

Newbury



Owners Club 1023

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SECRETARY'S SUMMARY JANUARY 2025

Handover Newsletter

This is a bitter sweet, newsletter to write, as you all know I am handing over secretaryship to Paul Atkin as we transition from 2024 to 2025. I have thoroughly enjoyed being secretary over the last 4 years including the challenges over the Covid period and arranging a couple of trips to France and the Isle of Man. Looking back I have realised that I have been leading/arranging/organising things more or less since I was about 17 year old starting with a scout troop, various teams at work including in 4 different countries and significant responsibilities at various churches. 2025 is a significant year for Judith and me, with my 75 birthday our Golden Anniversary as well as Genny our MG being 50 (Yes, she was citron yellow with a rubber bumper according to her heritage certificate). We have a couple of major celebrations arranged and several smaller ones in the offing, hence we are both stepping back from various responsibilities for the time being. Of course we are not leaving Newbury MGOC so are looking forward to enjoying everyone's company on many more adventures.



In the meantime I want to sincerely thank everyone for all your fantastic support and delightful company over the last few years. It has been a real privilege.

As I handover to Paul I was keen to give him a flying start, so with the committee and members support we have a pretty full programme for 2025 as one year slides into the next. He will introduce himself to you in next month's letter.

Kelvin

Newbury MGOC Diary 2025

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

Date	Event	Organiser
January		
Mon 13 Jan	Club Night Pasta Bake	Trina
February		
Mon 10Feb	Club Night - Chat	All
Sat 22 nd Feb	The Living Rain Forest	All
March		
Fri 1st Mar*	Breakfast meet up date to be announced at short notice	Roger
Mon 10 Mar	Club Night – Shove MG	Kelvin
Thu 13 th Mar	Army Flying Museum - Middle Wallop – meet there at 10:30	Peter & Liz

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN JANUARY

JANUARY CLUB NIGHT – MONDAY 13TH JANUARY 2025

Our first Club night of the year is now traditionally our Pasta Night. 36 members have signed up and paid, and are on THE LIST!! But if your name is not on THE LIST do still come along and have a New Year's drink with us – and you may be able to inveigle the kitchen into some pasta!

Look forward to seeing you all there.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Trina

LUNCH BUNCH WALKS

My lips are sealed - but officially there is no walk in January or February.

Trina

UPDATE ON RECENT EVENTS

CHRISTMAS DINNER – SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER

Its Christmas time again and the annual celebration for our club members took place at the Falklands Cricket Club brilliantly organised by Trina and a willing band of volunteers drawn from the committee. Thirty one people attended this year and were greeted by Kelvin and Paul Atkin as we entered the Club, with Paul handing out the complimentary Drinks Vouchers. So we all headed to the bar to spend them! There was a lot of milling about while locating our tables via the seating plan and handing out Christmas cards, so much more efficient and cheaper than via the Post Office! It was also a good time to purchase raffle tickets in aid of the Club's chosen charity for 2024, Myeloma UK in memory of Andy. The raffle was efficiently organised by Pauline, who was sat at her table surrounded by the prizes donated generously by members.

Food is served was the call from Trina and the first course swiftly arrived. Members discover a table quiz supplied by me to be completed during the meal. A relatively simple competition providing you could think "outside the box" to crack the clues and then identify the supercar manufactures. Cheating was permitted to help in identifying the C listed celebrity based clues; some resorted to phones, not easy! Others enlisted the help of the waiting staff who joined in with enthusiasm. Main course soon arrived and yes traditional Christmas fair was back on the menu by popular request.

The answers to the table quiz were announced amidst lots of banter directed at the organiser! Then laughter was the order of the day as we played the very entertaining game of "Lefty – Righty" It was great fun and quite exhausting as we desperately tried to keep up. There were no winners, it was just great fun. Then came the raffle. Derek had the first ticket out of the hat and came back to his table clutching a litre bottle of Whiskey. Most people managed to walk off with a prize; ours was a bottle of Prosecco. Kelvin rose to his feet and thanked the Cricket Club staff for their efficient service during the evening; he also thanked Trina for her input to the successful evening along with Pauline selling the raffle tickets, which brought in £135 and which the Club will donate to the above charity. Then the ceremony of the passing of the symbol of responsibility for our Club, the "iconic" MG Horn, was presented to Paul Aktin, who has generously volunteered to run our Club from January 2025. Paul Owen then thanked Kelvin and Judith for all their efforts on our behalf during their period in charge; this was endorsed by all of us. The successful evening wrapped up at 10.30.



Roger

Boxing Day in Abingdon

The last MG event of the year was the meet up in the square at Abingdon. This year's turnout was excellent, approximately 55 cars were packed into the area and made a great sight. The cars ranged from the earliest an 89 year old 1935 MG PA type to a top of the range fully loaded MG Cyberster of 2024. There were lots of people there who were not accompanied by their cars as they were off the road for repairs or



were on SORN for the winter, Nicky and I fell in the to the latter category. Mike and Carol braved the weather conditions and displayed their 1954 MGTF.



After wandering around chatting to other owners for about an hour we all met up again and enjoyed a coffee and mince pies in one of the coffee houses, who open specifically for the gathering situated around the square, while reminiscing about the year passing and begin to make plans for 2025. Naturally there was lots of banter and laughter to enjoy. Carol's start to Christmas at 4 a.m. in the morning was a great story! Ask her about it if you are brave enough!



It was an excellent morning which we finished off by a splendid drive home via Wantage over the open countryside back to Newbury. It's on again in 2025 put it in your diary perhaps.

The first meet up of 2025 is on the first day of 2025 at the Phoenix Pub in Hartley Wintney on the A30. Amazing eclectic mix of cars arrive and park all over the place making a great display to enjoy. A number of our members who can get up after seeing in the New Year arrive and enjoy the occasion.

Roger & Nicky