

Southampton & New Forest MGOC

NEWSLETTER



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**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
to all 1009 Members**

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Diary Dates 2010

December

Wed 1st Club Night—Empress of Blandings

Fri 10th Christmas Dinner Dance—Walhampton Arms.

Dates and Venues for 2011 awaited.

Don't forget to don your glad rags and come to the Car Club Christmas bash at the Walhampton Arms - Friday 10th December 7.30 for 8.00 p.m

MG Events

Sunday 5th December 2010

Goodwood Breakfast Club - Christmas Cracker Special. Santa's sled and special cars to spread good cheer. Goodwood Motor Circuit. Gates open at 8.00 a.m.

Sunday 5th June 2011

SNFMGOC New Forest Run—finishing ay Breamore House—yes its booked.

More events listed on the 1009 website at www.1009mg.org.uk/events.html

Who is This?



The eighth in our “Who is this?” series. Can you guess which of our members this might be? On the road to Mandalay ?

Please send your old photographs, in confidence, to the editors so we can make this an ongoing feature of the club magazine.

Secretary's Notes Dec 2010

Good news, Braemore House will be the venue for the finish of the New Forest Run 2011. I have spoken to the owner, Michael Hulse, and he has agreed to let us use the grounds and facilities for the finish of the Run next year. The date is fixed for Sunday 5th June which means we can go ahead and start the ball rolling beginning with an ad in January's Enjoying MG. Now that we have a start and finish it has also been suggested we hold a meeting at the Empress, if not before Xmas, very shortly after to enable us to put our strategy together regarding the Run. Once more we ask for volunteers from the club to help organise the event so if you think you could help in any way or you would like to put your name forward I will be announcing more information Club night. We need to have a decision on which charities to support this time around as soon as possible too so please table your suggestions at the meeting.

Thanks to Julie and Malcolm for organising this year's Xmas Dinner at the Walhampton Arms. They seem to have come up with a winning formula once more for this social occasion as, I am told, all menus have been submitted and everyone has paid up in full, which means there will be 36 of us there to enjoy what has always been an excellent night in the past. Don't forget your Secret Santa gift (£5) and if you haven't already put forward your nomination for Club Person of the Year I have plenty of forms available but they must be completed and returned to me club night. The presentation of the shield will be made during the Xmas Dinner.

We will be holding our AGM on Wednesday night January 19th 2011 at the Empress starting 8.00pm. It's important that we get as many members to attend as possible and I will ask Rod if we can have the use of the Function room upstairs for the night. Apart from the fundamental requirements of the meeting there have been a number of suggestions put forward already by members for consideration including the introduction of a subscription charge. It would be beneficial to hear your views on this and other matters arising and that is why it is crucial to have your presence on the night. Any ideas that you think may benefit the club we will be happy to listen to.

Another proposal is that we compile a list of equipment bought by the club and made available for use by members if only they knew what we had and where it was. Perhaps if any member is storing an item of club equipment at home they could inform us of the nature of the item and its condition, in that way we can ascertain whether to include it in the inventory or if it is to be repaired or replaced or just scrapped. Let's hear your views on the matter.

Your cooperation will be required again in deciding venues for the mid-monthly meetings this coming year. It is customary now to choose them all now and add them to our calendar of events 2011. If you have a favourite watering hole you would like to share with us within the Forest boundary we will put all the suggestions in a hat and the first 11 out win. This is such a popular feature and there are still some cracking pubs out there we have yet to sample.

Roy

Members Walk and Sunday Lunch

Sunday Lunch at the "Lamb Inn" Nomansland - 21/11/10.

A meeting time of 11:30 was set as a start time in the car park opposite the pub, all were on time and the weather although cool was dry and bright. Belinda and David along with Pat and Brian were going to meet us in the pub after the walk, and we all set off along with two dogs and ten intrepid walkers. I had printed off a copy of the area in map form and on the back was a copy of the walk along with details of the Pub, we set off (after discussing which way to go) along the road opposite the pub to the point where we turned off the road into a car park. It had been roped off due to the wet conditions which had made it unsuitable for cars to use, not much better for walkers, underfoot we had all conditions, mud, clay, wet paths covered in leaves.

