



# Edinburgh, Lothians and Borders MG CLUB

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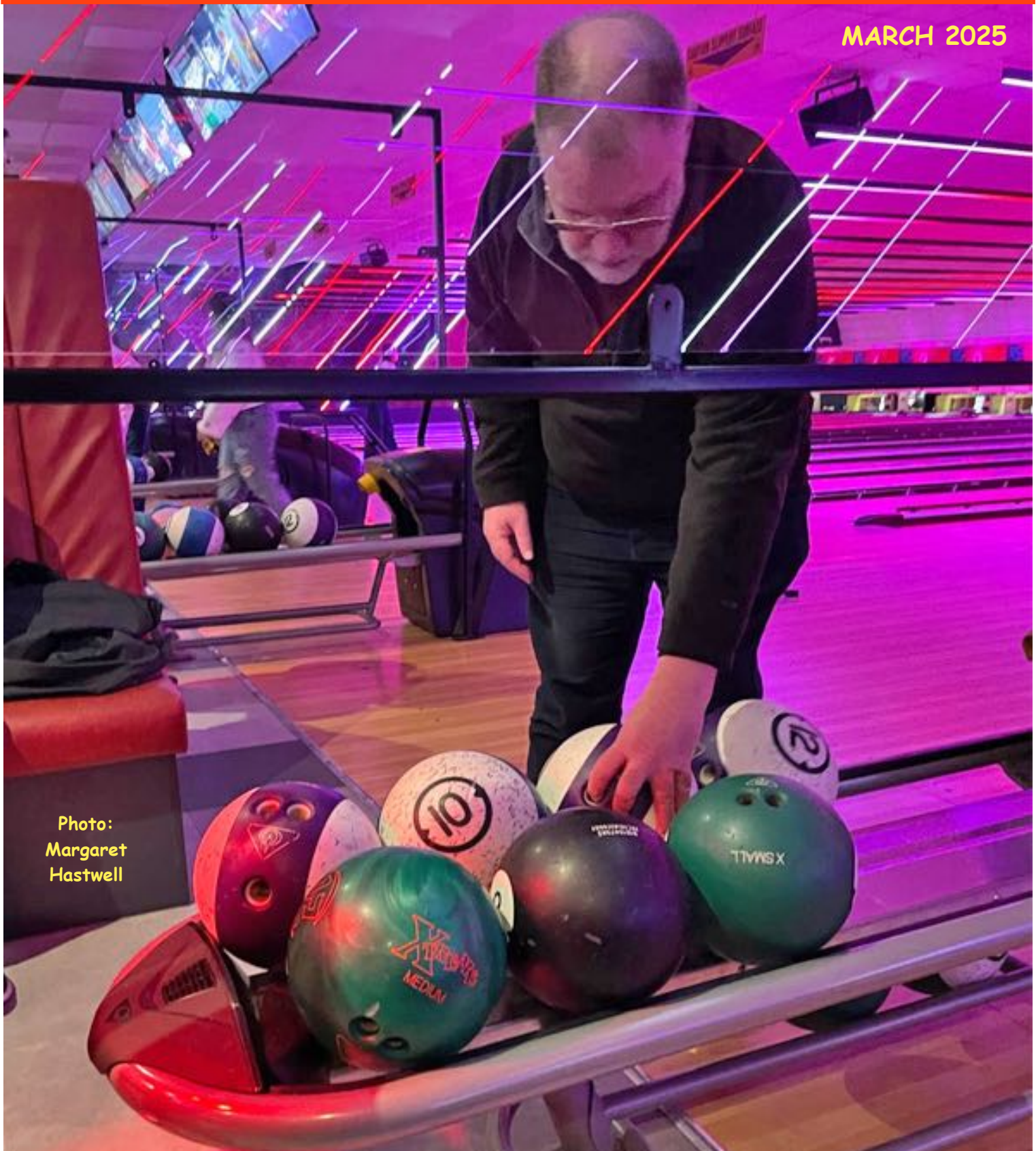


Photo:  
Margaret  
Hastwell

Ten Pin Bowling

Credits: Helen, Chris, Steve, Fiona, Andy, Margaret, Emo



## MEMBERS' CARS

New member Chris Wheel's smart looking MGB GT V8.



