

Newbury



Owners Club 1023

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SECRETARY'S SUMMARY August 2022

Our Annual Club BBQ is usually one of our most popular events and this year was no exception with over 40 of us enjoying the famous Ludgershall sausages and burgers. As usual these were beautifully cooked by Peter and Roger in a shady corner of Bob and Carolyn's lovely garden. Indeed, we were all grateful for the plentiful natural shade on a beautiful sunny Saturday. The small marquee that four of us puzzled over how to erect a couple of days before was barely needed except to shade the salads and delicious desserts. It was a great opportunity to present



Andy with a personalized hand coloured print of his MGB in recognition of his years of service on the committee from which he recently retired.

About a dozen members joined Jan for an evening at the Newbury races. They secured an ideal viewing location indoors from where they had a great view along the final straight and the finishing line. It is even rumoured a couple of people came away with a small profit.

Last but not least was an impromptu fish and chip supper on Hungerford common where a few brave souls were also joined by an unexpected rain shower or two!!!

Kelvin

Newbury MGOC Diary 2022

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

Date	Event	Organiser
Thu 4 Aug	Evening Drive-Out – what3words mystery route	Colin and Janet
Sat 7 Aug	Gazebo Gathering - West Berkshire Classic Vehicle Club Show	Andy
Tue 9 Aug	Club Night - Scuttles - new date	Marion and Rob
Wed 17 Aug	Midweek Meander 65 - tulip route from Elm Tree pub in Beech Hill	Ian And Sue
Thu 25 Aug	Lunch Bunch Walk 169	Trina
September		
Sun 4 Sep	Picnic Lunch on Hungerford Common and Art Challenge	Jurgita
Tues 13 Sep	Club Night – cookery competition	Pauline
Thur 22 Sep	Midweek Meander 66 meets Lunch Bunch Walk 170 at Bradford on Avon	Kelvin and Trina

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Scuttles (Finnish or Karelian Skittles) – Club night - Tuesday 9th August

The aim is to throw the skittle bat at the skittles, here the MG rules vary from the Finnish game which sounds really, really complicated!!??

MG Rules

The umpire (me) is called the **Scuthead**.

Each person, The **Scutter**, has one throw at the scuttles (Finnish skittle) The aim is to knock 1 or more scuttle(s) down. Each scuttle is numbered up to 12. If 1 scuttle is knocked down, a **Scut**, then that number counts as a score. If more than 1 scuttle is knocked down, then only the number of scuttles knocked down are counted eg 3 knocked down then only 3 counts. A miss or a **Pike**, means that once you have 3 pikes, you're **Scuttled** and you're out of the competition.

The person who gets the exact finishing score, the **Scutlod**, wins, BUT it has to be an exact throw. eg if the **Scutter** is on 48 and 50 is the **Scutlod** then 2 has to be scored. If the **Scutter** throws and scores 10 then he scores 2 up to the **Scutlod** then 8 back to 42.

The **Scuthead** will be carrying a very large computer to assist him on this difficult task??!!

The winner will receive a bottle of unchilled fizz.

PS Beware anyone shouting out the wrong terminology!

Rob & Marion

Elm Tree Midweek Meander Tulip Route - Wednesday 17th August

Our 65th Midweek Meander starts from the Elm Tree pub in Beech Hill, RG7 2AZ. We will meet at the pub for coffee (free to all participants!) from 10 am then set off individually to follow a tulip route of approximately 50 miles through lovely countryside. This will bring us back to the pub in time for lunch at about 12.30 pm.



This is a route and event which was designed for us by Ian and Sue but due to unforeseen circumstances they have been unable to make the final plans or follow the route on the day.

However, they should be able to join us for lunch so I am sure they will look forward to hearing all about our exploits.

If you would like to participate in this event please contact Colin or Janet by Friday 5th August as the pub would like to have an idea of numbers. We will send you a copy of the tulip route a few days before the event and we will pre-order our food on the day.

Janet and Colin

Lunch Bunch Walk -Thursday 25 August 11am

Where: OX11 0QQ; What 3 Words <factored.evenly.mines>; OS ref. Explorer sheet 170 - SU4479 1874.

Harwell Campus meeting at the post office car park. From the A34 take the Harwell Campus and Wantage exit. Take the A4185 left to Wantage.

On reaching the Campus, continue past the small island (Fermi Avenue entrance), go past the next entrance (Thompson Avenue entrance), take the next entrance (left) Currie Avenue entrance, proceed to the shops and PO on the right.

Distance: under 4 miles; short woodland walk, mostly footpaths.

Food: Eating at "The Dish" Open air street food for excellent value. Nb. No cash taken, pay by card. See web site [Tuck Trucks](#) for a look at the menu. It is updated on a daily basis.

