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## Secretary's Report



In the midst of winter, where a concrete grey sky holds the Tamar Valley in its chilled embrace, hedgerows are barren, muddy tracks are where B roads used to be, and the wind has a bite which keeps many by their wood burners. Nevertheless, there is warmth to be had in the activity of the Tamar Valley MGOC.

We had a successful run to the Dartmoor Lodge which proved popular, with many braving the salty roads for the first MG outing of the year (I know that I chickened out and brought the Land Rover). A hearty carvery awaited our intrepid crews, and members clearly enjoyed the meal when it arrived, despite the occasional administrative shortcomings of the staff.

Turning to the future, for those eagerly awaiting the application forms for our own Tamar Valley People and Places run on Sunday 17 Sep 23 (not August as the typing error showed in last month's Enjoying MG!) plans are being finalised and the form will be on our website shortly. We are back to the East of the Tamar this year, with some splendid scenery and coastal views to delight the eye, and we have fixed the starting point at Yelverton Golf Club and completion with an optional Cream Tea at the lovely Two Bridges Hotel on Dartmoor.

You will recall that we have about 50 cars on this run, and we keep about half the places for the club so when the forms are out in a week or so it is a good idea to book early to avoid disappointment. Together with our Club mini break to Hereford in July, this means that it will be a busy year for the club.

In MGOC HQ news the main focus this year is the MG 100-year celebration. The event is being held at the British Motor Museum, Gaydon on Sat 27 May, and there is an optional dinner afterward. Howard and Jan are attending from Cambridge, and Charlie and I are joining an MGOC planned Run to Gaydon starting in Swindon on the day – you are more than welcome to join us!

Finally, I repeat the message in my email that it is our AGM next month. With the exception of the Chairman, who has already been re-elected by the committee, the entire committee will stand for re-election. Most of the committee are content to stand again this year, but we are looking for new Members Representatives and I am delighted to say that we have two willing candidates. If you have any items of business for the AOB section of the AGM, **I will need these to me by Feb 14<sup>th</sup> please** as we can't accept new items on the night.

*Simon*

Should you need to contact our club secretary, for example to send in club subscriptions, first call or email.

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## Notes from your Chairman



Hello everyone.

As I write this, we have been enjoying quite a prolonged dry spell during the last couple of weeks of January, however the roads are still covered in salt, and we now need some heavy rain to wash off that coating. Our daily drivers were looking quite disgusting but after liberal use of the hosepipe they are now much improved, so long as they stay on the drive of course.

It was with great pleasure that I was able to complete the presentation of the **Enthusiast of the Year** trophy to Bee & John and the **Irene Williamson Memorial Trophy** to Sue & Bill at the January club meeting, this having been postponed from the club's Christmas Dinner (*see photos later*).

Alison and I were pleased that the run we arranged for Howard and Jan's Sunday lunch in January seemed to go down well and pass without incident. It was a shame that we couldn't actually enjoy lunching with you all, due to having lost our dog sitter for the day. Not that Barney minded too much! (*see photos later*).

As mentioned at the start, we continued from the run destination at the Dartmoor Lodge to our own booked Sunday lunch at the Church House Inn, Holne. Like you, we also had an excellent lunch and can recommend the food, service and the venue to you all. Unfortunately, they are unable to accommodate a club Sunday lunch due to our numbers.

Alison and I have now done a trial run of our planned route for April's '**National Drive It Day**', **Treasure Hunt Trophy Run and Sunday Lunch**. **The date for this is Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**. We still have quite a lot of fine tuning to do, and also to work out some suitable questions for the Treasure Hunt to keep the navigators busy.

The lunch venue will be at **The Weary Friar, Pillaton, Saltash, PL12 6QS**. Please add the date to your diaries and also get your names down if you wish to come along and join in the fun. The club's AGM is not too far away (March meeting) and I really hope that you will be able to come along to oversee the club's due processes, one of those processes being the election of your committee for another club year.

I am very happy to say that all of the existing committee are willing to stand for re-election although there will be a proposed change to the current committee roles. This change will be addressed by a constitution amendment which will be put to the floor for acceptance. Between now and the AGM, we still have John & Bee's Sunday lunch to look forward to, so hopefully see you there.

