

Newbury



Owners Club 1023

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SECRETARY'S SUMMARY DECEMBER 2024

Roger and Nicky took the opportunity to watch the Annual London to Brighton Veteran Car Run on Sunday 2nd from their favourite viewing point where the run deviates off the A23 near Handscross.



We enjoyed doing the same last year but were driving our MGB to Mani in the Greek Peloponnese and back with our friends Mark and Maureen via Venice and Lake Maggiore with the only impediment being a puncture. We covered just under 2,700 miles with a few snippets posted on the club WhatsApp site.

Judith filled two exercise books writing a travel log so perhaps we will do a proper write-up of the highlights of the trip in due course, but a couple of photos are here to whet your appetite.



Our club night was our November regular quiz night ably run by Roger and Nikky. Thank you Pauline for all the previous years you have run it. There were three rounds each with a different topic, one focused on English counties that was more challenging than we expected. You will find a separate write-up later. Unfortunately our planned Lunch Bunch walk was cancelled due to flooding and very wet conditions.

This will be my penultimate secretary's newsletter as Paul will be taking over from me in the New Year. In order to give him a flying start the committee have been working hard on planning next year's events based on members' input from the October club meeting. The summer is looking quite busy while as usual the month or two either side of Christmas are quieter. A big thanks to everyone who has contributed, we will be publishing it shortly. Other clubs are obviously doing the same as I have received many fliers to join events they are organising next year. I will put them out for you to see at our next meeting. Only one is included here as we all enjoyed joining Winchester MGOC's Cobweb Spin early this year, so plan to also join them at the Dorset Heavy Horse Farm as our Shake Down Run. I know many of you have already signed up

and I am told there are still places, but it is about to be advertised in Enjoy MG when it is expected to fill up quickly.

I am sure we are all looking forward to our Annual Christmas Party in a couple of weeks.

Kevin

Newbury MGOc Diary 2024/2025

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

Date	Event	Organiser
December		
Mon 9 Dec	Club Night – Chat and Naff Christmas Pullovers	All
Sat 14 Dec	Christmas Dinner	All
January 2025		
Mon 13 Jan	Club Night – Pasta Bake	Trina

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN DECEMBER

CLUB NIGHT – MONDAY 9 DECEMBER

As it states above, a general chat, but look forward to you getting that Naff Christmas jumper out for the evening.

CHRISTMAS DINNER – SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER THE BOWLERS ARMS

Just a quick reminder to those who are coming to our Christmas Dinner This year - there are 31 Club members attending. So please arrive 7.00.pm. for 7.30.pm. First drink on the Club.

See you there.

Trina

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN JANUARY

JANUARY CLUB NIGHT – MONDAY 13TH JANUARY 2025

As has been our tradition for 'years' our first meeting of the year has been 'Lasagne Night'. This has now transformed into 'Pasta Night' and again we shall be indulging in a Pasta supper at the Bowler's Arms.

The menu this year is:

*Mediterranean chicken pasta bake in a tomato and herb sauce
or*

*Roasted vegetable pasta in tomato and herb sauce
including salad and garlic bread*

Other dietary requirements can be accommodated on request.

Cost to members is £2.50, due to Colin and Janet celebrating a special birthday in Mauritius. Colin and Janet would very much like to extend this celebration to club members by offering to contribute £5 towards everyone's Pasta Bake meal, and the Club contributing £2.50 per head. Thank you Colin and Janet, that is very generous of you.

This means that if you want to enjoy this meal, you will only need to send £2.50 per head to Jurgita and let Trina know to put you on the list. As in previous years, if your name is not on the list, sorry but we will not have ordered you a meal.

Trina

UPDATE ON RECENT EVENTS

QUIZ NIGHT - MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER

Yippee was the cry heard all around Newbury and the surrounding area on the 11th November, as the members of Newbury MGOC realised that it was the night of the annual jamboree which is Quiz Night. It's without doubt one of the highlights of the year!

This year Pauline, who has ably run the event for 10 years, has retired and handed the mantel back to me. Some responsibility taking over from such a brilliant Quiz Master, here goes! Shall we



try and change it around a little but not too much as we don't want to confuse the contestants! So the old rules still apply, you can't be in the same team as the person you came with and the teams have to balance with roughly the same number of people per team. So far so good, the teams were sorted. Now the second rule was explained. The quizmaster me is

right even if I'm wrong! This was received with the normal amount of derision, but was agreed. We are ready to start and Phil and Karen arrive. We can fit them into two of the teams, which meant that the teams now contained the same number of people in each team, brilliant. Now a slight change, we will have three rounds but Round Three will be the first round but the answers will be marked last. The other two rounds will be General Knowledge. Confusing for all, but for me and Nicky, the scorer.

OK let's go - the papers were handed out and all became clear, the teams had to identify the names of the 47 counties of England, having been given the clue of the first letter. Lots of different approaches were adopted; some started in the North some from the South some from



the South West with others trying the alphabetic approach. Fifteen minutes were allowed before the questions for General Knowledge Round Two were distributed, Round Three could still be worked on. Here there were twenty questions on a variety of subjects some with multi choice answers, 15 minutes were allowed before the marking started. There was no clear leader after Round One. An Interval was offered to refresh glasses at the bar before Round Two commenced with a further 20 question. One question was a master piece in this section. It was the phrases of the Church Wedding Vows jumbled up and had to be put in the correct order!!

A) in sickness and in health B) for better for worse. C) till death us do part D) to have and to hold E) from this day forward F) for richer for poorer G) to love and to cherish Easy when you remember that great day ?? years ago!

