



# **NEWSLETTER**

## **JANUARY 2018 EDITION**



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**ENJOY YOUR MG MORE WITH TVMGOC**



Happy New MG Year to all of you,

This first edition of the newsletter for 2018 is the 12<sup>th</sup> in the new format. We hope that you continue to enjoy the articles (mainly provided by Howard) and welcome your suggestions and pieces for inclusion as we look forward to another packed MGing year with TVMGOC. Throughout the year the website will be kept up to date with news about the many and varied events that will be on offer for you to take part in and enjoy your MG more.

In this edition you will find the answers to the puzzles set in the Christmas edition as well as an interesting article on the possible future for MG sports cars. We hope you enjoy it

*Ade (& sub-editor Val)*



Secretary's Report



Happy New Year Everyone,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas & New Year & are now excitedly looking forward to another years motoring with the TVMGOC.

Neil & I really enjoyed the Christmas 'do' at the Moorland Garden Hotel, it had been very well organised by Janis, the food was great, & the music (which was very well performed by Mrs Jones) definitely encouraged us on to the dance floor, there were lots of wonderful prizes in the raffle, & though Clive (who was on our table) assured us that he was very unlucky & never won anything, proceeded to win quite a few prizes (to his surprise). The table game was very enjoyable & definitely encouraged people to chat among themselves, altogether a great evening that I'm sure was enjoyed by all who attended.

It's now time to start looking forward to 2018's events, I'm sure Howard will have lots of interesting things to report so get your names down quickly for anything that takes your fancy. Also ,we are having a Committee meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> January, so if you have any issue's you would like us to discuss please let your member's Rep's Noel or Janis know.

I know spring is a little way off yet, but my Camelia & one of my Azalea's has started flowering already, & I always start to get a bit excited once we are past the shortest day & I know the evenings are starting to draw out again, so looking forward to seeing you all at the club meetings.

Best Wishes for 2018 & Happy Driving,

*Pam*



Notes from your Chairman



Hi Everyone,

Welcome to 2018 and another fun and action packed TVMGOC year. I hope the New Year finds you all in good health and that you had a superb Christmas break. Alison and I spent Christmas in Surrey with our family and it was great to watch and enjoy, seeing Christmas through our 2 year old granddaughter's eyes.

The winter Sunday lunches are now in full swing and it will be lovely to see you all once again for a catch-up and also enjoy a bit of camaraderie and banter. We have been tweaking the run for the February lunch as the initial route had rather a long stretch without any passing places and it had real potential for total chaos on the day.

My MGB is currently sitting inside the garage in its Carcoon cover. I had a shock to find that both the air circulating fans had stopped working when first installed over the car. Fortunately Neil came to the rescue and fixed the problem. What would I do without his help! Looking forward to some dry winter days to give the car a run and keep things working. There is nothing like a long winter lay-up to discover all those gremlins have played havoc with our pride and joy.

Best regards to you all,

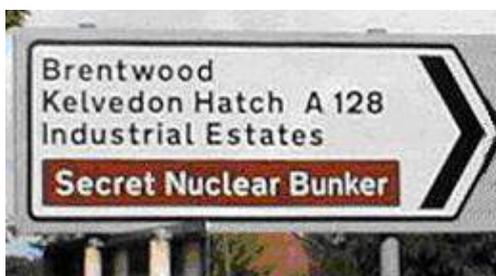
*Alan*

January to April Events	
UPCOMING EVENTS – full details, forms (where available) and links are on our website PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LISTS AT THE MEETING OR CONTACT EVENT SEC.	
<b>JANUARY</b>	
21	<b>SUNDAY LUNCH RUN</b> to The Dartmoor Lodge at Ashburton meeting at The Dartmoor Diner from 10:00 for coffee with departures from 11:00 – Organised by Jan & Howard
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
7	<b>CLUB MEETING</b> at Moorland Garden Hotel.
11	<b>INTERNATIONAL MG &amp; TRIUMPH SPARES DAY</b> at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire
15 - 18	<b>THE LONDON CLASSIC CAR SHOW</b> at Excel
18	<b>SUNDAY LUNCH RUN</b> to Lifton Hall Hotel, Meeting at Knightstone Tearooms from 10:30 for coffee with departures from 11:00, 12:30 for 1pm for lunch – Organised by Alison & Alan
<b>MARCH</b>	
7	<b>CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b> at Moorland Garden Hotel, all members are encouraged to attend please.
18	<b>SUNDAY LUNCH RUN</b> – Venue & Organisers tbc
23 - 25	<b>PRACTICAL CLASSICS CAR &amp; RESTORATION SHOW</b> at NEC Birmingham
<b>APRIL</b>	
4	<b>CLUB MEETING</b> at Moorland Garden Hotel.
8	<b>BROOKLANDS MG Era Day</b>
22	<b>NATIONAL DRIVE IT DAY.</b> Treasure Hunt trophy run with lunch or tea tbc

