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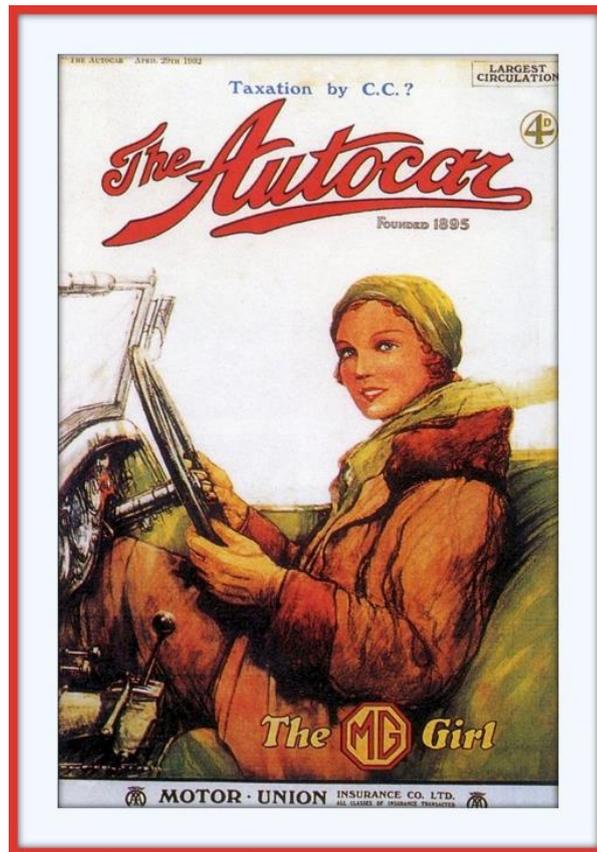
**This Month:  
Committee reports &  
Upcoming events**

**International Woman's  
Day – Women Talking  
About Cars**

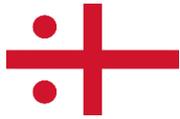
**John H. goes down  
Memory Lane**

**Gallery**

**Caption competition**



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## Secretary's Report



Well February seems to have zipped by – which given the weather can't be a bad thing! The recent storms have had me checking the garage pretty regularly – we back on to a wood which in normal times is rather scenic but brings with it the potential for trees falling on the garage. I think the Spring will have me out with the chain saw.

The MG has been out, but only once, and I have had to turn to my more prosaic classic Land Rover for daily duties. While the Defender has its own charm, it is so slow that the MG feels faster still, and I appreciate it all the more – every cloud and all that.

With the Club visit to Llanerchindda (30 May – 3 Jun) no longer featuring Howard and Jan, I have taken over as coordinator. As Howard has advertised, there is still a spare room which we will shortly have to cancel – if you are even thinking about it, please let me know and we will try to keep options open. For those who are not sure what Llanerchindda is about – it mixes some of the best roads in Wales with a great atmosphere and good food. Charlie and I loved it when we visited last time.

Charlie and I are also responsible for the run to the Cuddy Shack on 13 May. As it is a Cornish Tamar Run, we will start on the Cornish side of the Tamar.

Also on the horizon, a little further off, is the Powderham Show for which I also have a Club Secretary role as organiser. As a club, we go on the Sunday of this two-day event which this year is the 10 Jul. We usually drive over in convoy, park up together for the day in our appointed place forming a Tamar Valley display, pitch our Gazebo and then we are free to wander around this large show with its many historic vehicles in the grounds of the beautiful Powderham Castle. The cost is £17 for a car and two people which covers the organiser's costs and generates money for local charities (£20,000 last time).

Also coming up this year of course is the Platinum Jubilee of HM The Queen. As a previous Member of the Royal Household (that's where the CVO comes from) I will be watching closely, including the Pageant to be held on Sun 5 Jun. For the Diamond Jubilee I was afloat in the unseasonal rain you may recall, providing close escort to the Royal Barge with my Dartmouth Picket Boats (fearsome craft with Cadets armed with swords – but in truth I also had a number of rather more heavily armed Offshore Raiding Craft crewed by Royal Marines just in case things got a little spicy). Despite the weather it was one of the most uplifting things I have been involved in and this year I note that the organisers intend for classic cars to feature. There is an application form on the web and if you want a bit of fun in London why not apply?

See you at the AGM!

