

# Newsletter November 2022



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*A 1934 racing Magnette special*



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## Secretary's Report



As the days shorten inexorably toward the Winter solstice, the lights glow warm in our busy car club. Recently detached leaves swirl round our roads, and conditions can easily catch the unwary when they mix with the rain which has returned with a vengeance. As ever with this time of year though, when the low sun drapes its golden rays over the fabulous Autumn colours the effect is little short of stunning.

The club has had its first foray into our new meeting place at the Manadon Sports Hub which was, thankfully, a success. The location is easier for most and the new meeting day of the second Monday of the month is no more or less difficult than our previous Wednesday when seen across the club as a whole.

While some are thinking of consigning their cars to the garage, driving opportunities continue to abound. The club has had a successful Tulip run, while many of us took part in the excellent 'Exmoor Rut', which used to be run by the Healey Drivers' Club and has now been taken over by our friends in the MG Car Club, with representations of both marques driving on the day. The drive, starting at Betty Cottles Inn, took in 75 miles of glorious Exmoor scenery and ended up at the Woody Bay Steam Railway.

For us Dartmoor aficionados the foray into Exmoor provided a different experience, particularly in the dramatic coastal region around Porlock. Andy's MGC had an even match in the Healey 3000s, and all types enjoyed a spirited drive in what was very largely a sunny day.

As we meet in the middle of November, it is not too far until our Christmas Dinner on the 7<sup>th</sup> Dec at Boringdon Golf Club, which has proved great fun in the past, so do sign up if you haven't done so.

Looking to next year, the committee would welcome suggestions on new places to go and, of course, for those willing to plan a run. We have support and advice available for anyone thinking that they might – so do give it a go as there is considerable satisfaction to be gained from seeing your run work well, and a bit of fun in planning it all.

Turning to our meeting, feedback from members has been positive but we welcome further feedback, both on the venue and the content of the meeting, given our attempt to make things a little more relaxed and less formal. As we said last time, it's your club and our meetings should be structured in the way that makes us most comfortable, while getting the business done.

*Simon*

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## Notes from your Chairman



Hello everyone,

It was nice to see a good turnout at the club's new venue and thank you to those who made the effort to come along.

There were a few teething problems on our first night that I am sure we will be able to tweak or work around to improve things. The lighting was very bright and we will try to switch off a few lights where possible next time.

The October Tulip Run was well organised by Sarah and her friend Janet, and the tulips were blooming great. We were certainly blessed with good weather for the run, though it did deteriorate during the lunch and a heavy downpour gave the cars a good wash.

As the club runs wind down as we approach the end of the year, we can still look forward to the final Sunday lunch run in November organised by John and Bee. Fingers crossed for a dry day.

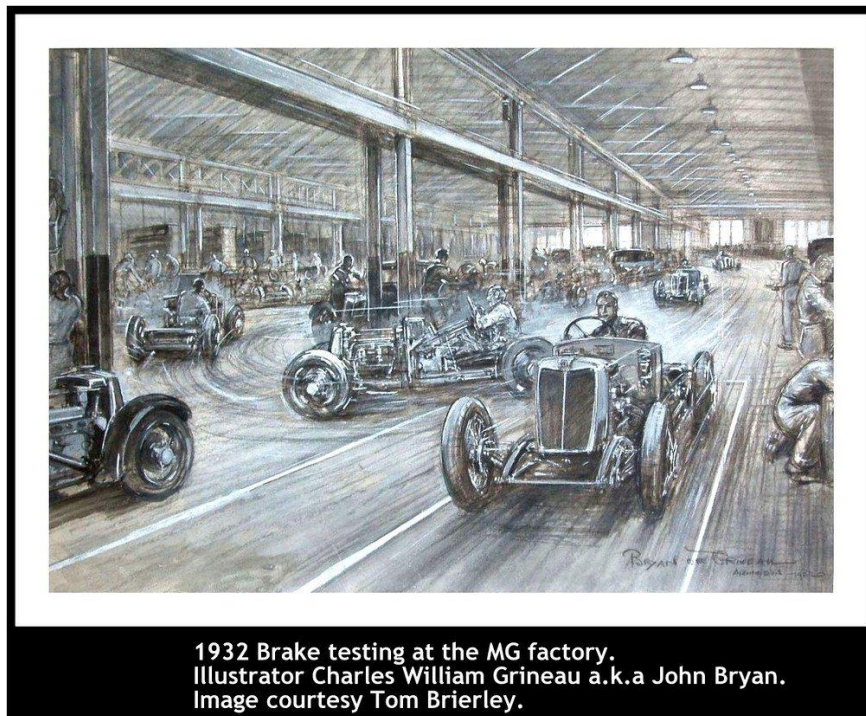
The club's Christmas Dinner will be the final event of the year. Please do try and come along and help to make it a great evening out.

