Minutes of the Cambridge & District MGOC AGM 2025

Date: Tuesday 4th November 2025

Time: 8.30-9.15 pm – Venue: The George & Dragon Pub, Elsworth

Present:

Peter	Alder	Peter	Ganczakowski	Theresa	Ouzman
Emma	Allen	Miriam	Ganczakowski	David	Ouzman
Stephen	Blunt	Janet	Humphreys	David	Parker
Ray	Brand	Gav	Hunkin	Glenn	Pascoe
Muriel	Brand	Richard	Lane	Roger	Plummer
Tim	Cant	Julia	Lindley	Chris	Shurlock
Des	Chalk	Tom	Lindley	Pat	Shurlock
Tim	Clark	Dick	Martin	David	Welsh
Barrie	Clark	Jen	Myring	Christina	Welsh
David	Coventry	Ray	Myring	Cecil	Willcocks
Lesley	Dyke	Tony	Osborne		

1. **Apologies**

   Apologies were received from:

John	Boothroyd	Peter	Dorkings	Nigel	McCreith
Robin	Carter	David	Gaillard	Alison	Meek
Peter	Cowper	Susan	Gaillard	Ann	Riley
Mike	Dawes	Guy	Kiddy	John	Riley
Sue	Dawes	Melanie	Kiddy	Colin	Vincett
Marion	Dorkings	Lin	McCreith		

2. **Acceptance/Matters Arising from 2024 AGM Minutes**

   The minutes were accepted and there were no matters arising.

3. **Chairman's Report**

   Peter highlighted the key points of his report, a copy of which is attached

4. **Secretary's Report**

Chris said this was a sad evening for him, a copy of his report is attached. David Parker then said a few words highlighting Chris's sterling service as club secretary for the past 11 years.

Pat and Chris were then presented with an "MG" gift hamper and received a standing ovation from members.

5. **Membership Secretary's Report**

Alison Meek was unable to be present, so Peter highlighted the key points of Alison's report, a copy of which is attached.

6. **Web Master's Report – see attached.**

Glenn highlighted the key points of his report, a copy of which is attached.

7. **Treasurer's Report – see attached.**

David highlighted the key points of his report, a copy of which is attached

8. **Approval of the Statement of Club Accounts**

David reported that Lin McCreith has audited the accounts and that she has signed them off.

9. **Subscription rate for members for 2026 season**

Peter reported that there would be no increase, and that the rate remains at £20.

10. **Election of the Committee and auditor for season 2025/2026**

With Chris standing down after 11 years, there was a need to elect a new secretary. Peter Alder had put his name forward and gave a short speech regarding his intentions regarding the role.

Peter Ganczakowski then asked for a proposer and seconder, Tony Osborne and Roger Plummer did so. The membership the voted and Peter Alder was unanimously elected.

The remainder of the committee had indicated their willingness to serve for another year and were unanimously elected as follows:

Chairman	Peter Ganczakowski
Treasurer	David Parker
Web Master	Glenn Pascoe
Membership Secretary	Alison Meek
Auditor	Lin McCreith

11. Proposed Charity for 2026

Peter Ganczakowski reported that there had only been one charity proposal for 2026, that being East Anglian Air Ambulance, proposed by him. He gave a short outline of what the charity did and following a vote, the proposal was unanimously supported by members.

12. Snowdrop Run 2026

Peter Alder had agreed to act as the 2026 Snowdrop Run coordinator. He briefly outlined that the run would start, as last year from Anglesey Abbey and finish at Chippenham Park, near Newmarket, The run date would be Saturday 21st February 2026. Further details would follow.

13. Club Member of the Year

This year the award went to David Coventry in recognition of his work as the 2025 Snowdrop Run coordinator.

14. Members Day 2026

This would return for 2026 in the hope that the weather, which had led to the cancellation of the 2025 event, would be kinder. Further details would follow.

15. Any other business

A question was asked as to whether there would be a December Natter Night, Peter advised that one was not planned in view of the close proximity to the Christmas meal.