The most up to date and more detailed information on all 2018 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)

*Howard – Event Sec.*

### Amusing road signs from around the UK



Hope we don't come across this one on the way to Llanerchindda!!

What can often be heard on any classic car run!!

## Club Christmas Dinner – 6 December 2017



61 members and guests gathered at The Moorland Garden Hotel for the Christmas Dinner/Dance and with the pre-dinner drinks and conversation flowing well the ensemble were initially reluctant to take their seats for dinner. Once seated the meal was soon underway accompanied by the pulling of Christmas crackers and squealing of large sausage like balloons as they zoomed around the room like torpedoes – how any of the waiting staff didn't drop anything was amazing!!

For the second year running the evening had been organised by Janis who in addition to the crackers and balloons had provided a bingo style game for each table to enjoy. The waiting staff did an excellent job to ensure that everyone's meals were served while still hot and all 3 courses of the meal were very good.



While coffee was served it was time for our Chairman to rise to his feet to welcome all of the members and their guests and propose a vote of thanks to Janis for pulling together another excellent evening. The presentation of the Club annual trophies followed where this year the previous trophies had been replaced with splendid new glass items engraved with the Club logo. The winner of the 2017 MGB



Enthusiast of the Year was Keat and Val & I were delighted to be the first ever recipients of the Irene Williamson Memorial Trophy. Irene was a special friend to a lot of members of the Club and she particularly loved being out on runs with Gerald in their MGB V8. It is therefore very fitting that the new trophy in her name should be awarded to the organisers of the run most enjoyed by the members during the season and we were very glad that Gerald and Lydia could be there to present the trophy for the first time.

The formalities of the evening over it was now a matter of distributing the huge array of prizes donated by the members for the raffle with Janis taking charge like a diminutive Sergeant Major, she soon had everyone coming up to the table in quick time so that the music and dancing could begin.

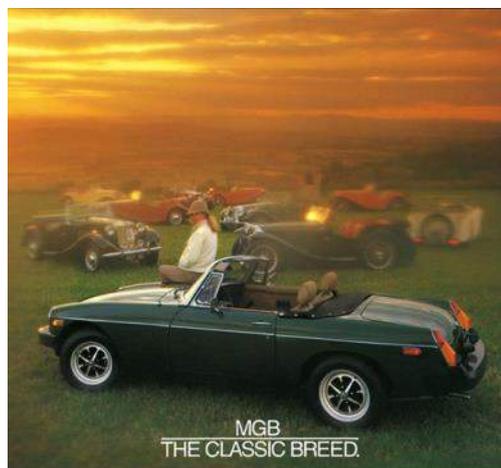
The entertainment for the evening was provided for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year by Mrs Jones, who soon had the dance floor full with her excellent renditions of some popular classics. Some of the more practised members and their guests were soon entertaining with some moves that would fit in nicely in true 'Strictly' style. As the evening began to close and members wished each other Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year as they started to head home it was agreed that the evening had been an excellent culmination to what has been a busy and very enjoyable 2017 TVMGOC season, here's to much more of the same in 2018.

*Val & Ade*



## Out with the old....

New Year is a time to look into life's rear view mirror to see where we have come from, and look forward to see where the road ahead might lead. I recently read two articles about MGs that chime with that - one about an end and the other a beginning. The looking back part refers to a story on the American Hemmings Daily website ("The world's leading classic car news source") called "MGB – The Last of the Breed".



There is no sure blueprint for the creation of a great classic motorcar. Yet all true classics have qualities in common that are evident at a glance: a clean, graceful and timeless look; rare poise in motion and a sure feeling that it was conceived by motoring enthusiasts and dedicated craftsmen.

In view of the fact that few authentic classics have ever been created since the evolution of the motorcar, it is little short of astonishing to contemplate that so many of them are MGs.

