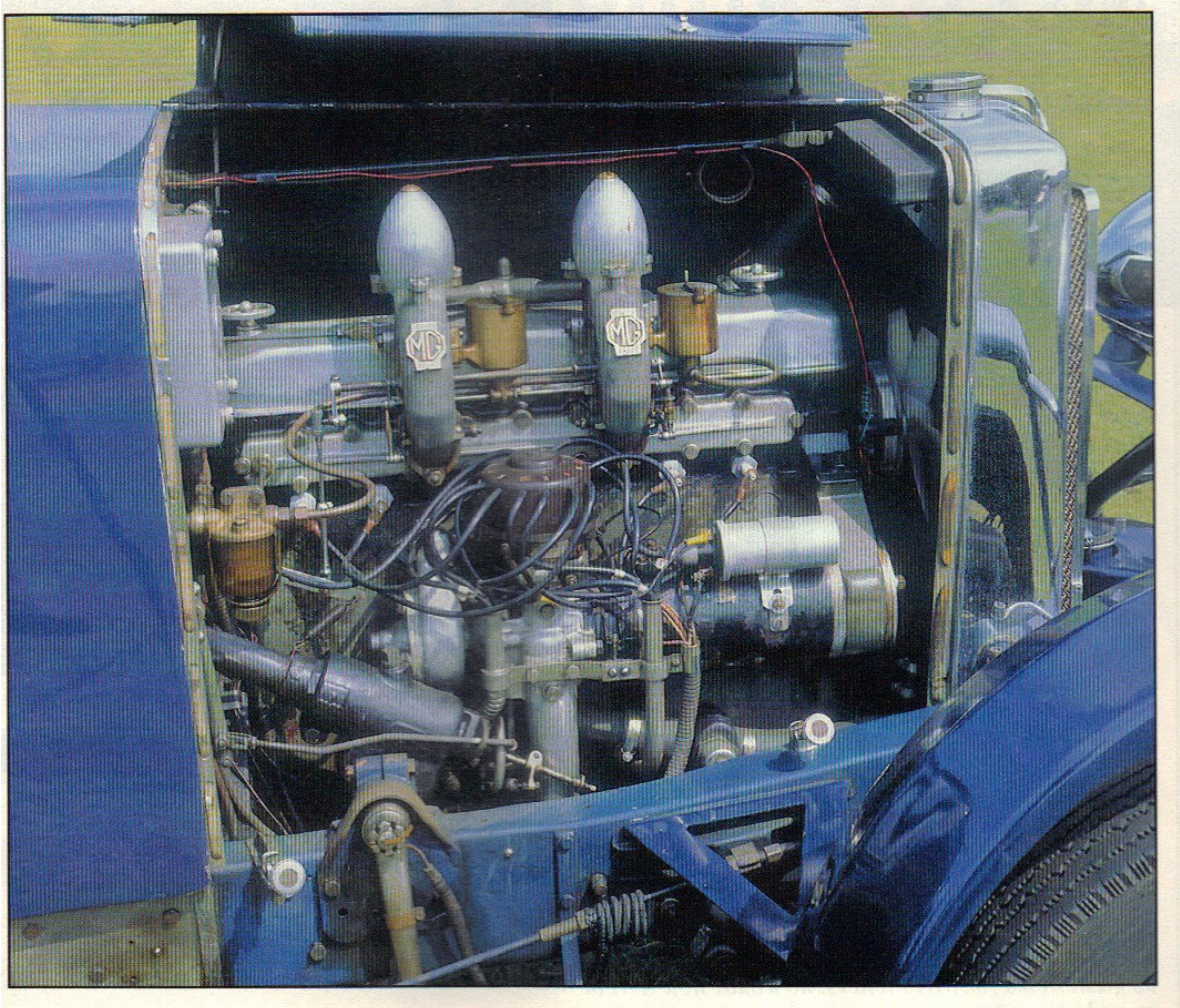


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Things aren't what they used to be (The 18/100 MkII Tigress).

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- 2nd Wednesday **1009 Club Night** at the Empress of Blandings, Romsey Road (A31), Copythorne, Cadnam.
- 6th Sunday Cobweb Spin, IBM Club, Hursley, 11.00am to 2.30pm. [Click here for a map](#) (the club is in Hursley Park Road, at the bottom of the 'loop', below the pin!). Organised by Winchester MGOc - no need to book, just turn up. Contact David Marklew on 01962 883 148.
- 16th Wednesday **Mid-month meeting** - the House Martin, Barton-on-Sea.

