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August
2024**



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Secretary's Report



For me the highlight of our month for the club has been our annual pilgrimage to support St Luke's Hospice. The kind residents of Flete House, the local stately home now converted into very lovely apartments, open their property to fundraise for the Hospice and we are asked by St Luke's to provide an MG show, with cars parked either side of the drive up to the house.

When the sun shines, as it did this year, it is an absolutely lovely spot and visitors show lots of interest in the cars, with some reigniting their interest in buying an MG for themselves – I think that we might agree! The house is fascinating, with a history stretching back to Tudor times and even a period in which it was used as a maternity ward after the bombing of Plymouth Hospitals during WW2. We club members enjoyed a fascinating bespoke tour of the house followed by a picnic in the grounds – just a lovely summer event.

We now look forward to our first meeting on Mon 12 Aug in our new venue, The Hunting Lodge, Cadleigh Ln, Ivybridge PL21 9JN. Our plans to kick things off by dining together first look to be coming together well, and we should look out for Bob and Chris Bryan, who have just bought an MGB V8 roadster and plan to join us.

Elsewhere we had a successful visit to the Powderham show, with club members attending this enormous event over the two days of the weekend. Congratulations again to the Crash Box and Classic Car Club for organising it.

Our thoughts now turn to Fowey on the 22nd Aug, where we have a record number of cars attending this mid-week event during the famous Regatta.



We need more interest in the Great Trethew meeting thereafter, and if you are thinking of coming to this event please do tell Andy Slapp.

Look forward to seeing you on Monday!

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,

What a difference a year makes, as this time last year we were under the restriction of an indefinite hosepipe ban, although the drought was certainly eased by the schools breaking up for the summer holidays.

So far this holiday the children have enjoyed mostly dry weather, and long may it continue, even more so as Alison and I are hoping to take our two eldest granddaughters away in our caravan near the end of the summer holiday to enjoy the delights of the New Forest. Probably too much to hope for!

This July just past, Alison and I have had a very enjoyable MG time with visits to **Powderham Classic Car Show**, the **Boconnoc Steam Fair** (pictured) and of course our club visit to **Flete House**. The weather for the latter was absolutely wonderful and our MGs were certainly a great talking point for visitors arriving for the 'Open Garden Scheme' raising funds for St Luke's Hospice, as our cars formed a guard of honour for them either side of the main driveway. The tour of the house and gardens was delightful too, hopefully we will be invited back again next year.



At last month's club meeting it was gratifying to see so many of our new members coming along either for the first time, or for repeat visits. Nigel's talk (Part Two - On being a film 'extra') was certainly entertaining.

As that was our last meeting at the Manadon Sports Hub, at the end of the meeting I thanked Nick (the manager) for their hospitality and we parted on good terms. I don't expect the club will ever return, but you just never know!

The upcoming club meeting in August will of course now be at our new venue, **The Hunting Lodge at Cadleigh near Ivybridge**. How nice it will be to see more of our MGs getting used for our monthly meetings once again. That was something that was lacking at the previous venue. Of course, the thought of having a proper bar again is also something to look forward to. Alison and I look forward to seeing all you at the club meeting on Monday 12th August. Happy MG motoring,

Alan



Event Secretary - keeping it wheel

Dear Motorneers,

Some of you might be wondering how Roy & Sonia and Jan & I got on driving our MGAs all the way to Norway for a tour of the fjords, mountains and Atlantic Ocean Road. The quick answer is that it was wonderful, and the cars behaved impeccably the whole way, all 3458 miles of it! Perhaps I'll do a talk about our Norwegian odyssey later in the year when I've sorted out my very many photos of the trip. I'll not produce a full report here, but I will say a little.

The Plymouth area is not the best place to start if you want to go to Norway. It took three days, including a long drive across southern England to Harwich, an overnight ferry to the Hook of Holland, through the Netherlands via the amazingly long road over the Afsluitdijk dyke that creates the IJsselmeer inland freshwater sea, then through Germany with an overnight hotel. Day three saw us driving the length of Denmark before we caught another overnight ferry to Stavanger where our Nordic adventure could begin. This fast autostrada blast was long and somewhat tedious, but it was worth it when we eventually reached Fjordland.

