



NEWS UPDATE.

February 2023 (No. 2/23)

A.G.M. 2023

AGM Report by Mike Heins

The AGM took place on Sunday 8th January starting at 11.00 with 31 people present. 16 members sent their apologies.

The Chairman conducted the meeting following the agenda previously circulated. A full copy of the minutes will be sent to members at a later date, however as Company Secretary I think it is important I notify you NOW of the changes to Directors and Committee which were approved at the meeting.

Directors:

Rodney Kettel has now completed his term of office as Chairman and has been replaced by Geoff Radford who will serve for just one year.

Jerry Targett has relinquished his position as Treasurer and has been replaced by John Wileman. Mike Heins will continue as Secretary.

Committee:

The following were elected to serve on the committee

Barry Faiers, Bill Grudgings, Mike Heins, Keith Herkes, David Hutchison, Chris Keevill, Rodney Kettel, Jerry Targett and John Wileman.

Bill Grudgings remains on the committee but has relinquished his responsibility as Spares Co-ordinator. This role will now be handled by Keith Herkes.



Gathering in the bar at The Lambert Hotel ...



... and at dinner on the evening before the AGM.



Jerry Targett retires after 31 years as Treasurer and right, Peter Culham receives the Fred Body Travellers' Award.



Several members took their cars out on New Years Day to various traditional gatherings throughout the UK. Among them were Barry & Nicky Faiers who took their 1926 Bullnose M.G. Super Sports to the Essex Austin Seven New Year Run.



William, the young lad in the driver's seat of the M.G. was said to be "car mad" and had come along in his Great Grandfather's Austin Seven – but soon found his preference!



Thirteen members from as far afield as New Zealand, Germany, The Netherlands and the UK attended the EMGS Social meeting on Zoom and Friday, January 13th. We heard updates on progress with car restorations, a few questions about technical issues and news about recent historical documents.



EVENTS

2023

- May 27th** M.G. Centenary event at the British Motor Museum, Gaydon.
With a 100-car dated line-up of M.G. cars.
(More on this event below.)
- June 25th** Le French Trip - 'Anjou Jolly', France.
Departs June 25th, returns July 5th.
(Still room for you to join!)
- July 15th** Pre-War Prescott, Prescott Hill Climb, Gotherington, Glos.
With a special Centenary line-up and parade of Early M.G. cars.
(Several EMGS cars already attending – see below or contact me for details)
- September 18th** Early M.G. Society Members' Autumn Event
In and around Oxford on Sept. 18th, 19th & 20th
Based at the Thames Voco Hotel in Sandford on Thames
(Book now – rooms are already going like hot-cakes.)
Options for the 3 days include a stroll around Oxford city,
a guided tour of Arkell's brewery,



(Yes – that's who you think it is at Arkell's)

Plus - a trip to Waddesdon Manor (National Trust)

Click here: <https://waddesdon.org.uk/>

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF MG 1923 -2023

SATURDAY 27TH MAY 2023 AT THE BRITISH MOTOR MUSEUM AT GAYDON.

A message from Geoff Radford.

For those who were unable to attend the recent AGM of the EMGS, I would like to briefly update and encourage you to come along with your Vintage MG and enjoy a celebration of 100 years of MG.

I am in the process of contacting some of you about putting your car on display for the time line of 100 cars from the earliest Bullnose, through all the models over the years, to the present day!

In addition, those not in the timeline we will congregate outside on the day and drive in *en-bloc* to a designated area.

See the promotional poster for fuller details of what's on offer, and please go onto the website asap to register and purchase tickets.

This is a one-off opportunity to enjoy the sight of examples of every MG built and we need your car there.

The event is hosted by the Early MG Society, MG Owners Club, MG Car Club, MG Octagon Car Club and The MG T Society.

Please enter now if you have not already done so, via the website shown, and thank you for supporting us on this momentous occasion, which I'm sure will be well worth the effort.

The official web-site for the event on May 27th at Gaydon is now open and can be viewed at <https://www.mgcentenary.co.uk/> where full details can be seen.