We both look forward to seeing you at the next club meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February.  
Happy MG motoring,

*Alan*



## Event Secretary - keeping it wheel

Dear Motorneers,

Each New Year, with diaries in hand, Jan and I look forward to a whole year of activities. Many of these revolve around the MG, with trips already planned locally and nationally. Then there's our ski trip followed by (numerous!) visits to Mallorca where our non-skiing daughter and family live. Fitting in time to spend in our caravan in Cornwall is proving challenging as we try to dovetail these visits around everything else. Yes it's a good jigsaw of a life.

So why am I saying this? Well, very recently someone said to me - about classic car events - that they don't like planning ahead. I don't get this, because classic car events are becoming more and more popular and if you want to take part, booking early is vital. Leave entering to the last minute and you risk missing out. As Event Sec. I don't pore over the long list of events contained within our Event Diary just for pleasure as it can be time-consuming. I do it so we can all look ahead and enter various runs and shows as forms become available. I do it so we can have some fun!

My job is to provide you with information so that you can get lots of happy times from your MG and that requires forward planning. Talking of which...

### **Club mini-break to Hereford, the Wye Valley and the Welsh Borders**

Jan and I have been putting cold, wet days to good use by planning our four-night club trip in detail. Although this isn't until the first week in July, slack time now may as well be used profitably rather than waste the better weather later in the year when we'll be busy.

When proposing this outing, I already had some ideas for potential tours. However, converting thoughts into detailed route books with accurate directions, mileages and points of interest is another matter altogether.

The best way to do this is by poring over detailed maps and then actually driving numerous highways and byways before deciding on a final route. That's all well and good if it's in some way a commercial enterprise or if you live nearby, but Jan & I do this for our mutual pleasure, not profit. Consequently we have spent numerous days examining OS maps and reccyng the roads via Google Street view. It takes ages but it works after a lot of clicking, it's an interesting exercise and a nice way to spend time as we await the first signs of spring when we will want to get out more.

On this trip, after travelling up to our hotel on the Monday we will have three full days of MG adventures, and each will be different. It's looking like day one will be spent exploring the "picture perfect" *Black & White Trail*, comprising "delightful driving around quintessentially English villages" returning via *The Golden Valley*. Day two will see us traversing the high roads of the Black Mountains including time to look around Hay-on-Wye, and day three the Wye Valley and New Forest with potential stops including Ross-on-Wye, a stunning water garden and the iconic Symonds Yat.

Currently we have 14 cars signed up for the trip and there is room for more. Drop me a line if you would like to come along too.

So far, planning this trip has been a pleasure, but I'm not going to do it every year. PLEASE keep your eyes and minds open for other possible centres for classic car club holiday trips, and ideally for anywhere that provides route books as well! All suggestions gratefully received...

Happy MGing!

*Howard*

## COMMITTEE CHANGES - Social Secretary and Event Secretary

I am mentioning this now as I will be away quite a lot in February and March, and in order to give members time to reflect and vote on this change, which needs to be ratified at the 13 March AGM.

As I'd like to thin out my club duties a little, I recently proposed to the committee that the current Event Secretary role be split, and a new position of Social Secretary created.

This was agreed in principle and Janis volunteered to take it on.

Currently as Event Sec. I am responsible for two distinct types of event by:

- Monitoring and helping with the organisation of our monthly club lunches, etc.
- Gathering and providing information via newsletter, email and our website, concerning the shows and runs put on by our own and various other organisations.

The proposal is to split these two tasks between the Event Secretary and Social Secretary.

This seems an easy and comfortable divide, as our monthly club runs are very much social affairs and different from 'outside' events.

So you will be asked to agree to this proposal to create a...

*Social Secretary. Responsible for planning the activity programme for Club Meetings. Support and advise members conducting monthly runs. Social activity such as the Christmas Dinner.*

For those organising club events, Janis as Social Sec. would provide pro forma lists for names of participants to be gathered. It is to her, together with the organisers, that members should direct any queries, not the Event Sec.

The Social Sec. will also make available the start time and place of each event so that this information can be published in newsletters and on the club's website under the Entry forms/details tab.

So all that is to be agreed by the membership. However, Janis is already overseeing the organisers of the February and March Sunday lunch runs in my absence.

