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## Arden Matters Newsletter November 2025

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## Caption Competition



John Stephens car with an addition seen recently.....

From David Rayner, "unsure why his car would not start, he decided to get a Cat scan".

Other offerings we've had:

- "I've been waiting for them to get a Morgan so I can be a Moggy on a Moggy. I'll have to settle for being a MoG on an MG"
- "It's not my choice to lie on one of these – an MG is beneath me"
- "For Sale: Black and White cat. Easy to maintain, good runner. Bed included"
- "I may look cute, but wait till they spot I've just thrown up down the back window"

## Oktoberfest, 12th Oktober by Paul

The day dawned dull but that didn't stop more than 20 MGs assembling at The Valley ready for the run through the Cotswold Countryside last Sunday.

After the usual refreshments in the Applebarn Restaurant, Steve rounded us all up for a short briefing in the car park and handing out the route sheets, then it was a Grand Prix start as everyone headed for the car park exit. It was a super run through some lovely Cotswold villages and (thanks Steve) some variations on the previous year's Oktoberfest Runs. The instructions were very good and I'm sure everybody got to the finish without too many diversions and the mileages were nearly spot on with my car!!

The final destination was Badsey at the Wheatsheaf Inn, where most of the runners enjoyed an excellent lunch (some even got extra custard!!).

During lunch we had to use our brains on the very interesting quiz, I especially like the idea of the 'Price is Right – 1971' where we had to choose the correct price for well known items from 1971 out of a list of 3. The second part was 'Where is the food from' 20 photos of food named after a place. And the winners were 'The Rayners & The Dunsters'.

Well done and many thanks to Gaynor & Steve for the Run and quizmasters Alan & Julia.



## Breakfast Meeting Report, 21st October by Paul

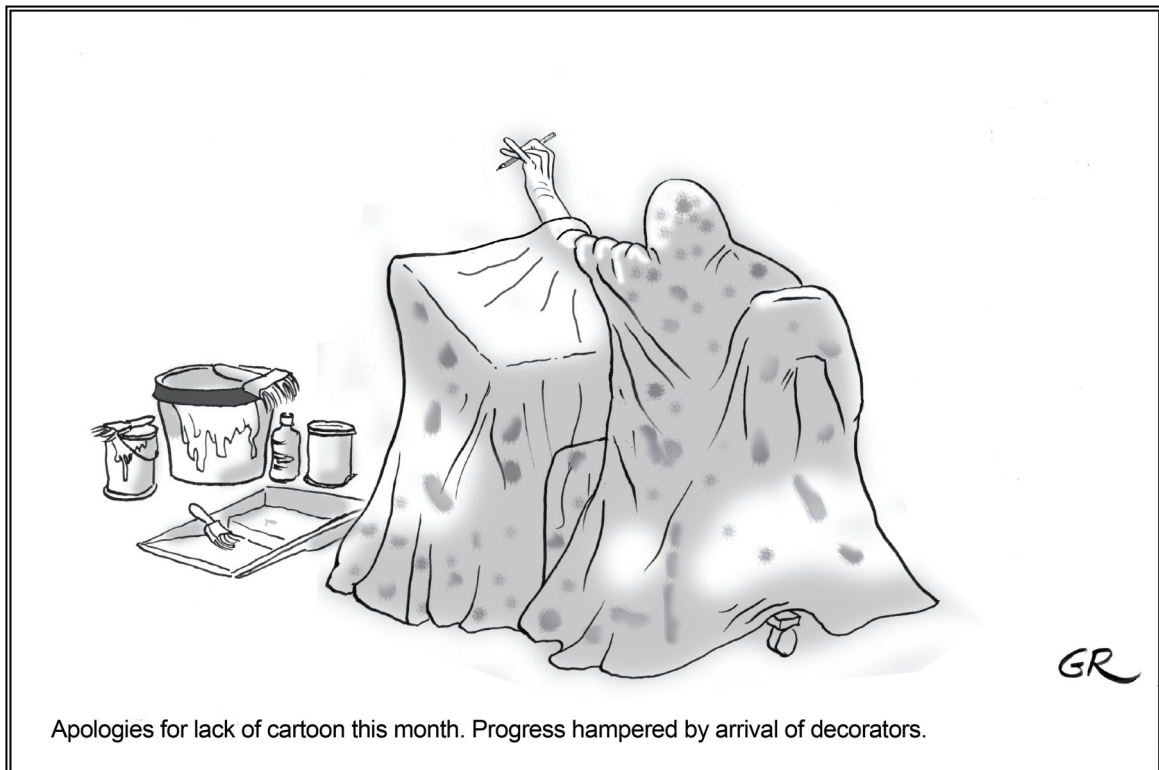
As we saw the sun for the first time in weeks I thought there would have been a better turnout of MGs and people to this month's meeting, however we were down to 14. No matter, there were a few MGs on display, we all had an enjoyable morning and the Sausage & Bacon rolls were as good as ever.

The December Breakfast meeting was discussed and the idea of having the Festive Lunch again at the Museum received a very good response, so to date I have booked 24 places for the Tuesday 16th December, see elsewhere in the Newsletter for full details.

