

Newbury



Owners Club 1023

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SECRETARY'S SUMMARY January 2023

I hope you have all had a great Christmas and perhaps even welcomed in the New Year by the time you read this. The highlight of our month has been our Christmas Dinner with most people opting for the classic Turkey and trimmings followed by Christmas pudding, although other options were available. For entertainment this year we engaged the services of Nick, a magician, who brought along a guillotine with which he used to chop up various vegetable to prove how effective it was!!! He then proceeded to attempt to chop of yours truly's left hand, the right still being needed to write this report. Fortunately, by means of some sort of prestidigitation my hand survived. He then entertained us at our tables by doing various tricks at close range. Amazing and great entertainment. Our raffle was also amazing in that we raised £170 to be given to a small charity Hope Now, that focuses its activities in Cherkassy in the Ukraine.

Our club night, following just a couple of days after our dinner, was low key just an enjoyable chat, wearing our naff Christmas pullovers.

Your committee has been busy over the last two or three months, putting together our 2023 programme, which you should find attached. If all goes well I think you should be able to automatically copy it into your electron diary if you have one (Colin recently sent you details of how to do this). Otherwise why not print it out and put it somewhere prominent. Many of the activities were ones that you suggested during our October Club Night for which we thank you. A big thank you also to Janet, who has worked hard to find organisers and ensure we have a good balance of activities. I think what you see attached is either her 7th or 8th iteration, as changes and corrections have been made.

Although these are our primary events, if inclination and weather suggest to anyone an off the cuff activity, please let us know. I seem to remember Jurgita's suggestion of a draw your car competition on Hungerford Common fell into this category, as did an Evening drive out to the Mayfly Pub that Roger and Nicky organised. Both very much enjoyed.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our club night Pasta Supper on the 9th January.

Kelvin

Newbury MGOC Diary 2023

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

January		
Mon 9 Jan	Club night – pasta supper	Committee
Thur 26 Jan	Lunch Bunch Walk 173	Trina
February		
Wed 8 Feb	Lunch at Newbury College Training Restaurant	David
Mon 13 Feb	Club Night	
Thur 23 Feb	Lunch Bunch Walk 174 - Welford Park snowdrops	Brian T
March		
Mon 13 Mar	Club Night – Talk by former Sheriff of Berkshire Dr Christina Hill Williams	Jan C & Trina
Wed 15 Mar	Oxford Bus Museum	Derek
Thur 23 Mar	Lunch Bunch Walk 175	Trina

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN JANUARY

Club Night Pasta Supper – Monday 9th January

Although a lot of people have already done so, we are extending our deadline by a day or two for signing up to our traditional New Year supper. It's on 9th January, our usual club night. The Bowlers Arms are offering us a Pasta Bolognese Bake with Garlic Bread and Salad – The cost will be £8 per person. If you want to come and haven't already paid, please transfer £8 per head into the club account as soon as you receive this newsletter.

Please let Jurgita know you have transferred the funds. If you want details of the clubs account or want to pay in a different way, contact Jurgita or Kelvin, our details are in the club's members list. You can also refer to the email I sent to all members on 27th December.

As usual if you haven't paid we won't order a meal, although of course you are still welcome to come for a drink and chat.

Kevin

Lunch Bunch Walk 173 - Thursday 26th January

Happy New Year - and I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas, not eating or drinking too much!!! (never! not a possibility at all!) Whatever, I do so hope you all enjoyed it in your own individual ways.

Now we need a walk to exercise rested limbs, and maybe counteract that little bit extra that may have crept on round the middle during the last week or two! So the next walk will start from Trina's (please check member's directory for address) where there is parking for 5 cars and the Church car park just 50yds. away which we can use. Please plan to meet at around 10:00 for a 10:30 start. We shall then continue on one of my Lockdown Rustic Rambles and there maybe a bit of Pavement Plod thrown in. There will be inclines, not too steep and should be manageable

(if I can do it then so should you!) and one stile. It will probably be muddy so boots and walking poles will help.

My intention is to lunch at the Pelican in Pamber Heath, which will mean a very short drive, but I have not yet made arrangements. I will do so ASAP and send out information forthwith.

I hope to see you – here!

AND, I need to appeal for more ideas and places for walks. I have February, April and May covered but I shall then have to resort to looking out past outings and resetting them so you don't recognise them!! But if there is a (not too long) walk tucked away in a boot just waiting for an airing the NMGOC is just the place to get it going. PLEASE, let me know if you can help! - look forward to hearing from you

Trina

EVENT TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN FEBRUARY

Newbury College Lunch – Wednesday 8th February

A booking has been made at the above for lunch on 8th February to which you are invited.

The College hosts periodic lunches when the food is prepared by catering students under the supervision of trained chefs. I have had previous experience of excellent lunches there.

The price has yet to be confirmed but is likely to be £20 or below for a three course lunch including one alcoholic or soft drink and tea or coffee.

Good chance to shake off the New Year blues!

Ample parking is available at the College. Meet in the college reception area at 12:00.

If you are interested, please contact me by 20th January. (email address at end of Members Address List).

David Griffiths