

Newbury



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SECRETARY'S SUMMARY March 2022

Another quietish month, that started off with our traditional "Shove MG" evening, a bit like shove halfpenny but along a 4 meter straight track using dinky toy MGs instead of halfpennies, the cars being launched from an adjustable shoot. Richard won this year following his wife Jenny winning previously, thus keeping the trophy in the family for another year. Several of us enjoyed a Sunday lunch at Deanwood golf club followed by a Pete Allan jazz afternoon. Finally, our Lunch Bunch walk, which was variant on last month's walk starting and finishing the Old Boot Inn, Stanford Dingley, followed by another fantastic meal. Many thanks to Sylvia and Roger for leading it.

I know there are still 10 months to go to next Christmas, but venues for club dinners soon get booked up. After collecting views from quite a few members we have decided to switch venues to Deanwood Golf Club which seemed to be favoured by many. The date we have reserved is the 10th of December which is a Saturday as some members who are still working, say it can be a bit of a rush to get home and ready on a Friday evening. We appreciate that some members do not like driving on cold dark winter's evenings, but Deanwood could not offer us a lunchtime slot. We hope that being a familiar location close to the A34 will help to mitigate night driving concerns.

Please check the club diary as a couple of events towards the end of March have changed dates.

Kelvin

Charity Update 2021



Each year our club chooses a charity to support via raffles and other fund raising activities. Last year we chose the Alzheimer Society, and I am delighted to tell you that we raised £409, which considering the restrictions that Covid placed on us was an excellent result. Jurgita will be sending the money off very soon if not already.

2022 Charity

Due to the current situation in Ukraine, we have decided to concentrate our efforts to support the people of the Ukraine.

It will be our intention to make donations on a regular basis through the established and recognised charities that currently exist, and we are researching these now. Should any of you have any ideas for fund raising events or donations of practical goods please contact us.

More information will be disseminated shortly.

Thank you.

Newbury MGOC Diary 2022

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

Date	Event	Organiser
March		
Tue 8 Mar	Club Night	
Wed 16 Mar	Midweek Meander 62 - Pendon Museum POSTPONED	Trina
Sat 26 Mar	Saturday Lunch Bunch Walk 164 CANCELED – See 31st March	Trina
Thurs 31 Mar	The Harwell Campus Walk 164	Fran & Graham
April		
Sun 3 Apr	Shakedown Run – tulip route – to Burford	Andy and Jenny
Tue 12 Apr	Club Night – Photography competition final	Sue T
Wed 20 Apr	Midweek Meander 62 - Pendon Museum	Trina
Sun 24 Apr	Drive-It Day – Hampshire Downs route	Kelvin
Thu 28 Apr	Lunch Bunch Walk 165 – to include a visit to club sponsor Manor Garage	Kelvin and Trina
May		
Tue 3 May	Evening Drive-Out	Eileen and Tony
Tue 10 May	Club Night	
Sat 14 May	Hovercraft experience Didcot	Colin and Janet
Wed 18 May	Midweek Meander 63 – Furzey Gardens	Brian and Sue
Thu 26 May	Lunch Bunch Walk becomes Evening Stroll 166	Trina

UP COMING EVENTS - March

Pendon Model Railway Museum – 16th March

Unfortunately, the visit to Pendon on Wednesday 16th March 2022 has had to be cancelled, as Pendon is only open on Saturdays at the moment – they are run entirely by volunteers. If we had 25 members, they would have opened up specially for us.

However, it is now proposed for Wednesday 20th April 2022, which is in the school holidays, and Pendon is open on Wednesdays during the holidays.

If those who have already committed to 16th march would like to re-commit to Wednesday 20th April, please let me know ASAP PLEASE, and if anyone would like to join us you would be more than welcome. Pendon is a wonderful - and more expansive since I last visited - model railway, village, countryside, riverside experience. It is fascinating. It is located in Long Wittenham, Nr. Abingdon.

They only have a basic tearoom there with inside tables, so we could take a picnic or there is a pub just down the road – the Plough. It may be that we each decide on refreshment individually

Please let me know ASAP if you would like to join us so that I may alert Pendon to such an elite group visiting.

Trina

Lunch Bunch Walk- The Harwell Campus-Thursday 31 March. Meet 11 am

Meet at Icknield Way Post Office car park OX11 0QQ

Take the Marie Curie entrance from A4185, second car park on right.

Walk- under 3 and a half miles. Some forest and open ground, mostly on the Campus pavements.

Eating at The Dish- open air, excellent street food, google Harwell Dish for details and menus, no booking ahead needed. NB No cash taken.

Dogs on leads are fine. Not a “guided” walk, but places of interest and excellence pointed out.

Looking forward to sharing this inspirational place with you. Dip into the Harwell Campus web site.