Today's MGB may well be the finest expression of the MG philosophy. It is clean, lean and quick to respond. It is satisfying to look at and great fun to drive. Equipped as it is with rack and pinion steering, short-throw four-speed stick with optional overdrive, rack-linked suspension, radial tires, lively 1700cc engine and power-assisted disc/drum brakes, the MGB has refinements that match your own. It all adds up to a very contemporary classic, the best-selling convertible sports car in America.

Find out how to be part of a great classic sports car tradition. Drive the wide-open MGB today. For the name of the MG dealer nearest you, call these numbers toll-free: (800) 447-4700, or in Illinois: (800) 393-4400.

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Take your mind back to 1980. The MGB had been on the market for 18 years, long enough to be already considered something of a classic. Together with the Triumph Spitfire these cars would come to represent the last of the traditional 1960s British sports cars. Whether the MG Company knew their days were numbered I don't know, but in what turned out to be a final push, MG was keen to illustrate the B's illustrious sports car heritage, and they created some wonderful and evocative artwork for a 1980 brochure. No-one knew it would end up marking the end of an era.

Since immersing myself into the classic car scene I have been collecting old MG adverts (yes, I'm a saddo but I find them interesting) and some have appeared in previous newsletters. Amongst them is an American one called "MGB – The Classic Breed". Until recently I didn't realise quite what it represented. This image was described in a glossy brochure as "a gathering of classic MGs on a heath in England."

The text begins, "There is no sure blueprint for the creation of a great classic motorcar, yet all true classics have qualities in common that are evident at a glance: a clean, graceful timeless look! rare poise in motion and a sure feeling that it was conceived by motoring enthusiasts and dedicated craftsmen."

"In view of the fact that so few authentic classics have ever been created since the evolution of the motorcar, it is little short of astonishing to contemplate that so many of them are MGs."

Fine words about the MG heritage but Stateside the author clearly couldn't see what was coming on this side of the pond. The confident 1980 brochure featured seven pages, four of which could be neatly removed and framed as art-quality full-colour images. And here they are, though my versions are gleaned from the internet. The first shows a Snapdragon Yellow B in front of the MG works in Abingdon, along with Cecil Kimber's Old Number One, the circa-1925 hill climb special that MG's founder considered to be the first true MG.



The brochure shows that the MGB could be specified with options and accessories like electric overdrive, a luggage rack, wire wheels and a radio (no doubt relaying the big news stories of 1980 including the killing of John Lennon and the boycott by the US and 65 other countries of the Summer Olympics in Moscow as a protest against the Soviet War in Pakistan). However, thanks to lower compression, a single Zenith carburettor and restrictive emissions controls, the American version of the car was so down on power that its actual horsepower and torque figures weren't listed. Reportedly it had fewer than 70hp - that's less than my MGA!

Plans to fit the B with a 2.0-litre, SOHC O-series engine that former MG chief engineer Don Hayter developed for the car would come to nothing. Instead, British Leyland chose to close the factory on 22 October 1980, rather than allow the MGB to be reinvigorated. If it had entered production with that engine, perhaps the brochure wouldn't have been illustrating what turned out to be the last of the breed.



The final inside page includes a reproduction of an evocative charcoal-and-watercolour painting of the 18/80 Tigress at Brooklands by the talented automotive artist F. Gordon Crosby, who painted numerous pieces of MG-themed art in the 1930s. If any TVMGOC members would like an 8"x6" print of this or any of these pictures I can supply one of reasonable quality. Just ask.



THE MG MK III IN ACTION FROM AN ORIGINAL BY F. GORDON CROSBY IN THE COLLECTION OF THE MG CAR COMPANY, ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

Now, 38 years after the demise of the MGB, let's look forward to a very different kind of car. One man in the MG world who is being paid to do just that is SAIC's Head of Design, Shao Jingfeng (SAIC is the Chinese parent company that now owns the MG brand).



*MG E-Motion concept*

Shao recently gave an interview to MG Enthusiast magazine (from which I've borrowed a quote or two). TVMGOC members may be interested in his thoughts on the future of MG sports cars. He is the man responsible for the design of the MG E-Motion – a beautiful electric prototype sports saloon that was unveiled in April last year to rave reviews at the Shanghai Motor Show. The two-door two-plus-two would accelerate from 0-100km/h in under four seconds making it the fastest mass production MG ever. Time will tell if it will ever go into production, but what is the thinking behind it?

