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Secretary's Report



Dear Motorneers,

Club business kept me busy last month. I had to chase a lot of members to pay their subs, which were due at the March AGM meeting. Some long-standing members just needed a gentle reminder and whilst I realise that this may not be one of life's top priorities, getting the payment out of a few others… well, words like blood and stone spring to mind.

Consequently, a small number of memberships have lapsed, and one or two people have left TVMGOC for perfectly understandable reasons. However, we also have new members, and our numbers remain very healthy with something like 65 cars in the club.

Flashing in public

My car drove a few hundred miles around Brittany without any problems. However back home, after filling the MGA's tank with E5 at Tesco Roborough it all started to go wrong. The engine began to misfire. I drove into town and stopped for a few minutes, after which the car refused to start. It displayed all the symptoms of vapour lock, a problem I've not had for a couple of years. After cooling down a bit, the car started, only to completely conk again on the hill up from the Hyde Park Pub on Mannamead Rd. This is one of the worst places to break down. Using the starter to turn the engine in 1st gear I was able to get the car partly up onto the pavement. After a few minutes it restarted and I was able to limp home, but with a very rough sounding engine. I now suspect water in the fuel.

I relate this sorry tale to say once again how relieved I was to have hazard warning lights fitted. I am a staunch advocate of these and have been grateful of their installation in my MG in three or four dodgy situations. I've said it before, and I'll say it again – I think fitting hazard warning lights to all classics should be mandatory.

Best of British Photo

I hope you don't mind me posting the photo of my MGA on the first page of this newsletter. It was taken in front of the Union Inn at Saltash. You know what I'm like about making memorable pictures of our cars, always on the lookout for an arresting background.

I'd been waiting months to take this particular picture. Either the weather or the light wasn't right; for a while the pub was covered in scaffolding as it was repainted, or there were other cars parked in the way. Eventually a couple of weeks ago, after waiting half an hour for a beer lorry to move out of the way, all the elements aligned and I bagged my shot. Well, it made me happy at least!

Under cover

Our current Club gazebo is very large and is ideal for use when we have many members at a show. However, it is too big and too heavy for anything other than a saloon car to transport, and unnecessarily cumbersome when we only have a handful of people attending. We have now bought a second and smaller gazebo that fits into to boot of an MGB, so we can choose which is the most suitable to use at any event.

Happy MGing!
Howard

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Chairman's Report



Greetings from the Chair,

I hope that you will have had to get out and about in your MGs in this rather extraordinary patch of weather. Your committee have been busy responding to opportunities such as new shows and challenges, such as the latest advice from the MGOC on what we are allowed to do as a club on our runs. Those familiar with the legislation may be aware that for any run with greater than 12 cars, care must be taken if we are not to engage the regulations which require certain types of run to be formally reported to Motorsport UK, at a fee of course, as opposed to those which class as a social run. Suffice to say that the committee will keep us all on the right side of the law, but some changes may be required. Watch this space!*

Warmest Regards,

Simon

**More on this next month after your committee has had a chance to digest the advice we have received. We don't need to action anything different until our October Tulip Trophy Run. It's all to do with what constitutes a competitive event. Fear not, all will be well.*
Howard



Event Secretary – The show must go on

May has been quite busy for me. I started the month with a trip to Norfolk for the annual Broadlands MGOC Heritage run and continued on 11th May with the Jethro Memorial run. Reports of both runs are later in the newsletter.

I also attended the Launceston Steam Fair along with Andrew H, who was representing his model club as well as showing his MGBGT.

I must now tell you some bad news! We have been informed by Wayne at St Luke's that the Flete House Open Day has been cancelled this year. It is such a shame as we all look forward to this event. So, what events are there in the near future?

ST MERRYN STEAM RALLY is on 21st and 22nd June. This is an excellent steam Rally, well worth a visit, even as a visitor.

TRURO CLASSIC CAR SHOW is on 6th July.

POWDERHAM is on 12th and 13th July. We have several members going on both the Saturday and the Sunday. Entry is now closed.

*RHS ROSEMOOR is on 26th and 27th July.

*BOCONNOC is on 25th, 26th and 27th July.

Details and links to entry application for all these events are in the online diary.

*Because Flete House is cancelled it may be an opportunity to go to either Rosemoor or Boconnoc, or both! I shall be visiting them both.

Whatever you decide please do get those cars out and DRIVE!!.