This was easily the best MG motoring I have ever done, by a mile, and that's saying something. If you haven't been to Norway, then do try to go. There simply aren't enough superlatives to describe the scenery. Imagine the Lake District on steroids - in Norway everything is bigger, higher, steeper and deeper. We drove winding roads along the side of gorgeous blue fjords, climbed mountains, hairpin after hairpin right up above the treeline where pockets of snow still linger throughout the summer.



Jostedal Glacier



The views are outstanding - well they were when the clouds cleared enough to be able to see them! We had bought a Scenic Car Tours route book and used this more as inspiration than a detailed guide. Consequently, our accommodation had been preplanned and varied: a hostel, a log cabin, a couple of really lovely country house hotels and a posh modern place or two. The whole thing was really, really good.

It is not unusual for MGs to attract a bit of attention when out and about, but our experience here was on another level. It was unusual *not* to have someone come over to ask about the cars and take photos whenever we stopped. At times it felt that we were an added attraction to the

landscape itself. At the Radisson Hotel in Bergen, we were almost mobbed by a horde of camera-wielding tourists who wanted their pictures taken beside and sometimes sitting in the cars!

Now I know there were one or two of you who thought we were mad to contemplate such an epic foreign journey in cars over sixty years old, but others do it so why not us! Nothing ventured, and all that. The four of us had our confidence shaken when both MGAs suffered mechanical problems during our recent MGA Register tour of East Anglia. But preparation is everything. Before setting off, as well as making sure the cars were lubed up and running perfectly, we had doubly checked our European insurance, roadside recovery and travel insurance cover with repatriation packages, and we carried a range of spare parts. In addition, I had a list of Norwegian and German MG Clubs just in case we needed friendly local help. In the event, none of this was necessary. The cars behaved brilliantly and without complaint throughout all we threw at them, and boy, we really tested the engines, steering, gearboxes and brakes to the limit.

It's silly to anthropomorphise a machine, but if I were to do so, my car felt like it was rearing to go, eager to be released from captivity to once again explore the freedom of the open road. As we ate up the miles, the car seemed to be saying, "This was what I was born to do. Why do you keep locking me up for weeks on end?" Good question.

Would we do this again? Well, yes and no. The drives there and back ate six days into our two-week trip and were tiring, especially as when finally approaching Plymouth Jan & I were held up yet again, with the whole city gridlocked because of a lorry fire on the A38. So, I'd not be keen to do all that again. But...there are plans to reinstate the ferry from Newcastle to Bergen in 2026 or '27. A Nordic return via Geordieland is very tempting!



On this day, Geiranger Fjord was only visible at sea level. We climbed through fog until we were above the clouds.



Sognefjord

Apologies as Jan & I are off again and will miss the August meeting at our new venue the Hunting Lodge as we are taking our two granddaughters to visit their cousin in Mallorca.

See you at Fowey.

Happy MGing!

Howard



Upcoming events The most up to date and detailed information on all 2024 events can be found and downloaded on the Event Diary Page and the Entry Forms page. See: www.tvmgoc.org.uk
OTHER SHOWS YOU MAY WISH TO ENTER AS AN INDIVIDUAL ARE ALSO LISTED ON OUR WEBSITE