<https://cast.platinumpageant.com/register/>

*Simon*

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## Notes from your Chairman



Hello everyone,

As I write this, having been battered by Storm Dudley last Wednesday, here we are now on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February with SW England being attacked by Storm Eunice and with a Red warning issued by the Met Office. With the schools shut, Tamar Bridge shut and buses and trains cancelled we are certainly staying indoors and off the road until the winds abate.

Hopefully, you all manage to survive Eunice's disruption and avoid any property damage. Our heavy wooden patio table has already been lifted off the ground flipped over and landed face down on the lawn. At least it was a soft landing with no damage caused.

Our MGB has at least been out on the road recently with a trip to Tim Kelly's (MG Centre) for a small body repair, some respray work forward of the radiator and a full wax oil treatment. It was lovely to get some miles on the clock and the car went like a dream. At least this work has been completed in time for the spring and better weather, once it decides to grace us with a long-awaited appearance.

The club's AGM is not too far away (March meeting) and I really hope you will make an effort to come along and oversee the club's due processes. One of these processes is the election of your committee for another new club year, March 2022 to March 2023.

Your attendance at the AGM, although not mandatory, is nevertheless vital for your club to remain strong and relevant to continue the enhancement it brings to your MG ownership and enjoyment. On completion of the AGM we will then resume with a normal club meeting.

Our next important date on our programme of events, as we return to normality, is the resumption of our Sunday lunch runs after the cancellation of the January and February Sunday lunch runs. With that in mind we can look forward to Nigel and Naomi's Sunday lunch run to California Cross. It will certainly be good to see you there and enjoy your company.

Looking ahead to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April, as already mentioned last month, Alison and I are arranging the club's 'Treasure Hunt Trophy' and Sunday Lunch run. This event coincides with National Drive It Day, where owners of classic cars are encouraged to get out and about and be seen on the road. We have usually had a great turn-out for this and hopefully this year will be no exception.

However, since I sent out details to you all, I have had very few of you contacting us to get your names on the list. This is somewhat disappointing, and we do indeed hope that you will come along and enjoy the day out with us. A tick sheet will be passed around at the March meeting.

As the title '**National Drive It Day**' implies, it encourages all of you to get out and drive your MG. It certainly doesn't imply leaving your car sat at home in the garage. So come on folks, as Delia Smith once said to implore fans of her Norwich football club to be more supportive... 'Let's be having you!'

See you all soon,

*Alan*



## Event Secretary keeping it wheel on a slippery slope

Dear Motorneers,

First let me get a bit of a whinge out of the way. Generally, our membership is a bit slow to put their names down for various events. Organisers need to know in good time how many are taking part so please respond to invitations ASAP. We also need a bit of encouragement from your enthusiastic participation.

I am surprised no one else has come forward to join the 12-car group heading to Llanerchindda Farm at the end of May. I realise for various reasons it's not for everyone, but this kind of trip is at the heart of any car club, and past visits to Llanerchindda have always been truly excellent. But, as the saying goes, you can lead a horse to water...

On a personal note, Jan and I are trying to take part in as many MG events as we possibly can. However, following the first law of sod, important family events are getting in the way of some of them, including Llanerchindda. With both our daughters' families living so far away from us, we have to take any opportunity to meet up here or abroad and so, for this year at least, the Babe Magnet is not likely to reach its usual pre-Covid annual 5000-mile or so average. Still, you can't have everything.

Now bear with me on this next bit as I'm taking a detour before swinging back to motoring. Jan and I have just returned from a (mostly) fabulous skiing trip. Sadly, after 28 years without injury, our daughter Emily, who is an expert and fast skier, fell and broke her knee on our penultimate day. Ironically, she did it at almost a standstill on a sticky patch of melting snow. The ski patrol and medical centre bill came to over 1000 euros to get her off the mountain on the 'blood wagon' stretcher-sledge and give her an x-ray diagnosis (thank goodness she didn't need a helicopter rescue, though her insurance *is* paying up). She had to come home on crutches with her knee in a brace for treatment at Addenbrooke's Hospital near her home in Cambridge, and as I write this is waiting for surgery.

We were at Meribel-Mottaret, neighbour to Courchevel in the French Alps, and I was reminded of another infamous ski accident that happened here some years previously.



In this photo you can make out skiers on a couple of pistes either side of a small rocky area. Back in 2013 we were riding up in this bubble lift when below I spied a group of officials closely examining the terrain. I knew exactly what was happening. Just days before on this very spot, F1 legend Michael Schumacher was six metres off the official piste when his skis struck a rock hidden in the snow. He tripped and crashed headlong into another rock which pierced his helmet with devastating consequences.

