

ARDEN MG CLUB AGM 4th March 2025 – 8pm

AGENDA and MINUTES

1. Apologies
2. Minutes from the previous AGM
3. Chair's Report
4. Treasurer's Financial Report
5. Membership Secretary's Report
6. Events Secretary Report
7. Newsletter Editor Report
8. British Motor Museum Breakfast Meeting Report
9. Election of Officers
10. AOB

1. Apologies for absence:

Bea Williams, Julia & Peter Grice.

2. **Minutes** from previous AGM – accepted with no further comment.

3. Chair's Report -

In my report, I thought I would just give you a brief reminder of what the club has been up to over the past 12 months.

The first outing of the past year commenced with the 'March Madness' run which started and ended at the Piston Club, which we all agreed was a place to meet and indeed enjoy a meal on completion of our run.

In April, Julia Grice gave us an interesting and informative insight on Club night into her world of art. Julia brought with her a number of paintings clearly confirming she certainly is an accomplished artist, and she spoke with enthusiasm and passion.

Drive it Day took place in April which was well attended and also a number of us attended the Asparagus Festival at the Fleece in Bretforton. Fortunately, the weather was favourable and the Morris dancing was good to watch.

May saw a good number of us heading south for the Isle of Wight, on our Arden Adventure! It was a very enjoyable time and we enjoyed number of trips around the island, including meeting up with the IOW MG CLUB at IOW Pearl.

June was a busy month, firstly a number of us put on a display of our cars at the Ambleside Care Home, which is located between Stratford and Bidford. It was a good opportunity for the residents to see our cars and bring back memories for them. I personally found it enjoyable, as I took my Classic Mini and one of the residents had actually one from new and could remember everything about the car even down to the wicker baskets that fit under the rear seat! I did ask her if she would

like to sit in my Mini, but she respectfully declined saying that if she got in, she might not be able to get out!

We also enjoyed a Heritage run re-visit. Being newish members, Denise and I had not taken part in this run which was a very enjoyable day –made more the better with wonderful weather!

The club to attend the Shakespeare Hospice Summer Fete, which coincided with their 25th anniversary, and we attended a skittles evening, at Welford Bowls Club, which included a fish & chip supper. All in all, a very enjoyable evening.

For June Club night, I organised a Highway Code quiz. The suggestion was made by Mike Green following his attendance on a speed awareness course, and we thought it would be good to see how much we actually do know about road use and Highway code knowledge. My plan therefore was to put together a quiz that was both informative and fun – hopefully you felt I had achieved both aims. To recall, 10 teams took part, with the winners being the ‘Rafflers’!

July was another busy month, which commenced with our ‘Show night’ here at the Cross. As usual, a great turnout and good to see so many of our MG’s looking pristine. Congratulations to all the winners.

A mid-week run from the Cotswold Barn at Longborough, to the Classic Car Motor Hub in Bibury took place in July. A very enjoyable run through beautiful countryside.

We attended the BMC & Leyland show at Gaydon, where we were in a prime location for parking and setting up camp. This is a very well attended show and probably no better location for a show.

We also attended the Badsey Flower show, with a good mix of classic cars on show. It was good to see so many of us at the show despite the weather!

Finally in July, we rounded the month off with a trip to the Wythall Transport & Bus Museum.

August saw us attending the Brailes show.

We started September with Martin Pleasance giving us a talk on ‘body language’ on club night -do you remember? we all had to draw a shape on a label which we did not find out the significance of until the end of the talk. A very enjoyable talk.

In terms of events for September, the ‘Ladies Afternoon Tea’ took place at Wood Norton Hotel, which I understand the Ladies enjoyed, and later that month we enjoyed a fish and chip supper on ‘The Cheltenham Fryer’ on our local steam railway. You may remember we celebrated Jane’s 96th Birthday!

October is time for the Oktoberfest run, and we enjoyed a wonderful run around the North Cotswolds through some lovely villages and picturesque countryside, followed by lunch at the Wheatsheaf in Badsey.

In November we were well into Autumn so our meetings centred around our club nights and November was no exception with Colin Howes giving us a talk on University Motors. Colin talked

about the creation of the company and his own stunning MGC, complete with a slide show. Very enjoyable.

December of course means 'Christmas' and here at the Cross our Christmas meal was well attended with 60 people enjoying the evening, with exclusive use of the 'Cross'. As the evening progressed, we enjoyed a musical interlude with audience participation of the 12 days of Christmas.

