



# Edinburgh, Lothians and Borders MG CLUB

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Prize winners at the Carvery Lunch

Credits: Helen, David T, Tony H, Emo, Karen,

## MEMBERSHIP SUBS ARE DUE

It is £15 per household - due by the end of February. You can pay by cash, cheque or bank transfer. The details are: Edinburgh MG Club, 80-22-60, 14185469.

## ELBMG CLUB AGM

This will be held on February 13th at Boroughmuir Rugby Club at 7.30pm. If members have any suggestions or items they want discussed, then please submit them to Steve 14 days before the meeting.

### AVAILABLE FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS THEM

Set of 4 Rostyle wheels, in good condition, with tyres and trim rings - please contact John Lawson at 07540 617745 or [johnlawson.scot@gmail.com](mailto:johnlawson.scot@gmail.com)



### CAPTION COMPETITION

Sent in by Karen and answers as ever to [mrsgrumpy@icloud.com](mailto:mrsgrumpy@icloud.com)

## MEMBERS' CARS

David Turner's TF135, one of the last that SAIC built and registered in 2011.



## INTERESTING CAR

From Tony H

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1971 TVR Vixen S3

## ANNUAL QUIZ

A modest turnout at January's meeting (maybe all the hype about it being  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  put people off) meant we only had two teams to exercise their brains in the annual quiz. There was the usual Feely Bag (from Andrew's garage), Motor Sport personalities (me), Car stuff (Allan), Craig's fiendish 12 Days of Christmas (how does he keep thinking them up?!) and 2024 General Knowledge - I substituted my niece's shorter one for Allan's more challenging version.

Team One (Steve, Tim, Peter, Emo and Michael) were the winners, scoring 94 and Team Two (Dave Mac, Martin, Andy, John and Ron) runners up with 68. However, it is just a bit of fun and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

The quizzes are printed in the newsletter for those who missed them on the day. [Mrs Grumpy](#)



## CARVERY LUNCH

We had 23 keen MGers turn up on the day for their Carvery Lunch at Lauriston Castle - it was good to welcome Mike & Kay Dennis from Tayside and Douglas Paterson - who came in his MGB GT LE. I had been going to bring Boris the black 'B, but when I saw the Yellow Peril was a block of ice, I thought there'd be a lot of salt on the road - but there wasn't, so I could've!

Anyway we assembled, collected our drinks and found a seat before heading off for the carvery which was good as it always is when you're in at the beginning and it's all fresh. Some had puddings too.

After the grub, Steve presented the trophies - there was no award for the best home resto as there isn't one that's been completed this year.

The Harvey Cooke Cup is given to someone who has done a lot for the club and the suggestions were Steve as he'd stepped up to the mark and become Area Secretary and was doing a grand job or Martin for all his extra work with the RNLI. However, this was thinking inside the box (i.e. someone on the committee) when Craig (who is good at thinking differently) suggested Dave Mac as he has done at least 3 technical days on SU carburettors, is always willing to help set things up at events and helps people with mechanical problems and/or tuning. We all agreed to this suggestion as Dave is a worthy recipient and it's good to congratulate people who aren't on the committee but do a lot for the club - which we sometimes forget to do! We should perhaps go back to the members submitting their suggestions?

Finally, the most coveted award - the Piston Broke Trophy, is given to someone who has had the most mechanical misfortune in the past year. That was an easy one, a certain Evil Midget that has run its owner a merry dance after winning the best home resto last year. The trials and tribulations have kept the newsletter well filled and the good news is Smevil got to the Isle of Man and back without throwing a wobbly!!

A most enjoyable lunch and many thanks to Martin for organising it all.

**Mrs Grumpy**



# FORMULA 1 EXHIBITION - LONDON EXCEL

So when in London and your wife is planning a trip to her favourite shop what do you do?

Answer - have a morning off the shops and head out to the Excel Centre for an F1 Exhibition. Now this had been planned and ticket bought in advance and a go on the simulator booked as well. I think I told Young Matthew about my trip a couple of weeks before and he wasn't happy as he would like to go.

When I arrived I was directed round the side of the building from the main entrance to a side door so a bit hard to find but in I went and once my ticket had been accepted I was in. The first thing was you got a photo taken so they could try and get money out of you at the end (Not happening here!). After walking down the corridors you get to the start and as I had gone early in the morning I had the chance to do the simulator first.

