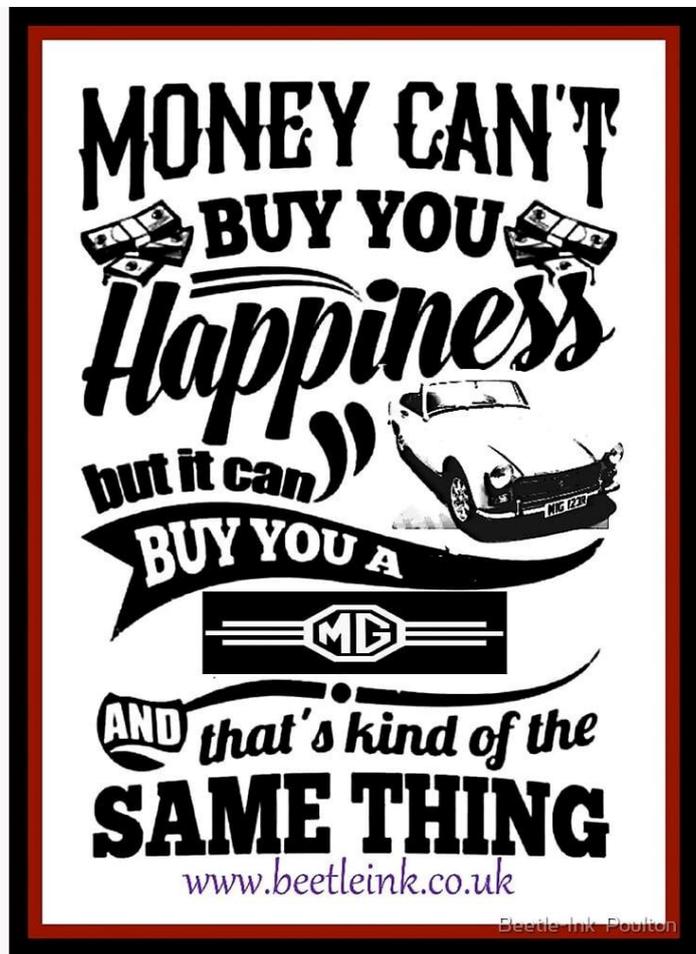


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Secretary's Report



And so it is Christmas, and what have you done. Another year over, and a new one just begun....so quoth Lennon the bard. While our club encapsulates many of the sentiments the good Beatle espoused in his anthem for peace, getting people together in a broadly peaceful fashion, it is interesting to review what we have done.

Firstly, the club has stuck together. Zoom meetings, although not for all, allowed us to see familiar faces and share a laugh or two over a glass of wine or ale. We worked with the restrictions and, when we were allowed, took to the road in twos and threes to stick to the 'rule of 6' in the open air. We managed to grow as a club, with new members adding different perspectives and suggestions for the future and keeping the club vibrant. We have successfully managed the transition to a new meeting venue at the Moorland Hotel to meet in person when we were able. While the car parking occasionally presented a driving challenge, we seem to manage to keep numbers attending up.

We supported our NHS in the front line with your generous gifts to the intensive care staff. On occasion we could see how important this was as their morale was severely tested. We also supported St Luke's Hospice who were delighted with our contribution.

Despite the challenges, we delivered the club's sixth People and Places Run (PP6), with Howard and Jan's route proving universally popular. The feedback was excellent, and we will start planning in the next fallow year for PP7 in 2023, which will probably head east into the South Hams. Members managed to get away to the Gloucester MGOC Cotswold Caper for the club away fixture, while Drive it Day and the Glider Club picnic proved that we could have fun within the rules.*

A welcome return to fully fledged monthly runs reminded us of the simple pleasures of an open road and a sporting MG, and we have been remarkably lucky with the weather over all, with Strawberry Fields (I know – another Beatle reference) and Bovey Tracy Golf Club more than outweighing the slightly wetter (but very scenic) Leusdon excursion, for example.

The Christmas Dinner Dance at the Boringdon Golf Club seems to have gone down very well. I don't know whether to be pleased or not that the self-isolation which prevented Charlie and me attending did actually turn into COVID (thankfully of the reasonably light variety and over by Christmas) and thus was not a waste. Charlie's three jabs seemed to work as she was resolutely negative throughout!

