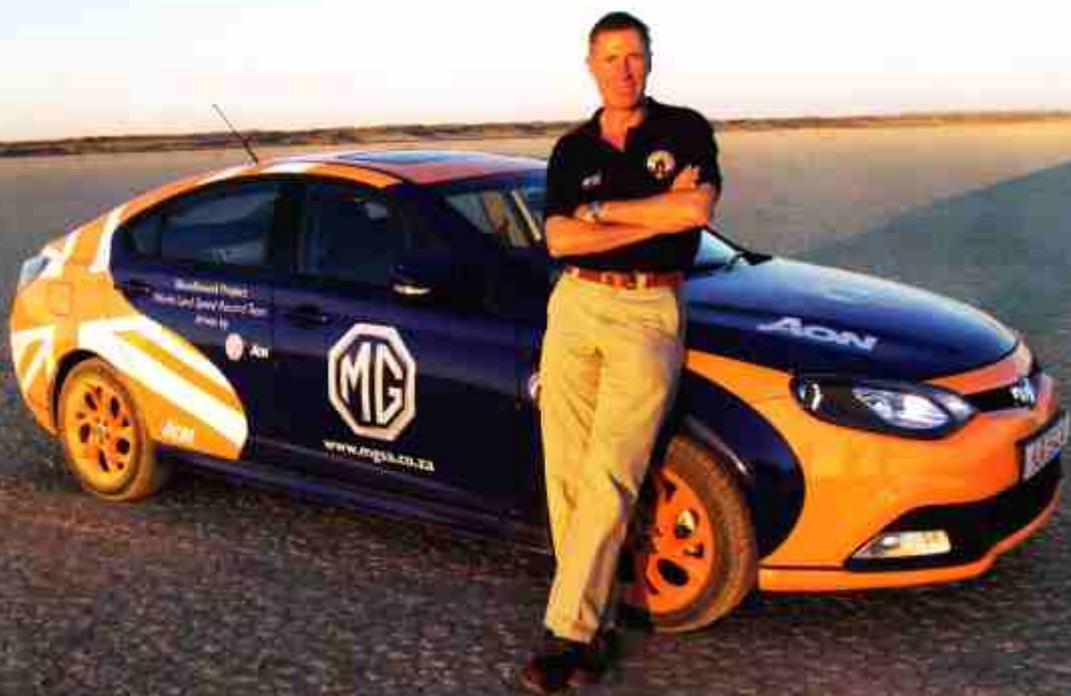


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William
Kelly

The Chairman Goes Blerry Hell My Liver Survived December

All the best for 2014 folks. Personally pleased to see 2013 dead and buried - it was a rubbish year on all fronts frankly with one noticeable exception, namely that my time at the helm of this fantastic Car Club has been amazing. I said upfront I could not commit full time to it - and that extends to this year regrettably. That said, I am fairly hopeful no-one noticed as the balance of the Committee behind me have been a team with whom it has been an honour to work.

To my committee and my extended committee members in the form of Kevin, Anneke, Jeanne and Alex my thanks. To the hidden committee members, Denise (our printer/layout person), Randall, Bruce (our register captains along with Norman) - my thanks!

To all who participated, to all who support, to all who have given of their time, energy, money and skills - my thanks! To those in the Youth Project, all of you, my thanks. You do give me grey hairs at times but they are well earned.

It has been a learning curve for me on this Committee. I have chaired other things in the past but nothing quite as dear to my heart as this. Anywhere, and everywhere this is a Car Club, a family of closely knit amazing people. We have our scraps and our petty differences but they are just that and I would expect no less from any body of people. I have tried to steer clear of politics as far as is possible with the noticeable exception of the National Constitution which I believe has been a good thing, if somewhat more controversial than I may have first anticipated. Our suggestions will be finalised and submitted to the National Body - and that will conclude our contribution to an ongoing refreshment of the Car Club which I believe to be important from time to time.

Mostly, and most of all though the MG Car Club has continued to be something that people put into, and something that people get out. What those things are are different for all of us, but they are all valid and personal to each of us in our own way. We are a collection of people who all make a positive impact on each other in a million different ways and if nothing else, in my tenure I have seen more of it than I otherwise would have. It has been a humbling and wonderful experience and I thank you all. Doubtless 2014 will bring its issues - but we will deal with those as we have in 2013 - in an MG!