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Aug	NEW VENUE Club 2nd Monday meeting at The Hunting Lodge	12 Aug
VENUE CHANGE	Friday supper run organised by David & Teresa to Forest Inn, Hexworthy. Meet 5pm to depart 5:30 at Tesco Lee Mill PL20 6SD	16 Aug
	Club day out to County Classics Car Museum, Taunton Organised by Andy	Thurs 15 Aug
	Fowey Show and Parade. Entry link on our website	Thurs 22 Aug
	Great Trethew Vintage Rally. Entry link on our website We hope to put on a club group display on Monday 26th	24 to 26 Aug
Sept	Club 2nd Monday meeting at The Hunting Lodge – talk by John I. on bugs	9 Sept
	Re-run of 2023 People & Places (a shortened route) hopefully in better weather – organised by Simon. Likely to be called PP7½	22 Sept
Oct	Club 2nd Monday meeting at Hunting Lodge - Chat & Chill	14 Oct
	Annual Tulip Trophy Run organised by Gavin & Rachel	TBA
Nov	Club 2nd Monday meeting at The Hunting Lodge	11 Nov
Dec	Christmas Lunch at Yelverton Golf Club (no club meeting this month)	Thurs 19 Dec

Photo Competition 2024/25

With all the great weather and the many shows and runs that are happening right now, please don't forget to try and snap a winning photo of your or someone else's car for our next club competition.

For inspiration, here's one that Nigel S. took at Flete – colourful cars at an impressive location on a sunny day. Even the club flag is flying the right way round!



TVMGOC trip to Snowdonia

We reported on this trip last month but here are more impressions

Neil & I were really looking forward to the TVMGOC trip to Snowdonia; although we have been there on a few occasions it is always nice to go with a like-minded, jolly group of people. We decided to travel up a couple of days before the rest of the group so that we could visit some old friends in Kidwelly in Carmarthenshire, and after a couple of days of 'lots of chatting' we set out on the Monday morning to meet everyone else at the Gwesty Tyn y Cornel Hotel.

The journey up through lots of little towns and villages was quite wearing, due to the 20 mph speed restrictions. We stopped off at Carmarthen to have a look at the Norman castle ruins & then again at Lampeter, which was quite attractive with Georgian and Victorian buildings. We arrived at the hotel late afternoon just as everyone else was arriving. We were very impressed with the lovely views from the hotel, across the lake & towards the hills.

The evening meal was fabulous and during it a member of staff explained the route sheets they had prepared for anyone that wanted them. Neil & I decided to 'go our own way' as we had covered the National Park on previous occasions, and he had been organising routes for us to visit places we hadn't been to on previous visits.



We continued along the Mawddach estuary which is very attractive with a toll bridge over the river and stopped at Barmouth which was once a busy medieval port and has beautiful sandy beaches, an esplanade and sand dunes. We continued our journey towards Harlech. The largely intact castle was originally built on the coast in the 13th Century by Edward the 1st, unfortunately the coast has moved quite a distance from the castle since it was built.

On one of the days, Neil wanted to go to Harlech Castle where he had been as a teenager with the Boy Scouts as he was keen to re-visit his youth. We decided to take the longer route, so drove up to Dolgellau for morning coffee then continued south to Machynlleth, then west to Tywyn and north towards the Fairbourne steam railway. This railway was opened in 1895 & the carriages were originally horse drawn.



The views from the top of the castle tower were wonderful, it was a lovely clear sunny day & we could easily see the Snowdon range & the Llyn peninsula. The castle had been besieged by Yorkists during the Wars of the Roses & the 8 year struggle is said to have inspired the song 'Men of Harlech'. We enjoyed a late lunch & ice cream and travelled back via the shorter route.

We had lovely weather for the majority of the week. The hotel staff were extremely friendly and the food was fabulous. We all changed tables each evening so that we could chat with different people. Howard & Jan and Roy & Sonia organised a quiz for a couple of evenings, which was very kind of them. The hotel staff even put a TV in the lounge area so that the football fans could watch the England game together. It was a brilliant few days and we really enjoyed ourselves; all the TVMGOC members are so jolly & such good company that we can't wait to do it again.

Pam & Neil

TVMGOC's Annual Pilgrimage to Powderham

This year's annual pilgrimage to the Crash Box & Classic Car Club Historic Vehicle Gathering at Powderham Estate took place on the 13th & 14th July 2024. This was the 49th running of this show and it never fails to maintain a high standard of cars, military vehicles, agricultural vehicles, motorcycles and all sorts of strange & wonderful modes of transport.

