

*Southampton & New Forest MGOC*

# NEWSLETTER



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**Children from Honeypot receiving in their words  
“Our fabulous cheque”.**

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# Diary Dates 2010

## **September**

- Wed 1st Club night – Empress of Blandings)  
Sun 5th South Downs Run – West Sussex MGOC  
11th – 12th International Auto Jumble – National Motor Museum  
Beaulieu  
Wed 15th Mid Monthly – The Rising Sun, Wootton  
Sun 26th Last Steam Up – Breamore House + Classic Car Display

## **October**

- Wed 6th Club Night—Empress of Blandings  
Wed 20th Mid Monthly—Waterloo Arms—Lyndhurst

## **November**

- Wed 3rd Club Night—Empress of Blandings  
Wed 17th Mid Monthly—Mayflower Lymington

## **December**

- Wed 1st Club Night—Empress of Blandings  
Fri 10th Christmas Dinner Dance—Walhampton Arms.

## RUBY WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

I'm sure everybody from the Club will join me ( rather belatedly, I'm sorry to say ) in congratulating John and Pauline Holt on their 40th Wedding Anniversary which they celebrated on the 25th July.

## Secretary's Notes Sept 2010

September already and yet it doesn't seem that long ago a new MG season was just beginning. I always start out with the intention of doing so much and going to as many events as possible in the 'B,' doesn't everyone, but of course everything depends on circumstances and the weather. May and June gave us hope but I know conditions, especially in the last few weeks, haven't been brilliant yet when it mattered the sun shone through and once again members excelled and there were some well attended meetings.

It was nice to see a good display of 1009 cars at Athelhampton on Sunday Aug 8<sup>th</sup>. Our colleagues in Bournemouth are strong supporters of the NFR every year and it is always nice to know we are keen to give our own response and support to their annual gathering. For the past couple of years members have been able to park their cars alongside the stream, a perfect spot to relax and picnic for a while yet still be involved and finally take in the 'Duck Race' before heading home.

The annual BBQ on the 18<sup>th</sup> was possibly the best so far. Considering we have held it every year for the past 4 years and every year it has rained, to see 23 cars there this year was amazing – and it didn't rain! Thanks to everyone who turned up and especially those who arrived early to help prepare for the evening. To think there were 2 gazebos erected but not necessarily needed was a bonus and when the bacon (Ref; NFR) surplus was finally consumed it completed a double whammy. It was the fading light that eventually brought the end to a very successful evening and from the comments I received you all enjoyed yourselves – thanks again.

As one season finishes another one starts. Your suggestions and ideas will be welcome. Looking ahead, Malcolm Rumsey is already making the bookings for this year's Christmas Dinner and for the first time, by popular request, it is to be held on a Friday night. Prices for the meal remain the same as last year but as it is a weekend the cost of the Disco goes up to £200 for the night. Malcolm and Julie will have copies of the menu and the total cost per person available on club night. Everyone is welcome to come along but we will want a definite commitment with names and the deposit as soon as possible.

This is also time to choose the Club Person of the Year 2010 so look out for the voting slips I shall be handing around over the next 3 club nights.

Coming up we have the Wessex Classic Car Show at Bovington Tank Museum on Sept 5<sup>th</sup>. I have booked a club stand for 15 cars but it is up to you to book your own entry (£6.00 or £7.00 on the day) Be sure and ask for Southampton and New Forest MGOC when you enter the arena. It would be good to round off the summer with as many members as possible joining us there.

Beaulieu Autojumble takes place the weekend of Sept 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> another must do on my calendar.

*Roy*

# Christmas Dinner Dance 2010

This year's dinner dance has been booked at the Walhampton Arms, Lymington on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30 for 8.00 pm, finishing at midnight. As many of you will know, we have been to this venue before; the food has always been good and we have the side room allocated just for us.

The cost of the three course meal is £17.95 per head, and the menu is alongside. The disco has been booked (same DJ as last year) and the cost is £200. The cost per head will depend on the numbers attending.

