Despite the cold Benjamin had to have an ice cream, so we all joined him.

The last meeting this year is on Sunday 8th October but they start again in January meeting from 10am to 1pm, well worth a run out.



'MG Wedding'!

by Paul

Well someone else's MG this time. This goes way back to last year and Fred sent a message "was I free on 23rd September 2023?" "Why, I'm sure we can plan ourselves to be free?"

Tom (Fred's son) is getting married to Andrea and he would like to use the Magnette. Given that I can remember Tom and Jennifer playing together at car shows like Ragley Hall, "I'm sure I can be available", it also helps that Fred took our youngest daughter Annabel to her wedding in his Magnette but I would have been glad to assist anyway.

As it happens I was only the reserve driver as Lech had made himself available as well, so it was decided that both of us would drive two of Fred's MGs. The day finally came and Lech and I duly turned up at Fred's for me to drive the BGT and Lech the Magnette with Bride onboard.



A quick adjustment to the arrangements as we were collecting Tom and Father of the Bride up from the Arrow Mill on route to Stratford but Andrea, correctly, didn't want to be seen before the service, so Lech held back in the Magnette.

Despite the days before not being altogether dry the Saturday dawned bright and sunny, so it was a very pleasant drive into Stratford, although you need to get that webbing replaced in the Driver's seat Fred!!

Lech and I managed to stay in convoy through Stratford with Tom under strict instructions not to look backwards!! All went well until we got to the barriers to enter Meer St, Fred had made all the arrangements that the barrier would be

lowered so we could take the Wedding Cars up to the Registry Office Door and I followed the instructions and pressed the buzzer. The lady answered with a 'We have no notification of lowering the barrier for a Wedding', however she did agree, on this occasion only (I don't know how many times she was expecting them to get married!) she would lower the bollards but nothing happened! I waited and waited, then I pulled forward just in case there was a sensor, this was a bad move, because after pressing the buzzer again and getting her to lower the bollards I couldn't see if they were fully down, fortunately a watching pedestrian waved me on, phew.

In the meantime Tom who had an appointment with the Registrar had jumped out and legged it to the venue. We finally got there and managed to park outside and a crowd soon gathered round waiting for the bride to emerge but of course she had to wait for Tom to finish his pre-wedding interview before she could go in for her's!

Caroline & Pam thought it would be good to see us arrive and see the Bride, which was great as Caroline brought the flask of coffee and biscuits to keep Lech & I going.

The deed was done and lots of photos taken and we were ready for the next phase, Lech taking Bride & Groom and me following up with the Father of the Bride. Getting through Saturday traffic in Stratford was 'interesting' but was helped by the MGB Roadster that came in between us. We were soon on our way out of Town heading for the Arrow Mill where lots



more photos were taken. That was our duties done except to return the MGs to Fred's and head for home. It was a lovely



day for Tom and Andrea, best wishes to them for a long and happy married life together and congratulations to Fred & Jane.



MG Memories & Memorabilia – Part Two

by Phil Fellows

Following on from the last notes, after the static events, I started doing road runs, some of the initial ones were the Kimber Run, Arden Run and Speckled Hen Run, MG Car Club - MGB Register Run, Midget Register Run, Midland Centre Welsh Rallye. But static events also changed with MGA Day, MGC Day, MGF Day, MGB 50, Midget 50

These events had Rally Plaques that you attached to your car and also to your garage wall afterwards.



These are just some of the plaques, the others are on the walls!

Just a note on the Speckled Hen Run.

I did this a number of times, but one time I drove MGBGT V8 – NOV555M, which was owned previously by Mike Green! I must say it was a very nice car and drove very smoothly, later on I was offered this car, but declined as I didn't have the garage space, It was the one that got away and I still see it at events around Bromsgrove.



Some events also gave out badges, again these are a few of them...

Other events gave out brass plaques, and an important set I collected for many years was for MG Silverstone from 1992 to 2015, when I stopped going as I felt it wasn't as good as it had been.



Here are some other plaques from other events from all over the place, including one from the Arden Heritage Run in 2000



Hopefully these notes have been of interest, and will spark some memories...

