



Newsletter



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Hi and welcome to the January newsletter from Rob and Wend. This is our first time using this software so please bear with us. And thanks to Geoff for all his hard efforts over the years.

In this issue we will be reviewing the Christmas Meal and Bunny's After Christmas Run.



What's Coming Up

Key:

- ⇒ Club event
- ◊ Club attendance as group at a motoring or other event
- Everything else of interest. These items are shown for information only.

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A True Story!

A few years ago during a navigation rally in France, we were stopped on a small country road by the French Gendarmerie for a breathalyser check. The check was negative and the officer let us go. So far nothing special, except the officer had not noticed that my MGBGT V8 was right hand drive and she had made my co-driver blow into the device.

Guy Konz

Thanks Keith

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ 15th Committee Meeting—Thames Head 	<p>January</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◊ 8th MG/Triumph Spares Day - Stoneleigh 	<p>February</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ 19th Lunch Run - Jennies Kitchen - Rob & Wend Ambler 07503051930 	<p>March</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20-22 Classic Car & Restoration Show NEC Birmingham Lunch Run—Alan & Abi 	



FCCC Christmas Meal



It's that time again for the Christmas meal and once again the Highwayman on the Gloucester road was chosen. It had been rather damp lately and this day was no exception, it was raining persistently and we rushed from the car into the bar grabbed a drinkypoops and mingled in the dining area. Wend and I shared a lovely starter of Mozzarella and Tomatoes and then I had ordered the Fish Dish (tried to change the order but the menu could not be altered) which turned out to be lovely. Some people complained that the parsnips were burnt and that it would have been nice to have a gravy jug rather than it being already spread all over the meal. But all in all it was a lovely meal.

A bell was rung very loudly and Malcolm did the required speech and then presented Geoff with his well-deserved wooden plaque and Countryfile calendar for all the hard work he has done for the club and has now decided to step back.

Whilst getting the lovely cup of coffee we were informed that both the underpasses were now flooded. So our return journey was now changed to a cross country drive which turned out to be OK, thank goodness.



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can be viewed here.](#)

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Bunny's after Christmas Run



This years run, organised by Ken Hinton started at The Burford Garden Centre which is a nice place to start a run. After a cup of coffee and a chat and we had got the directions we set off. We were in our normal car not the Spitfire as that is hibernating, and there were not many classic cars although Steve Harding was in the Morgan and Steve Taylor was in a Porsche.

We set off and got to the other side of Burford and my navigator told me to turn right and then changed her mind. All the other cars turned right.....so we were going in the wrong direction! A management decision was taken and we set off for Leafield as we knew it was on the route and picked up directions again. We followed the route and went through some lovely countryside. As the time was getting on we decided to skip the end part of the route and go direct to the golf course located at Lyneham near Chipping Norton where we were due to have a meal. We were greeted by Jackie and a stressed out Ken due to the cars running late. But a quick word with the kitchen and lunch was re-organised. Then everyone else started to arrive and a very lovely lunch was consumed. Thanks to Ken & Jackie.

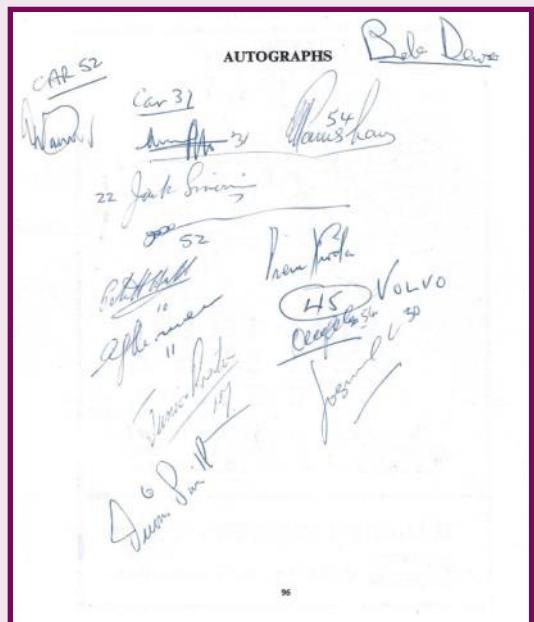


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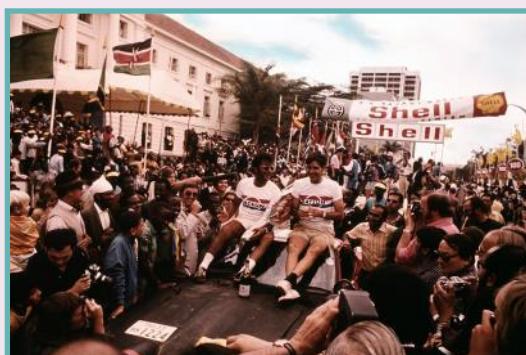
19th East African Safari Rally 1971

I was lucky enough to spend my school holidays in Kenya and in 1970 we were going on holiday to Mombasa (we lived in Nairobi) and the journey was 300 miles on a pretty much straight road. As we were driving down all of these fast noisy cars started coming pass us from the opposite direction. At this time I wasn't interested in cars or motor sport at all but after this I decided to find out what was happening and it turned out to be the East African Safari Rally. From then on I used to follow the Rally and in 1971 we got invited to the after Rally dinner. Now being a nerd I went round all of the drivers and tried to get there autographs. I used to have some photos that I had taken but I lent them to someone a few years ago and never saw them again. One year a Range Rover was entered and it was doing very well then it suddenly retired, apparently due to them finding sugar in the fuel tank.



Final Results <https://www.ewrc-results.com/final/14342-east-african-safari-rally-1971/>

Short Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=21u7XheoFNk>



On another note here is an interesting link from Steve Harding...Hi Rob.
I came across this account of my all time heroic racing team , namely Ecurie Ecosse.

Ecurie Ecosse https://electricscotland.com/lifestyle/ecurie_ecosse.htm