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Arden Matters Newsletter June 2025

Please send contributions, 500 words maximum, for the newsletter to me by the 10th of the Month. You can send it earlier!! Please send to dlpitt@btinternet.com

Arden Adventures—Gunton Hall—2nd to 6th June 2025

Thanks to Alan and Liz and Richard and Fiona for organising this event. A great time was had by all. Report and contributions are being prepared and will feature in the July newsletter.

Here are just a few photos from one of the evening meals!



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Breakfast Meeting Report - May, by Paul



Fine weather brought the MGs out and I had been given the OK by the Groundsman for us to display on the grass in front of the Museum entrance. I think it was 15 cars in total including John's (Challenger) E-Type and a Museum visitors MG Midget who joined in with us (all are welcome). Consequently there were 20 of us on the gallery enjoying some good conversations, not to mention the bacon/sausage/egg sandwiches.

For the next meeting I have been advised that the Gallery will not be available to us, so we will need to use the tables in the Cafe, I'm afraid I will not be there but that is no reason for the rest of you not to turn up.

Have you all been in the 'Motoring Art Exhibition' in the Feature Exhibition Gallery? My favourite is the montage of 'Driver's Wives' as Timekeepers which is on the right as you are leaving the Gallery, take a look as the exhibition will be closing soon. Can you identify the 4 F1 drivers of the 60's/70's they belong to?

Newsletter Updates from Mike G:

The Christmas Party and Musical Evening—Tuesday 9th December 2025 - Kings Court Hotel, Alcester.

Knowing that our July meeting will be “Show Night” and centred in the Car Park, I’m now reporting that most encouragingly, we currently have 50 confirmed bookings.

This follows the invitation email kindly sent on our behalf, by Richard on 22nd of May .

Thankfully just about everyone has paid the £5 deposit and a number of us have booked an overnight stop over at Kings Court.



The room has a capacity of over 100, so there is plenty of room for all. Please confirm by mail to Jane - jg@oakwoodgreen.co.uk and copy Richard - rich.avery186@gmail.com

So please don't delay
It's only 6 months away!

Norman Large Memorial Plaque.

I met up with Christine on June 11th for a catch up and in particular to collect the wording for the Memorial Plaque engraving for Norman at GWR Toddington Station.

I've sent the data to GWR for them to order the Plaque and will shortly look at likely dates to visit Toddington to view it with Christine and her family.

As many of you know, Christine is formulating plans to relocate to Devon later this year, to be closer to her family. Christine, having just returned from a family holiday in Tenerife, seemed in fine form and about to tackle the many and various tasks associated with moving house, including, last but not least, the Garage!

Update on Toddington visit timing, to follow.



MGCC Midland Centre's Welsh Rallyé in May

Fred, Jane (Bury), John, Julie (Saunders), Pam and I went on the MGCC Midland Centre's Welsh Rallyé in May. We had superb weather and a super run. The short run (92 miles), took us through some spectacular Welsh scenery (although the reservoirs in the Elan Valley were desperately low!). A really great



weekend was has by us all.

Here are a few pics of the Magna in the Welsh countryside.



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Advert from Mike G

Following Jeff the F moving on to a new lover, I'm selling a surplus alloy. Its original and in fine order - never painted, kerbed, nor raced.