With the MGs not getting so much use during the winter months, now is the time to get some of those jobs on your car done before it gets too cold to spend time in the garage. Hopefully your list of jobs is not too long.

Thank you for your continued support of the club and Alison and I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Happy MG motoring,

*Alan*



1932 Brake testing at the MG factory.  
Illustrator Charles William Grineau a.k.a John Bryan.  
Image courtesy Tom Brierley.



## Event Secretary - keeping it wheel

Dear Motorneers,

I have been looking forward to 2023 and our club activities. You will see over the page a full list of club event dates for next year. Volunteers are needed for Sunday lunch and Friday supper runs. We all enjoy these greatly, but of course they can't happen unless someone steps up to the plate to organise one. Please do not assume that your committee will take on these tasks as there is only so much we can do, and 2023 is a People and Places year which really does occupy a lot of committee time. So, *please* come forward offering to do one...or two!

I also plan to discuss with the committee what we might do for a club holiday next year. Llanerchindda Farm in mid-Wales has been a favourite destination over the years, but the general feeling amongst those who have been before (often more than once or twice) is that, good as Llanerchindda is, we should give it a rest for a while and do something different.

Whilst the UK is a big place with many lovely places we could visit, some members don't want to drive very far, so that rather restricts the possibilities and rules out such destinations as the Yorkshire Dales & Moors and the Lake District for example. With this in mind I have a couple of suggestions to make to the committee and I'll get back to you with our thoughts at a later date.

Individual club members sometimes get together with a couple of mates and plan their own MG adventures. For example, Roy & Sonia, Jan & I are taking part in an MGCC MGA Register weekend based in Lancaster, taking in the Lake District and the Forest of Bowland. We will be extending the trip to cover even more ground up't north. This is only open to MGCC and MGA Register members. So if you get wind of someone planning a nice-sounding trip to which you are not invited don't feel left out. You are free to do the same.

As Event Secretary, I do not see myself in the role of tour operator. Ideally we need group packages that members can sign up to. Llanerchindda is the perfect example. They provide everything we need including food, accommodation and route books. I find it surprising that there aren't more places which specialise in classic car and motorbike tours. You might consider visiting Llanerchindda if you haven't been as they often have rooms available for individuals or small groups.

If you can suggest any other destinations that might fit the bill then do let me know. A nice hotel in a suitable area could be all we need. I have a small library of road tour routes covering all of the UK and many places abroad which could easily be plundered for our enjoyment.

Happy MGing!

*Howard*

*PS I'm trying to figure out why my daughter's Audi A3 isn't twice the size of my old A4, and as for Jan's A1, how come it's smaller and not four times bigger? It works on paper!*



## Upcoming events

Our Sunday lunch run on November 20 will be the last club outing in our cars this year. The most up to date and detailed information on all 2023 events will be posted as it becomes available on our website's Event Diary Page and the Entry Forms page. See: [www.tvmgoc.org.uk](http://www.tvmgoc.org.uk)

