



## **Hello Everybody and welcome to the Luton & Dunstable MG Owners' Club AGM**

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### **LAST MONTH'S ROUND-UP**

**Treasure Hunt** - After a very wet and wild Saturday, the Sunday turned out to be calm, mild and mostly dry. The hunt started in Clophill and ended at the Lytton Arms in Old Knebworth for lunch, having taken in Shillington, Stondon, Henlow, Ashwell, Odsey, Rushden, and Walkern en route. Congratulations are due to Bruce & Nicky for winning the treasure hunt and for having the pleasure of setting this year's hunt!

### **THIS MONTH...**

Note that February includes the Spares Day at Stoneleigh. Pre-book on 01568 797881 to save a lot of hassle getting in. We normally leave in time to eat at the Malt & Shovel in Bubbenhall.

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| Fri/Sat 8/9 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Tottenham Players - Aladdin</b><br><i>7 pm at Tottenham Lower School</i>          |
| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>   | <b>MG Show &amp; Spares Day, Stoneleigh</b><br><i>Meet at The Chalk Hill at 9 am</i> |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Pub Night</b><br><i>The Silver Lion, Lilley</i>                                   |

### **CHANGE OF VENUE**

As you may be aware, we have lost our meeting area in The George. Our alternative are to change night or location. Over the next couple of months we will evaluate some possibilities at the pub meeting, starting this month with The Silver Lion in Lilley, and next month the Lilley Arms, in Lilley. The area secretary will be very grateful for any other ideas.

## SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

Please see report at the end of this newsletter.

We had 24 paid-up members in 2001 + 4 new members, although we are likely to lose at least 4 this year (MG sold, move to Ireland).

It is customary at the AGM to start collecting the membership subscriptions for the year. Unless discussions dictate otherwise, the fee will again be £5 per person.

Note that some items do not appear on the accounts sheet. These are monies collected for the regalia, for the Christmas party, for the club holiday. Such money was paid directly to the organisations concerned and did not pass through the club funds.

## REVIEW OF 2001

### February

- MG Spares Day, Stoneleigh

### July

- SOUTHERN NATIONAL – Surrey
- Sporting Bears
- Classics on the Common

### October

- Murder Mystery – Tottenhoe Players

### January

- L&D MGOC Treasure Hunt

### May

- CLUB HOLIDAY, Jersey
- Chiltern Hills Rally

### August

- NORTHERN NATIONAL – Harrogate
- Jaguar Club Open Day – Jolly Coopers
- South Downs Run

### November

- Fireworks Night – Barton Rovers

### June

- MGOC – Gaydon
- MGCC – Silverstone

### September

- Car Heaven – Steeple Morden
- A30/35 Rally – Stockwood Park
- P6 ROC Treasure Hunt

### December

- Christmas Party

## ACTIONS RESULTING FROM 2001 AGM

1. It was suggested that the club purchases a banner which can be used to promote and distinguish us at various events throughout the year, especially where we attend as a group and form a club display.  
Banner purchased at £88.13, below the £100 budgeted price.
2. I was in possession of a kingpin reamer which belonged to John Toombs. He was wondering if it was of any interest to the club or one of our members wanting i.r.o. £20 for it.  
Reamer purchased for £20 – custodian is Geoff Waller.
3. Club Web Site – Bruce Murray tasked with looking into it.  
Web site went live in June 2001. Many thanks to Bruce Murray for his efforts.
4. Purchase of “MGs in America” videos for £20. John Toombs will then host a video evening.  
Videos purchased at £20 – custodian is David Asquith. John left the club early last year so the video evening has yet to take place.

### Other task completed:

Although not an action from the AGM, it was suggested early last year that with the turnover of members over the last few years, it was time to have another run of L&D MGOC club regalia with a view to having the items in time for the club holiday to Jersey. We took delivery with less than a week to spare!

