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FROM THE HIGH CHAIR,

The biggest joy of our really cold, grey winter periods is that between them, we can expect the mildest, wind-free and most beautiful days such as we have just had as I write this. Our morning drive to Sedgefield for the Masithandane opening, top down in my A, could not have been more pleasant despite the chill as we passed Groenvlei. Perhaps the return of our esteemed editor from the UK summer is partly responsible! Welcome home, Charlotte and Clive.

With the 'official opening' of the Mosaic Workshop at Masithandane, the MGCC has completed its 2015 charity commitment. We were shown the workshops and the pre-school child care centre/class room and then treated to a tea party with the 'Forget-me-nots', their euphemistic name for their elderly dependants. A big thank you goes to Duncan Paton for being the front man and main organiser ably assisted by Tony Lyons-Lewis. Our donation created additional covered and enclosed workspace and allowed them to purchase a new PABX telephone system. (See Tony's photos below).

Unfortunately the final touches to the Sivuyela project still remain unfinished. We are trying to commit our mayor to an opening ceremony but forthcoming elections and school holidays are making this awkward. For our 2016 commitment, the committee has decided to continue further support for Sivuyela in the form of creating a level play area next to the classroom and we will soon be assessing this together with the municipality.

With regard to our 2016 donation from our assistance at the Hillclimb, we have received R20,000. In view of the success of this event and the sponsorship received by the organisers from Jaguar and others, we were hoping for a bigger amount. However we believe that the lack of a golf day sponsor and the inability to timeously obtain a liquor licence resulted in deficiencies which prevented an increased amount.

The few who attended the club outing to Jubilee Creek early in June enjoyed the event and the limited numbers enabled some longstanding members to get to know newer members. However the committee feels that the poor attendance was partly due to the destination not being accessible to MGs (besides the somewhat inclement weather) and we will not do this again. The June breakfast run to Plett was well attended; these runs continue to be popular and the envy of car club event organisers around the country. Our annual quiz night at The Bell was again enjoyable. Successes varied with the Patons and the Mentzs turning out eventual

winners, no doubt due to their being awarded both a bonus point (cheating???) and a bottle of wine (excessive?) for their most innovative answer to the question, "What does BMW stand for?". Their answer: "Black Mans' Wheels"!

Our August 23rd to 25th tour to Addo is well under control and fully subscribed thanks to Trevor. We will have two additional interesting visits, one to the VW factory and the second to a penguin rehabilitation centre.

Next year's Cape Centres Gathering is likewise fully subscribed with attendees from all the Cape Centres joining us at the Wilderness. The committee is hard at work arranging the entertainment for the three days and evenings. I am sure this will be a relaxing and enjoyable weekend with some friendly rivalry between the centres.

We look forward to seeing you on the GRMC Graham Yendall Memorial Run to the two passes and Tsitsikama, always a great outing, and the July breakfast run to Zucchini's.

Enjoy your MGs and drive safely,

Bruce

EDITORIAL

Back from the UK and had the wonderful experience of attending a day at Wimbledon to enjoy tennis at Court 1 the day before the Ladies finals. We had two days there without rain and the day at Wimbledon was one of those two days. Saw some great tennis and saw the Williams sisters play in the doubles semi-finals and other brilliant tennis as well as some wheelchair singles. Arrived back in rain but that could not make it less wonderful to be back home again. Our winters here in SA are definitely warmer than the summers in UK.

Time is so relative. When I look at the photos below of the Healy Tour, it feels like if that was months ago, and it makes one realise how special every day is and to live for today. I read somewhere that in a questionnaire it was found that most people live either in the past or in the future and sadly the minority of people make the most of today. Quite a challenge to make that mind change and take each day by the horns.

As I was not here in June, I do not have photos from the events taken place at Jubilee Creek or the breakfast runs. I do apologise for that, but if anybody took photos please let me have them and I will place it in next months newsletter.

PAST EVENTS

Austin Healy Tour to Natal.



First Night sleepover in Colesburg.



Second Night sleepover in Bethlehem.



The start of the tour was very cat orientated.



Golden Gate on our way to Calderwood Hall



Arriving at Calderwood Hall



Sunset in Calderwood Hall where we stayed for two nights.



Zulu Culture Centre - all the men had a taste of whatever was in the kalbas. Men sat one side and woman on the floor the other side. Women's drink was non alcoholic and smelled like a mix of mieliepap and sour milk - only for the brave.