Any queries about these should be directed to Janis, John & Bee (Feb) or Nigel & Naomi (March).

Regarding our biennial (meaning once every two years) People & Places run, each time a subcommittee will be formed to specifically organise this stand-alone event mostly, though not necessarily exclusively, comprised from the committee.

*Howard*



### Upcoming events

The most up to date and detailed information on all 2023 events can be found and downloaded on the Event Diary Page and the Entry Forms page.

See: [www.tvmgoc.org.uk](http://www.tvmgoc.org.uk)

The local event list, complete with the names of which members are taking part in various events, has been emailed to you along with the monthly newsletter.

The more complete Event Diary is on our club website but for data protection reasons does not list the event participants. You'll also find entry forms there.

Events & Shows -			
Currently listed on our website <b>Entry forms tab</b> - many have entry forms/details already.			
Sunday Lunch run		26 February	
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Wadebridge Vintage Rally		7&8 April	
Drive It Day – coming soon as details TBA		23 April	
The Mendip Classic Car Tour (By quick to enter!)		14 May	
100 Mile Celebration Scenic Drive Plymouth to Harrowbarrow		Sunday 21 May	
MG Centenary at the British Motor Museum		Saturday 27 May	
Launceston Steam and Vintage Rally		27th – 29th May	
MoreToSee Exeter MGOC		Sunday 28th May	
Tavistock Steam & Vintage Fair		Sunday 4 June	
The Southampton & New Forest MGOC		Sunday 4 June	
Totnes Rotary Classic Car Show and auto-jumble		Sunday 25 June	
Powderham Historic Vehicle Gathering		Sunday 9 July	
Wadebridge Wheels Royal Cornwall Show Ground.		Sunday 16 July	
English Riviera Show on Paignton Green		Sunday 23 July	
RHS Rosemoor Vintage Weekend		July 29 and 30	
Boconnoc (now back at Boconnoc estate)		July 28 to 30	
Fowey Classic Car Show and Parade 2023		Wednesday 16 August	
Great Trethew Vintage Rally - Saturday 26 – 28 August		Saturday 26 – 28 August	
Saltram Rotary Classic Car Show		Sunday 3 September	
Bristol MGOC Brunel Run		Saturday 9th September	
People & Places 2023		Sunday 17 September	
TVMGOC CLUB DATES 2023			Lunch organiser
run start and other details of are on our website when available			
Feb	<i>Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at Manadon 'Quiz Night of the Year'</i>	<b>13 Feb</b>	
	Lunch on 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday to Wrangaton Golf Club	26 Feb	John & Bee
Mar	<i>Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday meeting at Manadon – club AGM</i>	<b>13 Mar</b>	
	Lunch on 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday to Staddon Heights Golf Club Jennycliff	26 Mar	Nigel & Naomi
Apr	<i>Club Monday meeting at Manadon (not 10<sup>th</sup> as it's a Bank Hol.) Howard launches our 2023 photo competition.</i>	<b>3 April</b>	
	Drive It Day inc. Treasure Hunt – lunch at The Weary Friar, Pillaton, Saltash, PL12 6QS.	23 April	Alan & Alison
May	<i>Club Monday meeting at Manadon – Peter Stabb talk on WWII 2 &amp; Coronation medals</i>	<b>15 May</b>	
	Friday Supper run - to The Old Inn Widecombe	19 May	Richard & Kathryn
June	<i>Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday meeting at Manadon</i>	<b>12 June</b>	
	National Cream Tea Day – last Friday in June to Iain & Helen's barn nr. Launceston	30 June	Iain & Helen
July	<i>Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday meeting at Manadon</i>	<b>10 July</b>	
	Sunday Lunch run on 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	23 July	Neil and Pam
Aug	<i>Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday meeting at Manadon</i>	<b>14 Aug</b>	
	Supper run – Friday a week after the club meeting or BBQ TBA or Sunday Lunch on 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday lunch	<b>25 Aug</b> <b>27 Aug</b>	<b>Required</b>
Sept	<i>Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday meeting at Manadon</i>	<b>11 Sept</b>	
	People & Places Organised by the committee	17 Sept	Committee
Oct	<i>Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday meeting at Manadon</i>	<b>9 Oct</b>	
	Lunch on 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday inc. Tulip Trophy	<b>22 Oct</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Nov	<i>Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday meeting at Manadon</i>	<b>13 Nov</b>	
	Lunch on 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	26 Nov	John & Bee
Dec	No lunch or meeting – Christmas dinner	TBA	Janis

