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# NEWSLETTER



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Say Hello to Oscar

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## Diary Dates 2010

### **May**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Footman James Bristol Classic Car Show, *Shepton Mallett*  
Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Aero/Auto Jumble & Fly-In, Popham Airfield  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Club night – Empress of Blandings  
15<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> MotorMart Autojumble – National Motor Museum  
Beaulieu  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Mid-monthly meeting – Pilgrim, Marchwood

### **June**

- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Club night – Empress of Blandings  
Sun 6<sup>th</sup> New Forest Run 2010  
Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Classics at Kingston Lacy (DMASC)  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Mid-monthly meeting – Red Shoot, Linwood

### **July**

- Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Club night – Empress of Blandings  
Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Classics at the Castle, Sherborne Castle  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Mid-monthly meeting – Turfcutters', Boldre

### **August**

- Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Lymington Classic Car Show(Jim Brenan 08000851454)  
Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Club night – Empress of Blandings  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Mid Monthly – The Royal Oak – Gorley

### **September**

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

### **October**

- Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Club night – Empress of Blandings  
Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Mid Monthly – Waterloo Arms – Lyndhurst

## Secretary's Notes May 2010

Thank you to everyone who made it along to the Empress on Wednesday night the 14<sup>th</sup>. It was important to give an updated progress report to those involved on all matters concerning the NF Run and highlight the areas that still need attention. With entry figures just below the 150 mark things are looking good.

Linda and Joy have completed the route for this year and it has already been typed up. For those who have in their possession a club fluorescent safety jacket please make sure they bring it with them on the day or return them to me before hand. For safety reasons it is important that all marshals wear them. We still desperately need items of local produce for the Hamper and more contributions towards the Raffle. If any member would like to make a suitable donation please see Jane or Linda on club night. As Malcolm Bailey wasn't able to make to the Empress for the meeting the actual decision on the type and colour of the plaques was made by those present at the White Buck, the venue for the April mid-monthly meeting. This year's choice of colours is yellow and gold and Malcolm has already come up with a design for both the plaques. Copies of the designs will be available to view club night. Anyone who would still like to help on the day, despair not, the more we get involved the better.

Don't forget everyone is invited to the Bold Forester, Marchwood on Saturday night June 5<sup>th</sup> for a skittles evening. 1009 plays host to all those entered for the Run who have travelled down that day and are also invited to join us for the night. Food is available and I shall be around with the menu on club night to get your orders. You are also all invited to wine and dine with the club at Exbury immediately after the Run and again menus will be available to view club night. Malcolm or Julie will need to know before hand all those who are interested plus your selection of main course and dessert. You pay for the meal on the night and although the price hasn't been finalised it will be roughly £10 per head.

Arundel proved popular with 1009 members as 9 of our cars made it to the annual gathering of MGs in the grounds of the castle this year. It was the first outing for my roadster since the winter lay up and how well it went. I still haven't connected the oil cooler which, those who went to France last year will remember, gave me a problem in St Malo.

I have the replacement cooler, complete with new rubber hoses, but as the car is running so sweetly I am reluctant to fit it. Perhaps I will at the next oil change!

It was another excellent turn out at the White Buck for the mid-monthly on the 21<sup>st</sup> where Jon Holt put forward the idea of a possible trip to the Champagne Region in France some time in September – please watch this space.

Members entered for the Regency Run let me know so we can arrange to travel up together

*Roy*

Don't forget NFR entry forms available on line at [www.1009mg.org.uk](http://www.1009mg.org.uk)

### **Arundel Castle Sun 11<sup>th</sup> April.**

Members met up at the Empress of Blandings car park and by 9.50, 5 cars had arrived and after waiting another 15 minutes off we set.

Rather nippy on the way, the sun couldn't make it's mind up. Soon warmed up though as we tried to keep up with Roy down the M27. Thought we had missed Tania and Bryan at Rownhams but the soon caught up with us farther down the road. A nice clear run and we all arrived at Arundel just after 11.00 am. We were joined by a few other members shortly afterwards.

What a turn out, about 300 cars all told according to the lady on the gate. Quite a spectacular sight. We duly set up camp with the Southampton Banner quickly erected by Mike and Roy. Cups of tea all round.

People wandered, people chatted and everyone got hungry. Guess who started eating first.....



By this time the sun had decided to wake up and a very convivial time was had by all. A little walk around Arundel town and 2.00 p.m saw us heading home after a very enjoyable day.

More pictures are available and will be on our website soon. Andrew has been busy with his camera again!!!

*Andrew and Jane*

## **My Monthly Visit to the Down Syndrome Educational Trust in Portsmouth for my Baby Development Group (for babies up to 18 months)**

By Oscar Fisher, aged 16 months

I've had a very busy morning at the Down Syndrome Educational Trust with Mummy and Granny. I stayed awake in the car all the way there, so Mummy thought I might get grumpy later on when I got tired, but I didn't.