## INTERESTING CAR

Spotted by Fiona in St Andrews and guess its power source



2024 Lotus Eletre

# AGM REPORT

## 1. Introduction & Review of 2024 (Steve Hastwell, Area Secretary)

Note: Slides were projected to display background information to each agenda item.

In attendance: 18 members with apologies from 4 members

### Introduction:

Steve Hastwell welcomed the attendees to the Edinburgh, Lothian & Borders MG Club (ELBMGC) 2025 AGM, and ran through the AGM agenda.

### Review of 2024:

Looking back at the Club's 2024 activities, 19 events (in addition to regular 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of month evening meetings) were shown .

## 2. Treasurers Report for 2024 - (p.p. Steve H for Allan Digance)

A summary of club income & expenditure for 2024 was displayed.

More detailed tables of 2024 accounts prepared by our Treasurer are available on request.

(Note: Club financial year runs 01 Jan to 31 Dec).

Overall club accounts had a small surplus of £619 for the year. Cash in club bank accounts at 31 Dec 2024 is £6,200 (Current Account Balance = £2,639, Deposit Account Balance = £3,561).

There had been no major expenditures on new equipment or services during 2024.

The Club 2024 accounts were independently checked/audited by both Steve Hastwell and Craig Fotheringham and in their opinion were found to correctly represent the clubs incomes/expenditures and end of year bank balances for financial year 2024.

Members present were asked to vote to approve the accounts.

### Members vote result for ELBMGC 2024 accounts approval -

For 18

Against 0

Abstained 0

Total Votes 18

## 3. 2025 Subscriptions - (p.p. Steve H for Allan Digance)

Club annual subscription for 2025 was discussed.

The ELBMGC Committee have reviewed expected income and expenditures for 2025 and anticipate little change from 2024. It's planned to re-new/update flags, banners & bunting for use at shows, other than that no major expenses for equipment or services are foreseen during 2025.

Free banking is no longer available to the club so expect that there will be additional cost in terms of bank charges during 2025.

The committee however recommended that club 2025 annual subscription remains at the same level as 2024 at £15.

Members present were asked to vote to approve a 2025 subscription of £15.

**Members vote result for ELBMGC 2025 £15 annual subscription approval -**

For	18
Against	0
Abstained	0
Total Votes	18

Members were reminded that 2025 subscriptions are due to be paid by end of February 2025.

**4. Membership Update - Andrew McGill, Membership Secretary**

Andrew McGill briefly discussed club membership numbers (See slide 7).

Membership numbers were stable through 2024, new members joining approximately balanced some members deciding not to renew their membership.

At end 2024 the club had 71 members (including 2 honorary members)

At the date of this AGM, 39 members have paid a subscription to continue their membership for 2025.

**5. Committee Elections - Steve Hastwell**

The club constitution (issued during 2024) requires 1/3 of the committee to be elected or re-elected by the membership each year.

Nobody from the membership had volunteered to join the club committee before this AGM.

Neither did a request for volunteer(s) to join the committee at the AGM find any willing candidates.

The three longest serving committee members have agreed to stand for re-election. (Allan Digance, Martin Fraser and Helen Kirkness). If elected they will remain on the committee for the shorter of either; for 3 years (when they would need to decide if they wish to be re-elected again), or choose to stand-down within 3 years.

**Members vote result for elections or re-election of ELBMGC committee members -**

	Allan Digance	Martin Fraser	Helen Kirkness
For	18	18	18
Against	0	0	0
Abstained	0	0	0
Total Votes	18	18	18

Help for organising events and running events was requested from members. It was emphasised that it is not necessary to be part of the club committee to suggest new events, or help organise or run events. Any contributions would be appreciated.

