

Southampton & New Forest MGOC

Newsletter



December 2014



A special Max Pumpkin from Netley in October

Branch 1009

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Events Calendar 2014-2015

Dec

3rd Club Night at Empress of Blandings
13th Xmas Dinner & Dance at Bartley Lodge Hotel, Cadnam
17th Mid Monthly at the Waterloo Arms Lyndhurst 8 pm

Jan 2015

7th Club Night at Empress of Blandings
21st **Annual General Meeting at Empress of Blandings 8 pm**

Feb

3rd Club Night at Empress of Blandings
18th New Forest Run meeting

A list of club events is also available on our website.

Meetings and events may be added throughout the year and some venue options may be subject to change. All members are welcome to add events to the list at monthly meetings or drop the Secretary an email.

Secretary's Notes

After the excitement of last month in taking over, a sense of reality descends! November has generally been a quiet month apart from New Forest Run work although a good turnout of members attended the club night at the Empress. Members made a Sunday walk in the Mottisfont area on Sunday 17th. Others ventured further afield to the Classic Car Show at the NEC during the same weekend. A good turnout was noted at the mid-monthly at The Forest Inn, Ashurst. Malcolm and I made another visit to our new end location at Somerley House for the New Forest Run 2015. This allowed us to determine and finalise the location to use and options for entertainment and allowing participants to walk with the forested grounds, stretch legs etc.

The start location has had to be changed too!! Updates have been issued but see a summary in the newsletter.

A contribution from Fiona for the IoW walk in late October is included.

Please note the contributions from Julie for the New Forest Run charities and for a short break holiday in Norfolk in September 2015.

Thank you to those members who responded to my call for donations for my Movember moustache with Prostate Cancer UK being the recipient of more than £300 from my work's senior management team.



Finally, may I wish all members and occasional visitors a very Happy Christmas and New Year and safe driving across the festive period.

Robin

Other links to other similar clubs and other Newsletters - see also <http://www.1009mg.org.uk/links/>

http://midgetandspriteclub.com/?page_id=65

<http://www.mgabingdon.co.uk/> <http://www.glosmgoc.co.uk/>

Editor's Notes

Greetings to all. Not too much to add from the notes above except this reminder. **The Editor role will be vacant after the January newsletter!!!**

Robin Plumley

1009 Christmas Dinner at Bartley Lodge Hotel, Cadnam



Yes, Christmas approaches again for our annual Dinner and prize-giving. Please be reminded that sit down for dinner will be for 1930. Table cards with your name and selections have been kindly provided by the hotel and these will be available at the Baronial Hall entrance to collect and take to your chosen table. Please note that a surplus of £2.70 came from the dinner payment so we would like to add a contribution from all members towards the end of the evening for the staff. I shall be round with a glass or three!!!!

We hope you will enjoy your evening which will include presentation of the Member of the Year Award.

Mid-Monthly – The Waterloo Arms at Lyndhurst at 8pm

Wednesday 17 December 2014

Run by Mike and Michelle, they have again agreed to provide mince pies for us. Last year they waived the cost but we collected a respectable amount from a pound each for their Hampshire Air Ambulance charity pot. No doubt we can provide a similar contribution.

The Waterloo Arms

Pikes Hill

Lyndhurst

Southampton

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Tel: 02380282113

Website: <http://www.waterlooarmsnewforest.co.uk/#top>



New Forest Run 2015

An update to the initial meeting was issued to all members directly after feedback. At the monthly meeting the following key decisions were agreed:

End location – Somerley House, Ellingham

Band – Neon Moon with thanks to Colin Bendall for co-ordinating.

Robin and Malcolm made a visit to Somerley 13 November to agree arrangements with the Estate Manager. Lord Somerton has been invited to join us and select cars and award prizes. We may also see some of his cars on display!!!

Due to different logistics at Somerley we will be providing portable toilets and will need to source a suitable generator to provide power for the band and MC duties. This is in hand.

Some of you will be aware now that we were asked not to use the Scout Field at Copythorne on Sunday 7th June 2015 so we have found and agreed use of the War Memorial Village Hall at East Boldre for the start.

The next meeting will be set for mid-February with an update being issued ahead of that meeting.

Charity Nominations – 2015 New Forest Run

The charities listed below have been nominated by members. Please mark your first and second choice only, and return the slip to me at the Club meeting on 3rd December, or e-mail your choices to me at julierumsey@btinternet.com

The slip below will also be issued separately on next club evening.

