

Newbury



Owners Club 1023

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SECRETARY'S SUMMARY APRIL 2025

We are sorry but due to unforeseen circumstances, our Secretary is unable to write his summary this month.

Newbury MGOC Diary 2025

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

Date	Event	Organiser
April		
Mon 14 Apr	Club Night - Cake competition Night	Trina
Thu 24 Apr	Lunch Bunch	Trina
Fri 25 Apr	Breakfast meeting	Roger
Sun 27 April	Shake Down /Cobweb Run – Winchester MGOC - Dorset Heavy Horse Farm	All
May		
Thu 1 May*	Drive out to Lasham –viewing. Gliding by personal arrangement Sunday (date to be decided) Tulip run From the Woodpecker??	Brian Ian & Sue
Mon 5 May	Hungerford Rotary Classic Car show	Paul Owen
Mon 12 May	Club Night – illustrated talk of a historic post card collection – Jonathan Edwards	Kelvin
Thu 15 May	Afternoon Drive to The Chocolate Frog - Alton	Roger
Thu 22 May	^Lunch Bunch Walk	Trina
Sat 31 May	Pangbourne Car show	Tom Cheney

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN APRIL

CLUB NIGHT – MONDAY 14TH APRIL

How are your Flapjacks ?? Are they crispy and tasty or flat and droopy. Well, let the Newbury MG Owners Club decide! Get out your best Flapjack recipe and bake. Bring them to the next Club Night - Monday 14th April - at the Bowler's Arms and let the experts decide. Trophy for the Star Baker!!

We haven't had cookery competition for a few years so let get baking!!

Trina

LUNCH BUNCH WALK -THURSDAY 24TH APRIL

The next Lunch bunch Walk is due on Thursday 24th April. However, because the weather lately has not been conducive to long walks (and the lack of walk leaders!) it has been decided that we should, occasionally, delete the final word from the title and simply have a LUNCH Bunch!

Therefore, a table has been booked for Thursday 24th April 2025 at 12 Noon, at the Angel in Woolhampton – on the A 4.

Have you decided to come, and what you would like to eat? I hope you received the e-mail on this subject! I need your decision by Club night, 14th April, so I can let the Angel know in good time and our lunch can be relaxed on all sides.

Trina

COBWEB SPIN (INC DRIVE-IT DAY) – SUNDAY 27TH APRIL

The Cobweb Spin has been arranged by Winchester MG Owners Club and the venue is the Dorset Heavy Horse Farm Park (DHHFP), Edmondsham Road Verwood BH21 5RJ. The information and entry forms are in previous newsletters if you are now able to attend.

UPDATE ON RECENT EVENTS

NEWBURY COLLEGE LUNCH

24 of us had a splendid treat a couple of Fridays ago - lunch at Newbury College!

Awesome food, superbly cooked, beautifully presented and served with aplomb by the students at Newbury College – real Silver Service. We had the Restaurant to ourselves so we could make as much noise as possible – which we did! We had immediate attention from the waiters in their black tie and waistcoat – even the girls - and a lunch to remember. We had a wine to start with, to tempt our taste buds (a drink which, I think, lasted the meal – we are drivers!!); interesting starters; a main course, for some, to remind us of past times - Irish Stew; and delicious desserts and coffee to round it all off! All for a price of £21.95 (although I understand the price has now increased) A fantastic bonus to those of us who have to cook – we didn't have to on that day.

We have been before and it has been equally excellent and I do hope we shall go again.

Join us for a real lunchtime treat.

Thank you, Janet for arranging this event, especially when I don't think it was a 'piece of cake' and you were preparing for a special holiday to celebrate a special birthday.

Happy Birthday Janet (a little belatedly!!)

Trina

ARMY FLYING MUSEUM 13th MARCH

Five couples joined organisers Pete and Liz Derbyshire on our first club outing of the year. It was a number of years since we had visited and a lot has changed with considerably more Helicopters and information boards with loads of fascinating reading and viewing for us. There are a number of interactive displays tracking the development of the Army Flying Corps since its inception.

Naturally we stopped for lunch in the cafe where we tucked into an interesting choice of food. Sitting on the two tables reserved for us we put the world to rights. Some had to go following lunch, those who remained returned to the museum to explore more.



One display that fascinated Nicky and I featured the Apache Helicopter, which was particularly impressive as it covered so many aspects of this incredible war machine. It detailed the fire power, navigation capabilities, speed and range along with the amazing technology built into the design. This certainly highlights the

development of this type of aircraft since its introduction into Army



use in 1942. They were not used in World War 2 as fighting units but proved adept in the rescue role for shot down pilots. Since then they have proved to be formidable weapons particularly in Burma and Vietnam, the interactive Apache demonstrates this brilliantly.



It proved to be a fascinating day out, thanks go to Pete and Liz for putting the event on for us all to enjoy.

Roger and Nicky

BREAKFAST MEET UP

We had our first Breakfast meet up on Friday 21st March at Hilliers Garden Centre in Hermitage It was great to see such good support on the day, when 12 people turned up at around 10.30. Along with Nicky and I were Ian, Sue, Colin, Janet, Chris P, Mike, Ian, Lorna, Bob and Carolyn. Some of us tucked into the full English, others got stuck into a lump of cake and some only had a coffee and a chat. Bob certainly enjoyed his 10 items for £9.99: it was great to see him looking so well (see picture). We had a number of people who kindly dropped me a note to say that they were busy with other activities, which is understandable as we all lead busy lives.



How about doing it again? Let's say FRIDAY same time 10.15, 25th APRIL same place. We hope you can join us.

Roger and Nicky

MARCH LUNCH BUNCH WALK

Hungerford was the destination for the first lunch bunch walk of the year. It was great to have a really good turnout, 17 of us in total. Starting and finishing at the Bear Hotel in Hungerford we joined the Canal by the Tutti Pole Café and walked along to Marsh Lock. Always plenty to look at along the canal which luckily was pretty firm underfoot. From there across the meadow to walk up into the High Street. At that moment we diverged, a coffee and a browse around the shops for some whilst the rest walked onto the Common across to Dun Mill. Back along the towpath past a few Narrow Boats and the trout fishery to the Bear for lunch.

A relaxing and enjoyable way to spend a morning. Thanks to everyone for joining us.

Jenny and Richard



FORTHCOMING EVENTS & EVENTS OF INTEREST

Ramble to Hambledon – Sunday 18 May

You will probably have seen that Sue and I are planning a run in May starting at the Woodpecker in Wash Water. Our “Ramble to Hambledon”. We planned to programme this run to coincide with the annual Jaguar Enthusiast’s Sports Car Day on Sunday 18th May which they hold on the local sports field. They welcome all makes of classics and the cricket pavilion is usually open for those connoisseurs of lovely cake and tea.

The lovely village will take you back in time which has been featured in many TV shows and films, namely Poirot and Midsomer Murders.

Further details will be included in the newsletter nearer the time.

Ian & Sue

A Golden Couple

This year not only marked our 50th Wedding Anniversary but also Brian and Sue’s and Kelvin and Judith’s 50th as well.

Kelvin and Judith celebrated theirs at the Queen’s Arms Lodge, East Garston on Saturday 22nd March.

In view of this shared milestone Kelvin and Judith kindly invited both us and Brian and Sue to join them, and all their friends and family at The Lodge where we sat down to a wonderful three course lunch.

Congratulations to both couples on reaching this milestone – and thank you to Kelvin and Judith for a memorable day

Ian & Sue