He was doing something I wouldn't have hesitated to do myself, skiing between two pistes on easy terrain. This was nothing like the numerous videos on YouTube where daredevils throw themselves off the top of precipitous mountains. He took an easy short cut that ended in tragedy. The boss of the regional gendarmerie investigation team, said that Schumacher's speed was "perfectly normal for a competent skier in this kind of terrain."

After struggling for his life in a coma and later protected by his family and wealth from prying eyes and wagging tongues, to this day we still don't know what state of health he is in.

Michael Schumacher should have celebrated his 53rd birthday on January 3, 2022, but instead is secretly and privately holed up at home due to the debilitating brain injury.



*Schumacher skiing without a helmet, though he was wearing one on that fateful day. Actually, this is not demonstrating great technique - he's leaning back too far and his bum's stuck out!*



*Me in ski garb*

Over the years I have had two skiing injuries. One was in St Anton where I sustained a torn calf muscle after falling off a bit of a ridge I couldn't see in a complete white-out, and the other in Alpe D'Huez, which after catching an edge, as we skiers say, resulted in an ungainly somersault and a badly damaged shoulder. It took two years for it to stop hurting. But I didn't grumble. *(Ahem! Ed.)* So why go skiing if it's so dangerous?

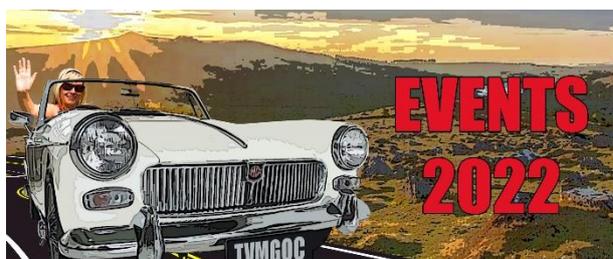
Well, danger is everywhere. Schumacher could have tripped and hit his head anywhere, as could any of us. Driving his F1 car faster than anyone else in the world to the very edge of catastrophe could have resulted in disaster, yet he accepted the risk time after time.

Life is full of hidden dangers that could hurt us at any moment. Driving a car is a risk, and our older MGs without the benefit of crumple zones and collapsible steering columns increase that risk, yet we accept the gamble for the pleasure received.

We subconsciously do a risk/benefit analysis for every action we take. For Emily and me, the pleasure we have had from skiing and being on top of incredible snowy mountains over the years far outweighs the undeniable dangers of the sport, and we ache for our annual downhill adrenaline fix.

In summer I long for a quiet open road, in winter I long for a quiet open piste ... and that's snow joke! *(No, it isn't. Ed.)*

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

Entry forms now on our website	How many members have told Event Sec. they are going
Launceston Steam and Vintage Rally - 28 to 30 May	None
Moor 2 Sea - Sunday 29 May 2022	Two
Southampton and New Forest MGOC New Forest Run - 12 June	None
Cotswold Caper - Sunday 10 July	None
Boconnoc Steam Fair 22 - 24 July	None
RHS Rosemoor Vintage and Classic Weekend - 30 and 31 July	Six
Fowey Regatta Wednesday 17 August	None
Great Trethew Vintage Rally - 27 to 29 August	None

2022 CLUB SUNDAY LUNCH RUNS & SUPPER RUNS	
<b>20 March</b>	Lunch on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday – to be organised by Naomi & Nigel
<b>24 April</b>	Drive It Day + Treasure Hunt Trophy + lunch/picnic or tea - to be organised by Alan & Alison
<b>13 May</b>	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
<b>12 June</b>	Lunch (not Friday supper) organised by Howard & Jan to The Dartmoor Lodge
<b>24 June</b>	National Cream Tea Day – last Friday in June - Repeat of a previous run to end with a picnic, probably in Iain & Helen's barn near Launceston.
<b>15 July</b>	Supper run – Friday a week after the club meeting - <b>Organiser needed</b>
<b>12 August</b>	Supper run – Friday a week after the club meeting - <b>Organiser needed</b>
<b>11 September</b>	Club run – Sue & Bill to Saltash Sailing Club
<b>16 October</b>	Lunch on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday inc. Tulip Trophy to be organised by Sarah
<b>20 November</b>	Lunch on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday – organised by John and B.
<b>7 December</b>	Christmas dinner TBC



### MoT testing for classics down by 71%

Since MoT testing became optional for cars over 40 years old in 2018, statistics from the DfT reveal that the number of tax-exempt classics being MoT inspected has dropped by almost three quarters since the last year of obligatory testing in 2017. Covid must be partially to blame as cars are kept in storage, but they do suffer through lack of use and unarguably need to be inspected for deterioration.

