

## Newsletter December 2015

### Introduction.

The December Natter featured the Annual Quiz, and was a great success. 20 people attended this event, ably hosted by Brian Deacon and Karen Hall. There were rounds of questions as diverse as naming the building or its city, identifying the tail lights of 1960s/70s cars, naming that tune or artist and general knowledge. Brian and Karen even had us finding the Kate (? you had to be there to understand!) and tasting crisps to identify the flavours (a task I dismally failed in – I enjoyed the crisps, but a lifetime of curry and beer has unfortunately destroyed my taste buds!).



The Quiz in full swing

As well as the question rounds, we were treated to mince pies and savoury snacks which had been provided by members and which went down well with the beer!

At the finish, the inevitable wooden spoon was awarded to The Maps Red, while it was very close at the top, with just 6 points separating the other teams. The BV8s (the Bartons, the Bennetts and the Martins) picked up the top award, which this year consisted of the chocolate cup and two bottles of wine donated by the Five Arrows. The final results were:

The BV8s	74 points
The Linnett Drivers	71 points
The Bs	68 points
The Maps Red	58 points

Brian and Karen, our genial quizmasters

This year's top prize



As four of the winning team are serving Committee members, it was decided to share out the prize at the next Committee meeting. A thoroughly enjoyable evening, so a very big thanks indeed to Brian and Karen.

A reminder also that we will hold the Annual Dinner and Prizegiving on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February next year. Venue is the Coach House at the Five Arrows in Waddesdon. Clive has now agreed the menu with the Five Arrows, and is as follows:





THE FIVE ARROWS  
Waddesdon

## MG Club Dinner

£30.50 per person

Cappuccino of Wild Mushroom soup, truffle foam, toasted focaccia

Soused and Grilled Mackerel, escabeche of vegetables, confit potatoes

Chicken liver and Foie Gras parfait, Madeira jelly, toasted sour dough, Morello cherries

SCOR

Slow cooked shoulder of lamb, creamed potato, honey roasted root vegetables, curly kale and rosemary jus

Lemon sole knotts, lemongrass braisage, betsy leeks, anya potatoes, curly kale

Butternut squash and spinach risotto, wild rocket and parmesan

SCOR

Dark chocolate delice, pistachio ice cream, amaretto crumbs

Tonka bean crème brulee, shortbread, mulled wine poached pear

Selection of British Cheeses, Five Arrows chutney, oat biscuits, Oxford Blue, Oxford Isis, Cornish Yarg, Somerset Brie

SCOR

Tea and Coffee

All prices include VAT. A 10% Discretionary Service Charge will be added to your bill

Please let me know as soon as you can if you are coming to the dinner, and let me have details of the number attending, together with your menu choices.

Also worth reporting this month is that Jack Martin's BGT V8, which has been off the road for many years, has now been stripped out and trailered off to the paintshop!! Jack tells me he's keeping it Inca Yellow (good choice!), so we eagerly wait for the Yellow Peril's return .....



Off She Goes ....

Lastly, For those of us that intend to continue with our membership of the club, the subscriptions for next year are due in January, so it would be a good idea to bring either cash or chequebook along to the January AGM .....

### Future Events

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**Classic Cars on the Piazza**

*Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2015*

*10.00am - 2.00pm*

*Tea - Coffee, Sausage Rolls, Mince Pies*  
*in the Town Hall*

*Blow the Christmas cobwebs away, come and join us.*  
*No need to pre-book, no entry fee.*  
*Donations to the Mayors local charities most welcome.*

Brackley Town Council, Market Place, Brackley 01280-702441 www.brackleynorthants-tc.gov.uk

he weather is fine.

**1<sup>st</sup> January – Vintage Stony - Stony Stratford.** Renowned Classic car meet on Stony Stratford market Place and surrounding streets. <http://www.vintagestony.co.uk/> for more info.

**3<sup>rd</sup> January – 09:00am – 2:00pm - Bicester Heritage Sunday Scramble.** The next very popular Sunday Brunch Scramble is on on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2016 (this will be the seventh). The 48-acre Technical Site will once again host a display of visitors' vehicles which will fill the tree-lined avenues of the UK's most complete WW2 bomber station. The Specialists based at Bicester Heritage will open the doors to their freshly restored 1920s and '30s buildings, allowing behind the scenes access to their showrooms and workshops (specialising in upholstery, vintage Bentley engineering, specialist storage, vintage, classic and racing car and bike sales, plus much more) on a site that is normally accessible by appointment only. It may be cold outside, but the welcome will always be warm. See more and get tickets at:

<http://bicesterheritage.co.uk/event/sunday-scramble-tickets/>. First one of the year, hope it's warmer than last January's!

**4<sup>th</sup> January – Annual General Meeting.** Our January Natter, at 20.00 at the Five Arrows in Waddesdon. At this meeting we will elect the new committee, and this is a chance for all members to comment on, or take an active part in, the running of the club, and to suggest events and activities we might arrange in the coming year. This is a very important event in the club's year, so please make every effort to attend and have your say (and pay next year's subs!)

**1<sup>st</sup> February – Natter Night.** At the five Arrows, Waddesdon.

**5<sup>th</sup> February – Annual Dinner and Prizegiving.** At the Five Arrows in Waddesdon. See above for menu and more details.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2016 – Spares Show at the National Agricultural Centre (NAC) at Stoneleigh, near Kenilworth.** This is traditionally the curtain-raiser for the start of the new season, when we can sort through the goodies in the various halls of the NAC to find those long-sought after parts or accessories for your car. Well worth attending, but get there early because it gets *very* crowded in the afternoon, especially now that the show is combined with the Triumph spares day. <http://mgandtriumphsparesday.co.uk> for more info.

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**Sunday 10th April 2016 - Brooklands Museum MG Era.** There will be action on the Test Hill, a Concours d'Elegance and a cavalcade on the Mercedes-BenzWorld circuit. More details at: <http://www.brooklandsmuseum.com/index.php?/events/details/brooklands-mg-era2/>

**Sunday 15 May 2016 – Chiltern Hills Rally.** Adrian Fell has asked me to remind you all about next year's Chiltern Hills Rally. This is a great day out for all the family, and is an event we regularly support, so make a note in next year's diary, and we will see if we can organise a club pitch for this. For any queries you can contact Adrian on 07961 121347 or [adrian@ajf.clara.co.uk](mailto:adrian@ajf.clara.co.uk) , or go to the Website: [www.chilternhillsrally.org.uk](http://www.chilternhillsrally.org.uk).

**4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> June 2016 – MG Live!** A bit earlier than previous years, the provisional dates have just been confirmed, so put this very important date in your diary!

The weather can only get worse in the coming months, so be careful out there

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*A Merry Christmas to One and All!*

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