There will of course be the usual Breakfast Meeting at the Museum in November (3rd Tuesday 18th). The Museum opens at 10am and we tend to be sat down around 10.30 for our Bacon/Egg/Sausage Rolls and a good chat.



## Graham's Cartoon Time





## Skittles Evening Report, 24th October by Paul

I thought we should go back to Welford Bowling Club for this year's Skittles as it went well last year when Caroline & Roger organised the event, so I booked the hall and the catering based on 30 people expecting a rush of bookings, which started well but soon slowed and I was worried we would be heading for a loss on the evening. A few late entries boosted the numbers but Helen & Mike came to the rescue and brought the raffle prizes to ensure we didn't lose money on the evening.

We were all set on the Friday night and everyone arrived early, the door was opened and in we went, at which point the keyholder made the comment that he would have expected us to have booked the bar!! What!! I thought the bar only needed to be booked if we wanted a 'Private Bar' and I thought we would be happy to use the public bar, WRONG, there is no public bar!!! A plan 'B' was rapidly arranged where they allowed me to purchase a selection of drinks on 'Sale or Return' basis, which required some rapid thinking of what everyone might want to drink, so I'm sorry if anyone was struggling to find a suitable drink.

Once we had the bar set-up and the first rounds dished out (thank you Caroline for keeping the records and collecting the money at the end), we got the skittles set-up and we were off. Yet again Mike & Helen came forward to be our 'Skittle Keepers' and a special thanks to Helen's cousin Luke who joined us last minute and mucked in to help as well. Thanks Helen & Mike for all your efforts on the night.

The easiest split was to have the 'Boys vs Girls' in the 'Rounds' and we progressed well to fit in 3 rounds, however the 'Girls' were sadly lacking and were behind in all 3 (more practice needed!!). As traditional, we closed with a game of Killer and there was sufficient time for 3 lives for everyone and of course there were prizes.

The highest score of the evening was John's friend Rob with a massive 25 points, the Ladies had a tie and a play-off between Gaynor & Margaret, with Gaynor knocking the most skittles down with one ball. Another visitor won the Killer Game, so well done to Luke. Last but not least there is the wooden spoon, although I'm not sure how pleased Dawn was to receive it.

I hope you all enjoyed the evening despite the little difficulty with the bar. Many thanks to Helen, Mike & Luke for putting the skittles back up all evening, Helen & Mike for the raffle to save the finances, Caroline for sorting out the drinks bill, Graham for the photos and Lech for the score board.

Who wants to organise the next one and what venue should we use?



## Club Events. What's on in 2025/26

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](mailto:rich.avery186@gmail.com)

Date	Event	AMGC	Organiser/ Coordinator
Tue 18th Nov	Breakfast meeting	Yes	Just turn up
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Club Night at the Golden Cross	Yes	
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Stratford & Henley Classic Meet <b>NOTE NEW VENUE</b> – Durham Ox, Shrewley CV35 7AY	No	10.00 till 12.00 Just turn up
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Party – Kings Court Hotel Alcester	Yes	Mike & Jane Green
Tue 16th Dec	Breakfast Meeting Festive Lunch (see P6)	Yes	Paul Dunster
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Chilly Willy Run – Start/Finish venues TBD	Yes	Mike Green / Graham Robson
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2026	<b>NOTE – NO CLUB NIGHT – GOLDEN CROSS WILL BE CLOSED</b>	Yes	
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2026	<b>MG &amp; Triumph Spares Day</b> – Stoneleigh Park	No	£15 on the day £12 advanced

## Arden MG Club Adventure 1st to 5th June 2026

Most bookings are now with Richard but if you would like to join the adventure (subject to room availability) or want more information, please email him as soon as possible at

[rich.avery186@gmail.com](mailto:rich.avery186@gmail.com)

See <https://www.warnerhotels.co.uk/hotels/alvaston-hall-hotel> for details.





## Breakfast Meeting Festive Lunch – Tuesday 16th December 2025

At the British Motor Museum in Gaydon, held in the Sky Suite. This has proved very popular the last few years and to date I already have 24 booked and paid but there are still spaces available (again at the time of writing only 46!!), let me know as soon as possible if you want to join us. The full menu is below and the price includes not only a drink with the meal and tea/coffee but also entry into the Museum if you are not a regular with a 12 Month Ticket.



To add a little more interest, I'm preparing a talk about the Rover Story based on the exhibits in the Museum. The tables are booked for 12.30, however if you want to hear my talk, we will start around 11.00/11.15 but why not get there in good time for a cuppa in the Junction 12 Cafe from 10.30.