Sir Greg Knight MP, chair of the Parliamentary All-Party Historic Vehicle Group, said, 'As historic cars are not required to have an MoT test...looking only at the number of historic vehicles that are tested is meaningless.

"However, all historic vehicle owners need to remember that whether or not they choose to submit their car for an MoT test, it is their responsibility to ensure their car is roadworthy and safe to take on public roads.

"It is worth bearing in mind that 97% of all vehicle accidents are caused by driver error and not vehicle condition."

The DoT responded to agree with the point above about our responsibility to keep our cars roadworthy. So, owners must decide whether they alone have the necessary experience and skills to ensure their car's safety or if they need detached professional assessment.

Car SOS presenter and Classic Car Weekly contributor adds another perspective:

### 'IT SHOWS THAT PEOPLE DON'T BOTHER'

I've yet to meet someone who insists on paying their road tax for the good of the road network – they do it because they have to, and it's the same story with MoTs. These figures prove that if people don't have to do something, then they won't bother. An owner who lets it slide one year and has nothing

go wrong with their classic will do it again and before you know it you have people not getting their cars checked as a matter of habit. Little by little, these classics will be getting in poorer condition – and if one is involved in an accident and found to be unroadworthy, there will be a kneejerk

reaction. I'd encourage everyone to get their classics checked by a classic-friendly garage.'

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### Global Health Insurance Card

This is the time of the year when many club members will start thinking about a long-awaited summer holiday abroad, with or without their MG.

We are used to having a European Health Insurance Card to receive free or subsidised medical cover within the EU. If you have an existing EHIC, it will remain valid until the expiry date on the card. However, post-Brexit, it seems not everyone is aware that there is a replacement scheme.

Jan & I applied for UK Global Health Insurance Cards (UK GHIC) and after two weeks our new cards have arrived. These are free – beware scam sites which charge. The GHIC is to access "medically necessary state-provided healthcare when you're visiting an EU country or Switzerland".

It is worth checking the expiry date on existing EHIC cards.



Apply in good time for a new GHIC here: <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>

*Howard*



### Local photo is an international winner

Whilst this has nothing to do with MGs, I thought it might give some pleasure and be a suggestion of somewhere nice to visit.

This moody photo of Wistman's Wood on Dartmoor was one of the top shots to win an accolade in the *International Landscape Photographer of the Year Awards*. The full selection features absolutely stunning images from all over the world, and to have one from a location on our doorstep is amazing. By Simon Turnbull, it's called *The Intruder* and is inspired by a rowan surrounded by oaks.



If you haven't visited the extraordinary place that is Wistman's Wood, it is a mile or so up a track from Two Bridges Hotel. Sadly, parts of the wood are now off-limits due to damage caused by disrespectful visitors, but it is still worth a hike.

This amazing site is important for the mosses and lichens that festoon the trees and the impressive granite boulders found on the site. This is one of the highest oak woods in Britain, is an outstanding example of native upland oak woodland and was selected as a Site of Special Scientific Interest in 1964. It also forms part of the Wistman's Wood National Nature Reserve and was one of the primary reasons for selection of the Dartmoor Special Area of Conservation.

Almost bonsai like, the oaks are small and stunted, rarely reaching more than 4.5 metres in height. The trees developed highly contorted forms trunks and main branches lying on or between rocks on the forest floor.

This is my best picture of the place, and it does show the wizened wood in a different mood with rich green colour. The circular composition is OK, but my photo lacks the dreamy quality of the winner above which was taken on a foggy day.



See the other winning photos here: <https://www.theatlantic.com/photo/2022/02/top-shots-2021-international-landscape-photographer-year/621462/>

**And talking of Dartmoor, how about this beauty?**

It's a 1951 Bentley 6.5 litre "DARTMOOR" Coupe by Petersen



Presumably the fourth pedal is a foot operated hand brake.



The Hollywood legend Jack Lemmon with his 1954 MG TD outside his office in Beverly Hills, 1988



### **An amazing car-mad bibliophile**

The link below is to an article about a man who has possibly the largest collection of motoring books and magazines in the world.

