

## BRISTOL AREA MG OWNERS CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER 2023

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<p>The committee discussed the value of a Reserve Account with the bank, however, annual interest would be only £100 and there would be a long process with signatories (4) attending a branch, pretty difficult as most are closed, it was agreed to not bother at this time.</p>																																																																																																									
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<b>MEMBERSHIP REPORT</b>	
Renewals:	Dean & Alison Chapman Jeff & Sandi Cook Violet & Richard Delmas Tony & Shelagh Hoad Kevin Mudge Doug & Pat Neilson
Lapsed:	Tony & Shelagh Hoad Chris Tucker
New members:	Mike Higgins & Kate O'Brien, Nailsea, MGA
Still to pay:	Six memberships
As at 31 October 2023, we have 94 memberships - total £1,327 (inc £20 p&p) 158 members (+ 1 named son) - 64 couples/family memberships + 27single memberships + 3 Hon Members	
<b><u>This month's renewals and future renewals will be charged at new rate of £11/£17 as they become due.</u></b>	
<b>FUND RAISING</b>	
October club night raised £40. Christmas Hamper, donations of Christmas items to Tina at November club night. Committee agreed to carry on the raffle even if there is no room hire charge, the funds from which could support Christmas Club Night expenses. TH advised via AH that she is low on bottles for the raffle.	
<b>EVENT CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT</b>	
The following e mail was received from VD and RD re events. EVENTS REPORT FOR OCTOBER COMMITTEE MEETING	
<i>We attended the Clevedon Cars and Coffee event on 14<sup>th</sup> October where we met about 10 other members at an excellent display. Subsequently we have been in touch with the organiser who is happy to reserve an area for 10-12 MGs from the Club.</i>	
<i>10 cars have signed up for Pete Cannard's run on 11<sup>th</sup> November. He can accept up to 5 more cars (10 people). We have emailed him the list. Bert also has the sign up board for the late comers!</i>	
<i>Club night 8<sup>th</sup> November at Gordano Rugby Club.. It is booked from 8.00-10.00 pm. We are waiting for a confirmation response from the Manager and we will inform the committee when we hear from him. We have provided Andrew with a "quiz" for the evening which he can display on the TV screens. Bert has paper and pencils for the answers.</i>	
<i>Club night 11<sup>th</sup> December meeting. We have a provisional booking at The Poacher but depending on members views about both venues we cannot confirm where will meet. As we won't be at the meeting can everyone please ask for people's preference. Bert has a sign up board.</i>	
<b>14<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Cobweb Run. We are planning this run and further details will follow.</b>	
<i>Here is a draught of the December meeting item for the newsletter.</i>	

### “13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Club night

*Apologies for using the C word but we just wanted to confirm that this Club night will happen somewhere! The Poacher is provisionally booked but depending on the opinion about venues after the November Club night at the Gordano Rugby Club, we will wait and see. Let a committee member know if you have any thoughts. We will give everyone plenty of notice before December. There will be a buffet and a raffle with the proceeds going to Barton Camp as usual. Tina would appreciate donations of raffle prizes but please check that anything consumable is in date. We will need numbers for catering so please make sure that you sign the sheet at Club night or email us in the usual way.”*

*We will send out the newsletter later this week if the committee is happy with the wording and a reminder on Facebook about the November Club night and venue after the weekend.*

*Please could Andrew mention the sign up sheets for Pete's run and the Christmas meeting at next week's Club night.*

Re the above the committee agreed that canvassing the membership about a venue was not appropriate, the committee would make the decision.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding venues, concerns were raised about the reliability of the RFC and the reliance of someone opening up the venue just for us, the football club had left a nasty taste in everyone's minds. Also the cost of the venue.

Appreciate the comments regarding the sound at the Poacher due to the heavy rain on the conservatory roof, however, it is on the flat with plenty of parking and outside space for the summer. The committee were happy about the cost of the buffet in December, after all the venue is free (see comments regarding raffle funds, except for Christmas raffle which goes to Barton).

All agreed we would see what the RFC was like in November and how many members turn up, there was a good turnout in October, and several members had enjoyed a meal there beforehand. CL mentioned that the large table in the middle of the room did prevent a decent circulation, maybe they could reconfigure this for us and we could return it to the pubs configuration after our meeting.

December club night would be at the Poacher as arranged and the buffet option they suggested a good idea, VD and RD newsletter needs to state that we need numbers by latest end November in order to give the pub plenty of notice, hopefully we would meet the 40 number for the mixed buffet option. It is not an option to self cater at the pub of course, which all agreed.

