

## **SHROPSHIRE MGS MEMBERS NEWSLETTER, JANUARY 2026**

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### **A WINTER'S TALE?**

**Happy New Year everyone and welcome to our first newsletter of the year. We may not have had a White Christmas but it came pretty close and many of us may have spent some time anxiously or excitedly scanning the sky and the view outside the window for a while!**

**Although barely out of its wrapper, this year is already promising to be a very active one. Our first club night was well attended and enjoyable with the chance to welcome some new faces as well. We have a number of events in planning and some invites to join with other groups. We hope you enjoy!**

Roger has finalised the Full events diary for 2026 & it is now on the website.

### **The first 2 runs will be:**

**Not the Ponderosa Run – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April** - the first run of the season, details to follow

**Drive it day – Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>** day run to be organised by Kevin & Janet. Drive It Day plates are already available at <https://www.driveitday.co.uk/shop>. The origins of Drive It Day are as a fundraiser for Childline and that is how we are approaching it this year, however displaying a plate is not a condition of taking part in the run.

### **Overnight trips planned:**

#### **Update on Isle of Man Classic & Sports Car Weekend 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> May.**

The four rooms at the Best Western in Douglas have now been booked by Shropshire MG members but Roger has been able to find rooms at 2 other hotels in Douglas which may be more convenient for others to stay in rather than being further down the coast in Castletown. The Best Western restaurant is open to non-residents and so the whole party could eat together in the evening before departing to separate hotels. If you are interested you can book the rest of the trip directly with Classic Car Tours (per the information already distributed) and Roger has the information on the hotels to book so contact him by email on [roger.fildes1@gmail.com](mailto:roger.fildes1@gmail.com).

Please be aware that the other hotels do not offer parking so it will be on street parking.

### **Derbyshire Dales Trip.**

Sid and Ann are looking to rerun the trip they did last year as several people have shown interest. Sid had suggested July but, as that month was already getting a little busy, he is looking into other dates possibly June or August. We will send details as soon as we have something confirmed.

### **Wild Welsh hills and Valleys Tour -Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

Starting at Ludlow Food Centre on Wednesday 9th September, via Hay on Wye, running up and over Hay Bluff, then down The Vale of Ewyas, Llanthony Priory through Abergavenny, finally a night at Pontypool Premier Inn.

Thursday 10th leaving via Blaenavon, over Llangatwg mountain, along the Usk valley, Tallybont-on-Usk, via Brecon to, Llandovery to Lampeter, and arriving in Aberystwyth Premier Inn. Friday 11th leaving to Devils Bridge and travelling through Elan valley, passing the Dams. Finally, Rhayader, Cross Gates, Knighton and home.

### **The other event which needs advance booking is:**

#### **Shelsey Walsh Classic Nostalgia – 19<sup>th</sup> July.**

Paul Harrison has booked a club entry for Shropshire MGs at the event which provides us with a club area for parking and discounted entry tickets and full details are on our Facebook page.

For those who don't access Facebook, please see the last page of this newsletter which has all of the information as it appears on Facebook.

And alongside our own events we have just been invited by Oxfordshire MGOc to join them at their 'MGs in the Park' event on June 7 at the Cotswold Wildlife Park. This is in addition to the invitation from Bromsgrove and District MGOc for the meet at Hanbury Hall on July 12 which is already in our events list. So many choices and decisions already! It looks like there is much to discuss and share at our next meeting.

We have had a suggestion that an online events calendar would be useful in addition to the published Events Calendar on the website. It would be good to hear your comments on this possibility meanwhile we will look in to the feasibility.

We continue to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Fox & Hounds Shawbury and look forward to seeing you there. Don't forget to let the pub know if you wish to eat before the meeting.

Best wishes.

*Kevin & Janet*

## Shelsley Walsh Classic Nostalgia – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2026: Information



### **Get Closer to the Cars. The Drivers. The Action.**

As Classic Nostalgia returns to one of the world's oldest motorsport venues. Enjoy competitive hill climb action, thrilling demonstrations and non-stop entertainment on and off the hill, including star drivers, live interviews and bands, open access paddocks, car club displays, quality trade stands and the ever popular Classic and Sports Car Concours.

See Iconic Formula 1 and Formula 5000 cars, thunderous NASCAR and Can-Am demonstrations, legendary Group A, Group B and WRC rally machines, and spectacular competition cars from every era.

The event welcomes the return of the Prodrive, marking the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Richard Burn's 2001 World Rally Championship, with special reunion featuring key members of his title-winning team.

New for 2026, the Historic Racing News Live interview stage brings fans ever closer to the action with live insights, powered by Historic Racing News.

Further event news at [www.classicnostalgia.co.uk](http://www.classicnostalgia.co.uk)

**For Tickets:** Early Bird tickets are £17 per person up to April 30<sup>th</sup>, use this link:

<https://www.shelsleywalsh.com/events-1/classic-nostalgia-2026-car-clubs>

Select the 'Car Club' ticket option and choose your ticket number. On the checkout page, there is a dropdown menu where you need to select your car club's name. This will provide you with the discounted ticket price.

**If you book or if you are interested in booking please let Paul know on [media@shropshiremgs.co.uk](mailto:media@shropshiremgs.co.uk).**

**Event Timings for Car Clubs** - 08.00am - Gates open for general admission.

Hill action starts at 09.00am and finishes at approx. 5.00pm each day. It is suggested that you arrive between 8.00am – 10.00am to be in position on your car club stand.