But, as the Autocar journalist discovered, the printed collection is just part of the extraordinary story of an extraordinary and obsessed man. This really is worth a read.

Autocar: Visiting the world's biggest private motoring library.

<https://www.autocar.co.uk/car-news/new-cars/visiting-worlds-biggest-private-motoring-library>

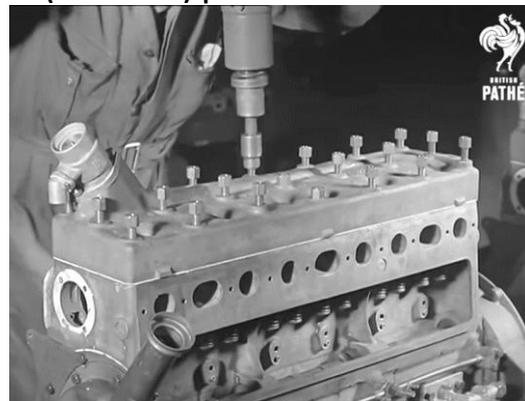
### **How an early engine is built: Constructing a Car Engine (1930-1939) | British Pathé**

Here is a link to a fascinating 15-minute British-Pathé video about the making of a Morris engine. The commentator has the plummiest accent ever – sew match that it's quait funnay [sic].

The MG-TA had an engine derived from this Morris type, but the MG-TB (and TC, TD, TF, and YT) engines were a new design introduced in 1939.

See:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ieF3d\\_YBUh4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ieF3d_YBUh4)



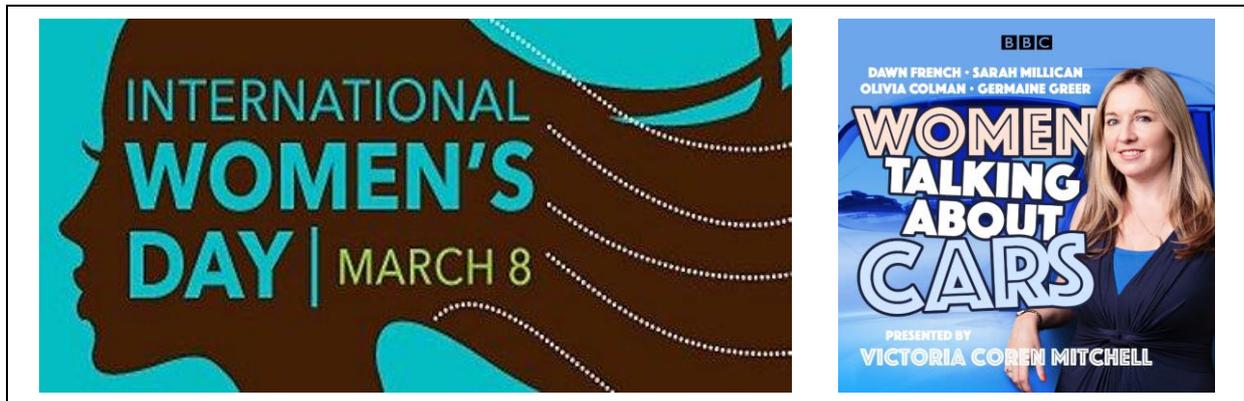
Classic Car Weekly produce a roundup of auction news. South Western Auctions had a couple of MGBs go under the hammer. A 1969 roadster fetched £8,144, more than double its £3,800 estimate.

But the sale of the second car, a 1969 GT, might have made the previous owner weep. It came with a restoration history of £25,000 spent on it and sold for...(pause for effect)...£7,366. One can only hope the vendor had got a lot of pleasure and use out of it first.

Country Lane Tours are advertising a rather imaginative car run in April you might see your way to taking part in. Here is part of their blurb:

#### ***TEST YOUR SIGHT!***

*Country Lane Classics is organising a three-day event in the North East so classic car enthusiasts can take the government recognised eye test by driving from the 4-star Ramside Hill Hotel in Durham to Barnard Castle.*



### **The 1, 2, 3, 4 thing and a sandwich maker**

As this is a car club, to mark International Women's Day on 8 March let us try to discover what women like about cars and see if their perspective is different from the average man's love of motors. If you follow the recommendation below you will discover that there is indeed a big difference between the sexes over this matter. But let us risk the initial ire of our female club members by first talking about blokes.

It is fair to say that men develop personal relationships with their car because they perceive it to be as an extension of the self. Men also see power and freedom and adventure in their vehicles so, in a way, every car has the potential to be a life-changing part of a guy's world.

