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West Cheshire MG Owner's Club Newsletter

November 2018

Area Secretary Welcome by Angie Haughton



October has passed us by, and the nights are now definitely drawing in and Winter is here. But that won't stop many of you taking your MG out, either for work or for play. On the other hand, Winter is also a time to catch up on some of the many overdue jobs on our MGs, or to get stuck into or complete those restorations. For those that will be down at the NEC next weekend do look out for Martin's MG 1100 on the ado16.info stand .

Christmas is coming and so is our Christmas meal. Tuesday, the 11th of December at 7.30pm at The Shrewsbury Arms.

Please let me know if you want to come and haven't already done so. We need a £10 deposit per person at the next club night (if you are there) and please send me an email with your choices. See the last page for the menu and prices.

The November meeting will include our charity cheque hand-over to The Fire Fighters Charity with a few words from Cllr Bob Rudd on the evening.

In the meantime, a big welcome to all the new members that have joined recently and we look forward to seeing you at future meetings and events.

Neil has also been very busy sorting out the venues for next year's Cheshire Candles Charity Run and has been working on the route. We're delighted to have over ten people already booked in on the run. Neil will give an update at the next meeting.

See you soon!



Alastair Rogers wrote:

Latest MG to the collection. Needs a few bits and welding but will be ready for the shows.



A brace of Bs and a C. Photo by Steve Brace.

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MG designers through the years.

Gerald Marley Palmer was a British car designer. Born in England, Palmer grew up in Southern Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, where his father was chief engineer to the state run railways. He returned to England in 1927 where he started an engineering apprenticeship with Scammell, the commercial vehicle builders, and studied at the Regent Street Polytechnic. In his spare time he designed and built a sports car for the racing driver Joan Richmond and called it the Deroy after a tin mine his father owned in Mozambique. He completed the Deroy in 1936 and drove the car to the M.G. works at Abingdon where he showed it to Cecil Kimber. Kimber arranged for Palmer to be interviewed by chief engineer Vic Oak, which resulted in Palmer getting a job in the Morris drawing office at Cowley with responsibility for development of a new generation of M.G. cars. During 1937 and 1938, Palmer was responsible for leading the design of the **MG Y-type** which, due to the onset of hostilities, would not begin production until 1947. Palmer was also responsible for the **MG Magnette ZA** and **ZB**.

Syd Enever will be remembered as the inspiration behind two of Britain's greatest sports cars, the **MGA** and the **MGB**, and for the experimental cars of record breaking fame. Syd Enever was involved with MG all his working life. Albert Sydney Enever was born in Colden Common, near Winchester, Hampshire on March 25, 1906. When he was only three years old, his parents separated, and he went with his mother, and seven brothers and sisters, to live in Oxford. In South Oxford School, at the age of fifteen, the young Enever's practical bent soon came to the attention of his headmaster, who helped him secure a job as an errand boy at Morris Garages in 1920. This was even before Cecil Kimber arrived and several years before MG evolved.

Pininfarina was born Sergio Farina in Turin in 1926. His father, Battista, founded Carrozzeria Pinin Farina, an automotive coachbuilder, in 1930. The son joined the company at the age of 20 after graduating from Turin Polytechnic with a degree in mechanical engineering. Pininfarina was soon managing the relationships with motor manufacturers, and design contracts for Maserati, Alfa Romeo and Peugeot quickly followed. In 1955 Prince Philip visited the British Motor Corporation headquarters and was shown the latest models by the company's then chairman, Sir Leonard Lord. Sensing that the Prince was unimpressed by the designs, Lord called in Pininfarina for help and inspiration. The result was a range of cars including the **MG Magnette MkIII** and **IV**, **MG 1100** and **MGB GT**.

David Ernest Bache (14 June 1925 – 26 November 1994) was a British car designer. Bache was born in Mannheim, Germany, the son of Aston Villa and England footballer Joe Bache who was coaching in Mannheim following his retirement. Towards the end of World War II David joined the Austin Motor Company as an engineering apprentice. When he had finished his apprenticeship he moved to Austin's design office. As chief stylist at BL, Bache was also involved in the design of the **MG Metro** and the **MG Maestro**.