Charity	Choice
Food Bank, Lordshill www.southamptoncitymission.co.uk/basics-bank/food-banks Provide emergency food for those in need.	
The Honeypot Childrens Charity www.honeypot.org.uk (based in Blackfield) Provides respite breaks and ongoing outreach support to vulnerable children and young carers.	
Salvation Army, Shirley www.salvationarmy.org.uk Provide safe houses for victims of human trafficking and many other services	
SCRATCH Southampton City and Region Action to Combat Hardship www.scratchcharity.co.uk Provide services to relieve effects of hardship, disadvantage and poverty for individuals and families in Southampton and surrounding area	
Simon Says www.simonsays.org.uk (based in West Wellow) Provides child bereavement support to children, parents, teachers and carers throughout Hampshire	
Tools for Self Reliance www.tfsr.org.uk/netley_marsh/ Refurbish and repair hand tools to be sent to Africa	

Annual General Meeting

A date of Wednesday 21 January has been reserved in the top room for the AGM. An agenda will be issued directly to member's emails addresses in good time. Can I ask that if you have any items for the agenda, please send to me in good time.

Meet the Members

Unfortunately I have not received any contribution for this section for this month.

SUNDAY WALK & LUNCH ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT

Sunday 12th October saw 15 members head off at 10:15 from Lymington by ferry to the Isle of Wight. The weather was promising although slightly misty; the sun was breaking through the cloud cover. We enjoyed coffee and cake at 'Gossips Cafe' on the pier at Yarmouth before heading off on the first leg of the walk, to Freshwater. The group soon stopped to allow Jon Holt to return to the cafe to collect his camera – we could have missed that all important photo opportunity!



The walk to Freshwater took us along the shore of the Rive Yar. Wildlife was plentiful and after approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ hour we joined the road, crossed over the river and headed towards Freshwater for our lunch stop. The Red Lion certainly did us proud - everyone certainly enjoyed lunch and it was hard to get momentum going again for the second leg of the walk to Freshwater Bay.

David, Belinda and Brian headed back to Yarmouth from Freshwater on the bus whilst the other 12 ventured on to Freshwater Bay with the promise of an open top bus ride back to Yarmouth. Again a lovely walk which did not seem to take us long although it felt like it after such a large lunch!!

Freshwater Bay was a bit grey and we started to feel a few spots of rain so we began to head for the bus stop. Panic set in as the bus was also heading for the bus stop and we had the fear of being left at Freshwater Bay for another $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. To the rescue came Nick, he ran to the bus stop and kept the bus there for us all by telling the driver that 'there are 12 over 60's in the group and could he wait for us'? With bus fare 50% cheaper, probably the only time I (Fiona) have not have argued about my age! Once on the bus and heading out to the Needles the group was excited again – not sure why, we should all be used to travelling without a roof. By the time we got to Yarmouth the rain had really set in and we had just missed a ferry so we headed back to 'Gossips Cafe' for a last cuppa and meet up again with the other group, whilst waiting for the next ferry. Certainly a good day was had by all and many thanks to Pauline Holt for organising this day out.

Fiona

UK Short Break Holiday – 14-18 September 2015

A provisional booking has been made for self-catering accommodation at Piggyback Barns (www.piggybackbarns.com) set in the North Norfolk countryside, only 8 miles from the coast. Quoting from the website "Piggyback Barns are a wonderful holiday destination offering sumptuous comfort. These red brick barns have been sympathetically converted into three superb self-catering holiday homes which cater for groups of 4 to 31 and have been rated at Gold Award 4 Stars. Kestrel, Woodpecker and Kingfisher Barns are located at Manor Farm, Sculthorpe, near Fakenham".

Kestrel and Kingfisher Barns sleep 10 (5 en-suite rooms in each barn) and Woodpecker Barn sleeps 8 (4 en-suite rooms), giving a maximum of 28 people. I have made a provisional booking for all the barns, but will need to make a firm booking and pay a deposit **by 7th December at the latest.**

Please let me know as soon as possible whether you would like to come. Places will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis – I can't think of a fairer way of doing it! Hopefully there will be room for everyone who wants to come.

Julie Rumsey (julierumsey@btinternet.com)

December Dilemma!!

Can you help Mike make a decision?

From Mike Short.

Here is a complete 1937 MGVA for sale in Chichester. The same as the car I restored for the 2014 NFR. Just needs putting together again.

Should I buy it and will it be ready for the NFR?



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Please 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.

Late News!!!

Couldn't resist this opportunity for a caption competition!!! You know what to do?

