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Arden Matters Newsletter December 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



Please note that there is no Club Night on 6th January 2026 because the Golden Cross is closed as they recover from Christmas and New Year festivities.

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The Club Christmas Dinner Extravaganza by Mike G

Following the March AGM, there were rumblings about our Christmas Bash and Jane sort of volunteered us both and encouraged to try a different path.

What evolved became an event which seemingly all 57 attendees enjoyed. The attached photos say so many words and others may have some to share too?

We have all been fortunate to have grown up enjoying a wealth of popular music. It seemed right therefore to invite you all to suggest a couple of your favourites and play them somehow to dance along. Intro Fiona and Richard and their man "Dancin Dave" (DD) - a multi-talented and gifted DJ of our generation.

On our visiting the Kings Court Hotel (KC) in the spring and in consultation with others, we booked Tuesday December 9, whilst sharing our conundrum with Laura at The Cross.

With a free hand and the KH Team most receptive, the Extravaganza plan emerged to include some fun activities:

Grace by our President - Mr David Rayner The Christmas Feast Marg's Quiz Heads & Tails (see Fiona for the rules) Elimination Bingo Paper Plane Precision flying (PPPF) The Dancin' Dave Show Sleep Overs for 14 of us.....

Teamwork was the order of the evening for:

Marg's Quiz was a fine warm up activity and even went to a tie-breaker, with a box of Heroes for the winners.



Heads & Tails - the final 5. Mike Tossing & Helen Catching

Heads & Tails - thankfully Fiona ambushed and rescued the game, with her eloquent description of the rules. Mike and Helen volunteered with the roles of "Tosser" & "Catcher" respectively. There were lots of laughs as the confusion continued. The winner won the 2p tossing coin - see post.

Elimination Bingo - Graham stepped in to help run the game - it was so well rehearsed and the delivery faultless - like a Swiss Watch - almost..... Dabber Dancin' Dave was on duty to check the winning card, albeit there was no prize to present (that's a long story).

With time marching on, the PPPF event was withdrawn, or so I thought. But no, Flying Ace and Wing Commander Lech, aided by his Wingman Paul, commandeered the Bar area and captured the Bin, as the target. I missed most of the action, but the glimpses I saw, suggested much fun, laughter and some chaos. Indeed, I heard the toilets were out of bounds during the flights. There was in fact a prize - the bottle of Fizz was won by Mike for his endurance!



That's his 4th mince pie as John Hale witnessed

DD's delivery and contribution to our enjoyment of the Extravaganza was exceptional - just right for us! All that said, the music during the meal wasn't quite right, but that's easily fixable.

Similarly the KC Team headed by Anna-Marie were wonderful towards us - we handed over your tips totalling £120 to them - they were delighted and most thankful.

The positive feedback and encouragement from those attending, has lead to our reserving both Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 December 2026 for a similar event, whilst intending to invite DD for a repeat performance. His preference is the 9th and hopefully ours too! We can bounce all this around at the February Natter, as I've said we'll commit to KC by mid-February.



Spot the wine waiter!



Move over Strictly! The dance offs



Fiona New Knees - camera shy?



YMCA - more like CYAM?



Our thanks, in no particular order, go to:

The KH Team, Our Grace Master David , Quiz Mistress Marg, Dancing Consultants Richard & Fiona, Fun Facilitators: Helen & Mike and Fiona & Graham, Gliding Team Tutors: Lech & Paul and last but not least, the one and only Dancin' Dave.

And moreover to all those who attended and encouraging us to have some proper simple fun - Wiggles and Giggles, xxxxxus

To Jane, having taken on the Christmas Bash challenge, we thought it should be an Extravaganza - different and fun. Jane's attention to detail, whilst restraining my enthusiasm, thankfully worked. All I had to do was bumble along on the night, knowing there was a wealth of willing friends to lean on, as I fumbled about. Sincere thanks Jane and our Support Teams Julia and Alan, Gaynor and Enty.

Finally, I have one particular moment to treasure from the evening - it was seeing Margaret really enjoying herself, with her pal Sue....

Pam's love flower -but
Brewers Droop...

Other Bits and Pieces:

We bought Laura a bunch of flowers which Richard presented at the December Natter.

Graham kindly produced the Friendship card for Liz & Alan that most of you signed and we intend to deliver some flowers nearer Christmas.

Similarly, he produced a card for our Treasurer Roger, which Jane and I delivered, together with a potted plant. Thanks extend to Colin and Paul for providing the car photos and of course to Graham for his pure creative genius.