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

TVMGOC DATES 2022		2022	Organiser
Nov	<i>Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday meeting at Manadon</i>	<i>14 Nov</i>	
	Sunday lunch run on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday – To and from Wrangaton Golf Club – event full	20 Nov	John & B
Dec	<i>No meeting</i>		
	<i>Christmas dinner &amp; dance at Boringdon Golf Club</i>	7 Dec	Janis
TVMGOC DATES 2023			
Jan	<i>Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday meeting at Manadon – Chat &amp; Chill + winning entries of our photography competition</i>	<i>9 Jan</i>	
	Club committee meeting	11 Jan	
	Lunch on 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	22 Jan	Required
Feb	<i>Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday meeting at Manadon 'Quiz Night of the Year'</i>	<i>13 Feb</i>	
	Lunch on 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	26 Feb	Required
Mar	<i>Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday meeting at Manadon</i>	<i>13 Mar</i>	
	Lunch on 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	26 Mar	Required
Apr	<i>Club 1st Monday meeting at Manadon (not 10<sup>th</sup> as Bank Hol.) Peter Stabb talk on WWII 2 &amp; Coronation medals</i>	<i>3 April</i>	
	Drive It Day inc. Treasure Hunt – lunch or tea	23 April	Required
May	<i>Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday meeting at Manadon</i>	<i>8 May</i>	
	Supper run – Friday a week after the club meeting	19 May	Required
June	<i>Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday meeting at Manadon</i>	<i>12 June</i>	
	National Cream Tea Day – last Friday in June to Iain & Helen's barn nr. Launceston	30 June	Iain & Helen
July	<i>Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday meeting at Manadon</i>	<i>10 July</i>	
	Supper run – Friday a week after the club meeting or BBQ (could be Saturday)	21 July	Required
Aug	<i>Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday meeting at Manadon</i>	<i>14 Aug</i>	
	Supper run – Friday a week after the club meeting or BBQ (could be Saturday)	25 Aug	Required
Sept	<i>Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday meeting at Manadon</i>	<i>11 Sept</i>	
	People & Places Organised by the committee	17 Sept	Committee
Oct	<i>Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday meeting at Manadon</i>	<i>9 Oct</i>	
	Lunch on 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday inc. Tulip Trophy organised by the 2022 winners	22 Oct	Geoff & Terri
Nov	<i>Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday meeting at Manadon</i>	<i>13 Nov</i>	
	Lunch on 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	26 Nov	Required
Dec	<i>No meeting</i>		
	No lunch or meeting – Christmas dinner	6 Dec?	Janis

## Shows & runs - some 2023 dates are already available

### Fowey Classic Car Show and Parade 2023 -

#### Wednesday August 16th

Yes, we actually have a date already for one of the top local events next year!

Most club members will have heard what a truly wonderful time those of us who took part in Royal Regatta Week had this summer. The show was nice enough, but the parade through the town with all the cars being cheered on and photographed by literally thousands of happy onlookers was unforgettable. It was without doubt an MG highlight of the year.



Next August the organisers say that the classic car element is expected to be bigger and better than 2022. If you'd like to take part it is likely that the sooner we bag an entry place the better, so make a note of the date. Registration from 2/1/23... probably a good idea to register straight away, especially as last year it was free and you can always cancel if something else crops up.

### New Forest Run 2023

The Southampton & New Forest MGOC run is to take place on Sunday 4th June 2023 - as per website: [New Forest Run 2023 | Southampton & New Forest MGOC \(1009mg.org.uk\)](https://www.1009mg.org.uk)

No entry forms as yet.

Whilst no decisions have yet been made regarding our own club's holiday trip next year, it's unlikely to be this run, in which we have taken part on a few occasions over the years. Watch this space though...

### People & Places 2023 - Sunday 17 September

Tamar Valley MGOC's biennial run through the glorious countryside and coastal areas of the South West is currently being planned. Watch this space for further information.