Similarly, being part of the club committee is not an obligation to organise or run events.



## 6. Plans & Events for 2025 - Steve Hastwell

A club events & activities programme for 2025 has been drafted . It includes some of the old favourites (e.g. Sunday Runs, Dunbar RNLI Gala Day, GOTC, Thirlestane Show etc) and some new events (e.g. a bowling evening, joint run with Glasgow MGOC)

This programme is not fixed. Additional events are likely to be added, some may change or not take place.

Look out for event details in the Club Newsletter and during announcements at Boroughmuir Thursday monthly meetings.

## 7. AoB + Comments & Questions - All

a) Q - Is there going to be a 'Tech Day' for 2025

A - Nothing fixed yet, but good to hear previous Tech Days have been enjoyed. Will look to try and organise a Tech Day for 2025.

b) Q - Comment re Thurs evening meeting talks (e.g. Andy B's talk about his car ownership history, the talk about Alexander buses CKD kit assembly in Indonesia & Craig F's talk about his trip to the IoM classic car weekend)

A - Any member who has a topic they think would be of interest for a Thurs evening talk are invited to let the committee know. It does not have to be long (anything between 10 mins and 60 min is OK).

c) Q - Will there be another film & curry evening?

A - Yes, most likely. Information will be provided later in year

d) A member commented he was a member of a local Norton motorbike club. He observed that (compared with the motorbike club) he appreciated how well ELBMGC operated, and was organised & run.

(Note - Seems ELBMGC has been well run for many years, and is still striving for continuous improvement & evolution)

The committee wish to thank all of those attending the 2025 AGM and for the positive comments and suggestions made.

Please note that copies of the full minutes of the AGM together with copies of the accounts summary are available on request. The presentation document is included with this newsletter.

**Steve Hastwell**

## TEN PIN BOWLING

Having not been to Fountainpark for 15 years, I was amazed at the size and development of the area. However, we found a parking spot (I was giving Dave Mac a lift) and met Jim and Marjorie as we left the car park. I'd spotted the sign for "Ten Pin" as we headed for the underground car park, so we knew where we were going. Duly met up with Steve & Margaret, Emo and Guy - Guy helpfully showed me where to enter my car reg. so I didn't have to pay for parking.

Steve had booked four lanes of four as we had 16 signed up, but a couple couldn't make it and I opted out of throwing heavy balls as my pelvis was in grumble mode and didn't want to risk tweaking it out of alignment. The injury medal went to Dave Mac who pulled a muscle half way through and had to retire and search for Paracetamol.



Members sorted themselves into the lanes - Emo and David T having a needle match in the first lane, with David initially winning well, but Emo managed to pull back in the second round.

Next were Jim & Marjories and Dave Mac, then Steve, Margaret, Stuart & Anna, with Andrew, Tim, Guy and Fraser in the last lane. I was dotting about getting photos and thanks to Emo and Margaret for their photos - some of which are on the FB page.

After round one, our burger & chips arrived - you had the choice of plain or cheeseburger and although small, were quite edible!







There was obviously hidden talent among the members as some of the scores were high and strikes frequent - although nobody got a seriously bad score. The Top six scores were sent in by Steve - hopefully correct but open to steward's enquiry!

Emo 117, David Turner 112, Tim Prime 110, Guy Booth 99, Steve Hastwell 96, Andrew McGill 86. Most importantly, everyone had a good evening and thanks to Steve for organising it. And of course I finish with pics of members enjoying them selves.

Mrs Grumpy







## FISHERROW HARBOUR FESTIVAL

We have been asked by the organisers of the Musselburgh Fisherrow Harbour Festival if we'd like to have some of our MGs on display - they'd seen our cars at Dunbar. This is a not-for-profit community event on may 10th, 11:00 to 17:00 - and we'd have to stay until 15:00. It sounds like it might be a fun day out and if you fancy taking your car, please let Martin know at 07774 857058. We are meeting up at Fort Kinnaird car park at 08.30 for 08.45 departure - we want to be early to get the cars parked up before punters start arriving.