## MG 100 Centenary 27 May at The British Motor Museum, Gaydon

The webpage includes information about the MG 100 Centenary celebration at the British Motor Museum on 27 May. Any owner of an MG will surely take an interest in this once-in-a-century event and go along. Jan and I will be returning from an extended MG trip to the Lake District with a detour via Cambridge and will visit MG100 on the Saturday on the way home. If you intend to go along please let me know and I will put you in touch with other members who will also be attending.

# THE CENTENARY OF MG

In 1923, Cecil Kimber designed, built, advertised, and sold the first MG sports car, the MG Super Sports Morris.

To celebrate the Centenary of MG cars, The MG Owners' Club, the Early MG Society, the MG Octagon Car Club, the MG 'T' Society, and the MG Car Club are organising an MG Centenary event on 27th May 2023 at the British Motor Museum, Gaydon.

There will be full range of attractions to and an optional Centenary dinner in the early evening in the Sky Suite at the Museum.

Further details to be released soon

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## People & Places

Soon we will have details of our very own People & Places run taking place on 17 September.

The route is being devised by Simon & Charlie, Janis is organising the start and finish venues, Treasurer Nigel will look after the budget and payments.

In addition, Alan will need volunteer marshals at the start and finish, so even if you do not take part in the run, please help out on the day of you are free and let us know if we can count on you. The reputation of our club is at stake here!



**Club visit to an extraordinary classic car collection – not to be missed!**

Clive has a friend with a considerable collection of classic cars, in various states of restoration. He has invited a small group of TVMGOC members to visit and look them over.



*A small part of the collection with an Aston Martin DB2/4 and Bentley*

We are arranging this for **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March** leaving **Plymouth about 10am**. The idea is that where possible we car share to restrict the number of cars at his property.

He lives at the other side of St Austell. The trip will finish mid-to late pm depending on what we do for lunch.

Clive took Howard on a reccy to check out this very private (if not secretive) collection and he says it is extraordinary. Some of the cars are restored, but most have waited years for an extensive rebuild. A few have an incredible history too. There is also a massive collection of spare parts. Howard says it is well worth a visit, it is an honour for the club to be invited and urges those who can to come along. We must be discreet about the location and owner's name for obvious reasons.

This is not a social outing, and we need to keep the numbers attending manageable, so I suggest only car enthusiasts put their names down. When we have the final list I will let those know and car sharing can be arranged.

There will be a list at the February meeting and the invitation will also be emailed to all.

Cheers

*Janis*

**Drive-It Day 23 April – rally plaques**

The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs created Drive-It Day to celebrate the occasion in 1900 when 65 vehicles drove from London to Edinburgh returning to London to prove the viability of the motor car.



DID is also intended to be a charity fundraiser. Once again Rally plaques are being sold with a chunk of the money raised going to Childline. They come in different sizes and prices.

See: <https://www.driveitday.co.uk/shop>

If you already have an undated DID rally plaque you can still donate to DID Childline here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/driveitdaychildline2023>

This year Alan & Alison are organising the route for our club.

Start and finish details are on our website.





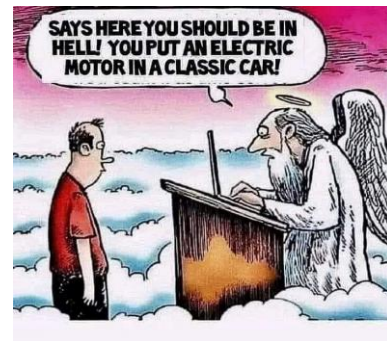
## DVLA Do's and Don'ts:

### The risks of modifying your classic car

It's unlikely any of our members are thinking of converting their classic MG to electric, but Hagerty have produced an interesting article on the topic.

