

# Newbury



# Owners Club 1023

## NEWSLETTER NO. 373 – October 2025

### SECRETARY'S SUMMARY OCTOBER 2025

It's been a quiet month for me travelling round in our Motor home seeing parts of the UK never before visited by us. We did a big 400 mile loop and had a great time.

There have been many celebrations going on according to what I have seen on WhatsApp - happy birthdays all round. It looked a very special time for the oak member of the club well done you certainly don't look your age.

I am sure the wedding pictures seen brought back a few memories for some, a little before my time, But looked a really nice event indeed. Also looked like the Goodwood Festival went well for some, with the outfits from a mixture of 40s to 60s flower power. Great pics and a very special time I am sure. We need to see those outfits at the next meeting please!!!

Now to a more sobering subject, we are still seeking a new treasurer for the club, it has been very difficult to get us all together to discuss this. It will be discussed again during the committee meeting on the 23rd, please be assured we are trying to sort things out accordingly. I personally have spent some time with the bank trying to sort out signatories, this is still in progress due to the hoops and hurdles Santander threw at me. And due to the time of year and commitments of other parties signing of paperwork could not be done. However be assured we are on it now.

Could you please bring any ideas for events next year to the October Club meeting - Forms will be available on the night for you to fill in and send back.

Look forward to seeing you all soon

*Paul*

# Newbury MGOC Diary 2025

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

Date	Event	Organiser
October		
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Silk Mill	Peter & Liz
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Rawles Motor Sports Ltd open day – Date not confirmed yet	Ian
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Club Night - Members Evening	All
Thur 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>NEW EVENT</b> – Beer & Baguettes Lunch – The Hatchet, Lower Chute	Tony
Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Lunch Bunch Walk – Blue plaque Salisbury (Originally Winchester)	Judith
November		
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Club Night - Quiz	Roger
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Lunch Bunch Walk</b>	Trina
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Christmas Lunch – Newburry College	Trina

## EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN OCTOBER

### WHITCHURCH SILK MILL VISIT – THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

We plan to meet at 10.30 - 10.45 am at the old working Silk Mill which can be found in Winchester Street approx 300 Mtrs from the roundabout in the centre of Whitchurch. It may be possible to park **MGs** in the limited space at the Mill otherwise car parking is plentiful a little further along on the right.

It may be possible to have a guide on our visit providing we have 20 members as a minimum otherwise it will be a self-guiding visit. Please let me know if you are interested in coming along to help raise the number. A snack lunch can be bought at the Mill which we would aim to have at approximately 12.30am.

*Peter Derbyshire*

### RAWLES MOTORSPORT OPEN DAY – SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Rawles Motorsport are opening their doors again on the 11<sup>th</sup> October for not only Austin Healey owners but anyone interested in the restoration of classic cars.

Their opening times are from 10.00am to 2.00pm and all makes of cars are welcome. Not only do they have their “showroom” where you can view and drool over an impressive array of cars for sale, but their workshops are open to view various stages of body repairs, the paintshop and the coach trimming shop are also available to view.

A coffee and burger van will be in attendance for your sustenance where they ask for donations to a charity, which I believe is Naomi House at Sutton Scotney, catering for disabled children to give parents some respite. A Very worthy cause.

Rawles Motorsport Ltd. West End, Upper Froyle, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 4JR

*Ian*

## **CLUB NIGHT – MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 7.30PM – MEMBERS EVENING**

This is our 'Members Evening' where we ask members what you liked about this year's events; what you didn't like; what you would like to see organised in the coming year; and would you like to organise an event! Forms will be distributed on the evening.

## **“BEER AND BAGUETTES” – THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER – 12.30PM THE HATCHET, LOWER CHUTE**

Earlier in the year twenty one members enjoyed an evening meal at this lovely pub and we thought that all might like to try their lunch menu of Baguettes. We can vouch that they are of excellent quality and the quantity of filling you might find too much.

The landlord Gerry has asked that we pre-order and the menu of baguettes is below.