## 2001 QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

### Six were returned.

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| Do we attend too many "cars in a field" type of rally? | 100% - about right   |                   |
| Should any events be dropped from the calendar?        |  | 100% - no         |
| Should we enter a road run?                            | 100% - yes   |                   |
| Should we attend MGOC/MGCC race meetings?              | 50% - yes  | 50% - no          |
| Should we resurrect the treasure hunt?                 | 100% - yes   |                   |
| More indoor events e.g. 10 pin bowling, quiz nights?   | 83% - yes  | 17% - no          |
| Factory tour?  | 100% - yes   |                   |
| Other events or ideas you'd like to see?               | Theme dinners; places of interest e.g. castles, brewery; fires station; mystery Sunday run; club website   |                   |
| How many evens/month is ideal?                         | 83% - two  | 17% - one         |
| Are you happy with the Christmas meal format?          | 66% - yes  | 17% - no          |
| Too expensive?   | 50% - yes  | 50% - about right |
| Something different for 2001 (disco)?                  | 34% - yes  | 66% - no          |
| Other comments?  | A party at someone's house where everybody brings something; combining with other groups; autumn discussion for next years holiday; new venue for Christmas meal |                   |

### Secretary's comments:

We entered a road run (South Downs Run, September)

We only attended one race meeting (MGCC, Silverstone, June)

I resurrected the treasure hunt (January 2002)

We did not have any more indoor events

Attempted to organise a factory tour with TVR and Morgan – TVR only accept 6 persons, Morgan have ceased doing tours, currently investigating MG-Rover at Longbridge

Other events/ideas – places of interested were included in the club holiday (yes, I know that's cheating); suggested attending the Grand Day Out at Costwold Wildlife Park – no takers; attended an organised fireworks display

Christmas meal – despite an apparent lack of support for a disco, as the time approached, more people were keen on the idea so we went ahead with the Dinner/Disco at the Fancott and had 19 people (15 in 2000). Feedback was very positive. Still a bit pricey at £25 per head but this did include the disco. Note: Christmas meal in 1989 was £15 per head!

Events with other clubs – three members attended the P6 Rover Owners Club treasure hunt; Four cars attended the Jaguar Drivers Club annual open day/barbecue; two cars attended the A30/A35 Chiltern Rally at Leighton Buzzard

### Other comments:

We did not have a dedicated sea-side run

We did not have a club barbecue

## EVENTS FOR 2002

Those advertised in EMG are as follows (those in bold organised are the major MGOC organised/supported events):

|         |   |   |
|---------|---|---|
| Mar. -  | 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>30 <sup>th</sup>   | Road Run - Cobweb Spin – Winchester<br>Magnettes and Steam – Severn Valley Railway  |
| April - | 7 <sup>th</sup><br>7 <sup>th</sup><br>21 <sup>st</sup>  | Brooklands MG Day<br>Chesterfiled MG Club's 7 <sup>th</sup> Shakedown Run<br><b>Kimber Run</b>  |
| May -   | 19 <sup>th</sup><br>2 <sup>nd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>   | Hadrian Wall Classic Tour<br><b>CLUB HOLIDAY - IRELAND</b>  |
| June -  | 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>8 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup><br>9 <sup>th</sup><br>15 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup><br>16 <sup>th</sup><br>27 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup><br>30 <sup>th</sup> | Bedfordshire Road Run<br>New Forest Run<br><b>MGOC – Gaydon</b><br><b>Le Mans</b><br>Ratae Run<br>Exeter River Dart Rally<br>Marcham Road Run – Peak District |
| July -  | 28 <sup>th</sup><br>28 <sup>th</sup><br>TBA   | Pendle Run – Burnley<br>Viking 2002 Classic Car Run – Charity event<br><b>Southern National</b>   |
| Aug. -  | 17 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup><br>TBA  | Cumbria Classic Weekend<br><b>Northern National</b>   |
| Sep. -  | 1 <sup>st</sup><br>6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup><br>29 <sup>th</sup>  | South Downs Run – West Sussex<br>Brunel Run Weekend<br>Classic Tour of Cumbria  |
| Oct. -  | 6 <sup>th</sup><br>27 <sup>th</sup>   | <b>MGOC Autumn Gold Run</b><br>National Restoration Show  |
| Dec. -  | 1 <sup>st</sup>   | Christmas Cracker Run – Lake District   |

There will also be the national organised events such as Woburn and Knebworth, the local events such as the CVPG rally at Stockwood Park, the A30/35 rally, Chiltern Hills and non-MG events such as flying displays, fireworks display etc. There are full MGOC and MGCC racing calendars.

## CLUB HOLIDAY- IRELAND

We will be taking five cars to Ireland for our club holiday. It will soon be time to start thinking about 2003!

## ELECTION OF CLUB SECRETARY

Assuming I have a volunteer(s), we will have a new area secretary from this evening as I will not be standing for re-election. In the event that we have two candidates, we will have a vote. As well as having its perks (free MGOC subscription, Christmas gift), it can be a very rewarding and challenging job so if you would like the challenge and think you would like to bring your own brand of enthusiasm to the club please speak now!

**Geoff Waller elected as new area secretary.**

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