



MG Car Club

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As I write this, there are just 17 days to go until MG90 at Silverstone and as I hope you can appreciate, we are really feeling the pressure at Kimber House. This year has already been an incredibly busy one for the Car Club staff and with MG90 now just a little over two weeks away, all our attention must be focussed on this prestigious event.

With that in mind, can we ask members to avoid visiting Kimber House unless it is absolutely essential. There is still plenty to see in Abingdon, with a special exhibition on in the museum and the MG garden display boards, but sadly we do not have the time to show people around the club house ahead of MG90. Please note Kimber House will be closed the Friday prior to MG90 as we will all be at Silverstone, as well as the following Monday and Tuesday.

On a more positive note, I hope you will have seen the daily news stories on the MG90 website and the Club's social media streams. Be sure to keep checking back for further updates and remember, advance ticket sales close at 4pm on Friday 13th of June!

Without a doubt one of the pinnacle attractions at this year's Silverstone event will be the 90 year timeline created by Dennis Wharf. Planning, organising and sourcing the cars has proved to be an enormous task and on behalf of the Car Club I must thank everyone who has been involved in the timeline, from those sourcing the cars, to the people providing them on the day. I am sure it will all be worth it when we are able to stand on the Copse runway and gaze upon this stream of magnificent cars.

As you know, this year the main club marquee is returning to its roots with a display from each and every Register. Final details for the marquee will be sent out ahead of the event, but for now I would ask each Register to provide the owners name of each display car to George so that we can pass on these details to the staff at Silverstone, ready for when the cars arrive.

I would also like to remind the Register's that anyone wishing to have a display board, mirroring the ones used in the 90 year timeline, must send details of the vehicle and their owner to George by next Wednesday, 11th June. This is strictly limited to a 50 word description about the model, and 60 words about the particular car on display.

Within the last week, MG Motor UK have confirmed their plans to take over the Stowe Circuit on the Saturday of MG90, providing a glimpse into the future of the Marque. This will include a number of concept cars, including the first UK showing of the CS concept car. Visitors must pre-book with MG Motor to attend the displays, which can be done by visiting mg.co.uk/mg-90

Once again we have a number of events taking place outside of the central grounds of Silverstone. On the Saturday morning in car park 49, the South West Centre will be holding the annual California Cup autotest, while on Sunday the same space will be used for an Autosolo, with a Sprint taking place over on the Stowe Circuit. A fleet of classic busses will be able to carry you over to either of these attractions free of charge.

MG90 will be the last show attended by the MacMidget with the MG Car Club. It is now time for the MacMidget to move on from Kimber House and find a new home. It will be going on sale in a sealed bids auction, with a reserve price of £6,000 and all profits going to Macmillan Cancer Support. Offers will be accepted for a two week period after MG90, with the closing date for sealed bids being July 5th. More information about the car and auction can be found in the latest copy of Safety Fast!

Amongst the planning for MG90 we are of course trying to get on with club life and I pleased to announce a new member to the team, John Hutchison, who has joined us as assistant Competition Secretary. John holds a BSc in Motorsports Administration and has previously worked for two other major Clubs as Comps Sec, bringing with him a wealth of experience to the Club.

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