

# Newbury



# Owners Club 1023

## NEWSLETTER NO. 371 – August 2025

### SECRETARY'S SUMMARY AUGUST 2025

Here we are in July.

Good to see all the reports in last months news, very interesting indeed, specially the trip in Genny part 2.

The sun carries on shining and many of us are away on holiday. This includes me and Alison.

As promised a report on the Yattendon show. This was well arranged and

gets better every year well done to the organisers. We had a really nice pitch and were joined by many MGBs and a beautiful MGC. This lovely example was admired by all hat passed, and discussions were plenty.



Also a single MG R as pictures show. I would have liked to do a time line old to new however older models were unable to come sadly perhaps next year? All had a nice picnic lunch chatting about different topics. There were a few members at the show I had not had the pleasure of meeting before, it was very nice to meet and see you all.

There was a couple of interested new members who took new members packs, hope to process these in the near future.

The show was a record event with over 800 vehicles of all types attending in the bright sunshine. It took a long time to look at the different makes and models, temperature was well above 30 degrees and shelter was hard to find. However all enjoyed the event as pictures show.

Last club night was well attended and a general chat was had by all discussing many different topics.

On a different note as my email sent to all, we are sadly searching for a new treasurer. If you can help with this please inform one of the committee members.

*Paul*

## Newbury MGOC Diary 2025

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

Date	Event	Organiser
<b>AUGUST</b>		
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Club Night _ Chat	
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	RAF Benson Family Day	Carol
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Lunch Bunch Walk	Barry & Penny
September		
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Fishbourne Roman Palace and Bosham drive out	Brian
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Club Night	All
Thu 25 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Lunch Bunch Walk	Andy & Angela

## EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN AUGUST

### **CLUB NIGHT – MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 7.30PM – GENERAL CHAT**

Club night this month will be a general chat, looking forward to seeing you there.

### **RAF BENSON FAMILY DAY – THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

I have had interest from 3 members, and I have sent details of the cars to the organiser, I am awaiting confirmation of entry details and will forward these as soon as I have them. The Car Club are also attending this event, and I have asked that we park all the MGs together.

*Carol*

### **LUNCH BUNCH WALK -THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

Riverside Ramble and Lunch at Abbots Mitre, Chilbolton.

We have arranged a fairly short walk (about One and a quarter miles ) from the popular and often visited Abbots Mitre Pub at Chilbolton South of Andover post code SO20 6BA, the

picturesque village lies in the Test Valley and our walk will take us across the Common Nature Reserve (dogs welcome but under control as there are usually cattle grazing).

The Common here has up to 265 native plants, Kingfishers and Herons can often be spotted, the River Test here has some of the best Trout Chalk stream fishing in the country as it meanders 40 miles onto Southampton.

The walk is level on made paths with no styles and starts opposite the pub, where we can safely park our cars, toilets will be available on arrival at the pub. We expect to leave at 11.00 and return for 12.30 Lunch. The Pub requests pre-orders upon arrival from 10.30.

If you have any queries or want to book please contact Trina or Barry and Penny Grimes the organisers. Thanks.

*Barry and Penny*

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### FISHBOURNE ROMAN PALACE AND BOSHAM DRIVE OUT – THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

I am organising a run to Fishbourne Roman Palace near Chichester, PO19 3QR on 4<sup>th</sup> September. The plan is to meet around 10.30am, the run is about 3+ hours from Newbury, entry is £13 pp. Make your own way to Fishbourne,

For those who wish, we then plan to go to Bosham for lunch.

*Brian*

### WASH COMMON COMMUNITY FESTIVAL – SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER



We have been asked if the club could join a classic car display at this festival and the committee has said they would like to do this. The show is at the Falkland Cricket Club where we have our monthly meetings so it is nice that we have become part of the community by doing this. The show will include traditional elements such as bakery and garden produce competitions (you may wish to enter those too!) plus a variety of live bands, free bouncy castle (for children!), community stalls, beer tent, barbecue, homemade cakes for sale, etc.

The show is 1:00-5:00, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September. The request is for cars have to arrive between 12:00 and 12:55 and leave after 5:00.

The organisers are not too bothered about getting exact numbers of cars but I think it would be useful if you could just drop me a line if you think you may be able to attend.

Sounds like a pleasant way to spend a Saturday afternoon and a chance to give a little back to the Wash Common community.

*Janet*

## UPDATE ON RECENT EVENTS

### BRIAN HAY MEMORIAN RUN TO STOURHEAD – SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY

‘This is quite exciting’ said Colin as he packed the MG on an overcast but fine Sunday morning. We were about to set off on a tulip route to Stourhead which, in its original form, had been devised by Brian Hay some years ago. We were also adding on a short individual MG tour of Dorset which had added to the excitement. (We have not done many long runs in the MG this year!)

Brian’s route took in some scenic sideroads and had been over 90 miles long but Roger and Nicky must have done a lot of work to shorten it to 57 miles which they felt would be more attractive to today’s club members. It was therefore a little sad to find only a handful of club members joining the run but I know that a number of people would have liked to be there but just couldn’t make it due to other responsibilities.

Memorable parts of the route:

- Upavon - because a man leaned out of his car window and said admiringly ‘Very nice.’ I think he was talking about the car!
- An exciting section though tank crossings where the red flag was flying - we escaped unscathed.
- Larkhill - which always makes me think with gratitude of other people who lead very different lives on our behalf.
- A village I won’t name which seemed to be completely lacking in civic pride of any kind. There being no pavement here we started a short convoy behind a lady on a mobility scooter so we had plenty of time to take in the gloom.
- A section described on the route as a glorious section of 8 miles over Salisbury Plain - it was indeed!



Eventually arriving at Stourhead we consulted the extremely detailed artwork which Roger or Nicky had produced of the car park and joined those already assembled for a traditional picnic circle.

As always this was a very pleasant way of spending a Sunday hour or two (despite the wasps who very keen to join the gathering)



The majority of the group then meandered around the lake admiring the scenery and enjoying the banter as we went. We dispersed late afternoon so we could go our various ways to crown a lovely day with an exciting victory for the Lionesses.

Thank you very much Roger and Nicky for all you did and we also raise a glass to Brian.

*Janet*