



Newsletter January 2019

Recent Postings on the Website

News Reports:

- Our December Quiz Night
- January Club Night (our AGM at the Lion, Waddesdon) and arrangements for those who wish to dine there beforehand.

Change of Bank Account

As noted in the minutes of the last committee meeting, we have decided to transfer our bank account from NatWest to the [Metro Bank](#). Three of us – our Treasurer, Jack; Chairman Dave and myself arranged an appointment recently at the Metro Bank branch in Aylesbury to action the transfer. This has now been completed and our new account details are as follows:

[Account Name: Aylesbury MG Club](#) [Sort Code: 23-05-80](#) [Account Number: 31580684](#)

Club Subscriptions 2019

Subscriptions are due from 1st January 2019, and these remain at last year's rate of £15 for a couple and £10 single membership. Please arrange to transfer the appropriate amount to our new bank account, detailed above.

Club Constitution

Our Club has to my knowledge never had the need for a written constitution, but one of the requirements of the Metro Bank for setting up our new account was to have either a constitution or a statement of purpose for our club. Following discussions with some of the committee members, I produced a statement of purpose which the bank was happy to accept. This is reproduced below:

"Aylesbury MG Club – Purpose and Management

The Aylesbury MG Club was formed in 1986, and its membership is drawn from the surrounding area.

The purpose of the club is to provide an environment in which actual and potential owners of MG motor cars can together participate in and enjoy social events and other activities associated with ownership of their cars.

The public face of The Aylesbury MG Club is its website – www.aylesburymgclub.org.uk, in which the Club ethos is described, and reports of past events and dates for future activities are posted, and via which potential new members can view details of Club activities, can access links to various other MG-oriented sites, and can apply for membership.

The Club is managed by a committee of volunteers voted for each year at an Annual General Meeting. The key positions on the Committee are to be:

- Chairman
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- A number (usually about 4) Member Representatives with designated responsibilities.

Meetings of the Committee are routinely held quarterly, but can be called at any time to consider special issues. The business of the Committee is minuted, and the minutes are available for all



members to see.

The Club account is managed by the Treasurer, who is answerable to the committee, and he presents an annual statement of account at the Annual General Meeting in January. There are currently 2 signatories to the Club bank account, but we wish to increase this to 3. The Key Officials for the bank account are:

- *The Treasurer (currently Jack Martin)*
- *The Chairman (Currently Dave Barton)*
- *The Secretary (Currently Adrian Bennett).*

The Club is affiliated to the following long-established MG organisations:

- *The MG Car Club, of which our Club constitutes the Aylesbury Natter*
- *The MG Owners Club*
- *The Octagon Club"*

This statement of our aims and objectives will be posted on the club website in due course.

Purchases from Amazon

A new feature on our website is the inclusion of a link to Amazon on our Home page, at the bottom. When you use this link, one percent of the purchase price of any items you buy will be credited to our club account, at no cost to yourself. This applies not just to purchases made by club members, but also to anyone who uses this link. So please let your family and friends know about this feature and encourage them to go to Amazon via our website so that the club can benefit from this extra revenue stream!

Upcoming Events

Monday 7th January – Annual General Meeting

At 20.00 in The Lion in Waddesdon High Street. See above.

This is where you get to stand for, and vote in, your committee and have your say about which direction the club should be going, and what events we should either be attending, or organising ourselves. Important evening, so please make every endeavour to attend. A number of us will be dining at The Lion at about 18.30 before the meeting, you are welcome to join us – see the website for details.

Friday 2nd February 2019 - Annual Dinner and Prizegiving

You will be aware that the date of 2nd February has been agreed for the Annual Dinner and Prizegiving. This is being held in The Chequers at Weston Turville, and this has now been booked. Clive Wayland has been in liaison with them regarding the menu choices, and these appear below. If you will be joining us for this important event in our social calendar, could you please notify Clive (clive@waylands.me.uk) as soon as possible so that we can confirm numbers with The Chequers, and can you also please let him know your menu choices by 20th January. As we did last year, to save messing about with cash and credit cards on the night, could you please pay the cost in advance into the club account, details above, so that the Treasurer can settle the bill in a single payment on the night.

In lieu of providing wine on each table, as we have done in previous years, the committee has agreed that diners will be subsidised to the sum of £5 per person from club funds. The subsidised cost will therefore be £33.50 a head, inclusive of service charges.



Details of vegetarian options and special dietary requirements will be circulated when we receive them from the restaurant, and we are requesting a cheese and biscuits option as an additional dessert.

Chiltern Hills Rally 2019

The booking arrangements for The Chiltern Hills Rally for 2019 are now online via their new website, so individual members can join our club pitch by booking directly rather than going through me. I have received the following message from Adrian Fell, which clarifies the new arrangement:

"The Chiltern hills rally now has a new website and online booking - www.chilternhillsrally.org.uk

If you or any members would like to come along as usual, when you fill in the form online, there is a section at the bottom for club stands. It's important that all entrants fill in that section to allow them to join your club stand on the day. They will then be able to print off their class ticket and club stand tickets respectively.

I hope that makes sense, but any problems please do not hesitate to contact."

Any queries, contact me.

And Finally: The Final Top 20 positions for the Roger Skinner Trophy 2019 -

1 st	Adrian Bennett	78	11 th =	Graham King	47
2 nd	Dave Barton	72		Debs Martin	47
3 rd	Kurt Mueller	60	13 th	David Patrick-Brown	43
4 th =	Peter Mansfield	59	14 th	Helen Wayland	42
	Clive Wayland	59	15 th	Bill McMeekin	38
6 th	Heather Barton	57	16 th	Brian Rainbow	37
7 th =	Jill Mansfield	55	17 th	Karen Hall	36
	Jack Martin	55	18 th	Mary Skinner	35
9 th =	Jackie Bennett	51	19 th	Roger Withers	31
	Brian Deacon	51	20 th	Angela Rainbow	30

So it looks like the port is on me at the Annual Dinner. The full list will be available to view at the January Club Meeting for those who wish to know their final score ...

Adrian Bennett

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Club Secretary



Annual Dinner 2019

Menu

Amuse bouche

Starters

Confit Loch Duart salmon

Duck dripping crumpet, hollandaise, smoked foie gras

or

Buckmoorend farm pork belly

Charred pineapple, mead gravy, English mustard emulsion

Mains

Dry aged Hereford fillet of beef

White asparagus, oxtail pearl barley, celeriac, nasturtium leaves

or

Wild halibut

Shellfish beurre blanc, confit heritage potato, oyster leaf

Seasonal vegetables

Dessert

Amedei dark chocolate cheesecake

Roasted hazelnuts granola, tonka bean and Jerusalem artichoke ice cream

or

Sticky toffee pudding

Medjool dates, rum and raisin ice cream, Pedro Ximenez caramel