As Chris was stepping down as club secretary he felt a signing off speech was in order, reflecting on his time in the role. He asked Pat to read it. It was well received by club members and a full copy is attached.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Chairman's Report 2025

Reflecting on the past year, it's been another successful one for our Club, blessed by fine weather and good attendances, (with the notable exception of the scheduled member's concours day which, due to severe weather, had to be cancelled unfortunately!)

Notable also this year has been Chris's decision to stand back a little from his Club Secretary role in this, his final year on the Committee following 11 years commendable service. No one else does it quite like Chris and he will undoubtedly be a hard act to follow. However, it's pleasing to know that Chris will continue on as Regional Secretary and as a backbencher in our Club, so happily we'll be enjoying Chris & Pat's company for a good while yet.

This year we were pleased to welcome Alison Meek to the Committee as Membership Secretary. Alison has taken up the baton with characteristic enthusiasm and has helped out with organising events throughout the year as well, which has been a great help.

Others have been willing helpers too. Notably, David Coventry in taking on the lead coordinator role for this year's successful Snowdrop Run. Robin Carter & John Boothroyd in planning the well-attended De Havilland "Drive It" Day run. Peter Alder in organising the Club's stand at the Sandringham Pageant of Motoring. Tony Osbourne for organising the Lt. Gransden Show Club stand, etc. So our thanks go to all those individuals and the many others who have willingly contributed. Volunteering is what makes the Club tick and needless to say, without that enthusiasm and commitment we wouldn't be the successful club that we're all proud to be members of.

Looking back over the past year there have been notable highlights which will of course be covered in other's reports. From my standpoint I'm pleased to note that our membership has stayed the same as at the outset of the year even though we've experienced some turnover. In particular a couple of sad passings, Alan Humphreys and Gill Carter. Both will be remembered with much fondness. Our sincere condolences to family and friends for those losses.

This year's Snowdrop Run was a great success starting at our traditional home of snowdrops, Anglesey Abbey and finishing at Jordan's Mill. A run of circa 50 miles enjoyed by over 150 participants in reasonable weather for the time of year. I'm pleased to report that we were again successful in raising £2,000 for our designated charity this year, Huntingdonshire Volunteer Centre. Our thanks to all who participated and contributed to this enjoyable and worthwhile event.

We visited Anglesey Abbey again for the August Bank holiday in a very successful regional gathering organised by Chris. Having pride of place on the lawn in front of the Abbey, we were joined by MG's from Clubs throughout the Eastern Region, neatly arranged by marque. A great day out in the sunshine enjoyed by all, including a large number of the public visitors to the Abbey.

Other highlights worthy of mention include our attendance at the Kimbolton Show in July, always a Club favourite. Also the Chatham Royal Dockyard visit at the end of July, which proved a great success. Thanks to Chris for organising both events.

We now look forward to our forthcoming AGM on 4th November and our Christmas event on 6th December, kindly organised again by Lin and Nigel McCreith.

Finally, my thanks go out to all our club members for their participation throughout the year both at club events and natter nights. Also to my fellow committee members for their dedication, time and commitment in contributing to yet another successful Club year.

My best wishes to you all,

Peter

Peter Ganczakowski
Club Chairman
C&DMGOC

Club Secretaries Report

For various reasons this has proved to be a very painful final year for me as your Club Secretary. As you will remember I said at last year's AGM that this would be my final year, at times I have regretted that decision, and still do, but the time has come for me to step aside after eleven years. I have enjoyed my time as the Club Secretary and formed many friendships over the years, sadly some no longer with us, but I do remember them all. I wish my successor well.