April

- 6th Wednesday **1009 Club Night** at the Empress of Blandings, Romsey Road (A31), Copythorne, Cadnam.
- 10th Sunday MG Era at Brooklands Museum, Weybridge, Surrey, admission £9 on the day. MG gathering with traders, and selected MGs get to tackle the famous Brooklands test hill.
- 17th Sunday The FBHVC's "Drive It Day" - more details to follow.
- 20th Wednesday **Mid-month meeting** at the Queens Head, Burley.
- 25th Monday 20th Spring Vehicle Meet & Autojumble, at the Wyke Down Caravan & Camping Park, Picket Piece, Andover, SP11 6LX. Exhibitors: £2 donation. Possible 1009 club stand, so don't forget to write "Southampton & New Forest MGOc" on your entry form! Enquiries to 01264 363295 or 07889 630544.
- 30th Saturday Footman James Bristol Classic Car Show, Royal Bath and West Show Ground, Shepton Mallett, 10.00am-5.00pm (continues below).

May

- 1st Sunday Footman James Bristol Classic Car Show, Royal Bath and West Show Ground, Shepton Mallett, 10.00am-5.00pm.
- 2nd Monday Aero/Auto Jumble at Popham Airfield, pre-1980 classic cars only. Entries via Basingstoke Classic Car Club.
- 4th Wednesday **1009 Club Night** at the Empress of Blandings, Romsey Road (A31), Copythorne, Cadnam.
- * 8th Sunday The Regency Run, starting at Brooklands Museum, and taking a road run to Brighton. Contact MGOc on 01954 231125.
- 14th-15th Sat-Sunday Spring Autojumble at the National Motor Museum, Beaulieu, Hampshire, SO42 7ZN.

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Miss Money penny and Tiff at Goodwood last year

At last there is something positive to report. Jon Holt, Malcolm Rumsey and myself met up with Michael Hulse, owner and proprietor of the Breamore Estate, last Saturday to discuss details for the finish of the NFR in June. I will relate all that transpired and bring you up to speed on club night.

I also received an email from Peter Genari, representing Martins of Winchester, confirming they are happy to sponsor our event again this year. The extent of the sponsorship has not been finalised but at least we have a green light.

Don't forget we now need items produced locally for the Hampshire Hamper we're putting together and Tania would love donations for the Raffle she is organising – bottles are always a good bet.

The events calendar is filling up nicely and it looks like things kick off in March with the Cobweb Spin on the 6th finishing at IBM Hursley. No need to book you simply pay on the day. That's followed by the Chichester MGOC gathering at Arundel Castle on Sunday April 17th. We had a good show of cars there last year so let's see if we can go one better this time.

In May I know a number of members have already booked for the Exeter Area's Moor to Sea Run on Sunday 15th. According to Roger Luscombe (Events Secretary)

places are running out so if you are thinking of going you need to make your mind up quickly and get your entry form off. An idea mentioned is to travel down to Exeter the night before and look for a suitable B&B leaving you just a short distance to the start point on Sunday – open to suggestions on where to stay.

As we put are plans together for the season ahead you can keep up to date with our calendar via our website and if any of you have other suggestions for social events then we would like to hear about them.

Roy

1009 SOUTHAMPTON & NEW FOREST MGOC (MAY 1998). Anyone remember this?

Our recent visit to the factory of Benetton Formula One was a great success. See below for a full report by Stuart. We will be meeting on 6th May at the Happy Cheese for our normal monthly meeting. Anyone who has an interest in Motor Sport or even just precision engineering would have really enjoyed the visit Southampton and New Forest MGOC recently made the Benetton Formula One factory. Thanks to one of our members, Ian Craig, who as an exhaust and pipe work consultant has a professional connection with a number of the F1 teams, fourteen of us were able to enjoy the hospitality of Benetton.

