



# MG Car Club

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**J**anuary was definitely the month for meetings! Since the start of the New Year we have been attending various planning meetings for all sorts of events Kimber House will be involved with this year. I know many of you are in similar situations, piecing together details for the year ahead. We have done our best to populate the online Club Event Calendar, however if we have missed anything off, please let us know and we will be happy to add it to the list.

It's great to see so much activity taking place across the country. From motorsport to a gentle drive in the countryside with like-minded enthusiasts there is so much on offer for our members to choose from. Here at Kimber House we have been working with the Abingdon Museum to plan a special MG90 exhibition. This will run from the 18th of March through to the 21st of July in addition to their permanent MG display.

Also in Abingdon the MG Garden is making strong progress and we are looking forward to the official opening this spring. As part of the garden, we have created a series of display boards with information on the history of MG in Abingdon. I would like to thank AWC member Simon Pedrazzini for his help with this project, and also the Triple-M Register who have supplied some hard to find photographs from the 1930s.

This all bodes well for the forthcoming year of MG90 Celebrations.

Silverstone have now officially confirmed our dates as the 21st/22nd June 2014, and we hope to start selling tickets from the middle of this month. As well as confirming the dates, I am delighted to announce that the ticket prices for our celebration at Silverstone will remain the same as they were last year.

The poster for MG90 which you will have seen in *Safety Fast!* is available to download from the members area of the Car Club's website, so please start spreading the news! We would be grateful if you can then get them up on local poster boards, in your local chip shop and of course at any events you are attending.

We are currently planning the main Club Marquee for Silverstone and will contact you in due course with details of space allocation and the requirements for the MG90 Timeline.

It is no lie that without the help of volunteers this event simply could not happen, and once again we are calling for members to put themselves forward to help at Silverstone. Half a day or a day is fine. We are keen to recruit marshals to help with the Sprint on the Stowe circuit on the Sunday, with no experience necessary. Please forward your details to me by e-mail [julianwhite@mgcc.co.uk](mailto:julianwhite@mgcc.co.uk) if you wish to assist. Jim Andrews will be coordinating and will contact you nearer the time with instructions as to whom and where to report.

We have had a number of Natter Leaders ring us in recent months concerned about dwindling numbers. I have of course pointed out the obvious that with the awful weather some of us have experienced lately it is hardly surprising that some do not want to venture out in the dark and wet. There has however been an increase in numbers taking part in Lunchtime Natters, held in a mix of pubs and cafes. Many holding these find it easier to incorporate visits to local attractions and whilst it obviously favours those amongst us who are no longer working, I am told some use their lunch break to join in.

A small house keeping note from Kimber House, our Insurers are asking us to limit access to Kimber House at weekends for Security reasons. As such the Douglas Mickel Room will no longer be available for use and access to the rest of Kimber House will be limited. This of course will put pressure on the diary for the John Thornley Suite so please make sure you book early to avoid any disappointment.

Finally just to say that we have had a good run recently with the Club shop both up to and since Christmas. Please remember that as part of the upgrade we have a new shop system, so any previous log-in details are no longer valid meaning you will need to create a new account. A number of Registers have recently added their details to Topsigns, allowing clothing to be ordered accordingly. Topsigns are also adding the MG90 logos to their system and we are looking forward to seeing the first items created with the exciting emblem.

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