



# WESSEX MG CAR CLUB THE TOLLGATE INN- HOLT

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**NEXT CLUB NIGHT**  
**Monday 27th January**  
**CLUB AGM**  
**Start Time 8:00 pm**

[http://  
www.wessexmgclub.  
org.uk](http://www.wessexmgclub.org.uk)

As this is our first newsletter of the year I would like to wish all members a happy and healthy 2025.

Unfortunately due to weather conditions in November the AGM was postponed until this month and takes place at The Tollgate from 8.00pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Because of this postponement the outgoing committee have met and scheduled some events for the coming year, there are already some new ones and also some old favourites, all of these are listed in the events diary of this newsletter and also a special event on 20<sup>th</sup> July to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Wessex MG Club.

Please if possible try to attend the AGM, this is your club and as all the current committee stand down at the AGM it would be good to have some new committee members, candidates are invited for all committee roles, and it is your opportunity to shape the future of the club.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at The Tollgate on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm



**Martyn**

## CLUB AGM

Club AGM Postponed from November 2024 - **Rescheduled for 27th January Start time 8:00pm**

In accordance with the club rules all of the current committee resign at the AGM.

Nominations for the new committee are invited from all members, and it would be good to have nominations from members who have not served on the committee previously.

The nominations are voted for at the AGM

All posts are available including-

Committee Members with portfolio -

Chairperson

Vice Chairperson

Secretary

Treasurer and Membership Secretary

Newsletter Editor

Committee Members without Portfolio

If you would like more information on the duties involved please contact the current holder of the role or any committee member.

It would be good to have some of the more recently joined membership on the committee, to take the club into the future...

**Martyn Lucas**

**Chairperson**

# Wessex Chairman AGM Report 2024



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UPDATED JANUARY 2025

**We are two months late holding the 2024 AGM due to bad weather in November**

Thanks to all who have continued membership and also to all those who have joined this year, it is the enthusiasm and friendliness of the members which make Wessex MG a fantastic and successful club.

A brief look at our monthly activities during the past year which has been a very busy and enjoyable one

Our 2023 Christmas Meal at The Tollgate was a fantastic evening with great company and a large selection of prizes for the raffle, as is the custom Roger achieved fantastic sales of tickets, thanks also to Sue and Terry for sourcing raffle prizes and coordinating the Secret Santa

January – The first club night of the year was a Fun Quiz Night

February- Our club night was the Roger Binney Wessex MG version of the popular TV programme “Would I Lie to You”

March- The Club night featured a presentation of photography by John Bishop

April – Several members went to France and Belgium for a World War One Battlefields Tour hosted by Tom Strickland. Later in the month on Drive it Day David Collier organised a club visit to The Classic Motor Hub, for our April club night we had the Bring your classic Prod and Poke Night.

May- The Club Spring Break this year took members to Wales and was organised by Graham and Jane Bennett, the club night was a social evening

June- A busy month – I don’t know how we managed to be at so many events and shows including The Chippenham Lions Cherished Vehicle Show, The Club Mystery

**Run organised by Terry and Sue Warder, MG'S in the Park at Burford. Bath Motoring Festival, Poulshot Green Midsummer Gathering and a visit to The Abingdon Museum and Nuffield Place. Our Club night was the annual Boules Game at The Tollgate,**

**July-The summer picnic organised by Gordon and Sandra was this year a visit to Bucklers Hard, also in July we went to the Atwell Wilson Museum Car Show and a group went to Wings and Wheels at The Army Flying Museum Middle Wallop**

**August-The main event of the month was the Club Action Day in Tom's Field, our club night was a general social evening.**

**September- Several members went to the Haynes breakfast meet, later in the month we were in Edington Village Hall for a Carpet Boules Match, our club night was sparsely attended due to many roads being closed due to flooding.**

**October- The Club Skittles match was held at The White Hart and was a very close high scoring match which was won by new member Tamara , our club night was a presentation on Remembrance and WW1 and WW2 by Tom Strickland**

**November- On the last Saturday we were back at Edington Village Hall for a Scalextric Evening organised by Roger and Lynne**

**Once again I would like to thank all involved with the club for their interest and participation in the club events, it is because of the enthusiasm of our members that we have a thriving club.**

**Under the Club rules all current committee members stand down at the AGM and if they wish can stand for re-election, this year Gordon and Sandra and Roger and Lynne have decided to take a break from committee roles and are not standing for re-election. I would like to thank them for their work on the committee over the years.**

