

Newbury



Owners Club 1023

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SECRETARY'S SUMMARY January 2022

A less busy month MG wise as we all gear up for Christmas. I am sitting outside under the moonlight in tee shirt and shorts, writing this as we are spending Christmas in Dubai visiting family, with my red roadster nicely tucked up in the garage.

As most of you know we only had two events, firstly a very successful Christmas dinner and secondly, a quieter social club night. The latter gave the chance to ruminate over this year's events, looking forward to next, while wearing naff Christmas pullovers and eating mince pies.

Our Christmas dinner evening was enhanced by a charity raffle adding £150 to this year's account that will go to the Alzheimer's Society. In Addison were two quizzes, a game designed to cause hilarious confusion and a rendering of Cinderella like never before. The latter was performed mainly by the committee with a couple of other press-'gangees'. Originally designed to be in monosyllabic straight face mode, it evolved (some might say decayed) into an over dramatized chaotic production with three ugly sisters, but either way great fun.

Looking forward, next year's programme is virtually complete with activities ranging from occasional quiet social club nights to a hovercraft experience, a week's trip to the Loire valley and many other interesting activities in between with most involving an MG somehow. After some of the restrictions of this past year, we have tried to get a better balance between, weekday, evening and weekend activities, so as to be as inclusive as possible.

I know most of us only do a couple of 1000 miles a year in our MGs so don't feel too bad about the minimal effect on the environment. However, the FBHVC have come up with a carbon balancing scheme, that you can subscribe to if you wish, details via this link. <https://www.fbhvc.co.uk/news/article/fbhvc-launch-carbon-balancing-scheme-for-historic-vehicles>.

Finally, as mentioned during our November meeting, it would be great if a couple of people would be willing to join the committee. This would be a great time as the programme for this year is more or less in place, giving plenty of opportunity to learn the ropes, before helping to formulate the following year's programme. Please give it some serious thought.

It just remains to wish you a great MG New Year!

Kelvin

Newbury MGOC Diary 2022

Full details for all events will be published in the Newsletter near event date.

Date	Event	Organiser
January		
Tue 11 Jan	Club Night - ZOOM	Colin
Thu 27 Jan	Lunch Bunch Walk 162	Trina
February		
Tue 8 Feb	Club Night – Shove MG	Andy
Sun 13 Feb	Sunday lunch at Deanwood followed by Pete Allen jazz concert	Jan C
Thu 24 Feb	Lunch Bunch Walk 163	Trina
March		
Tue 8 Mar	Club Night	
Wed 16 Mar	Midweek Meander 62 - Pendon Museum	Trina
Sat 26 Mar	Saturday Lunch Bunch Walk 164	Trina

The full diary is available on the website for download/printing etc. However, some dates and locations are still awaiting confirmation so check the website regularly

UP COMING EVENTS

Club Night – 11/01/22.

The normal F2F club night has now been cancelled an email has been sent out by Colin detailing the reasons for this decision on behalf of the committee.

The meeting will now be held on ZOOM with an invitation sent out by Colin nearer to the date. So breakout your manuals, update your zoom and standby!

Lunch Bunch Walk – Thursday 27/01/22



First walk of the new year is an undulating exploration of the valley of the River Pang around Stanford Dingley. Two walks will share a common start past the church and then split into a 3-mile and a 4-mile route (approx.) Unfortunately we cannot avoid some honest Berkshire mud at this time of the year so we will meet at the suitably named Old Boot Inn.

Meet at 10.00 to choose lunch before a 10.30 start at The Old Boot Inn, Stanford Dingley, Berkshire, RG7 6LT. <https://oldbootinnstanforddingley.co.uk/> Lunch will be in their teepee tent in the garden.

Looking forward to a sunny day. **Richard and Jenny.**

Sunday lunch at Deanwood followed by Pete Allen jazz concert – Sun 13/02/22

Please check in <https://newburymgoc1023.co.uk/event-details> for details of this event but also take note of the information below.

I hope you will have all seen, in the events section of the website, Jan C's full advertisement for the Pete Allen Band gig at Deanwood Park on the 13th February. It looks like it will be a really enjoyable, laid-back afternoon. As a prelude to that event, but also for separate consideration, you are invited to Sunday lunch at Deanwood Park. The pricing structure is detailed in Jan's advert.

Booking is not required for Pete Allen but the golf club would like a good idea of how much food to get in for the lunch so please would you make your meal booking directly with the golf club by the 3rd February. The contact number is 01635 48772. Please mention that you are part of the NMGOC party so they can seat us all together and at the same time, 12:30 pm. Payment will be taken on the 13th.

We are hoping for a good turnout for the lunch as the management at Deanwood Park has been really good to the club over a number of years so this is an opportunity to give something back. You may also like to consider it as a pre-Valentine's Day date with the love of your life – the NMGOC.

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Christmas Dinner Celebration

Well, 29 of us made it to Newbury & Crookham Golf Club on Friday for our 'annual'! Christmas Dinner Celebration for Newbury MGOC. The restaurant was dressed in its usual Christmas best and we were dressed in our finest warm clothes. We enjoyed (free!) pre-dinner drinks at the tables, this year, set well apart, and caught up on news from friends we hadn't seen for some time. The usual exchange of Christmas cards took place and the meal was served with its usual efficiency.

In between courses we indulged in solving what turned out to be a rather easy quiz; and then the intriguing Christmas wrapped packages on the table marked 'no touchy feely' came into play. The small 'presents' were distributed around the guests at the table – only 4 for a table of 6! Oh!! – but it was all the luck of the draw. Judith then read out a story about Mr. & Mrs. Right and their children and their Christmas preparations, which left us in confusion as we had to pass the presents to the right and left as the story unfolded and the words right and left were uttered! After much passing and grabbing and laughter the story ended and the lucky recipients of the 'presents' unwrapped their gifts to reveal - chocolates, a toothbrush, dish cloths, furniture polish, fudge and other exciting items!! It was great fun.

We then had a short interval with another quiz (NMGOC are good at quizzes!) while the 'piece de resistance' of the evening was prepared - The Christmas Pantomime!!! This year it was Cinderella! It was played with great gusto by the Ugly Sisters - Kelvin – both of them! and the Handsome Prince – Paul – declaring his love for Cinderella!!! It was all great fun.