William MGA WannaBe Kelly



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A great finale for the Final Noggin of the Year, at Scrooges!

William's Surprise!

Not knowing quite what to expect, William certainly showed us that he has other interests besides Koi Fish and MG Motor Cars!

His powerful demonstration on how to prepare his Sushi dish had us all, and particularly the ladies, spell-bound.

"Thank you ウィリアム "

William's name written in Japanese



Joan & Jeanne taking sushi lessons



William demonstrating his sushi skills



Youth Project

MY FIRST EXPERIENCE ON THE RACE TRACK Michael Kernick

I would like to thank the MG Youth Programme for the opportunity to race at Midvaal on the 23rd of November. Also to say thank you to Roger for allowing us to use his MGB and Dave for paying entries and making a plan so Cameron and Steven could race in the MPC race.

I also appreciate all the work Steven and Cameron have done to prepare the racing cars, also to MSA for the racing licence.

We had the opportunity to have a practice day at Midvaal the Sunday before the race and my thanks to Nino for his help to the programme.

The Midvaal race day was a lot of fun. The MGA had a problem but was fixed and the MGB ran reliably. In qualifying, Bugs spun in front of me which made things interesting as I had never been in this situation before. Heat one was lonely as I was on my own; however heat 2 was exciting as I had a good dice to the line with a Fiat Dalara X19.

In the end the MGB beat the MGA overall and we all had a really good day.

FOOTNOTE

This is the first race report of the latest driver to be "launched" by the "Youth Project". The author, Michael Kernick, is the son of well known racer A J Kernick and brother of Steven (whose own report of his first race a month or so ago appears elsewhere in this edition) was two weeks short of his 16th birthday on race day.

Piston Ring Swop Meet

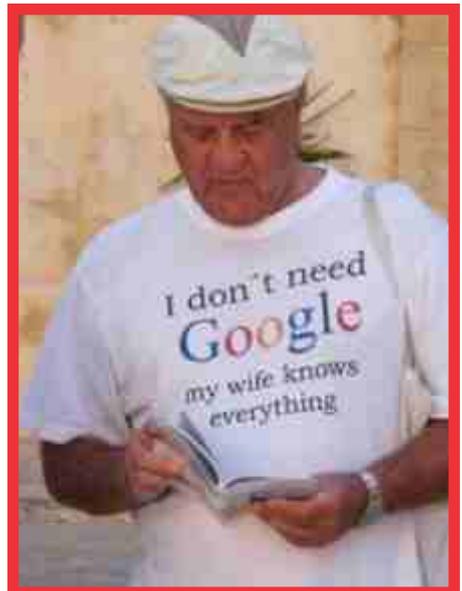
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A Great Day at Don Lindsay's Plot at the Vaal River.

Kevin's Pictures tells the whole story



The small church by the river that used to be a stable



Taking pictures of each other - a boating playground on the Vaal river.



Car scene on the lawn; Dolf Peche about to leave in his MGA



The Dixon family (Kim, Holly, Josh & Gary) with their MGB in the background (which used to belong to Chris Auhaum)



Checking out the heritage of Cobus Kanfer's MGB



Nigel Stokes & Peter Knight talking about "whatever"



Don Lindsay (standing) reciting a poem for the benefit of all (Paul & Rachel listening intently).



Don Lindsay with his home in the background

SAMCA Run to the Vaal.

A Very Pleasant Day at Vaal Old Wheels Club, and Museum

Again, Kevin's Pictures tell the whole story

This event was fairly well attended by many Motoring Clubs and enthusiasts, the weather was kind to us, and the facilities have greatly improved.

A lovely well equipped Bar/ Restaurant was well stocked with delicious meals ...and

Their very enthusiastic members were only too keen to show off their latest developments made to improve the Museum. Many new exhibits and Halls displaying newly restored cars and equipment. Where do these chaps find the time to do such a lot of work, since our last visit a year ago. *"That, is true dedication to a worth while Project"*.

By the way their Pub/ Restaurant is open every Friday evening, and is well patronised by their members, locals, and other Motor Club members.

Here is an opportunity for a Social Evening Run for our MG members. When shall I arrange something, before it gets too chilly in the evenings?