Our MGs left Tesco Lee Mill at 08.30 on the Saturday morning to drive in convoy to Powderham. Alan and Alison led the convoy and within an hour we were in the small lane leading to the entry gate. This year, entry seemed to be much better organised, and it wasn't long before we were at our plot and erecting the gazebo and the feather flags.

The weather wasn't great - a heavy downpour at lunch time threatened to stay all day - but later on it cleared up a bit. Although we didn't see much sun, compared to last year it was absolutely glorious.

As usual there were all sorts of vehicles of all ages at the show - next to our club stand was a 1910 steam car that had been driven to the show.



Our Club set-up on the Saturday – looking good!

I had a look around the show and in particular the Exeter MG Owner's Club stand. I truly believe that the standard and the presentation of our cars was a lot better than theirs, although in all fairness, I expect they would probably say the same about theirs.



How low can you go? – I wouldn't like to go over speed bumps in this.

Douglas Ford (one of our members from Exeter who recently joined us in his Morgan on our trip to Snowdonia) was at the show showing his 1934 Riley 14/6 Lynx. When we went to see him and his car he was doing some 'running repairs' to the fuel system. When Douglas started her up, the engine sounded as sweet as a nut, not bad for a 90-year-old car. They certainly don't make them like they used to. I wonder how many of our modern cars will still be around in 90 years' time, and if so, which ones will be the one to keep that will become the collectors' item?



Douglas working on his 1934 Riley

Here are some of the other marques that were there



A beautiful Mk 1 RS2000



Guess what this one was called?



A lovely TR4



And something a bit more modern



Every year, one of the show favourites is the singers singing songs from the WW2 era. This year they were on the back of a WW2 truck that was being driven around whilst they sang.

The gates open for cars to leave at 16.30 and for some reason a lot of cars were keen to get away as quickly as possible (was there an important football match on later in the evening?). We broke camp, putting away the gazebo and flags until the next time.

This year getting in and out of the showground was a lot better than previous years. The show was as good as ever with hundreds if not thousands of vehicles of all years and types to see, something for everyone. I encourage anyone that has never been or hasn't been for some time to give this show a go next year. It will be their 50th year of the show so it promises to be a good one.

Peter A

Sherborne Classic & Supercar Show

With a double desire to visit the Sherborne Classic & Supercar show and put a longer journey under "Eddie" the BGT's wheels, I visited on 21st July.



For those of you who don't know this show, it's big, interesting and a touch upmarket. The fine and attractive castle and grounds make for a great venue.

Showfield B has the Glitzy and Glory stuff – Ferraris, Lambos, Astons, Rolls and Bentleys. Earmuffs, vigorous elbows and a nose clip are recommended as assorted V12s assail one's senses from the rowdy Italians laying rubber down the drive – a fine contrast to the refined British glories of the castle's facade.



Showfield A is for the likes of me – a very varied assortment of good classics in no particular order, and lots of happy-chatty folk milling around. Showfield C is for not-booked-in cars that are invited into the field on arrival. This is well worth a wander, with surprising vehicles from those that should be in the other two fields, to less well cared-for, but genuinely interesting cars.

The traffic and parking organisation was a marked improvement this year, and there are plenty of food and drink outlets on site, but allow for lengthy tailbacks once off the A30 on arrival and departure. Obviously, the good old British weather makes a difference, but on a reasonable to fine day, it's well worth the journey.

Andrew H

After perusing the show's website photo gallery, this does look a really interesting one, with the super-cars making an interesting change from the usual purely classic displays. However, being to the east of Yeovil it may be too far for a day out for some, but it's worth thinking about for next year.
Howard

Boconnoc Steam & Vintage Fair

Unusually, this was attended by ten TVMGOC members in six cars who appeared from all points of the compass to join in this friendly, local event. Miraculously, we all met up at the entrance at the same time, at what is described in the programme as a 'Beautiful country estate set in breathtaking landscape', arguably one of the best in Cornwall, and within easy reach of Plymouth.