Worth a read:

[https://www.hagerty.co.uk/articles/maintenance-and-gear/dvlas-dos-and-donts-the-risks-of-modifying-your-classic-car/?fbclid=IwAR3hyYRMfs2Hkhj8xOJ\\_KgEYPnwljYVxw-wdiFA3TQi05Az9w5PZuEJ8jgU#comment-40544](https://www.hagerty.co.uk/articles/maintenance-and-gear/dvlas-dos-and-donts-the-risks-of-modifying-your-classic-car/?fbclid=IwAR3hyYRMfs2Hkhj8xOJ_KgEYPnwljYVxw-wdiFA3TQi05Az9w5PZuEJ8jgU#comment-40544)



## Toast, oh toast, the beloved breakfast food of MG drivers everywhere



At this gloomy, wet and cold time of the year, as our MGs languish in garages and your newsletter scribe gets desperate for absolutely anything to write about, we long for something warm and welcoming to look forward to. Worry not, as here is the answer: the last Thursday in February, the 23<sup>rd</sup>, is **National Toast Day**.

Toast, the humble yet mighty food that has a special place in our hearts (and stomachs). It's the king of breakfast, so put aside those croissants and Danish pastries and breakfast the British way, with toast, as British as MG (was!).

## Artificial Intelligence, made by humans

Newsletter readers will know that last month I asked ChatGPT, an AI text writing programme, to write an article about classic MG cars in the style of Jeremy Clarkson. It was pretty convincing. Since then, the world has gone mad for it. ChatGPT in the two months since its launch has 100million users. Open AI, the company that created ChatGPT, has technicians who are overwhelmed and are frantically trying to expand their servers to cope with demand. There's an incentive: Microsoft are considering buying the company for a cool \$10 billion.



### A word of caution

Someone on Facebook posted that they had asked ChatGPT to write *The history/engineering of the MGA*. In its lengthy answer it got many things right. However there were a few serious inaccuracies: the MGA is not a monocoque car, it never had an 1800cc engine, there was no mention of the Twin-cam, and the first sentence began, "The MGA (which stands for Morris Garages Austin)..."

It's therefore worrying that many students are using ChatGPT as an essay-writing tool. User beware!

BTW, not a word of this newsletter has been written by ChatGPT...or has it?

### Awards and more awards

The January meeting turned out to be one of celebration, as five awards were handed out: two surprises for notable club achievements and three for our new (inaugural?) photo competition. The first award, after a unanimous vote by the committee, was for the Enthusiast of the Year and this went to John & Bee.

This was a bit of a no-brainer. John & Bee are long-standing members who try to get involved in everything our club puts on. Last year, after organising the November lunch run, they immediately volunteered to do the same in November 2023. Soon afterwards, on hearing that we were struggling to find someone to organise the February run, they came forward to take that on as well. That means they will be organising three lunch runs within a year. That's above and beyond the call of membership. Worthy winners without doubt!



The award of the Irene Williamson Trophy for the Best Club Run of the Year went to Bill & Sue. Voted for by the club membership, we all enjoyed their run to the Jubilee Inn, Pelynt. Sadly, Sue & Bill weren't able to take part themselves on the day as they were both unwell, but they were thanked in absentia. We were delighted they felt well enough to come to the January club meeting where they were surprised to hear they had won this award. It was great to see them again.

I had been encouraging members to take photos of their cars to enter into the club photography competition. I wasn't overwhelmed with entry numbers but was delighted by each and every one that was submitted, and I displayed them on the giant TV screen.



I had set myself up as judge and jury because a) it was my idea, and b) I wanted committee members to be able to enter as well. Throughout my life, although I don't consider myself to be a particularly talented or prolific photographer, I have always been around cameras of different kinds both privately and for my work. I have learned a lot, so knew what I was looking for. With an open mind as to what might constitute a winner I decided to create award categories around what had been submitted rather than be prescriptive in advance.

The first award was Best Car Portrait. Here I was looking for something that could grace the cover of *Enjoying MG!* and felt Richard's photo fitted the bill perfectly. It was colourful, well-lit and showcased his shiny car to perfection. Notice also how the scorched grass acts as a reflector to fill and lighten in the back-lit GT's side shadow and chrome wheels.

Many of Richard's excellent photos showed his car from the rear, but for this purpose I felt that, to be a 'cover girl', a frontal view was required.