That aside, this has been yet another successful year for the club in both activities, and membership strength. We started the year with the Chairmans New Years Day Run, and finished the year with "Chris's and Pat's Last Ever Autumn Leaves Run" in October. As well as day to day events our week away in May this year was to The New Forest, including a day trip to the Isle of Wight. Sadly, only three cars attended this year, but still very enjoyable, such a nice part of the country to drive our MG's in. There was also a week's trip to Jersey, once again a nice place to drive our MG's. Shows of note were, Sandringham Pageant of Motoring, Kimbolton Country Fare and Classic Car Show, and Little Gransden Air Show, all well attended events. Sadly, no Sywell Pistons and Props show this year due to clashes of dates. There were also smaller shows such as Colmworth Village Hall Car meetings, and Bottisham Air Museum meeting etc. The visit to Chatham Dockyard was new and a great success with around twenty cars attending, and getting pride of parking inside the Dockyard. A most enjoyable day. I mention my Warners MG Gathering Regional event here as it is always so well supported by our club members, certainly we were the biggest club there. Also, my Annual Regional Meeting, this year held at the National Trust property Angelsey Abbey was well supported by our club, and others, sixty MG's in all with about a third from our club. Such a success it will be difficult to better in 2026. Also, we had a very enjoyable Gliding Evening. My thanks go to the club members who helped on the day on both these events.

And, so to the future, I will now fade in to the club background, and consider my future in MG activities. I certainly will not be lost to the MG world as I think I still have something to offer in some form or another, albeit as an octogenarian. However, I will really miss my role as your Club Secretary, and the daily involvement I have enjoyed over the years, and of course the support you, the rank and file club members have given me. So, perhaps in the future when conditions are right……..

My best wishes to you all, and to the club, and I thank you all for your support, and all of the messages of thanks I have received over the last few weeks.

Chris Shurlock

Membership Secretary's Report

Club Membership Status

The current paid membership is 76, which is one more than at the end of 2024.

There were 15 members who did not renew for 2025, however we attracted 16 new members (3 of whom were returners), compared to 7 new members last year.

Overall, this is a stable and very healthy situation.

Alison Meek
Cambridge & District MGOC Membership Secretary
09/10/25

Cambridge and District MG Owners Club

2025 AGM Web co-ordinators report

This year's report is somewhat different to those I have previously submitted. The first part covers the website operation over the last 12 months, the second part looks at a planned introduction of the ability to sign up for events online.

Website operation

The website continues to do what it needs to, costs very little to operate in terms of real money and takes probably an average of ½ to 1 hour per week to maintain.

The annual domain registration fee is £19.20 and the associated WordPress (the web hosting company) fee is £36.00 per annum. Its largest external use is for Snowdrop Run entrant's to access information about the event and to download entry forms.

In the last 12 months (1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025) there were 2,276 (2,253) visitors to the website, viewing a total of 5,052 (4,909) pages, the chart below gives an overview of the annual flow of activity.

Website Visitors and Views – October 2024 to September 2025

The five most popular pages were:

Events	2,242 views	(2,102)
About Us	1,887 views	(1,936)
Snowdrop Run 2025	467 views	(369)
Contact Us	180 views	(177)
Other Info / Links	143 views	

Online event sign up

1. Background

1.1. Currently individuals wishing to attend an event advise the event organiser (usually Chris as Secretary) of their intention to do so. This has, and continues to work well, however it does involve considerable work for the organiser.

1.2. With a new Secretary coming into post, who will probably not devote the time Chris has done, it seemed the right time to see if technology could make life easier for whoever takes over, as well as offering an alternative way of booking events for members.

1.3. We live in an online world where booking via the internet is increasingly the way we do things.

2. Requirements

2.1. For Club members

- Ability to register for / book events online from the Club website
- Ideally be able to see who else is attending
- Confirmation of acceptance
- Ability to cancel booking on-line
- Ease of use without the need to have a log-in or password.

2.2. For the organiser

- Ease of event creation and management
- Automatic creation of a list of attendees
- Ability to limit numbers if required
- Ability to email only attendees registered for each event
- Integrated with the Clubs events list on the website

2.3. Before looking at what was commercially available, I asked via Enjoying MG, if any other local clubs had already implemented what we were looking for. A request for information appeared in the May 2025 issue and elicited two replies. Neither provided a solution.

3. Key points of the paper discussed by the committee in August

3.1. Following this I looked at what might be available via WordPress (our website host) and simple searching the internet. There are lots of offerings, at varying costs, however I came across TryBooking.

3.2. TryBooking is an online event booking system, free to use, providing the event in question is free. I set up a few events and tested it out on committee members, with positive feedback.