Andy



Being social

Wayne from St Luke's is doing a talk at our meeting on 9th June There will be a collection so please bring some cash.

If anyone has an interesting hobby they would like to talk about, then please contact me and we can arrange this.

The runs are all covered for the year but if anyone would like to have a go at doing a route, please contact me. It would be good to have new people having a go and the best way to learn is to go out with someone who has done it before. In addition, there may be runs to be checked for accuracy, which is another good way to learn the ropes.

Janis

2025	Upcoming events – for the most up to date and detailed information see: www.tvmgoc.org.uk OTHER SHOWS YOU MAY WISH TO ENTER AS AN INDIVIDUAL ARE ALSO LISTED ON OUR WEBSITE	
NOTE Enter Powderham via Andy, not individually. The Event Secretary has to enter on behalf of the whole club. For all other events enter directly yourself but please do let Andy know.		
	NEW INFO IS HIGHLIGHTED	
June	Club 2nd Monday meeting at The Hunting Lodge – talk about the work of ST LUKES HOSPICE by Wayne Marshall. There will be a collection so please bring some cash.	9
	Darts Farm Classic Car Show – 15 12:00 to 16:00 A great day out for all of the family, with a BBQ, Street Food, Sourdough Pizza, homemade Cow & Cacao Gelato, Sweet Stall, Coffee & Cake, and Live Music. If you've not been this is probably the best farm market in the region. Entry £5 with proceeds to Estuary League of Friends. Call 01392 879009 https://www.dartsfarm.co.uk/events/classic-car-show-2 Topsham, Devon, EX3 0QH	15
	St Merryn Steam Rally. Entry forms at stmerrynrally.com	21 & 22
	National Cream Tea Day – picnic in Iain & Helen's barn near Launceston organised by Janis. Cakes and scones etc will be on sale with proceeds going to local charity so please bring some cash. If you require a savoury element to your picnic, please supply that yourself.	Fri 27
	Club mini-break to Llanerchindda Farm Monday 30 June to Thursday 3 July. Due to a cancellation there may be one room still available. Contact Howard.	30 to 3 Jul
July	MGF30 at Gaydon. Details on our website. Also see below.	5 & 6
	Truro Classic Car Show. Enter here: https://www.trurobid.co.uk/projects/eventsmarketing/truro-classic-car-show	6
	The Crash Box Classic Car Show at Powderham Castle Exhibitor Applications are open but all TVMGOC entries to go via Andy S.	12 & 13
	Club 2nd Monday meeting at The Hunting Lodge	14
	Sunday lunch run – organised by Sally and Keith to Lanhydrock Hotel and Golf Club	20
	Wadebridge Wheels https://www.wadebridgewheels.co.uk/	20
	Sherborne Castle. classic-supercars.co.uk Register as Exhibitor. Cost £22.00	20
	Perranporth Classic Car Parade	
	RHS Rosemoor Vintage & Classic Weekend. Club members plan to go on the Sat.	26 & 27
	Flete House. CANCELLED	27
	Boconnoc. Once again clashing with other shows.	25 – 27
	Tamar Region Jaguar Day – Buckfastleigh. TVMGOC Have been invited to join this Jaguar show. Details on our website. Email brian.tamarjec@gmail.com	29
Aug	Mt Edgcumbe Show, Cremyll, Torpoint PL10 1HZ Advance booking £8.50 per car, on the day £12 per car. Book by 18th July. Google search 'Mount Edgcumbe American and classic car show'. Then follow the links to book and pay.	3
	Grade Ruan Car Show. ocklynge1@aol.com	3
	Bournemouth and Poole MGOC Annual Garden Party and Picnic at Athelhampton House. Contact: www.1020mg.org.uk	10
	Club 2nd Monday meeting at The Hunting Lodge	11
	Friday – bring your own picnic and chairs to Dartmoor Gliding Society near Brentor. We can picnic inside the hangar if the weather is inclement'	Friday 15
	RAF Harrowbeer, Yelverton. Suggest club go on Saturday 16th as Sunday is manic! Enter free here: https://form.jotform.com/250797361540359	16&1 7
	Fowey Classic Car Show & Parade. Now closed for entries. Howard is looking after the list not Andy S.	Thurs 21

