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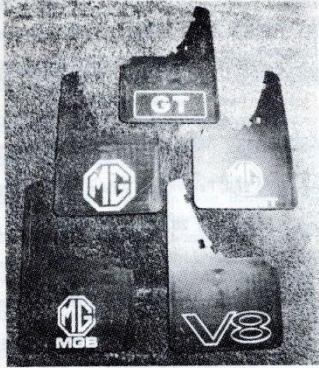
SECRETARY'S SUMMARY AUGUST 2024

The month's activities started off with a 70th birthday bash for Bella, a trusted friend for many years. Bella is Mike's MG and the celebration consisted of a coffee at Kimber House and a walk around the MG history gardens followed by a Tulip run to Nuffield House to enjoy a picnic and time together there. The club Night was just a chat and a drink, keeping warm and dry with good company in the Bowlers Arms while the weather did its worst outside. Andy and Angela organised a very pleasant Midweek Meander to the National Trust's Mottisfont Abbey near Romsey with a picnic lunch giving people the choice to visit the Abbey or wander in the beautiful gardens by the River Test. Finally, there was a Lunch Bunch Walk from the Horse and Groom at Mortimer through fields, wild meadows and woodland led by Brian.

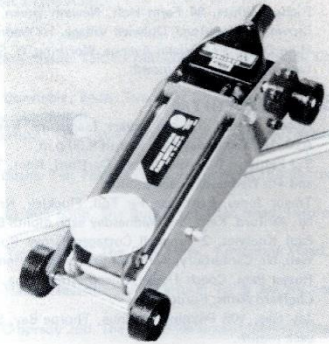
The MG100 South East celebration weekend in May has proven to be not only enjoyable for those taking part but also financially successful, making over £5500 profit. Since it was jointly organised by both the MG Owners Clubs and the MG Car Clubs in the South East, the funds are being split 50/50. There were four MGOCs that took part in helping to organise the event, including us, so we have been allocated £718.75 that will be paid into our funds. As we have a good working balance, the committee has agreed to split this 50/50 between our current charity, Myeloma UK and Prostrate Cancer UK. At least a couple of our members have had a brush with the latter in recent years and is likely to affect about 1 in 8 men at some point.

Many of you will see the special offers on spares in the MGOC magazine, "Enjoy MG", every month with everything from wiper blades to complete V8 engines. I was given a few old "Enjoying MG" magazines, mainly from 1981, and indeed they had special offers on spares in those days too. Just for fun, I have scanned the offers from June of that year, a little faded but still readable – enjoy "Enjoy MG".

SPECIAL OFFER CORNER



MG Mud Flaps. Various designs. £8.75 for 2 pairs or £4.75 for 1 pair including VAT and P&P.



New Trolley Jack. 1.35 tonnes. Due to popular demand we have this very good jack on offer. £33 inc. VAT & P&P.

HALOGEN HEADLIGHT CONVERSION KIT. For all MG's. Please state if your car has chrome or rubber bumpers when ordering. Made by WIPAC, very bright and simple to fit. Still only £15.00 per pair including VAT and P&P.

THE KENLOWE FAN. For only £37.10 incl. VAT and P&P. Retails at £43.64. Please state Model, Year of Car, and if Chrome or Rubber bumpered when ordering. Available for MGA, B, C and Midgets.



£37.10 including VAT and P&P.

INERTIA REEL SEAT BELTS for MGB/GT, MGC/GT, MG Midgets. **BE SAFE!** Use your seat belts. £33.00 per pair including VAT & P&P.

Tailored MG FLOOR MATS for Midgets. In dary grey sisal. MG logo is moulded into the heel pad of the drivers side. £12.50 including VAT and P&P.

TWIN AIR HORNS. Powerful air horns. £14.50 including VAT & P&P.

SPAX ADJUSTABLE TELESCOPIC SHOCK ABSORBER CONVERSION KITS. For MGB/GT, C/GT, and V8. Phone for details.

EXHAUSTS: Order Now To Beat Price Increase. Exhaust prices are still greatly reduced. See your exhaust price list and order form accompanying this magazine.

To order: Enclose a cheque or postal order and send to: **MG Owners' Club, 13 Church End, Over, Cambridge, CB4 5NH.**

Access & Barclaycard orders accepted by telephone. Tel: Swavesey (0954) 31318.

Newbury MGOC Diary 2024

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

Date	Event	Organiser
August		
Fri 2 Aug	Evening Drive out - The Bush Inn Ovington, Alresford	Brian T
Fri 16 Aug	Great Chalfield Manor Picnic	Janet
Mon 12 Aug	Club Night - Drive village to village – treasure hunt on foot in village	
Thu 22 Aug	Lunch Bunch Walk 191	Richard & Jenny
September		
Fixed date	Date and Activity to be decided	Richard & Jenny
Mon 9 Sep	Club Night - Beetle Drive / Celebrate Barry & Penny's Diamond Wedding Anniversary	Trina
18 to 23 Sep	Isle of Man Trip	Kelvin
Thu 26 Sep	Lunch Bunch Walk 192	Trina

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN AUGUST

EVENING RUN OUT TO THE BUSH INN, ALRESFORD – FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST

A pleasant drive of around 45mins from Newbury, The Bush is a C17th former coaching inn in the South Downs National Park, beside the River Itchen. Recommended by other club members, it has good ambience, good food and used to classic car meets.