And so the answer to the 'what have you done' question seems to be 'quite a lot in the circumstances' and as another year is over the new one about to begin is our Club 40th, having been founded in 1982. We are tracking the Government guidance closely, and although our January run has been postponed, along with our meeting, we will restart our activity as soon as it is safe for members.

We seem, to me at least, to be in good shape for our 40th!

Have a Great New Year,

Simon

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first call or email. 01822 852843 clubsecretarytvmgoc@gmail.com

**See our 2021 Review of the Year later in this newsletter*



Notes from your Chairman



Hello everyone,
I really hope you all had a lovely Christmas.

It was with some relief that we were able to enjoy being with our family and celebrate together. We were rather worried that we would have a repeat of last year's festivities which were stopped due to the pandemic.

Our puppy Barney loved having lots of attention from our young granddaughters and never tired of playing and being petted. It was good to get him used to young children at an early age. If you remember my last report, I mentioned that we could look forward to 'a new MG year free of restrictions'.

My optimism was certainly misplaced as within days we were hearing about the latest Covid-19 variant, Omicron. This is now sweeping the country and it certainly looks as if we are heading towards further restrictions after the New Year celebrations.

We are already being advised by the government to limit our social interactions to help stop the spread of Omicron. In the light of this, it would be reckless of us all to continue with our club activities in the immediate future.

To this end the Committee have reluctantly taken the decision to cancel the January monthly meeting and also the January Sunday lunch. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you all updated. Hopefully it will not be too long before we get back to our normal events programme.

In the meantime, if we get a spell of good dry weather then I fully intend to hit the road in the MG and blow away the cobwebs. A run across Dartmoor never fails to lift my spirit and put a smile on my face.

Alison and I would like to wish you and your families a safe, healthy and Happy New Year.

Alan



Here, simply to warm our cockles and think of summer, is this photo from the Australia MGCC Victoria Historic & Classic Rob Roy Hillclimb.

At the time of its construction, Rob Roy was one of only three bitumen surfaced, purpose built hillclimbs in the world, the other two being Shelsley Walsh and Prescott (UK).

Its origins go back to 1935, when representatives from the then Light Car Club of Australia established a suitable venue for hillclimb meetings.



Event Secretary – keeping it wheel

Dear Motorneers,

The New Year brings a new newsletter header and a new way for Covid to thwart our plans. I have a strong feeling of déjà vu as yet again we curtail our club's activities but with good reason. As I write this, with a record number of cases, one in twenty-five people have Covid in England, that figure rising to one in fifteen in London. None of us know what effect Omicron *et al* will have on our individual lives in 2022. Jan and I know of a number of careful people who have caught the variant very recently. OK, for most the effects will be relatively mild, but for many people, included those triple vaccinated, the effects can still be very serious or worse.

We are all free to take a calculated risk to take part in social and organised events. However, I don't want to be responsible for organising an event that unduly risks people being exposed to this virus, whatever their state of vaccination, or views for that matter. I care more for your wellbeing, and consequently my own peace of mind during these challenging times, than organising an MG social event, which by definition is desirable but not necessary. I couldn't live with myself if someone caught Covid at an event I was responsible for. Once it is much safer to continue with our normal club activities I shall be at the head of the queue to organise something. Until then, patience please.

Consequently, the virus is already curtailing some of our plans, but I promise, just as I did at the onset of the outbreak, that the newsletters will keep on coming as a way of staying in contact with you all.

I make no apology for this being a long newsletter and hope that will make up in part for us having to cancel the January meeting and lunch. It is largely filled with lots of photos from our Christmas party and a 2021 Review of the Year, which I hope you find as interesting to read as it was for me to compile and produce (it took ages!). But looking back has made me realise afresh how careful this club must continue to be in the coming months.

And thanks for the kind comments about the newsletters and your Christmas cards.

In March, the BM will be 60 years old. She's one of the last of the line of MkII MGAs and is pictured here climbing the Hardknott Pass in the Lake District.

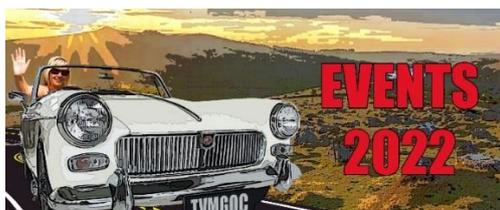
Rather like the singer Cher, she's "Turned back time", defying the years thanks to a load of cosmetic surgery, some transplants, lots of money and TLC. She's still a goer... and so's the car, boom, boom!

