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Secretary's Report



Dear Motorneers,

Well, the November lunch run marks the end of all the car activities we have planned for this year. There's still our Christmas lunch to look forward to, and you can arrive in your MG if you so desire. We will be holding a raffle and need items donated items to give away please. See what Janis says below.

Looking forward to the January meeting, I asked the rest of the committee if they thought it might be a good idea if I gave a PowerPoint presentation about the MG trip Paul & Lesley, Roy & Sonia and Jan & I did to the Pyrenees and Mallorca. I was encouraged to do so, and I hope some of the nice pictures I took will brighten up a dark January evening.

Talking of January, at the time of writing on Friday 7th, there is no-one as yet to organise a January Sunday lunch run so this may not happen. Likewise, regarding February and March.

Happy MGing!
Howard

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Chairman's Report



With the clocks being put onto Greenwich Mean Time, it was good to see so many keeping their MGs active and enjoying themselves on the John Hunt Tulip Trophy run, of which more later.

For me, as we approach Remembrance Sunday, it's always a time of reflection and I will be in the Royal Albert Hall for the Festival of Remembrance on Saturday. When I worked for the late Queen, I loitered at the back of the Royal Box for this (if you are at a loose end and have a handkerchief handy, in the Poppy Girls video you can see just how far back in the box I was - I can be seen in the shot of David Cameron at about 6 mins in, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJxTdglAZZk>).

Charlie used to watch on TV back at my flat with a take-away, but this year she gets to go - she is very excited, and we will report back on Monday. Thanks to all of you who have bought a poppy this year, it's not about supporting war, it's about supporting those who gave selflessly and RBL is a great cause.

Back to matters more local - the Committee are scratching our heads a bit on the subject of monthly runs. You are all aware that Janis as Social Secretary has been asking for some time for a volunteer to do a run in January, and to be honest she is getting pretty frustrated.

Organising a run can be enjoyable - honestly! It gets the MG used a bit more, it's nice to explore our lovely countryside whilst planning a route and there is always a pleasant eatery to aim for. It is even easier if we simply dust off an already tried and tested route and venue we have frequented before. Then all that needs to happen - especially if it's a carvery and so there are no menu choices to worry about - is to compile a list of participants and test the route for any changes. Janis has said this all already, but so far it has fallen on deaf ears. The committee can offer any help and advice as needed.

The Committee can and do step in, but as your Chairman I can't expect them to do all that they do **and** also do the monthly runs on top - I think that you would all agree that this is too much. The monthlies are meant to be shared out across the whole club - one in 12 months would suffice! As presaged above and reported later, Nick has just managed to construct an excellent run himself, but don't be afraid that you need to hit a really high standard - you don't at all. Some driving and a pub to have lunch in is all we need.

With most of us, joining with our monthly runs is a main focus. It doesn't seem too much to ask for us to share the burden across the club.

Warmest Regards

Simon



I would just like to remind you about our Xmas dinner on Friday 12th December. The list will be closed on 31st November.

If you're not going to the Christmas meal but would like to donate a raffle prize then bring it to the meeting and give it to Janis.

Dress code smart casual, gents shirts, ladies a bit of sparkle always looks nice, no jeans

Janis - Social Secretary

2025/26

Upcoming events – for the most up to date and detailed information see:
www.tvmgoc.org.uk
 SOME OTHER SHOWS YOU MAY WISH TO ENTER AS AN INDIVIDUAL ARE
 ALSO LISTED ON OUR WEBSITE

Nov	9	Sunday lunch run organised by Jill and Andy to the Burrator Inn
	10	Club 2 nd Monday meeting at The Hunting Lodge
Dec	Fri 12	Club Christmas lunch at Yelverton Golf Club (there is no meeting this month)
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Jan	12	Club 2 nd Monday meeting at The Hunting Lodge
		Sunday lunch run TBA
Feb	4	Club 2 nd Monday meeting at The Hunting Lodge
		Sunday lunch run TBA
Mar	9	Club 2 nd Monday meeting at The Hunting Lodge – club AGM
		Sunday lunch run TBA
Apr	13	Club 2 nd Monday meeting at The Hunting Lodge
	26	Drive It Day & walking Treasure Hunt organised by Jan & Howard
May	11	Club 2 nd Monday meeting at The Hunting Lodge
		Sunday lunch run TBA
June	8	Club 2 nd Monday meeting at The Hunting Lodge
		Cream tea run Janis + AN Other
July	13	Club 2 nd Monday meeting at The Hunting Lodge (clashes with Shrewsbury)
	10 - 12	Club holiday to The Fat Lamb, Kirkby Stephen organised by Howard
	13 - 15	Club holiday to Albright Hussey Manor, Shrewsbury organised by Howard
		Sunday lunch run TBA
Aug	10	Club 2 nd Monday meeting at The Hunting Lodge
		Sunday lunch run TBA
Sept	14	Club 2 nd Monday meeting at The Hunting Lodge
		Sunday lunch run TBA
October	TBA	John Hunt Tulip Trophy Rin - Gavin

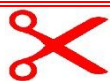
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News snippets



Don't feel bad about using your classic car

The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC) recently released its 2025 National Historic Vehicle Survey (NHVS) – the most comprehensive study ever conducted into the UK's world-leading historic vehicle movement.