	Lizard Car Show. Contact details coming soon	**25**
	Great Trethew – enter: https://www.trethew-rally.co.uk/application-forms-2025	**24 – 26**
Sept	**People & Places – organised by the committee**	**7**
	Saltram CC Show	**7**
	Club 2nd Monday meeting at The Hunting Lodge	**8**
	Lanlivery Show https://www.steamheritage.co.uk/steam-rallies-and-events/event/lanlivery-vintage-rally	**13 & 14**
Oct	**Club 2nd Monday meeting at The Hunting Lodge**	**13**
	The John Hunt Tulip Trophy Run – organised by Nick Clegg	**TBA**
Nov	**Club 2nd Monday meeting at The Hunting Lodge**	**10**

News snippets

Car break-ins
Richard tells us via a Police report, that there have been a series of break-ins to cars parked on Dartmoor. The usual advice applies to keep all valuables, bags etc out of sight.

Tarting up a plucky underdog British roadster…
and the winter fuel allowance



Scrolling through a newsfeed on my phone, two stories appeared almost next to each other. One was the ongoing saga of the £200 winter fuel payments (the amount we got if born before 21 September 1959) and the other a review in Pistonheads of the new Frontline MGA. This was also featured in the May edition of *Enjoying MG*.

The Frontline MGA Factory Edition is far from standard, and so is its price tag. It takes a lot of what's made their modified MGBs so good - a lusty Duratec engine, beautifully redone interior, expertly overhauled chassis - and adds them to an earlier MGA base. This review article is worth a read but then ask yourself what is this car? Is it still a classic or a new restomod? See: https://www.pistonheads.com/news/ph-driven/frontline-mga-factory-edition--ph-review/49879

The price wasn't mentioned in *Enjoying MG* (why?) but Pistonheads weren't so coy. Undeniably, this car is quite remarkable in so many mechanical and cosmetic ways, but the modifications are reflected in the asking price. The Frontline MGA costs upwards of £145,000 plus the cost of a donor car, so the total, to be conservative, would be around £160K.

Just for a bit of fun, and because I couldn't quite believe my mental arithmetic, I opened up my calculator app and started tapping. To use a topical analogy for perspective, we would have to save up the winter fuel allowance for 800 years to buy this MGA. Therefore, we can only hope this payment is reinstated soon! What's more, you'd have to put up with being cold each winter because you'd not be spending it on your household fuel costs. And drinking antifreeze is a *really* bad idea.

I think I'll stick with my current MKII for the time being and, if the winter fuel allowance is reinstated, somehow keep it going until the year 2825 by which time I would have saved enough to buy a Frontline. Top Gear says about it, "This isn't a plucky underdog British roadster anymore: it's an extremely desirable dream garage machine". I guess I'll just have to dream on…and yes, I know there's at least one flaw in my thinking!

Howard

Gallery

Free Printer

Peter S. has a Canon mono (B&W) laser printer he no longer needs. It doesn't mate with his new Chrome book, but it was working fine with his old Windows laptop.

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A spooky happening in advance of our cream tea run

A mysterious crop circle appeared in mid-Cornwall, just hours after strange lights were spotted over Bodmin.
Experts are baffled, but locals say the message is clear... even the aliens know it's jam first.
Fortunately, Iain and Helen's barn is in Cornwall where they do things right.



Moretonhampstead Motor Museum closing auction

A few of us went to see the viewing day, not so much to bid on anything, more to take a last look. Unfortunately, the owner was unable to find a buyer for the collection as a whole and so all the artefacts and vehicles were being sold off separately. A few MGs were included in the lots.
It was a sad day for the local car scene.











Broadlands MGOC Classic Car Run

Over the weekend of 3rd to 5th May I went to Norfolk to attend the Bank Holiday Monday run. On the way I stopped off in Nottingham to see my aged parents (both 93) and to catch up with old friends.

Staying two nights in my old room was a challenge as there are too many old memories of childhood and being exorcised from the house after leaving school in 1972. My parents' main activity nowadays is arguing about everything, but my mother has devised a cunning plan to infuriate my father. She turns her hearing aids off and simply ignores him.

I travelled to Norwich on the Sunday to inflict myself on my sister and her expanding family, who always pretend to enjoy seeing me - well, the MG RV8 anyway.

It's good to mix with other web-footed people occasionally and talk of carrot crunching and swede bashing.