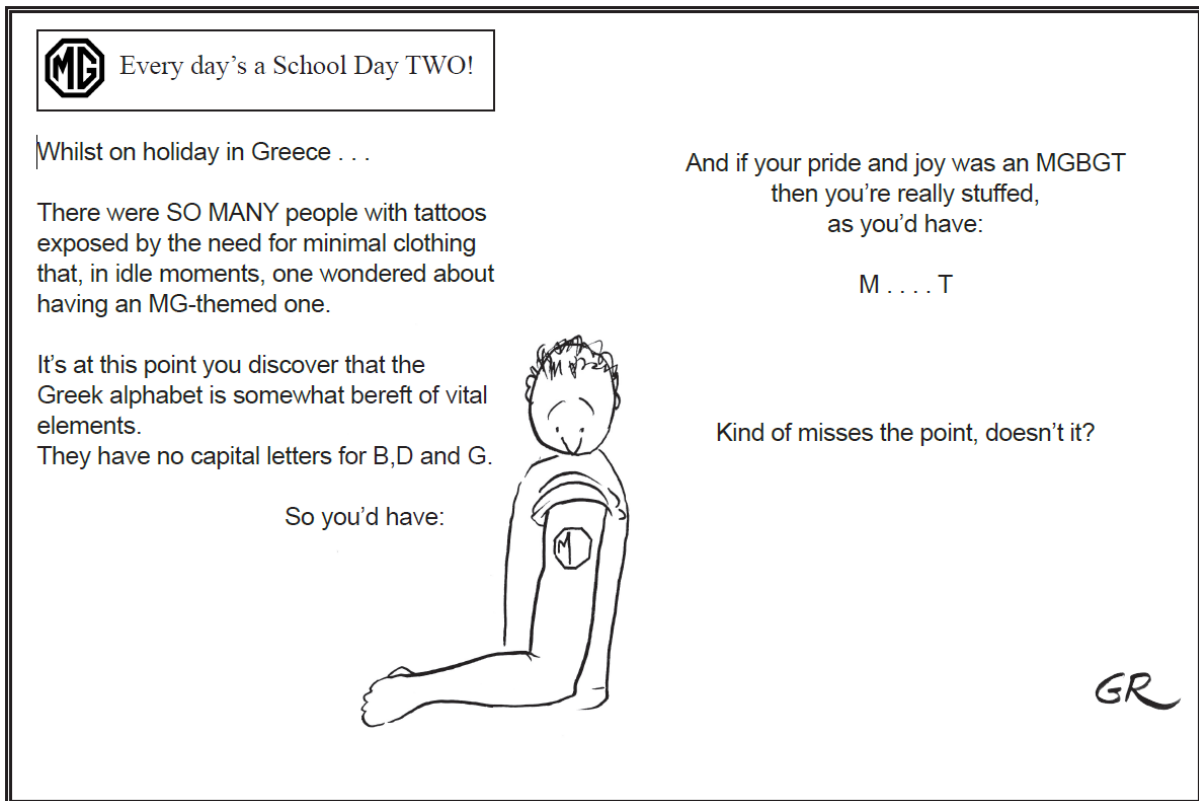
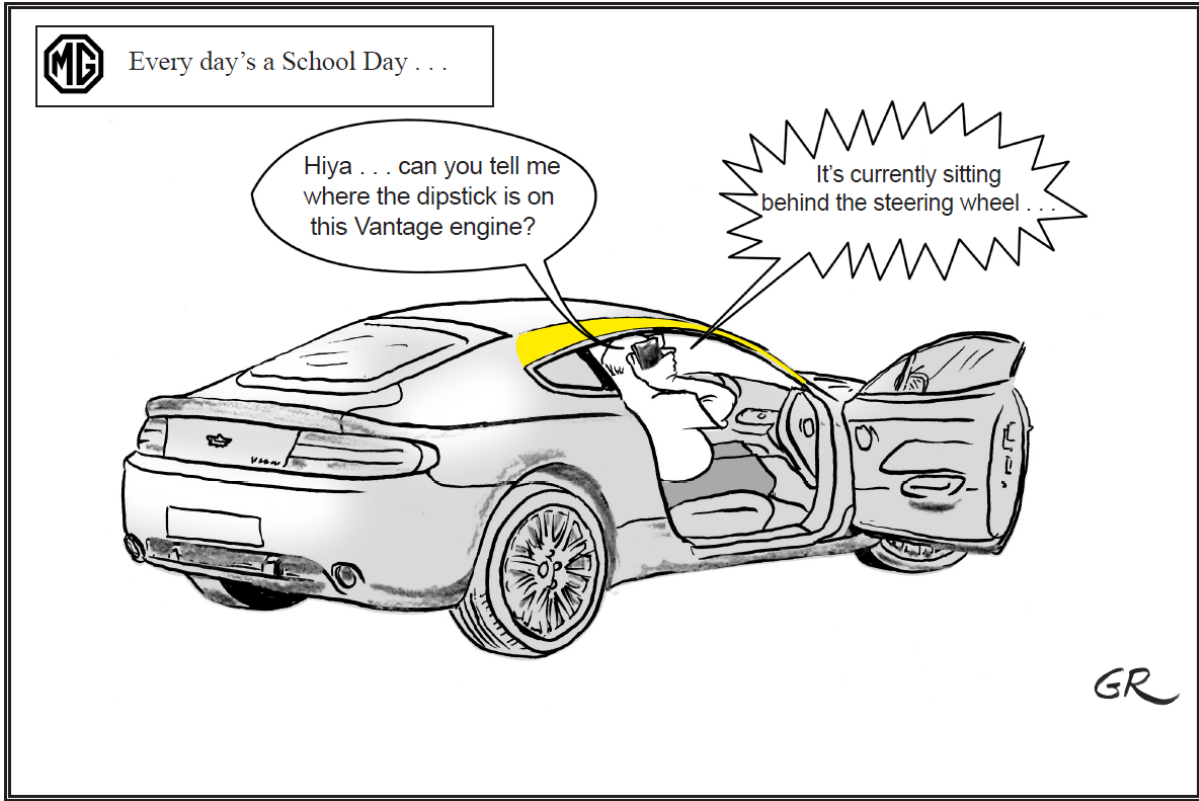
£75 delivered! (or £135 at the MGF Centre Wolverhampton)

