



# HASTINGS MG CLUB

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Peter Gosnay

General Secretary:  
Peter Bowers

Fixtures Secretary:  
Jeff Lister

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## NEWSLETTER January 2012

The first meeting of 2012 was the presentation of Trophies followed by the Annual General Meeting and this was preceded by a meal laid on by the Royal Oak at Whatlington.

The Chairman opened the meeting by explaining that the road events did not take place during the year for a number of reasons, including too many other events, environmental etc. However it was decided that the Trophies\* would be presented to members for different reasons, detailed below:-.

<u>Trophy</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Runner Up</u>
Rhodes Cup*	Most Active New Members	Paul & Jeanette Coop	N/A
Melbert Cup*	Best Lady Member/s	Dee Melbert (Map Reading Skills)	N/A
		Gill Gosnay (Raffle)	N/A
Cornford Cup*	Worst Attendance Overseas Members	Basil & Judy Cantrell	N/A
Russell Cup	Driving Test	Pete & Sue Bowers	John Seymour
HMGC Cup	Car Competition	Nigel Melbert	Peter Bowers
Fellows Cup 1	Best attendance (Male)	Nigel Melbert	Peter Gosnay
Fellows Cup 2	Best attendance (Female)	Gill Gosnay	Dee Melbert
Shield	Most Outstanding Member/s	Nigel & Dee Melbert	N/A
Octagon Shield	Games	Peter Gosnay	Pat Buckle
EGG Cup	Unintentionally Providing Amusement	To be revealed at a future date!	N/A

A certificate was presented to Val McDonald for the Life Membership awarded to her in 2010.

The Committee awarded a further Life Membership to Nigel Melbert in recognition of all the work he has put in over the years for the benefit of the club and the members.

The Annual General Meeting then took place with reports from the Chairman,

General Secretary, David Harding's, report highlighted the valued support he has received from members and their contribution to the monthly jottings. Average Attendance to all events came to 55%

Fixtures Secretary, Jeff Lister reminded us of the huge number of events organised throughout the year with two holidays a Murder Mystery evening and Dinner Dance which is why some of the more traditional events were not run

Treasurer, Nigel Melbert, reported a very small loss this year as a result of funds being allocated to our Charity Fund but Assets Increased with the purchase of the fall out shelter. Turnover was in excess of £9000.



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The election of Officers for the Club then followed resulting in the following members being elected

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Fixtures Secretary	Jeff Lister
Raffle Organiser	Gill Gosnay
Lay Members	Pat Buckle Jeanette Coop Val McDonald

The Committee will meet shortly to produce the programme for 2012 for approval at the next meeting.

Peter Gosnay then closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their help and support during a busy year and reminding us of the sad loss of Ron Fellows, one of our founder members.

The first Club Meeting of 2012 then opened and David assumed the Secretary's role as Pete Bowers was away playing a King or a Tree in a local pantomime.

The MGOB will be putting together a birthday Book to celebrate the 50 Anniversary of the MGB with members comments and our contribution will be collated by Gill and Peter.

Jeff would appreciate any ideas for visits/events for the coming year.

One of the first events to be suggested is a further visit to Borde Hill Gardens for the Open Air Concert featuring Jools Holland on 30 June and discounted tickets are available if we make our purchase before 31 January and a further discount if we can make a group of 10 or more.

Dee suggested that we organise a sponsored event to help raise funds for our selected charity. A sponsored swim at the Summer BBQ was mentioned as a possibility

A short discussion took place regarding the organisation of the holiday to Monaco Historic GP and Venice.

We welcomed visitors Phil and Jane with their MG TF

Nigel

Next Meeting Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February at the Royal Oak Whatlington