### Irene Williamson Memorial Trophy for the Best Run 2022

John and B's run to Wrangaton Golf Club on Sunday 20 November will be the last club run of the year. Afterwards, you will have the chance to vote via email for your favourite run of 2022. All Club Sunday lunch and Friday supper runs will be eligible as well as any other one-off Club 'days out' organised by members throughout the year.

An email will be sent to members with a list of all the events that have been organised this year. In making your pick, you should consider both the route and the destination in your thinking. Please reply to the email ASAP after November 20th with the month of the event you wish to vote for.

At our Christmas dinner the winner will be awarded this splendid Irene Williamson Memorial Trophy for the best dining club run of the year.





## News snippets



### MG Owners Club Promotional Video

*"The MG Owners club is the one stop shop for all your MG needs. Let us tell you why!"*

In addition to being part of TVMGOC, some of us are also members of the national MGOC organisation. I have found membership very useful in a variety of ways including receiving *Enjoying MG!* each month. In addition, I have emailed or called them for expert technical advice service, both for myself and on behalf of others.

To discover more about the extensive services MGOC offer, they have recently released a nice promotional video about the national club and its activities, the technical help on offer and the work undertaken in the specialist MG workshop. The video is available to view on YouTube. Search 'MGOC Promotional Video' or go to this link here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gEEJ3if1lsg&t=21s>

*Howard*

### Ethanol Update

MGOC reiterate that Esso Synergy+ 99 is ethanol free except in Devon & Cornwall & N. Wales.

They recommend using an additive such as Valvemaster+ which contains Ethanol Guard that enables E5 and E10 petrol to be used in pre-1996 vehicles which don't have catalytic converters.

In other E10 news, the Daily Express is just one news outlet that has been running articles highlighting many drivers who are having a range of problems with this fuel including poor running and economy (this fuel does not produce as much combustible power as E5). Drivers say their vehicles are "running rough" and "wouldn't start" after using the new E10 fuel compound. They suggest using E5 all the time.

### ELECTRIC Vs PETROL CAR – which is REALLY cheaper??

Autocar have produced a video comparing the costs of near identical cars, one petrol and one EV, on a journey from London to Leeds. It is well worth watching as the results of this balanced report may surprise you. See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SzZYRFZUb0>

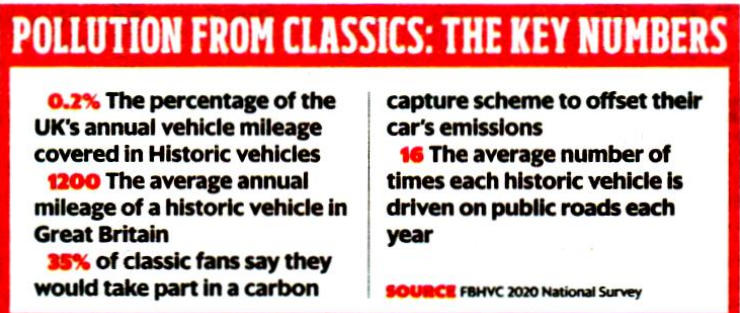
### Low Emission Zones

The DoT has confirmed that vehicles classed as 'historic' with tax exemption will not be charged to enter low emission zones in any English city. The FBHVC is hoping this will be extended to the whole of the UK. This is not applicable to London's Congestion Charge which is still paid separately.

The DoT say, "Historic vehicles will not have to pay to drive in a clean air zone because we recognise these vehicles are unlikely to be suitable for retrofit solutions due to their age." The FBHVC also point out that whilst these vehicles are free to enter clean air zones in England, there are devolved governments with different policies covering Scotland, Wales and N. Ireland.

They also remind us that the situation in other countries such as France are decided locally, and you may be asked by a Gendarme why you are driving in a particular area.

Check European City Access Regulations here: <https://urbanaccessregulations.eu/>



### Drink up this strange statistic

Stemming from the above pollution stats is a new one by the auto PR agency, Loop. (*Who knew there was such a thing? Ed.*)

Loop calculates that the average footprint of a classic car is similar to drinking three latte coffees a day.