Mike Green

07542 990690



Graham's Cartoon Time



Club Events—What's on in 2025

The table below shows Arden MG Club events that have an organiser plus any other local events which may be of interest but have no specific AMGC Organiser.

If anyone wishes to take responsibility for any of those other events listed for the Club, or have any other events they wish to organise, please contact me – Richard Avery rich.avery186@gmail.com

Date	Event	AMGC	Organiser
Tue 17 Jun	BMM Breakfast Gathering – 10:30	Yes	Just turn up
Tue 1 Jul	Club Show Night at the Golden Cross - 19:00	Yes	Just turn up
Sun 6 Jul	MGF/TF 30 th Anniversary at the BMM Gaydon	No	Book via BMM website £12/car
Sun 6 Jul	Stratford & Henley Classic Gathering at Stratford Armouries 10:00 – 12:00	No	Check it's on & Just Turn Up
Mon 7 Jul	Kineton Classic Gathering 18:00 – 20:00	No	Just turn up
Wed 9 Jul	Cotswold Run - Cotswold Barn – Hidcote Maner Gardens (Please register by 13 th June)	Yes	Fred Bury
Sun 13 Jul	BMC & Leyland Show at BMM Gaydon	Yes	Paul Dunster
Tue 15 Jul	BMM Breakfast Gathering – 10:30	Yes	Just turn up
Sat 26 Jul	Badsey Flower Show	Yes	Steve Entwistle
Sun 3 Aug	Aunt Sally Event	Yes	Trevor Smith
Mon 4 Aug	Kineton Classic Gathering 18:00 – 20:00	No	Just turn up
Tue 5 Aug	Club Night at the Golden Cross - 19:30	Yes	Just turn up
Sat 9 Aug	Brailes Show	Yes	Fred Bury
Sun 17 Aug	Happy Herefords Run & Lunch	Yes	Trevor Smith
Tue 19 Aug	BMM Breakfast Gathering – 10:30	Yes	Just turn up
Tue 2 Sept	Club Night - Talk by Mike Brown on Mayflower's involvement in the development of the MGF/TF	Yes	Just turn up
Tue 16 Sept	BMM Breakfast Gathering – 10:30	Yes	Just turn up

Tuesday 1st July—Show Night by Paul

Yes it is that time of year again, the next Club Night will be our annual 'Show Night' to encourage you all to clean & polish your MG pride & joy and bring it to the Golden Cross for an evening in the Orchard car park appreciating & enjoying our cars. As I have already said it will be different this year, mainly that there will be no voting for your favourite cars but there will be winners who will be drawn on a 'Lottery' basis, so everyone stands a chance of winning. However there will be 4 categories of cars to spread the prizes out. These will be Early MGs, MGB/Cs, MGF/TFs and Modern MGs.

All MGs attending will be added to the draw, however prizes will only be awarded to owners who have attended at least 2 Club Nights in the last year.