...And I haven't even mentioned MG Magazines, MG Brochures, MG Pictures and MG Books!
And of course the cars!!!

Cheers Phil

'Arden Ladies cream tea'

by Denise

This event had been in my mind for some time. Due to other commitments it was something that I had to planned to take place later in the summer.

I initially gathered the names of any interested ladies at the Club Show night and with the favourable response, got to work securing the beautiful location of Wood Norton.

The ladies did not disappoint me, payments were made in a timely manner. Richard and Roger were proactive in making sure the deposit and final payment were made on time, I thank you both.

What a lovely afternoon was had by all. The rain refrained from spoiling the amazing view, tea dresses were plentiful and it was so nice that so many made the effort and rose to the occasion and dusted off their Sunday best frocks!

Scones, jam, cream and tea were plentiful with some of the ladies managing to take some left over scones home. It would have been a shame to have wasted them.

The Ladies Cream Tea was an enjoyable afternoon and perhaps this will be the first of many Ladies events ?

So watch out boys you have been warned!



Scones, jam, cream and tea were plentiful

Wood Norton Cream Tea Report

- by Fiona Avery

What is it about the two short words "Cream Tea" that has me diving into the back of my wardrobe for a posh frock – and reaching for some too tight, once – worn shoes I swore I wouldn't wear again? I don't know.....but suitably shaken - out and dusted off Richard and I merrily roared away to the Wood Norton Hotel near Evesham in our 'B', trailing moths and chiffon (sort of).

The hotel is a Grade II listed Victorian stately home originally owned by Prince Philippe Duke d'Orleans and his family, until it's sale to a British lawyer in 1912. It was later purchased by the BBC in 1939 at the start of WW 2 to serve as a listening station for enemy radio broadcasts, and also to be used as an emergency broadcasting centre should the need arise – it's rural location rendering it unlikely to receive any bomb damage.

It wasn't bombed, but did suffer a mystery fire in 1940 which damaged some of the upstairs rooms.

There is believed to be a secret nuclear bunker somewhere in the grounds, from where presumably, broadcasts would be made to round up any of the poor souls unlucky enough to have survived a

nuclear blast and tell them what to do after the event!

After the war it became a BBC training centre for their personnel until it was sold off to become a hotel in 2000. The BBC continue to have a training centre elsewhere in the grounds.

Interestingly no less than 2 of our ladies, Dawn and Gaynor, have actually worked there during their careers and talked about their memories of it – how good is that!!

There are extensive gardens, formal flower beds and grounds which I would like to explore further sometime. I saw a fountain and a mock Greek temple much used in wedding photo shoots I suspect.

The outside façade is red brick with pale accent stone detailing around the windows, and block work at the corners (Quoins); together with some mock - Tudor wood work, grand gables and tall chimneys, it is quite an impressive building. Mention must be made of the amazing wrought – iron gates which front onto the road but not used – they are huge, beautifully painted and probably gilded



Inside the hotel there is much oak wall panelling and lovely wood - block flooring, it has a gentleman's club feel about it but with a few modern touches especially in the bar- fish wallpaper? I'll say no more.

Finally to the cream tea itself, it was delicious and the staff were delightful but sadly we all fell on it so swiftly no one got a photograph of it before it disappeared, shameful I know but we shall be more restrained next time – possibly.

Our collective thanks go to Denise whose idea it was and who made it happen, our first Ladies Event but I suspect not the last!

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 UVPF>50. Classic collar. Left chest pocket. Self colour buttons. Plain back yoke. Double folded seams. Curved hem. Easy cut out neck label. 100% polyester PUFY®

Size: SMALL – 4 X LARGE Left Chest Embroidered Logo

£26.20 inc vat



Woolly Ski Hat - RC033

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

Size: One
Embroidered Logo

£8.70 inc vat



Cotton Cap - RC005

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

Size: One Embroidered Logo

£7.32 inc vat



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

What's On - AMGC

Club Events - 2023

● Tuesday 17th October - 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

● Tuesday 7th November - Club Meeting

NOVEMBER MG MEETING NOTICE. Although the Golden Cross will be open on the 7th November, for our meeting & drinks, the kitchen will be **CLOSED**, as Laura & Felan will be on holiday. So, if you usually eat at the pub, eat elsewhere before you arrive.

