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# NEWSLETTER



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**1009 Members on the MG Stand  
at Goodwood Festival of Speed.**

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# Diary Dates 2010

## **August**

- Sun 1st Lymington Classic Car Show(Jim Brenan 08000851454)  
Wed 4th Club night – Empress of Blandings  
Wed 18th Barbecue- Anderwood Enclosure-7pm.  
*Not in the Anderson 's back garden as we put before!*

## **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  
TBA Christmas Dinner Dance

## ANSWERS TO LYNDA'S COLOURFUL QUIZ

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|----------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| 1. Amber       | 12. Red     | 23. Red    | 34. Brown   |
| 2. Scarlet     | 13. Pink    | 24. Yellow | 35. Brown   |
| 3. Blue        | 14. White   | 25. Black  | 36. White   |
| 4. Black       | 15. White   | 26. Black  | 37. Silver  |
| 5. Blues       | 16. Brown   | 27. Red    | 38. Crimson |
| 6. Blue        | 17. Black   | 28. Gold   | 39. Black   |
| 7. Green Green | 18. Green   | 29. White  | 40. Green   |
| 8. White       | 19. Purple  | 30. Red    | 41. Silver  |
| 9. Yellow      | 20. Lemon   | 31. Red    | 42. Grey    |
| 10. Red        | 21. Brown   | 32. Blue   | 43. Amber   |
| 11. White      | 22. Emerald | 33. Silver | 44. Pink    |

## Secretary's Notes June 2010

Thanks to all those members who joined Kris and myself for another well supported Classics at the Castle. Apart from the wind, which seems to be an annual feature for this event now, everyone enjoyed the day at Sherborne. Having shoehorned everything but the kitchen sink into the 'B' I was actually quite amazed at just how much we packed in to that two seater car. Had I known, with the wind picking up on the Sunday, the gazebo I had gone to great lengths to acquire would not be needed, it would have made life a lot easier had we not carted it around for two days. All said and done it was a good day and a nice peaceful drive home.

The following Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>., saw 3 cars from 1009 head off to Arborfield, nr Reading, for the start of the Summer Day Out run organised by Mike Lamb of the Abingdon Works Centre branch of the Car Club. All 81 entrants gathered in the car park of the Henry Street Garden Centre, Arborfield, just after 9.00 o'clock as instructed. The centre was opened early so that those who wanted to use the facilities were able to do so. After a nice cup of coffee and a bacon sandwich (Robin needed sustenance) we set off on the 51 mile scenic route to Hinton Ampner not far from here and the end of the run. It's hard not to compare these events with our own NFR but it's very satisfying to know few can offer the same value for money. This run was open to members at £15 per car and £17 to non members. For that each entrant received a route book and a rally plaque and entry into the house and gardens at Hinton Ampner care of the National Trust. Not bad I suppose. The fact that the finish was twenty minutes up the road was one of the initial attractions. It also meant Malcolm and Julie Rumsey and Linda and Joy, who were unable to join us at the start were at least able to join us for a picnic at the finish. After looking over the house and gardens we all headed home and that was another Sunday gone.

Coming up in August there is the Lymington Show on the 1<sup>st</sup> followed by the Bournemouth MGOC annual gathering at Athelhampton on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>.

If anyone is interested in the latter please see me club night. Don't forget there is an open invitation on Wednesday night 18<sup>th</sup> August for all members to join us at Anderwood Enclosure for our summer BBQ starting around 7ish. The usual procedure applies - we provide the charcoal you bring your own food and cook it. However, I do believe this year there may be some bacon available. I am on holiday that week and aim to get to Anderwood Enclosure about 5.00pm to set up. If anyone would like to join me they are very welcome.

Finally, I have a Club Stand for approximately 20 cars booked for the Wessex Classic Car Show at the Tank Museum, Bovington on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept but you need to book your own car in yourselves. It promises to be a good day out so get those entries off.

Roy

# Goodwood Festival of Speed "Moving Motor Show"

On 1st July a group of lucky people went to the "moving motor show". This was a dedicated manufacturer preview day when enthusiasts and new car buyers can check over the latest models up close.

Peter Genari from "Martins" of Winchester our local MG dealer had 35 tickets allocated to them and offered them to club members and NF Run participants on a first come first served basis.

Two of ticket holders names were then drawn out so they could drive either the new MG6 or the new TF 135, Malcolm Bailey won the drive for the MG6 but declined and it was re-drawn , new name for the drive was Martin Charles ( I hope he will supply data on the experience in a separate article ). Kat Lake drew the run in the TF135 and passed it on to Nathan.

Those from our club met up at Rownhams at 08:00 on the Thursday , Jon & Pauline , Andrew & Jane , Linda & John & Linda(no Bridget) off we went on a great sunny drive towards Goodwood house. We arrived and parked up then with a short tractor / trailer trip to the entrance we showed our tickets and made our way in, we went into the main Moving Motor Show stand where the main new models were on show and from these stands the lucky people took the cars onto the track at allocated times ,(at the Honda stand a driver blacked out and injured two people and damaged the doors on the stand).

The rest of the grounds were covered in other stands from major car producers to clothes , models , Fire & Police , motor cycles, kit cars and much, much more. After a short spell watching some of the cars driving up the hill we stopped for a quick lunch and then made our way up to the F1 paddock, new and old racing cars were on display but not running until the weekend's main event but they were great to see. We then walked around the remaining stands , had coffee etc and worked out what to do next. As the day was very hot and some of us had to get back home we decided it was time to go home ( we had seen a lot) . A good day was had by all and I hope we will have some photo's to go with this write up.