Tom



Where steam & petrol meet at Sylviavale Museum



Part of a scale model T Ford built by Albert Polley over 17 years fitted with a Yamaha 50cc engine



Clive Winterstein, a little helper & Siggie drawing lucky draw winners



Siggie Duvel (owner of Sylviavale Motor Museum) in a thoughtful mood



Advertising on tins for some products that are still sold today

Memories of Jean “Kimber” Cook

The MG movement, world-wide, has lost, with Jean “Kimber” Cook’s passing the last living link with Cecil Kimber, the Creator of MG.

In 1987 it was decided to invite Jean to various MG events in 1988 - to celebrate the centenary of Cecil Kimber’s birth. On a visit to the UK, Garth Green went to see Jean and husband Den, and invite them to be the Cape Town Centres guests at the ‘88 Indaba.

The year before Dick Knudson had asked me to write and present a “Paper” on MG Advertising for the Kimber Centenary event at Rhode Island on Kimber’s birthday, where Jean would be the guest of honour, and to commission a painting of “Fairwind”, Cecil Kimber’s yacht. Jean had also accepted an invitation to attend the Australian Natmeet at Easter.

So it was that I flew off to the Abingdon International ‘87 and then down to the Isle of Wight to convince Den and Jean that the best way to do all this was to fly South into our care, then up to Harare to get the Qantas flight to Aussie, and into Brian Darke’s care, and then to keep going on to the USA, and into Dick’s care for the Kimber Festival. Once convinced, the rest with Peet Viljoen and Faan Dippenaar’s help was easy, and the way the three MG continents collaborated is still regarded as the finest example of MG Club co-operation.

When I arrived at Cowes, Jean was distraught, as the next day was the Press Day for the opening of HMS Warrior, and she had forgotten to get me a pass.

I assured her not to worry - I could visit the Mary Rose Museum, and Victory and the Falklands paintings. I took out my note book to get details of her father’s yacht - hull colour and sails as I had a

photograph in sepia. “Why do that?” She asked - “There is a painting by Winston Magoran above our bed, why not reproduce that?” There were two paintings in oil, small and covered in fine cracks, but I decided why reinvent the wheel. Off we went to the local photo shop - only the most famous photographer of ships and yachts in the whole world. Beken of Cowes. Out I came with two perfect transparencies. Job done. After a wonderful home cooked meal it was off to bed, in Cecil Kimber’s sleeping bag from - Fairwind - made by Jaeger. After breakfast we headed back to the ferry and Portsmouth. Den and Jean went to HMS Warrior whilst I headed off to check that John Kurble’s GT V8 - my transport, was still safe where I had left it, in the Red Furnel parking.

After seeing the Victory and Falklands paintings I talked my way on board “Warrior”, and I joined Jean and Den for lunch on board. Jean a good sailor, was the editor of the Cowes Yachting Mag - hence the press passes.

Before saying farewells I took them for afternoon tea. That morning Jean had wanted to give me one of her father’s books, which I refused to accept - so they had bought a book about HMS Warrior and, suitably inscribed, gave it to me as a farewell present.

Jean and Den flew into Jo’burg, and a welcome run and party was held at the home of Nick and Jackie Parrot.

The following night at the Jo’burg noggin I had to announce that the Blue Train was stranded at Warrenton and the track had been washed away - so - Peet Viljoen got me my own airbus with club member Des Steinhobel at the controls!!!

We were invited into the cockpit after take-off and then made a course correction so we could see the Blue Train far below. Jean made many friends at the Indaba with her father’s scrap book

in demand. We ensured she saw distant relatives in Curry's Post and Johannesburg, where member Mike Howarden's wife was Gillie Kimber's (Cecil's second wife) niece. We put them on a plane to Harare, promising to see them in Providence Rhode Island AND at the year's end in Cowes!! They flew to John Lambie in Perth, then on to the Kimber Centenary Festival organised by Dick Knudson. I had flown down the year before with my trusty tape recorder to stay for a week in Somerset West with George and Susan Tuck, to gather material for my paper on pre-war MG Advertising - much of which had been George's responsibility. Jean was enthralled with all the slides, and she and Wilkie Wilkenson spent a great deal of time preparing me with all sorts of questions particularly about IMSHI. John Dugdale on the other hand was keen to hear about George and Susan Tuck.

Later that year I had organised the Kimber World Trek - first stop Cowes - Jean had giggled hysterically when I had asked if she could arrange accommodation for 28 souls. It was in Cowes week - when the island was full to overflowing, not only was it all organised but for the last night of Cowes week, we were accommodated in the Admirals Chairs at the yacht club for the most incredible firework display. We then travelled over the next morning to Lymington and on to Beaulieu for the MG event - Ron Gammons referring to the group as the Second Norman Invasion.