I decided Gavin's MGC towing his glider should win the Best Car Out & About award. Here's his MGC with its mighty 3ltr engine being put to good use. This picture could have been used as an advert to sell these cars. It suggests freedom of the road, freedom of the sky, and power.



The composition draws the eye from one side of the image to the other to a distant vanishing point. Smashing.



Finally, we came to the overall winner of the Tamar Valley MGOC Photography Competition 2022. Taken by Simon of their RV8, it has everything I was looking for – beauty, light and an original viewpoint. Serious photography forces you to look more closely at an object and its surroundings – light, shape and form, colour, texture, composition and, dare I say it, artistry. I wanted an image that revealed that the photographer has seen something in a moment that perhaps no-one else spotted and I think this, overleaf, did. It's a photo I wish I'd taken myself.



I was delighted that this competition went well with really impressive entries. Thanks to all who entered. The consensus at the meeting was that we should do it again this year, so I'll plan to launch another competition in April.

*Howard*

*PS. Talking of pictures, our website has a gallery of members' cars. It's likely that some new members' cars aren't featured yet. If you'd like your MG to be part of the gallery send me a nice photo or ask me to take one for you sometime.*



## January Sunday Lunch Run to the Dartmoor Lodge



The morning started in a less than ideal way, as I received three 'phone calls from lost members. They were at the Dartmoor Diner as they had not discovered that, weeks earlier, the run start had been changed to Tesco Lee Mill. As the organiser of this event and also as Event Secretary this was as annoying and frustrating for me as it was for them. The change of start had been posted in the January newsletter, it was on our website and two emails had been sent to all members, the last one being on the previous Friday evening. However, asking around it became clear that some were quite sure they had not received the email.

Afterwards, back at home, I checked the Friday message and sure enough it had gone out to over 60 BCC email addresses. Why it didn't land in some of the in-boxes was, and still is, a mystery. As BBC Engineers used to say about various kinds of signals, "It's all right leaving me!"



*Geoff & Terri lead a convoy*

Eventually everything got sorted and we were on our way, following a lovely route planned by Alan & Alison through the South Hams. It was a crisp dry day and the sky tried hard to be bright. Needless to say, the cars did get filthy though. I wasn't going to come in the MG but changed my mind on the day as it really needed a proper run after only having had a few laps around our park to keep her juices flowing over the last few weeks.

With hedges recently flayed, wider views were enjoyed from our low-slung sports cars than is usually possible. We passed through Ermington and skirted Modbury to join the road towards Dartmouth. At the California Inn we turned right and soon crossed The River Avon on Gara Bridge. This is a proper hump-back bridge and the front of our cars pointed skywards, making us hope there was nothing directly on the other side.



*Nick & Nan*



*Noel & Kate*



*Nigel & Pam*



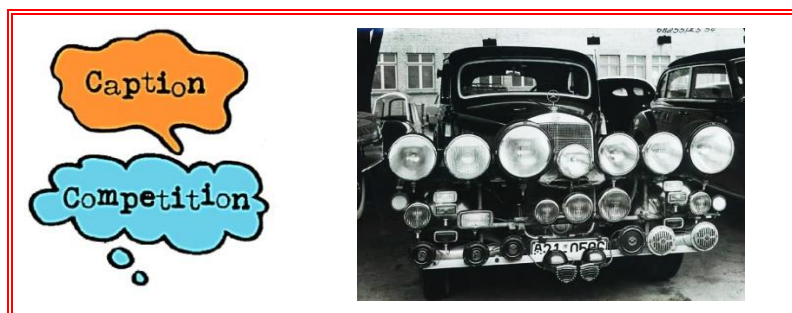
*Roy & Sonia*

We had 43 people taking part and the Lodge was already busy with other customers, so it was not surprising that we were a bit slow to be called to the carvery. However, the lunch was excellent as it usually is here.



The January lunch run is usually the best attended across the year. It is getting hard to find places that can cope with so many of us all arriving at the same time, even if we pre-order our food. Please keep your eyes open for other venues that we might use sometime.