If you would like to come, non-refundable deposits of £5 per head need to be paid by the mid October monthly meeting. Once we know how many are coming we can calculate the cost of the disco per head. Final numbers, menu choices and the balance of the meal cost plus disco cost will need to be paid by the mid November meeting at the latest.

Please complete the slip below and return to Malcolm or Julie Rumsey. Cheques should be made payable to Southampton and New Forest MGOC.

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Name:	Name:
Starter:	Starter:
Main:	Main:
Dessert:	Dessert:
Phone:	

# CHRISTMAS EVENING MENU

AVAILABLE 29TH NOVEMBER TO 23RD DECEMBER  
(EXCLUDING SUNDAYS)

CREAM OF VEGETABLE SOUP  
WITH A WARM CRUSTY ROLL  
CHILLED MELON COCKTAIL  
WITH FOREST FRUITS  
SMOKED FLAKED HADDOCK WITH PASTA SHELLS  
SERVED WITH A CHEESE SAUCE  
PLATTER OF PRAWNS  
WITH MARIE ROSE SAUCE AND MIXED LEAVES

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VISIT TO THE CARVERY  
A SELECTION OF THREE ROAST MEATS OR NUT ROAST  
WITH FRESH VEGETABLES AND ROAST POTATOES  
(IF YOU PREFER WE WILL PLATE THE ROAST MEALS)  
BRAISED RUMP OF LAMB  
SERVED ON A BED OF MINTED MASH  
WITH ROSEMARY, GARLIC AND ORANGE SAUCE  
DUO OF FISH,  
SERVED WITH WHITE WINE, CREAM AND PRAWN SAUCE  
BREAST OF GUINEA FOWL  
SERVED ON A BED OF BRAISED WHITE CABBAGE AND  
BACON WITH BRANDY AND CREAM SAUCE

(ALL SERVED WITH POTATOES AND VEGETABLES OF THE  
DAY)

MEDITERRANEAN VEGETABLE LASAGNE  
WITH MIXED LEAVES AND GARLIC BREAD

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A CHOICE OF GATEAUX FROM THE CHILLED CABINET  
CHEESE AND BISCUITS WITH APPLE AND CELERY  
CHRISTMAS PUDDING WITH BRANDY SAUCE  
HOT CHOCOLATE PUDDLE PUDDING WITH CUSTARD  
FESTIVE ICE CREAM SUNDAE

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2 COURSES £14.95  
3 COURSES £17.95

COFFEE OR TEA WITH MINTS £1.00 EXTRA

## *It could be me.....it was!*

I suppose I am unusual amongst club members as I am not a real fan of sports cars, nothing wrong with them they are just not my cup of tea. I've always been a saloon car fan, as mechanic in the 70's it was always the MG 1300 and Farina Magnette that I enjoyed working on and in particular road testing. It was the reason just over 3 years ago I bought my ZS 120, a purchase I've not regretted and a car that still puts a smile on my face every time I drive it.

Since the MG marque went to China I have followed with interest how the development and production has progressed. Nothing startling to begin with, the TF sports car, the Rover 25 in its Streetwise guise as the MG3 and the ZT as the MG7. My interest levels began to rise in 2008 with the announcement that SAIC was developing its first all new MG model the MG6. From trolling the internet I liked the look of this model that went on sale in China about a year ago. There was a lot of speculation on the internet forums that it was just a revamped ZT floorpan. But that speculation is totally unfounded, the only carry over from the 75/ZT is the front subframe, the rest is all new.

Fast forward to the first weekend in June this year, an important date for me for two good reasons. The first was the annual New Forest run on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup>, the second it was the annual MG Live show at Silverstone. I wasn't going to attend Silverstone this year, but then MG Motor UK announced they would display the new MG6 for the first in public. I just knew I had to go, so keen was I to see this first all new MG since the MG F arrived in 1995.

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June saw me arrive at Silverstone and the MG6 was immediately evident with the MG Motor UK stand opposite the main entrance of the Car Club marquee. As I stood in the marquee looking at the car two things stuck me, it looked a big car with the front having what appeared to me to be a tall almost SUV like proportion. The second thing is the rear end style in profile, MG Motor UK call it a fast back and it is certainly not in the hatchback tradition, although it does have a hatch.

