

Newbury



Owners Club 1023

NEWSLETTER NO. 379 – APRIL 2026

SECRETARY'S SUMMARY APRIL 2026

Hi all

Here we are 4 months in and all beginning to get active.

March began with the monthly meeting which included the long awaited Quiz night. Cancelled in November 2025 due to so many of us being unwell. Gladly we all recovered and there was a good turn out and a new winner. Well done to the winning team (details below) enjoy keeping the trophy safe for a year.

Later in the month was the Salisbury walk which had a very good turn out. Judith and Kelvin gave us all a very interesting insight to the historical aspects of Salisbury. Most enjoyable. Our thanks to both of them, and being the first walk I have been able to attend it was most enjoyable.

I hope your vehicles are ready for the Winchester cobweb run (Hollycombe Steam Fair). Full details have been included in this newsletter below. Also the Basingstoke festival of transport is on the horizon, please register your interest so the number of our pitch can be confirmed.

Just to confirm our new club bank account is now open and active with Metro Bank. This has been a long and painful process, but thanks to Brian it's live and working. Good bye Santander!!!!

Looking forward to a good April.

Paul

Newbury MGOC Diary 2026

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

Date	Event	Organiser
April		
Mon 13 th Apr	Club Night - Chat and drinks	All
Thur 16 th Apr	Marchant House, Marlborough	Richard & Jenny
Wed 29 th Apr	Battle of Britain Bunker - Uxbridge	Carol & Mike
May		
Sat 2 nd May	Breakfast at Browns	Kelvin
Mon 4 th May	Shakedown Run - Cobweb Spin with Winchester	Paul
<i>Wed 6th May</i>	<i>Gertrude Jekyll Gardens, Upton Grey - Cancelled</i>	<i>Brian</i>
Mon 11 th May	Club Night - Shove MG	Kelvin
Thur 21 st May	Lunch Bunch Walk?	Trina
Sat 30 th May	Pangbourne Car Show	Tom Cheney
June		
Mon 9 th June	Club Night - Chat and drinks	All
Wed 17 th June	West Green Gardens	Brian
Thur 25 th June	Lunch Bunch Walk – Treasure Trail	Colin & Janet
End of June?	Yattendon Car Show	Paul
Sun 28 th June	Thatcham Carnival and Classic Car Show	Mike

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN APRIL

CLUB NIGHT – MONDAY 13TH APRIL 2026

Club night this month is chat and drinks.

MARCHANT HOUSE, MARLBOROUGH – THURSDAY 16TH APRIL

This event is now fully booked and paid for. If anybody attending who have not yet let Jenny and Richard know they would like lunch at Ask, 12am, beforehand, contact them asap as they will be booking the table on 10 April.

Jenny

BATTLE OF BRITAIN BUNKER, UXBRIDGE – WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL

If you would like to join us on the visit to the Bunker, could you please let me know at Club Night as I will need to confirm the numbers. The cost is £10 per person (over 65s). The tour of the main bunker will be 12 noon, which means we can browse in the museum before and after, have lunch and still avoid rush hours! I have attached the website so you have further information [Battle of Britain Bunker](#) | The tour is 60 minutes and involves a 45-minute talk in the Operations Room.

Carol and Mike

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

BREAKFAST CLASSIC CAR AND BIKE MEET AT BROWNS – SATURDAY 2ND MAY

Browns Classics hold a breakfast classic car and bike meet on the first Saturday of each month. They offer a range of classic car services from storage to full restoration; please check them out on this link, <https://www.brownsclassics.co.uk/>. For those that are interested they offer a bacon butty and hot drink. Judith and I now have a wedding that day so cannot make it, but you can just turn up from about 10:00 onward.

Browns is based at Firs Farm, Leckhampstead, RG20 8RD. The easiest way to find them is to leave Newbury on the B4494 (Wantage Road) past the Crab and Boar Restaurant, then take the left turn towards Leckhampstead, Boxford and RAF Welford. After about 1 km, Firs Farm is on the left.

Please could you let me know if you are thinking of going so that I can give them some idea of numbers for catering purposes?