We anticipate a big turn-out of Early M.G. Society cars at the event at Gaydon. There will be 'Centenary Runs' for M.G. cars from three starting points, all converging on Gaydon – one of which will start from the Arkell's Brewery near Swindon.

The connection with Arkell's is that the very first M.G. sports car to be sold, was bought by Oliver Arkell, a member of the brewing family. Arkell's is keen to be associated with the MG Centenary and apart from hosting one of the start points, propose to brew a celebratory beer for the Centenary.

Below: the beer bottle label



Arkell's have generously invited EMGS members who attend our Autumn Event in September, to an exclusive guided tour of the brewery.





Another event associated with the MG Centenary is the Society's invitation to bring a display of Early M.G. cars to this year's Pre-War Prescott on Saturday July 15th 2023.

Details can be found at <https://prewarprescott.com/>

Entry to the Saturday event will cost £65 for a car with two occupants. Entry includes a commemorative programme, a £5 raffle ticket and one climb of the famous hill.

The organiser expects to arrange a lunchtime parade of early M.G cars.

Several members have already agreed to display their cars and if any member would like details of B&B accommodation near Prescott, please contact me at c.keevill@icloud.com

Below - EMGS display last time at Pre-War Prescott in 2019





UK members of the Society will have received an e-mail about our Autumn Event in September 2023, which will be based in and around Oxford.

In the e-mail, we sought expressions of interest from those who might wish to join the event, in order that we can assess numbers for hotel accommodation, which will be at the 4-star Oxford Thames Voco Hotel at Sandford.

See <https://oxfordthames.vocohotels.com/>

Responses have been encouraging, with about a dozen couples so far confirming their intention to join the event. If you require more details about the event, contact me.



On the subject of 2023 EMGS events, it's still not too late to join our trip to France.

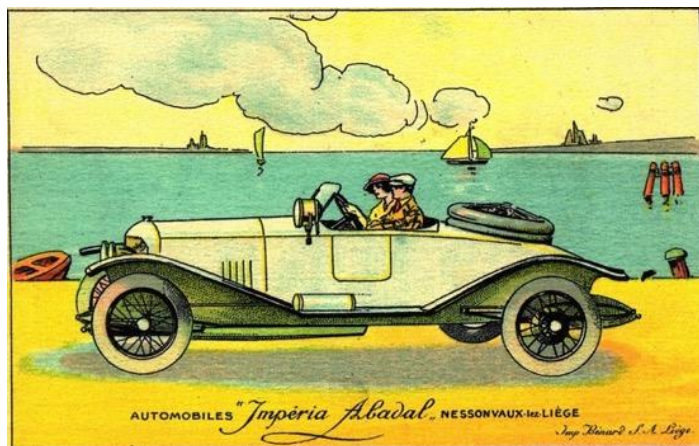
LE TRIP '23 - ANJOU

June 25th to July 5th 2023

The Society's trip to France next summer has been well subscribed to, with 10 couples/cars already booked on the event.



More places are available and if you wish to see the itinerary again, just ask and I'll send you a copy.



FOR SALE



A rare opportunity to acquire a very scarce 1929 Mk I 18/80 Salonette.



Fred Body has decided that after 28 years of ownership, it's time to part with his Salonette, which is one of only two surviving examples of this model – and the only one actually “on the road”.





Fred is asking £48,000 or near offer for this rare M.G. and he can be contacted at body.vintagemg@gmail.com or on 01934 751079 or 07546 599856



Here are a couple of other 18/80s that you missed when they were for sale:

M.G.
18/80 MARK II C.B. 4 door saloon, recently overhauled, appearance equal to new. Host of extras £48.
Alexandra Motors, 70 Loudoun Rd. Primrose 0270.

1932 M.G. "18/80" MK. II drophead coupé by Carlton, good order; new tyres; uses no oil. Fast and reliable. Bargain, first £195 secures. 411, High Street, Swanage, Dorset. Tel.: 2730.

"Those were the days my friend"

And finally, a motoring lament from 1933:



Who put that b**** tree there? (Boston Library 1933)