As this is a 'significant birthday' I feel it should be marked in some way but can't decide how. Any suggestions would be gratefully received.

(None involving diamonds please. Ed's wife) (Awwwww. Ed.)



To all my friends in the club I wish you peace, love and health in the New Year. Alternatively, lots of sex and booze and I hope you win the lottery! Oh, and Happy MGing!
Howard



Upcoming events

The most up to date and detailed information on all 2022 events can be found and downloaded on the Event Diary Page and the Entry Forms page. See: www.tvmgoc.org.uk

2022 CLUB SUNDAY LUNCH RUNS & SUPPER RUNS	
16 January	Cancelled and postponed until June but as a Sunday lunch not Friday supper run
20 February	Lunch on 3 rd Sunday – to be organised by Iain and Helen UNDER REVIEW
20 March	Lunch on 3 rd Sunday – to be organised by Naomi & Nigel UNDER REVIEW
24 April	Drive It Day + Treasure Hunt Trophy + lunch/picnic or tea to be organised by Alan & Alison
13 May	Supper run – Friday a week after the club meeting - to be organised by Simon & Charlie, probably to the Cuddy Shack near Looe for fish & chips
12 June	Lunch on 3 rd Sunday organised by Howard & Jan to The Dartmoor Lodge
24 June	National Cream Tea Day – last Friday in June - picnic probably in Iain & Helen's barn Organiser needed
15 July	Supper run – Friday a week after the club meeting - Organiser needed
12 August	Supper run – Friday a week after the club meeting - Organiser needed
11 or 18 Sept	Possible Club run (in place of P&P) - Organiser needed
16 October	Lunch on 3 rd Sunday inc. Tulip Trophy to be organised by Sarah
20 November	Lunch on 3 rd Sunday – organised by John and B.
7 December	Christmas dinner TBC

2022 SHOWS WE HOPE TO ATTEND AS A CLUB	
Powderham	Sunday 10 July
English Riviera Show	Sunday 24 July. Possibly. They have restricted space now so this may not be feasible.
Fowey Regatta Parade & Show	Wed 17 August TBC. This is a bit different and involves a classic car parade though the town before assembling for a show in the top car park.
RHS Rosemoor	Late Aug/Sept

MGB 60

Here is a very early heads up about an important date for MGB owners. The MGCC say:

Sunday 25th September 2022

The MGCC MGB Register will be hosting the celebration of 60 Years of the MGB at British Motor Museum, Gaydon, Warwickshire. They say, "If you own an MGB THIS IS THE EVENT OF ALL EVENTS TO ATTEND!!!!!! MGB50 attracted thousands of MGBs so let's make this event the BIGGEST GATHERING OF MGBs EVER!!!!!!!!!!"

*(It should be bloomin' good if it merits that many exclamation marks - Ed!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
And I don't think it will be restricted to MGCC members.)*

They hope 2000 to 3000 cars will attend. The first 400 to buy a rally plaque will given pride of place to park right outside the museum. Tickets available in January here: <https://mgb60.com/>





News snippets



Carbon offset – but there's a but

The FBHVC has now introduced a carbon offset scheme for classic vehicles in partnership with Tree-V. The Federation say:

“For our movement to thrive in the coming years, have the freedoms we currently enjoy and to attract new enthusiasts, we need to show we care about the planet as much as we care about our vehicles. This scheme is how we make that happen. To play your part all you need to do is select your vehicle type, how many miles you do and pay a small annual fee. We'll then arrange the planting of new woodland here in the UK to balance your emissions, and send you a sticker to display with pride. It really is that simple.”



Tree-V have planted over 13 million trees, are certified by the Woodland Carbon Code, supported by the UK government, and recognised by ICROA (International Carbon Reduction and Offset Alliance). They make sure they plant the 'right tree in the right place' to Forestry Commission standards.

I have signed up for this scheme and I'll explain why. Year on year, the Federation have published the results of surveys which clearly demonstrate that historic vehicles of all kinds are overall *not* major polluters. Indeed, doing an average of just 1200 miles a year they contribute just 0.2% of all vehicle emissions and each vehicle's manufacturing footprint has been spread over many years.

That suggests there's real no need to worry much about my MG's carbon footprint, but even if that's true, it's not the entire point. The perceived wisdom is that planting trees is a great way to help neutralise carbon emissions. Through photosynthesis, trees absorb carbon dioxide to produce oxygen and wood. There may be other methods, some may be better, but this is the route directly open to classic vehicle owners that's promoted by the movement's leading lobbying group. Laudable it may be, but even so this is only part of the reason I have joined this scheme.

