



## Newsletter November 2015

**Introduction.** I guess most of us will have tucked our MGs away in the garage under wraps for the season (I have) unless they are modern models or daily drivers. But it is also important to take them out on fine days during the winter to stop anything from seizing up!! Also important in the closed season is for us to plan the next piece of maintenance or the next stage of an ongoing restoration project – I have a list of jobs I want to do, and really should knuckle down to them before the ambient temperature in the garage drops so low that the space heater makes no appreciable difference! Also coming up is Christmas, so now is the time to start dropping hints about what would make an acceptable octagonal present .....

We welcome a number of new members this month. John and Linda Brewer are from Aylesbury, and have a 1978 MGB GT, Graham and Janet King from Widmer End, High Wycombe have a collection of MGs including a MGB Roadster, a GT and an MGF, and Roger and Patricia Withers from Dinton have a 1974 MGB GTV8. They have attended recent Natters, so introduce yourselves to them when you see them.

Traditionally November is the month for a Quiz, but this year we decided to delay the quiz by a month to the December Natter, and to add a little touch of a seasonal flavour to it. Brian Deacon and Karen Hall are officiating, and they are experienced quizmasters, having organised a number of them for their Sailing Club, so come along and join in the fun.

The Annual General Meeting of the Club is held at the January Natter each year. It is important that members attend this, so that their views may be represented, and to elect the new Committee members and to put forward ideas on how the club is to be run in the coming year. So make a note in next year's diary, and come along. Our Treasurer, Peter Mansfield, has already indicated that he will probably be stepping down at the AGM after 10 years of good and faithful service in the role, and the Chairman post has been vacant throughout this year, so there will be vacancies on the Committee that we will need to fill – if you would like to be a part of how the Club is run, why not put yourself forward to be part of the Committee?

Lastly, the weekend away in September was a huge success this year. The choice of venue, and Roger Skinner's choice of hotel, and Roger's and Dave Barton's organisation all combined to make it a special occasion. Hopefully we will be organising a weekend away in 2016, so if you have a suggestion for a venue that you think would be of interest to both members and partners, please let me, or another member of the Committee, know.

### Future Events

Not much going on this time of the year, but there are a few events that you may wish to take part in:

**2<sup>nd</sup> November – Natter Night.** Our normal monthly gathering at the Five Arrows in Waddesdon. This month we have a visiting speaker, Tim Orchard, who is an ex-Concorde pilot, so his talk will be very interesting for those of us who in the past aspired to travel in that most iconic of airliners. Tell your friends, all comers will be welcome.

**13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November - Classic Car Show, NEC Birmingham.** The annual show for Classic Car nuts. I haven't been to this before, but will make a point of going this year.

**7<sup>th</sup> December – Quiz Night.** As noted above, Brian Deacon and Karen Hall are treating us to the quiz this year. Please make every effort to attend this event!

**4<sup>th</sup> January – Annual General Meeting.** Our January Natter, at 20.00 at the Five Arrows in Waddesdon. Please make every effort to attend this important event.



**February 2016 – Spares Show at the National Agricultural Centre (NAC) at Stoneleigh, near Kenilworth.** This is traditionally the curtain-raiser for the start of the new season, when we can sort through the goodies in the various halls of the NAC to find those long-sought after parts or accessories for your car. Well worth attending, but get there early because it gets *very* crowded in the afternoon, especially now that the show is combined with the Triumph spares day. Most of the MG parts suppliers have stalls there, and are happy to bring along parts and accessories ordered in advance for collection, and they usually offer a special show discount on sales or orders made on the day. I managed to get a set of screen trims for the tailgate of my V8 last year, something I had looked for for ages.

**Sometime in April 2016 – Road Run (and Brewery Visit?).** I have been persuaded to organise another breakfast meet and road run next year to kick off the new season, and I will try and combine this with a Brewery visit as well. So if anyone knows of a local brewery that does organised tours on a Saturday, and that is in the Buckinghamshire/Oxfordshire or surrounding area, please let me know!!

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One of the highlights of MG Live 2015 – the Monte Carlo MGB