



Newsletter April 2016

30th Anniversary Celebration

Following a quiet month in March, the big event for April is going to be the 30th Anniversary Celebrations of our club at Stowe House on Saturday 16th. Our new Chairman, Dave Barton, has arranged a full and interesting schedule for this event, starting with a breakfast meet at the Akeman Inn in Kingswood, followed by a road run, currently being designed by Brian Deacon and Bill McMeekin, to take us to Stowe, where the cars will be lined up on the drive in front of the House. We will be having a guided tour of the House itself, which has only recently been opened to the public following an extensive refurbishment. Then we are free to explore the extensive National Trust gardens – participants can either bring a picnic if the weather is favourable, or can take lunch in the restaurant/cafeteria in the Visitor Centre. All in all this promises to be a very memorable day.

Another event earlier in April is the Natter Night on the 4th, when we have a guest speaker, Ian Dowse, who will talk to us about aspects of Classic Car crime, and how to prevent this. As this is an important subject of general interest, we have invited neighbouring car clubs along, so should be well attended. This will be in the Coachhouse at the Five Arrows from 20.00 hours.

Another reminder for those who have not yet paid, the annual subscriptions for members are now overdue. The rate remains at £8 for single membership and £12 for a couple.

You can pay in one of three ways:

- Cash at the April Natter on 4th
- By a bank transfer direct to the Club account -

NatWest, Sort Code 60-01-31, A/C No 69656940 (preferred method)

If you use this method, please drop me an e-mail to say you have done so, for me to update my list of current members

- By cheque to the Treasurer -

Jack Martin, Rosemundy, School End, Chetwode, Bucks, MK18 4LA

(cheque made out to Aylesbury MG Club please).

Important Events

16th April - 30th Anniversary Celebrations at Stowe House. This is detailed above.

15th May - Chiltern Hills Rally. I have received 14 applications for this event, so we have applied for a Club stand. I have sent off all the applications to the organisers, and will arrange to distribute the documentation when I receive it. It is not too late to apply for entry to this event, but if you want to do so, please send your completed application to the organisers together with the appropriate fee and SAE, noting on the application that you will be joining the Aylesbury MG Club on our stand. The road run organised by the Chiltern Hills begins at the Aylesbury Tuck, which for those who don't know is a cafe on the Rabans Lane estate, pretty much opposite the big Lucas furniture warehouse. If you wish to join in with the road run (as I understand it, this has no specific timing, you just assemble and leave when you wish) we could meet up for breakfast in the Tuck, and



set off together. More on this when I get the documentation back from the Rally organisers. Once again, details or queries please contact me.

Upcoming Events – Dates for Your Diary

Monday 4th April – Natter Night. As above

Sunday 10th April - Brooklands Museum MG Era. Events include timed runs up the test hill, A cavalcade on the Mercedes Circuit and a Concours d'Elegance. More details at: www.brooklandsmuseum.com/brooklands-mg-era2/

Sunday 10 April 2016 - New Event: A new Classic Car and Motorbike Breakfast Club at The Flowing Spring, Henley Road, Playhatch, Oxfordshire RG4 9RB: from 9:30 am. This is the first meeting of a monthly Classic Vehicle Breakfast event that landlords Nick and Hazel are setting up at their pub, the Flowing Spring. So if you are free, why not give this your support and arrive in your MG. This new event will first run on the 10th April 2016 and thereafter on the second Sunday of each month through to the Autumn. There will be bacon rolls, hot dogs, chips, tea, coffee and soup available in the pub with the licensed bar opening at 11am. Entry is free! Cars will be displayed on the lawns, motorbikes in the hard-standing car park. More info at <http://theflowingspringpub.co.uk>.

Sunday 24th April - The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs' 'Drive It Day®'. This event takes place every year to help raise awareness of the large and important extent of the classic vehicle movement in the UK. It is also an ideal opportunity to raise funds for both local and industry related charities.

The Federation is a grouping of over 450 clubs and museums together with some 1500 trade and individual supporters. Their aim is to uphold the freedom to use old vehicles on the roads without any undue restriction and to support its member organisations.

The 'Drive It Day' this year consists of a meet for breakfast at the Towcester Racecourse in Northants, and a 70 mile drive, guided by a tulip style roadbook, to finish at Bicester Heritage, which is holding its regular Sunday Scramble on that day, so this would be a very full and interesting day out. If you are interested, I can provide full information and an entry form. Entry is free, but a donation to charity would be expected from participants.