The Broadlands Run began at Caister RNLI station and passed through country lanes and villages along the coast up as far as Bacton, and then a circuitous route inland around north Norfolk, eventually ending at Reepham railway station - now a restored station set up as a museum with a few miles of lines and one or two working engines, and, of course, the massive cafe.





With good weather, 85 miles of getting lost and tolerable company, it was a pleasant weekend, ruined by the 375 mile journey home. For some reason all the major roads of England go north to south making my journey tortuous. Guess I'll do it all again next year!!!

Andy

More To See 2025



Exeter Area MG Owners Club held their 35th Annual Car Run on Sunday 11 May 2025. 66 MGs of all shapes and colours assembled with their drivers and passengers at the Rugby Club in Cullompton for a 100 miles route traversing Exmoor to Lynton and Lynmouth and back.

Stewards in hi-vis jackets expertly tucked us all into the car park. Jan and I were directed to park next to a fabulous 1960 MGA in my favourite Iris blue colour…drool!



The Club's always efficient and hard-working secretary, Derrick Layzell, handed out the route book and goodie bag and there was plenty of time for a welcome coffee and biscuit before we were off.

A last-minute route change due to closure of the High Street was easily accommodated and we were quickly on course for Tiverton, then via a pretty minor road to South Molton and Blackmoor Gate and thence to Lynmouth.

The sun was shining, and the roof was down. Special arrangements had been made to allow us all to park directly on the grass at the edge of the sea front - a stunning location with a sea and cliff backdrop. A planned stopover allowed plenty of time for an excellent seafood sandwich lunch and a browse of the tourist shops. The MG lineup attracted a lot of attention from the public. The return route took us back over Exmoor via Simonsbath and Dulverton on a mixture of narrow and even narrower roads. Unfortunately, heavy rain started and a hasty stop to close the roof was needed. In the narrowest section we came across a tractor convoy going the same way and we made slow progress for a couple of miles. We had been well ahead but most of the MGs caught up to us and at one point the driver of the tail-end Charlie tractor stopped, dismounted and took a photo of all the MGs following him!

A cream tea awaited us back at Cullompton, which we took chatting to a fellow MGF driver and his wife from Christchurch who had followed us for most of the way back. We both won prizes in the raffle. The trophy for the club with the biggest attendance went to Southampton and the New Forest MGOC with 8 cars.

One driver who had travelled over 240 miles to attend also won a trophy, as did the driver who had travelled the least distance. He had come from just around the corner (0.9 miles)!



A well-organised and great day out that we would highly recommend to newer club members.

Peter and Jan S.



I enjoyed taking part in the memorial run dedicated to late Cornish comedian, Geoffrey Rowe, known as Jethro *(Geoff Row – geddit?).* He was born in St Buryan near Penzance and is buried at St Wenn, up on Bodmin moor.

Around 100 classic cars of various makes and ages, but all over 30 years old, assembled in a very wet, puddly car park in St Wenn between 9am and 10am. My trusty MG umbrella was employed whilst queuing at the van serving our bacon butties and coffee, and many familiar faces were present for the 62-mile road run to St Buryan.

Our route forged its way south west towards St Austell, then towards Newquay, Perranporth, St Agnes, through Blackwater and towards Redruth, staying off the main roads.



Curiously, we were directed through Pool and Tuckingmill to Camborne Station and on up Camborne Hill to Beacon. Just past the Beacon Inn a right turn into Tolcarne Road leads into Narrow Lane Knave-Go-By, an extremely tight back road which appeared to go round in a circle and caused a few problems with oncoming cars.

Then we were off to the delightfully named, Praze-an-Beeble, Leedstown and to Penzance, via Goldsithney and Marazion, with views of Mounts Bay and the castle on St Michael's Mount.

Taking the A30 towards Lands End, we passed through Buryas Bridge and Drift, turned left and on to St Buryan, where we ended at the cricket and football club for a Hog Roast. The clubhouse were screening a DVD of Jethro which was obviously unsuitable for television but quite entertaining. A good day out, a pleasant drive and delicious food. What more could you want?
Answers on a postcard please!