There will still be some activities to keep you out in the car park, fingers crossed for a fine and dry evening, part of which will be to vote for your favourite information sheet. All those who produce and display a sheet on their cars will be eligible to be included, so if you haven't already done it there is still a little time to do so, the only stipulation is that only one A4 page can be displayed. The Information sheet can include anything that you think will be interesting enough to receive votes.

The second activity will be a short observation quiz but don't worry it will not be difficult.

As ever I look forward to seeing you all on the night and hope we can again fill the Orchard Car Park.



Sunday 13th July - BMC & Leyland Show at British Motor Museum

Again we have the opportunity to show our cars at this very popular show at the Museum. This year there will be a display of Works cars from the Abingdon 'Comps' Department and lots of other attractions.

Our display will be in the prime spot between the Museum Main Entrance and the Collections Centre, so let's put on a fine show. As usual I will secure free passes to gain entry to the show ground, which includes the Museum and the Collections Centre. I will need to know if you want to join us in good time before the July Club Night, so I can hand out the 'Passes' at the Golden Cross. If you are interested please book with Paul (paul.dunster@talktalk.net) and copy Richard (rich.avery186@gmail.com) as soon as possible.



Saturday 26th July—Badsey Flower Show

If you would like to attend the 122nd flower show please let myself know (enty7@btinternet.com) and copy in Richard Avery (rich.avery186@gmail.com).

All cars need to be in position by 12 at the latest. The flower show is at The Rec, Sands Lane, Badsey and direction signs are posted in the village.

See <https://badseyflowershow.co.uk/> for more details.

Steve Entwistle

Website Information [ardenmgclub.co.uk/](https://www.ardenmgclub.co.uk/)



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Tech Matters

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Tech Matters page <https://www.ardenmgclub.co.uk/tech-matters/> now has 3 articles. More will be added as they become available.

If At First You Don't Succeed

- Modifying an MGB with a Mazda Duratec engine

MGB Parabolic Springs Upgrade

- Installing the Parabolic spring kit on an MGB

Directory Of Services

- A Directory of suppliers and services recommended by members.
- **Now updated with 2 additions and garage names being put in alphabetical order.**



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Trading name and personal contact, (latter not essential but useful)	Address & contact details, tel, email www.	Vehicle types eg MGs, all classics, moderns	Type of service						Proposer and Notes, (anonymous if you wish but would be useful to know who's used them)
			MOTs	Mechanical	Electrics	Body	Restoration	Parts	
	Somerset, TA11 7HD, 07722 175473 www.martinsmithmgspares.co.uk	MG 3, MG 6							Sales,spares, repair, trim and upholstery
MB Trim Ltd	Unit 6, Royal Enfield Ind Park, Redditch. B97 6DL. 01527 68141 (Bernard & Maureen (Mo)) www.mbtrim.com					Trimmers			Alan C
MGF Centre	D'urberville House, 101 D'urberville Rd Wolverhampton, WV2 2EG Tel 01902 453100 www.mgfand500centre.com	MG F MG TF		Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Steve E
MG Rover Mobile Mechanics	Unit 7, Endland Ind. Est., Parcel Terrace, Derby DE1 1LY 01332 207198, 07595 704340 www.mgrovermobilemechanics.co.uk	MG F MG TF	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Phil W They come to you!
Navigation Garage Simon Baughan	Stratford Rd, Wootton Wawen, Henley-in-Arden, B95 6BZ 01564 792629	All	Yes	Yes	Yes				David H
Pennant Classics Ltd	Warwick Road, Wellesbourne, Warwick CV35 9LX 07465 219298 www.pennantclassics.co.uk	Classics		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Graham R
P J Auto Electrics Paul Wormald	39 Mayhurst Rd. Hollywood, Birmingham B47 5QG. 07765 351721 www.pjautoelectrics.co.uk	Classics			Yes				Peter M
RLCR Motor Engineers Rowland Rogers	Unit10, Weston Ind. Est., Honeybourne Rd Weston Sub Edge, Evesham, WR11 7QB 01386 840981 www.rlcr.co.uk	All		Yes	Yes				