I want to carry on and enjoy my MG feeling as guilt-free as possible. If challenged about my classic's emissions I can say I'm doing what I can to mitigate against them and have acted accordingly. I want my MG to be part of the solution, not add to the climate problem, and enjoy my classic car with a reasonably clear conscience. At the very least this is a step in the right direction. It can't do any harm.

As I usually do more than 1200 miles a year in it I have bought 3000 miles worth of carbon offset at a cost of £48.76. That equates to around 1.5 tonnes of carbon captured, which is about 5 or 6 trees. Fewer miles purchased capture and cost less. This is just a fraction of what I spend overall on enjoying this car each year and costs about the same as a single tank of petrol. I am not suggesting that all our club members follow suit. It is entirely up to you. See: <https://trees.fbhvc.co.uk/>

So, I've come over all holier than thou, but unlike the classic car press who have been promoting this scheme, I did a bit of digging and directly asked Tree-Vee this; "Presumably you are planting saplings. How long before my trees actually remove 1.5 tonnes of carbon from the atmosphere?"

They replied, *“Calculations for how much carbon a tree absorbs takes into account the fact it does this over the lifetime of the tree and the project. Whilst a tree will absorb carbon throughout its life, the peak absorption and target is reached in the 15-30 years window, species and location dependent.”*

Still, at least I'll get a nice sticker to tell the world how virtuous I'm being, and if I renew annually and buy even more trees, eventually I'll be responsible for creating a whole wood!

Howard

Don't shoot the messenger

Risking the wrath of any members who disapprove of a mention of Chinese built MGs (please note that both the MGOC and MGCC state that *any* car that bears an MG badge is worthy of being featured and promoted by the clubs), MG achieved a record 383% sales increase in November as the new ZS EV arrived in the brand's rapidly developing dealer network. This car has also been crowned by *Driving Electric* as their 2022 Car of the Year and the Best Driving EV of the year.

Fuel pipes

For anyone wanting to fit ethanol resisting fuel pipework, *Enjoying MG* recommends leading specialists Goodridge.

Their parts are said to resist up to 15% ethanol mix and beyond.

See: www.goodridge.com.



Secrets of filming cars at speed

Many people like to know how movie magic is filmed (it's not just me!), even though as viewers we take amazing action sequences for granted. Filming the track scenes for *Top Gear* is a good example. We might have been watching it for years without appreciating the ingenuity and skill that goes into capturing the speed and drama of these scenes. Now the secret is out.



I highly recommend you watch this fascinating short video made by one of the directors of *Top Gear* where he reveals the artistry and technology of their craft. That crew have got it sussed and really know what they are going, both with filming and editing.

On YouTube, search 'Secrets of filming cars at speed' or follow this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOUkLvmqvYo>

It's all a long way from the first video, as opposed to film, camera I ever used, like this monster which was heavier than it looked. How this chap climbed a tree with it is beyond me. The quality was pretty poor too. Back then it was unimaginable that one day a tiny mobile phone would be able to shoot outstanding 4K hi-def video.

Now where can I get me an Agito (watch the clip!)?

Howard

Christmas PARTY

*♪Janis made a list, she checked it twice,
And invited us to party, if we'd been naughty or nice,
'Cause Tamar Valley's coming to town. ♪*

Firstly, thanks must go to our Vice Chair for organising a simply splendid dinner dance for us at Boringdon Golf Club. It was not without difficulty as our entertainer Mrs Jones had to pull out at the last minute and self-isolate. But fear not – Fairy Godmother Janis waved her magic wand and found a replacement DJ to provide music for dancing.

A couple of our club members were also self-isolating and poor Sonia was in hospital for tests (she's OK now). All our fondest thoughts and best wishes went out to everyone who had looked forward to coming along but couldn't.

A few of us were being super Covid careful, wearing masks and not circulating much, not least because that afternoon Prof Chris Whitty had revealed more details about the alarming and exponential rise in the Omicron variant. But let's not dwell on that, or what's happened since. Our meal was lovely, and the serving staff did us proud. A good time was had by all.

(The photographer hopes he didn't miss anyone out. Apologies if he did. Ed.)