At the capture site of Pres. Nelson Mandela. Rather an amazing monument. Have to stand at a certain spot to see the spears form Mandela's profile.



A visit to Trevorton Schools in Natal. Had a great welcome and the kids loved looking at the cars and some of them had a opportunity to sit inside and gave Linol's car a good reffffffff.



Group photo from the participants from Western Cape.



Lionel and Rose who organised our side of the Tour. Thank you for all your trouble and effort. It was great.



View in the Northern Drakensberg.

What more can I say than is not visible in the photos. We had great company, lots of great food and perfect weather. Just about 3000km there and back - I take my hat off for those traveling all that way in the Healey - well done.

Herewith a bit of detail regarding our donation to Masithandane.

A group of members with their MGs gathered at Masithandane on Wednesday 13 July, to have a look at what has been done with our donation of the funds raised by helping at the 2015 Hill Climb.

Jacky Weaver was introduced to us by Club member, Paul Tops. She runs Masithandane, a multi-faceted charitable operation, working amongst the less fortunate in the greater Sedgefield area. The organisation has an enormous number of projects that they manage, including basic education, feeding schemes and skills training. One area that caught our imagination was the mosaic centre where they train people in the art of

creating the most beautiful mosaics. They also help them with learning how to cost a job and how to handle the funds thereby generated.

There were two Wendy Houses that accommodated these activities, housing stock, work tables and all the equipment needed for the projects. Clearly space was a problem. In decent weather they could work outdoors but in winter or during rain, the whole thing ground to a halt! We decided that a roof could be constructed between the two existing huts that would provide work space all year round.

The floor area has been paved, sliding glass doors installed and electricity laid on. This last aspect has allowed for an alarm system to be installed, too. In addition, our funds were sufficient to pay for all this work as well as making a sizeable contribution to a new telephone exchange for the centre.

The Club Members present were shown around the facility and given a brief overview of the work carried out by the centre. We then joined a large group of elderly people that are entertained at the centre periodically for tea and cake, also provided by the MG Club. Thanks to all who did help at the Hill Climb - all at Masithandane certainly were very grateful for our help.

We now have our funds from a number of member's hard work at the 2016 Hill Climb and are busy assessing suitable charitable projects for us to support.



Inside the building - work in progress



The mosaic centre building



One of the large mosaic pannels produced

Send in by Tony Lyons-Lewis.

FUTURE EVENTS

Regular breakfast runs are held on the last Sunday of the month. Please see under forthcoming events in the current newsletter for more detail.

Oct	Day	Host Club			Event		Quays	Invited	Convenor
Date							Start		
11/13th		GRMC	Technical Tour Port Elizabeth				9h00	MG	PP
16th	Sun	MG	Bring and Braai Slades Harkerville				10h30	GRMC	TC
30th	Sun	MG	Breakfast Run Sao Goncalo Plett				9h00	GRMC	TC
Nov	Day	Host Club			Event		Quays	Invited	Convenor
Date							Start		
13th	Sun	MG			Bring &Braai Ebb and Flow		10h30	GRMC	TC
20th	Sun	GRMC			Christmas Party		11h00	MG	PP
27th	Sun	MG	Breakfast Run Zucchini Rest Timber Vill				9h00	GRMC	TC
Dec	Day	Host Club			Event		Quays	Invited	Convenor
Date							Start		
2nd	Friday	MG	Prawn Braai				17h00	MG	TC
9th	Friday	MG	Street Braai Bodge Street Frost BB Mus	ai Bodge	Frost BB Musuem useum		16h00	GRMC	PP/TC

REGALIA

Current Regalia Prices

The following changes to regalia prices – due to new ranges now being supplied. All garments carry the MGSCCC badge and approved wording where applicable.

Item	Sizes	Price
Caps - two tone peak, navy/blue	-	R 90.00
Windbreaker - water shedding (roll-up hood in collar), navy	S, M,L	R 365.00
	2XL, 3XL	R 390.00
Golfer shirt - high quality, trophy-line navy-blue curved inset	S, M,L	R 280.00
	XL, 2XL, 3XL	R 295.00
Members can ask for a garment to be embroidered with club badge	-	R 80.00

Some stock is available, subject to prior sale, but allow 1 to 2 weeks for delivery please. All Regalia to be ordered via Marche Cooper – payment by EFT to Club a/c, send proof of payment please.