A group of us also enjoyed Christmas Lunch at The British Motor Museum in the Sky Suite. Paul took a number of us on pre-lunch talks on the MG Prototypes in the museum, and then about the J40 pedal cars. The meal, the company and the talks made it a very enjoyable lunch.

January started with the 'Annual Chilly Willy Run'. Starting at the 'Piston Club' we journeyed out in pretty wet weather, with our destination being the Vale in Evesham. Again, another great run.

Also in January, as you know, we made 5 donations each of £50 to the following;

- British Motor Museum where we 'adopted' an MG Midget
- Warwickshire Air Ambulance
- Myton Hospice
- Guide Dogs National Breeding Centre
- Molly Ollys Wishes

Each month we have a breakfast meeting at the BMM Gaydon, which is well attended.

Finally, I would like to thank you for all being members of the Arden MG Club, and particular thanks to those of you that hold positions within the club.

Thanks to all that have organised runs and events over the past year we have attended and enjoyed. Long may that continue.

Thank you.

Stephen Bailey

4. Treasurer's Financial Report

Roger Jackson produced this year's Financial Report for the year to 31st December 2024 (see below). As in previous years, receipts and payments are effectively equal for the respective Events. The net raffle income of £551 is up from £420 in 2023, which funded our various operating costs including the Christmas gifts and Show night prizes.

The account balance for the year ended at £1,754. From that figure we have in 2025 donated £250, which will show on next year's report.

Finally, many thanks to Roger for the excellent work he does for us.

ARDEN MG CLUB
Statement of Accounts
Year to 31st December 2024

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Bank balance at 1st January 2024	1,214.43	1,542			
Income from monthly raffles, less prizes	551.42	420			
Weekend Away - 2023	0.00	11,593	Weekend Away - 2023	0.00	11,394
Weekend Away - 2024	17,973.00	490	Weekend Away - 2024	18,140.40	490
Weekend Away - 2025	602.50	0	Weekend Away - 2025	0.00	0
Drive-it-Day	0.00	390	Drive-it-Day	0.00	390
Skittles Evenings	475.00	256	Skittles Evenings	450.00	255
Ladies Cream Tea	441.15	218	Ladies Cream Tea	441.15	218
Oktober Fest	742.00	640	Oktober Fest	722.00	640
March Madness	410.00	0	March Madness	425.00	0
GWSR - Cheltenham Fryer	1,287.00	0	GWSR - Cheltenham Fryer	1,287.00	0
BMM Lunch	0.00	568	BMM Lunch	0.00	568
			Show night and other prizes	65.75	53
Christmas dinner & raffle	1,922.50	2,196	Christmas dinner & raffle	2,158.98	2,467
Sales of regalia and calendars	491.18	70	AGM Expenses	9.99	14
			Purchases of regalia and calendars	576.52	17
			Website renewal	57.46	67
			Printing & Sundries	18.99	99
			Donation - Breast Cancer Now	0.00	500
Charity Fundraising	122.50	2,081	Donations from Charity Fundraising	122.50	2,078
			Bank balance at 31st December 2024	1,756.94	1,214
	<u>26,232.68</u>	<u>20,464</u>		<u>26,232.68</u>	<u>20,464</u>

Notes

1. At 31st December 2024 we also held a float of £100 and approx £100 of prizes to be used in 2025 monthly raffles.

I confirm that the above receipts and payments summary correctly represents the transactions of the Club for the year ended 31st December 2023 in accordance with the accounting records and vouchers, which are available for inspection.

Roger Jackson
Honorary Treasurer

21st January 2025

6. Membership Secretary's Report

Yet another healthy and Active year for the club.

As of today, we have a total of 93 members on the data base, of these,16 are honoree members, and for quick maths that leaves 77.

During the year we have lost 3 members and gained 9 new members.

Over all we have a consistent 62 members, that carry the club forward.

This is shown by the attendees at monthly meetings, which averages 46 ½, I must say, I don't think that, the half a person is pulling their weight.

We had an incredible 63 at show night, and 59 at the Christmas meal. The lowest month was this January, where we only had 24, but that

was just after Christmas, and the weather was miserable. I think, over all, we have a very buoyant club.

It has become customary, over the years at the AGM, for me to give a bottle of Champagne to the person who attended the most meetings and events.