Looking back through all of last year’s newsletters was fascinating. It was also a salutary exercise. I found that even in just a few months the pain of 2020 and early 2021 had diminished a little, and so rereading the newsletters was a reminder of times of frustration and fear tinged with hope. Now, with the Omicron variant dictating many aspects of our lives, this reflection is a timely reminder of what we have been through and why we need to remain vigilant.

After a 2020 Christmas widely devoid of parties (unless you were invited to No. 10) and with only three households allowed to gather together for the festivities, 4th January brought news that children would be allowed back to school. Any relief was short-lived as sadly, just two days later, the government announced that we were to go back into a third national lockdown. We all had to stay at home again and only go out for exercise or to buy food and other essentials. Home schooling grandchildren in a bubble continued for some of us.



All of this continued until March, though the ‘stay at home’ edict remained in place for longer. No vaccines were yet available, though some of us had volunteered for the Janssen trial.

In the circumstances we could have no in-the-flesh club meetings and so had to continue via Zoom. To keep in contact in other ways, members were sent their monthly newsletters as usual, and I tried to cheer everyone up with a colour supplement of jokes (“tried” being the operative word as you can see from my mocked-up photo above!)



Our club had a fund-raising appeal to help NHS staff at Derriford hospital on the Covid-19 wards. We raised over a thousand pounds. They had asked for nibbles and drinks that could be consumed while at work on the wards, and altogether we made three supply trips to them.

I wrote in the February newsletter, *“The phrase ‘front-line staff’ is perfectly apt for these dedicated and selfless women and men who are staring Covid and death in the eye every day. The strain of looking after so many desperately ill people for almost a year now shows in their saddened and weary eyes. Frankly, it’s hard to imagine just how terrible it all must be. One told me that he keeps opening store cupboard doors only to find a member of the medical staff inside, crying.”*

Alan wrote, *“The current lock-down restrictions we are enduring really pale into insignificance when compared to their daily stress and work burdens.”*

The MGOC had banned regional clubs from organising any events and so the first part of 2021 wasn't exactly a golden time for classic car outings. Most of our motors had pretty well been in permanent storage, languishing in cold garages waiting for road salt and mud to wash away, and some sunshine.

The February and March weather was miserable and at times we endured epic rainstorms. News programmes and government pronouncements added more misery with horrifying Covid death totals rising daily. The microscopic Covid-19 virus had the world in its grip.

But there were a few signs of spring, a much-needed vaccination programme was looming and a few car events, later in the year, looked as though they might be able to go ahead. That cautious confidence came from Boris' roadmap which we reproduced in the March newsletter. Firstly, two people from two households could meet outside for recreation, 'stay at home' became 'stay local', then towards the end of the month the rule of six would apply.

By mid-April a further slight easing meant that Drive It Day could definitely go ahead, be it in very modest form. Moor2Sea was pushed back a third time from May to July.

But it was not until stage 4 of the roadmap that we were given real hope, with the government expressing the wish to remove all legal limits on social contact from 21st June. That meant road trips, holidays and basically anything could go ahead. The nation crossed its fingers.

At our club AGM via Zoom in April, most of the committee was re-elected and, with others standing down, Gavin was voted in as our Members Rep. We became optimistic that our Cotswold Caper weekend in July might be on, and I teased the possibility of getting together on National Cream Tea Day.

Also, around this time some of us of a certain age began to receive Covid vaccinations.