It was a memorable visit, we were welcomed over a coffee by Tony Shrimpton & Alan Bond, who outlined what we were about to see. First to the CAD studio, where every component of the race car is designed and refined on a very powerful and sophisticated computer system. Many questions were asked and clear and informative answers were given. Next to the fabrication department where the carbon fibre components are cut, shaped and put into a big Autoclave ovens and baked to give incredible strength and rigidity. The body tubs and suspension are then assembled from these components. Onto the machine shop, where the metal components such as the wheels, hubs, suspension joints, gearboxes and casings are made, mostly from solid Titanium (6" x 24" x 60") runs in about £150,000. The machines which cut and shape these parts are worth millions. Naturally a computer controls the machines which use the wire erosion process. A wire not much thicker than a human hair, completes an arc with the metal it is shaping and cuts through it with incredible precision. I foolishly asked what tolerances they work to, quite simply there are none. To many of us this was the highlight of the visit. All these little bits then go on to the final assembly bays where the (at present) Renault engines are bolted to the Benetton race car.

Unfortunately there were no completed cars as they were in Barcelona being tested for the forthcoming season. However we did see Gerhard Berger and Jean Alesi's cars from the last season undergoing very detailed scrutiny to determine any minor faults or design improvements. Followers of this year's F1 season will show a keener interest in the Benetton cars, having just seen how much design and engineering goes into their production. Our thanks go to all at Benetton for their hospitality and wish them well for 1998.

Malcolm Rumsey is going to go through the Quiz results that he set last moth, this will either be before or after Roy gives his Club info.

Thanks to Malc for putting the effort into this item for the newsletter.

Editors notes

Thanks to Robin for his Stop press info.

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Stop Press!

New Forest Run

A good turn out of members met at EoB on 8 February to discuss NFR plans. Start at Copythorne and end at Breamore are confirmed. Route is being developed by Robin Plumley and Malcolm Rumsey and intends to take into account areas adjacent to the New Forest and unused previously.

MGOC1009 Website

The club's website, www.1009mg.org.uk has online an application form for the New Forest Run 2011, if you haven't found it already.

January mid-Monthly meeting

Approximately 20 members turned out to The Crown Stirrup pub at Lyndhurst on 16 February. I think we upped the normal pub turn out significantly with a busy round of chat, debate and general chit chat. Those who had food reported good fare.

Midget 50

The MG buffs in the club will not have missed that this year is the 50th anniversary of the 'modern' MG Midget. There are various events to celebrate this and follows a number of websites covering 'midget mania' !!!!:



<http://www.midget50.com>

<http://shop.cafepress.co.uk/mg-midget-50th-anniversary>

<http://mg-midget-cars.blogspot.com/2010/06/mg-midget-uk-50th-anniversary.html>

<http://www.mgmidgets.net/history.htm>

Advertising MG (on a Midget theme!)

Remember these?

Acknowledgement to <http://www.bobleroi.co.uk/ScrapBook/MG/MG.html> and

<http://aserious.freeforums.org/viewtopic.php?f=9&t=38&view=next>



Intelligence Test

- 1 Please write your name in the square provided.
- 2 How many animals did Moses take into the Ark? -----
- 3 Some months have 31 days, some 30days. How many months have days? -----
- 4 Divide 30 by $\frac{1}{2}$ and add 10. -----
- 5 If a doctor gave you 3 tablets, and told you to swallow one every half hour, how long would they last? -----
- 6 How many sides are there to a circle? -----
- 7 How far can a dog run into the woods? -----
- 8 Which country has a 4th July - UK,USA or France -----
- 9 A man builds a house, with each side having a southern exposure. A bear came wandering by, what colour was the bear? -----
- 10 If you were alone in a deserted house at night, and there was a wood stove, a candle and an oil lamp, and you only had one match, which would you light first? -----
- 11 How many birthdays does the average man have? -----
- 12 Why can't a man living in York be buried West of the Trent? -----
- 13 How much soil to the nearest cubic foot is there in a 2 foot by 2 foot by 4 foot hole? -----
- 14 If two monkeys sit in the corner of a room and look at another pair in the next corner, and so on until every pair in a corner looks at another pair, how many monkeys could say that they were looking at other monkeys? (No use of mirrors involved). -----
- 15 Is it legal for a man to marry his widow's sister? -----
- 16 If you drive a bus leaving Waterloo with 40 passengers, dropped off 7 and picked up another 2 in Aldwych, stopped at Holburn and picked up 10, went on to St. Pauls, dropped 8 there and picked up 6, then drove on to arrive at Liverpool Street 10 minutes later, what would be the drivers name? -----



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