Royden Axe (September 1937 – 5 October 2010) was a British car designer born in Scunthorpe. Axe began his career in 1959 with the Rootes Group where he progressed first to chief stylist and then to design director. In 1982, Axe returned to the United Kingdom, joining British Leyland (BL) where he took over as styling director from David Bache (who had been sacked from BL owing to disagreements with the company boss Harold Musgrove over the still under development Austin Maestro), and was responsible for the building of a new styling studio at their Canley, Coventry plant. Work by Axe included the **MG Montego**.

Gerard Gabriel "Gerry" McGovern was born in Coventry in 1956 where he attended primary and Binley Park secondary schools. While still at the latter, he was introduced to Roy Axe, who was to remain a major influence. McGovern attended the Lanchester Polytechnic (now Coventry University) where he completed a degree in industrial design before attending the Royal College of Art in London, specialising in automotive design. In 1982 McGovern rejoined Roy Axe (now Design Director) at Austin Rover Group. Through this period he worked on the **MG EX-E** concept car, and was the lead designer of the critically acclaimed **MG F** sports car.

Professor Peter Stevens (born 1943) is a British car designer and is one of the UK's best-known vehicle designers. He is currently a design consultant, teacher and lecturer. Stevens trained at Central St Martin's School of Art and then, the Royal College of Art. He began his career in the 1970s as a designer at Ford, then Ogle design. He spent five years as chief designer at Lotus Cars in the 1980s, where he developed the Esprit revision and designed the Lotus Elan (M100). He was appointed as design director at the MG Rover Group in 2000 and handled the work on the **MG ZR**, **ZS**, and **ZT**, as well as the **MG SV**.

Club branded Merchandise

We're using a local firm and are adding a small mark up to go towards the club funds. Orders will be taken at each monthly meeting along with payment (we've decided to avoid PayPal owing to the charges) and the items will be delivered at the following meeting.

Please visit the website for more detail on colours and sizes.



**Long Sleeved
Polo Shirts by
B&C Safran**

£15.00 each.
A variety of
colours and
sizes available.



Tee-Shirts by Kariban

£12.00 each
A variety of colours and
sizes available.



**Fleece Jacket
by Uneek**

£18.00 each
Variety of
colours and
sizes available.



**Sweat Shirts (Long
Sleeved) by AWDiS**

£15.00 each
Variety of colours and
sizes available.

**Short Sleeved
Polo Shirts by
Uneek.**

£12.00 each.
A variety of
colours and sizes
available.



**Base Ball Cap by
Beechfield**

£10 each
Variety of colours
available.



2018 Club Events

Visit the club website for online information and details.

More dates to follow in the next issue and keep an eye on the website.

December Meeting Dinner Menu

£20 for 3 courses, £15 for 2 courses.

Starters

- Tomato and Herb Soup with a crusty roll
- Chicken Liver Pate with toast and chutney
- Prawn and Avocado on a bed of dressed crisp salad
- Goats Cheese and Sweet Onion Tartlet with salad garnish

Main Courses

- Braised Beef & Onions with creamed potato & vegetables
- Roasted Turkey & Ham served with Chipolata Sausage Bacon Rolls, Savory Herb Stuffing, Crispy Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and served with a Delicious Gravy made from Natural Meat Juices
- Quinoa and Feta Salad with roasted vegetables
- Grilled Fillet of Scottish Salmon with Hollandaise Sauce served with new potatoes & vegetables

Desserts

- Christmas Pudding with brandy sauce
- Yule Log with rum and raisin ice cream
- Lemon and Lime Cheesecake
- A Selection of Local Cheeses with biscuits, chutney, grapes and celery

Contact Us

Send us an email for more information about the club's activities or to join us.

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Visit us on the web at:

www.westcheshiremgoc.club



Candles Run

Sunday, 12th of May, 2019

www.candlesrun.org

Candles Show

Sunday, 22nd of September, 2019

www.candlesshow.org