



## Newsletter March 2016

### Annual Subscriptions

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 March Natter on 7<sup>th</sup> March
- 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).

### Annual Dinner and Prizegiving

The Annual Dinner was held on 5<sup>th</sup> February in the Coachhouse at the Five Arrows. As usual, the Arrows provided us with a superb meal, which was enjoyed by all. The highlight of the evening was the presentation to the club by Mary of a beautiful antique claret jug, to be used as an annual award in the memory of our dear friend Roger, who passed away last year.



Mary with the Claret Jug



Clive addressing the Diners



Pete receives the Club Car Shield



I receive the President's Shield!

In his memory, we filled the jug with vintage port, and we all drank a toast to Roger. The jug itself had a lucky escape when the table collapsed during a move, but it was



saved when the cricketing instinct of yours truly kicked in – I was always a good slip fielder..... We have yet to decide upon what the Roger Skinner Jug will be awarded for – perhaps you have a suggestion? Brian Deacon has volunteered his brother Jez to make a wooden plinth for the decanter since he has wood-turning resources and expertise, so we look forward to seeing the finished product, and thanks to Brian and Jez.

The Pride of Ownership Club Car of the Year award was presented to Pete Thomas for his superb factory MGB GTV8, whilst I was very surprised when Clive awarded the President's Shield to me – looking at the names of previous holders of the shield, I am truly honoured. All in all, a very memorable evening.

### **Important Events**

**16<sup>th</sup> April - 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations at Stowe House.** This is one of the Club's most important events this year, and promises to be a truly special day out. The details of this, with the entry form were sent out separately, but note that the closing date to enter for this is the 12<sup>th</sup> March, so please get your entry form to Dave Barton as soon as you can if you haven't yet done so. Details from Dave or myself.

**15<sup>th</sup> May - Chiltern Hills Rally.** I have so far received 7 applications for this event, so we will be having a Club stand. Applications must be in by the end of March to be published in the programme, so if you haven't yet decided to go or are still waiting to send an application, please do so as soon as possible. I will be at the March Natter on the 7<sup>th</sup>, so hand me your completed forms then, or mail to me. Once again, details or queries should be addressed to me.

### **Upcoming Events – Dates for Your Diary**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Natter Night.** We are hosting a speaker, Ian Dowse, who is an expert in Classic Car Crime, so this is a must-attend event for our members. All comers will be welcomed for the talk at the Five Arrows in Waddesdon.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.bicesterheritage.co.uk) .

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July – AMGC PoO.** More information about this event nearer to the time, but note it in your diary and start polishing now .....

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> August – Classic Vehicles in The Park, Brackley.** Please find attached details and an entry form for this year's event, which again will be held in Brackley Park and near by Winchester House School. Due to overwhelming response last year to the 150 places available, it is advisable to get your entry form in as soon as possible if you are interested in attending, in order to secure your attendance at this event. There are trophies to be won this year, also certificates for best in Class (pre 1940, 1950's, 1960's, 1970's, 1980's, 1990's) and all entries receive a Rally Plaque to mark the event.

### **Adrian Fell**

At the last Committee meeting, it was agreed to recognise Adrian Fell's contribution to the Club over the years, including his sponsorship of the Club's 25<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. Consequently, he has been made a lifetime honorary member of the Club. His company, AJF Motor Engineers, has held the old hourly labour rates for Club members of £45 for classics and £54 for modern cars. So if you have an issue with your MG, go and see him on the Westcott Venture Park.

That's about it for this month – happy motoring to you all!

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