We were greeted by a Royal British Legion marshalling team, most of whom I know as mates. Paddie and I have been to Boconnoc many times over the past 20 years, as it is our firm favourite, and we are never disappointed. We, and our small convoy, were surrounded by vast rolling fields of caravans, mobile homes and campervans, where exhibitors had set up what could be described a small 3-day town, set amongst beautiful mature trees, some dating back centuries.



We set up our impromptu 'stand' and planted our eye-catching 'Club feather', courtesy of Alan and Alison. Others in our line-up included Bill and Sue Pym in their almost classic BMW 3.2i, Tony and Del in their gleaming BGT, Nigel in his all-star MGB, and Clive Dunster in his immaculate red B, sporting sparkling home-spun wire wheels. As the Irish would say, "there was good crack" all round, which lasted us, on and off, all day.

Within the first hour we were invited to show off our cars in the main display ring. Nigel and Clive decided to accept the challenge, with me in the Magnette leading the charge. Once in the ring we were approached by a local radio station reporter and all three of us were interviewed, and no doubt broadcast later in the day.



I will not bore my reader with too much detail but suffice to say there is just about everything on offer to entertain the whole family at Boconnoc, not to mention 'nerdy' owners of classic cars: oodles of steam engines, stationary engines, tractors etc. and for the compulsive shopper, a huge variety of stalls. In an unguarded moment, I passed my wallet to Paddie and encouraged her not to return with anything larger than an ostrich!



Later we were treated to a procession of tractors. Normally, I have great difficulty in containing my disinterest, but being part of a captive audience as the cavalcade chugged by, I could not resist a passing interest in some of the pre-war models with curious names like a 1928 Ruhely Pull, a Citroen Le Pratique, a Wheel Horse Commander, a Roper Allen and several others with implausible names. Having a nostalgia boost I remembered the fun with family and friends I had with my veteran 135 'Fergie', so I could have been amongst them!

Paddie and I decided to visit the main country 'Pile', a beautifully proportioned building, used as a background to many UK TV programmes e.g. BBC 'Flog It' and by various foreign film companies.

At the House, rather than forming a hot, disorderly queue at one of the front windows, punters were encouraged round the back for a very-gentle cream tea with a tea pot and real crinkly china cups and saucers, situated in the old Victorian rose garden with plunge pool. It was very 'coof' indeed, real, elevated, little finger stuff. However, everyone we met at the tables was delightfully friendly, exchanging reminiscences. So much for our legendary British reserve!

All this time the weather was extraordinary: brief, searingly hot 'ice cream and T shirt' summer sunshine alternating with dark rolling clouds containing cool, irritating, patchy drizzle needing fleeces and pack-a-macs, a bit like having two distinct seasons every 15 minutes! However, we thought things were getting a bit more serious when our Chairman hoisted his commodious MG umbrella and placed it squarely over his open cockpit as a makeshift tonneau, whilst Barney the dog, with his people, braved the rain.

Eventually, 4pm rolled around and in order to beat the rush, our team began to guiltily sneak out. So, with lots of hugs and handshakes, we said our farewells. We unfortunates immediately got stuck behind a 4mph 6-ton traction engine in majestic condition, plus a trailer full of happy 'campers', as it trundled its way up hill blocking the exit and, for us, our way home, after a very enjoyable day.

John H

Flete House Open Gardens fundraiser for St Luke's Hospice



We had been invited once again to put on a display of our MGs at Flete House to augment the fundraising for Open Gardens Scheme for St Luke's Hospice. St Luke's Hospice is an independent charity providing specialist advice and support to people with progressive life-limiting illnesses in Plymouth, South West Devon and East Cornwall. They aim to provide high quality end of life care.

They asked us for twenty cars but on the day there were one or two more. It was soon clear that our display was enough to satisfy the crowds and make the visit well worthwhile. Soon after our arrival we were given our own tour of some parts of this Grade 1 listed building. Flete House is today a retirement home. Most of the upstairs has been converted into luxury apartments, and downstairs there are common rooms ('common' being a disparaging word to use about such architecturally exquisite original interiors).