### ANNUAL CLUB EVENT - BRUNEL 2023 - 8/9/10 SEPTEMBER

BRUNEL 2023 ACCOUNTS			
(home printing worked out using formula for paper and ink used)			PAID?
30/06/2023	binding supplies	£ 16.88	30/09/2023
12/07/2023	Coffee 3 jars paid cash to JPJ	£ 18.00	12/07/2023
25/01/2023	Booking forms to go with magazine	£ 10.20	12/09/2023
08/08/2023	tea & sugar	£ 10.68	12/09/2023
08/08/2023	Envelopes for run packs	£ 5.25	12/09/2023
06/08/2023	labels	£ 5.25	12/09/2023
07/08/2023	run printing	£ 24.75	12/09/2023
	Banquet roll	£ 6.99	12/09/2023
	Table flowers	£ 12.00	12/09/2023
	Postage to no-shows	£ 5.55	12/09/2023
<b>TOTAL PAID CASH TO PL - cells coloured</b>	<b>£ 80.67</b>		12/09/2023

<b>yellow</b>				
PAID	Ben Marrotta	£ 160.00	PAID CASH	
PAID	Breakfasts	£ 625.00	PAID BANK	
PAID	Dinners	£ 630.00	PAID BANK	
PAID	Plaques	£ 335.40	PAID BANK	
PAID	Brunel mag	£ 40.99	PAID BANK	
PAID	JPJ for milk and sauces	£ 18.80	PAID FROM PETTY CASH	
<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>		<b>£1,925.74</b>		
<b>INCOME</b>				
RAFFLE	£ 279.00		TO BANK	
Regalia sales	£ 25.00		brunel cash	£ 406.90
Tea/Coffee+Misc sales	£ 138.57		BOOKINGS	£4,231.00
20% of bag sales	£ 20.00		auction quilt	£ 38.00
Extra 1 person B/F & room	£ 25.00			
<b>SUB TOTAL OF CASH</b>	<b>£ 487.57</b>			£4,675.90
AUCTION OF QUILT DIRECT TO BANK	£ 38.00		diff paid to PL	£ 80.67
BOOKINGS	£ 4,231.00			
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£ 4,756.57</b>			
<b>PROFIT</b>	<b>£ 2,830.83</b>			
PLUS BRUNEL RESERVE HELD FROM XMAS 2022 RAFFLE	£ 100.00			
<b>RESULT!</b>	<b>£ 2,930.83</b>			
CLUB CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE UP TO £3000	£ 69.17			
<b>DONATION TO BARTON</b>	<b>£ 3,000.00</b>			
<p>Bert will speak with Brenda re Saturday evening meal for 2024, and also spoke to Theo, who will make breakfasts again in theory once event confirmed.</p> <p>Barton have made the decision that no more camping on site, this wont affect Brunel and camping option will be removed from booking forms.</p> <p>Pauline has made allowance for entertainment, Ben Marrotta is not available, it will probably be a DJ, HV will ask Mark Neale if he would obliged if available.</p> <p>We will be able to donate £3,000, plus gift aid from 4 committee members (and Ian Scott). Forms and cheques to PL (Delmas's cheque already given directly to BH)</p> <p>Funds to be transferred by PL to everyone next weekend (now approved via banking app)</p> <p>PL has already looked at a route for 2024, all will be revealed in the fullness of time.</p> <p>Please note that PL and CL are away for the month of January in Australia, it is planned that the Brunel booking forms could be finalised before their departure, especially in regard to costings. PL has a spreadsheet showing percentage rises and what the possible bottom line would be in regard to the donation to Barton. BH has a meeting at Barton and would advise for November committee the probable costings to other users for 2024, and we would have a guideline for our costings.</p> <p>HV is also not available for meetings from 23 January until 20 February as she will be based in Kent during this time, but will be available for e-mails and WhatsApp messaging, however please note there is no mobile signal as in a remote location during this time.</p>				
<b>AOB</b>				
<p>AOB from VD and RD <i>We have been approached by several members recently who are concerned that no reports about Club activities have appeared in the Enjoying MG magazine for some time. Reports would show that we are an active Club that attends many events e.g. 2 trips to Silverstone, Castle Combe, Brittany Run, Le Mans Classic all of which show what a busy Club we are.</i></p> <p>HV took exception to the fact that as she writes the Enjoying MG column that comments by 'several' members were not routed directly to her. The column is sent in by her each month (one month excepting this year), it is the editors at the National magazine who subsequently post into the magazine copy.</p> <p>Only the Area Secretaries can produce this column (in our case we have two AS). The column is sent in 2</p>				

HV

months prior to publication, the latest article was solely regarding Brunel due to the number of words allowed, this will be in Decembers copy (hopefully). As we have a dearth of events in the winter HV usually looks back at previous events to fill the space. HV noticed that a full article was submitted regarding the Brittany/ Le Mans trip anyway and was published in Novembers copy. Normally if copy is sent by members the Area Secretaries would be advised in this case only PL was aware.

The subject of regalia was raised, and the lack of promotion of such, which is why HV and PL have been looking at options for this. As we have had such a lot of issues around a venue, it was agreed that this would be looked at again in 2024.

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**Not possible to have the meeting week of 20 November as insufficient committee members available. Decision made to hold on 15 November at PL's art gallery.**

Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
Val	Pauline	x	Helene	Richard	Bert	Violet	Andrew	Chris	Helene	Tina	?