## MORE ON THE WEE BESOM

AKA a 1954 TF1500 Bitzer

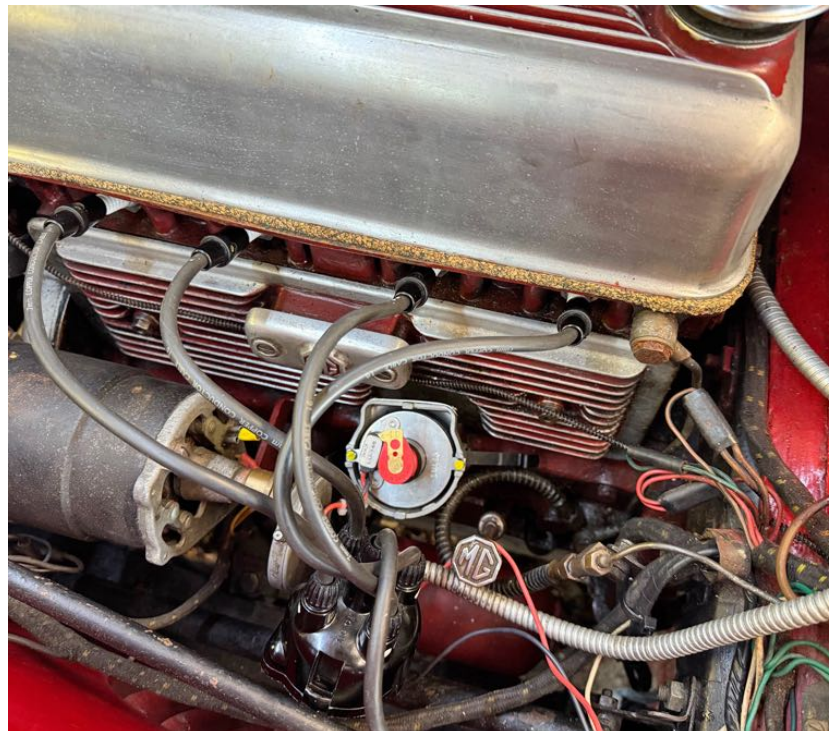
I finally bit the bullet and sent the knackered dizzy off to Distributor Doctor for a complete rebuild and electronic ignition. The distributor in the car is apparently one of the ones that is pinned together and ends up loosening and wobbling all over the place - which caused starting and timing problems and a tendency to cook anything nearby like the points and the coil. Allan Whittle's suggestion of an Earth lead from the dizzy to the car body stopped the overheating, but of course didn't stop the frequent tendency to spit and pop.

As expected, the dizzy was well knackered and got a new body and shaft, plus the Pertronix ignitor. Dave Mac had taken the old dizzy out, so he got charged with fitting the rebuilt one. He had to fettle the clamp - which appeared to be a home made effort. Also the bolt holding it in place was well stripped, so a search of the garage ensued for one of the right diameter and thread. I found one in a spare battery clamp that did the job once it was shortened. There was also a cotter pin, but jammed in - perhaps to stop any oil leaking out. So it looks like the Wee Madam is even more of a Frankenstein than I thought!

I had attached the leads to the cap that was on the car (it was brand new) and stored the replacement cap that came from Distributor Doctor as a spare. Dave then got everything fitted and had taken great pains to make sure the timing was right - so I went to start her. Turning over great but absolutely no attempt to fire up. Talk about hearts sinking into boots - then Dave laughed and said "It'll help if the coil lead is attached!" He'd taken the HT lead off the coil to give room to fit the LT wires from the dizzy. Now she fires up first go, runs as sweet as a nut and there's absolutely no spitting or popping!!

However, the distributor cap was pressing against the rotor arm as the electronic gubbins sits a bit higher than the points system. Dave was racking his brains to think what he could do to stop this when I dug out the cap that had been supplied - it was different where the carbon bush was, which was where it was rubbing.