3.3. Clearly there is more work involved in actually setting up each event, I would estimate with experience this would be 5 or 10 minutes per event.

3.4. We should continue to offer members a choice of contacting the event organiser directly as now, or using the booking system.

3.5. The intention would be to set up some events and use 2026 as a testing and bedding-in year.

3.6. We should also take the opportunity to consider moving away from Yahoo for our e-mail and use the e-mail system offered as part of the website package, by WordPress and have an @cambsmgoc.com e-mail address.

3.7. WordPress offer a 3 month free trial which would allow us to test the system. Implementing TryBooking is not however dependent on changing e-mail system.

3.8. An outline implementation timetable would be as follows:

November 2025	Update members as to what is proposed
January 2026	Sign up for 3 month trial of WordPress e-mail and try the system out, albeit in parallel with Yahoo.
January 2026	Start the set up of TryBooking
March 2026	Decide whether to stay with Yahoo or switch to WordPress
April 2026	Change e-mail service if it is decided to.
May 2026	Put one or two events live on TryBooking so that members can try out the system
June 2026	Review how members have found TryBooking and make any necessary changes. Assuming a positive reaction, look to put relevant remaining events for 2026 onto TryBooking.

Glenn Pascoe

Web Co-ordinator

October 2025

Cambridge & District MGOC Treasurer's Report
AGM 4th November 2025

Note: the previous year's figures are shown in brackets.

1. Starting Balance:

We started the financial year on 27TH September 2024 with a balance of **£3,347.54** (£2,838.70).

2. Income:

- **£ 1,450.00 –** Club Subscriptions
- **£ 242.53 –** Snowdrop Run 2025 surplus
- **£ 61.77 –** Gliding event surplus.
- **£ 10.00 –** Club Rally plaque sales.
- **£ 623.00 –** Advance ticket sales for Christmas Meal 2025 *
- **£ 63.00 -** Payment received from unknown person (awaiting bank reply)

The Club Total income 2023/24 was **£2,450.30**

3. Expenditure:

- **£ 208.49 –** Subsidy of 2024 Christmas Meal
- **£ 59.28 –** Sundries (Engraving, quiz prizes, photocopying)
- **£ 79.19 –** Website & Flicker subscriptions.
- **£ 296.96 –** Club BBQ Day 2025 (Hog roast, prize bags & Rosettes)**

During the financial year Club expenditure totaled £ **643.92**

4. Current Balance:

Bringing the figures for Total income and expenditure together, the Club balance at audit on 30th September 2025 was **£5,153.92** (£3,936.54), however the following payments are still to come out of this years accounts - £623 for Christmas meal 2025, giving a true balance of :
£5,153.92 - £623.00 = **£4,530.92**

N.B.
* Advanced Christmas Meal 2025 ticket sales to be carried over to next year's accounts.
** The prize bags and Rosettes will carry over to 2026
Charity Donations made**:** **£ 2000.00** Huntingdon Volunteer Centre – Snowdrop Run

5. Financial Situation:

The Snowdrop Run 2025 was a great success financially giving us a surplus for next year.
The Club's expenditure this year has been much lower than in previous years due to a lower subsidy for the Christmas meal, Club concours/members day not going ahead, Zero expenditure on guest speakers.
When you consider our health income for the year against the low costs the club accounts are in a very strong position ready for when we need to replace ageing club equipment such as the gazebo, flags and banners.

Many thanks go to Lin McCreith for auditing the accounts once again.