A vehicle can also be a good indicator of their personal success. If a man is able to buy a car they truly love, it usually means they've made it. A car is a symbol of their success and gives them an increased sense of self-worth.

Classic cars can remind men of their childhood and youth; the poster cars they lusted over or had on bedroom walls; cars their father once had. The classic car is something to tinker with in their man cave; something to proudly maintain against the ravages of time; something to boost the ego when their pride and joy receives admiring glances and comments from jealous onlookers.

So, the question is, do women enjoy cars in the same way? Clues can be found on a highly entertaining and illuminating BBC Radio 4 series entitled *Women Talking About Cars* in which Victoria Coren Mitchell interviews famous women to look at their lives from the perspective of the cars they have known.



***Victoria talks cars with Olivia Colman***

At the heart of the show is an exploration of what cars symbolise to women today, including freedom, power, refuge, novelty and familiarity: her first car, her worst car, her favourite car, the journeys she's made, the journeys she hasn't, the people she's met en route...

Victoria's guest list includes Jo Brand, Germaine Greer, Jennifer Saunders, Dawn French, Olivia Colman - who has a rally driving licence and when she was a teenager put up posters on her bedroom wall of the Karmann Ghia rather than Michael J Fox - Sarah Millican, and "I don't think it's very fashionable to have a nice car" Claudia Winkleman. Just to whet your appetite here are a few of HER thoughts on cars.

Claudia is more excited about the smell of "coffee, my pillow and my children's necks" than the sophisticated whiff of a brand-new car. She prefers old "crumbly" cars with bits of food on the floor.

After failing her driving test "numerous times", Claudia confesses to not being a fan of the "1, 2, 3, 4 thing", or "gears", as Victoria refers to them, and hit a lamp post during one of her many tests (she licked the examiner's face when she finally passed).



The *Strictly Come Dancing* presenter says she doesn't car dance behind the wheel but does play music extraordinarily loudly amid the protests of her children.

Music she enjoys driving to the most? "Oasis – They're the best band to drive to, even if you don't like them. Oasis in the car is rousing."

Upon hearing that Donald Trump had a Cadillac with a paper shredder in it, Claudia is inspired and decides she'd have a Breville toasted sandwich maker in her car if she was allowed.

Her first set of wheels were attached to a Rover 200, and Victoria questions why, as someone consumed with fashion, Claudia's not interested in trendy motors. "Well, I don't think it's very fashionable to have a nice car," she says. Jennifer Saunders does not subscribe to this jaundiced view. She drives a Porsche 911.

Claudia's ideal man...wears a polo neck. Despite wanting to marry her fantasy rough-hewn "fisherman" dressed in a chunky a polo neck but with a sensitive, artistic bent who "paints on a Sunday", she is married a man who worked in PR. He was, at least, wearing a polo neck when they met, but had a "really glamorous car" which made Claudia "like him less". Eventually she forgave him when she discovered that he'd borrowed it from a friend.

Other women in the series talk about the freedom and sense of safety they feel behind the wheel and look primarily for practicability to carry shopping and children. Jo Brand recalls being the only comic on the stand-up circuit to drive everywhere rather than risk late-night public transport to get home. She thereby became the unofficial taxi service to those on the comic scene.

Germaine Greer, who lusts after a classic Bristol, in the privacy of her ageing Mercedes C220 estate relishes the opportunity to scream out loud at life's frustrations.

The series really does reveal that on this topic at least men are from Mars and Women from Venus. Listen to *Women Talking About Cars* on BBC Sounds here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/brand/b00clsbk>



**John H. recently unearthed a number of back-up discs dating back to 2008. Naturally they contained a good deal of TVMGOC 'stuff' illustrating club activities over a decade ago. He sent us a few sample articles, mostly featuring people (some, sadly, no longer with us) rather than just the cars they drove. John hopes you will enjoy them and possibly they may engender some ideas amongst our readers, for organising future events.**

### **A club trip to the Isle of Man in 2009**



Members survey their Country Sport Hotel, near Douglas. They survived a horrendous crossing from Liverpool on the catamaran ferry, in a full gale. Some took up to 18 hours for the effects wear off! Needless to say, the rest of the long weekend was glorious. Driving at speed around the full TT course was an unforgettable experience.

NB the Montego, the fastest MG I have ever owned, made the long trek from Cornwall, a breeze.