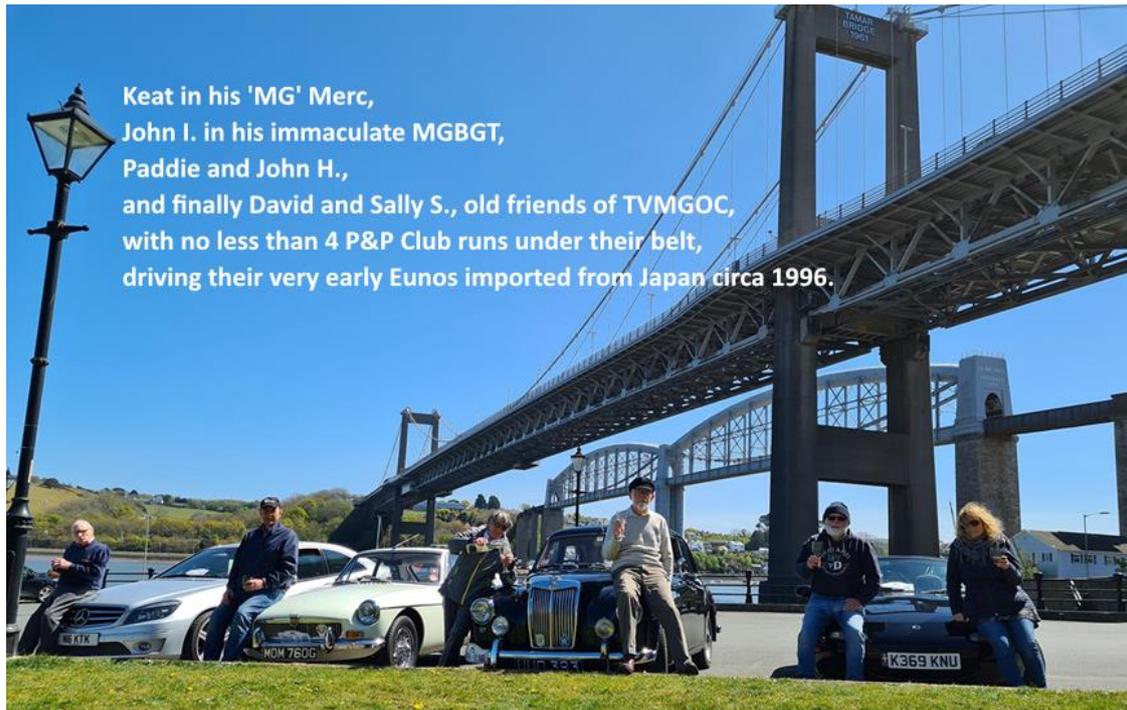
The April *Enjoying MG!* featured an article about our club's fundraising for the ICU wards at Derriford Hospital. Under the headline *When MG stands for More Giving* the piece recounted our club-wide fundraising donations including the effort of our sewing bees, Alison, Pam and Janis, who made laundry bags out of pillowcases, and those of us who went shopping for much wanted and appreciated drinks and snacks for the staff.

The *Enjoying MG!* article ended thus:
With physical Tamar Valley MGOC club activities curtailed, this has helped keep a connection with our members, and the way they rallied round for a good cause is rather wonderful and inspiring. What started as a good idea has snowballed into a very practical example of support to our community, thanks to the generous donations from our club members.



We started to plan our People & Places day out, hopeful that it could go ahead as it was not scheduled until September.

April is always the month Drive It Day occurs and many of us took the opportunity to go out in small numbers for a spin in the sunshine. Pictured are some of us parked up on Dartmoor for a picnic, and Nigel, Clive & Gavin at Siblyback Lake.



This is also the time when we start planning to attend car shows, but almost all of them were cancelled. This included Great Trethew, the English Riviera Show on Paignton Green, the Historic Vehicle Show at Powderham, Wadebridge Wheels, the Launceston Steam and Vintage Rally and Boconnoc Steam Fair. However, after talking to the organisers, I had hope that the car show at RHS Rosemoor could go ahead, as it was not scheduled until 1st August. Fingers crossed again.

In May, pubs and restaurants reopened though booking our traditional Friday night supper runs to a nice pub somewhere would be impractical as all had to sit outside and bookings for places were going crazy.

Due to the difficulties in finding suitable venues for hosting our Friday Night Supper Runs under the restrictions, we planned to replace these with picnic runs. Our June newsletter covered some significant developments:

Latest Covid restrictions from 17 May

Relevant to club runs, people can meet in groups of up to 30 outdoors, but hopefully all restrictions will be lifted on 21 June in time for our Friday 25 June Cream Tea Run.

The June club meeting will be our last via Zoom. Fingers crossed!

Friday 25 Cream Tea Run

This is being organised by Roy and Sonia to Siblyback Lake.

Janis organised a SNOG. For the uninitiated, that is a Short Notice Outings Group. Unfortunately, due to the very short notice there were only a couple who could join her. Still, it was a sign that things were improving



In June, Simon noted that a growing optimism was in the air, due largely to growing numbers of vaccinated people. Our June meeting was to be our last one via Zoom and we were looking forward to our first club meeting at the Moorland Hotel in Wotter. Simon also noted that the pandemic had not unduly affected club membership and announced that we had six new members.

After a very wet May, the weather had finally started to improve. In the newsletter I wrote, “Our club is no different from any other outfit in that we have had a very barren year or so. Now it is time to look forward to the light at the end of the tunnel where there’s an MG glinting enticingly. With determination to rev up the club once more, Alan and I have had a planning session to think about what we can, hopefully reliably, do in the coming months.”