● Friday 17th November - Skittles Evening

We will be holding the evening at the Binton Social Club again, as everyone enjoyed the event last year, so it will be the same format with the Club opening from 7pm and we will start skittling as soon as there are enough to get us going. You will know that the evening was advertised by email and was fully booked within 24 hours and there are 3 couples on the reserve list (last year all 3 reserves were able to play).

Should we run another evening early next year giving priority to those who missed out this time?

● Tuesday 21st November - 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

● Tuesday 5th December - Christmas Meal

The Cross have kindly offered a glass of Fizz for bookings by 30th October. The price deal £33 and £30, equates favourably with last year (FYI 2022 - £27 and £30) given the Fizz offer and that Service is included, thus avoiding "passing the hat around".

Entertainment will be provided by Graham & Co in terms of a sing-along AND the long awaited Bingo!

Should somehow we make 80 Partygoers, Laura and Felan have offered to close the pub.

Menu on Page 11.

● Tuesday 12th December - Breakfast Meeting - Festive Lunch at British Motor Museum:

As the Xmas Meal has been incorporated into the Club Night, it was suggested we should have a Festive Lunch for the Breakfast Meeting. This is not available at the Museum on our usual 3rd Tuesday, however we could bring the meeting forward by a week. I would suggest meeting around 11.30 to sit down around 12.00/12.15 but specific details nearer the time. The Menu and prices are on page 12. Please let Paul know as soon as possible (paul.dunster@talktalk.net) if you are interested in the meal and we can gauge if there is enough interest to book a table or more.

● Monday 1st January - Chilly Willy Run

See page 3 WIP

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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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Snippets

Humour! by 'n' large



Oil Changing Instructions

Women:

1. Pull up to a garage when the mileage reaches 3000 since the last oil change.
2. Drink a cup of coffee.
3. 15 minutes later, write a cheque for £40 and leave with a properly maintained vehicle.

Men:

1. Go to O'Reilly auto parts. Write a £50 check for oil, filter, oil lift (aka kitty litter), hand cleaner and scented tree.
2. Dump old oil from last oil change in back yard.
3. Open a beer and drink it. Jack car up. Look for jack stands.
4. Find jack stands under kid's pedal car.
5. In frustration, open another beer and drink it.
6. Place drain pan under engine.
7. Look for 9/16 box end wrench. Give up and use crescent wrench.
8. Round off drain plug hex with crescent wrench.
9. Unscrew drain plug with vice grips.
10. Drop drain plug in pan, splashing hot oil on you.
11. Clean up using hand cleaner. Have another beer while oil is draining.
12. Look for oil filter wrench.
13. Give up. Poke oil filter with phillips screwdriver and twist it off.
14. Drop oil filter in full oil pan. Clean up a big splash.
15. Beer. Mate shows up. Finish case of beer with him.
16. Next day, drag pan full of old oil out from underneath car.
17. Throw oil lift (aka kitty litter) on oil spilled during step 16.
18. Beer. No, drank it all yesterday.
19. Walk to shop, Buy beer.
20. Apply thin coat of clean oil to filter gasket. Install oil filter.
21. Remove oil filler cap. Drop it down there somewhere.
22. Dump quart of fresh oil into engine. Remember drain plug (step 10).
23. Feel around in full drain pan to find drain plug.
24. Clean dirty black oil from hands (step 23).
25. Install drain plug. Stay out of fresh oil on the floor.
26. Slip with crescent wrench and bang knuckles on frame.
27. Bang head on same frame in reaction. Begin cussing fit. Throw wrench.
28. Hit Miss December 2023 with wrench. Cuss additional 10 minutes.
29. Clean up. Apply Band-Aid to knuckle.
30. Beer. Dump in remaining 4 quarts of oil.
31. Look for lost filler cap (step 21). Give up. Stuff old rag in hole.
32. Lower car from jack stands. Accidentally crush one jack stand.
33. Move car back. Throw oil lift (aka kitty litter) to spill (step 22).
34. Drive car to O'Reilly's. Buy new filler cap and one quart of oil.
35. Open hood in front of O'Reilly's. Remove rag (step 31).
36. Pour in oil. Install new filler cap. Check oil level on dipstick.
37. Go back in O'Reilly's. Buy another quart of oil and a filter wrench.
38. Crawl under car. Tighten oil filter. Burn arm on hot exhaust pipe.
39. Remove new oil filler cap and dump in another quart of oil.
40. Ignore the oil trail made going to O'Reilly's while driving back home.
41. Stop in front of the shop when the old oil filler cap goes bouncing down the pavement. Stock up on beer while there since it's almost time for a spark plug change.