### **Pencarrow House 2009**

In 2009 members, several of whom are still active in the Club, were granted the privilege of parking in the rose garden at Pencarrow House, near Bodmin. In addition, a special conducted tour of the House was arranged. I seem to recall that one member locked himself out during the tour and rapped on the French windows to be let back in, much to the guide's surprise! Sunday Lunch was a proper large Cornish pasty with no trimmings.



I note also that both my MGs are in the line-up, a unique event. I'm at a loss as to who drove the Montego, I definitely had charge of the MG VA.

### Jersey 2010

One of the unwritten rules of the club back in 2010 was that if you wanted to attend the Jersey Spring Rally, you had to be prepared to dress up for the Party. Here the theme was TV commercials.



Sadly, there are not many recognisable faces here, but my white '118 legs' give me away! All told, the club managed to attend the event for eight years. Sadly, the Rally is mere shadow of its former self now, but they were great days while they lasted.

### Twat Hats

One of the most popular Sunday lunch runs back in them days (there were less than 30 active members) was to the Halfway House, in the Glyn Valley, followed by a tour of the Carnglaze Caverns.



The 'twat' hats were compulsory, making identification difficult. If you have never been to these spectacular caves, they are worth a visit. The Royal Navy stored all their rum there throughout WWII. Now they provide a setting for concerts, conduct weddings, and a venue for excellent parties, BC (before Covid).

### Isle of Wight 2010



Yet another Island visit, this time in early spring 2010, to the Isle of Wight, with a few more recognisable faces. Note the very early Club sign loaned by Keith and Hilary (founder members). The hotel was right on the water's edge and breakfast in the restaurant appeared to be below sea level. We had a very enjoyable tour of the island produced by Clive and Wendy Wilson, sadly no longer members, having moved to Chichester. On the way back, the Magnette broke down, not for the first time, and we arrived home on a low loader, courtesy of the RAC. Oh, the shame!



Received entries	From
<i>Due to Covid, greetings were modified.</i>	John I.
<i>The men practised trying to get out of an MGA.</i>	John I.
<i>The new Gents convenience was not well received.</i>	John I.
<i>The Hokey Cokey was a great success at the MG Luncheon.</i>	John I.
<i>Practising the correct leg position to get into an MG.</i>	Howard
<i>“And this is how you get a leg over!”</i>	Howard
<i>Outdoor social distancing at a Masonic meeting. (Sorry Peter!)</i>	Howard
<i>To misquote the Bible, ‘of hop, faith and love, the greatest is hop’.</i>	Howard
<i>The weekly meeting of the Hokey Pokey Society seems to have hit an impasse...</i>	Howard
<i>‘You kick my ass and I’ll kick yours’: an exercise in perpetuity perfected by our Lords and Masters.</i>	Keat
<i>A demonstration by our governing class of how decisions are arrived at in this enlightened twenty first century.</i>	Keat
<i>In response to Masons’ special handshake greeting, Rotary Club demonstrate their new greeting.</i>	Andrew L
<i>You put your left leg in, Shake it all about, pull the choke out, that’s what it’s all about.</i>	Andrew L
<i>“When I say jump the only question you need to ask is.....”</i>	Richard M.
<i>Proof that John Cleese was not a founder member of that little-known ministry.</i>	Gavin
<i>A group of long-Covid sufferers perfecting a unique distanced handshake strategy.</i>	John H.
<i>The tiller girls audition for men to join their troupe. (Not submissible as Janis is judge this month. VG though, Ed.)</i>	Janis
<i>The Bloomsbury Goosestepping class lost popularity to rival Pilates, despite its ability to be conducted in a suit rather than lycra.</i>	Simon
<i>No matter how many times the Worshipful Master of the Lodge told them that a rolled up trouser leg would suffice, the Apprentices couldn’t quite get it right.</i>	Alan
<i>First World War amputees and doctors checking balance of patients</i>	Roger
<i>You put your left leg in, your right leg in..... The inaugural meeting of the okeycokey society.</i>	Clive

**And the winner of last month’s caption competition chosen by Janis is Andrew. Well done!  
He will choose next month’s winner**

Here’s next month’s photo sent in by Nigel S.,  
but it requires a caption.  
Your entries by email to:  
[mediatvmgoc@gmail.com](mailto:mediatvmgoc@gmail.com)





## And finally...



### Barry Cryer RIP

As we always end our newsletters with a bit of a chuckle, (*could have fooled me! Ed.*) the death of this great comedy star occurred too late for the February newsletter.