Andy

Watch Jethro's most famous joke about the Camborne train here (contains rudeness!):
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=piT9mlVMS9k



We don't see much of our friend and fellow member Beth, who lives Exeter way. She's undertaken numerous long-distance trips in Mavis, her MGA coupe, and in last month's newsletter we noted her setting off to take part in MiniFest on the Isle of Man in Sybil, her Austin A35, accompanied by son Andrew in his Mini. Beth didn't know then that Mavis would also be taking part, due to unforeseen difficulties with Sybil…

Beth writes: They say all great road trips begin with breakfast, and ours was no exception—a full-scale bap bonanza at KMJ Motors in Marsh Barton, where our loyal supporters gathered like petrolheads at a free fuel giveaway. With caffeine coursing through our veins and cholesterol levels joyfully climbing, we waved our goodbyes and pointed our trusty steeds northward toward Liverpool.

Now, you might think the journey to the Isle of Man would be a straightforward affair, but oh no! We are adventurers, thrill-seekers, slightly misguided souls with a penchant for the long way round. By lunchtime, we had made it as far as Brunel's Clifton Bridge, where Andrew (ever eagle-eyed) spotted a drone hovering above us, capturing our convoy in all its automotive glory—either for posterity or for some secret government surveillance, we may never know.

As afternoon tea approached (one must uphold tradition), Shrewsbury rolled into view. I, full of confidence and perhaps a smidgen of mischief, convinced Andrew that our journey required a touch more peril. Enter: The Port Way*—a road so narrow, steep, and twisty that even mountain goats carry insurance. Sybil, my faithful yet occasionally unpredictable Austin A35, took the lead with her usual boundless enthusiasm, tackling each hairpin bend like a seasoned rally veteran. That is, until she reached the summit and decided she had done quite enough for one day.

With the brakes behaving in a manner best described as "highly theoretical," I opted against an unplanned flight down the Long Mynd and called upon the AA cavalry. Their valiant technician assessed the situation and wisely decreed that Sybil deserved a more dignified descent—on the back of a recovery truck, bound for Exminster. Andrew, ever the hero, escorted her the 200 miles home and returned with a fresh set of wheels *(enter Mavis, Beth's MGA. Ed.)* so our adventure could continue.



And thus, dear reader, our saga of baps, bridges, breakdowns, and bravado rolls on!

Beth

Hopefully there will be second a part to this tale as there were delights and more disappointments to come.

This is definitely one for the list of routes for our Shrewsbury trip if it goes ahead. On Google Maps search Asterton, Lydbury, zoom in and then Steet View The Port Way road heading north. You'll need a head for heights! Then turn right and descend Bur Way to Long Mynd and Church Stretton. The views are spectacular, but Beth was wise to stop. It'll test both your both nerve and your car's brakes!

Sunday Lunch Run to the Rose & Crown, Yealmpton

Thanks to Sue & Paul for this report
and also to Richard for a second report inspired by Peter and Jan
and the effort they made on this lovely route and destination.

On a sunny Sunday morning, the club met at Strawberry Fields Farm shop at Buckfastleigh to start a run organised by Peter and Jan, crossing the South Hams and ending up at the Rose & Crown pub in Yealmpton for Sunday lunch. We met early so we could have a coffee and a cake before setting off at 12 o'clock. It was nice to see some new members joining us on the run, Steve & Hayley in the yellow MGBGT, and Chris & Annie in the white MGB.



In the car park was a nice selection of MG cars which looked stunning in the sunshine all lined up with their hoods down.



Just before departing we had a briefing by no-nonsense Peter and were advised of the do's and don'ts of responsible driving, and not to arrive at the pub before 13.30.

At 12 o'clock we started to move off, a few cars at a time, and turned onto the old A38 passing through Buckfastleigh town centre, then Dean Prior and on to Harbourneford, heading down the hill into South Brent.

A couple of villages I can say I have not passed through in all my years of living in Plymouth. Peter had added snippets of local information about the area on the route direction sheet, which I thought was interesting and informative. *(We especially enjoyed the snippets of Peter's family history! Ed.)*
We drove under the A38 heading towards Avonwick & Totnes. After turning right for Diptford, the road started to get quite narrow and winding.



There was an abundance of white hawthorn blossom and wild garlic on both sides of the road with an avenue of trees blocking the sunlight which was quite cooling for several hundred yards.

We then headed towards California Cross, travelling through Loddiswell village, and passing the Heron Valley Orchards and the South Devon Chilli farm, both worth a visit.

As we headed onto Sorley Green Cross we passed through Churchstow and continued down the hill to Modbury. The views were beautiful and you could see for miles.

We made our way to the Rose & Crown pub in Yealmpton, arriving as planned. The route was well chosen and suited our sporty cars.