# CLUB DIARY

2025 EVENTS DIARY				
Date	Event	Start Time	Venue	Additional Information
27th Jan	Club Night - AGM Postponed from November 2024	8:00pm	The Toll Gate Inn	
24th Feb	Club Night - Talk Donald Campbell by Frank Bond	8:00pm	The Toll Gate Inn	
24th March	Club Night - Presentation Wessex 4x4 Response Team	8:00pm	The Toll Gate Inn	
18th - 21st April	Easter Bank Holiday			
27th April	Drive It Day	TBA	Classic Motor Hub	
27th April	Drive It Day		Atwell Wilson Motor Museum	
28th April	Club night - Prod and Poke night	8:00pm	The Toll Gate Inn	
TBA	COMMITTEE MEETING	TBA		
19th May	Club Night - Mystery Run	TBA	TBA	
23rd -26th May	Club Spring Weekend Away		Ironbridge	
1st June	MGs in the Park			Celebrating Anniversary of the MGB
1st June	Chippenham Lions			
8th June	Classic & Super Car Event		Bowood Park	
15th June	Classic Car Show		Steeple Ashton	Graham Risdon
23rd June	Club night - Boules	8:00pm	The Toll Gate Inn	

2025 EVENTS DIARY				
Date	Event	Start Time	Venue	Additional Information
28/29 June	Charlton Park Classic		Charlton Park Nr Malmesbury	Inaugural event featuring Classic & Super Cars and Vintage Aircraft
12th July	Wings and Wheels at Middle Wallop		Middle Wallop Flying Station	Historic Aircraft, Classic and Super Cars and Motor Bikes
13th July	Atwell Wilson Museum Show Open Day		Atwell Wilson Motor Museum	
20th July	<b>WESSEX MG 40th Anniversary Picnic</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Langford Lakes Nature Reserve</b>	<b>Given the importance of this occasion, the club will subsidise this event.</b>
9th July	Atwell Wilson Museum Open Day			
28th July	<b>Club night -</b>	<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>The Toll Gate Inn</b>	
18th August	<b>Club Night -</b>	<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>The Toll Gate Inn</b>	
25th August	MGs in Tom's Field	<b>TBA</b>	Tom & Nancy's Home address	
22nd September	<b>Club night -</b>	<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>The Toll Gate Inn</b>	
27th October	<b>Club night -</b>	<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>The Toll Gate Inn</b>	
<b>TBA</b>	<b>COMMITTEE MEETING</b>			<b>Martyn Lucas</b>
24th November	<b>Club night - AGM</b>	<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>The Toll Gate Inn</b>	<b>Club AGM</b>
<b>TBA</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>	Yes	<b>The Toll Gate Inn</b>	



## February Club Night Talk by Frank Bond



**D**onald Campbell was the last of a true record breaking family. On land and sea, his father Malcolm and he set records for Britain. Then in 1967, tragedy struck on Lake Coniston. The very public accident was seen around the world. This is the story, with a short resume from the inquest about what caused the backward somersault on that fateful final attempt at 300mph. We look at what happened after the recovery, rebuild and re-float of the beautiful Bluebird. The story is a like a Shakespearean tragedy. A short introduction is followed by a 40 minute film and a few concluding words.

Donald Campbell - a British patriot.

**Frank Bond**

# WESSEX MG DRIVE IT DAY 2025



SUNDAY  
27TH APRIL

Following last years visit, I have managed to secure us a group parking area again at The Classic Motor Hub @ Bibury. If you would like to go, please visit their events page and book accordingly (£10 per car) and let me know, so I have an idea on numbers.

Website: [www.classicmotorhub.com](http://www.classicmotorhub.com)

Nearer the time we can sort meeting up and driving up together.

Dave





## Club Visit to the Charlton Park Classic

Chris McCormack

**W**e're thrilled to announce the Wessex MG Club's attendance at the inaugural Charlton Park Classic, held at the beautiful Charlton Park Estate, Malmesbury on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Step into a weekend of elegance, excitement, and unforgettable experiences at the Charlton Park Classic, set against the stunning backdrop of the historic Charlton Park Estate. This exceptional event combines the finest in classic and supercars, vintage aircraft, luxury trade, live entertainment, and gourmet dining, creating a celebration of style, heritage, and innovation.

### The Avenue Concours & Classic & Supercar Showcase

Experience the breath-taking Concours d'Elegance, where the most exquisite vehicles are displayed along the beautiful Avenue of Charlton Park. Alongside this, the Classic & Supercar Showcase invites fellow enthusiasts, car clubs, and private collectors to display their prized vintage, classic, or supercars. Awards will be presented across both days.