### — Starters —

*Mexican tomato, roast pepper and bean soup (Vegan, Gluten Free)*

*Ham hock and parsley terrine with an herb salad and a honey and mustard dressing (Gluten Free)*

*Hereford hop souffle with an endive and red sorrel salad and a beetroot glaze (Vegetarian, Gluten Free)*

*All starters served with sea salt, black pepper and rosemary focaccia*

### — Main Course —

*Turkey parcel wrapped in streaky bacon and filled with sage, onion and cranberry stuffing with turkey jus*

*Creamy Peppered beef casserole (Gluten Free)*

*Vegetable tagine with Moroccan rice and sweet potato falafel (Vegan, Gluten Free)*

*All mains served with Parmentier potatoes and roasted winter vegetables*

### — Dessert —

*Black forest chocolate torte served with cherry ice cream (Vegetarian, Gluten Free)*

*Passion fruit and mango cheesecake with vanilla ice cream (Vegan, Gluten Free)*

*Sticky toffee pudding served with cinnamon Chantilly cream and butterscotch sauce (Vegetarian)*

### — Tea, Coffee—

**includes:**

**A glass of wine or soft drink and entry to the Museum on the day.**

**2 Courses £32.50 / 3 Courses £38.50**



## Another apology – but from 65 years ago . . . By Graham

My Dad built plastic kits – from the mid-1950s, when you couldn't get them over here. Really early makers were two Brits who'd moved to the US: John and Kelvin Gowland. They made the "Highway Pioneers" set of models. Fast forward and Airfix bought the moulds for distribution in the UK until everyone rather lost interest those in them. Much later, a company called Dapon bought the moulds and re-introduced them, complete with "Highway Pioneers" labelling.

A recent editor at EMG got hold of one and built it. Anyone remember?

My Dad did a bright blue one with whitewall tyres – very pretty it was, too.

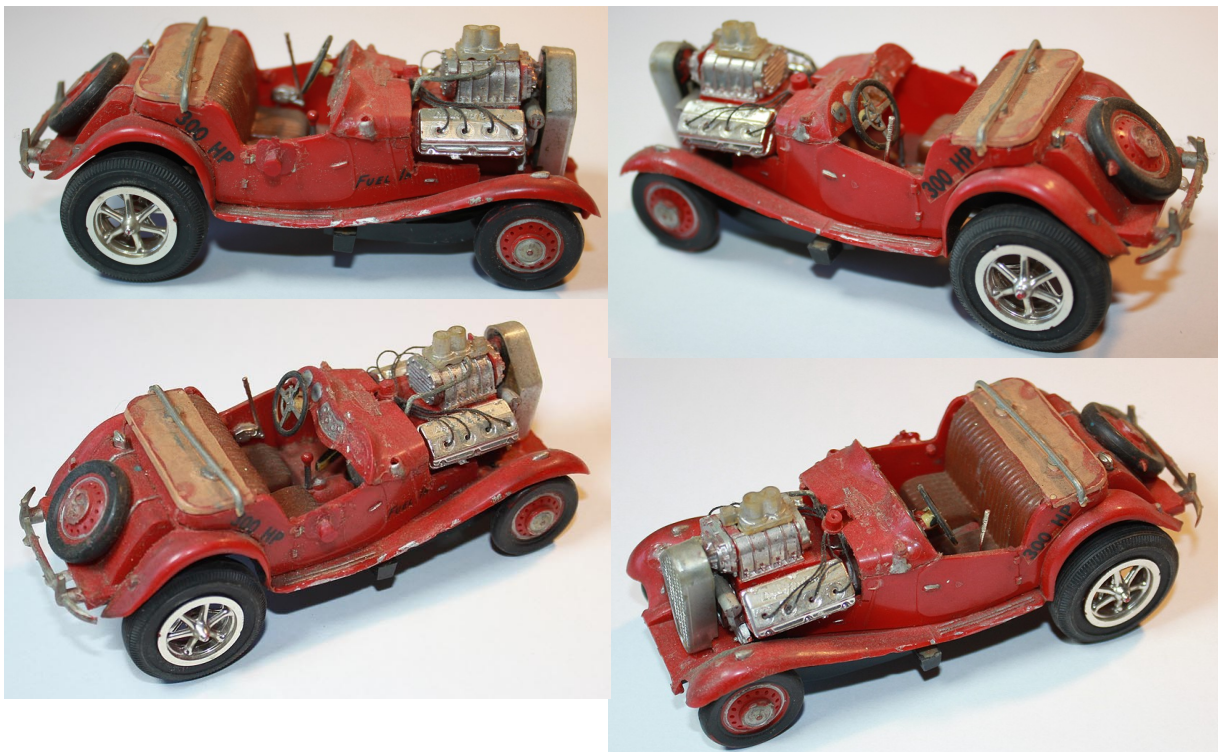
For some reason he had bought a second kit, which fell into my hands as an aspiring modelmaker and huge American Custom Car and Dragster fan. Age about 16.

So it suffered a terrible fate. I was horrendously crass at the time and shoehorned a Chrysler 360 cu. in. engine in, with a GMC carburettor, probably twin Hollies, big rear tyres and a Halibrand "Quick-Change" differential.

I found it the other day . . . in a box marked "for restoring".

Further emphasising my apparent vulgarity at the time, the steering wheel appears to have come from veteran model kit as it has a quadrant advance/retard on it.

I can only apologise.





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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 <a href="http://www.martinsmithmgspares.co.uk">www.martinsmithmgspares.co.uk</a>	MG 3, MG 6							Sales, spares, repair, trim and upholstery
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