Normal club accessories (i.e. key rings, bumper badges, additional name tags etc.) via Ross Lawson direct or Ron at Bodge.

July Birthdays

2nd - Hugo Lodder and Pdge Milton

3rd - Neville Whitehead

4th - Jenni Parfett

10th - Jim Thomborough

14th - Tom Esterhuizen

17th - Margie van Zeil

20th - Murray Douglas

21st - Alexander Krahe

27th - Peter Hollis and Heinz Koncki

FOR SALE & WANTED

(Would members please contact the Editor if they have any MG cars or spares for sale)

For Sale - For used MGA and MG Magnette spares, contact Ricky Cooper on 0828222146 or ricky@cyberperk.co.za

Wanted - Ricky Cooper is looking to purchase scrap MG's and other sports cars for spares. Please contact him on 0828222346 or ricky@cyberperk.co.za

I am a member of the MGCC in Cape Town and need an original MGB factory hardtop for my 66 Roadster.

MGB Factory (works) hardtop wanted . Any condition but reasonable restorable condition obviously preferred.

Must be the original works version (not the modern aftermarket version)

Contact : Chris Dixon chrisd@synapp.com Mobile : 082-7803088

SERVICE PROVIDERS:

(If members are aware of other reputable service providers not mentioned here, please let me know, Ed)

Car Care Products:

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email: sylvia.vintagerose@gmail.com

Mechanical Repairs and Servicing

Bodge Engineering, Ron Hollis 0828598771

Classic Car Storage:

Ricky Cooper, 082 822 2146

ricky@cyberperk.co.za

Radiators and Fuel Tank repairs

Silverton Radiators, Knysna Industria

MG Spares

Sports Car Centre Alan or Denise 011 4860021

Teds Spares, Knysna (parts/consumables for older cars) Oscar 044 3821335

Panel beating, Spray painting.

Tino 0782543643 Sedgefield/Karatara area – (including full restorations)

Spotless Knysna Industria Hein 0824706213/0793807337 (including valet service)

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Rubberman 61 Albert St., George 044 8732502 sales@rubberman.co.za

Ash framing, dashboards, door cappings, veneer repairs & refinishing etc.

Classic-Dash Ray Mackey 0829226106 brmprojects@telkomsa.net

Chrome plating

African Electroplating Peter Posniak 0825535032

Supreme Bumpers Glen Brits 011 6262304/5/6 or 0834503745

Chromeworks Peter Tiles 041 4841533 / 0828558628 or chromeworks@yahoo.co.za

Exhausts, brakes, suspension, steering etc

De Graaf Undercar, Knysna Industria, Johan/Doreen 0820993164 / 044 3820806

Windscreens and Glass

Classic Car Windscreens - Contact julien@classiccarwindscreens.co.za

Disclaimer: The above list of service providers is included in good faith and no responsibility will be accepted for inferior workmanship or poor service. Members availing themselves of these services do so entirely at their own risk. Ed.

Engine Detailing: Give your engine bay a face-lift. Some experience with MG models- work done in secure carport area in Brenton- usually three/four days, dependant on scope of work.

Under-car “stone-chip” coating, can be done as well. Fred Mullany 082 321 4700

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Note: Numbers above refer to each entry on attendance sheet and do not take account of passengers or spouse.

Members with one MG which is under restoration can be awarded 2 points for attending in a "modern" if the editor is made aware of it.