This is set on a track that has been programmed for the event and was labelled 'A technical track inspired by Formula 1's most iconic circuits' and the position you sit in was as per a real F1 car so feet up backside down and in a frame of metal bars. Once in the seat it is quite comfy and the big screen makes it feel pretty good, so headphones on and off you go for 3 laps of the track. I have to say I have no idea of my lap times as I was concentrating on keeping the thing on the track, this despite Matthew having sent me a text saying you get extra points for going off track and power sliding. So he still wasn't happy at not being there.

So after my 3 laps the process of getting back out of the simulator started and that was not easy so it must be 10 times worst in a real car with body panels all around you. It does take a couple of minutes to get out.



At the start of the exhibition you get handed a audio tour guide so you can go at your own peace. The exhibition starts with 4 iconic cars in Formula 1 and information about the driving force behind them which were:

Enzo Ferrari at Ferrari

Colin Chapman at Lotus

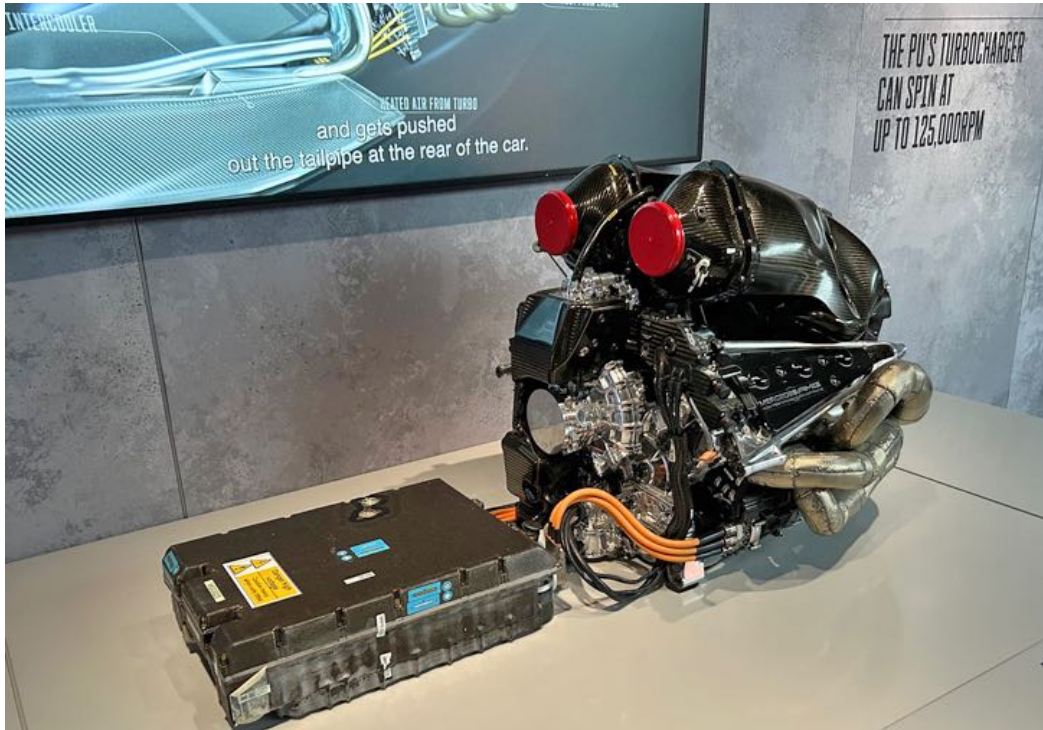
Frank Williams at Williams

Ron Dennis at McLaren

Then you get a quick history of Formula 1 and how it all started finishing with a video about Bernie Ecclestone and the effect he had on Formula 1.

