



MG Car Club

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AM PLEASED to report that the two Stoneleigh based events we participated in during February (MG Spares day and Race Retro) proved to be successful.

We were happy with the number of new enthusiasts recruited at both shows and it was excellent to speak with so many existing members.

The MG Spares day was the first showing of the Club's vinyl wrapped Macmillan Midget. It certainly caught the eye and will now embark on a busy schedule of events throughout 2013 as we aim to raise funds and awareness of Macmillan's excellent work. If your Centre, Register or Branch would like to book the car for an event then please do act quick - the diary is starting to become jam-packed.

As always, there are a variety of projects currently being undertaken here at Kimber House. We are nearing completion of the MG Garden - the large plot of land at the bottom of Spring road which Abingdon Town Council have made available to celebrate MG's contribution to Abingdon. The Club has been commissioned to create seven 1.3metre x 1 metre information boards which we hope to have installed by mid-April.

Some members will be aware that within the next 3 months the Club will be launching a brand new website that covers all areas of the organisation. This new web portal has been designed from scratch and will offer members an increased level of functionality. Initial designs look extremely exciting and we're confident this project will significantly improve the way in which enthusiasts engage with the Club website.

At the beginning of February the Kimber house team were invited to take part in a four-slot breakfast radio broadcast with BBC Radio Oxford. I was given the early morning stint and talked about the history of the MG Car Club whilst Peter Neal, Chris Seaward and John Watson spoke about other aspects of the organisation. A selection of the audio can be heard by navigating to the news section of the MGCC website.

On Friday I'll be representing the MG Car Club at the official re-opening of the Abingdon Museum. The event will be attended by HRH The Duke of Gloucester and marks the completion of the Museum after a lengthy renovation. If you haven't yet visited the museum it really is worth taking time to stop in and take a look around.

We are aware that some members are still having issues with Safetyfast! delivery. It is an issue we're aware of and we continue to work with our distributors to find a satisfactory solution.

A further reminder that on the 7th July 2013 the Abingdon Works Centre will be staging a revival of the original Abingdon Works Car Show. - an event which in the past has been held in the town and showcases all of the cars built at the Abingdon factory between 1930 and 1980. Naturally it will also include all marques of MG manufactured from 1925 onwards. The event, which is in aid of charity, is being organised jointly with the Rotary Club of Abingdon and supported by the MG Car Club.

The show, on the banks of the River Thames, will also offer a great place for a picnic, a chance to visit the Abingdon Town Museum in the Old County Hall which incorporates the MG Museum. It is also planned to offer an optional road run around the old works test circuit. If you could circulate the date of this event to your members it would be greatly appreciated. Further information will be published as the event develops together with entry forms. More information will also become available on the Abingdon Works Centre website www.mgabingdon.co.uk

MGLive! planning is continuing to gather pace and early ticket sales have been brisk. Online purchasing is now available and we're anticipating another strong attendance at the Club's showpiece event. As ever, if you have any questions relating to the event please don't hesitate to contact Kimber House.

The Club's Spring Council meeting takes place on March 16th at the MG Sales Centre, Longbridge, Birmingham. A majority of the Kimber House team will be in attendance and delivering a series of presentations.

Thanks for your continued support, as ever.

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