Many regret the passing of the glory days of MG cars. In 1924 Cecil Kimber, Morris Garages General Manager, found a niche market for modified Morris cars that were faster and a little more sporty. It didn't take long before MG was known for what it called its "affordable performance" cars – an approach that eventually gained the company world-wide admiration. How many years later the MG Rover group fell into Chinese hands is a sorry tale of management and industrial failure, but not one for now.

Times change, and the auto industry is in a turbulent and uncertain period. But people also change. It has been widely observed that many young people today are just not as interested in cars as previous generations. So, if you were in charge of the future of MG, and being mindful of climate change and clean air legislation, how might you excite the interest of a new generation of drivers? How likely is it that you would conclude that what they want is an "affordable performance" car that is fuelled by petrol?

Shao Jingfeng feels that yes, a car must look stunning and perform really well, but that is no longer enough. "I want to talk to young MG fans," he says, pointing to the explosion of connectivity, alternative powertrains, and autonomous vehicles. "Future car design must be based on the expectations of the next generation, their interests, tastes and world view." Clearly then, these are the considerations that will shape the second (or is that the third?) age of MG cars.



*Shao Jingfeng*



MG's eventual move away from fossil fuel propulsion must be seen in the light of recent environmental commitments in many countries and is in accord with almost all other manufacturers who aim to eliminate petrol and diesel cars from their output. Reflecting this, in China SAIC already sells hybrid and pure electric cars and says they could produce an electric sports car with a 500 km range that would sell for about a third of the price of a Tesla.

It is in this new world order that Shao must reinvent MG, and he hopes to include a new generation of sport cars. He says, "I understand what Chinese buyers expect to see in a British brand name." Shao aims for a sophisticated look but something out of the ordinary. For inspiration he studied the sweeping lines of the classic MGA - clearly reflected in the E-Motion. "I really want to do a smaller sports car - fast and fun," Shao candidly admits, but one where "Everything is modern and deeply informed by the internet." He feels the combination of an open-top sports car with an electric powertrain would be an attractive proposition for increasingly adventurous and affluent Chinese as well as switched-on drivers worldwide.



But here is the rub: there must be evidence of a strong enough business case for such a vehicle. It may be that ageing petrol heads would yearn for a new MG with a 'proper' engine, but that is just not going to happen, and Shao argues there is a good reason why.

If it is the roar of an engine that turns you on, for that kind of fix the future is in the past with a classic MG...until the oil runs out.

*Howard*

## GUESS HOW MUCH

November's Classic Car Show at the NEC was as brilliant and overwhelming as ever. The range of cars in five gigantic halls was outstanding and that included plenty of old MGs. I'd just like to share a picture of one that caught my eye and what made that eye water was the asking price!! The answer, and clearly it was a lot (the most expensive MG I've ever seen), is at the end of this newsletter but how much do you think they wanted for it?

Some information might help. This fine racing beast is a post-production 1933 MG K3. The authenticity and originality of its immaculate restoration on an original chassis puts this rebuild "into a class of its own".



Its powerful 6 cylinder OHC 1500cc engine with a Wilson pre-select gearbox and a Rootes type supercharger makes it eligible for the Le Mans Classic Race. The seller says "This is the nearest you will get to a factory built K3 but at a third of its price." So...guess how much??

**Who says there's no such thing as truth in advertising?**  
*Here's what those glowing descriptions in car ads really mean!??*

*We've all seen them, those classified classic car ads that sound too good to be true. Any car that is truly that wonderful and rare would surely be difficult to part with, right? Discover the hidden (but often true) meaning behind the description!*

**0 Miles since restoration** — *Couldn't get the car to start.*

**All options** — *Still has the original AM pushbutton radio and cigarette lighter. (Neither work, of course!)*

**All original** — *Right down to the oil, tyres, and plugs! Nothing was ever done to the car.*

**Always garaged** — *Because the car would never start to back it out of the garage!*

**Always starts** — *But has no brakes, so you can't drive it anywhere.*

**Be the only one in your neighbourhood** — *To have a car that really belongs at a scrap yard.*

**Collector's item** — *If you hang on to it long enough, it might actually be worth something.*

**Convertible** — *Roof rusted through, so it was cut off. Not recommended in the rain.*

**Drives like a dream** — *If it drives good, you must be dreaming!*

**Elderly owned** — *And they've hit the garage, the tree in the front garden, and the neighbour's car.*

**Engine rebuilt** — *By the 14 year old kids down the street. They wanted to learn how, and the price was right!*

**Excellent example** — *Of what NOT to do when you're restoring a car.*

**Frame off restoration** - *Had to, because the frame had rusted through.*

**Freshly rebuilt engine** — *Ignore the blue smoke coming from the exhaust, see the pretty new paint.*

**Fully equipped** - *And all of the accessories need to be fixed.*

**Good investment opportunity** — *For someone else.*

**Great mpg** - *Won't run, so doesn't use any fuel!*

**Great parts or project car** — *Bring a big truck, everything is already taken apart and boxed up. Boxes have been stored in three locations, in three different counties!*