Jean fell about laughing!

When Sarah was living in London, on the odd occasion she would go down to Jean and sail, and fly kites. On the 1990 Tour of Britain when the rest of the

American 'T' Types headed to Cornwall, the Ewing family crossed to the Island and enjoyed talking about early MG life and eating out of all the Kimber crockery, and sleeping in the Fairwind Sleeping bags.

The last time I saw Jean was in 2003. I had taken Bob Wilmot, the De Castros and Kelly and Peter Steyn to meet Jean. We ate in the Cowes Yacht Club with glorious views of the little ships everywhere whilst the others pored over her Dad's scrap book. Truly a day to remember.

Jean was 88 when she died on the 12 November - her dad was born on the 12 April and his Centenary year was in '88. Funny how some members take on strange significance. Farewell Jean, we will all miss you.

Norman

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Norman

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For the last four years of my working life I had to journey three of four days a week to Pretoria -- I never used the motorway, simply because that was where the accidents happened -- and when they did -- you couldn't get off!

I had a lousy experience of sitting on the motorway for over 3 hours not 2kms from the Booyens off ramp -- THAT -- was the last straw -- after that I went on the back roads. On one occasion with my boss in the car, driving under the M1, back from Randburg, instead of being on it -- as he couldn't understand, until I made him look up and see nothing above us was moving, and that we were the only car under the motorway! The traffic on it was at a complete stand still.

About four years ago, finger trouble at Jo'burg Electricity produced a bill for R68 000.00 instead of R860 -- it took 19 months of sitting in Braamfontein all the way through the World Cup, while half the staff went to the soccer, to eventually sort it out. Then they sent me a letter suggesting I take out a debit order. What? A debit order? If that R68,000 had been on debit order, I would never have seen it again!!! So, do you think I am going to hand over my bank details, and the right to help themselves to my cash? Go figure! On Sunday's run to the Vaal, we didn't see one gantry. Use the back roads and DON'T break the law!!!



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Jason Plato - MG KX Momentum's Ace Racing Driver

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Jason Plato (born 14 October 1967) is a British racing driver currently competing in the British Touring car Championship for MG KX Momentum Racing. He has won the BTCC Championships twice, in 2001 and 2010. He has finished in the top 3 in the championships (times, and holds the record for the most overall wins (68) in the BTCC, the most podiums, most pole positions and fastest laps.

Jason started his career in Karting in 1980 at the age of 12, and was British champion in 1982 before moving on to Formula Renault, where he was the European Champion Formula Renault. He won the Renault Spider Championships in 1996 and was offered a drive by Sir Frank Williams in 1997 in the Works Williams Renault, Vauxhall, Holden, SEAT, Chevrolet and now MG. Other notable accolades include six times BRDC Silver Star winner, two times Autosport National Racing Driver of the Year winner and the World's Best Touring Car Driver as voted by the fans of Touring Car Times.

He is also a Director of the British Racing Drivers Club, and presenter on the motoring series Fifth Gear. Other TV Credits include: Driven (C), Speed Sunday (ITV1), Mission.



2014 BTCC Calendar

March 18	Donington Park (Media Day)
March 29-30	Brands Hatch Indy
April 19-20	Donington Park
May 3-4	Thruxton
June 7-8	Oulton Park
June 28-29	Croft
August 2-3	Snetterton
August 23-24	Knockhill
September 6-7	Rockingham
September 27-28	Silverstone

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Female Members

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Parker	Glen	195	De Groot	Anneke	220
Boshoff	Koos	185	Smyth	Wendy	210
De Groot	Rudi	170	Dixon	Carol	200
Schweizer	Rolf Peter	160	Norton	Jocelyn	170
Watt	Mike	160	Ferbes	Heather	150
Holt	Dave A	155	Winterstein	Tania Borg	145
Forbes	Graham P	150	De Castro A	Anita	110
Norton	Rodney	140	Holt	Heather	105
Dewar	Alex	140	Parker	Hilda	100
Brett	Michael	135	Hain	Margaret	100
Schiering	George	130	Schweizer	Judith	80
Cunninghame	Stewart	130	Pearce	Lorraine	80
Hughes	Paul	130	Cunninghame	Thelma	80
Ryan	PJ	120	Colley	Jenny	80
Hain	Stuart D	120	Kelly	Wendy	80
De Castro A	Jose Carlo	110	Watt	Valerie	80
Buttress	John G	110	Duncan	Lynda	70
Everson	Randall	110	Brett	Louie	70
Aubourg	Chris	100	Schiering	Margaret	60
Couling	Alex	100	Ryan	Suzette	60
Van Der Schyff	Bryan	100	Schimmelpening	Rene	60
Leppan	Raymond	100	Cooney	Marian	60
Hillery	Lionel	90	Ewing	Pat	60
Edmonds	Peter S	90	Leppan	Melanie	60
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MOTORING CALENDAR