But our hopes for a proper meet-up meeting in July were to be thwarted because of a delay in opening up the country out of the lockdown restrictions due to the spread of the Delta variant.

In late June, however, we were able to meet up outside for our Cream Tea run to Siblyback Lake, organised by Roy & Sonia. This was our first in-the-flesh members’ gathering since March 2020. It was simply wonderful to see everyone again - and looking so well! We were also finally able to meet some of our new members, Nigel S. in his Midget and Paul & Debbie in their 1956 MGA 1500.





As we were tucking in, I received a photo from Ade & Val, with us in spirit as they enjoyed a cream tea at exactly the same time as us while sitting in the sunshine beside their narrowboat on the River Wye. This was also Sonia's 21st birthday (for the 50th time!) so extra cakes had been baked for the occasion.



In July, some of us took part in Gloucester MGOC's Cotswold Caper. We made a weekend out of it and a great time was had by all.



We passed through impossibly Disneyesque sandstone villages and ogled countless enviable, picture-postcard cottages with roses around the door and floral gardens ablaze with colour. The woes of the world seemed a long way away from this utterly perfect English idyll.

It was great finally to be able to use our MGs as they were intended. I was moved to quote Mr Toad, "The poetry of motion! The real way to travel! The only way to travel! Here today - in next week tomorrow! Villages skipped, towns and cities jumped - always somebody else's horizons! O bliss! O poop-poop! O my! O my!"

We also took part in a well-attended picnic run organised by Simon & Charlie to Gavin's gliding club airfield near Tavistock. This proved to be a great venue as we had the place to ourselves and there were handy facilities too.



John & B met up with former members Clive and Wendy for the silver anniversary of MGF production, which had been postponed from the year before.

John & B had arrived with a leaky radiator on their MGF but luckily a stall holder had one in stock and a young chap attending the show, who had just finished a mechanical apprenticeship, fitted it for them then and there. It's wonderful to discover just how kind and thoughtful MG drivers are. They will always help and give you advice...even if you haven't asked for it!



August began with TVMGOC cars attending the Vintage and Classic Weekend at RHS Rosemoor.

In sunshine and showers, it must be said Tamar Valley MGOC put on a fine display, perhaps the best there!

For many, although a smaller show, Rosemoor trumps the likes of Powderham because the RHS gardens are themselves so beautiful to explore, and extensive too. This is likely to become an event the club visits regularly.





Many club members responded to this plea, and in August attended our first club meeting at the Moorland Hotel. After a short pre-meeting run, during which Alan & Alison helped out new member Andy who had a problem with his MGC, parking was a bit of a faff as the hotel was also full of guests.

We were able to meet our new members properly and also welcome some prospective members who were checking the club out. By the end of the evening our club membership numbers had swollen, which certainly kept Simon (Club Secretary) busy on the night.

It was also around this time that E5 and E10 was introduced to petrol stations nationwide. Inevitably this development led to an untold number of comments by drivers of older cars who were concerned about the corrosive effects of ethanol. The jury's still out on that one.

Concerns about fuel would soon continue as a shortage of lorry tanker drivers caused many garages to run out and led to panic buying and long queues.

It was a wet Sunday for a mid-month picnic run, planned by Richard & Kathryn and helped by Alison & Alan. Starting at Roborough Down, the 17 cars crossed the moor to gather at Leusdon Memorial Hall, which Richard had wisely booked for us just in case of rain.



A few of us drove up to Tiverton to take part in Moor2Sea, organised by Exeter MGOC. A foggy start interrupted the views across Exmoor but the sun came out for our lunchstop in Lynmouth and the return route was stunning.



September is the time for our biennial People and Places run. Scheduled for 2020 but cancelled, this was a long-awaited event! Jan & I were the organisers, and it was truly great to see so many new faces and to chat to fellow MG enthusiasts from near and far. Our aim was to devise a route to showcase some of the best views our corner of the region has to offer, and reactions we received at the finish and by email afterwards show that it was greatly appreciated.



Shortly after the start, at Burrator it was with huge sadness that TVMGOC new member Martyn broke down (*his car, not Martyn. Ed*) due to a burst radiator hose on his black TF LE500. His 3-year-old son Beauden was navigator for the day, and we presented him with a special certificate and a chocolate medal which had to be awarded at the roadside because they weren't going to make it to the finish!