I persuaded Dave to fit the supplied cap, which I belatedly noticed was stamped DD, like the rotor arm (presumably for Distributor Doctor) so perhaps they were meant to go together or perhaps not. Whatever, the problem was solved - the DD cap was close but not rubbing



Anyway, the Wee Madam now seems to go really quite nicely, so I'll have to put on my Big Girl's Blouse and take her out for a few runs. Hopefully all the problems are behind her - but she is still well out of my comfort zone, having no roof, no heater, only lap belts (illegal in Europe apparently, but OK in the USA where she came from) and fairly c\*\*\* brakes!

**Mrs Grumpy**

**FOR SALE**

## **1980 MGB Roadster – HAN 922W**



### **Brief History/Supporting Information:**

- First registered on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 1980
- End of production range example purchased from Whites Bracknell Motors Ltd, Bracknell, Berkshire on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 1980
- Purchased by the present owner on the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2014
- British Motor Industry Heritage Trust Registered – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018
- Historic Vehicle Registered with DVLA – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021
- Comprehensive provenance file includes original purchase documentation
- Mileage at January 2025: Genuine 32390 miles

### **Brief Specification:**

- Engine: 4 Cylinder – 1798 cc B Series Petrol with Twin SU Carburetors and Powerspark Electronic Ignition
- Gearbox: 4 Speed including Factory Fitted Gearbox Output Shaft Mounted Overdrive. Overdrive engagement/disengagement switch is on the top of gear lever knob
- Brakes: Dual line hydraulic footbrakes with servo assist. Front wheel disc and Rear wheel drum brakes. Manual handbrake to rear brakes
- Rostyle wheels fitted with Falken ECORUN - 165/80 R14 85T Tyres
- Electrical System: 12-volt negative earth incorporating battery isolation switch and CTEK battery condition check/charging connector
- Body colour Carmine Red
- Black vinyl hood with hood storage and full body tub tonneau covers options

Offers over £8000. Contact Graham Russell at [grahamrussell49@hotmail.com](mailto:grahamrussell49@hotmail.com)



## FOR SALE

1974 MGB GT, has a folder full receipts and old MOTs etc. Just had electronic ignition fitted and a new starter motor she also has a new MGOC cover. The car is parked in Greenlaw TD10 6XJ . £6,000 ono. Contact: Hamish Trotter at 07802438686.







## CAPTION COMPETITION

A couple from Andy Baillie:

“Come on Tony, there’s only 15 minutes until the Buy One Get One Free offer ends!”

“I was just looking across the road, I didn’t actually want to cross!”

## MANY MOONS AGO

Harrogate Show BBQ - 2019





## FORTHCOMING SHOWS

SDCCC Annual classic vehicle show, Strathallan Games Park, Bridge of Allan. FK9 4QY  
Sunday 11th May

Those wishing to enter should provide name and car details, ( model, year, reg no.) to Steve and entrance fee £5/car (including driver and one passenger) to be paid into ELBMG bank account by **17th March**.

Entrance passes will be distributed before the event and must be displayed to gain entry

Will meet up at 8am at Dobbies Stirling ahead of the event.

Entrants must remain on site until 4pm, **no early exit allowed**. Dogs are welcome but must be kept on lead at all times. Cars must have current MOT, road tax and insurance.



### BVAC Classic Thirlestane Castle, Sunday 8th June

Optional, Saturday 7th June run through the borders- please let Steve know if you wish to enter the run also.

Those wishing to enter on the Sunday should provide name and car details, ( model, year, reg no.) to Steve and entrance fee £12/car (including driver and all passengers) to be paid into ELBMG bank account by **14th April**. (BVAC members are exempt for entry fee)

Entrance passes will be distributed before the event and must be displayed to gain entry

Aim to be on stand by 10am and entrants must remain on site until 5pm, **no early exit allowed**. Dogs are welcome but must be kept on lead at all times.