### **BAGUETTES**

*Served with salad garnish & bowl of fries. Choice of **Brown or White** baguette     **£9.75***

**Brie & Cranberry, Tuna Mayo, Cheddar with Apple & Ale Chutney, Prawn in Marie Rose sauce, Wiltshire Ham & Mustard, BLT, Bacon & Brie, Bacon & Stilton (other lunch choices are available)**

Lower Chute is north of Andover. It is a lovely thatched pub with ample seating inside and out with plenty of parking. The best route is initially down the A343. The drive should take 45mins from where the A34 crosses the A343 at the Highclere junction, from this point it is approximately 15 miles. The best approach to Lower Chute is to turn right off the A343 in Hurstbourne Tarrant to Upton and on to Vernham Deane . A sat nav will find the pub but will probably ask you to take left hand turns before you reach Vernham Deane it is best not to take a left until you have passed through Vernham Deane and encountered an unmistakeable, very wiggly bend.

The Hatchet Post code **SP11 9DX**. What 3 Words **trapdoor.spoiler.modes**

Please let me know if you are able to come along and your choice of baguettes by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October**. Hope that you can join us.

*Tony*

## LUNCH BUNCH WALK -THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER

So you think you know Salisbury? Can I tempt you to explore with Kelvin and myself a little history and fun facts – including a brothel, Turkish Baths, a mummified hand and Doom painting, amongst others!

### **Directions:**

Approach Salisbury either on the A30 or A338. These will join the A36 a dual carriage way. Follow this until you see signs to Central car park which you should follow and park up (note this is split into short and long stay).

Follow the path alongside the river Avon towards city centre, crossing over the Avon via Bridge Market Walk.

We will meet inside Jenny's Bistro Café on the right just over the bridge at 11:00 a.m. or earlier if you want a coffee.

Other parking options are Old George Mall or Park and ride – bus pass holders free after 9.30am, busses every ½ hour.

The walk will take approximately 1.5 hours - the town is compact and flat so the overall distance walked is fairly short with opportunities to slope off for a coffee!

We have not booked anywhere for lunch as there are a lot of possibilities.

After lunch you may wish to visit the Cathedra or Arundel- Edward Heath's house – both in the Cathedral close. Unfortunately, Mompesson House (NT) is closed on Thursdays.

Looking forward to exploring some lesser known facts and areas of Salisbury with you all.

*Judith*

# EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2025

The Club Christmas Lunch has been booked for Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 at 12 noon, at Newbury College.

I hope that this will be acceptable to you all, and I am sorry it has to be a weekday and not a weekend, for those members who, unfortunately, are still employed. This a new direction for our Christmas 'Dinner' but I did have a number of adverse comments about the last two years' Christmas Dinners, so perhaps we needed to look elsewhere. We have been to the College for lunch on several occasions and it is a lovely environment and is decorated for Christmas; the food is excellent - cooked by the students but still is first class - the presentation is excellent too, so lets hope this will be more successful than the last two Christmas Dinners.

The table is booked for **40 people** and that is the **minimum**, so I hope we can fill the places with members, if not we may have to include close friends. A menu is attached. As you will see it is a fixed menu, but a Christmas main course. There are 4 courses and coffee and mince pie included at a cost of **£26.50. per person!!** How good is that for what is being offered?

A 'veggie' option will be offered, but that has not yet been decided. Also, allergies etc. can be catered for – so please let me know if you would like to come and if there are any allergies etc. that need to be advised to the College.

We may not be able to indulge in our Christmas antics! as we often do but these can be included in our December Club night when we like to indulge in mince pies and wear our really naff Christmas attire!! We will endeavour to make the room as Christmassy as possible as well.

So, what about it? can we raise the numbers?

Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to join us, and mention any allergies etc.

Many thanks.



*Trina*

## UPDATE ON RECENT EVENTS

### LUNCH BUNCH WALK -THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

On a gloriously sunny day a group of us made our annual pilgrimage to The Bell at Aldworth. For those who do not know it, Grade 2 listed and been in the same family for over 250 years, Regional Pub of the Year 2025.

As usual we split into 2 groups with Fran, Brian and Jenny strolling down to the Church which dates from about 1200. For history lovers there is much to see, being particularly famous for the 9 stone effigies of the de la Beche family, termed the Aldworth Giants dating from the 1300s. In the Churchyard are the graves of the poet, Laurence Binyon and now Marianne Faithful, whose mother lived in the village thanks to Mike Jagger.

Richard and the others headed north towards the Ridgeway enjoying fabulous views over medieval field systems, Goring and the Chilterns beyond. The paths were dry and made easy walking.

Back at the pub we met up with Tony and Eileen and were so lucky to be able to sit in the garden enjoying the famous hot, filled rolls which were as good as ever having a good laugh and setting the world to rights.

As Fran said “we were few in number but high on atmosphere”  
So, see you there next year!

*Richard and Jenny*