Kevin

SHAKEDOWN RUN/COBWEB SPIN WITH WINCHESTER – MONDAY 4TH MAY

The details on how to book for the Hollycombe Steam Fair provided below are from the WMGOC website (<https://winchestermgoc.com/>)

WMGOC Cobweb Spin 2026 - Hollycombe Steam Fair
Monday 4 May 2026 - 10:00 - 16:00
Midhurst Road, Liphook, GU30 7LP United Kingdom
Open to classic and sports cars of all marques!

To book your place:

Go to the Hollycombe Website and select the date from their events calendar

Select "Exhibitor ticket" and make payment by card to receive your ticket

Send an email to secretary@winchestermgoc.com to let us know you've booked, and we can direct you to the dedicated parking area when you arrive on the day

BASINGSTOKE FESTIVAL OF TRANSPORT - SUNDAY 10TH MAY 2026

Always a great day out for all the family, whether you're a keen motor buff or you just want an interesting and enjoyable Sunday. Bookings for exhibitors now open.



Basingstoke Festival of Transport
Sunday 10th May 2026
11am to 4pm at the Basingstoke War Memorial Park



*This is a charity run event put on entirely by unpaid volunteers,
funds raised go to charity and charitable activities*

THE BOVINGTON TANK MUSEUM – 15TH JULY

Can you please let Peter Williams know if you will be taking part in the visit to The Bovington Tank Museum on the 15th July 2026 as he needs to inform the museum of numbers by end of May 2026.

UPDATE ON RECENT EVENTS

CLUB NIGHT - QUIZ



At last, we managed to accomplish our quiz night, postponed from last year when the weather was awful and many had a horrid cough and cold.

Five teams of four members – not someone we had come with – gathered at separate tables and set about the first round – identify the pictures of the sweeties shown. Mainly sweeties we all know – flying saucers - remember those?? And I think most teams scored good points in that round. Sweeties seemed more identifiable than faces!! Then on to 'general knowledge! Well, some of us had quite a lot more 'general knowledge than others – and maybe ever so slightly better memories!! and after two more rounds the die was cast; and the winning team comprised 3 ladies and one man – no wonder they won!!

Congratulations to Barry's Dames!! (Nicky, Janet, Sarah and ...Barry!) who will share the magnificent trophy until the next quiz night.

Thank you Paul for organizing a fun evening.

Trina



LUNCH BUNCH WALK – SALISBURY

What a brilliant guide Judith was in leading our group around Salisbury.

We met up for a coffee and a warm up in a cafe at 10.30 after parking up our party consisted of 16 which was an excellent turn out.



We set off with great enthusiasm following our guide, who had researched a number of the impressive old buildings with stories going back hundreds of years, many of them linked to the building of the cathedral in the 13th century, it's amazing how much you don't see until it's pointed out.

It was interesting to hear that some of the buildings are still in use today as shops, restaurants, a hotel and a cinema and if you venture into these premises there are many visible links to past sympathetically displayed. The wattle and daub wall, the Spanish carved clock, the hotel fire place, the water pump and the Goffering iron being fascinating examples.



Judith made a brilliant guide, bringing the history to life and definitely wetting our appetite to explore more in the future. Everyone enjoyed the day and expressed our thanks for an enjoyable experience.

(P.S. A Goffering Iron is used for pressing the ruffs worn by the choristers).

Roger

OTHER MATTERS

For Sale



2004 MG TF 80th Anniversary Edition Nr 1355/1400

39000 miles, MOT June 2026 with immaculate MOT history. (will renew for purchaser if required). Last full service/engine flush April 25

Passenger air bag, windstop, JVC CD/Radio/MP3, remote immobiliser/battery disconnect, front fogs, 4 pot AP racing brakes, rear reversing sensors, TOYO's all round MLS head gasket, uprated oil rail, water pump, stainless coolant pipes and new alloys June 2023

Full size alloy spare – never used

Green double duck hood with glass HRW

In very rare pearlescent Goodwood Green with grey alcantara/tan leather and full walnut trim. Very few of these made and only 17 left on UK register.

Condition 1/2 – guaranteed insurance value £8750 (assessed by MGOC)

Offers invited – any test

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