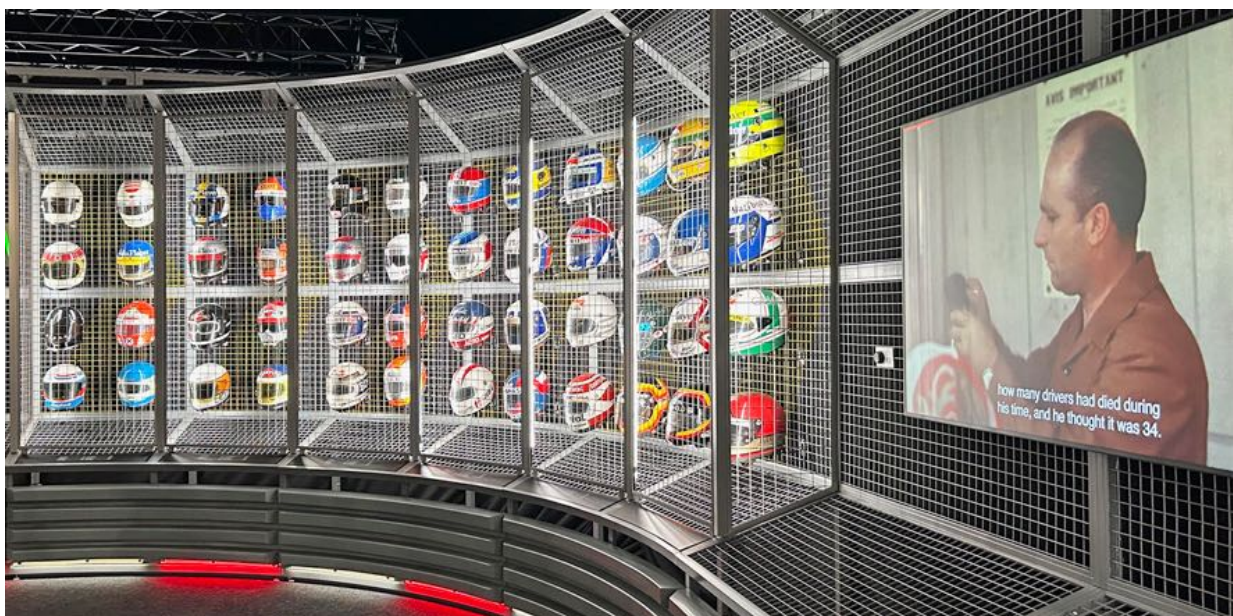
Then you find out about a modern day F1 car and how different parts works like the body and how the downforce is produced both above and below the car.

The engine and they have a V6 engine from a Mercedes in 2019 I was surprised at how small the “Power Unit” was and yes I did think that would fit in Smevil even with the battery attached.



You could also see a full set of the different tyres available to the F1 teams and an actual front cockpit which was made for crash testing, if you think you don't have much room in your MG then these things would be more like a coat than a car.

Moving on you come to a display that shows how not only have race suits including helmets changed but also the position the driver sits in. they also have a wall of different helmet designs from over the year and I have got to say I didn't release how many designs I had seen over the years from David Coulthard to Sir Lewis Hamilton.





The next section is a reminder that cars are machines and things can and do go wrong from time to time in that they have what is left of the front section of Romain Grosjean HAAS car from the Bahrain Grand Prix how he got out of that car with the minor injuries he did is all down to safety rules.





The final part of the exhibition is left to the drivers from the 2024 session with life size portraits so you can get a selfie with your driver of choice.

I have to say that I was disappointed by the gift shop at the end as it was just for the exhibition and I think that if you could have got merchandise from the teams they would sell a lot more.

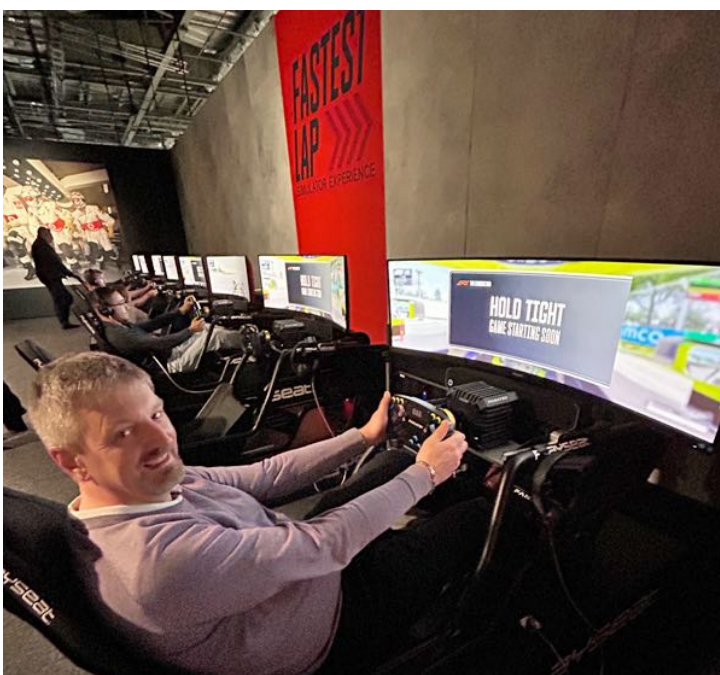
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I did get my somewhat well earned pint and a chance to have a good look round the place which is a bar full of game machines all playing F1. When I went it was full of Office Christmas events so the best I was offered was I could have been tagged on to one of them for 3 races for £23.00, I decided to give it a miss. However once again nowhere to get F1 merchandise other than a F1 Arcade beer mat. Matthew didn't look best pleased when I told him about the day out I had and only give him a beer mat.