MG CAR CLUB -- JOHANNESBURG CENTRE

- WHAT **Natter and Noggin and Annual General Meeting**
 WHEN **Thursday 6 February 2014**
 WHERE Old Edwardians, Cor 4th Avenue
 and 11th Street, Houghton
- WHAT **NAVISCAT - Zoo Lake, Emmarentia, Northcliff** **Clive Winterstein 083 795 0000**
 WHEN **Sunday 9 February 2014**
 WHERE Meet at Doppio Zero Greenside
- WHAT **Noggin - Rocker Box Racing** **William Kelly 082 886 7114**
 WHEN **Thurs 6 March 2014**
 WHERE Old Edwardians, Cor 4th Avenue and 11th Street, Houghton
- WHAT **101st Anniversary Run - JD Commemorative Run** **www.djrun.co.za**
 WHEN **Sat 8 March 2014**
 WHERE Turffontein Racecourse
- WHAT **Run to Magaliesberg** **TBA**
 WHEN **Sun 9 March 2014**
 WHERE TBA
- WHAT **Piston Ring Swap Meeting** **TBA**
 WHEN **Sun 16 March 2014**
 WHERE Modderfontein
- WHAT **Noggin** **William Kelly 082 886 7114**
 WHEN **Thurs 3 April 2014**
 WHERE Old Edwardians, Cor 4th Avenue and 11th Street, Houghton
- WHAT **Angela's Picnic (33rd Event)** **SAMCA**
 WHEN **Sun 6 April 2014**
 WHERE Delta Park, Johannesburg

Dates to Remember during 2014:

- South Cape MG Indaba**, 9-13 May;
Durban Dash, Weekend 16 - 18 May;
Trip to Scottburgh Classic Car Show, weekend 18 to 20 July;
MG Weekend away b Underburg and Sani Pass, 22 - 24 August.

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Sadly, No Polana Classic Rally for 2014

To all the Competitors, Marshals & Helpers,

It is with regret that I have to inform the competitors who have been so loyal over the past years, that there will be no Polana Classic Rally in 2014. There is no sponsorship and I am not prepared to carry the event any longer. I have decided that I had a good run over the years, and it is time to move on. Thank you for everybody's support and participation over the years, competitors and fellow helpers alike.

Kind regards,

Rene Booysen.

MGA 60th Anniversary Tour

A short note to let members know that we've reached our 60th provisional entry for the 2015 tour.

Kevin

Centre	Cars
Border	2
Cape	7
Jhb	29
KZN	8
NC	3
PE	1
S Cape	8
Unknown	2
Total	60

Hi all you MG petrolheads, yes that's Modern English for a car enthusiast, and that's YOU.

The club registers are not only there to keep track of, and the movement of the cars belonging to members, but also as data base for folks who might need help in restoring their precious finds.

There is a wealth of knowledge amongst our members, some of whom have been dabbling and tinkering with MGs for decades, and if we combine these resources, we probably run into hundreds of man years of experience.

Now this experience is available to you for all MG classes, be that an early Midget to the latest TF.

In an effort to capture both this experience, and those in need of assistance, we have included a loose form in the magazine for you to complete.

Although I am the MMM & T Type register captain, we decided it best to capture information on the MGs in the club with this one multi-purpose form is to be used for ALL MGs, regardless of type or year.

There is place for your details, your MG car or cars, the status of your MG, or if you are progressing with a rebuild. Also listed is a question on whether you require assistance or parts and if you are in a position to assist others who are not able to beat the challenges of a rebuild.

The completed forms can be handed to Kevin or myself (Randall) at a noggin, or scanned and E-mailed to me at reversion@mweb.co.za or posted to MG Car Club, PO Box 52336, Saxonwold 2132.

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