Dogs: fine on a lead and welcome at The Dish.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Fran

Picnic Lunch on Hungerford Common & Art Challenge – Sunday 4 September

Dear All,

I am inviting you to come to Hungerford Common on Sunday 4th September from 12.00, bring your own picnic and have fun drawing your MG! There is no need to have any experience or to be an artist, just bring your pencils or any painting set to do the art work. Bring something hard on which to lay your drawing paper, a seat or little table. All of us will be an artist for one day and if you never did any art, that will be a good chance to try. Personally I did drawings just at school and one hour with my daughter as activity for children's day. I hope to see you as many of you as possible for what will be fun day.

Jurgita

Cookery Competition – Club Night - 13th September 2022

After many years (I think 10) we are bringing back the cookery competition, and it has fallen to me To select 'Bake off 2022'. I love cheese scones but have yet to find one to tickle the taste buds, so be warned the successful cook may have to provide me with a lifelong supply of scones!!

So, there you have it

CHEESE SCONES

Any questions please contact me, Pauline Wiffin

UPDATES ON RECENT EVENTS

Gin Thursday!! - Newbury Races 7th July 2022

From one of the Horse's Mouth!

Some won, some broke even, some lost the kids inheritance! But it was an interesting and fun afternoon and evening – as long as you don't get too addicted! 12 Racegoers met with Jan who distributed tickets, entreating us not to lose them as they may be needed – they were not! and explained that Newbury Racecourse was cashless and the first stand we encountered to buy a race card demanded only cash - such is life! We made our way towards the stands etc and eventually into an extremely pleasant, congenial and convenient bar area, with Starbucks answer to MacDonalDs, and comfortable seats right by the window overlooking the whole racecourse and the finishing post, and in front of the huge



screen showing the progress of the races until they came thundering down the home straight into our easy view; and the paddock area on the other side to view our chosen horses and make sure they did actually have four legs! it was perfect.

We studied the race card and tipsters' suggestions from the newspaper and chose our runners, some being more discerning in their choice; some choosing by the name of the horse and colour of the silks – not to be advised!

Ordering food involved an interesting technical and nological experience – work that one out!! you may need extra technology!

However, it was a great outing, the sun shone, the sky was blue, the company most enjoyable. Perhaps, an event that could be repeated? so the uninitiated could become a little more cognisant with race procedure!

Thank you so much Jan, for suggesting such an outing and for making all the arrangements.

Trina

Newbury MGs go Horse Racing

Hey what a night Jan Cover chose to invite us all to go horse racing at the evening meeting at Newbury Racecourse, it was warm and sunny all evening. Some of us were heard to say that it was the first warm evening of the year, possibly true. Twelve of us met up in our best racing gear in the carpark. Naturally no- one knew where to go or what to do, but this was soon sorted with the help of the Stewards and we settled into the Premier Lounge with seats overlooking the course, which was brilliant for Geoff who was in his wheelchair. Drinks were obtained and some of us organised food,



we all chatted and studied the race card and began selecting our horses for the various races. The excitement built as the time for the first race came closer! Some of us went off to look at the horses in the parade ring others chose to bet with the Tote and some went to the on course bookmakers to try their luck with better odds. Not a lot of success was achieved in the first race but I believe Gordon did well, but played his cards close to his chest, he seemed to understand this racing game! Nicky was successful finding winners in the second and third races, amassing almost £40 in profit.

Time seemed to scurry by as we made our selections, went to place the bet, then down to the rail to watch the race, enjoying the horses thunder by, then celebrate or see our couple of quid disappear down the drain! It was a lot of fun and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening, all thanking Jan for organising the evening out, coupled with super weather.



just to finish off Nicky made a profit of £25 and I lost £10 and Trina didn't win a single race, she texted her son to say his inheritance had gone!! Did Gordon leave before the last race with an armed guard, Jen, having won a fortune, which he kept quiet about, who knows!!

Thank you Jan for a great night out. **Roger + Nicky**



Fish & Chips on Hungerford Common – Wednesday 20th July 2022



How can it be possible for us to have the best part of a month with dry days, reasonably warm evenings culminating in the heatwave with the highest temperature seen in England in our lifetime. So we decide to do a Fish & Chips evening and it chucks it down with rain 🌧️

Many thanks to the three people who pitched up to join us on the common to enjoy the excellent Fish & Chips. Peter, Jane and Paul ensured that we were only "Billy almost no Mates"

Hopefully all the other club members remained dry and warm, it was 17.5 degrees on the common.

On to the next Fish & Chip event hopefully we will select a better night!!

Roger + Nicky

