

DECEMBER MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the last newsletter of 2025 and my first as secretary. The first thing to note is that we are now in a quieter 'fallow' part of the year following the activity and enjoyment of earlier on. I suppose you could say we are more focused on a different kind of (rein)deer altogether! Having said that, we can still reflect on the Oxford Trip which many enjoyed with the opportunity to have fun and meet up again at the White Hart. It is lovely that old friends Roy and Jen were there and the photos posted on Facebook give a lovely impression of the pleasure that was experienced and shared.



Glitz and Glamour Evening on the Annual Oxford Weekend. Many thanks to Gill and Peter for organising and to Sid and Anne for the entertainment



We also enjoyed our Christmas Lunch at the Wroxeter Hotel and it was a delight to spend that time together.

Looking to the future, Roger has already started framing a programme for next year and many of us have been asked to consider organising a run. Please don't be shy! It would be good to have as varied and enjoyable series of trips as we have had this year.

However, we have experienced a set back in our planning which I will leave Roger to explain below.

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Bar-B-Que on the Beach

This year there are no plans for a run to the Welsh Coast between Christmas and New Year. However, if the mood takes you and you decide to head there yourselves, it would be great to see any photos on our Facebook page (with or without sizzling sausages!

Trip to Spain 2026

Unfortunately we have decided to abandon going on this trip. The problem has been that Brittany Ferries have a new booking system which has only recently gone into operation. They were contacted early in November but at that stage could not give prices for the Paradores. We have now been informed that some of the Paradores we wanted to stay at are now either fully booked or only have very limited availability.

The plan now is to delay until 2027 when hopefully we can get it booked earlier in the year. So sorry for any disappointment.

Roger & Sarah

Drive It Day 2026 – 26th April; Yesterday's Vehicles Supporting Today's Children.

This year the plan is to do Drive it Day in the way it was always intended, as a fundraiser for Childline. Details of the run are yet to be ironed out but put the date in your diary and your fundraising Drive it Day plates are already available

at <https://www.driveitday.co.uk/shop> (displaying a plate is not a condition of taking part in the run on 26th April)



We thought we would use this space to tell you why (if you don't already know).

National Drive It Day was created by the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs in 2005. It is the occasion when historic vehicle enthusiasts and the public at large have the opportunity to celebrate the One Thousand Mile Trial in 1900, when 65 vehicles drove from London to Edinburgh returning to London to prove the viability of the new invention, the motor car. Quite a challenge when there were no petrol stations in existence!

It's also a chance to raise awareness and support amongst the public for the historic vehicle movement and keeping transport heritage on UK roads.

Janet and I have offered to organise a Drive it day run as part of our charity support activities next year and would be pleased to hear who is interested in taking part.

Congratulations to Edie!



The marvellous Midget who is Miss June on the MG Calendar and thanks to Ben for letting us know!

Congratulations on being with the club throughout the past year, we look forward to seeing you in 2026.

(There's still time to ask Santa for a copy of the calendar in your stocking)

The next Club meeting is on Tuesday 13th January at the Fox and Hounds, Shawbury.

As usual the meeting will start at 8pm and if you would like to eat beforehand please let the pub know (<https://www.foxandhoundsshawbury.co.uk> 01939 250600)

*Wishing you all a very happy Christmas
and troublefree motoring in 2026*

Kevin & Janet