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Arden Matters Newsletter March 2026

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In May 1982, the MG Metro 1300 launched. It was one of the first 'hot hatches' and would lead the way to a faster version, the MG Metro Turbo a year later. The MG Metro proved to be a huge success and demonstrated the demand, and love, for MG motor cars. As rally car racing surges in popularity, MG decided to get in on the rise with the MG Metro 6R4, complete with a 3.0 V6 engine and capable of 410bhp.

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

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Breakfast Meeting February 2026 Report, by Paul

It was a cold day at the Museum, so I don't think there were many MGs in use, I didn't stay outside for long to find out. The number was a little bit lower than usual but 14 of us braved the cold to enjoy our breakfast sandwich and there was space on the Gallery floor for us to construct a long table.

The next meeting will be 17th March. Would the following Month (21st April) be a good day to finish my talk around the Museum about The Rover Story? We could start around 11.30 after the eating and chatting.

Don't forget if you need to new your ticket to book on line in advance (it's £3 cheaper) and tick the box for a 12 month ticket. Museum opens at 10 O'clock and we are usually sitting down around 10.30. See you there.



Message from Bea

To the brilliant stamp collecting MGers...

Thank you so much for your amazing help in collecting stamps for the Bone Cancer stamp appeal. I have just sent off a bag weighing 768 grams which is a lot of stamps, plus another bag of "special" stamps. Thank you and please keep them coming.

Love Bea x



A Belated Thank You to Those Who Served Us So Well During the 2025/26 AMGC Season, by Mike G

With the AGM delivered "at a pace" (as they now say in higher places!) by Paul, I can't recall a Vote of Thanks from the Floor. If this was the case, as a Backbencher and on behalf of us all, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the entire AMGC Team, whom served us so well and moreover, for offering to serve us for another year.

Snitterfield Sports and Social Club - Newly Constructed (in part by a member of our own family -Son David). I'm in an early dialogue with the Events Manager Nina, about hiring the venue for a Skittles Bash - watch this space and an update next month.

The Christmas Extravaganza - booked for 8 December 2026 -similar to the 2025 Bash, but with a few little tweaks..... With only some 270 days to go, please book early to avoid disappointment - we've hit double digits already . £5 per person to the Club Bank Account in the normal way -name, Reference XMAS Account no 00194752 Code 30-98-26. By the way, we may not have mentioned but Jane and I dropped by to see Roger and his wife before Christmas, bearing the Christmas Card Graham skilfully created, which we all signed and a Christmas Flower Decoration. His willing desire to keep our finances in fine shape is most appreciated.

Complete Twaddle Dept, by Graham

This magazine has dropped through the letterbox yet again with one specific ad clearly needing amending. This is the corrected version.

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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 Mar	BMM Breakfast Gathering – 10:30	Yes	Just turn up
Sun 29 th Mar	Mad March Run & Lunch. Details in February newsletter.	Yes	Book with Mick & Margy Walker
Sun 5 th Apr	Stratford & Henley Classic Meet Durham Ox, Shrewley CV35 7AY	No	10.00 till 12.00 Just turn up
Tue 7 th Apr	CLUB NIGHT – GOLDEN CROSS Guest Speaker – Ian Pogson, Chief Engineer MGTF programme. See below.	Yes	Just turn up
Tue 21 st Apr	BMM Breakfast Gathering – 10:30	Yes	Just turn up
Sun 26 th Apr	Drive-It Day Run & Lunch. Details in February newsletter.	Yes	Book with Nick & Philippa Godfrey
Sun 3 rd May	Stratford & Henley Classic Meet Durham Ox, Shrewley CV35 7AY	No	10.00 till 12.00 Just turn up
Tue 5 th May	CLUB NIGHT – GOLDEN CROSS	Yes	Just turn up
Fri 8th to Sun 10 th May	MG Car Club Y Type Register Spring Weekend – Wroxton, Banbury	No	Mick & Jo Breare mgbreare@gmail.com
Sat/Sun 23-24 th May	Stratford-upon-Avon Festival of Motoring	No	Register car at stratforduponavonbid.co.uk
Mon 15 th June	Visit to Nation Trust - Packwood House	Yes	See P5 for details

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

A reminder that at the April Meeting we will have a guest speaker, Ian Pogson. He gave a talk to the Club many years ago, when he was the Chief Engineer on the MGTF Programme at MG Motors, and his talk is 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.