From the FBHVC survey results, they extrapolate that each classic generates 641.6kg of CO2 annually, only slightly more than the carbon footprint of drinking three lattes a day, as calculated by University College London. Altogether that is slightly less than a single return flight from London to New York.

[loopagency.co.uk](http://loopagency.co.uk)

### MG - the UK's fastest growing new car brand

Walking along Piccadilly recently on our way to see *Upstart Crow* in the West End (well deserving of its numerous five-star reviews - very clever and funny) Jan and I paused to ogle at the perfectly polished Porsches in their posh showroom. It's not surprising that such an upmarket brand would have a suitably upmarket dealership. Porsche is in good company here, as Mayfair also boasts dealerships for Bentley, Bugatti, Mercedes and other top marques.

Not much further along the road, directly opposite gastro heaven Fortnum & Mason, I was somewhat surprised to see an MG dealership here too, rubbing shoulders with the rich and powerful.

You may or may not be interested in these new, and very definitely non-classic cars, but China's MG is going from strength to strength, as evidenced by the new Piccadilly showroom.



MG Motor UK has maintained its position as the fastest growing car brand in the UK, selling 38,312 cars in the first nine months of the year.

New figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) show MG's market share has increased by 82% year on year, with September 2022 sales marking a 61% increase over the previous September.

In a piece about rising costs, Auto Express says of the newer-to-the-scene cars that the £25,995 MG4 EV is surely one of the showroom bargains of 2022. These cars are often described as being cheap, cheerful and Chinese but, even so, the Upstart MG Company are clearly doing something right. The MG Cyberstar EV roadster is scheduled to be on sale from 2024.

The showroom featured this one-off British-built MGTF Jubilee, which in June 2002 participated in a parade to raise money for the Queen's Jubilee nominated charities during her Golden Jubilee year. Based on a TF 160, as well as sporting a special paint colour it was fitted with commemorative badges.

After almost 40,000 of the TF 160 were built from 2002 until 2005, production was suspended when MG Rover collapsed. In August 2008, assembly began in the UK once more of a lightly revised MG TF model for the European market, built from Chinese manufactured complete knock down (CKD) kits.



*Howard*



### **TVMGOC photography competition**

I have made a slight change to the plan as to how and when I announce the winning entry or entries for our photography competition. Because the Manadon Sports Hub has a huge TV screen, this will be ideal for displaying some of the pictures. As there is no club meeting in December because that's when we have our Christmas dinner dance, I have delayed the day of judgement until our January meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup>. So, if you have yet to capture that definitive image of your MG, you still have two months left in which to do so. The closing date for receiving entries to the competition will be December 11<sup>th</sup>.

You never know when a nice photo opportunity may present itself. Here's a good example. On the way out of the Manadon Sports Hub after our October meeting I was struck by how nice my MG looked under the stark car park lights set against a back background. Needless to say, I couldn't help but capture the moment on my 'phone.



Neither could I help but post the picture in a couple of Facebook groups, the MGA Fan Club and the MGA Appreciation Society. You will appreciate that these are fairly small, niche groups, but after just a week this picture had received over 1,600 'likes' from around the world together with some very complimentary comments.

Not only did the image give pleasure to me but to lots of other Facebook people too. And this explains why I like to take nice photos of my car whenever possible. They help enhance my enjoyment and experience of owning an MG and once shared, that pleasure increases all the more. Hence the club photo competition – I want the same for you. BTW, this photo won't be entered!

Here's another photo of my car and a couple of others following behind. Jan took it while on the Tulip Trophy Run (on which more later) and hand on heart she did so without me having any input whatsoever.

I don't yet know if Jan would like to enter it into our photo competition but imagine the flack if the judge's wife wins! However, it does reflect what our club runs are all about. In an imaginatively composed shot, it captures speed and travel and the camaraderie of sharing the road in convoy with MG friends. It's also a self-portrait!



Any one of our passenger/navigators could have taken something similar on any camera. A nice picture is often there if you have the eyes and mind to see.