*John*



The New MG 6 as test driven up the Goodwood Hill track by Martin Charles on the day.

Full article by Martin to be included in next months magazine.

# TESTING TIMES

Following a piece in Issue 219 of The Herald about 2010 being the 75th anniversary of the Driving Test in England, we received a number of queries from readers questioning the date that the test was introduced.

To clarify the situation, readers may be interested in the following list of significant dates in the history of the Driving Test, courtesy of the Driving Standards Agency (DSA):

**1935** – A *voluntary* driving test was introduced under the Road Traffic Act, 1934, to minimise the expected rush of candidates when the test became compulsory.

**1st June 1935** – Compulsory driving test brought in for all drivers who started driving on or after 1st April 1934.

**2nd September 1939** – Driving test suspended for the duration of World War II, and then resumed on 1st November 1946.

**18th February 1947** – One year period granted for wartime provisional licences to be converted into full licences without having to pass the test.

**24th November 1956** – Driving Tests suspended during Suez Crisis. Learners allowed to drive unaccompanied and examiners helped to administer petrol rations.

**May 1975** – Driving test candidates no longer had to demonstrate arm signals.

**1st April 1990** – The Driving Standards Agency (DSA) created as part of the Department for Transport.

**April 1991** – Reverse parking manoeuvre became compulsory part of the Driving Test.

**November 1995** – The Pass Plus Scheme was introduced to help newly qualified drivers gain driving experience to reduce the risk of them being involved in an accident.

**1st July 1996** – A separate written theory test introduced, replacing questions asked about the Highway Code during the practical Driving Test.

**1st March 1997** – Photograph ID required for both practical and theory tests.

**6th April 1999** – Cars being used for a Driving Test must have front seat belt, head restraint and rear-view mirror.

**14th November 2002** – Hazard Perception element introduced to theory test, using video clips to test candidates' awareness of hazards on the road.

**1st September 2003** – Show me/Tell me vehicle safety questions added to the beginning of the driving test.

**September 2007** – Number of questions in the Theory Test increased from 35 to 50 and the pass mark changed to 43. Pass mark for the Hazard Perception Test is 44 out of 75.

Thanks to Linda Taylor for this little article about Driving Test Information.

## Classics at the Castle—Sherbourne 2010

The day started with an early morning Sunday wake up call , packed the car and drove off to meet four cars at Ringwood for 08:00am. John Holt set the sat nav and off we went for a rural back road trip along some great roads and through some lovely villages, we arrived at the Castle about 09:15 where we found our pitch and the overnight campers (Kris & Roy) who recalled the problem of camping with no tent pegs and strong winds overnight. We all got our chairs and tables set up along with the club banner and those who needed it had breakfast and coffee. It was still quite breezy and overcast but one intrepid member came in his shorts (what an optimist) but later the clouds cleared and blue sky was the order for the rest of the day. Eight cars were on the stand and several other club members arrived throughout the day making a total of 20 members in all. As usual there was a very large selection of clubs and individuals covering all types and ages of cars along with a varied amount of stands catering for all types of parts and other odds and ends motoring related and more. As the day went on club members drifted off in little groups at various times to look at the Castle, the cars , the stalls , the grounds and anything else that was on show. At lunchtime we all sat down and shared food as normal ( cheese straws from Kris) and some belated birthday cake from Julie and Malcolm were among the pickings on offer along with a glass of sparkling CAVA from John and Pauline. Everyone had a good day out and people drifted off as the day came to a close wending their way home at the end of a beautiful day.



*John*

### Who is This?



The fifth in our “Who is this?” series. Can you guess which of our members this might be? Very photogenic !

Please send your old photographs, in confidence, to the editors. We are running out so get searching for your old photo's or the feature will have to stop !!



## Editor's Notes

Another month goes by with club members enjoying various days out at MG club events all over the country along with our monthly and mid-monthly venues. As you can see some lucky people went to the Moving Motor Show at the Goodwood festival of speed, a good day was had by all.

We have been talking about next years club's New Forest Run (never too early to start on an event as large as this) with regards to new start and end points, we have had a suggestion of starting at the usual Scout hut , as size and facilities are ok, and finishing at Lymington . This would be a good end point as entrants could have a look around the town or enjoy a meal in the many eateries before going home. So if you know of any other venues we could use let us know. We will also be looking for a couple to plan next years run , not as daunting as it sounds.

As I mentioned last month we would like to include articles about club members or their family history and to start with I was contacted recently by the Calshot Sub-Aqua club who were trying to get information on some sunken Sunderland flying boats . They got in touch with me after getting information on my Father from his gravestone ( Peter .F.Anderson GM ).

He was stationed at Calshot in the late 40's into the 50's and as part of his duties as Coxswain whilst taking the crews out to the aircraft he rescued two fitters who were working on a part sunken flying boat .As he dropped the crews off a fire started , caused by float flares, and he raced to the site and rescued the fitters from the plane before the fuel tanks exploded . The incident was reported in local and national press and along with photos and paperwork I have from the RAF and my fathers records I have helped the diving club locate one of three aircraft that had sunk at the base over the years. John Greenwood has also given me lots of information on what they have found so far but was pleased with the extra information I have given to the diving club, but it looks like the one my fathers was involved with may be covered by land reclamation which has been done during the power station construction but we will not know for sure until further investigations show how this reclamation has moved the position of the low water shoreline.



Here is just a little something for the ladies , they don't all want photos of cars etc  
"Johnny Depp"

*John Anderson*

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Who's Who Photo – Andrew Kettle in front of the camera for a change !