As it my last year, and for a change, and to give more people a chance, I am going to put this year's bottle in the raffle. So, make sure to buy your tickets

As you are aware, I am standing down tonight as Membership Secretary. But I have agreed with Paul, (as he is taking over as Membership Secretary)

to hold a backup copy of the Data Base, purely and simply as a backup.

I think any job, is what you make it, and over the 17 years that I have been membership secretary, I have tried to pull the members together,

after all, our first common bond is MG cars, but I also know, that over the 22 years I have been a member of the club, I am aware of many good

friendships that have been made within club, and long may they continue.

David Rayner.

7. Events Secretary's Report

Over the last 12 months the Club has put on or supported 17 events

- 7 Organised Runs
- 6 Shows/Displays
- 2 Social Events
- Club Holiday Adventure
- Ladies Tea Party

In addition, Christmas Meals were enjoyed at both The Golden Cross and the BMM Gaydon

- 13 member couples have been involved in putting on the Events
- 4 of which have been involved in more than one event.

There has also been the regular monthly Club Meetings at the Golden Cross – 1st Tuesday of the month & the breakfast meetings at the BMM 3rd Tuesday of the month.

The breakfast meetings at the BMM have grown in regular numbers over the year with lots of enjoyable chat over a coffee and breakfast bap.

Richard Avery

8. Newsletter Editor Report

Producing the newsletter to start with was quite a challenge because I decided to use Microsoft Publisher software which turned out to be harder than expected and needed much use of Google and YouTube to work out how to do things. This made it all quite slow going initially but I think I have mastered it now.

My thanks go to Deputy Editor Graham Robson who has been a great help and advisor on the newsletter content.

Thanks also to those that have contributed content for the newsletter – without you there would be no newsletter.

David Pitt

9. British Motor Museum Breakfast Meeting report

The meetings are progressing well with a regular turnout between 15 and 20. Also during the drier months there is a good display of MGs and in the summer months we display on the grass outside the Museum Entrance. The meeting in December was a Festive Lunch and we had enough to fill 2 tables and everyone enjoyed an excellent lunch, which had been preceded by a Talk in the Museum about the MG Prototypes on display and the Austin J40 Pedal Cars.

For those who have not tried the meeting it is always on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month (2 weeks

after the evening Club Meeting) and it is a great chance to spread out for a meeting on larger tables and talk to people you might not normally engage with. The ambience is good without the echo of the Golden Cross and the bacon sandwiches are very good. After a good chat you can have a wander around the Museum & Collections Centre, what's not to like.

Paul Dunster

10. Election of Officers

Stephen Bailey is standing down from his role as Chairman, and David Rayner is standing down from his role as Membership Secretary and Database Administrator. The Election of Officers is as follows;

Chairperson; Position vacant.

Membership Secretary and Database Administrator; Paul Dunster

Proposed by; Fred Bury Seconded by; Lech Zakrzewski

Elected by Acclamation

Deputy Database Administrator; David Rayner

Proposed by; Mike Jones Seconded by; Richard Avery

Elected by Acclamation

Events Secretary; Richard Avery

Proposed by; Denise Bailey Seconded by; Colin Howes

Elected by Acclamation

Treasurer; Roger Jackson

Proposed by; Richard Avery Seconded by; David Pitt

Elected by Acclamation

Raffle Secretaries; Mike & Helen Jones

Proposed by; Bob Williams Seconded by; Trevor Smith

Elected by Acclamation

Newsletter Lead Editor; David Pitt

Proposed by; Denise Bailey Seconded by; David Curtis

Elected by Acclamation

Deputy Newsletter Editor; Graham Robson

Proposed by; David Pitt Seconded by; Lech Zakrzewski

Elected by Acclamation

Webmaster; Mike Jones

Proposed by; Colin Howes Seconded by; Steve Entwistle

Elected by Acclamation

11. **AOB;**

- Richard Avery advised two further signatories are required to be added to the Bank mandate to join Roger Jackson. Richard Avery and Paul Dunster put their names forward and agreement was given by the membership.
- Paul Dunster requested that when an event is undertaken and the organiser sends an article to David Pitt for the newsletter, that this is also sent to Mike Jones for inclusion on the club website.
- Thanks were offered to David Rayner for his years of service in looking after the Club's membership, and a gift was handed to him.
- Thanks were offered to Stephen for standing as Chairman over the past year.

Meeting Ended.