Attendance Register Members name	Partner	YTD June. TOTAL			
Baker Lew	Heather	3		Lawson Ross	Antoinette 2
Battison Dave		0		Le Feuvre Tim	Sheila 10
Bechlars Philipp	Martina	1		Lodder Hugo	
Bickley Fred	Cheryl	18		Lyons-Lewis Tony	Lorna 23
Brannon Janet	Bob	2		Mackey Ray	Angela 16
Bruce Brian	Gwendolyn	9		Macmillan Rosalind	Gordon 4
Burton Keith	Ella	18		Madeley Brian	Lyn 10
Bush Marion	Gavin	0		Marsden Susan	
Cairns David	Susie	3		Marucci Oscar	
Clary George	Carole	15		McCallum John	Louise 0
Cleland Jim	Glen	6		McMahon Tony	Vicky 6
Clough Pat	Ali	14		Mentz Bunny	Jan 11
Cool Wilhelm	Joeleen	6		Metelerkamp Neil	Norma 5
Cooper Ray	Pat	10		Miller Garth	Shirley 14
Cooper Ricky	Colleen	16		Milton Podge	Merrill 16
Cooper Trevor	Marche	23		Mullany Fred	Jo 20
Cox Stuart	Dottie	4		Orsmond Ret	Julie 0
Davey George	Margie	8		Page Gerry	Mary 12
Davidson Brian	Jose	16		Parfett Ed	Jennie 8
Davidson II Brian	Bernie	2		Parker Wilf	Jenny 12
Davies John	Babs	0		Paton Duncan	Lesley 17
Day John	Margaret	2		Posniak Peter	Patti 2
Douglas Murray	Anne	19		Pretorius Peter	
Dunlop Denis		1		Putter Willie	Linnea 2
du Plessis Alex	Janet	8		Reitz Fritz	Madene 5
Etridge Derek	Jil	6		Reitz Karl	Tilly 9
Fisher Roger	Alva	9		Rosser Phillip	Amanda 0
Frost Norman	Jennie	3		Scheepers Bert	Renate 0
Gough Dave	Margee	3		Schnitzler Erwin	
Gregory Mike	Jan	4		Slade Keith	Yvonne 13
Greyvensteyn Rudolph	Sharon	0		Smart Laurie	Kate 7
Hamilton Allan	Brenda	0		Spencer Mike	Jill 0
Hartzenberg Louw	Sarah	0		Stead Heyns	Ann 0
Henderson Bruce	Dianne	22		Stockdale Brian	Dawn 0
Henderson Mike		0		Swart Hendrik	Tina 0
Hewitt Lionel	Rose	9		Thornborough Jim	Maxine 0
Holliday Clive	Charlotte	19		Tops Paul	Barbie 6
Hollis Peter		1		Vadas Peter	Vivian 11
Hollis Ron	Dee	13		Vadas Robert	Annabel 0
Horak Leish	Ingrid	3		van Loggerenberg Johan	Shirley 4
Houseman Marilyn	Dennis	7		van Niekerk Charles	Carrol 0
Hunt Bob	Lindsey	1		von Zeil Margie	
Jones Dave	Fay	5		Warne Alan	Jill 0

Jones Ian	Gay	2		Waterston Allan	Pam	10
Jones Nick	Sandie	5		Wessels Jane	John	0
Kells Trevor	Hilary	4		Whisken Doug	Irene	6
Koch John	Jillian	0		Whitehead Neville	Enid	2
Koncki Heinz	Paula	3		Williams Denny	Pat	10
Krahe Alexander		2		Winter George	Liesel	7
Kruger Johan	Ilse	0		Witzmann Otto	Rosy	4
Langman Frostie	Sue	10				

No.	Event	Date	Mbrs.	Non Mbrs
1	Sundowner Picnic	12 Jan 2016	28	4
2	Zucchini's B'fast	31 Jan 2016	37	13
3	Glentana braai	7 Feb 2016	26	5
3	George Car Show	13 Feb 2016	37	
4	Old Nick's B'fast	28 Feb 2016	32	14
5	AGM	1 Mar 2016	35	
6	Zucchini's B'fast	20 Mar 2016	26	7
7	Bonnets Up	27 Mar 2016	18	
	Pepperboom Groot Brak	10 Apr 2016	18	4
8	Old Nick's B'fast	24 Apr 2016	25	5
	Knysna Motor Show	1 May 2016	30	2
	Knysna Hill Climb	6-8/5/2016	21	9
9	Zucchini's B'fast	29 May 2016	33	11
10	Jubilee Creek braai	12 Jun 2016	5	
11	Old Nick's B'fast	26 Jun 2016	28	10
12				
13				
14	Old Nick's B'fast	26 Jul 2016		
15				
16	Old Nick's B'fast	30 Aug 2016		
17				
18	Old Nick's B'fast	27 Sep 2016		
19				
20	Old Nick's B'fast	25 Oct 2016		
21				
22	Zucchini's B'fast	29 Nov 2016		
23	Prawn Braai	/12/2016		
24	Bodge Street Party	/12/2016		



It's funny how 8 glasses of water a day seems impossible,



but 8 glasses of wine can be done in one meal.



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