### Entertainment for Everyone

Saturday offers an afternoon filled with entertainment, with bars and gourmet food trucks staying open late for an evening of fun and relaxation. Children's activities, arts, and music performances will keep the energy alive throughout the day and into the evening, ensuring there's something for everyone to enjoy.

The club will have our own display area with ample room to spread out for a picnic and get to meet and greet fellow enthusiasts and the general public. We have been able to negotiate a special deal as a participating club of £35 per classic car and all occupants, rather than the normal price of £35 per person

Get ready for a weekend featuring a meticulously curated Concours, an impressive showcase of classic and supercars, vintage planes, and a vibrant trade village with an array of brands, from automotive to clothing, jewellery, and more. With high-quality food traders and VIP hospitality, there's something to captivate even the most discerning guests.

Bringing extra energy to the event, enjoy live music, engaging performances, and artistic installations that will bring the historic Charlton Park to life. This is more than just a car event—it's a celebration of elegance, excitement, and heritage.

To qualify for this deal we have to have a minimum of 12 cars to attend with a maximum of 25, the day will start with display arrivals between 8am-9.30am and you will have full access to all displays and entertainment which includes live bands, trade stands and food hall until 10pm in the evening.

It would be fabulous to see the Club well represented at this great day out, so please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to attend, either via the event post on facebook or by emailing me on [cdropstix@btinternet.com](mailto:cdropstix@btinternet.com) I will then provide a special link for you to purchase your club display car ticket.

We are being actively encouraged to promote the club whilst there with banners, flags etc along with the opportunity to bring our own suitable Marquee / Gazebo for shelter from the summer sun 😊

For those amongst you who want to enjoy the whole weekend then there are opportunity's to book camping, glamping and additional hospitality via the website.

### [Home - The Charlton Park Classic](#)

Lets make it an amazing day out, showing our beautiful cars in an outstanding location, whilst having some fun.



## WESSEX MG 40th ANNIVERSARY DAY OUT



### A Must-Have Date for your diary



Our 2025 MG Anniversary Day Out will be on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July at Langford Lakes Nature Reserve and Restaurant. A late morning run starting from Heavens Gate, reserved parking, under-cover lunch, picturesque surroundings, photo competition and even an opportunity for some wild swimming!

**What more could you want? Put the date in your diary NOW!** Roger and Lynne

We have made a reservation for the 20th July at the Langford Lakes Nature reserve and Restaurant, for our anniversary summer day out. We will have a private room and balcony tables overlooking the lake for two hours , 1-3pm.

Catering will be provided by the resident Ed Dibbles Catering and we have some good experience of the food there which will be casual street food style.

There will be reserved parking and we have undercover space for eating should we need it.

The Lakes are a bird sanctuary, very pretty and we are free to walk around the lake (take your binoculars and cameras!). Across the road is a lovely walk along the Wyle River should you fancy it. You can even swim in the millpond.

**Lynne and Roger Binney**



## Wheels and Wings Day

Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup> 2025

Army Flying Museum, Middle Wallop, Stockbridge, Hampshire, SO20 8FB

A full entertainment programme will run throughout the day including **air displays\***, a **vehicle parade**, a **motorcycle cavalcade**, an **engine roar**, and fabulous **live music** from some great musical artists, including the Southampton Ukulele Jam.

With a range of delicious food and drink on offer across the site, you can sit back and enjoy the atmosphere or wander around and chat with the vehicle owners and pilots. The **Historic Army Aircraft Flight** will have their amazing aircraft on display so do go along and meet their team.

**I have booked a parking for Wessex MG Club at this event, the link to book is <https://form.jotform.com/242482944561058>**

**Please put Wessex MG In the Club box to ensure you are allocated to the Wessex Club area.**

The cost of entry is £10 for car and one passenger and the organisers give strict timed entrance slots to exhibitors, with the latest entry of 9.00am and cars are not allowed to leave until at least 4.00pm.

**Martyn Lucas**



Dementia UK was the club's chosen charity for 2024. Below is a reply from the charity thanking the club for its donation.



**Dear Peter,**

Thank you for your donation of £333.54 on behalf of Wessex MG Club

We rely on incredible supporters like you to create a world where no one faces dementia alone. Your generosity is life-changing, helping more families receive the expert dementia support they need.

Our specialist Admiral Nurses are a lifeline for families affected by dementia, offering compassionate one-to-one support, advice and practical solutions. Your donation is increasing the number of Admiral Nurses so more families have somewhere to turn. Thank you.