The findings reveal a thriving and valuable sector that continues to grow, contributing **£7.3bn to the UK economy each year**, supporting tens of thousands of skilled jobs, and attracting record numbers of enthusiasts.

Key Headlines

- **Record Growth in Historic Vehicles:**
The number of historic vehicles registered with the DVLA has risen again, to **1,934,178**, just shy of the 2 million once forecast for 2025.
- **Economic powerhouse:**
The historic vehicle sector now contributes **£7.3 billion** annually to the UK economy, with owners spending on average **£4,567 per year** maintaining and enjoying their vehicles.
- **Jobs and businesses:**
The movement supports **2,700 specialist businesses**, collectively employing **34,500 people** across restoration, maintenance, parts supply, museums and events. Nearly half (45%) of those businesses now offer, or plan to offer, **apprenticeship programmes** to pass on vital heritage skills.
- **Growing enthusiasm nationwide:**
The UK is home to an estimated **690,777 historic vehicle owners**, and more than **22.7 million adults** regard historic vehicles as a vital part of Britain's heritage.
Over **9.7 million people** say they would like to own one, and **4.3 million** attended a historic vehicle event in the last year – a 100% increase since 2020.
- **Minimal road impact:**
Despite their visibility, historic vehicles account for only **0.2% of all miles driven** in the UK, with the average vehicle covering just **837 miles annually**.
- **Demographics and Future Generations:**
The **average age of an owner has risen to 66**, highlighting the importance of engaging younger enthusiasts. Encouragingly, the under-35s now show the most significant **interest** in historic vehicles, while the introduction of the **'Youngtimer' category** (vehicles aged 20–30 years) offers an accessible entry point for new enthusiasts.
- **Skills and apprenticeships:**
With over **11.9 million adults** agreeing that apprenticeships focused on historic vehicle skills should be available to young people, the FBHVC calls for continued support to sustain these specialist trades for future generations. Businesses echo the call, with **45% already offering or planning training schemes** to ensure vital historic skills are passed on.

Freeby hard top for MGF & TFs

Narrowboat dwellers Ade and Val have sold their MGTF and have a hard top complete with a storage bag they no longer need. It will fit an MGF or an MGTF. Free to a good home. If you are interested, give Howard a call and he will pass your details onto them. 07801055128

Cheque handover to Devon Air Ambulance

People & Places raised £500 for the Devon Air Ambulance. A handful of us gathered at The Hunting Lodge to hand over the cheque. Thanks to the few who came along.

Tony, representing the charity, will be giving a talk to this month's – November's - meeting about the work of the Air Ambulance so please try to attend, and bring some change to make a donation.



A lovely day for a drive over t'moor.
This is the entrance to Badger's Holt at Dartmeet in the early 1950s.



John Hunt Tulip Trophy run to the Arundel Arms



There was considerable weather-related uncertainty in the days running up to Nick's extremely well organised Tulip Trophy run, starting at the picturesque Weir Quay. On the morning however, the sun shone, and we were met by an efficient parking team, thank you to Nick and Nigel – the latter sporting an excellent Hi Viz jacket scoring highly on the Club Health and Safety scale.



Our cars were parked in a lovely waterside property owned by a friend of Nick who also happened to have an excellent steam launch in his garage, which he was kind enough to have opened for us to see. Most of us did as I did and admired this wonderful craft from the past.

Going back to the run, we started with an optional bacon butty, enthusiastically taken up by many, but here things didn't start well for Gavin. When he tried the ketchup on his bacon sandwich there was something of a misfire, resulting in a minor explosion of the red sauce, but things were to improve as the run went on! We left in the said sunshine with the tops down for those who wished and had a really interesting trip across country, through a number of roads that many of us hadn't travelled before.



Tulip diagrams were new to some, but from my perspective the navigators picked it up very well indeed. As ever in our narrow roads, a little bunching proved inescapable, not least as those, like me, who were simply following rather than navigating themselves, had to keep the car ahead in

sight. Other road users seemed to put up with the long line of classics with equanimity rather than rage, and for our part we managed to avoid contact with myriads of Sunday dog walkers whose hounds occasionally veered into our path.



Either way we felt a sense of achievement as we reached the destination of the excellent Arundel Arms in Lifton, which we all appeared to find very easily. Well, all apart from Andy who without the assistance of Tulip diagrams passed the place a couple of times in his Mercedes (neither the MGRV8 nor the MGCGT made the cut) but I was eventually able to do my traffic policeman bit and direct him into the pub to join the happy throng.