Make your own way there for drinks and/or dinner. (7.00-7.15pm). If you are planning to eat, the Inn doesn't need any food pre-orders so look forward to seeing you there.

Brian

GREAT CHALFIELD MANOR – FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST

Please see the July newsletter for full details of this visit.

A number of members have already notified me of their intention to attend and paid the fee for the tour. Would all others planning to join us please send their money to the club account and get in touch with me by Sunday 4th August. I will then be able to confirm numbers with Great Chalfield Manor and get back to you with any specific arrangements.

Any questions do get in touch.

Janet

LUNCH BUNCH WALK 191 – THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST

A welcome return for the August Walk to The Bell, Aldworth, RG8 9SE. A Grade 2 listed building, famous for its range of beers and substantial filled rolls. You won't go hungry! Meet by 10.15am for a 10.30am set off after choosing rolls of choice. Inside if wet but otherwise in their garden. There is parking in the field behind the pub.

There will be 2 walks, a short stroll and Church visit led by Jenny and a scenic longer walk by Richard.

It will help us to know if you intend to come. Just mail r.g.ainsworth@outlook.com

See you there!

Richard & Jenny



UPDATE ON RECENT EVENTS

BELLA'S 70TH BIRTHDAY PICNIC RUN – SUNDAY 7TH JULY



One week into July, and a new government, we should at least expect a change in the weather, but it did not look promising. Despite grey clouds drifting above, and no brightness looking north towards Abingdon, we set off hopefully with roof folded away. Within two miles the M4 underpass provided shelter whilst the roof was erected. The RV8 mechanism is much quicker than the camping experience of an MGB, but not as easy as our later MGF.

At Kimber House the staff of the MGCC were very hospitable, and after a welcome cup of coffee my optimism spurred a roof lowering. With my twelve year old grandson navigating for the first time, we barely left the town before the sky opened and another emergency halt. Rejoining the route the off-side wiper rubber split, but luckily the rain was so heavy that wipers were unnecessary. Thanks to Mike's clear directions, my trainee navigator performed faultlessly in

these difficult conditions and we arrived safely at Nuffield Place, only to be informed that my lights were also not working! A mounting list of things to do.

Tiny ten inch blades for the RV8 are difficult to trace, but after a search on the internet the items were purchased and prompt delivery assured. Within days, a very large box appeared on the doorstep, surely not the replacement wiper blades.



Derek

PICNIC AT MOTTISFONT ABBEY – WEDNESDAY 17TH JULY



Angela and Andy's prayers were answered and we had a fine day for the trip to Mottisfont, where we formed the familiar MG circle in the beautiful grounds of this magical place. Nicky and I were last to arrive, but despite being last we were just within the planned arrival time of 11.30 by five minutes. Andy had been abandoned by the rest of our friends and kindly waited to guide us to the picnic location. By the time we were settled Peter & Liz persuaded Tony that he was hungry and at 11.55 the picnic started and all sixteen of us

could be seen happily munching.

Derek & Anne were the first to break ranks and set off to explore the National Trust grounds and gradually we all packed up chairs etc. and made our separate ways to either walk by the river, visit the Abbey along with the walled rose garden, where the roses are now past their best for this year. Tony was still hungry so he and Eileen accompanied by Peter & Liz along with Peter W & Avril were seen sitting at a table in the garden taking tea. The rest of us made our separate ways to enjoy the attractions on offer. It was interesting how often our paths crossed as we wandered around catching glimpses of fellow MGers. The lure of the café was too much for Nicky & I as we completed our riverside walk, so we had a "shared" cream tea sat in the gardens on a simply glorious afternoon in the warm



sunshine. When we left at 3.45 only two MGs were remaining in the carpark. Our route home was enjoyable travelling on minor roads all the way via Stockbridge, Chilbolton, Long Parish and Hurstbourne Tarrant. An excellent day out organised by Angela & Andy. I'm sure you will all join me in thanking them both for organising and sorting out the weather as well.



Roger & Nicky

LUNCH BUNCH WALK 190 – THURSDAY 25th JULY

A return to Mortimer for an interesting walk led by Brian. The Village has a rich history going back to Saxon times and beyond but also more reminders of recent times gone by illustrated by the old Workhouse which we passed on the way back to the pub.

Starting from the playing fields opposite the Horse and Groom pub our walk was just about 4 miles, with a shorter alternative at the end which a few took. For those of us who do not know Mortimer we discovered glorious countryside taking in fields, wild meadows and woodland. At one point we came across the Babbling Brook and optional swing which of course had to be tried out by Trina. Peter aided by Toby, or the other way round checked out the water quality but didn't stay long.



Although the weather was a bit grey and damp at times, it was warm and after a good workout amongst friends we arrived back at the Pub being joined by Sue and Ian for a relaxed and enjoyable meal, regaled by Mike's story of dropping his shorts. For full details ask Carol.

So, thanks go to Brian for organising the walk and to those who turned out in support

Jenny & Richard

BLAST FROM THE PAST - 2019

Duck Racing competition at Diple Mill.



Proud
champion
Trina.



Roger & Nicky