**"I can't thank my Admiral Nurse enough – when I really need care, she's there." - Lisa, carer**

The support of an Admiral Nurse helps families affected by dementia have the best life possible for as long as possible. Your fundraising means we can be there for more people when they need us most.

Thank you for being a part of Dementia UK and making a difference for families facing dementia.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Hilda Hayo

Chief Admiral Nurse and Chief Executive

Dementia UK



## 2024 CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thanks to everyone for supporting the very successful 2024 Christmas raffle. This year we had a large selection of prizes, thanks to Roger and Lynne's trips to France and the MGOC regalia shop. The photo below shows one very lucky winner.





## Scalextric Evening

Peter Hine  
And  
Roger Binney

Saturday 23rd November saw 20+ aspiring rally/touring car/GT Sports car drivers assemble at Eddington village hall for the annual Scalextric evening kindly hosted by Roger & Lynne. Another tricky course had been set out to test our driving skills (or lack of them...). With full driver briefings completed & FIA rules explained (not), Roger kindly 'volunteered' me to marshal the drivers into the knockout rounds which saw some surprising earlier round exits (now I know what it's like to go out in Q1 of F1 🤔). Pasties, chips & beans provided excellent sustenance for all, in particular the elite drivers who had made it through to the final rounds. Bubbly went to John for his win and thankfully there was no spraying of the crowd in the victory celebration. We look forward to next year's event (with maybe some new tyres on the cars to potentially up cornering capabilities 🤔).



Subsequent to the recent Scalextric Championship, I received a disgruntled suggestion from a losing competitor that their driving skills were thwarted by the condition of the provided car's tyres, in that they were old, had dried out and therefore lacked the necessary adhesion on cornering, that they were used to. I subsequently contacted the technical division of Pirelli, who suggested that utilising the available brakes on the cars, prior to corners, would have in fact compensated to a degree, by raising tyre temperature on approach to corners and consequent tyre adhesion.

A spokesman from the R and D division of Ferodo concurred and suggested that braking before corners is often a good idea for a number of reasons, though may be an alien or unnecessary concept a certain super-powered Morgan driver.

The spokesman for Scalextric however said "he should personally buy one of our new, super grippy, and highly expensive super cars, and could benefit from a 20% new years discount if ordered before January 1st"

However, next year we will look at a new track design to minimise the problem, all straights and no corners! Always happy to please.

Either way we are glad everyone enjoyed the evening and will invite next years corner marshalls to a pre-championship training session, to minimise "off-time" for our corner specialist, on the one remaining one corner!

Until the 2025 championship!





## Secretary's Scribbles

Hi folks, the old committee met recently with an eye to making sure the postponed AGM didn't stop the club getting set up for the new year so rest assured that the new committee to be formed at the AGM will be able to start the year not on the front foot. Please can I urge attendance to the AGM this month as it your chance to be involved and have a proper voice in your club. 2025 is a big year for the club and we will be celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

Back in November I was talking about fitting my electric gate motors to a donated wooden gate - this is still working well, even in all the ice and snow. We have had a few grumpy delivery drivers who now can't drive up close to the house - but their lack of care was part of the problem in the first place.

Over Christmas I bought a few bits and pieces for the TF including a TPMS - Tyre Pressure Monitoring System. I figured that the TF in particular sits in the garage and I want to jump in and use it more regularly than the Magonette, which would get a good check over before use. This car then is

perfect for a TPMS as a good safety feature - A modern car you use everyday you can feel the pressure change, you also do weekly checks and may well even have TPMS already.

I did some research and as normal with only a budget level spending option I found Steelmate TP70.

<https://www.steel-mate.co.uk/product/tp-70-diy-tyre-pressure-monitoring-system-tpms/>

Steelmate's own website had them reduced from £100 to £29.99 (Ebay etc tend to sell them for about £49) so, for 30 quid I thought they were worth a go. They are essentially little valve caps you attach to each tyre valve and then a smart looking receiver you place into a cigarette lighter (which I have currently deleted on my car...) I am waiting for the weather to warm up before going out to play in the garage so you will have to wait for a comment on how good they are. In the meantime, I have been thinking about how to reinstall a cigarette lighter conveniently in the car...

Tom







## Club Asset List

CLUB ASSET LIST			
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### NOTE:

If you need to borrow or take custody of any of the club's assets, the current holder should be contacted directly to arrange transfer. The new 'holder' of the asset should notify Paul Warn by email to ensure the asset list is kept up-to-date.