*Howard*



The Exmoor Rut, organised by D&C MGCC, is the last big local run of the year and five TVMGOC cars joined in last month. Each time this is put on it is always a longish day out, as it starts at somewhere like Betty Cottles near Okehampton and finishes in North Devon. This means it is not a circular route and there will always be a significant drive from home. However, if you are an MG enthusiast, the chance to spend a great day out is not to be missed, and in my book that is what classic car ownership is all about. As the route instructions said, "This is not a timed event but a leisurely drive through some of the West Country's finest scenery." So, what's not to like?

In spite of yet another 5-day weather forecast threatening a deluge, we ended up with a cloudy but bright day as we met up at the start. As always there was a nice mix of cars including a few big Healeys alongside many MGs.



There's no point in going through the exact route in detail except to say so that much of it was on largely empty A and B roads and it was all lovely. As the drive was only 75 miles we had time for a drink at the White Horse Hotel in Exford. This is the spiritual home of stag hunting and I remember producing and filming a BBC documentary here some years ago. I must say that on a hunt day the pink-jacketed horse men and women, together with the hounds make a pretty picture. It's a pity a magnificent wild creature has to die to justify it all, but deer numbers have to be controlled one way or another. I just wish the hunters wouldn't enjoy and glorify it quite as much.

Now it was time to climb up onto Exmoor passing browning bracken, snoozing sheep and circling kites. Though it lacks the sentinel stone tors of rugged Dartmoor, the Exmoor landscape is softer, with steep and dramatic valleys, and I believe is the prettier of the two.



No run through Exmoor would be complete without passing over Dunkery Hill to take in the stunning view across the Bristol Channel to Wales. We didn't stop long as it was very windy and we planned to meet Alan & Alison and Paul & Sue at Porlock Weir for a picnic lunch. Descending, we joined the A39 Atlantic Highway to travel just a short section of one of Britain's "Ultimate Driving Roads". It encompasses the long decent down Countisbury Hill which at 25% is reputedly the steepest A road in England.



From Lynton we met up for said picnic and then a decision had to be made: take the main road up Porlock Hill or the narrow and tricky toll road. Of course, we chose the latter and after paying £2 at the lovely, thatched toll house we began the ascent, "...an experience you will not want to miss out on" it sez 'ere on their website. It is fun, but I wish they would spend some of the toll income on getting the track resurfaced. It was pretty awful. The toll road dates from the 1840s and was dug out manually to provide work for local people following the Napoleonic Wars. It twists for about 2.5 miles through ancient woodland, offering glimpses of Porlock Bay through the trees.



The finish was at Woody Bay Station on the Lynton & Barnstaple Railway where we enjoyed a rather splendid cream tea. I wish we could visit this area as a club but it's too far for a lunch or supper jaunt. Perhaps we should organise a day out sometime?



After tea, there was some discussion as to which way we should head home as there are numerous options. I decided to follow Alan, taking mostly the same route back as the one we came in on. On any route the views in the reverse direction are always different so it's a perfectly good option. Simon was behind me until, on a quiet stretch of B-road, I heard the mighty roar of a V8 as he overtook my MGA and Alan's MGB. He then set a blistering pace on delightfully empty roads.

Now usually I enjoy our leisurely MG jaunts with a chilled and happy smile. This drive back induced a broad wicked grin. The speed limit of 60mph on empty country roads can be thrilling in a low-slung, roof-down sports car, especially on twisty bends as, taking a racing line (but not racing!), we slowed to enter and accelerated out. Though it has slightly less power than Alan's MGB and a lot less than Simon's RV8, my MGA can really shift on the flat and not once did they get away from me. I will certainly do more gear changes and go into higher revs than the V8, but on a B-road blast the A keeps pace...until we get to a long hill. That's the only time that I wish it had a bit more power. If ever I had to have the engine rebuilt - please no! - I'd get it upgraded in some way.