Chilly Willy January 1.

Final call - see Events Section and Richard Avery email 1.12.25.

So Seasons Greetings to you all and until we meet in 2026, have fun!

Breakfast Meeting Report, by Paul

After all the dullness of the previous weeks the day dawned bright but cold and no doubt the prospect of the first 'Grit' of the winter put some folk off bringing out their MGs but the car park was fairly full anyway. There was a exhibition display on the Gallery, so we were confined to the Cafe but no problem the 'girls' have got used to us now and even helped us to move some tables together. No matter there were 19 of us to enjoy the conversations and the bacon/sausage rolls.

There was some discussion about the Chilly Willy Run for New Year's Day, so hopefully we will have a gathering on that day. We also discussed the Festive Lunch for next month and we have 24 booked and paid. We will of course not have the usual breakfast meeting, however if you want to join my talk about the Rover Story then why not meet in the cafe first for tea/coffee, around 10.30 to start at 11am.

Another item discussed was the new car on display PR3, which I said was on display in the Collections Centre. My apologies if you went over there to see it (I did too) to find it not there!! It was there last Sunday when I was working, see photo but it had been moved into the workshop. The car was unveiled to the public for the first time in years at the recent Classic Motor Show at the NEC. It was one of 3 concepts ordered by Rover Group: PR1 was built by Motorpanels and this used a Maestro floor pan with the M16 engine mounted in the front driving the front wheels, PR2 was built by Reliant based on the their SS1 chassis using a Rover V8 front mounted and driving the rear wheels. PR3 the concept turned into production as the MGF, was built by ADC in Luton with a mid engine and rear wheel drive, using the 'K Series' 1.4l engine. PR1 & 2 are also on site at Gaydon and will be on show when they have been prepared for displaying.



Graham's Cartoon Time



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

Date	Event	AMGC	Organiser/ Coordinator
Tue 16 Dec	Breakfast Meeting Festive Lunch	Yes	Paul Dunster
Thurs 1 Jan	Chilly Willy Run – See Richard Avery email 1.12.25 for details.	Yes	Mike Green / Paul Dunster
Tue 6Jan 2026	NOTE – NO CLUB NIGHT – GOLDEN CROSS WILL BE CLOSED		
Sun 8 Feb	MG & Triumph Spares Day – Stoneleigh Park	No	£15 on the day £12 advanced
Tue 20 Jan	Breakfast meeting	Yes	Just turn up
Tue 3 Feb	Club night—Golden Cross	Yes	Just turn up
Tue 17 Feb	Breakfast meeting	Yes	Just turn up

For Sale

1967 MGB Roadster

Poppy Red with black interior

Owned by me for the last 13 years, garaged and only used in the dry

Standard specification apart from electric cooling fan and high torque starter motor

Heritage certificate showing matching numbers and build date Aug 1967

Mechanically sound, engine and gearbox rebuilt 9000 miles ago

Body sound but paint not perfect, hood in excellent condition as are the chrome wires

Car located Badsey, nr Evesham

Contact Bob Williams on Mob/WhatsApp 07525 179381or beabob.williams@btinternet.com



“Vindication!” – and a slight embarrassment. . . . By Graham

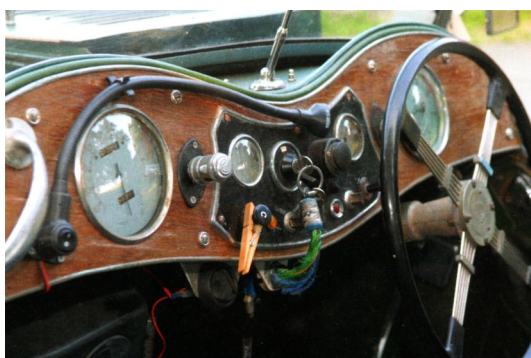


The vindication bit is seeing this picture in EMG this month in which the owner has fitted big fat tyres on the back of his TC. This makes the TD model with fat tyres on the back shown in last month's newsletter slightly less of an embarrassment.