We drove around the western side of Dartmoor, the eastern side of Exmoor, headed south towards the coast passing through Looe and Seaton before taking in the views of Whitsand bay, Rame Head, Cawsand, Millbrook and St Germans.





Exiting Cornwall via the Tamar Bridge we finished the run at Boringdon Golf Club for a splendid cream tea.



A week later in mid-October, nineteen long months since our last Sunday lunch run to an indoor venue, we were able to return to normality for the 2021 Tulip Trophy Run organised by the previous year's winners, Alan & Alison.

The end point for the run was Strawberry Fields at Lifton, and although the car park was very busy we were all able to park in line, which made for a lovely spectacle.



Keat & Peter



Sarah & Janet



Andy S.



And that was the year that was. In spite of many problems, your club still managed to do a lot last year. All we can hope for now is that 2022 doesn't clip our wings too much and that we can look forward to many wonderful and entertaining trips out together in our MGs.

Fingers crossed eh!?

Howard



Received entries	From
<i>As if proof is necessary, F1 is becoming more of a joke as time goes by.</i>	Keat
<i>F1 Medics concerned over Lewis Hamilton's eyesight.</i>	John I.
<i>Lewis models for new Oxfam fashion show.</i>	John I.
<i>♪ They seek him here, they seek him there. His clothes are loud, but he don't care. Fast on track he's best, but he drives us round the bend, 'Cause he's a dedicated follower of fashion. Oh yes, he is (Oh yes, he is) Oh yes, he is (Oh yes, he is) He flits from shop to shop just like a butterfly. All around the town, he looks a proper clown, 'Cause he's a dedicated follower of fashion. ♪</i>	Howard (Sorry it's a bit long but I've been feeling Kinky!)
<i>Lewis texts his Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas saying, "Love the outfit, but your makeup's a bit over the top!"</i>	Howard
<i>Text from Lewis to his clown driver mate – "Was it you who made all the doors fall off my car?"</i>	Howard
<i>"I'm fed up with this disguise. It says here on screen, 'Press to vaporise Red Bulls!' "</i>	John H.
<i>Text from the clown, "My dear Lewis, that fashion is sooooo last year!"</i>	John H.
Lewis finds out the hard way that the wrong 'at-tyre' can easily turn you into a clown.	Alan
<i>What's the emoji for stunned silence?</i>	John N.
<i>Lewis announces change of career to singer: and the song is "O! What a circus" or "Send in the clowns. Don't bother, they're here" *</i>	Janis
<i>Think he's watched a little night music* too much and brought on his own clowns.</i>	Roger
<i>Lewis dressed in his finest for his investiture. "Arise, Sir CoCo"</i>	Ade
<i>Everyone thought that the outcome of the World Championship was a joke, especially Lewis!!</i>	Ade

**And the winner of last month's competition chosen blindly by Vanessa is Alan. Well done!
He will choose next month's winner**

***RIP Stephen Sondheim 1930 – 2021**

**Here's next month's photo requiring a caption and we'll trumpet the winner!
Your entries by email to:
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And finally...



For anyone curious about the lifting capacity of a wheely bin... Apparently a LandCruiser gearbox and transfer case is where it tops out



Council cutbacks hit home

Her Diary:

Tonight, I thought my husband was acting weird. We had made plans to meet at a nice restaurant for dinner. I was shopping with my friends all day long, so I thought he was upset at the fact that I was a bit late but he made no comment on it. Conversation wasn't flowing so I suggested that we go somewhere quiet so we could talk. He agreed, but didn't say much. I asked him what was wrong, he said "nothing". I asked him if it was my fault that he was upset. He said he wasn't upset, that it had nothing to do with me and not to worry about it. On the way home, I told him that I loved him. He smiled slightly and kept driving. I can't explain his behaviour. I don't know why he didn't say "I love you, too". When we got home, I felt as if I had lost him completely, as if he had wanted nothing to do with me anymore. He just sat there quietly and watched TV. He continued to seem distant and absent. Finally, with silence all around us, I decided to go to bed. Around 15 minutes later, he came to bed. But I still felt that he was distracted and his thoughts were somewhere else. He fell asleep - I cried. I don't know what to do. I'm almost sure that his thoughts are with someone else. My life is a disaster.

His Diary:

Car won't start... can't figure out why.



The wrong way to top up blinker fluid



The right way