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Menu

ARDEN MG CLUB CHRISTMAS MEAL

Tuesday 5th December 2023

7pm for 7.30 pm sit down

STARTER

*Braised Pork Cheek, Sage & Crispy Onion Crumb, Mulled Onions, Brioche Soldiers
Leek & Potato Potage, Blue Cheese Straws, Chive Cream, Warm Bread & Butter
Coldwater & King Prawn Cocktail, Baby Gem, Lemon, Cucumber, Caviar
Breaded Brie Wedges, Cranberry & Cointreau Compote, Rocket, Toasted Walnuts*

MAIN

*Turkey Breast, Baked Ham, Stuffing, 'Pig' Fondant Potato, Seasonal Vegetables, Stock Gravy
Salmon & Spinach 'En-Croûte', Mash, Wilted Greens, King Prawn,
Cherry Tomato, Hollandaise
Lamb Henry - Braised Shoulder, Redcurrant & Mint Glaze, Fondant Potato,
Roasted Roots, Greens
'Bubble & Squeak' Potato Cake, Poached Egg, Chive Butter Sauce, Seasonal Vegetables
Game & Chestnut Pie, Puff Pastry, Mash, Market Vegetables 8oz Sirloin Steak, Tomato,
Mushroom, Handcut Chips, Pepper Sauce, Dressed Leaf (£3 Supplement)*

DESSERT

*Bramley Apple & Cranberry Crumble, Custard or Ice Cream
Baileys & Dark Chocolate Crème Brûlée, Cinnamon Shortbread, Chocolate Ganache
Traditional Christmas pudding, Brandy Sauce
Spiced Marmalade Brioche Pudding, Salted Caramel Sauce, Rum & Raisin Ice Cream
Duo of Artisan Cheeses with Traditional Accompaniments*



2 Course: £30, 3 Course: £33, to include service charge
(and a glass of FIZZ if booked before 30th Oct 23)



Starters

Thai Sweet Potato Soup with Vermicelli Noodles VEG GF

Twice-baked Hereford Hop Souffle with a Herb Salad and Basil Dressing V GF

Coronation Chicken Terrine with a Mango & Pineapple Salsa

Main Course

Slow-braised Beef Bourguignon with Glazed Shallots GF

Turkey Parcel filled with Pork, Thyme and Cranberry, wrapped in Pancetta and served with a Creamy Mushroom and Sage Sauce GF

Sweet Potato, Spinach and Chestnut Mushroom Wellington with Garlic and Rosemary Potatoes and Roast Vegetable Gravy VEG

All served with dauphinoise potatoes, roast root vegetables and braised red cabbage.

Desserts

Christmas Sticky Toffee Pudding with Butterscotch Sauce and Cream V

Milk Chocolate and Salted Caramel Cheesecake with Morello Cherry Ice Cream GF

Coconut and Mango Panna Cotta with Mango Sauce and Vanilla Ice Cream VEG GF

Tea, Coffee and Chocolates

2 Courses £29.95 / 3 Courses £34.95

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If you have any other dietary requirements or require allergen information please contact us.

VEG Vegan

V Vegetarian

GF Gluten free

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