The main problem was identifying the correct path as the forest floor all looked the same when covered in a blanket of leaves , in several places when small streams had to be crossed teamwork was involved in getting across without any mishaps. Pat found out that the small hole in her wellies had got bigger and along with Jon stepping into water deeper than his boots most people remained dry. At the halfway point after quite a steep climb the views over the valley we had come up from was very nice and for a while we were walking in the open heath land and we noticed either the weather had warmed up or maybe it was our exertions getting us hot. Along the way we met a few other walkers along with some riders on horseback. We walked back along the muddy tracks back towards the pub and made good time, we removed our dirty footwear so a respectable group of MG owners entered the Lamb for a well deserved drink and lunch. After a short wait for our table we were shown to our seats and chose our meals from a very good choice on the menu, a varied selection of fare chosen by all came to the table without much of a wait and I think we were all very pleased with the quality and amount, we all had a sweet to finish with and again no complaints here. We settled the bill and made our way outside, some were going home and others made arrangements to stop off at Mudeford for a coffee. We all enjoyed the walk along with our last Sunday lunch of the year and I am sure we will have a list of venues ready for walking, talking and eating next year.

Thanks go to Linda Anderson for organising the recent trips out that we have taken part in.

John Anderson

Classic Cars Show BEC



Roy, Mike, Chris and Colin enjoying a day out at the Classic Car Show



Homage to the Roundabout encountered by members on a recent trip to France.

Painting by Jane Lyons

Email Advert received by Roy

Dear MG Enthusiast,

Please excuse this direct email, but I wanted to tell you about a new MGA/MGB product which we have just launched. In response to several requests, we have produced a British-Made stainless steel oval body washer; full details can be found here: http://www.a2stainless.co.uk/MGA-Body-Panel-Washer-Large-Multipack-20_ATTBO.aspx. These are priced at £18.80 per 20 or £35.25 for 40 (inc 17.5% VAT)

As a small "Thank You" for giving up your time to read this email, there is a 10% discount for MGOc members placing orders (value >£10.00) on-line, use coupon code MGOc10 at checkout. We accept Paypal and all Major Credit/Debit cards.

Stig Fasteners is a family-run business based in Darlington, Co Durham, and have been supplying stainless steel fasteners since 1998.

Kind Regards

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Adverts continued from back page

For sale: 2 front seats from my 1973 MGB GT V8 (I bought a couple of seats to have them refurbished so I now have two spares). Obviously they need re-covering, the back of the driver's seat is quite badly worn on the door side, although the passenger seat just has a small area of something stuck in the fabric. I paid £25 for the seats I bought so that's what I'm asking for these seats. See Malcolm at the meeting, phone 01425 629443, or email malc@mymg.org.uk.

For Sale - MGB Roadster

1978 Roadster – was rubber bumpered (now removed), white with navy rally stripe, garaged, taxed and MOT, new seats, new tyres, anti roll bar, replacement engine 1500 miles ago, alloys, manual with overdrive. Comes with hard top, soft top (leaks a bit) and needs some bodywork TLC, but a good runner.

Pictures available for any interested party.

£1995 or near offer, any inspection welcomed
07980 698319 anytime, or 01202 257325

Editor's Notes

Just a last little note from me. I have thoroughly enjoyed doing the magazine, although I had an awful lot of help from Andrew, but with him changing his job and doing a lot more travelling abroad I don't feel I can manage to do it on my own. However I am leaving it in the very capable hands of John, who is being joined by Robin, so I'm sure things will continue unchanged (maybe they won't do the recipe corner though!!)

I would just like to say thank you to every body who sent articles, pictures, recipes and photographs without which there would have been quite a few gaps.

Hoping everybody enjoys our Christmas Dinner Dance, I think we are all looking forward to it. Once again many thanks to Malcolm and Julie for organising everything.

Lastly Andrew and I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Jane (and Andrew)

Thank You!

The final total raised by the One Hundred Year Quiz in aid of Down Syndrome Education International was an amazing £708.22. A very big "thank you" to everyone who supported the quiz. We hope you enjoyed taking part, even if some of the questions did drive you mad!

The answers to the quiz, and a short article, are now on the Downs Ed website, www.downsed.org. Click on "How to Help", and there is a short piece under "Latest Fundraising News" on the right hand side of the page. Click on "read more" for the full article, and on the link in the article to download the answers to the quiz.

Julie Rumsey

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Remember we volunteer to fill these posts, so if you wish to speak to one of us PLEASE ring before 9pm or at weekends, thank you.

Classified Ads

To advertise your for sale / wanted / news here, call John on 023 8089 3073 or email editor@1009mg.org.uk with details

FOR SALE – MG Maestro 2.0LTR EFI - White. Excellent mechanics, bodyworks. Needs TLC, MOT Aug - Tax Nov, One owner 22yrs ...OFFERS. Mr Peaty 023 8020 7655.

Who's Who Photo – Brian Lanning in his race ace days !