That drive back was another memorable highlight to my MG year, a year that is not over yet. But back at the station I'd overheard a driver from another club saying that after The Rut he'd be winterising his car until the spring. Not me! Whilst my MGA won't get as much use in winter as throughout the rest of the year, the idea of mothballing it, well, it frankly appals me. I'll not take it out in bad weather or if the roads have been salted, but otherwise it will be run as often as is practical.

An MG is for life, not just summer\*

Our next outing will be John and B's November lunch run. Bring it on!

*Howard*

\* Hey! That's a good motto. We should pinch it. Ed.

**Tulip Run to  
Boringdon Golf Club  
organised by 2022 winners  
Sarah and Janet**



We awoke to sunshine, which was good news as we could have the hood down which made it easier to travel as Barney would be joining us on the run. A friend who lives near Boringdon Park was looking after Barney whilst we had lunch. Having checked in with Howard & Jan at the Dartmoor Diner we then took the opportunity to give Barney a quick walk on Roborough Down before the run.

The weather was surprisingly warm, and we enjoyed a coffee outside in the lovely autumn sunshine. Before leaving, Sarah and Janet briefed us on the route and highlighted that we needed to record the number of pubs we passed.



We were the last to leave the Dartmoor Diner but soon caught up with Nigel & Naomi in their red MGB and David & Teresa driving their MG TD. We now had a mini convoy, or perhaps I should say a mini MG convoy.

The route took us through Horrbridge, across Whitchurch Down to Princetown. This is a route Alan and I use quite a lot, and it never fails to please us as the views and scenery are exceptional.



We now headed back towards Plymouth. The route sheet had tulip diagrams as well as written instructions and knowing the road we knew we should turn left by the Burrator Inn; at this point I was quietly confident that I had recorded all the pubs en route so far. Time would tell.

On approaching the turn at the Burrator Inn David in front gave a new meaning to blind corner as he was pulling his snood over his head whilst turning. He is obviously well practised as he managed the manoeuvre very well.

We continued downhill to Meavy, then to Cadover, and after crossing Cadover Bridge we were greeted

with joyous waving from Sarah and Janet. We continued past the Moorland Hotel, which externally seemed none the worse for wear after its recent fire.

We were continuing towards Ivybridge along quiet country lanes when David's door flew open for the second time. Alan refers to this as a suicide door as the hinges are at its rear rather than the front and the door opens wider. David reached to catch the door, knocked his hat, and his sunglasses flew out into the road. Luckily a convenient stopping place was in sight. Alan swiftly pulled in behind and gallantly exited the car to retrieve the glasses. In his youth this would not have been a problem and he would have sprinted down the road but having been sitting for over an hour in the car his legs wouldn't work and he sadly limped jerkily to collect the glasses.

Barney excitedly anticipated that he too would be getting out of the car and jumped up onto my lap. Much to his disappointment he was staying put so he decided to press his body (all 25kg) into my face and try smothering me.

After settling ourselves back into the car we made our way to Ivybridge, picking up more pubs along route. Then a short burst along the A38 to turn off at Deep Lane onto the last leg through Plympton. We diverted to drop Barney off, instructing him to behave with our friend's five-month-old Labrador pup, and promptly re-joined the route. On arrival at Boringdon Park we parked at the far end of the car park next to Nigel in his new MGB and to our surprise he left the hood down.



*David and Teresa arrive at Boringdon in their TD with 'suicide doors'*



*2022 winners of the Tulip Trophy Sarah & Janet have it ready to hand over to this year's winners*

Lunch had been put back slightly and this gave us time to catch up with those who hadn't joined us on the run.

Lunch over and now it was down to business on finding a winner for the Tulip Run. At this point two members had to make a dash to the far end of the car park to put their hoods up as the rain had closed in. Janet had several questions all relating to the pubs we had passed on route. 1<sup>st</sup> question - How many pubs did we pass.

Oh! No! We had twelve, correct answer thirteen. It was a downhill spiral from then on and we could only muster three correct answers. The worthy winners were Geoff and Terri. Well done to them both.