The Flete Estate stretches all the way along the Erme estuary to the sea at Mothecombe, encompassing numerous farms and other country houses. With roots in Saxon times, it was substantially rebuilt around 1620 with additions made in both the early and the late 18th century. The house was heavily remodelled in 1835, which obliterated the 18th century classical work and added castellations. In 1878 the architect Richard Norman Shaw undertook extensive building works for Henry Bingham Mildmay, remodelling and extending the house, while retaining the 16th/17th century house elements.

Flete House was used by the City of Plymouth as a maternity hospital during and after the Second World War. At that time the estate was in the hands of Lieutenant Colonel, the Lord Mildmay of Flete who remained in residence until his death in 1947. He was apparently often seen on the wards.

Of course, this day wasn't just about our cars. During our visit, before it got busy there was time to wander around the delightful Italianate grounds of Flete which had been suitably manicured for this Open Gardens Day.





It was bloomin' hot, and the thermometer on my dashboard reached 48°C in direct sunlight! Our cars were arranged on both sides of the drive leading to the main gates, so were the first items of interest for the many visitors who had to run the gauntlet of MGs. Hardly a minute passed throughout the day without us chatting to punters about the cars and our club. As we were the only classic marque there we had something of a captive audience.

Now I know that no-one in the club laps up this attention and interaction with the public to talk car stuff as much as I do. However, it's not (just) that I am a bit of a show-off. I get huge satisfaction from sharing the pleasure of classic car ownership with others, hearing their own stories of cars from their past and perhaps inspiring them to get a classic of their own. More than once, someone said, "Oh I used to have one of those. I wish I hadn't sold it!", recalling the end of their sports-car owning days as life's practicalities got in the way.

It was especially satisfying to hear gasps of astonishment when I told people that the two MGAs had just returned from a tour of Norway. I was frequently asked "Weren't you afraid of breaking down?" to which the honest answer was "Yes!"

Also on display, and attracting a lot of interest, was a wonderful 1936 supercharged MG PB from Exeter MGCC. I wish we had an example or two of pre-war MGs in our own club.



But we mustn't forget that this was a charity fundraising event. St Luke's had over 800 paying visitors to Flete and so it turned out to be another win-win day for both the hospice charity and for TVMGOC. We may even have recruited some new club members.



Over £9000 was raised for this deserving cause. Incredible. Well done everyone!

Howard

Dom's Garage

Fans of the BBC's *Repair Shop* may or may not know that metals expert Dominic China is a serious car restorer. He also has a YouTube channel where he works on such vehicles as a Porsche 356, VW Camper and even an Austin J40 pedal car, as raced by children at the Goodwood Revival.

Watch his videos here:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Dominic+China



Out-of-this-world barn find

Who wouldn't like to stumble across this in your granddad's old barn?
It's a prototype 1950s 'shark car'.

Surely the inspiration for Stingray?

All together now...

♪ Stingray, Stingray, do do do do, do do...♪



Somehow the elegance of automobile design seems to have been lost.
In the background is a Tesla pick-up. It's not the one appreciating in value! Ed.



