



MG Car Club

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AS some of you will know I have just returned from the European Managers conference which this year took place in Essen, Germany. It is always good to meet up with the organisers of overseas clubs and exchange ideas on how we can all improve the services we provide for our members. The MG Car Club is very much alive and thriving in Europe.

Those attending the meeting were given the opportunity to visit the Techno Classica show in Essen. This was my second time attending the show in Germany and once again I was blown away by both the size of the show and quality of the cars. At the risk of repeating my words from last year Techno Classica really is a must-see show! MGs were well represented at this prestigious event and it was great to see so many enthusiasts embracing the spirit of MG90.

Much closer to home I was also able to attend the opening of the MG90 exhibition currently running at the Abingdon County Hall Museum. The displays were created with help from our archive team here at Kimber House, along with donations from well known faces from the world of MG including Don Hayter and Brian Moylan, whom I am pleased to say were both able to join in the opening celebrations.

For the official opening the Abingdon Works Centre created an impressive display of MGs from almost every decade on the Market Square outside the museum, with MGs from the 1930s up to the present day, including Mike Allison's 1935 MG NA Magnette.

The exhibition was officially opened on Sunday March 23rd, a date chosen as it marked the start of the 90 day countdown until MG90! There's been a real buzz about the event this year and I'm pleased to say the ticket sales reflect this.

Whilst I'm on the subject of MG90, at the start of March our MG90 car badges and lapel pins arrived. These are now available to buy from our online shop, over the phone and at any of the shows Kimber House attend this summer. We only have a limited number of these and once they're gone, they're gone!

Hopefully you will have seen the news item in the latest issue of *Safety Fast!* offering car club members the chance to test drive the new MG3 at Kimber House on either April 15th or 16th. Spaces are limited to 24 people on each day so you must register to take part, with morning and afternoon slots available. Morning test drives will begin at 9am with afternoon test drives starting at 1pm. As well as test driving the MG3, this is a fantastic opportunity to visit the MG90 display currently running in the Abingdon County Hall Museum, as well as seeing all the exciting new displays at Kimber House.

It's safe to say that we are now very much in the show and race season. Unfortunately I missed the opening MG Car Club race meeting of the year on the Silverstone National circuit, but I have heard it was a great day out with weather to match. It must have been fantastic to see the Triple M and T-Type racers competing on Silverstone once again. Fingers crossed they will be returning again in June.

This Sunday myself along with a team from Kimber House will be attending MG Era day at Brooklands Museum. Traditionally this has been a successful event for the club and I am very much looking forward to representing the Car Club at this historic venue once more. There is also the MGB Register Spring Run, this year ending at Waddesdon Manor in Buckinghamshire. Whilst the run itself is now full, Car Club members are welcome to join the Register at the finish line Waddesdon Manor.

Looking further ahead we are planning to hold a MG90 themed event with MG Motor at Longbridge in September. The day will include a series of road run's to the venue followed by a look back at 90 years of MG history alongside a preview of what the future holds for our beloved Marque. After his request in the last Bulletin, Colin would like to thank those CRBs who have since sent him amended committee details. Could I remind any of you who have recently had a shuffle to keep Colin informed.

I'd just like to end with a general housekeeping note about Kimber House. Unfortunately could I again remind any CRBs who use the John Thornley Suite either in the evening or at the weekend to ensure that all doors are locked, blinds are closed and the building is alarmed before leaving.

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