On returning to the car park we found Nigel sitting in a very steamed up MGB. Oops! A bit of drying out may be required. Our thanks go to Sarah and Janet for organising an excellent run and lunch. The route was very clear, we had stunning scenic views and quiet county roads with the added bonus of sunshine.

*Alison*





Received entries	From
<i>Fill her up I have to get to Ox ford.</i>	John I.
<i>When we drove in, my owner said fill her up and I almost wet myself.....</i>	John I.
<i>I go fastest on High Oxtain fuel.</i>	John I.
<i>It does 30 miles to the straw bale, but the emissions are awful!</i>	Howard
<i>If you need fuel just blow the horn.</i>	Howard
<i>Shell introduces methane power via the back end of a cow.</i>	Howard
<i>I must get better brakes so that I can stop nearer the pump.</i>	John N.
<i>Bloody Closed!</i>	John N.
<i>Wot No Super?!</i>	John N.
<i>Shell's methane delivery system gets off to a slow start!</i>	Clive
<i>Don't be an ass and misfuel.</i>	Gavin
<i>Howard thought he had the perfect solution for a long-range tank for the "Babe Magnet".</i>	Gavin
<i>I am not quite sure how this green solution helps us on the road to Net Zero.</i>	Gavin
<i>The TVMGOC demand for fuel is waning!</i>	Gavin
<i>Ocado can now bring your fuel to you.</i>	Gavin
<b><i>Cow's thought bubble: 'One of these days Mahatma will wake up to the idea of using my poo gas, rather than expensive fossil fuel!'</i></b>	<b>John H</b>
<i>Taking the idea of green energy to new heights.</i>	Paddie
<i>Steer ing this Petrol Tanker is a yoke.</i>	Simon
<i>Shell petrol! Used the world over to keep us on the moo've.</i>	Alan
<i>The tanker driver has a problem with methane inhalation whilst doing the deliveries.</i>	Alan
<i>STOP PRESS...Shell announces breakthrough in development of a new eco biofuel. BP counters by saying it is all bulls**t.</i>	Peter S
<i>Now the tanker's in making a delivery, the garage staff can 'milk it' for all it's worth and have a nice cup of tea at the same time !! Creaming-in the profits!</i>	Neil S.
<i>The lengths they will go to maintain their £8 billion profit margin.</i>	Geoff B
<i>Following the latest Government advice on energy saving .....</i>	Geoff B
<i>A glimpse of the future perhaps: What has been is what shall be, what has been done is what shall be done, and there is no new matter under the sun. Ecclesiastes 1:9</i>	Geoff B

**Many thanks for so many excellent entries.**  
**Howard found choosing a winner very difficult this month**  
**but went for John H's as it scored on originality. Well done!**  
**John will choose next month's winner**

Yo Bro! Here's next month's photo of two cool dudes but it requires a caption. Send your entries by the end of the month to: [mediatvmgoc@gmail.com](mailto:mediatvmgoc@gmail.com)



**And finally...**



My mate is deliberating over birthday gifts for his 10-year-old son. He's struggling to choose between two £750 mountain bikes and can't decide if the party should take place in a double decker bus full of Play Stations, or whether he should take all the kids on a junior driving experience.

As an alternative I've offered to teleport the spoilt little shits back to the 1970's for under £5, with a magnificent blancmange rabbit centre piece.



*Many a true word...*



One evening an old farmer decided to go down to the pond, as he hadn't been there for a while. He grabbed a five-gallon bucket to bring back some fruit.

As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny dipping in his pond. He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end.

One of the women shouted to him, "We're not coming out until you leave!"

The old man frowned, "I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked."

Holding the bucket up he said, "I'm here to feed the alligator."

Some old men can think fast.

**'I DON'T WANT THE TRUTH,  
I WANT SOMETHING I CAN  
TELL PARLIAMENT!'**

JIM HACKER, YES MINISTER (1980-82)