

Shropshire MGs

Minutes of the General Meeting

Held at 8:00pm on 12th November 2024

Welcome

The secretary, DS (David Sear) welcomed all present. DS noted that the club had had a good year with overseas visits, UK runs and events with many members (couples) contributing to the Club by organising events, etc. DS also noted that volunteers for activities in 2025 would be asked to come forward at the end of the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies had been received from:

Roger and Barbara Pearce
Sid and Anne Cooke
Janet Evans
Roger and Sarah Fildes

Election of Committee Members

There were no volunteers for committee posts and DS confirmed that current members would be willing to continue, at least for the next year.

The following committee members were therefore confirmed:

Secretary:	David Sear
Events coordinator:	Roger Fildes
Treasurer:	Jane Taylor
Membership secretary:	Christine Harrison
Web/media coordinator:	Paul Harrison

Accounts and Financial Report

The treasurer presented a statement and report (Attachment 1). The statement had also been circulated ahead of the meeting. Although the Club had shown a small surplus of £39.56 for the year to end September 24, receipts include £120.00 of deposits for the Christmas lunch which are yet to be debited giving an overall loss of £80.44 by the end of the calendar which will reduce the Club balance to £426.96. It was noted that the proceeds from the Christmas raffle had not met the increased insurance premium.

The treasurer advised that, following continuing problems with Barclays, it had been decided to move the club bank account to Virgin Money which offers a clubs and societies account better suited to the needs of the Club.

It was agreed to maintain the membership fee at zero for 2025.

Club Constitution

DS asked members if they had any comments or proposals for amending the constitution or general procedures. No comments were made.

A number of members suggested that a nominal membership fee should be introduced, possibly £5 per member. This is permitted by the constitution and would ensure that “fixed” expenses (insurance and website/email) were covered each year, spreading the costs across all members and avoiding reliance on raffles, donations, etc. during the year. It would also provide a surplus for possible charitable donations, club regalia, etc. It was agreed to include a proposal on the agenda for discussion at the 2025 AGM.

Member Proposals for 2025 Activities and Volunteers

The following proposals were made for possible trips in 2025. These will be followed up by the volunteers noted for discussion at the next regular meeting.

Continental trip - Spain and Portugal – Roy and Jen Crosier (no details yet!)

Dumfries trip – Jane and Jonathan Taylor (already organised)

Ponderosa Run - start of the “season” – Roger and Sarah Fildes

Oxford weekend – Jill and Peter Allman

Oulton Park Gold Cup 27th July – Chris and Paul Harrison

Shawbury Family Day – Chris and Paul Harrison

Visit to Pete Waterman’s Railway layout – Terry and Carole Wilson

Visit to JCB - Terry and Carole Wilson

Visit to Jaguar Heritage Centre – Alan and Wendy Jarrett

Porridge Breakfast, Bicton Thursday 9th October – Helen and John Gallagher

- In aid of “Mary’s Meals” charity. This would be a breakfast stop before a run to lunch. P Harrison to assist.

Evening run - Jan Blaxland and John

Evening run – Alan and Gillian Jones

Evening run – Ivan and Rose Overton

Social lunch sometime in February – Linda and David Sear

Remaining 2024 events

Christmas Lunch – December 7th organised by Jan Blaxland

- Gill Allman volunteered to organise the raffle.

Christmas Barbeque – John and Gloria Bungay

- Although John did not initially propose this, there was support at the meeting so he agreed to consider a repeat.

More volunteers will be needed for day trips through the year.

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Charitable activities – it was agreed that Club should continue to support charities via charity breakfast/lunch stops, specific raffles, etc. or through direct donations. Members were asked to investigate and propose possible opportunities.

Next Meeting

The next regular Club meeting will be on Tuesday January 15th 2025 with the next Annual General Meeting set for Tuesday November 11th 2025.

Signed

Date 8/12/2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D Sear', written over a horizontal line. The signature is somewhat stylized and loops back.

D Sear – Secretary

APPENDIX 1**SHROPSHIRE MG'S**Financial Statement Year Ending 30th September 2024

Receipts		Payments	
Christmas Meal	£1187.00	Wroxeter Hotel	£1062.00
		Web site & Hosting	£50.00
Shelsey Walsh	£30.00	Shelsey Walsh	£30.00
Donation	£15.00	Insurance	£170.44
Oxford Weekend	£700.00	White Heart	£700.00
Christmas Meal 2024	£120.00		
Total Receipts	£2052.00	Total Payments	£2012.44

SURPLUS ON THE YEAR **£39.56**

Balance brought forward as at 30th September 2023 £507.40

Balance carried forward as at 30th September 2024 £546.96

Jane Taylor
Hon Treasurer
30.09.2024

SHROPSHIRE MGs Financial Report for year ending 30th September 2024

Good Evening fellow members

From me as your treasurer, a copy of the financial statement was sent out by email with the agenda to all members if you have not seen it I have a few spare copies for you to view.

The financial statement states that we have made a surplus on the year of £39.56 but within this there is receipts of £120 from some deposits for our Christmas meal this year so infact we made a loss on the year of £80.44. The insurance bill that was paid this year was £170.44 while in 2023 it was £129.50 which is a 32% increase. In previous years the raffle profit held at the Christmas Meal has paid for our insurance bill but unfortunately last year it was only £125.

A payment was made for setting up the web site and the cost of hosting and support. I am sure like me you found it a worthwhile expense as it is such a good way to interact with members.

Members had made deposit payments for the Shelsey Walsh day, which unfortunately had to be cancelled so I issued refunds and a member kindly asked for it to say as a donation, thank you.

I am still having issues communicating with our bank Barclays and long periods of time spent on the telephone without a satisfactory outcome. So I would like to recommend that we move banks.

Thank you to my fellow committee members David Linda Paul Chris and Roger for listening to me moaning about banking issues but a big thank you the members for your continued support.

I wish to Propose the adoption of the Financial Statement for the year ending 30th September 2024.