Just before 9.30 the quiz had ended and marked with the usual amount of banter and abuse directed at the quizmaster, these were batted off with the reminder of the rules, the marks for Round Three were entered, so it was results time. Fortunately for the scorer there was a clear winner. The accolade for Champions in 2024 was presented to The MG Misfits. Congratulations to Judith, Alison, Sue, Ian and Barry, It was chocolates all round.



Thanks to everyone who took part, it was a fun evening. Shall we do it again in 2025?

Roger and Nicky

LUNCH BUNCH WALK 194 – THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER (CANCELLED)

The trip was firmly in the Diary and we had planned to visit Littlecote House and go to the Bell at Ramsbury, as we were not doing the Riverside walk to the pub anyway, the cancelation of the trip was we thought unnecessary as there was plenty to see at the house now a Warners Hotel, the Roman Mosaics and walking in the grounds, followed by a nice lunch at the Bell.

The weather was fine and sunny with an early frost, the rain had passed over for a couple of days at least. The Roman Mosaics from a temple dedicated to Orpheus beautifully restored and now under cover, the Temple as started in AD 80 and extended over the next 200 years of the Roman occupation. Many other buildings have been uncovered including villas with under floor heating! The whole area well worth a visit with Car parking a few hundred yards away

Our visit to the House followed, rather unusually for a Hotel most of the Tudor house is open, with rooms probably used by Henry VIII during his courtship of Anne Boleyn, Annes home Wolfhall, now very well known from the books, was only a few miles away near Crofton. Many of the rooms have been well restored and the used lounges for the Hotel guests which seemed to work well. The Haunted bedroom could be visited as well as the Long Gallery now used for bowling !

An area of interest for many visitors will be the American Air Forces Museum showing the many airfield bases along the Thames Valley where up to a hundred thousand troops were stationed leading up to D Day, there is a cafe where outside visitors can get coffee and cakes

There is much to see here and a couple of hours we spent was very worthwhile, the gardens, park and grounds are extensive, the whole site could be a future visit for the Club.

We moved on, a ten minute drive to the Bell Pub, although its more of a Restaurant, we were unable to book a table as they had a large party booked In, so we were seated in the Cafe area menu was similar to most these days, prices a bit higher than a pub, but just affordable for pensioners. The cafe passed my test on quality of Bread Pudding which was excellent and passed the Fish and Chips test.

We had a lovely, interesting and sunny day! and did not even get our feet wet. Thanks to Richard and Peter for their original suggestion, which we may not have thought of otherwise.

Barry, Penny, Eileen and Tony

OTHER MATTERS

COBWEB SPIN 2025

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INCORPORATING "DRIVE IT DAY"
SUNDAY 27TH APRIL
Dorset Heavy Horse Farm Park, Edmondsham Road,
Verwood. BH21 5RJ
11am to 4pm

Horsepower meets combustion power.

- Special entry price of £14 per person (no concessions).
- Limited to 300 people on site for the day.
- Plenty to see and do.
- Café available and seating for picnics.
- Complimentary goody bag per car entry.
- Free raffle subject to t&c's.
- No time restrictions to when you can leave.
- Pre booking essential. Book early to secure your place.
- Contact stevenfavell@btinternet.com for your entry form.
- **Closing date for entries 23/3/2025.**
- Supported by insurance provider :

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Apart from Steve Favell, you can also get an application form from Kelvin and there will be some available during our club nights and Christmas dinner.

MG CST 2025

Roger and Nicky are attending the charitable event below, which is a few months away. An email was sent recently, to see if any of our members were interested in attending. All the booking details are included below.



MG CST 2025

Mini-Reunion for Some!



In aid of Helping Homeless Veterans UK

YES!

You read that right; it's back, just this once 😊

You and MG Car, Friends, Family and all Classic Car enthusiasts are invited to experience another fun-filled weekend!

MG Owners Club Southern Regional Secretaries, Tim Hipwell and Nigel Knowles, cordially invite you to come and join us at the famous home of **To the Manor Born**, the Warner Cricket St Thomas Hotel, near the historic town of Chard, Somerset

Friday 23rd to Monday 26th May 2025

Quality, comfortable accommodation, access to leisure facilities, a host of activities, AND at a fantastic, discounted price! This special weekend of treats has been arranged for your enjoyment. Do as much - or as little - as you want.

A long relaxing weekend, with a huge programme of events laid on for you!

- First Night Bucks Fizz Reception
- Comfortable ensuite accommodation
- Full English or Continental Style Breakfast
- 3-Course Evening Dinner Fri/Saturday
- 'Dress For Dinner' Sunday (Black Tie optional)
- Fundraising Raffle
- Road Run Mystery Tours
- Fitness Centre, Swimming Pool
- Spa & Beauty Treatments
- Petanque (Boules) competition
- Welly Wanging competition
- Archery & Rifle Shooting
- Music, Live Band, Showtime
- Treasure Hunt

Only £269 p/person (Standard Room): £294 p/person (Signature Room).

Prices quoted are for two sharing a Walled Garden Room, Single Rooms Available.

Additional charge for Courtyard Rooms and those with Patios. Upgrades to Royale and Historic Rooms also available. Specific room number/location can be requested (and reserved), subject to availability. Please contact Sue with all requests (NOT Warners).

Deposit: £20 per room to secure booking. Balance due 20th February 2025.

Payable direct to Warner Hotels*

Enquiries and Full Details on How to Book available from:

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