Although it was a left hand drive you get enough of an idea of what it will be like, although the staff member I spoke to told me the UK interior would be a lot different. There was a large amount of piano black glossy trim across the dash, but it looked pleasant enough with comfortable seats and what appeared to be an above average amount of interior space.

One thing that was not in doubt was the enormous boot space, I came away reasonably impressed, the bodywork had good shut lines with sturdy panel thickness (something all Z saloons lack) and looking forward to seeing the UK spec. cars arrive in the showroom, around November time I was told.

The day after we had our annual New Forest run and it was a pleasure to meet Sarah Martin, dealer principle of Martins of Winchester the MG dealership who had sponsored this year's event. Like many of you I was delighted to receive an e-mail offering the chance to win tickets for the Moving Motor Show day at this year's Goodwood Festival of Speed. I was even more delighted to get the e-mail that I had won two tickets but sadly not the drive in the MG6, that had gone to fellow ZS owner Malcolm Bailey. That delight turned to surprise the next day when I received another e-mail telling me the drive prize had been redrawn, as Malcolm had declined the drive, and I had been picked. I could not type my acceptance fast enough and I felt like a dog with two tails. After pinching myself, the reply came back, it was true I was going to be one of the first members of the public to drive this new MG.

I had to be at Goodwood early as my drive was booked for 09:30 and my mate and I were getting a little apprehensive as we crawled around Chichester in the early morning queues. Straight into the MG stand I was slightly disappointed to see the MG6s there were all the left hand drive development cars that the Longbridge engineers were using to fine tune the cars for UK spec. Why disappointed? Well I knew from Silverstone that the first right hand drive cars had come off the assembly lines in Birmingham. I was introduced to Guy Jones, UK sales and marketing manager, who would accompany me on my drive. He showed us, mate Mike and Paul from Martins' PR company, to the car and I was surprised as Guy got into the drivers seat and pulled out of the marquee. Disappointment number two was announced by Guy, the car we were in was the base model from China, a non-turbo car which would not be going on sale in the UK as it was slightly underpowered. But I replied it would be interesting to compare it to my ZS which is the 120, 1800cc non-turbo.

I was surprised as Guy drove up to the start line banner of the hill climb, but not as surprised as the marshall who was waving us through as the car stopped and Guy and I swapped places.

The results of my hill climb drive in the MG6 — well ..... you will just have to wait for next months instalment !!

*Martin Charles*

## A Trip to the Other Side!!!

At the New Forest Run 2010 I was approached by a chap from the Abingdon Works Centre MGCC. He asked if I could distribute some flyers for their **Summer Day Out**. It was advertised as 'The traditional picnic and day out in the countryside. Following a leisurely route through leafy lanes and sleepy villages of Berkshire and Hampshire to the National Trust house and gardens at Hinton Ampner, near Alresford'.

At the time I thought this sounded like an interesting run with the benefits of starting not too far away and finishing even closer towards Southampton. After passing the flyers around at the 1009 club meeting, three groups expressed an interest and registered. Road Books were quickly received and we agreed to meet up at Rownhams Services for 8am on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July. Thus Roy and Krys, John and (partner) and Karen and Robin duly got up early and headed for Berkshire. Weather at Rownhams turned to heavy drizzle but dissipated quickly as we moved north up the M3 towards Basingstoke then onto the A33/A339, eventually arriving at Henry Street Garden Centre at Arborfield, SW of Reading for 9am check-in. By this time the drizzle had stopped and weather started to set fair for the day. We handed in our liability sheet, confirmed attendance then enjoyed a cup of tea/coffee in the garden centre café. Only one bacon buttie was purchased!!

Intention was for all cars to be away by 10am. We were last away as one of our group needed to get petrol. During the wait we chatted with someone from MGCC Abingdon Works Centre who let slip that they 'didn't often get too far south' because that is considered MGOC country asking if we had many local trips out through the year.