Fran & Graham

Sun 13th February - Sunday Lunch & Jazz

Seven of us arrived at Dean Wood golf club. We lunched first and then at 2.30 the music began. Jazzy, bluesy, showy, Pete Allen band.

It consists of a bass guitarist, drummer, trombonist, and as the pianist had car problems an extra banjo player.

Pete Allen plays mainly clarinet, banjo and sings.

There was lots of banter between Pete and the trombonist and also with a member of the audience who is a regular every month.

The made us tap our fingers and toes, the banter made us laugh and in general I think I can say enjoyed by all.

You lot would have loved it.!!

The bonus of the day. Trina and Jeff won a raffle prize.

Yeah, right on. (next performance 13th March.)

Jan.C.

Lunch Bunch Walk – The Boot Stanford Dingley (Backwards.....sorry Reversed)

At 8.30 am when we were planning on doing this walk but the omens were poor. It was raining hard and quite cold but when I phoned Sylvia she was quite positive about the day ahead so off we went to be greeted in Stanford Dingley by dry weather.

Just 4 others arrived so the 6 of us plus two dogs did the January walk roughly in reverse.

The sun soon greeted us as we took in the beautiful views from this walk. Aply led by Roger and Sylvia we made good progress whilst still admiring the scenery including some Highland cattle.

At one point us three men plus dogs decided to take the 'difficult' route through the wood whilst the ladies took the shorter route and were waiting for us by a small but pretty pond.

Back at the pub we met Brian T who came specially to have the steak this time but then changed his mind ! It was good to see Barry and Penny too.

Peter D.

A Friday Afternoon Car ?

How many of you remember that saying ?

Well, in 1972 the 4th February was a Friday and 50 years later the day and date (not including year, just in case I have a wise wag reading this far) have re-occurred. The significance of Friday the 4th February 1972 being the day that our MGB GT began its life journey by starting down the production line at Abingdon, construction being finished on Monday the 7th. The 9th saw the Flame Red car leave the factory and head to a dealership in Reading, according to it's Berkshire registration (if original). Along the way it has lost its 18V engine (now an 18G), Navy interior (now, tan leather) and Rostyle wheels (now, Minotaur) and any history it might have had up to May 2013 when the previous owner purchased it from the Norwich area, he then embarked on the usual metalwork repairs expected of an MGB of this age, he also made some personal choices on it's finished looks, so it's not a purist's original, which we like, as it allows me some flexibility too, but it's definitely a cherished member of our family and hopefully wants for very little, e.g. this winter saw carb and rear shocks rebuild plus ceramic coating of the exhaust manifold.

So, to wish him a Happy 50th Birthday on the 9th February 2022, we planned to revisit some remaining sites of the factory and vicinity and take him on the test drive route which he most likely wouldn't have taken as a rolling road was in place at the factory by that time.

The day (9th) dawned bright and spring like, the route was planned, a lunch stop included, so off we set spirits high, you can sense where this is going can't you !, a mile from home and a major misfire started, we pulled into a layby, engine just about running, opened the bonnet and looked around, Mmm a strong smell of petrol, I then see petrol pouring from one of the carb overflows. Some few minutes spannering later diagnosed a sunken float, thus we were going nowhere apart from home on the back of a recovery truck and really quite sad. Note to self, add a spare float to the travelling spares selection.

All being up and couple of have another intended to and No he's afternoon after all



well, he will be running in a days and we will go, when I will photos, I had add to this article not I feel a Friday car, especially these years.

Car Shows

Pangbourne Classic Car Show – Sat June 4th

This show as you all probably know by now is organised by Tom a member of the Newbury MGOC and has grown into one of the best ones around. Tom is, this year, planning on some special events to honour the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and we have added it to the clubs diary as a "Gazebo Gathering".

I will be there with the gazebo so please book yourselves in and join me there. All proceeds go to Charity

<https://www.pangbourne.com/our-community/community-events/classic-car-show>

Thatcham Rotary Club – Sun 26th June

Held on Henwick Field RG18 3BU adjacent to the A4 in West Thatcham. Start time is 09:00 until 16:00, pre-registration is not required just turn up and go when you like. There is no admission charge, but a contribution to the charity collection would be welcome.

We have been to this show many times, this year however it clashes with the clubs trip to Chinon so we have no plans to visit as a club.

West Berkshire Classic Vehicle Club - sun 7th August

This year's car show has been confirmed for 7th August 2022. Also the show will be the same format as 2021 event which is no booking required. Just turn up and pay on the day.

This is in our Diary as a Gazebo Gathering. At the moment they have not clarified whether club stands will be allowed, so its either meet outside and go in together or park your car in the display and I'll get the gazebo in somehow!

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Well I think hats all for this month.....

No photo comp results will be announced at the club night

Stay Safe, Stay Well

Andy

Ps don't forget the shakedown run 3 April Sunday