Sunday 24 April – Bicester Heritage Sunday Scramble. Don't forget that Clive has arranged with BH that we can attend as a club, so remember this when you buy your tickets, available from: www.bicesterheritage.co.uk .

Sunday 8th May - Thames Valley Classic and Sports Car Day, Hambleden.

This is an event that has been running for many years, organised by the Jaguar Enthusiasts Club. It is held in the beautifully picturesque village of Hambleden, Bucks, a venue often used by films. The event is a most pleasant afternoon with a large range of vintage, classic and modern vehicles on display. It all happens in the sports ground behind the Stag & Huntsman pub, which provides excellent food.



This is an event that Jackie and I have attended on a number of occasions and can thoroughly recommend – on a sunny day it is the most wonderful drive through the Chilterns to the prettiest of villages, set in a hollow surrounded by greenery with Red Kites circling overhead. And one of the best collections of all-marque cars you will see this year. If you are interested, please let me know and I could arrange a place for members to meet up and perhaps drive to Hambleden in convoy.

Location is Hambleden Village Sportsground, postcode RG9 6RP. Hambleden village is off the A4155 between Henley and Marlow and is about 45 minutes from Aylesbury.



Saturday 2nd July – The Buckingham Classic. We have received the following message from the organisers of this event: 'I am writing to you as a representative of your motoring club to extend a warm invitation to you and your members to attend 'The Buckingham Classic' which is to be held on Saturday 2nd July 2016 in Gawcott, near Buckingham. The event is being organised by Buckingham Rotary Club as part of our



charitable fundraising activities, but also aims to provide some fun, interest and entertainment for the public who are attending the event. Last year over £1000 was raised for charity, and the target is to beat that this year. We hope to have a really good display of classic, vintage, veteran or just plain unusual vehicles attending the event. As this is intended from the outset as a fund-raising event, there will be an entry fee of £8 for each classic vehicle attending. If owners wish to give a higher figure, this will be greatly appreciated'. The contact for this event is : 8 Potters Glen, Padbury Buckingham MK18 2BX – mattvincent@keme.co.uk, 01280 813453.

Monday 4th July – AMGC PoO. We think this will now be in the Coachhouse at the Five Arrows, and there is the possibility of live music to accompany the event, so watch this space for breaking news

12th July – Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration. Another invitation is from the Wycombe MGOC, who are holding a Classic Vehicle event at The Polecat, Prestwood High Wycombe on 12th July from 11.30. There will be a BBQ and live music and lots of classic vehicles. Anyone interested in attending should contact the organisers for details: colinb@minstercomms.co.uk

Sunday 14th August – South Bedfordshire Classic Vehicle Show. The Luton & Dunstable MGOC have invited us to the second South Bedfordshire Classic Vehicle Show. This is to be held at the Cross Keys Public House in Pulloxhill, which is interestingly the site of the very first MGOC rally, which, if my memory serves me, was in 1974, so this would be a nostalgic trip for me. I wonder how many other attendees from the first event will be there?

The Rotary Club of Luton Someries in association with the Luton and Dunstable M G Owners Club proudly present

The Second South Bedfordshire Classic Vehicle Show

Classic Cars, Memorabilia, Charity and other stalls
Plus Licensed Bar & Food Court

Visitors (Non-Exhibitors) £2.50
Family Ticket £5 (2x adults & 2x children)

Sunday 14th August 2016
10am - 4pm

The Showground,
Cross Keys Public House, Pulloxhill, MK45 5HB

We have been invited to take a club stand at the show, so please let me know if you would be interested in attending, and I can arrange this. Entry is £5 per car if pre-booked, £10 on the day. I can provide more information about this event.



Sunday 21st August – Classic Vehicles in The Park, Brackley. This event is being held in Brackley Park and near by Winchester House School.

Well, that's about it for this month – now that the weather is improving (storm Katie has just passed over), I am looking forward to getting the MGs out from under wraps in the garage and ready for an eventful year, and I expect you are thinking of doing the same! I am looking forward to Stowe, and I hope to see you all there. I hope also that the weather, which seems has been a real mixed bag of late, is kind to us on the day!!

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