Barry Cryer, who has died aged 86, established himself as a writer on TV show *The Two Ronnies*, and he worked with British comedy stars such as Tommy Cooper, Sir Billy Connolly, Kenny Everett, Dave Allen and Les Dawson.

On his death bed in hospital, Barry said he was so old now, he'd stopped buying green bananas.



A regular on the Radio 4 comedy programme *I'm sorry I haven't a Clue*, Barry excelled at giving words new meanings and singing the words of one song to the tune of another. Here is a small selection from the maestro's lifetime collection of gags.

A woman was in bed with her lover. Her husband was away on a business trip to Hong Kong. Suddenly they hear the sound of a key in the front door lock. The woman hisses to her lover, "Get out! Get out! Go in the bathroom".

The husband enters the bedroom and seeing his wife in bed naked he says, "What's all this then?"

She says, "Oh darling, I have missed you. You must have jet lag. Come to bed."

"That's lovely!" he says, "I'll just nip to the bathroom first."

In the bathroom he finds a man barefoot to the neck. The man starts clapping his hands together. The husband asks, "Who are you?" The man replies, "Council",

The husband asks, "What are you doing?"

The man replies, "Your wife rang up and said your flat was infested with moths", and he continues to clap his hand all around the bathroom.

The husband says, "But you're naked."

"They were very hungry moths!"

A woman purchases a parrot for only £5. "Well I must confess, it was brought up in a brothel," says the shopkeeper. "And, to put it politely, it has quite an extensive vocabulary." "Never mind," says the woman. "At that price, I'll take it."

So she takes the parrot home, puts its cage in the living room and takes the cover off.

"New place - very nice," says the parrot. Then the woman's two daughters walk in.

"New place, new girls - very nice," says the parrot.

Then the woman's husband walks in, and the parrot says, "Oh hello, Keith!"

A man driving down a country lane runs over a cockerel. He goes to the farmhouse and knocks on the door. A woman opens it and he says: "I appear to have killed your cockerel. I'd like to replace him."

She replies: "Please yourself, the hens are round the back."

*"A wife is in the bathroom trying on a new dress. She comes out and says to her husband: 'Does my bum look big in this?'*

*He says: 'Oh be fair, love, it's quite a small bathroom.'*

"Picasso was burgled and did a drawing of the robbers. Police arrested a horse and two sardines."

You know about the guy who shot a golden eagle? He was in court in front of a magistrate who said: "This is a dreadful thing!"

He said: "I never intended to. I was shooting pheasants and it flew into my line of fire."

The magistrate said, "Okay. Out of interest, what did you do with it?"

He said: "I ate it."

The magistrate said: "Good god, what did it taste like?"

He replied: "Rather like swan."

### Words and their meanings

"Quick" - the noise made by a dyslexic duck

"Hashtag" - a party game where you chase each other for drugs

"Diagnostic" - a Welshman who's unsure if God exists

"Bunny" - rather like a bun

"Cherish" - rather like a chair

"Cardiology" - the study of knitwear

"Buggery" - the study of insects

"Venezuela" - a gondola with a harpoon

"Norway" - a Geordie exclamation of surprise

"Ivy" - the Roman for "four"

"Faculty" - cockney for "there's no more PG Tips"

"Barrier" - a bit more like Barry

### And finally...

Announcing the comedy star's death, his family said: 'It'll be no surprise to those who knew and worked with him that he was telling an Archbishop of Canterbury joke to a nurse not long before he died. That was one of his gifts, making strangers feel welcome. Making them laugh.'

And now Nick Baines, the Bishop of Barry's hometown of Leeds, has revealed what that final joke might have been. During a recent phone conversation, he asked Barry if he had any decent jokes he could use at Christmas.

This is the gag Barry shared with the Bishop:

*A man and his wife are out walking one day when they spot a bloke sitting alone in a bus shelter on the other side of the road.*

*'That looks like the Archbishop of Canterbury over there', says the woman.*

*'Go and ask him if he is.'*

*The husband crosses the road and asks the man if he is indeed the Archbishop of Canterbury.*

*'F\*\*k off,' says the man.*

*The husband crosses back to his wife who asks: 'What did he say? Is he the Archbishop of Canterbury'*

*'He told me to f\*\*k off,' says the husband.*

*'Oh no,' replies the wife, 'now we'll never know if it was him.'*