Visit to National Trust - Packwood House, Monday 15th June



David Smith has been trying to plan a Club visit to Packwood House for a while, where he is a volunteer, but it has been complicated by significant staff changes. He has now arranged a date for us as Monday 15th of June.

There is plenty of parking, a very good café and areas for picnics.

- There is no charge for NT members
- Non Members are £18 on the day (or £17 if there a 15 or more booked & paid in advance)
- David will give guided walks around the outside of the building at 10:00; 11:30 & 1:00 pm
- There will the opportunity for at least one specialist Tapestry tour/talk
- Also, the possibility of a Garden tour, though David has no influence over the garden team.
- Entrance to the House is by Timed Tickets, issued at the Ticket Office on the day – they'll be no preference given to the Club over the general public.
- The volunteers in the house on the day will be those that are good friends and colleagues to David.

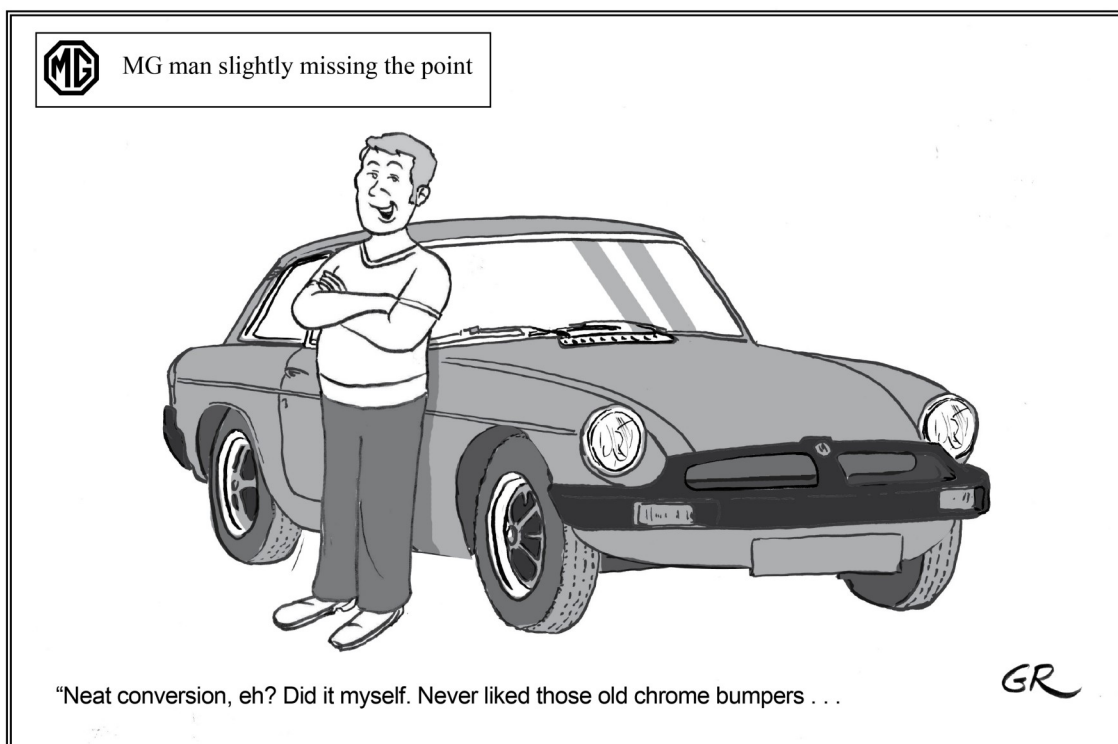
I am planning to organise a short run from The View to Packwood House so we can make a grand arrival at Packwood House.

If you would like to join the visit please email David at davandali@hotmail.co.uk and copy to me at rich.avery186@gmail.com indicating if you are a National Trust Member or not.

Thank You,

Richard Avery

Graham's Cartoon Time



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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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