*Howard*



<b>A bumper stack of received entries</b>	<b>From</b>
<i>Howard bought another car and tried to re-create his days at BBC Spotlight.</i>	John I
<i>German car – So many Hans make lights work.</i>	John I
<i>60s Mod now has a wife and family.</i>	Howard
<i>When eating carrots isn't enough to help you see in the dark.</i>	Howard
<i>Installing a pair of LED bulbs would have been much easier.</i>	Howard
<i>Better than triplets Molly!</i>	Richard
<i>Can you fry an egg at 100 yards?</i>	Richard
<i>Anyone got any chrome polish please, the salt plays hell with the shine!</i>	Richard
<b>To hell with global warning and the price of energy</b>	<b>Richard</b>
<i>When Johnny the Mod settled down as a family man he couldn't quite let go of his roots.</i>	Gavin
<i>This wasn't what Janis Joplin expected.</i>	Gavin
<i>Hans wondered why his car wouldn't go faster than 80kph at night.</i>	Gavin
<i>Ah! I think I know this one. It's a Citroen light 15.</i>	Tim P
<i>In the words of Janis Joplin, "Oh Lord won't you give me a Mercedes Benz..." and the Lord said "Let there be light."</i>	Janis
<i>Come for a ride with me darling and I'll light up your life.</i>	John N
<i>You can never have too many spares, there just wasn't room in the boot.'</i>	Sue P
<i>I can see clearly now.</i>	Nigel V
<i>You are the light of my life.</i>	Nigel V
<i>The way, the truth, and the light.</i>	Nigel V
<i>What happens when a Mod upgrades from a Lambretta scooter to a car</i>	Ade
<i>More lights than Howard's Mercedes*</i>	Simon
<i>What energy crisis?</i>	Peter S
<i>I used to ride a Lambretta, but now I'm married I need 4 seats and a heater.</i>	Peter S
<i>Plymouth Airport's new mobile landing lights...</i>	Peter S
<i>I think I've seen the light.</i>	Roger
<i>Let there be light and you could see for b***dy miles</i>	Roger
<i>If I'd been on duty, would have been worth a look for contravening Construction and Use Regulations</i>	Roger (ex Police)
<i>This aged Mod is so proud of his lights that used to adorn his scooter back in 1965.</i>	Alan
<i>You can take the boy out of Brighton, but you cannot take Brighton out of the boy.</i>	Alan
<i>And the good Lord said - Let there be light, and plenty of them!</i>	Paul F
<i>It is a well-known historical fact that Hitler's driver had difficulty operating at night!</i>	John H

**And the winner of last month's cliff-hanger chosen by Bee is Richard. Well done!  
He will choose next month's winner**

*\*This is a reference to my new car. It is a bit flash, especially in the dark.*

Here's next month's photo requiring a caption. Send your entries by the end of the month to: [mediatvmgoc@gmail.com](mailto:mediatvmgoc@gmail.com)



**And finally...**



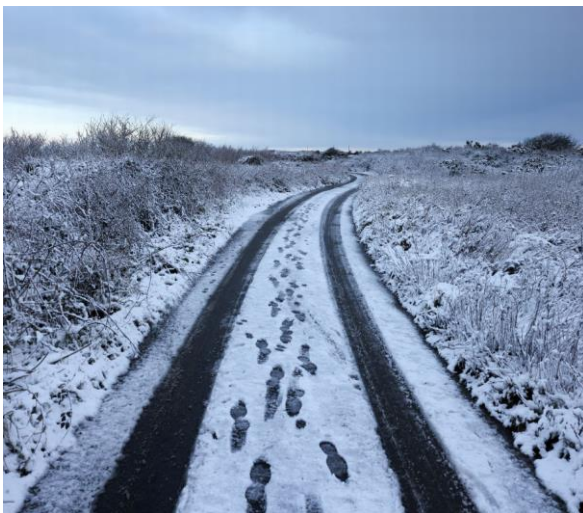
### Car Talk

**Understeer** - When you hit the wall with the front of your car.

**Oversteer** - When you hit the wall with the back of your car.

**Horsepower** - How fast you hit the wall.

**Torque** - How much of the wall you take with you.



*Last month Fred Flintstone was driving around Cornwall to find a chiropodist*



**No wind or snow forecast for tomorrow. Consequently, the Met Office has advised everyone to make unnecessary journeys.**