**Ground up restoration** — *Car sat in a muddy field for 20 years, so it had to be dug out to be moved.*

**Hurry, won't last!** — *Even now, Mother Nature has already begun the process of recycling this car.*

**Hurry! Summer's coming!!** — *Buy it now and drive it before the weather gets hot, because this thing overheats when the temperature is over 70 degrees!*

**Impress all your friends** — *Your neighbours will all hate you when you unload this car next to the house, but your friends will be impressed with how brave you are for doing it.*

**I've tried to show everything in the pictures** — *Of course, the car pictured isn't the car for sale.*

**Less than 500 miles since total restoration** — *Keeps breaking down, just like before the restoration.*

**Listing this for a friend** — *Because the friend was too embarrassed to do it themselves!*

**Looks great** — *At 70 mph. At night. In the rain.*

**Looks new** — *Amazing what a £300 paint job covers up, isn't it?*

**Lower than average mileage** — *A car that's 40 years old and done average mileage would have 480,000 miles on the clock. This one's only done 250,000!*

**Make offer** — *No idea what the car is worth.*

**Many new parts** — *And lots more needed!*

**Minor oil leak** — *The Exxon Valdez pales in comparison...*

More to follow in next month's edition

## Caption Page

Thanks for your captions for the Christmas edition picture



Received entries	From
<i>"This MG is far too deer to run every year"</i>	John I
<i>"I've always found that this bio fuel works ok"</i>	Sally & Keith
<i>All that Santa wants for Xmas is a luggage rack!</i>	Tim S
<i>Couldn't the AA have just put a new battery in?</i>	Polly
<i>"I'm sure the salesman said it was 8 horsepower, they look like reindeer to me"</i>	Roger
<i>Rudolph's nose has got a matching B!</i>	Tim S
<i>"Off to Finla for coffee and mince pies. See you next year. Ho ho ho"</i>	Sarah B
<i>"Who needs an electric car?"</i>	Margaret & John H
<i>MGOC now gift wrap their last minute spares service</i>	Tim S
<i>"Look what I got for Christmas"</i>	Margaret & Jim
<i>Mrs Claus said "There's reindeer about; be careful dear; you may get wet with the hood down"</i>	Janis
<i>Okay, I accept, it was never going to be easy squeezing a straight eight under the bonnet of a MGB, but that just looks ridiculous!</i>	Tim P
<i>"We are being guided by santanav"</i>	Howard
<i>"Lucky Santa had his reindeer to tow start the MG"</i>	Noel
<i>Santa's sleigh was broken so he used something slower!</i>	Tim S
<i>Santa loved his MG and although the boot was a bit small and squeezing his stomach in behind the wheel was getting worse as each year passed he still wouldn't change back to his old sleigh, as the MG put a smile on his face every time he got in.</i>	Alan
<i>"An environmentally friendly MGB, it's reindeer powered"</i>	Noel
<i>"I'll be back for the SNOG on 28th / 29<sup>th</sup>"</i>	Margaret & Jim

**and this month's winner is**

*Is that Ade in a red suit?*

**From**

Tim S

The January picture is :



Your entries by email to [mediatvmgoc@gmail.com](mailto:mediatvmgoc@gmail.com) by 26 January please

## Christmas Edition Quiz Answers

### Brain Teasers

#### A Christmas Gift

“As a Christmas gift, parents buy 16 computer games for their 3 children (that’s just asking for trouble)! The youngest gets 1/8 of the games, the middle child gets 1/4 of the games and the oldest gets 1/2 of the games (seems fair...)”  
How many games does each child receive and how many do the parents keep?”

*You have 1/8, 1/4 and 1/2. If you give them a common denominator of 16 then you end up with 2/16, 4/16 and 8/16 and so the answer is...*  
*Youngest Child: 2 games.*  
*Middle Child: 4 games.*  
*Oldest Child: 8 games.*  
*Parents: 2 games.*

#### Christmas Dinner

“Two mums and 2 daughters went out for Christmas dinner each ate one portion, yet only three portions were eaten in total. How is this possible?”