Great day out but think they could do better with merchandise to buy. **Emo (aka James Wilson)**



## ALLAN'S CAR STUFF

1. In which James Bond movie did the Aston Martin DB5 make its first appearance?
2. Where are Bentley cars made?
3. What is the most identified BMW slogan?
4. Where is the Ferrari factory and museum?
5. In what year was the Jaguar bonnet ornament removed as a standard feature?
6. Where was the steering wheel of the first Land Rover?
7. What is the most popular car colour world wide?
8. What was the first hybrid car to be mass-produced?
9. In which decade did Britain introduce a compulsory driving test?
10. The Ford Anglia 105E gained popular culture status by appearing in which famous book and film?
11. What is Lotus's new electric hyper car called?
12. Which classic Ford model was controversially revived for a new electric crossover in 2024?
13. Which company built its last diesel car on March 26th 2024?
14. Why are London taxis required to have a turning circle of no more than 25 feet?
15. Which British sports car maker also made military vehicles, some of which are still used by the British Army?

- Answers:
1. Goldfinger
  2. Crewe
  3. The ultimate driving machine
  4. Maranello
  5. 2005
  6. In the middle
  7. White
  8. Toyota Prius
  9. 1930s
  10. Harry Potter
  11. Evija
  12. Capri
  13. Volvo
  14. So they can get round the Savoy Hotel approach road
  15. Alvis

## MY NIECE'S 2024 GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

- JANUARY: Who's company *Neurolink* announced they had implanted a 'brain-reading' device into a person for the first time?
- FEBRUARY: Police were called to a 'family experience' in Glasgow which left guests disappointed - on which book was the event based?
- MARCH: Which film won 'Best Film' at the 96th Oscars?
- APRIL: Scottie Scheffler won what this month?
- MAY: Who was sworn in as Scotland's seventh First Minister?
- JUNE: A woman was arrested for throwing what at Nigel Farage?
- JULY: Which team beat England to win the 2024 Euros?
- AUGUST: Which country topped the medal table at the Paris Olympics?
- SEPTEMBER: Which brand, a household staple since 1948, announced bankruptcy?
- OCTOBER: the discovery of what on Mount Everest was thought to belong to Andrew 'Sandy' Irvine?
- NOVEMBER: What word was named as Collins Dictionary's word of the year?
- DECEMBER: Which landmark reopened five years after a major fire?

- Answers:
- Jan: Elon Musk  
Feb: Willie Wonka & Chocolate Factory  
March: Oppenheimer  
April: US Masters  
May: John Swinney  
June: Milk Shake  
July: Spain  
August: USA  
Sept: Tupperware  
Oct: Shoe, sock and a foot  
Nov: BRAT  
Dec: Notre Dame Cathedral

## CRAIG'S 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

1. What was the name of the ship in the film 'Whisky Galore' film?
2. Ford Kiernan and Greg Hempill are better known as which two Glaswegian OAPs?
3. Name the three co-hosts of Mike Brewer's 'Wheeler Dealers'
4. Name the four films in which Pierce Brosnan played James Bond.
5. What are the five basic tastes?
6. In Doctor Who, what does the acronym T.A.R.D.I.S stand for?
7. Name the seven Noble Gases.
8. Name the firing order of an MGB GT V8.
9. Name the nine vital systems/organs in the Human body.
10. Name the ten longest motorways in the UK.
11. There have been 15 popular tokens used in Monopoly - can you name eleven of them?
12. Name the twelve countries of South America.

**Answers:**  
1. SS Politician renamed SS Cabinet Minister. 2 Jack Jarvis and Victor McDade. 3. Ed China, Ant Anstead, Marc 'Elvis' Presley. 4. Goldeneye, Tomorrow Never Dies, The World Is Not Enough, Die Another Day. 5. Sweet, Sour, Bitter, Salt, Umami. 6 Time And Relative Dimensions In Space. 7. Argon, Neon, Xenon, Helium, Radon, Krypton, Oganesson. 8. 1, 8, 4, 3, 6, 5, 7, 2. 9. Heart, Brain, Lungs, Kidneys, Liver, Skin, Bones, Blood, Adrenal Glands. 10. M1, M3, M4, M5, M6, M8, M11, M25, M40, M62. 11. Dog, Cat, Battleship, Penguin, Rubber Ducky, Top Hat, Race Car, Thimble, Boot, Cannon, Iron, Purse, Lantern, Rocking Horse, Sack of Money. 12. Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela

## CAPTION/SPEECH BUBBLE COMP

“So, who nicked all the Princesses?”  
“Why doesn't someone move that noisy car?”