For those showbiz spotters amongst us, Warwick Davis was also having lunch in the pub, perhaps testament to the quality of the place, and we had a very pleasant meal. Without Charlie there to guide me (absent on new Granddaughter tending duty) I was able to squeeze in two very fine courses and only felt slightly guilty on completion.



We all gathered to thank Nick for an excellent run and preparation for the Tulip trophy which of course this year had to be done differently, owing to the new direction from the MGOC. Nick produced a really good quiz, testing the navigators' memories from the trip, and here things improved for Gavin, as he and Rachel won the inaugural John Hunt trophy, appropriately presented by Paddy.



For those of us who knew John this was a poignant moment as we sat and remembered his legacy. His quiet and wise guidance helped the committee on many occasions, and he set things up so well for us all in the contemporary club. The Trophy itself has been subject to a refit, with a stout strengthening bracket fitted, so I can only hope that Gavin has a suitably strong shelf on which to display it! Thanks again to Nick for a great day, and to all who joined in to make it special.

Simon

PS. We need to get a new plaque for the trophy to include John's name. I'm on the case - Howard



Apparently, this is an art installation created by Austrian Erwin Wurm and installed in the German city of Karlsruhe.

It was part of a series which distorts regular objects to "show the everyday from a different perspective." The truck was given a €30 parking ticket.

An explanation of the artworks says,

"Elegantly bent upwards at the centre, the Truck appears to effortlessly overcome its own weight, and to adapt itself in conformity with the shape of the representative building. Owing to its physical distortion, this utility vehicle assumes a sculptural character, while its function now becomes of secondary importance to its artistic form. The façade of the house also loses its original meaning: becoming both parking space and street for the truck, the wall serves less as a shell for the interior but more as a stage for art."

Now that's what you call a caption!

Received entries	From
<i>When the bloke said do you want to buy a bent truck cheap I misunderstood what he said....</i>	John I.
<i>Demonstrating a new yoga pose: the downward-facing truck.</i>	Jan P.
<i>A banana delivery truck taking a rest.</i>	Howard
<i>This 'cloned' lorry was left abandoned, but clearly not before it had driven the driver up the wall.</i>	Nigel S.
<i>Mercedes bring out truck designed to take short curved loads.</i>	Paul F.
<i>"You bend it I'll hide it"</i>	Richard M.
<i>This number plate change is driving me up the wall</i>	Simon
<i>"This will give the ANPR a problem with the PCN"</i>	Richard M.
<i>Fyffes new Banana delivery lorry.</i>	John I.
<i>Salvador Dali parks his surrealist truck</i>	Howard
<i>"I know we had a bender and a good night on the tiles, but this can't be my truck, it's got the wrong VRN".</i>	Richard M.
<i>The twerkmobile</i>	Howard
<i>This Mercedes truck is driving me up the wall!</i>	Paul F.
<i>Parking no problem</i>	Richard M.
<i>Poetic justice when the crooked driver bought a bent truck, sight unseen!</i>	Alan
<i>She always drives me up the wall.</i>	Nigel S.
<i>A new version of flexible tariff</i>	Janis
<i>Benz does the Bends</i>	Chris L
<i>Well, you can have flexi-buses, can't you?</i>	Andrew H.
<i>You've heard about bendy buses and bendy trams. Well here is a bendy truck.</i>	Gavin
<i>"The way some people park these days DRIVES ME UP THE WALL"</i>	Dave F.
<i>She always drives me up the wall.</i>	Nigel V.
<i>This truck is driving me up the wall</i>	Paul L.

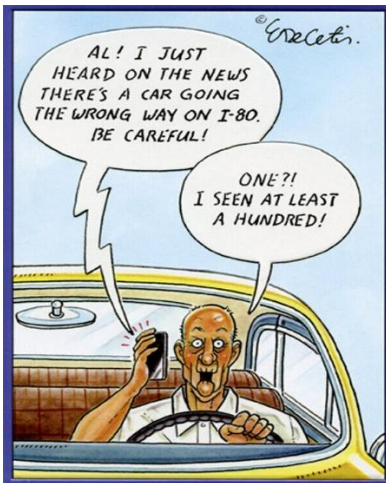
And the winner chosen by last month's winner Tony S. Jan P. Well done!

She will choose next month's winning caption.

Don't just sit there twiddling your knobs!
Twiddle these instead.
But what are they all for?
Please send your suggestions by the end
of the month and title your email
Caption Competition*
to:
clubsecretarytvmgoc@gmail.com



And finally...



My dad owns a Jag and he made him a tiny sweater to keep him warm during winter ❄️



There really was a time



when men drove in peace

Imagine being rear-ended by this guy