As soon as Roy returned, oops, we set off into the lanes of Stratfield Saye, Bramley, Silchester, Pamber Heath, Kingsclere and Aldermaston before gaining the more open B3051, passing by Overton, Micheldever and East Stratton. The mileage chart lost 0.5 mile at this stage!! Soon after East Stratton we came by a wonderful pub called the Woolpack Inn where we enjoyed a light drink and were joined by a gaggle of other MG's on the run. You can have B&B at the Woolpack (£75-120). Plumley's navigation triumphed through this first stage!

Onward and south took us to New Alresford where a slight hiccup in the tulip information threw the new lead navigator to miss the turning. What was written as "Turn Left under railway bridge S/P Cheriton" was actually turn left S/P Cheriton and pass under railway bridge. Plumley's, making up for their *faux pas* at Brighton on the Regency Run recognised the junction and turned left, waiting for the two 'black'un's' to follow!!

The final 3 or 4 miles took us down to Bramdean and the gates to Hinton Ampner House, remembering to IGNORE the sign to Hinton Ampner Gardens.

Following the pleasant drive up to the house we were welcomed by an MGCC helper who directed us round the back of the house to a hilly parking area, with the sheep, overlooking the rolling hills of south Hampshire. Chairs and tables set, and joined by Linda and Joywe enjoyed our picnics and then had a tour, part of the ticket, around the house and strolled around the gardens.

Malcolm Bailey was on hand to take photos of our arrival and his picture are included on the enclosed photo sheet, with thanks to Abingdon Works Centre MGCC.

An excellent day out and forging new links with 'the other side'!

Hinton Ampner is part of the National Trust.

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hintonampner](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hintonampner)

*Robin Plumley*

## *Quiz Fundraiser for Down Syndrome Educational Trust*

I have put together a quiz to hopefully raise some funds for DownsEd. The quiz consists of 100 questions, one for each of the years between 1910 and 2009, where a phrase, quote or fact must be deduced from the initial letters given – for example 1909: Edward VII opens V&AM, L = Edward VII opens Victoria and Albert Museum, London. The questions cover a range of subjects, and the quiz is for individuals/couples (rather than a quiz involving teams etc).

The quiz will be available at the September meeting of the Club at the Empress, with a closing date of the end of October, and will cost £2 to enter, with a £50 prize for the winner. All the proceeds will go to DownsEd as I have been able to get the printing done free, and the prize money will be donated.

I do hope that some of you will want to enter and enjoy exercising the brain cells in a good cause. If you have friends, family or work colleagues you think would be interested, that will be an added bonus!

*Julie Rumsey*

# The Humour returns !!



## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DATA SHEET



ELEMENT:	Woman
SYMBOL:	♀
DISCOVERER:	Adam
ATOMIC MASS:	Accepted as 55 Kg, but known to vary from 45Kg to 225 Kg

### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

1. Body surface normally covered with film of powder and paint
2. Boils at absolutely nothing – freezes for no apparent reason
3. Found in various grades ranging from virgin material to common ore

### CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

1. Reacts well to gold, platinum and all precious stones
2. Explodes spontaneously without reason or warning
3. The most powerful money reducing agent know to man

### COMMON USE

1. Highly ornamental especially in sports cars
2. Can greatly aid relaxation
3. Can be very effective cleaning agent

### HAZARDS

1. Turns green when placed alongside a superior specimen
2. Possession of more than one is possible but specimens must never make eye contact

## Editor's Notes

I will be brief this month as space is short due to a bumper issue. From having very little to put in the magazine we have ended up with so much that you are getting lots of extra pages. A very big thank you to Martin and Robin for their contributions, I'm sorry you had to wait so long to see them in print.

You will see that the Christmas Dinner has been arranged at The Walhampton Arms and will take place on Friday 10th. December. The notes are self explanatory so I need say no more.

The turn out for the Barbecue was astounding and I'm sure everybody had a good time but the candle and cake making contest must be discussed.

Finally I thought it would be nice if we could make it 100% take up for Julie's quiz as it is for such a good cause.

*Jane*

## 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](mailto: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  
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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 – will be back next month !