*It was a grandmother (who is obviously also a mother) mother and daughter who went out for Christmas dinner together!*

#### Mulled Wine

“You have a 3-Litre jug a 5-Litre jug, and an unlimited supply of mulled wine (lucky you!!). How do you get exactly 4 Litres of mulled wine without estimating?”

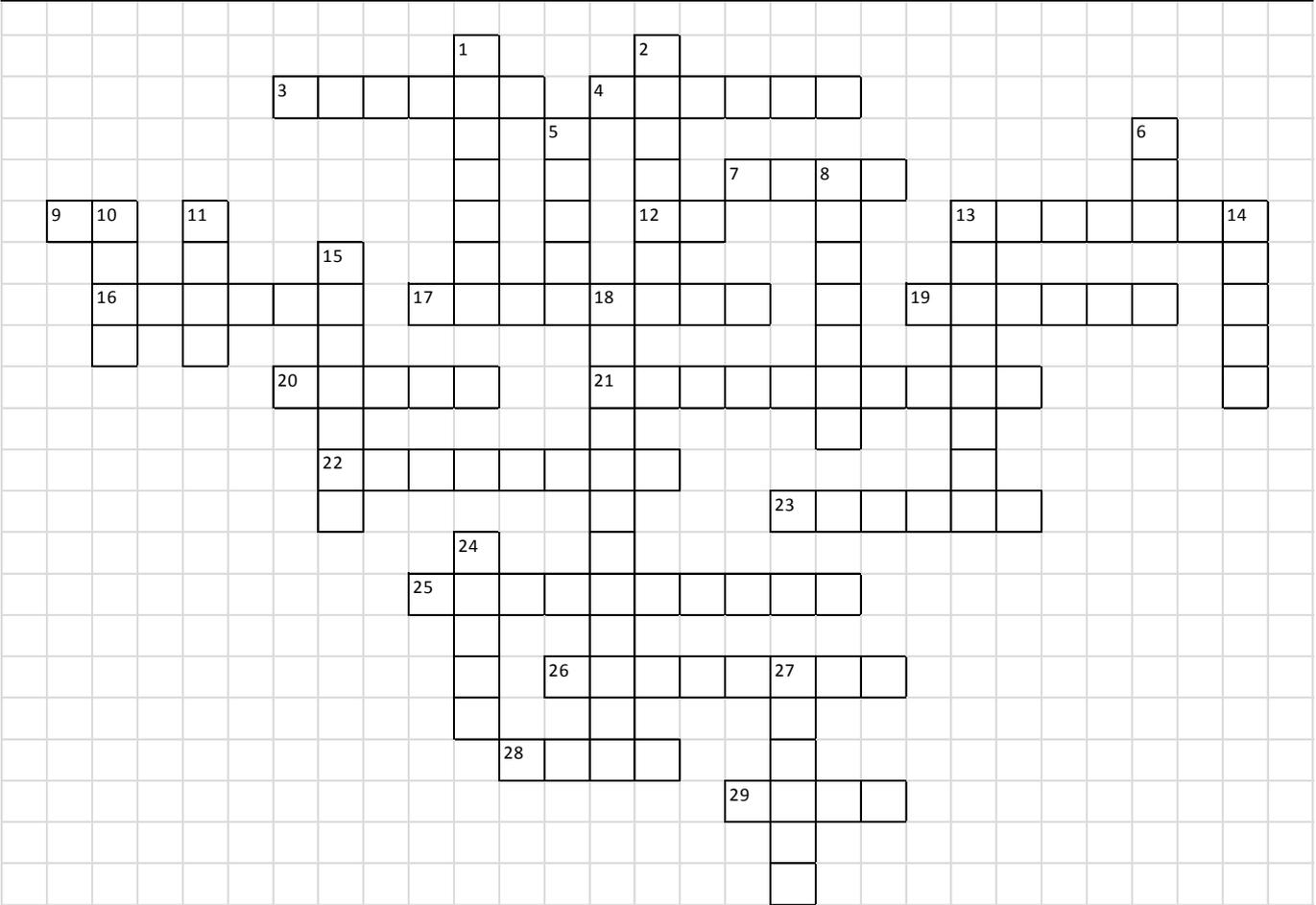
*Fill the 3 litre jug and pour into the 5 litre jug*  
*Re-fill the 3 litre jug and then completely fill the 5 litre jug from the 3 litre jug leaving 1 litre in the 3 litre jug*  
*Drink the contents of the 5 litre jug (well you wouldn’t want to waste good mulled wine would you?)*  
*Pour the 1 litre from the 3 litre jug into the 5 litre jug*  
*Re-fill the 3 litre jug and then pour into the 5 litre jug to give you 4 litres*