David Parker - Cambridge & District MGOC Treasurer - 2nd October 2025

Chris Shurlock's sign off speech

It is with real sadness, and regret that I have resigned as your Club Secretary tonight, I hope I have not disappointed any of you, the members. I did make it quite clear at last year's AGM that this would be my last year after 11 years at the coal face. There was a point in the year when I almost changed my mind, however, not to be, and the big boss Pat said enough is enough, and it is time for me to go. So, like Boris Johnson I will now return to the back benches, and fade from the limelight, unlike Boris however I will not be having any more children. For various reasons at the 2014 club AGM the whole committee resigned and a new one had to be elected. Des Chalk came in as Chairman, Tim Clark as Treasurer & Membership Secretary, Glenn Pascoe as Web Master, and myself as Club Secretary. Pat and I were away in Devon at the time of election so I had asked John Riley to put my name forward at the 11th hour, I am not sure he waited that long though as I soon received a text message from John telling me that I was elected as Club Secretary. I had not told Pat of my intentions, so, I bought her another large glass of red wine and asked her what it felt like to be the wife of the new Club Secretary, she was not amused, but she has stood by me from that night right up until tonight as the "Silent Club Secretary". Des reminded me recently on the golf course of the time when I changed the time of an event that he had organised but did not tell him, result, he almost missed his own event. Whenever I introduced new club members Tim would always say Chris has been out with his butterfly net again, and Glenn, god bless him, has put up with 11 years of my changing events, correcting events, and adding events to the Events list, he always replied in the same manner, without complaint, "all done Chris". I thank them all for their support in rebuilding the club over the years, and bringing it to where it is today. Over the years I have introduced the Valentines Day Run & Lunch, the Mystery Pub Run, how many people have asked me the name of the mystery pub Chris! I have introduced the correctly named Fun Concours & BBQ Day, there have of course been many other events. I have taken you out on the road in your MG's, I have taken you on a static train carriage for Afternoon Tea, I have taken you into the air with two very successful gliding evenings, and to those who came to the Chatham Dockyard visit this year I have even made you sub mariners by visiting the submarine HMS Ocelot, albeit in dry dock. Also, for a number of years the club members have made toy presentations to local hospital Children's Wards at Christmas time, the MG's dressed for the occasions as well as our members. There have been many enjoyable shows over the years, Sandringham Pageant of Motoring, Sywell Classic Pistons & Props, and my favourite, The Kimbolton Country Faye & Classic Car Show. I have not included the Little Gransden Air Show, or the Snowdrop Run as they have never come under my remit. We have had many club weeks away, starting on the Isle of Wight, then Llangollen in North Wales, Herefordshire, The New Forest, and this year to Jersey. I have also introduced the carbon offset tree planting over the last few years too. I have over the years enjoyed sending out spoof April 1st emails, one in particular springs to mind. I said I had been approached by the Governor of HMS Whitemoor Prison near Wisbech asking if I could get a group of MG owners

together to take a number of high risk prisoners out for the day in their MG's, perhaps even giving them the chance to drive the cars for a few miles. I had one volunteer who will be nameless for fear of embarrassment! I have introduced updated club equipment, gazebo, sails, banner, and not to mention club rally plaques for our MG's, and of course the Club Member of the Year award. I have tried in my time to "thrust" the club forward in all directions, with, I think some success. Over the past 11 years I calculate that Pat and I have covered well over 3,000 road miles plotting, and checking road runs for you all to enjoy in your MG's, expect a large fuel invoice from me in the next few days Mr Treasurer! Pat and I have made so many club friends over the years, but sadly we have also lost far too many too, but we remember them all. And so, as one door closes another door open's as the saying goes. I will not be lost to the MG world for sure, I still have plenty to offer, and will do so. You all know where to contact me on my home email, cshurlock@aol.com or 07847334154 should you wish to.

Over the last few weeks I have received many messages of support, two of which I have no qualms in repeating here,

Chris, you should not leave, you are the glue that holds the club together.

And, another which really epitomises exactly what I have tried to achieve over the past 11 years.

Dear Chris.

We are sorry that you have decided to step down, but we guess this was going to happen at some point and we would just like to thank you and Pat personally. You have been a great leader with Pat's unstinting support, and taken the MG club on a long journey over the years from a small club with a few activities to a thriving membership with lots of activities that we enjoy today. Thank you both for your commitment, you have given your all, and always gone the extra mile. Despite the fact that there are many more members now, each person has been important to you. We are sorry that we have been unable to attend many events since we moved house, but hopefully we will keep in touch with the club.

With all good wishes to you both, J & D.

Finally, I give my best wishes to the new Club Secretary. And so, with reference to Boris Johnson once more,

Hasta la vista baby!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!