First we met up with the other babies from the two groups (my friend Jasper was there) and we played with the toys on the mat while the Mums and Dads had a cup of tea and a chat. It's much more exciting for me now I can commando crawl, because I can reach all the toys! I was sick (on me, my Mum and the mat - I do make my Mum an awful lot of washing) but another baby was more sick than me.

We went into a different room to work with our leader Becky, who gives us lots of encouragement. Normally there are four babies in our group, but to-day it was just Jasper and me, so we had to work very hard. Becky uses Makaton sign language as well as talking to us - I watch what she is doing (sometimes!) but at the moment I can't do any signing myself. We sat at a table and Becky rolled the ball to me first, and I had to try and catch it and then roll it back - I don't always want to give it back! Then it was Jasper's turn and I got very excited waiting for it to be my turn again. This was to help us with our motor skills.

Becky then got out some cards with pictures on. First it was a picture of a horse and Becky tried to get us to copy the sound of the letter "h", but it was very hard. We also had pictures for the sounds "m" and "d" - I'm very good at "d" because I can say dada dada which I do a lot. (Mummy's a bit fed up that I can't say mum mum yet). Becky held up two cards, "h" and "m" and asked me to choose the card which showed the "m" sound - I got it right and everyone clapped!

We were given a basket and could choose a doll or a teddy - Jasper and I both chose dolls. Becky gave us a hairbrush to brush the dolls' hair, and then a spoon to pretend to feed the dolls. This will help us when we start to feed ourselves. I'm very good with finger food (I'm very keen on food!), but I need a lot of practise to use a spoon.

We went back into the big room and played with maracas and bells. We had to shake them above our heads, then put them on the mat and keep them still - that was hard too. Becky held some pictures up so Jasper and I could take turns choosing a song to sing. We both enjoyed the singing and actions for "Wind the Bobbin Up", "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" and other songs, and Becky had to work very hard to do all the Makaton signs for "Old Macdonald Had a Farm"! I think the noise the pig makes, and the Makaton sign for a pig, are very funny.

Mummy and Granny gave me my lunch before we left, and I was asleep two minutes after I got into the car. I'm looking forward to going again next month.

(We thought the above might give you an insight into the work of the Trust. Julie and Malc)

## *A New Series and One for the Ladies*



The second in our “Who is this?” series. Can you guess which of our members this might be? (Answer on back page)

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

### **KRIS'S THAI CHICKEN CURRY (serves 2-3)**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 500grms Chicken
- 1 Sliced Onion
- 1 Clove Garlic (optional- I don't)
- 1 Sachet Creamed Coconut
- 1 Tablespoon Tomato Puree
- 2 Dessertspoons Crunchy Peanut Butter
- 1 Dessertspoon Marmalade
- 2 Dessertspoons Balti Curry Paste
- 1 Teaspoon Vindaloo Curry Paste

#### **METHOD**

Heat 3 tablespoons of oil and cook onions until softened. Melt creamed coconut in 2 mugs of hot water. Add garlic (if used), puree, peanut butter and marmalade to onions and stir well. Add curry pastes and mix in. Add coconut cream when dissolved and mix well. At this stage you can add cooked left over chicken and heat for 15 minutes or use fresh diced chicken and cook for 35 minutes (I find raw chicken is best)

Excellent for surprise 60<sup>th</sup> birthday parties!

## Editor's Notes

Another month goes by and another newsletter is produced by the new team, but this month Jane has let me put this page together, I hope I can do justice and produce one as good as has been produced by Jane.

I will start with some information from a meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April at the Empress, this was a meeting to finalise some details of this years New Forest run. The route was compiled by Joy & Linda and has been tried out by Jane & Andrew, who having run it twice found a couple of niggles which have quite easily been solved. It will be gone through again as near to the run date to make sure no road works catch us out as before.

Saturday night before the run on Sunday a skittles evening for club members and any visiting run participants who wish to attend has been organised, a Carvery meal for £4.99 is available. The duties of the various marshals, cooking staff, raffle tickets sales etc were all talked about but we still need as many people as possible to help out on the day. The run book layout and printing etc is the main problem every year but this might be easier if we can get it printed and put together for us. We still need any extra prizes for the raffle to go along with what Linda & myself have purchased with club funds, and the Hamper prize drawn against the route book entry number still needs items to fill the basket, we would like local produce for this

On a motoring note the last budget has had an impact on some car tax disc costs which may see some of us having to dig a little deeper into our pockets along with rising petrol prices. But this should not stop us enjoying the driving in our selection of cars that we have, I would like to welcome to our club the latest new members who have joined us over the last few months and hope they will stay as long as the rest of us.

*John Anderson*

## *Joke Corner*

A prison van collided with a concrete mixer today. Police are still looking for a bunch of hardened criminals.

What goes at 100 miles an hour around a light bulb ? Stirling Moth !!

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Photos available – contact John.

Who's Who Photo – Jane Kettle. Wasn't she a little stunner !!