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Arden Matters Newsletter February 2026

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You can send it earlier!! Please send to dlpitt@btinternet.com



Picture taken from <https://www.mg.co.uk/mg-centenary>

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Breakfast Meeting January 2026 Report, by Paul

Again I was not at the last Breakfast Meeting (winter sunshine was calling!!) but none the less 16 of you braved the weather to be there. Back to normal on the 17th February and I look forward to seeing you there. Don't forget to book your ticket in advance and tick the box for the 12 month ticket. Thanks to Steve F for the photos.



Restaurant Experience, by Graham

Puff pastry on a beef and ale pie in Derbyshire looking a lot like a central wheel locking spinner.



Clearly the chef is a classic car fan.

Club Events. What's on in 2026

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 17 th Feb	BMM Breakfast Gathering – 10:30	Yes	Just turn up
Sun 1 st Mar	Stratford & Henley Classic Meet NOTE NEW VENUE – Durham Ox, Shrewley CV35 7AY	No	10.00 till 12.00 Just turn up
Tue 3 rd Mar	CLUB NIGHT AGM – GOLDEN CROSS (See below and agenda page 4)	Yes	Please Attend
Tue 17 th Mar	BMM Breakfast Gathering – 10:30	Yes	Just turn up
Sun 29 th Mar	Mad March Run & Lunch (see page 6)	Yes	Book with Mick & Margy Walker
Tue 7 th Apr	Club Night at the Golden Cross (See page 5)	Yes	
Tue 21 st Apr	BMM Breakfast Gathering – 10:30	Yes	Just turn up
Sun 26 th Apr	Drive-It Day Run & Lunch (See January newsletter)	Yes	Book with Nick & Philippa Godfrey

AGM – March Club Night - 3rd March 2026, by Paul

It is my turn to host the Club Night in March and this will be our formal meeting of the year, which gives everyone the chance to volunteer for the posts that make the Club function, so your chance to get involved and ensure it moves in the right direction.

I think most of the current officers are happy to continue in their roles, however we still need a Chairman or Chairwoman and it has been suggested that I provide a 'Job Description', which is very difficult because the job can be as much or as little as you want to do. The main thing is to provide some direction for the Club and most importantly to co-ordinate the activities. Ideally they would host the Club Night, however as we have done this last year this can be spread amongst all the officers of the Club. This can be a very rewarding role getting you closer to all the people within the Club and wider MG circles and is a chance to put something back into the Club, as ever the more you put in the more you get out. There is a small incentive from the MG Owners Club who provide free membership (including subscription to Enjoying MG Magazine) for the years you are the Club Chairman.



Agenda – AGM 3rd March 2026 - 8.15pm

Apologies for absence:

Chairman's Report – Not Available

Treasurer's Report

Events Secretary Report

Database Report

Election of Officers:

Chairman

Treasurer

Events Secretary

Newsletter Editor & Deputy

Database Secretary & Deputy

Webmaster

Raffle

Enjoying MG Reports

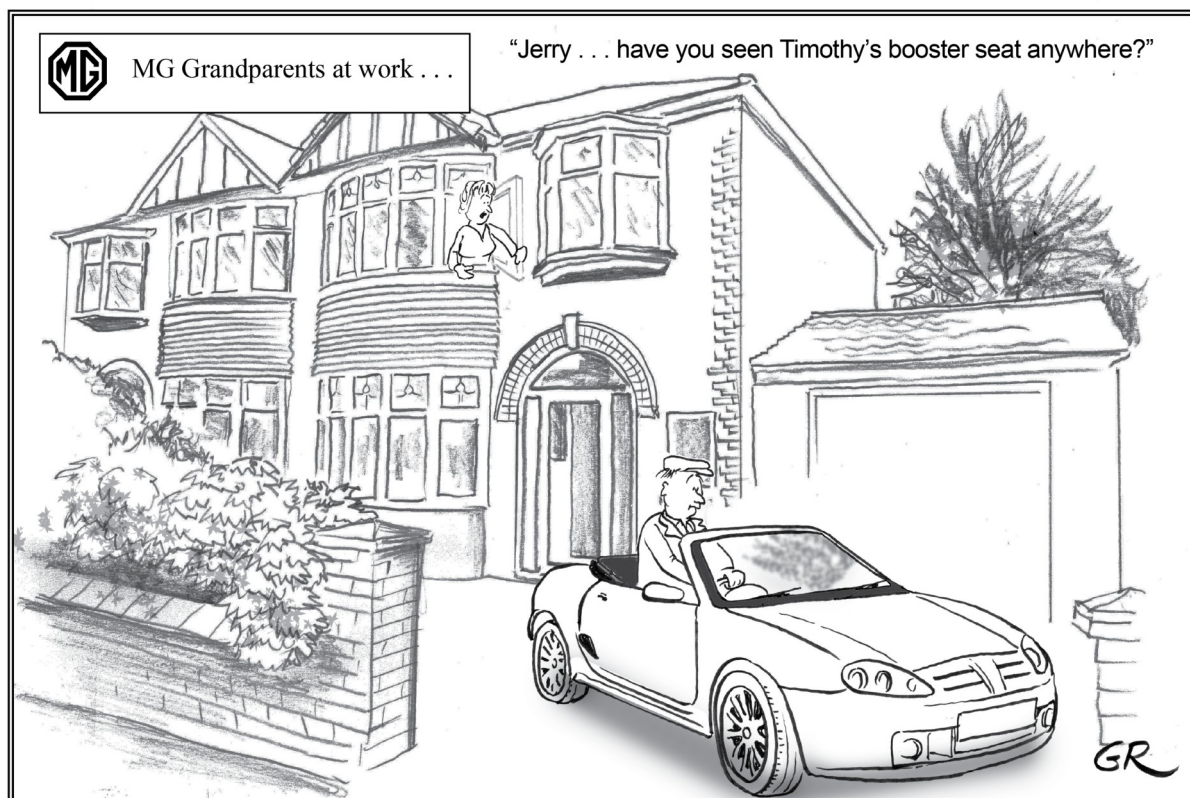
Facebook Reports

Any Other Business

April Club Night Tuesday 7th April – Guest Speaker, by Paul

This month we have a guest speaker, Ian Pogson, who gave a talk to the Club many years ago, when he was the Chief Engineer on the MGTF Programme at MG Motors, about the launch of the 85th Anniversary Edition of the MGTF. He has offered to talk to us about the Transition from MG Rover to SAIC Motor & MG Motor which he assures me is a fascinating story. We will aim to start after the notices around 8pm. It has been suggested that anyone who may not be as interested in listening could de-camp into the bar to continue their conversations, so feel free to do so after the notices.

Graham's Cartoon Time



Drive it Day, Sunday 26th April

This year's run is being organised by Nick & Philippa Godfrey. The run will start from the Valley Evesham departing at 11.00 am. The run will be approx. 1½ hours, and ends at The Dodford Inn, Bromsgrove, where there is an option of a 2 course meal for £ 25 per person. We need to pre-order and pay in advance. See menu in January newsletter.

Please can you confirm to Philippa philippagodfrey@hotmail.com and copy Nick nfg90@hotmail.com and Richard Avery rich.avery186@gmail.com , whether they wish to attend the run only, or the run and meal (with menu choices) and send the money to the club account with reference SURNAME DID, e.g. GODFREY DID. Responses and payment needed by 22nd March.

Meet at The Valley from 10 am, hopefully they will reserve the usual meet up area for us.

Mad March Run March 29th, by Mick and Marg



We shall start from The View, Wootton Wawen. Coffees and natter from 10-30 onwards to leave at 12-00.

The ride is only just over an hour, but will be mainly country lanes all the way, hoping to arrive at the King's Head Aston Cantlow around 1-30.

Meals from 2-00.

OK, here's the problem..... Brett the chef / manager won't give us the menu for that day yet. He changes the menu each week and can't commit due to availability of fresh goods at the time.

He will let us have the menu a week or ten days before. We will send them to you ASAP.

The 2026 Christmas Extravaganza, by Mike

On 11 February it was only 300 days to our 2026 Christmas Bash, which by popular demand, will take us back to Kings Court Hotel (KCH) on **Tuesday 8th December**.

Jane mentioned that she had made the booking at the last Club Night, which KCH have now confirmed, with a request for a £250 deposit - equivalent to say 50 attendees at £5.

We'll be asking Roger to make payment shortly from Club Funds to secure the slot.

For those interested in attending, may we please ask that you mail Jane at jg@oakwoodgreen.co.uk and copy Richard at rich.avery186@gmail.com and send £5 per person to the Club Bank Account in the normal way. Notation - Xmas and your name/s.

Such action will get us to first base, with ample time to plan ahead.....



MGs in the Park. See http://www.oxfordshiremgoc.co.uk/mgs_in_the_park.html

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MGs IN THE PARK 2026

7TH JUNE at the Cotswold Wildlife Park OX18 4JP

FREE entry to the Park for MG and driver
DISCOUNTED entry for MG passengers – Gates open at 9.30am, no booking required

Cotswold Wildlife Park & Gardens

www.oxfordshiremgoc.co.uk for full details

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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.

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- Modifying an MGB with a Mazda Duratec engine

MGB Parabolic Springs Upgrade

- Installing the Parabolic spring kit on an MGB

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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 Wormal	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				