On arrival at the pub, Peter had a section of the pub car park reserved for us. He then gave us colour-coded cards with our choices for Sunday lunch *(a brilliant innovation! Ed.)*, just in case we forgot what we had ordered. Lunch was in a separate room at the pub reserved for just our group, the waitresses were all well-organised taking drinks orders on arrival and were very efficient at serving a lovely Sunday roast. A good turn-out from the club of 14 cars and 27 members.





A big thank you to Peter and Jan for a well-managed Sunday road trip.

Sue & Paul

At the briefing before the run, it became clear that Peter and Jan had put a great deal of time and effort into making the run a success so that the suggested route both followed the course of the river Avon as far as possible and kept the use of narrow single-track lanes to a minimum. The additional accompanying historical notes added to the pleasure of travelling the suggested route.

As shown on the outline map below we have passed through this area before but perhaps without realising much of its history as identified in the notes provided by Peter and Jan.



It was interesting to travel along the old pack horse road from Buckfastleigh and as we passed through hamlets such as Harbourneford reflect that at one time it was the main route from Exeter to Plymouth - how life has changed. Later it was with some relief that as we approached Aveton Gifford we noted that the route did not include the "Tidal Road" and that the hill ahead would give the engine a good "test" as we climbed away from the roundabout on our way to Modbury.

Once through Modbury it was but a few miles to our destination in Plympton where the arrangements were excellent and the food matched expectations. Another great day out helped by the fantastic weather we have all been enjoying.
Thank you, Peter and Jan.
Richard

Le Mans 1955: the disaster that changed motorsport forever
June 11 marks the 70th anniversary of Le Mans 1955: the greatest catastrophe in motor racing history when 83 spectators were killed.

For the full harrowing story see:
https://www.gq-magazine.co.uk/lifestyle/article/le-mans-1955-disaster





Received entries	From
Booker T and the MG`s play The Timing's Tight! *	**John I.**
The owner was not happy when the band sang `Crash bang wallop, what a motor car`……	John I.
When I said the supercharger needed tuning, this isn't the method in the workshop manual!	Howard
"..... there's only one thing worse than the sound of a badly tuned MG...!!!"	Tony S.
The best way to tune up an old MG.	Richard M.
The Austrian Farmers & Growers MG Club have a novel way of celebrating Cecil Kimber's birthday.	Nigel S
The best way to tune up an old MG	Clive D.

And the winner chosen by Jan P. is John I. Again! Well done!

He will choose next month's winning caption.



***A clever riff from John on what must surely be our club theme tune!**

Don't dish it if you can't take it, so feel free to take the Micky. Please send your entries for Howie on a Harley by the end of the month and title your email Caption Competition* to:
clubsecretarytvmgoc@gmail.com

**Then I can find them more easily amongst a load of other club stuff. Thanks. Ed.*



And finally…

The Most Middle-Class Things Overheard at Waitrose

"Mummy, does Lego have a T in it like Merlot?"

"I got so stressed out with the garden my husband just insisted I went shopping at Waitrose to calm oneself down."

“Sebastian stop hitting your sister, or you won't get any Brioche!”

“No Giles! Get a nice Chablis. What is it with your obsession with sauvignon blank?!”

"Can you believe I was 40 before I had quail?"

"Do you know her?" "Yeah, we used to play the cello together."



“Do you have organic dog food?” “Babes... your dog literally licks its own arse, not sure rover's that fussed.”

"Waitrose have sold out of my favourite Duchy of Cornwall Zesty Lemon Curd so don't talk to me about your f**king problems!"

“So I asked him outright - how am I supposed to get homemade hummus out of cashmere?”

“Jemima, you’ll have to take the rosemary off the Focaccia before we feed the ducks, Darling…. They can’t digest it!”

“Our house has its own postcode, it’s really handy for the sat nav, as it takes us half-way up our drive”

“The paper quality of Waitrose's Christmas Cards doesn't seem to equal last year's, Brexit must have hit hard.”

"I'm a Waitrose person for all my Marxist credentials."

“Don't use a leaf blower when you're wearing a scarf- I nearly hanged myself.”

"I've started doing my weekly shop at Aldi but I don't talk to anyone there."

“Mummy, why have you bought Waitrose Essentials Carrots?” “Don't worry, Rufus, they're for the horses.'

Overheard: a dad telling his young son when buying white wine that this was “mummy’s water”.