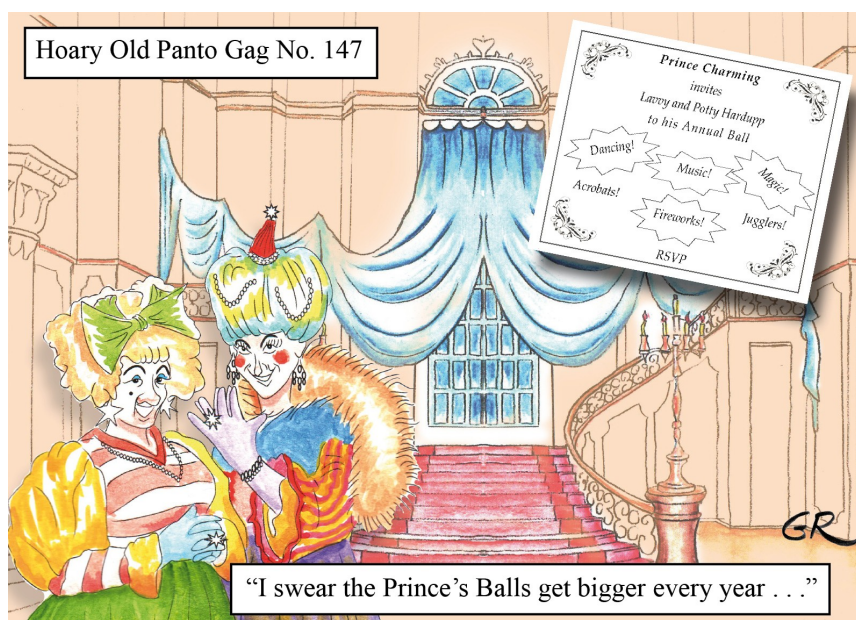
However – we're not out of the woods.

Observe the picture below. That's an after-market Choke cable you can see there, replete with attractive clothes peg. In case any of you don't remember this aspect of Minis, 1100s, 1300s, MGs and other Leyland products, it was used to hold the damned choke knob out because the lock didn't work any more. The later (improved) design of "Twist Lock" frankly wasn't a lot better.

The slight embarrassment? Well, guess whose company made them? Thousands and thousands and thousands of 'em. Our only salvation is we only did the knob moulding – someone else made the rubbish lock.



Pantomime image by ???





RNLI Donation Acknowledgement



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R. Avery
Arden MG Club

8th December 2025

Dear Richard

Many thanks for the club's kind donation of £100 to the RNLI after my recent talk to the Arden MG Club about the work of the RNLI.

Please could you thank the committee and members of the Arden MG Club for their donation of £100 to the RNLI.

That is much appreciated and will be put to good use in helping save lives at sea.

I have attached a receipt for your treasurer, should it be required.

Thanks again.

Yours sincerely

John Redshaw

John Redshaw
Treasurer, RNLI - Leamington Spa Branch

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution, a charity registered in England and Wales (209603), Scotland (SC037736), the Republic of Ireland (CI 19 2670 and 20003326), the Bailiwick of Jersey (14), the Isle of Man (1308 and 006329F), the Bailiwick of Guernsey and Alderney, of West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset, BH15 1HZ

28th MG Car Club Y Register Spring Weekend Friday 8th to Sunday 10th May 2026 from Mick Breare



The 2026 Spring Weekend will be held in Warwickshire. We will be holding the Register's AGM on Saturday at 16.30, followed by our Register dinner in the evening. The road run will take place the following day on Sunday finishing at Packwood House.

Our accommodation is at The Wroxton House Hotel, Wroxton, Nr Banbury, Oxfordshire. The hotel have offered us a choice of rooms for accommodation on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday. (there is no requirement to stay for all three days, one or two nights are acceptable) Our three course dinner on the Saturday will commence at 19.00 for 19.30, with a choice of three starters, mains and pudding at only £35 per person! We will circulate the menu when it is available next year. Please book the dinner with us via the application form and pay as outlined on that form. Please note that this does not include the cost of any drinks that you may order. The cost of the rooms at the Wroxton is as follows:-

- £150.00 B&B for the Standard Double/Twin per room, per night.
- £160.00 B&B for the Executive Double/Twin Rooms per room, per night.

Please book accommodation and pay directly with the hotel (01295 730777) quoting MG Y Register Spring Weekend.

Wroxton House Hotel



Packwood House



Judging for the Pride of Ownership will take place by 10.00 am on Sunday so we can present the prizes promptly before we embark on the road run at 11.00. Please note that individuals will be responsible for their entrance fees to any premises visited.

All correspondence to us (Mick & Jo) by email at mgbreare@gmail.com please. Road books and rally plaques will be available on the Sunday before the road run.



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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
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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				