Received entries	From
<i>You won't look so excited when you find it takes 1 hour to go from 0 to 60 mph</i>	John I.
<i>"Push faster Grandad, that MGB is catching up!"</i>	Richard
<i>It runs on just one lemonade and a packet of crisps</i>	Howard
<i>"This helmet is wonderful. I cannot hear a thing if dad tells me off for playing with his precious car"</i>	John H.
<i>"All it needs now, Dad, is a V8"</i>	Simon
<i>Our nominated driver to get us home from the pub seems to have had too many sugary drinks</i>	Howard
<i>He was taught by Miss Piggy and hogs the road</i>	Howard
<i>Mini Mouseketeer tries to disguise the ears</i>	Jan P
<i>The driving school's choice of MG T-types and midgets was an inspired one to attract young drivers as they can reach the steering wheel and pedals</i>	Gavin
<i>"Now remember to brake gently before the next T junction... assuming you can reach the foot brake..."</i>	Peter S
<i>I feel the need, the need for speed !!!</i>	Jill
<i>"When you told me to put this flying hat on because I was going for a ride in a Spitfire, I thought you meant the plane"</i>	Peter A.
<i>Jimmy was excited by his new job as a Coalman delivery driver Stirling Moss or Juan Fangio?</i>	John I. Tom E.
<i>"Is this as fast as it can go Grandad? I could pedal faster than this"</i>	Richard
<i>"Dad you should have got a midget then I could reach the pedals"</i>	Janis
<i>The TVMGOC youth recruitment drive is playing dividends</i>	Gavin
<i>Minnie Driver</i>	Jan P
<i>"When did you say I could have this as a birthday present Grandad?"</i>	Richard
<i>Imagination!</i>	Tom E.
<i>The baby biggles boy</i>	Chris L.
<i>"IT'S WORKING!...IT'S" WORKING!!!".....Anakin Skywalker* is surprised the MG actually functions during his early training days! (*Star Wars character)</i>	Tony S.
<i>Advice from Snoopy to Biggles...don't take evasive action until you can see the fear in their eyes...</i>	Peter S

**And the winner of last month's competition
chosen by Andrew H. is Jill. Well done!
She will choose next month's winner.**

Oh dear. Something doesn't seem quite right
here, but what?

Yours caption suggestions please to:
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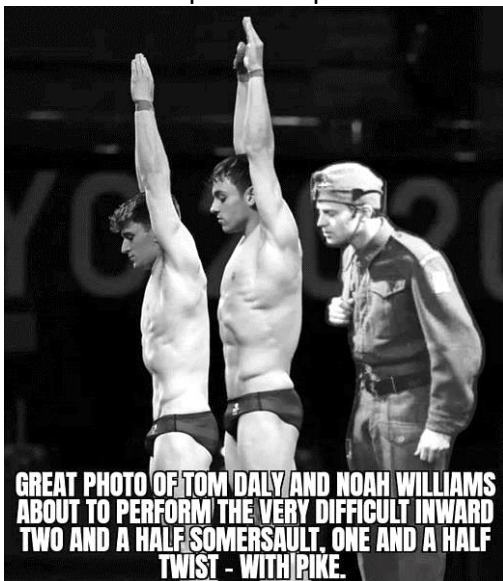


And finally... The Dull-lympic Games

The Dull Men's Club Facebook page asked its members to come up with suggestions for alternative Olympic sports. From over 1400 suggestions here are but a few. I'll be the first to throw my hat in the ring... I'm going for gold in that event!

Sock sliding (like the long jump but skidding on a shiny surface)
Scrunched up paper rubbish bin toss from 5, 10 and 20 metres
Hankie ironing – categories cool, hot & steam
100m track strewn with Lego bricks barefoot hopping
Laying out the complete A-Z alphabet from a big bowl of Alphabetti spaghetti
Loudest breast clap – both men's and women's heats
Dishwasher stacking
Supermarket bag packing
Manhole cover tiddlywinks
Blindfold needle threading
Toddler into car seat wrestling
Hobbyhorse dressage
Beer bottle label peeling
Longest "Ooof!" after eating a large meal
Desert kayaking
Square wheeled bike BMX Freestyle
Freestyle pothole tripping
25m dash for people with short attention spans
Recliner races: sit, recline, dismount with extra points for plop sits and dismounts with footrest in up position because it stuck or because pets/small children crawled underneath
Quickest to find pointless posts on Facebook, such as this one!

Digestive dunk off
Old nut & bolt sorting
Synchronized lawnmowing
Clean sock pairing – a timed event
Toilet roll rewinding
TV remote hide and seek
Super-King sized duvet cover application
Underwater table tennis
Fell running in high heels
Javelin catching
Solo relay



If you feel useless today, remember somebody is working as a lifeguard at the olympics:

