



WESSEX MG CAR CLUB



THE SPENCER SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

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26th February Start Time
8:00pm

<http://www.wessexmgclub.org.uk>

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hi, everyone,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year, which is slightly delayed because Paul, who produces an excellent newsletter, has been ill but is now recovering.

There are a wide selection of events planned for the coming year, with a mix of the old favourites and new events. Hopefully amongst the selection there is something to suit all members. An early copy of the club's diary for 2018 is included in this edition, full details will appear in future editions of the newsletter.

We are planning an inter MG Club skittle match with the Gloucester MG Club, this will consist of a home and away match, with the home leg to be played in April, if you would like to be part of this please put your name on the list,

If you have not already put your name down for the Club Spring Break to Rutland, there may still be spaces available.

I am considering a visit to the Jersey International Festival

of Motoring at the end of May, this event offers the opportunity to spectate at the Moonlight Sprint along the only Dual carriage way in Jersey and also see Hillclimbs at two venues and a large classic car show in the main park, if you are interested in joining me please email.

At the January club night Kevin proposed a club visit to the new Concorde museum at Filton on Sunday May 20th, further information should appear elsewhere in this newsletter

I would like to thank all members for your confidence in myself continuing as Chairman of the Club for a further year. When you read this we would have had our first meeting of 2018 at the Spencer Sports & Social Club. I therefore look forward to seeing you at the next club night on February 26th.

Martyn



CLUB VISIT TO AEROSPACE BRISTOL



Hi everyone,

I'm arranging a club trip to Aerospace Bristol. I've included below a short description of what you might expect from your visit or you can visit <http://aerospac Bristol.org/groups/> for more information.

The date of our visit is 20th May 2018. Normal admission is £15, however if our party is over 20 we can have a group booking of £10/person. A guided tour is £5/person which would put us back to £15/person including the guided tour. If you could let me know by the next club meeting in February. I will need a deposit of £5/person to secure our place. My contact details are:

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Kevin

TAKE YOUR GROUP ON A REMARKABLE JOURNEY THROUGH HISTORY & STEP ABOARD THE LAST CONCORDE EVER TO FLY

Starting in the earliest days of powered flight, Aerospace Bristol will whisk your group away on an immersive journey through more than a century of incredible aviation achievements and fascinating tales of human endeavour.

From bold pioneers taking to the skies in their magnificent flying machines, to the remarkable men and women who played their part in two world wars, to those who dreamed a seemingly-impossible dream of supersonic travel: then created the iconic Concorde to turn that dream into reality. Your journey continues to the modern day, where you will explore cutting-edge technology, and look ahead to an exciting future, discovering how the next generation of engineers will continue to push aerospace technology to new heights and reach for the stars.

A visit to Aerospace Bristol is a chance to travel through the decades, immerse yourself in a story of ordinary people achieving extraordinary things, and see history through the eyes of those who made it happen.



Hi
I'm Carly

Hi, I'm Carly and I'm 30 years young! I'm fairly new to running, mainly because a lovely friend of mine had running a half marathon on her bucket list. She proposed Reading as the venue, and having finally had my Endometriosis diagnosis in the Dunedin Hospital in Reading, it seemed obvious who to raise money for. If you say Endometriosis to a person, they probably could not tell you what it is, even though statistics show 1 in 10 women have it. I can't say Endometriosis ruins my life, mainly because of the type of person I am, and I like to live my life with the motto of 'go big or go home' or 'I'd rather crash and burn in style trying, than not try at all'. However, it has certainly been.....an enlightening experience to my true strength and character at times. If this was *Hunger Games* for periods, I think I would be well in with a shot at winning! My first recollection of really noticing that my periods were vastly different from that of my peers, was at about 15, when I was in so much pain that my male science teacher took me into another room and asked if I thought I could be having a miscarriage. Mortifyingly embarrassing for both of us. I still cringe to this day! Now at the age of 30, and having given birth to two beautiful daughters with no pain relief whatsoever, I can tell you, I am one tough lady! That being said, I can hand on heart say, I would rather give birth every month than have a period. The excruciating pain and other delights that Endometriosis has brought along for the ride, when Mother Nature comes knocking at my

has brought along for the ride, when Mother Nature comes knocking at my door, is both embarrassing and disrupts my life. And it gets worse the older I get.

Honestly, in the 9 years it took me to nag my way to getting my diagnosis, when I was having issues conceiving my second daughter, the only "advice", not that I would call it that, I have EVER been given as an adolescent and young women was 'once you have children you will grow out of it.' That's of course if Endometriosis does not leave you infertile.

Having Endometriosis is not 'just a bad period' once every so often. It's a continuous monthly countdown until the next. It's having to plan ahead that you have enough pain killers at the ready. It's having your hot water bottle close by. It's planning not to enjoy life too much around that time, because the party dome is not where you will be strutting your stuff that week.

So in the spirit of living life to the full, please help me raise as much money as possible to help Endometriosis UK provide women, probably like my daughters when the time comes, to get advice and support where there is none. And help push me on in the midst of winter, while I'm doing my training in the wind and rain with my gorgeous littlest, little girl having to come along for the ride all snug and dry in her pram adding 5 stone in weight for me to push! My very own Marilyn Monroe, as me and my training buddy call her!

18/11/2017 update. I ran 12.14 miles today in 1 hour 53 minutes 🍊 Thanks for taking the time to visit my JustGiving page.

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving - they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity. So it's the most efficient way to donate - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.



NOSTALGIA

During a business visit to County Hall in Trowbridge, I came across these fabulous old signs which were displayed around other memorabilia.

Sue Hine





More Classics Exempt From MoT Test Paul Warn

The Department of Transport has revealed plans to extend its exemption from the MoT test to most vehicles built before 1978. The new rules will operate on a 40 year rolling basis to bring the test into line with historic vehicle tax exemption and will come into effect on 20 May 2018.

The DfT noted historic vehicles being generally well maintained and used mostly for short journeys as two main factors in reaching its conclusion, while also stating that the modern MoT was no longer relevant to cars over 40 years old.

Despite the majority of respondents to the consultation document - 1,130 - being opposed to extending the exemption - 899 were in favour - the DfT has opted to extend MoT exemption while also rejecting proposals for a more basic biennial roadworthiness test for vehicles in the 1961-1977 age bracket. The option will remain for owners of pre-1978 classics to voluntarily submit their vehicles for an MoT, though it is thought that just 6% of owners of pre-1960 vehicles - those currently exempt from the test - still undergo testing.

Heavy goods and public service vehicles with more than 12 seats will remain within the testing regime, as will classics that have undergone 'substantial change'. This phrase is clarified in a Draft Guidance document that highlights kit cars and reconstructed classics as examples of 'substantial change', while also including vehicles that have a power-to-weight ratio more 15% in excess of their original design.



Secretary's Scribbles

This month I have some good news - my MG3 has not be written off. Last time I wrote Nancy had been hit by a deer and the Garage said the car was a write off. The Insurance company, Direct Line, have been exceptional at every stage and their chief Engineer chappy phoned me and said that he had noticed that the car had MG club badges on and that it had only done



34,000miles - would I like it moved to another garage for a second opinion. The original garage had already implied that they were struggling and didn't even have MG on their computer systems. Anyway the new garage took delivery of the car and was an authorised MG repair place so cracked straight on repairing her. They even got a number plate from my local MG Dealership so that it had their name on - matching the one on the back. I did have some complications when she was then serviced at my dealership and they found the air filter box cracked. Initially the Insurance company said they would need to get an engineer to look at it and I would need to take the car back to Bristol etc - I pleaded with them that the car was at the MG garage

and actually the repair garage had to order parts through them anyway. I had to leave this with the girl on the phone to enquire about - well would you believe it they only went and authorised the dealer to get on and do the job for me. Great news and service! The

story doesn't end there as the MG Garage had to order the part and then Steve the Service Manager who lives in Chippenham had to

organise taking the car away for the day. When he brought her back he apologised and admitted to having had a prang in my car.... There is a tiny mark on the bumper which is more of a feel than see type mark. Anyway the garage has been very good and are going to fix it for me etc. The thing is three days after this I was teaching my A Level class when a student said 'Sir, why have you changed your number plate?' 'I haven't' 'you have - go and look it says MAX' well it did say 'MAX' and it should say 'MGX'. It turns out the number plate had also been cracked and they had replaced it..... I hadn't noticed for three days - how long would it have taken for me to notice? Car sagas eh!

Tom



Club Diary

2018 EVENTS DIARY				
Date	Event	Club Event	Venue	Contact Details & Start Point/Time
22-Jan	Club Night - Social Evening + DVDs	Yes	Spencer Club	
11-Feb	Stoneleigh Spares			For Information
17-Feb	Valentine's Supper		The Royal Oak Hawkeridge	Sue Warder
18-Feb	Bombay Sapphire Trip and Pub Lunch	Yes	TBA	Roger Binney
26-Feb	Club Night - Thatcham Research Centre Speaker	Yes	Spencer Club	Martyn Lucas (Speaker TBC)
26-Mar	Club Night - Quiz	Yes	Spencer Club	Martyn Lucas (Quiz TBC)
31-Mar	Skittles Evening	Yes	TBA	Vic Wright
30 March - 2 April	Easter Bank Holiday			
TBA	Committee Meeting	No	Spencer Club	
TBC	Morgan Factory			Peter Hine (Event TBC)
26-Apr	Skittles - Club v Gloucestershire	Yes	Spencer Club 7:00pm	Event TBC
30-Apr	Club night - Prod and Poke	Yes	Spencer Club	Moved due to Club's Spring Trip
20-May	Visit to Aerospace Bristol	Yes	Filton Bristol	Kevin Meakin
21-May	Club Night - Mystery Run	Yes	A Mystery	Roger Binney
27-May	Gurston Down Hill Climb	-		For Information
w/e 3-June	Jersey Motoring Festival or MG Live	-		Martyn Lucas (Event TBC)
17-6	MGs in the Park Burford	-		(Event TBC)
23-24 June	Bicester Classic	-		For Information
25 Jun	Club Night - BBQ	Yes	Spencer Club	Martyn Lucas



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Date	Event	Club Event	Venue	Contact Details & Start Point/Time
15-Jul	Summer Picnic	Yes	Lepe Country Park	Sue Warder/ Jeni Wright
7-8 Jul	Chateau Impney	-		For Information
23-Jul	Club Night - Boules	Yes	Tollgate Pub	Vic Wright
20-Aug	Club Night - Pub Run	Yes		Vic Wright
27-Aug	Action Day	Yes	Tom's Field	Tom Strickland
TBC	Coventry Motor Museum	No		Martyn Lucas (Event TBC)
24-Sep	Club Night - Talk - Topic To Be Confirmed	Yes	Spencer Club	Tom Strickland
TBC	Mini Factory Oxford Factory	-		Peter Hine (Event TBC)
6-Oct	Autumn Classic Meeting	-	Castle Combe	Vic Wright
22-Oct	Club Night - Talk - The Racing History of the Ford GT 40	Yes	Spencer Club	Paul Warn
27-Oct	Binney's Bash Halloween Party		Eddington Village Hall	Roger Binney
TBA	Pre AGM Committee Meeting	No	Spencer Club	
9-11 Nov	Classic Car Show NEC	-		For Information
26-Nov	Club AGM	Yes	Spencer Club	Formal notification will be included in the Sept & Oct newsletter.
15-Dec	Christmas Party	Yes	TBA	TBA