Christmas Crossword														
Make all the words fit into this crossword														
Each word is only used once														
ELF														
TOY														
GIFT														S
BELL													R	E L F
TREE													C H I M N E Y	E
STAR													A	I B I
SANTA													B L I T Z E N	T N E G
COMET													F	D R U D O L P H
CUPID													F R O S T Y	Y E E L
VIXEN													E	E S
CANDY														W R E A T H
FROSTY														P R A N C E R A
WREATH														R U D A S H E R
DASHER														E P A A
DONNER														S V I X E N N
SLEIGH														E D C T O Y
DANCER														N C S E A APN 2017
CHIMNEY														T D O N N E R
BLITZEN														S M O
RUDOLPH														E W
PRANCER														T M
SNOWMAN														A
PRESENTS														N
REINDEER														

### Christmas Choir Logic Puzzle

First name	Last name	Choir section	Christmas carol
Betty	Sawyer	alto	Silent Night
Bruce	Short	bass	Joy to the World
Sherry	Sanford	soprano	The Holly & The Ivy
Tom	Smith	tenor	The First Noel

## MAKES AND MODELS CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- 3 The pouncing cat
- 4 Rally bred version of 27 down
- 7 Italy's largest & parent company of 2 down
- 9 Little car from 25 across
- 12 Not DC
- 13 Interstella warming ray
- 16 Possibly the Italian word for rust?
- 17 Triumph's mountain
- 19 That motor sounds like a sewing machine
- 20 Balearic party island
- 21 The posh 4x4
- 22 This Vauxhall has a \_\_\_\_\_ attitude to life
- 23 Makers of the Interceptor
- 25 Designed for the people by Porsche
- 26 Back to the future
- 28 Music from Honda
- 29 18 holes

### DOWN

- 1 Master conductor
- 2 Italy's 4 legged answer to 3 across
- 5 A tram network
- 6 High or Low?
- 8 Square steering wheel?
- 10 The mint with the hole
- 11 Mickey's girl
- 13 High heels or a long thin blade
- 14 Not a major
- 15 Could be a German composer
- 18 The Lord might buy you one of these if you ask him
- 24 Slippery devil from 12 across
- 27 This one from Ford will take you out

## Members Car

### MGB Roadster – LLB 440K

Having had my interest in getting another MGB well and truly aroused after stumbling upon the 'Cornish Riviera Run' lunch time stop in Falmouth in 2006.

We finally took the plunge in April 2007 and on Alison's birthday became proud MGB owners once again. I told her it was her present but she wasn't fooled for a minute.

I spent a lot of time sorting out all those little jobs that needed to be done, just to get it running as well as it looked. I am not going to list all those little jobs because I do not want to remind Alison of what has been spent over the years.

Beauty was proved to be only skin deep when I took the car to Tim Kelly the MG Restorer for some minor bodywork in the December of 2011. This minor work grew somewhat after Tim discovered that the car had been very badly restored by someone who couldn't actually weld. However, they had been brilliant at the cosmetics!!

With its new restoration completed by Tim, we now had a car that was structurally sound, safe to drive and still retained its good looks. In fact the car looked so good, my daughter Louise was only too happy to be driven in it to her wedding in July 2012. The wedding photographer was very taken with the car and took lots of shots to be used in his portfolio.

We have taken part in many club runs, trips abroad with club members and forged lots of friendships with likeminded members. Tamar Valley MGOC has brought a whole new social scene into our lives, so getting back into ownership in 2007 was certainly a smart move.

Alison and I never get tired of driving the MGB and it brings back all those memories from years ago when we had our first MGB, a black 1966 roadster. Selling it in 1980 was not so smart and I hadn't fully appreciated that fact until we got another.

### *Alan & Alison*



### GUESS HOW MUCH – ANSWER

I happily paid the asking price of £220,000 for this car

*Howard.*

*(I didn't really. I just wanted to freak Jan out!)*